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Remembering Sterling Moody

St. Louis Business and Philanthropic Icon Passes at Age 67

by Lacey Turner
ARGUS Contributor

St. Louis bids farewell to philanthropist Sterling Moody, who passed away at age 67. His legacy will be remembered by the community.

The St. Louis community mourns the loss of a true icon, Sterling Moody, whose passing leaves a significant void in the hearts of many. A respected businessman and philanthropist, Sterling was instrumental in shaping the landscape of St. Louis, particularly in providing essential services to underserved communities.



Sterling Moody is flanked from (L-R) by Cedric "Thr Entertainer", manager Eric Rhone, St. Louis Cardinal Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith and developer Kevin Bryant in undated photo.

In the late 1990s, Sterling made waves by establishing two supermarkets

in areas where access to fresh, healthy food was scarce. One stood proudly

in the Baden neighborhood, while the other

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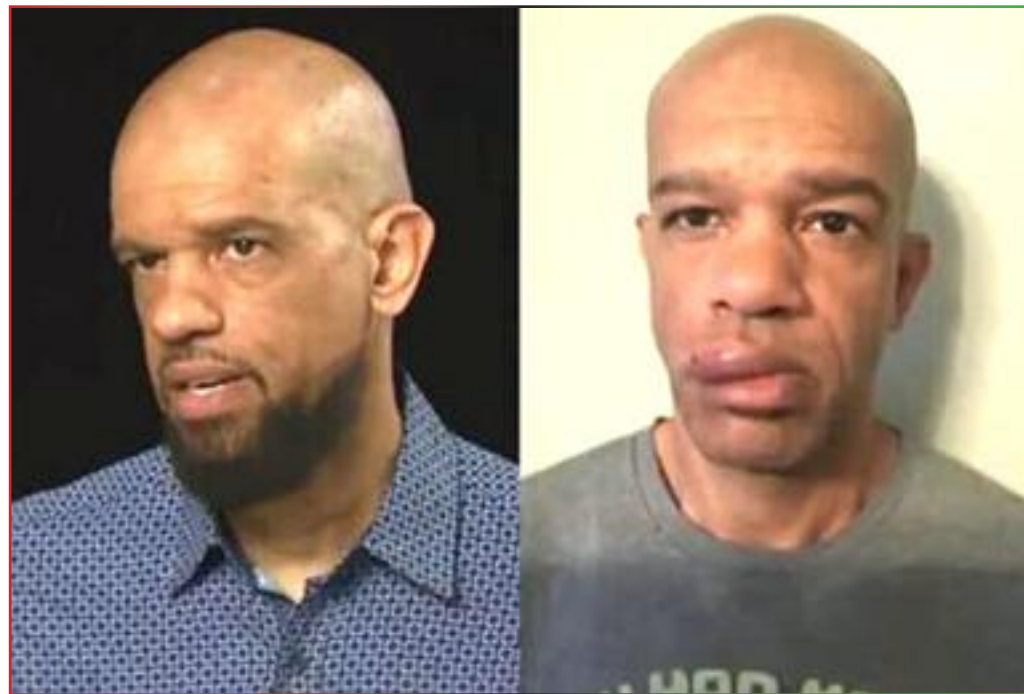
Beaten by His Peers, Former Policeman Awarded \$23M Settlement

by Cheyanne M. Daniels
of The Associated Press

A former St. Louis police officer has been awarded \$23 million after he was beaten by other officers while working undercover in 2017.

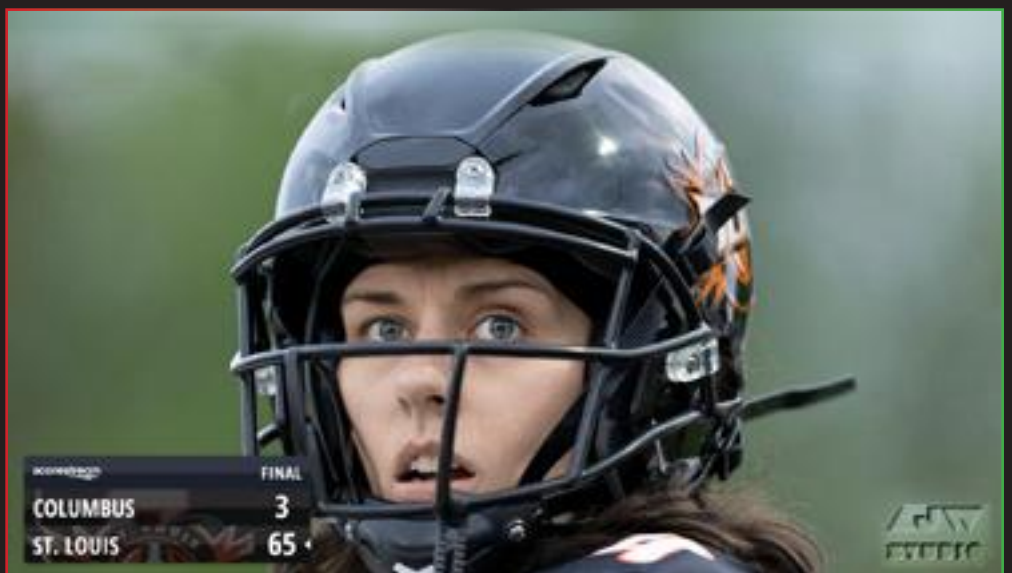
Luther Hall, the former officer, won Monday after the defendant — one of his former colleagues — failed to respond to a lawsuit over the attack, according to court

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The Warrior Women of St. Louis Sports



SLAMMING THE COMPETITION WITHOUT MERCY: The St. Louis SLAM celebrate a 65-3 victory over the Columbus Chaos last Friday. (Photo by Arnold J. Ward / AJW Photography)

NEWSWATCH

Jill Stein Arrested *at* Wash U. Protest

Green Party Presidential Candidate Taken Into Custody During Anti-Israel Protest

by Nicholas McEntyre
for Social Links

Far-left Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein was arrested during an anti-Israel protest at Washington University in St. Louis on Saturday — a day after she was confronted outside of Columbia University.

The physician-turned-activist and politician was among the more than 80 people arrested after the large group refused to leave the private university’s campus, according to the St. Louis Dispatch.

Footage posted to Stein’s X account showed police detaining and escorting the 73-year-old pol away from the protest.

Stein’s Campaign Manager Jason Call and Deputy Campaign Manager Kelly Merrill-Caye were also arrested.

“We’re standing here with the students at WashU, standing up for our Constitutional rights, standing up for the American people who want to end this genocide now,” Stein said.

Other posts claimed Stein was “holding the line with students” before police “used force against” her and other protesters.

“Jill and others were attempting to de-escalate with police before they began arresting people,”



Stein’s X account said.

“It’s shameful that university administrations are condoning the use of force against their own students who are simply calling for peace, human rights, and an end to a genocide that the American people abhor.”

The protests were demanding an end to the war in Gaza and calling on the university to cut all ties with Boeing Co., according to the outlet.

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“It quickly became clear through the words and actions of this group

that they did not have good intentions on our campus and that this demonstration had the potential to get out of control and become dangerous,” the statement from the school read. “All will face charges of trespassing and some may also be charged with resisting arrest and assault, including for injuries to police officers.”

“We are firmly committed to free expression and allow ample opportunity for voices to be heard on our campus. However, we expect everyone to respect our policies and we will take swift action to enforce them to their fullest extent.”

Stein’s arrest comes a day after she was confronted by Jewish

protesters outside the Columbia University gates Friday morning, who ripped her as being “in the minority” and representing “the 1%” of Jews in opposition to Israel’s war against Hamas.

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Dr. Jill Stein / X: A physician and Harvard graduate, Stein, 73, sought the Green Party presidential nomination in 2012 and 2016. She announced her 2024 bid on X last November, citing ending the “genocide in Gaza” as one of her top priorities.

Jared Young’s Better Party *on the* Ballot

New Political Party Secures Enough Signatures to be on 2024 Missouri Ballots

by Kelly Dereuck
of The Springfield News-Leader

The Better Party, founded by U.S. Senate candidate Jared Young, submitted more than 25,000 signatures to the Missouri Secretary of State’s office on Friday.

“The biggest barrier for an independent candidate is getting on the ballot, and so we’ve accomplished that today,” Young said. “It took a lot of resources and a lot of time, but we’re here and from now on, we know, this box is checked, and we can just focus on getting our message out.”

The party needed at least 10,000 verified signatures to gain ballot access for its candidates this year. Along with Young as the party’s candidate for U.S. Senate, Blake Ashby, a former city councilman in the city of Ferguson, is running under the party’s label for the state’s U.S. House seat in the 1st Congressional District.

“One of the challenges for our country is it seems to me that both of the parties are becoming more and more extreme,” Ashby said. “The angriest voices are the loudest voices, and they’ve been pulling both of the parties away from the middle.”

Both Young and Ashby stand behind the message of the Better Party, which hopes to reintroduce dignity and respect for all to politics,



including political opponents, and fair consideration of all political ideas, no matter what side of the aisle they originate on.

Anyone running under the Better Party banner must commit to these ideals, as well as rejecting the idea that “the ends justify the means.”

“Compromise has become a dirty word in our politics right now. Too many of our politicians view politics as a zero sum game, almost as a battle between good and evil, and the other side is always evil, and so any compromise then becomes letting evil win,” Ashby said. “That is not the way of the world. Compromise is not evil. The middle is where we need to be. We need to get back to talking to Americans that not only love our country, but love each other.”

Forty-three percent of Missouri

voters do not claim affiliation with either the Republican or Democratic parties, while 33% identify as Republican and 27% identify as Democrat, according to a survey of 524 likely general election voters in Missouri conducted by Y2 Analytics from May 24-30, 2023.

This same poll found that 70% of all voters in the state would consider supporting an independent or third-party candidate in the 2024 U.S. Senate race, while 64% of Missouri voters think that the two major parties do such a dismal job representing Americans that a third option is necessary.

“There’s just a universal positive reaction to the message that what the two parties are producing is not up to snuff right now,” Young said. “People are frustrated, they’re discouraged. The idea of creating

some other method for them to have more options on the ballot really resonated with people, so it wasn’t hard to get people to sign.”

If Young receives 2% or more of the popular vote in the coming election, the Better Party will be guaranteed ballot access in the next two election cycles.

“For me and for Blake, it’s not just about, can we win this time around?” Young said. “It’s about establishing this party that will provide more options for Missourians moving forward.”

More:U.S. Senate candidate Jared Young launches the Better Party for moderate independents

While there have been several alternative parties in Missouri over the years, including the Libertarians, the Green Party and the Constitution Party, Young says that what sets the Better Party apart from them all is its broad appeal to a large swath of the population, rather than a minority of voters with distinct ideological viewpoints.

“The Better Party is intended to be a party that represents that moderate majority,” Young said. “The candidates that we’re recruiting or have recruited are people that have relatively moderate views and don’t have a specific side of the aisle that they’re on, but they’re just really committed to an approach to problem solving and an approach to doing politics.”

NEWSWATCH

Rep. Schmidt Supports Women, Families

Illinois State Representative Kevin Schmidt Co-Sponsors Important Legislation

Rep. Schmidt Supports Women and Families

Springfield, IL...State Representative Kevin Schmidt (R-Cahokia Heights) has co-sponsored several important pieces of legislation aimed at supporting the well-being of women and families across Illinois. These bills, recently passed by the House and moving to the Senate, address crucial issues such as healthcare access, caregiver support, and the protection of pregnant women.

“Supporting the well-being of women and families is essential for the strength and resilience of our communities,” said Rep. Schmidt. “I am committed to advocating for policies that uplift and empower women and families across our great state.”

House Bills Co-Sponsored by Rep. Schmidt:



House Bill 4055 (HB4055)

Ensuring Healthcare Access: House Bill 4055 ensures equitable access to essential medical treatments by mandating coverage for specific healthcare services under insurance policies.

House Bill 5643 (HB5643)

Affordable Maternal Care: House Bill 5643 mandates coverage for

at-home pregnancy tests under insurance policies, aiming to remove barriers to prenatal care and empower women to make informed decisions about their health.

House Bill 4677 (HB4677)

Supporting Caregivers: House Bill 4677 establishes the Illinois Caregiver Assistance and Resource Portal, a one-stop shop for families

that helps them navigate caregiving resources.

House Bill 5431 (HB5431)

Protecting Pregnant Women: House Bill 5431 expands healthcare provisions for pregnant women in correctional facilities.

As these bills advance to the Senate, Rep. Schmidt remains dedicated to advocating for policies that promote the health, safety, and prosperity of women and families throughout our state. To learn more about Rep. Schmidt and to sign up for important email updates, visit RepSchmidt.com.



St. Louis Character: Marvin Steele

CEO of the Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce Sees the Region Rebounding

by James Drew of The St. Louis Business Journal

One of Marvin Steele’s favorite sayings is “speed plus thrust plus lift minus drag equals flight.”

“If you don’t correct the economic drag in St. Louis, you’re not going to fly the way we want to fly,” said Steele, referring to poverty. He is the president and CEO of the Heartland St. Louis Black Chamber of Commerce, which has about 300 members and an annual budget of \$200,000.

Steele is a strong supporter of Black consumers supporting Black-owned businesses. He also is committed to developing partnerships between the Black and white communities and he sees recent progress over the last few years. “There’s a real sense of St. Louis rebounding. We are coming together in this community like we haven’t in probably the last 50 or 60 years,” said Steele, citing a growing social consciousness and a realization that equitable growth benefits everybody.



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growing social consciousness and a realization that equitable growth benefits everybody.

Steele’s family moved from Detroit to St. Louis in the early 1950s. His father, a chemist trained at Tuskegee Institute who worked in his field in Detroit, couldn’t find a comparable job in St. Louis. Instead, he became a porter to Leroy Schneeberger, the owner of Whistle Vess, later known as Vess Beverages. Steele’s grandmother, Lucy Alexander, owned 17 rooming houses in the Mill Creek Valley neighborhood, where about 20,000 people lived in the predominantly-Black neighborhood after World War II. Like many others, his grandmother’s properties were taken by eminent domain, a strategy that St. Louis housing rights activist Ivory Perry said at the time was “Black removal by white approval.” Steele recounted both stories in the Nine PBS podcast “Listen, St. Louis with Carol Daniel.”

After graduating from Antioch College in 1972, Steele worked in Chicago for the Aluminum

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MSHSAA Announces Show-Me Bowl Venues

Columbia’s Faurot Field, St. Joseph’s Spratt Stadium

COLUMBIA, Mo.: The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) is excited to announce two top-tier venues that will play host to the Show-Me Bowl for the next five years.

In its April meeting, the MSHSAA Board of Directors voted to approve Columbia as the host city for the 2024 MSHSAA Show-Me Bowl for Classes 1-6. The six games will be played on Faurot Field at Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Missouri.

The Board also approved St. Joseph as the host city for the 2024 Show-Me Bowl for the 8-man

game. The 2024 8-man Show-Me Bowl game will return to Spratt Memorial Stadium on the campus of Missouri Western State University for the first time since 2007.

“We appreciate the work the cities put into this bid process, and we have taken this process very seriously,” MSHSAA Executive Director Dr. Jennifer Rukstad said. “We have an obligation to our membership to find not only the best facilities to host our championships, but also the best support from the host site to serve our schools’ needs. We are very excited about the next five years for the Show-Me Bowl!”

In addition, the Board approved St. Joseph’s proposal to host all

11-man and 8-man Show-Me Bowl games at Spratt Stadium from 2025-28.

“We have been extremely fortunate to host a wide variety of high-profile events over the last several months and cannot wait to welcome our state’s best high school football teams to an outstanding venue here in St. Joseph and Buchanan County,” said Executive Director of the St. Joseph Sports Commission Brett Esely. “In conjunction with our partner Missouri Western State University, we look forward to delivering an outstanding championship experience for all involved!”

Along with Griffon football and soccer, Spratt Stadium is also the

home of the Kansas City Chiefs summer training camp.

“We feel Spratt Stadium is one of the premier college venues in the state and for our university to be on display for the best of the best high school football teams across Missouri over these next few years is a win-win for everyone involved,” MWSU Director of Athletics Andy Carter said.

MSHSAA offers championships and festivals in 24 activities, including: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, wrestling, scholar bowl, music, and speech, debate & theatre.

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Anika Porter, CEO of Lifespersion, an inspiration marketing firm, hosted an awards ceremony featuring a few of St. Louis' Unsung Sheres. For more information, go to www.mylifespersion.com. Pictured above (L-R): Darlene Davis, Leslie Gill, First Lady Wyvetta Granger, Anika Porter (event host), Amy Hunter, Mayor Sharon Pace, Andrea Spates, Christol Crenshaw's father, and Comptroller Darlene Green. NOT PICTURED: Christol Crenshaw, Alderwoman Shameem Clark Hubbard, Susan Rollins, Carlita Vasser, and Dr. Kendra Holmes.

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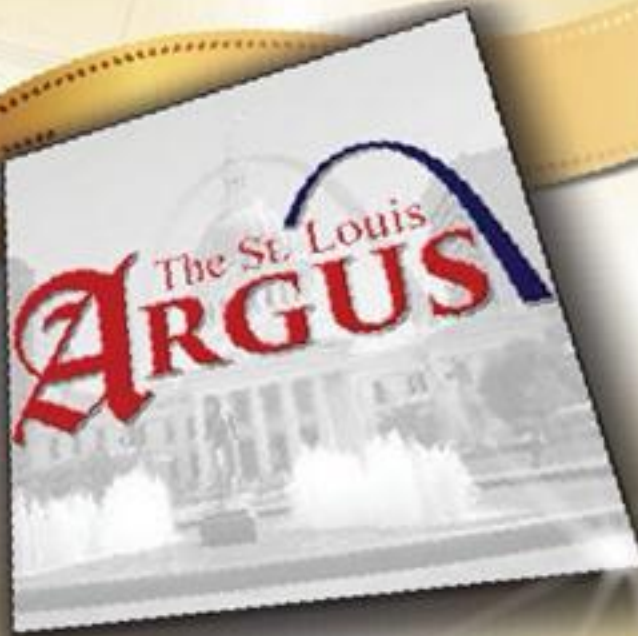
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The Ramblings of An Issucrat:

Taking A Closer Look at Biden, The Ballot and Black Girl Magic

by T.D. El-Amin
ARGUS Publisher

As reports of various polling data suggest a deadlock in presidential polling between President Biden and former Pres. Donald Trump, the growing disdain in the available choices also suggest that neither have a mandate as preferred choices amongst their respective bases. As one whose political affiliation was Democrat amongst an African-American community that has leaned overwhelmingly Democrat, I'll focus this on Democrat Biden, the upcoming ballot and the ideal of Black Girl Magic.

The "ideal" of Black Girl Magic has galvanized support amongst and catapulted Black women and their accomplishments in every sector from the board rooms, ballot box, athletics, science, etc. I say "ideal" because many have

used it, mainly in political circles conveniently with no sustained commitment to the upliftment and empowerment of women.

A very diplomatic way of saying many who have ridden this "Magic" carpet have been hypocritical in showing no strength in standing up beyond the realization of their own individual ambitions. Full disclaimer I believe in the Magic of everything of a Black woman from her sacred womb and that which she births to her continuous, longstanding and historical strength in carrying the burdens of society and family. She is due full measure of honor, respect and deserving of every iota of support. I'm just not with the "fackery"!

Most notable to point in St. Louis, we watched the political lynching of the first Black Circuit Attorney in Kimberly Gardner, aided and abetted and silently

colluded with by some Black women, a few politically castrated men and those amongst her own party. Currently, we see former Baltimore Prosecuting Attorney, Marilyn Mosby facing forty years in prison after the same unrelenting political and personal attacks. There's been silence, and whether those in the party agreed with her politics or not, the Democratic party, Black women, (political) as a whole have been silent.

Where is the support from the administration for a pardon or leniency? Where's the "Black Girl Magic" and the chorus commonly sung while galvanizing support at the polls?

Yes, the Black community must come to a harsh realization that on many fronts we're tolerated and have relationships of political convenience within the political structure. It's ok, it has its place, just as long as we collectively

understand the transactional nature of this relationship dynamic, which skirts the line of political whoredom. Imam Jamil Al-Amin, the former H.Rap Brown said in his writing, "Revolution by the Book: The Rap is Live" that slogans are not programs.

We have to be more substance voters demanding more than empty, unproven, feel good, rhetoric that has thus far offered at best pyrrhic victories and illusion of progress. Biden's indifference to a specific agenda to address particular needs of the African-American community has already shown a notable negative impact. Biden and some of his African-American handlers amongst clergy, Black congresspersons such as the powerful SC Congressman James Clyburn should bear note as some of

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records.

Hall, who is Black, was attacked by his colleagues at a protest in September 2017. The demonstration had been organized after Jason Stockley, a white police officer, was acquitted of killing Anthony Lamar Smith, a 24-year-old Black man.

Hall said earlier this week that he and his partner were working the protest undercover and were assigned to arrest anyone inciting violence or damaging property.

But during his assignment, a police officer ordered Hall to the ground. Though Hall began to comply, he was "forcefully thrown to the ground twice,

kicked, and hit by fists and police batons all over his body."

At Monday's hearing, he said the attack left him with several herniated discs and a jaw injury that made him unable to eat. He also developed gallstones with complications, requiring surgeries, he said. Hall also suffered post-traumatic stress disorder and was too disabled to work. He retired early, ending his 22-year career with the St. Louis Police Department.

"Mr. Hall had to endure this severe beating, and while that was happening, he knew it was being administered by his colleagues who were sworn to serve and protect," Judge Joseph Whyte of the St. Louis Circuit Court said in

his ruling.

After settling a \$5 million civil case with the city, Hall sued three of his former colleagues — Randy Hays, Dustin Boone and Christopher Myers — for their roles in the attack. All three are white.

The judge in the federal case sentenced Boone to one year in prison, while Myers was given a year of probation.

But Hays never responded to the lawsuit, though he was served while he was in prison on a civil rights violation, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Whyte issued a default judgment against Hays and noted in his decision that a text Hays

sent to another officer claimed that had the beating been directed at a protester instead of an officer, "it wouldn't be a problem at all."

This text, Whyte said, indicated a "complete indifference" to "an individual he believed to be an unarmed African American doing nothing wrong."

Hays was sentenced to more than four years in prison in 2021 and is in the custody of the St. Louis Residential Reentry Management Office. He has one year to contest the judgment.

Hall is also seeking arbitration from a fifth officer, Steve Korte, who was indicted in the federal case but later acquitted.

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while the other graced South Grand Boulevard, offering a lifeline to residents in need. Despite the eventual closure of these establishments, Sterling's commitment to serving the community never wavered.

In 2018, Sterling embarked on a new venture, co-owning Neighbors' Market, a store of hope in East St. Louis. This full-service grocery store wasn't just about

business—it was a testimonial to Sterling's dedication to combating food insecurity.

With its emphasis on fresh produce, dairy, and meats, coupled with the presence of a resident chef crafting wholesome meals, Neighbors' Market became more than just a store; it became a lifeline for a neighborhood classified as a food desert. Sterling's legacy extends far beyond his business acumen.

He was known for his kindness

and compassion, exemplified by his willingness to extend credit to those struggling financially, ensuring that no one went without essentials due to poverty.

Despite personal financial challenges, Sterling remained resilient, embodying the spirit of perseverance and determination. His journey from humble beginnings to becoming a pillar of the community serves as an inspiration to many.

On Sunday, April 14, 2024,

Sterling Moody departed this world at the age of 67, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, resilience, and service. While his physical presence may be gone, his spirit lives on in the countless lives he touched and the compassionate marks he left on St. Louis.

As the community mourns his loss, it also celebrates the profound impact he made, ensuring that Sterling's memory will endure for generations to come.



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ARGUS EYE ON ST. LOUIS FASHION!

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The Very Latest in the Gateway City's Fashion Trends!



St. Louis ARGUS wants to pay respect to the models of the month for April. First and foremost, we have the amazing Destiny Nash... not only is she beautiful and brown, but that face wins every time. Next we come to our male model of the month, Tyler Davis... talent is an understatement with him. He is a chef, an amazing artist, musician and a runway model. Our child model this monthly is Codi Devitt, with a wealth of beauty and personality at the tender age of 4 years old (we love the babies!) Be blessed, ARGUS readers!



MARVIN STEELE, from A3

Company of America, known as Alcoa. He began as a sales engineer and moved up to managing accounts totaling over \$40 million in sales. Returning to St. Louis in the late 1970s, he went on to own a taxi company; a construction firm, and a clinical diagnostic laboratory. Steele served as the deputy director of the city's development authority during Mayor Vince Schoemehl's first term and part of his second. Steele now has a development firm, Unicorn LLC, and wants to build homes in North City.

In the interview with Carol Daniel, you explained that when your father came here, he couldn't find a job in his profession. He was a chemist. You said St. Louis was different than Detroit. Detroit was much more integrated than St. Louis. One of the major things that was different in Detroit was the automobile industry. There was a period in Detroit when Black people were very prominent. My uncle founded the Black bank in Detroit, along with Berry Gordy, who owned Motown – and it's still there.

Your father was running into St. Louis being 'of the South,' the segregation, the 'we're not hiring Black people'? Right. My father was very humble and very giving and forgiving. His transition, so to speak, from being in a professional job to being a porter; he didn't live with pain from that. It was, "I've got six kids and I'm going to raise them." He started a storefront church down on Delmar and Leonard. While he was doing that, my mother was busy with my grandmother buying real estate. Soon, we were collecting rents.

When did you return to St. Louis after working for Alcoa? It was 1978, 1979. When I first got back, my family had some property. I managed the property and tried to determine what

I wanted to do. By now, I'm married and I've got Marvin Jr.

I was sitting in a restaurant one day and someone saw me in the window and stopped and told me that this guy was running for mayor and it was Vince Schoemehl. Vince was having a gathering at someone's apartment specifically for Black people and minorities. There was a Q&A and I started asking a bunch of questions. When it was over, he comes up to me and says, "it was interesting what you had to say. Would you mind joining me Monday at my campaign office?"

So I did. He ended up saying "I'd really like to hire you on my campaign, but I don't think I can afford you." I said to him "I didn't ask for any money. I have a contribution for you and we'll help you." My entire family went to work for Vince free, doing everything that we thought possible he could need. At the end of that, he wanted to know what I wanted. I told him I wanted to be deputy director of the development authority. My brother, Arnold, worked at City Hall and he was uber-smart and he's the one who told me that's where you need to be. So I got that job.

What is your current business venture? I consider myself at this point to be a developer. I want to build 2,000 homes with McBride Homes in the city. The city is laser-focused on what they consider 22 ZIP codes. Most of those zip codes are in north St. Louis and that's where the concentration will be.

What I want the city to recognize is the last repository of our values is lodged in the faith-based community. Let's say you find ten churches that want to participate. Take all of that money we have for development; an integrated group of developers, have them be consultants, pay them, attach them to those churches, give all

of that vacant land and property to the churches. You would get the developments done.

More about Marvin Steele

Age: 75

Title: President and CEO, the Heartland St Louis Black Chamber of Commerce

Education: Bachelor of arts degree in history, Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio

Residence: Belleville, Illinois

Family: wife, Kathy Walker Steele; son, Marvin Steele Jr.; daughter, Kandyce Kindle; daughter, Kelly King; son, Dr. Chandler Steele.

Favorite inspirational figures: his father, Ruble H. Steele, senior pastor and founder of Steele Temple Church of God in Christ in St Louis; uncle, Hawkins Ruble Steele, founder of Freedom Independence Bank in Detroit; Cliff Gates, founder of Lismark Distribution and Gateway National Bank in St Louis; and Martin Luther King Jr.

Hobbies: Golf and horsebacking with grandchildren.

Favorite places to visit: Oceano Bistro in Clayton and Forest Park – the Missouri History Museum, the Saint Louis Art Museum and the Saint Louis Zoo.

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DATA AND THE ST. LOUIS REGION

Immigrants and Their Economic Impact

by Andrea Y. Henderson
of St. Louis Public Radio

Although the St. Louis region's population growth has leveled off over the past decade, there has been a modest increase in the area's immigrant population. Demographers say this increase is a small but helpful contribution to the economic vibrancy of the region.

Immigrants living in the metropolitan area make up 4.8% of the total population. According to a recent analysis by the American Immigration Council, immigrant households in the area earned \$5.9 billion in total income, paid \$1.6 billion in taxes and held \$4.3 billion in spending power.

Immigrant families play a vital role in the region's economic success, said Ness Sandoval, professor of demography and sociology at St. Louis University.

"Even though our immigrant population is relatively small — compared to Chicago, Miami or New York — the region is still benefiting from the economic power of this group," he said. "Imagine what that economic power would be like if the immigrant population was three times as large."

New U.S. Census Bureau data shows that the region dropped from being the 21st largest metropolitan area to the 23rd, in the year ending July 1, 2023. Both the Charlotte and Orlando metropolitan areas surpassed St. Louis. Last year, the city lost about 3,250 residents. Also, St. Louis County lost over 3,730 people.

Though there is a population loss, many immigrants are finding their way to the area. Today, over 130,000 immigrants call the region home.

Sandoval said the region's immigrant population needs to be over 10% to be consistent with its peers among the top 20 metropolitan regions.

"Imagine the types of businesses that would be



out there generating jobs contributing back to the economy, businesses that would be supporting nonprofits," he said. "That's not here right now, because we don't have those immigrant businesses, but the ones that are here, we can already see that economic impact."

Nigerian entrepreneur Ola Ayeni moved from Chicago to St. Louis over a decade ago to open Claim Academy, a software engineering and cybersecurity training school. Arch Grants awarded him \$50,000 in 2013 to start the company in St. Louis.

"St. Louis has been positive for me because I remember when I [first] moved here, I got a lot of support," Ayeni said.

Ayeni was immediately connected to the International Institute and the St. Louis Mosaic Project, as well as other organizations in the area that help immigrants establish themselves in the region.

He credits his success to Arch Grants. Today, the academy employs over 20 people, which include immigrants and native born citizens. Ayeni said the company's finances are consistently in the black and it brings in millions of dollars a

year.

Although many immigrants own profitable businesses in the city, Sandoval said he is seeing more immigrants open businesses in municipalities along the Interstate 270 corridor.

"We are in competition. Many, many cities and regions across the United States want immigrants to move to their region for the reason of the economic activity that they bring to the region," he said. "Immigrants are more likely to start small businesses compared to American born citizens, and so this is exciting for the business community to see new businesses created."

Ayeni is also contributing to the region's economy. Besides the software engineering school, he owns a facial company in Chesterfield and is a real estate investor.

St. Louis city and county leaders want to increase the population to grow the economy. Although the immigrants' economic contributions are a small fraction of the region's total economy, it is a big fraction, compared to its size of population, Sandoval said.

To keep attracting immigrants,

he said St. Louis has to put forth more efforts that will continue to increase immigrants' quality of life.

"Immigrants who are saying, 'I don't want to live in Houston, I want to find another city, I want to find my American dream,'" Sandoval said. "And so that's where these institutions come into play, because they can now start to advocate and start to promote what the American dream looks like in the St. Louis metropolitan region."



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Taking Control of Your Health:

A Black Woman's Journey from Fibroids and Polyps to Wellness

by Sheila Cunningham
ARGUS Health Contributor

Astra Coleman is a wellness coach, author, wife, and mother of two. Today, she feels a profound sense of purpose and passion in her life. However, there was a time when she felt her life was heading down the wrong path—a time she decided to change course.

SHEILA: When did you decide to take your life into your own hands, and what motivated you to conduct your own research?

ASTRA: My journey began when I was 27 and my husband and I were trying to conceive our second child. After months of unsuccessful attempts, a routine check-up revealed a fibroid. My doctor recommended surgery, but I was determined to explore natural options. I found support through a social media group and embarked on a detox program, igniting a transformation.

SHEILA: What changes did you make, and how did they impact your mental, spiritual, and physical health?

ASTRA: We embraced a plant-based diet after watching “What the Health,” replacing fried



foods and processed snacks with whole foods. This shift not only improved our physical health but also alleviated mental stress. We sought support for my husband's PTSD and found solace in counseling and online communities.

SHEILA: Did you believe mental stress affected your ability to conceive?

ASTRA: Absolutely. Mental stress was prevalent in our lives, affecting our overall well-being. Seeking resources from the Wounded Warrior Project and engaging in counseling helped us navigate this challenging period.

SHEILA: Did you find spiritual connections during your healing



journey?

ASTRA: Meditation and breathing exercises became integral to reducing stress and fostering spiritual wellness.

SHEILA: Pregnancy often requires physical preparation. What steps did you take?

ASTRA: I prioritized physical fitness, incorporating running, sauna sessions, and acupuncture into my routine.

SHEILA: Environmental factors play a significant role in health. Did you address these?

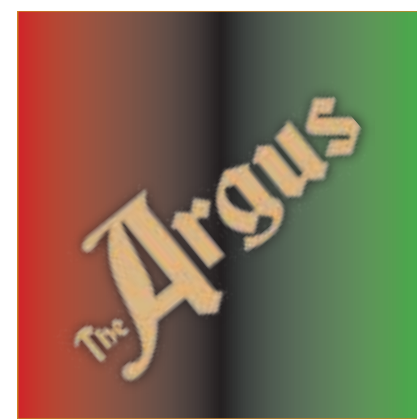
ASTRA: Yes, I underwent a comprehensive detox, transitioning to eco-friendly cleaning prod-

ucts, and eliminating toxins from personal care items.

SHEILA: How long after implementing these changes did you conceive, and how was your pregnancy?

ASTRA: A year later, we were blessed with a healthy pregnancy. I experienced minimal discomfort and delivered our daughter without complications. Our lifestyle changes undoubtedly contributed to her well-being.

Astra's Story (In Her Own Words): My journey taught me the power of taking control of my health. I now share my experiences to empower other women to do the same. With determination and a holistic approach, we can transform our lives and pave the way for a healthier future.



ARGUS Focus: The 2024 Election

Poll: Election Interest Hits New Low in Tight Biden-Trump Race

by Mark Murray
and Sarah Dean
Special Report

The share of voters who say they have high interest in the 2024 election has hit a nearly 20-year low at this point in a presidential race, according to the latest national NBC News poll, with majorities holding negative views of both President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump.

The poll also shows Biden trimming Trump's previous lead to just 2 points in a head-to-head contest, an improvement within the margin of error compared to the previous survey, as Biden bests Trump on the issues of abortion and uniting the country, while Trump is ahead on competency and dealing with inflation.

And it finds inflation and immigration topping the list of most important issues facing the country, as just one-third of voters give Biden credit for an improving economy.

But what also stands out in the survey is how the low voter interest and the independent candidacy of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. could scramble what has been a stable presidential contest with more than six months until Election Day. While Trump holds a 2-point edge over Biden head to head, Biden leads Trump by 2 points in a five-way ballot test

including Kennedy and other third-party candidates.

“I don't think Biden has done much as a president. And if Trump gets elected, I just feel like it's going to be the same thing as it was before Biden got elected,” said poll respondent Devin Fletcher, 37, of Wayne, Michigan, a Democrat who said he's still voting for Biden.

“I just don't feel like I have a candidate that I'm excited to vote for,” Fletcher added.

Another poll respondent from New Jersey, who declined to provide her name and voted for Biden in 2020, said she wouldn't be voting in November.

“Our candidates are horrible. I have no interest in voting for Biden. He did nothing. And I absolutely will not vote for Trump,” she said.

Democratic pollster Jeff Horwitt of Hart Research Associates, who conducted the survey with Republican pollster Bill McInturff of Public Opinion Strategies, said, “Americans don't agree on much these days, but nothing unites the country more than voters' desire to tune this election out.”

The poll was conducted April 12-16, during yet another turbulent time in American politics, including the beginning of Trump's criminal trial in New York and new attacks and height-

ened tensions in the Middle East.

According to the poll, 64% of registered voters say they have high levels of interest in November's election — registering either a “9” or a “10” on a 10-point scale of interest.

How interested are you in this November's elections on a 1-10 scale?

Percent of registered voters answering 9 or 10, with 10 meaning “very interested.”

That's lower than what the NBC News poll showed at this time in the 2008 (74%), 2012 (67%), 2016 (69%) and 2020 (77%) presidential contests.

The question dates to the 2008 election cycle. The lowest level of high election interest in the poll during a presidential cycle was in March 2012 — at 59%. But it quickly ticked up in the next survey.

This election cycle, high interest has been both low and relatively flat for months, according to the poll.

McInturff, the Republican pollster, says the high level of interest in the poll has “always been a signal for the level of turnout” for a presidential contest.

“It makes it very hard for us to predict turnout this far in advance of November, but every signal is turnout will be a lower

percentage of eligible voters than in 2020,” he said.

By party, the current poll shows 70% of self-identified Republicans saying they have high interest in the coming election, compared with 65% of Democrats who say so.

Independents are at 48%, while only 36% of voters ages 18 to 34 rate themselves as highly interested in the election.

“They just aren't low interest,” McInturff said of young voters. “They are off-the-charts low.”

Biden trims Trump's lead

The poll also finds Trump narrowly ahead of Biden by 2 points among registered voters in a head-to-head matchup, 46% to 44% — down from Trump's 5-point advantage in January, 47% to 42%.

The movement, which is within the poll's margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, is consistent with what other national polls have found in the Trump-Biden race.

Trump's biggest advantages are among men (53% to 37%), white voters (54% to 37%) and white voters without college degrees (65% to 25%).

Biden's top advantages are among Black voters (71% to 13%), women (50% to 39%) and Latinos (49% to 39%).

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Workout: Hunterbodies STL Fitness

Gateway City Fitness Guru Keith Hunter Will Help Get You Into Shape

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STL Writer Jamaica Kincaid Honored

This Year's Event Took Place on Thurday, April 25 at The Sheldon Concert Hall

by Alex Heuer of St. Louis Public Radio

When writer Jamaica Kincaid was informed last year that she'd receive the 2024 St. Louis Literary Award, she thought it was a prank.

“I am deeply honored and surprised,” Kincaid said on St. Louis on the Air. “With the list of distinguished people, I can hardly believe I'm among them.”

Kincaid is no stranger to accolades. She is a National Book Awards finalist and received a prestigious Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship. In 2004, she was elected to the Academy of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2009.

Previous recipients of the St. Louis Literary Award include Arundhati Roy, Zadie Smith, Neil Gaiman and Margaret Atwood. The award is presented annually by the St. Louis University Libraries and it recognizes a writer who “deepens our insight into the human condition and expands the scope of our compassion.”

Kincaid's works include the novel “Annie John” and “A Small Place,” a book-length essay of creative nonfiction. Both books draw on Kincaid's experience of growing up on the small Caribbean island of Antigua. Her newest book, which comes out next month, is “An Encyclopedia of Gardening for Colored Children.”



Jamaica Kincaid, a 74-year-old Antiguan-American poet and author, on Wednesday at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis' Shaw neighborhood. (Brian Munoz / St. Louis Public Radio)

ISSUCRAT, from A5

bear note as some of them face blowback their silencing of anyone or opportunity to speak forcefully of a Black agenda. Undecideds amongst the most loyal of Democratic bases, Blacks are at historical high percentage signaling a shift from the sure bet of Blacks showing up at the polls in blind allegiance.

A shift not necessarily to Republican candidate but to a more independent engagement of politics and willingness to entertain independent candidates and caste intentional votes of conscience. Where is our litmus test for those seeking support? Where's our line we draw from those who attack the Black socio-economic and political power dynamic of our community? What are the repercussions? Just questions and rambling from an issucrat.

Peace and blessings.



Briahna Joy Gray @briebriejoy

A foreign government is influencing the 2024 election. I'm not talking about China, but Israel.

In a leaked recording, ADL head Jonathan Greenblatt admitted that Israel had a "TikTok problem." Suddenly, a divided congress agrees on one thing: A social media ban.

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Lacey ‘G Souldier’ Turner’s New Project

St. Louis Native Son & Entertainer Unveils New Comedy Film and Podcast Series

As a multi-talented artist hailing from St. Louis, I, Lacey “G Souldier” Turner, have dedicated my life to various forms of creative expression. From music to film, writing to activism, I’ve strived to leave a powerful mark on each realm.

Now, I’m thrilled to announce my upcoming project: “UnCensor The Stage Part 2.” Following the success of its predecessor, “UnCensor The Stage Part 1,” which premiered to sold-out theaters across St. Louis in 2019, this new comedy film promises to deliver even more laughs and entertainment.

As the writer and director, I’m taking the reins to craft a collection of uproarious skits that will have audiences rolling in the aisles.

While “UnCensor The Stage Part 1” featured a collaborative effort with comedians from the city, this time around, I’m personally penning and directing each skit. With an ensemble cast comprising some of the greatest talent St. Louis has to offer, viewers can expect an even higher level of hilarity and entertainment.

Production for “UnCensor The Stage Part 2” is currently underway and will be wrapped up by the end



of this month. The film will premiere in theaters across St. Louis before making its way to streaming platforms like Amazon Prime and Tubi. Under my production company, “4 Feet Off The Ground Productions,” I aim to deliver the same level of excellence that has garnered acclaim and awards for my previous films.

In addition to my filmmaking endeavors, I invite audiences to

tune in to my podcast, “UnCensor The Conversation Podcast,” airing live every Monday night. A spin-off of “UnCensor The Stage,” this podcast features candid discussions and debates on a range of topics, delivered with no filter and no holds barred.

With a diverse panel of personalities, we aim to entertain and engage listeners with our raw and edgy takes on everything from current

events to relationships.

As the promotion for “UnCensor The Stage Part 2” ramps up, I invite everyone to join me on this exciting journey. Whether through film or podcast, I’m committed to providing audiences with unfiltered entertainment that leaves a lasting impression. Stay tuned for more updates and get ready to unleash the laughter with “UnCensor The Stage Part 2.”

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MMCA Honors ‘Sheroes in Media’

Multicultural Media & Correspondents Association Hosts its 2024 Awards

Special Report

Lifetime Achievement Award to Margery Kraus and Luminary Award to Janet Yang WASHINGTON, DC— The Multicultural Media & Correspondents Association (MMCA) hosted its exclusive 2024 Sheroes in Media Awards reception on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the National Press Club near the White House, with leaders in media, philanthropy and communications gathered to uplift extraordinary women who exemplify diverse media excellence.

Following the success of the inaugural virtual ceremony in 2021, this year’s event added two special award categories: the Lifetime Achievement Award, given to Margery Kraus, Founder and Executive Chairman of APCO, and the Luminary Award, given to Janet Yang, award-winning Hollywood producer and President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

“Never underestimate the power of being underestimated,” said Kraus during her acceptance speech, as she recounted her journey of building one of the largest PR firms in the world, as a first-generation Jewish woman with parents who immigrated from Cuba. She emphasized the importance of inclusion, noting that “we have much more to do” to ensure more diversity and equity in the media and society.



The 2024 Sheroes in Media Awards to Katina Arnold, Alicia Bell, Janet Dewart Bell, Yvette Cabrera, Nicole Dungca, Katherine Reynolds Lewis, Tracie Powell, and Emily Wilkins.

Other honorees shared similar stories of grit, resilience and courage in overcoming stereotypes while rising to the top, where they are now leading the fight to ensure both gender and multicultural representation as presidents of various journalists or journalists-supporting organizations.

The awards were presented by Olga Lucia Torres, Chair of the Board of Trustees, followed by trustee Sui Lang Panoke’s brief overview of MMCA’s accomplishments.

“The MMCA is grateful to honor these amazing Sheroes. They work to ensure equity in the media so that BIPOC stories are seen and heard and to empower people of color and women in the

media. Their tremendous work is inspiring, and we are overjoyed to acknowledge their accomplishments,” said Torres.

Emceed by Reena Ninan, a television journalist and founder of Good Trouble Productions, the Sheroes in Media Awards ceremony was co-created by MMCA president David Morgan and trustee Hannah Kim, former deputy assistant secretary for public affairs at the US Department of Health and Human Services, who also presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Margery Kraus. The event was produced by Green Gigz, Inc., Global Strategy Group and powered by the BIPOCXChange.

About MMCA: Established in 2016, MMCA is a nonpartisan/

nonprofit organization leading a call to action to increase media diversity.

MMCA has become a trusted convener and facilitator of thought leadership, resource and information sharing, and strategic engagement between multicultural media stakeholders, tech and media decision-makers, policy-makers, and private entities committed to increasing the percentage of diverse media stakeholders and content. www.mmcaadc.org; @mmcaadc on all platforms.



LOW INTEREST, from A8

The poll shows the two candidates are essentially tied among independents (Biden 36%, Trump 34%) and voters ages 18-34 (Biden 44%, Trump 43%). One of the big polling mysteries this cycle is whether young voters have defected from Biden (as the NBC News poll has found over multiple surveys) or whether

Democrats have maintained their advantage among that demographic.

When the ballot is expanded to five named candidates, Biden takes a 2-point lead over Trump: Biden 39%, Trump 37%, Kennedy 13%, Jill Stein 3% and Cornel West 2%.

Again, the result between Biden and Trump is within the poll’s

margin of error.

Notably, the poll finds a greater share of Trump voters from the head-to-head matchup supporting Kennedy in the expanded ballot compared with Biden voters, different from the results of some other surveys.

The president’s approval rating ticks up to 42%

In addition, the poll found 42% of registered voters approving of Biden’s overall job performance — up 5 points since January’s NBC News poll, which found Biden at the lowest point of his presidency.

Fifty-six percent of voters say they disapprove of the job he has done, which is down 4 points from January.

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The Journey of Arthur ‘Flash’ Johnson

From the Streets of East St. Louis to Stardom in Professional Boxing

Follow the inspirational journey of Arthur “Flash” Johnson, from the tough streets of East St. Louis to becoming a 12-time national amateur champion, Olympian, and four-time world champion in boxing.

by Lacey G Souldier Turner
ARGUS Contributor

Arthur “Flash” Johnson’s journey from the streets of East St. Louis to the pinnacles of boxing stardom is nothing short of inspiring. Born and raised in a challenging environment, Johnson defied the odds to become a 12-time national amateur champion, former Olympian, and a four-time world champion. However, his story transcends the boundaries of the boxing ring; it’s a testimonial of resilience, faith, and the power of giving back.

In his autobiography, “Trials to Triumph,” Johnson opens up about his physical and spiritual battles, navigating poverty, and finding his path to success. His perseverance and determination story illustrates



how he rose from adversity to prominence, inspiring countless others.

But Johnson’s impact extends beyond his achievements in boxing. With his wife LaTanya Johnson, he founded the Arthur Johnson Foundation, an inspiration to their commitment to giving back to their community. The foundation aims to inspire greatness in youth, providing them with opportunities to excel and realize their full potential. Through mentorship programs and athletic initiatives like boxing, they’re

rebuilding inner-city communities one life at a time.

Flash Boxing Promotions, another venture by Johnson and his wife, is a platform for nurturing young talent while promoting the sport.

On May 18, 2024, Arthur Johnson and his wife LaTanya Johnson are set to host an electrifying event, “Flash Boxing Promotions Presents Professional Fight Night,” at the Holiday Inn St. Louis in Downtown St. Louis. The anticipation for this event is palpable as the local

community eagerly awaits a night of thrilling matches.

Because it will feature a lineup of talented fighters, including locals, this event promises to showcase skills and determination. What sets this event apart is its commitment to competitive matchups, ensuring that each fight is evenly matched and exhilarating to watch.

Moreover, Arthur Johnson’s enthusiasm is contagious as he expresses excitement about the event, emphasizing the opportunity to create a lasting tradition of boxing excellence in their hometown. With a vision to leave a lasting impact on attendees, “Flash Boxing Promotions Presents Professional Fight Night” is poised to be an unforgettable evening of sportsmanship and excitement.

In conclusion, when asked about his ultimate message to the world Johnson’s humility shines through. He hopes to be remembered as a God-fearing man who made a difference, spreading love and inspiration wherever he went.

MARVIN STEELE, from A6

Company of America, known as Alcoa. He began as a sales engineer and moved up to managing accounts totaling over \$40 million in sales. Returning to St. Louis in the late 1970s, he went on to own a taxi company; a construction firm, and a clinical diagnostic laboratory. Steele served as the deputy director of the city’s development authority during Mayor Vince Schoemehl’s first term and part of his second. Steele now has a development firm, Unicorn LLC, and wants to build homes in North City.

In the interview with Carol Daniel, you explained that when your father came here, he couldn’t find a job in his profession. He was a chemist. You said St. Louis was different than Detroit. Detroit was much more integrated than St. Louis. One of the major things that was different in Detroit was the automobile industry. There was

a period in Detroit when Black people were very prominent. My uncle founded the Black bank in Detroit, along with Berry Gordy, who owned Motown – and it’s still there.

Your father was running into St. Louis being ‘of the South,’ the segregation, the ‘we’re not hiring Black people’? Right. My father was very humble and very giving and forgiving. His transition, so to speak, from being in a professional job to being a porter; he didn’t live with pain from that. It was, “I’ve got six kids and I’m going to raise them.” He started a storefront church down on Delmar and Leonard. While he was doing that, my mother was busy with my grandmother buying real estate. Soon, we were collecting rents.

When did you return to St. Louis after working for Alcoa? It was 1978, 1979. When I first got back, my family had some property. I managed the

property and tried to determine what I wanted to do. By now, I’m married and I’ve got Marvin Jr.

I was sitting in a restaurant one day and someone saw me in the window and stopped and told me that this guy was running for mayor and it was Vince Schoemehl. Vince was having a gathering at someone’s apartment specifically for Black people and minorities. There was a Q&A and I started asking a bunch of questions. When it was over, he comes up to me and says, “it was interesting what you had to say. Would you mind joining me Monday at my campaign office?”

So I did. He ended up saying “I’d really like to hire you on my campaign, but I don’t think I can afford you.” I said to him “I didn’t ask for any money. I have a contribution for you and we’ll help you.” My entire family went to work for Vince free, doing everything that we thought possible he could need. At the end of that, he wanted to know what I wanted. I told him I wanted to be deputy director of the development authority. My brother, Arnold, worked at City Hall and he was uber-smart and he’s the one who told me that’s where you need to be. So I got that job.

What is your current business venture? I consider myself at this point to be a developer. I want to build 2,000 homes with McBride Homes in the city. The city is laser-focused on what they consider 22 ZIP codes. Most of those zip codes are in north St. Louis and that’s where the concentration will be.

What I want the city to recognize is the last repository of our values is lodged in the faith-based community. Let’s

say you find ten churches that want to participate. Take all of that money we have for development; an integrated group of developers, have them be consultants, pay them, attach them to those churches, give all of that vacant land and property to the churches. You would get the developments done.

More about Marvin Steele

Age: 75

Title: President and CEO, the Heartland St Louis Black Chamber of Commerce

Education: Bachelor of arts degree in history, Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio

Residence: Belleville, Illinois

Family: wife, Kathy Walker Steele; son, Marvin Steele Jr.; daughter, Kandyce Kindle; daughter, Kelly King; son, Dr. Chandler Steele.

Favorite inspirational figures: his father, Ruble H. Steele, senior pastor and founder of Steele Temple Church of God in Christ in St Louis; uncle, Hawkins Ruble Steele, founder of Freedom Independence Bank in Detroit; Cliff Gates, founder of Lismark Distribution and Gateway National Bank in St Louis; and Martin Luther King Jr.

Hobbies: Golf and horsebacking with grandchildren.

Favorite places to visit: Oceano Bistro in Clayton and Forest Park – the Missouri History Museum, the Saint Louis Art Museum and the Saint Louis Zoo.

