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Hammond Begins Kennedy Road Diet

The City of Hammond in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Transportation and Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) begins road modifications to Kennedy Avenue between the Indiana Toll Road and 164th Place starting March 3, 2025. The project is funded 80 percent by the Federal Highway Administration through NIRPC with 20 percent funded by the City. The project converts the existing 4 lane roadway to one lane in each direction, a center turn lane, parking lane, bike lane and pedestrian facilities. The road diet reduces travel lanes from 4 to 3.

“Continuing with our ongoing plans to improve the Kennedy Avenue Corridor, this project further provides recreational path facilities to allow residents in Hessville to eventually access the visionary Marquette Greenway Trail to the north,” said Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr.

During construction, one lane will remain open in each direction between 165th Street and Gibson Transfer Road just south of the Kennedy Bridge over the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad tracks. North of Gibson Transfer Road the roadway will be restricted to one lane northbound only for the duration of the project, expected to be completed in September 2025. The one-way restriction allows Lake County Highway Department to complete bridge repairs to the Kennedy Avenue Bridge over the IHB railroad.

“The Contractor will first construct the existing northbound lanes from March 3 to mid-June,” said Dean Button, Hammond City Engineer, “then traffic will be moved to the northbound lanes and the existing southbound side will be built into September 2025. Access to businesses will remain open during construction.”

Source: City of Hammond



Mayor's Night Out 2025

March 12th	2nd District	Hammond Academy of Science & Technology 33 Muenich Ct.
May 14th	3rd District	Hammond Central HS Cafeteria 5926 Calumet Ave
August 27th	4th District	O'Bannon Elementary School Cafeteria 1317 173rd St.
September 17th	5th District	Jean Shepherd Community Center 3031 Mahoney Dr
October 29th	6th District	Harding Elementary School Cafeteria 3211 165th Street

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Waterliving621@gmail.com

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Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer 6:00 p.m.

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Purdue University Northwest named a College of Distinction

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) has earned recognition as a College of Distinction for its commitment to providing a comprehensive, exceptional student experience that provides high-quality, active learning for students and ensures successful outcomes for PNW graduates.

PNW is also the only public regional university in Indiana to be named to the Colleges of Distinction guide.

“Purdue University Northwest is honored to be recognized as a College of Distinction institution, a third-party evaluation that reflects our strong commitment to student success and achievement,” said PNW Chancellor Kenneth C. Holford. “This recognition highlights our dedication to providing students with the support, resources and opportunities they need to excel academically, succeed in their careers and contribute to their communities. As a student-centered institution, we are

proud to prioritize an academic and student experience that prepares graduates to meet the challenges and needs of our communities with confidence.”

Since its founding in 2000, Colleges of Distinction has awarded schools for their successful implementation of high-impact educational practices and hands-on learning. Unlike traditional ranking systems based on numerical data, its rigorous selection process involves extensive research and detailed interviews with the institutions, accepting only those that adhere to the Four Distinctions: Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community, and Successful Outcomes.

In earning recognition as a College of Distinction, PNW was also awarded several accolades reflecting its academic programs and student resources that provide students active and hands-on learning experiences, a welcoming and inclusive environment,



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and career preparation. PNW is recognized in the areas of Business; Career Development; Education; Engineering; Equity and Inclusion; and Nursing.

PNW is the largest Hispanic-Serving Institution in Indiana and a First Scholars institution, noted for its support of first-generation student socioeconomic mobility and outcomes. PNW offers students more than 70 areas

of study, nearly 20 research and specialty centers, and a 17:1 student-to-faculty ratio, where students can build meaningful relationships with their faculty mentors as they pursue their academic goals. To learn more about PNW’s opportunities and resources for students, as well as its impact for Northwest Indiana and beyond, visit pnw.edu/why.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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this group takes audiences on a musical rollercoaster ride through the 1960s. Audiences will be on their feet dancing and singing along with the biggest hits from superstars like The Rolling Stones, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Doors, Pink Floyd, and more!

Source: Live On Stage, Inc.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY MARCH 15, 1869

Cincinnati Red Stockings become first professional baseball team



On March 15, 1869, Cincinnati attorney Aaron Champion hires former cricket player Harry Wright to organize, manage and play for the Cincinnati Red Stockings, who become the first professional baseball team. The organization of the club comes shortly after the National Association of Baseball Players, which had previously banned the payment of players, allows open professionalism after the close of the 1868 season.

On May 4, Cincinnati took on its first NABBP opponent, the Great Western Base Ball Club of Cincinnati. That morning's Cincinnati Daily Enquirer announced that "both clubs will send forth the whole of their first nines, and a very interesting game may be expected." The Red Stockings proved dominant, besting their crosstown foes, 45-9. Nearly a week later, they thumped the Kekionga club of Fort Wayne, Ind., 86-8. Not all the scores would resemble modern football scores – on June 15, the Red Stockings played a tightly contested match with New York's Mutual Base Ball Club, one of the east coast's best. The club from Cincinnati eked out a 4-2 victory.

In 1869, the Red Stockings finished the season with a 57-0 record—64-0 with exhibitions included. Baseball was still in the underhand-pitch iteration of the sport, so the team routinely scored dozens of runs in games. The Red Stockings defeated the Buckeyes of Cincinnati, 103-8. Wright, given roughly \$10,000 to assemble the best team money could buy, signed his younger brother, George, to a team-high \$1,400 salary. George, a shortstop who was considered to be the best baseball player, was well worth the investment as he reportedly hit .630 with 49 home runs and averaged six runs per game.

In addition to managing, Harry Wright played center field and pitched. He was the second-highest-paid player on the roster with a \$1,200 salary. Known as the "Father of Professional Baseball," Harry was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953. George was inducted in 1937. "This did not just make the city famous, it made baseball famous," Major League Baseball's official historian John Thorn said of the Red Stockings' impact.

Source: History.com Staff

"Now and Then" a Romantic Comedy



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Source: Hammond Community Theatre

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March 28, 1984: When the Colts ditched Baltimore and moved to Indy overnight

Moving from one place to another is never easy, but depending on the move, you might get a good story to tell later. Such was the case on March 28, 1984, when the Baltimore Colts made a surprise move overnight to Indianapolis.

Former team owner Robert Irsay, father of current owner Jim Irsay, and former Indianapolis Mayor William "Bill" Hudnut were behind the 600-mile move, which came with no public announcement.

In fact, it was a big, fat secret. A report from the History Channel says Irsay had the movers "pack up the team's offices in Owings Mills, Maryland, in the middle of the night, while the city of Baltimore slept."

Robert Irsay took over the Colts in 1972 after trading his ownership of the Los Angeles Rams to then-Colts owner Carroll Rosenbloom. The Baltimore Colts were said to be "the best team in the NFL in the late 1950s," and grew to "embody the working class spirit of Baltimore."

After the Colts' Super Bowl win in 1971 and the ownership trade in 1972, the team had a few winning years, but then the death spiral began.

Robert Irsay fired the coach who won the 1971 Super Bowl,

trading quarterback Johnny Unitas shortly after, damaging the team's reputation. The History Channel says by the late 1970s, "the franchise was so bad that when future Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway was drafted number one overall by the Colts out of Stanford in 1983, he refused to report to the team, saying he would play baseball for the New York Yankees instead." Elway would soon be traded to the Denver Broncos, where he would grow into one of the best NFL quarterbacks of all time.

Robert Irsay was also said not to be the easiest coach to work with, with an infamous temper and tendency to lash out at players and employees.

By the time of the big move, the team had six straight losing seasons. Average game attendance also dropped to 42,000 fans per game, which was steep compared to the 60,000 fans per game before Robert Irsay took over.

In 1984, Robert Irsay started negotiations with the city of Baltimore to pay for improvements to the stadium where the Colts played – but things did not go well. The Maryland state legislature on March 28, 1984, passed a law allowing Baltimore to authorize eminent domain and seize the Colts from Irsay.

But Robert Irsay wouldn't let that happen.

Before things could escalate even further, he quietly took a deal offered by Indianapolis.



March 28-29, 1984: The Baltimore Colts packed up their things and moved to Indianapolis.

Forbes writes that Indianapolis wanted an NFL team to come to town. During this time, Indy was finishing construction of the Hoosier Dome, which happened to have blue-and-white seats, "the same color as the Colts." It also provided luxury skyboxes to entertain corporate clients, an amenity Baltimore's stadium didn't have.

Jim Irsay, remembered the chaos of it all, saying "hell was breaking loose." Jim said he and then-Colts head coach Frank Kush were sent on a secret mission to check out the Dome. "My dad ordered me and Frank Kush to fly to Indy (on U.S. air) UNDER ASSUMED NAMES 'to look at the stadium,'" he said.

Kush, the head coach of the Colts from 1982 to 1984, assumed the alias of "Mr. Owings," which Jim Irsay jokingly indicated might have given them away. "I'm pretty sure the gate agent thought 'Mr. Owings' looked suspiciously like the head coach of the Colts," he said in the post.

One week after his son's secret trip to the Dome, Robert

Irsay accepted the \$12.5 million loan offered by the city, and said, "The Colts were moving to Indianapolis."

Mayor Hudnut then called his neighbor, the owner of Mayflower Transit, and sent 14 – 15 Mayflower trucks to the Colts facility, free of charge.

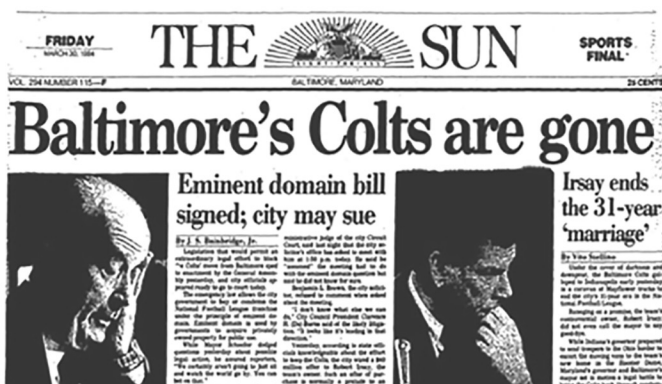
The Mayflower drivers didn't know where they were going until they arrived at the facility in Baltimore, and one report years later said the movers were members of the Hell's Angels biker gang. But the movers packed up as much as they could into the trucks, and with each driver taking separate routes, they made the 578-mile trek to Indianapolis.

USA Today writes that the president of Mayflower's moving operations, Rick Russell, was having lunch at the Indianapolis Athletic Club on March 28 when he received a call from Mayflower's chief executive officer Johnny Smith.

Russell was called back to the office immediately because it was time.

The Colts were coming.

Research by: George Triantafyllou



Jolted awake at 2 a.m., his aorta had torn

Roy and Kim Reid started a Memorial Day weekend with dinner and a movie at home. When Kim went to bed, Roy decided to watch another film. At some point, he fell asleep on the couch.

Around 2 a.m., Roy jolted awake in intense pain. It felt like someone was punching a hole through his chest and squeezing the life out of his heart. He managed to reach the bedroom to wake up Kim.

“I think I’m having a heart attack,” he said.

At the hospital near their home in Longwood, Florida, a nurse noticed that Roy had lost feeling in his arms and legs. To him, that signaled something more serious – a life-threatening condition called an aortic dissection.

Tests confirmed those suspicions: the wall of Roy’s aorta, the main artery carrying blood away from the heart, had torn. He needed open-heart surgery – somewhere else. Roy was airlifted to a better-equipped hospital in nearby Orlando. Doctors replaced a valve and the upper arch of his aorta.

After the six-hour surgery, doctors put Roy in a medically induced coma for a week to allow his brain and body to recover more gently from all the trauma he’d endured.

Kim and the youngest of their four children, a daughter in high school, stayed at the hospital all week, sleeping in chairs in a waiting room. Every time Kim heard an emergency call over the intercom, she held her breath until hearing the room number. It was never Roy’s.

When Roy came to, he felt like he’d woken up in the middle of a plane crash. He was relieved and terrified.

He was hooked up to multiple machines, including one that breathed for him. As he wrote messages on a pad of paper, it became apparent to Kim and the medical staff that Roy was thinking clearly. His organs fully worked as well. The next day, Roy was able to breathe on his own.

Doctors didn’t know why Roy, then 54, had the aortic dissection. Some factors could have contributed. He was overweight, had sleep apnea and sometimes experienced high blood pressure. But Roy also was physically active. He trained and taught taekwondo, in which he held a fifth-degree black belt. He and his daughter often exercised together at a boxing gym. He believes his fitness helped him survive.

Roy stayed in the hospital for a month as he healed. He didn’t particularly mind, because he was scared to leave the safety of a medical setting. What would happen without a team of doctors and nurses on hand?

To help him understand his new limits, Roy attended cardiac rehabilitation. The sessions also gave him the confidence to trust that he could be active again. He didn’t return to taekwondo because the risks of being hit in the chest were too high. Instead, he started walking and riding a stationary bicycle.

Later that year, in 2019, a complication related to the dissection led to a procedure to place a stent in his heart. That was done in February 2020, just before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the time, Roy worked in communications on the corporate campus of a large health system. As an essential worker, he was one of the few

people in the office. He used the campus as his walking route and kept moving.

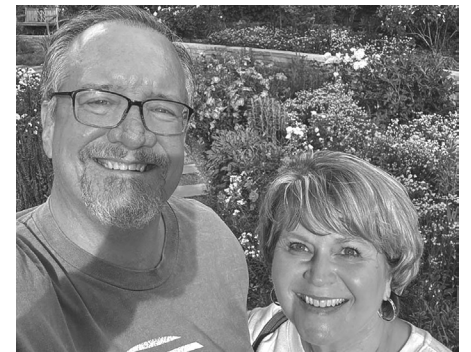
In May 2022, Roy left his position to focus independently on the work he’d already been doing at institutions. He’s now a coach, consultant, motivational speaker and author, focused on the power of trust in personal and business settings.

“Leaning into my own experience is part of that story,” Roy said. “I’d already been teaching and training that for years, but what I went through gave me an even deeper understanding of how transformative trust can be. I hope that my story provides people with the ability to find their resilience and durability.”

He’s also had several friends and acquaintances reach out to talk about their health issues.

“I feel extraordinarily blessed to be able to help people in that space,” he said. “That’s what motivates me in many ways.”

Having shed 40 pounds since the dissection, Roy is now such an avid walker that he’s entered many running events, “walking briskly” as much as 13.1 miles during half-marathons.



Roy Reid (left) with his wife, Kim. Roy had an aortic dissection that required immediate open-heart surgery.

“What happened to Roy woke me up to take care of myself a little better,” Kim said. “I’m more active, and we do walks together.”

Kim calls Roy’s health event “horrible and beautiful in terms of it being life-giving in so many ways.”

Roy shares her outlook.

“Although I wouldn’t wish it on anyone, I look at it as the best thing that ever happened to me,” he said. “It’s given me enlightenment, opportunity, insights and a chance to do the things I was put here to do.”

Stories From the Heart chronicles the inspiring journeys of heart disease and stroke survivors, caregivers and advocates.

Source: *American Heart Association*

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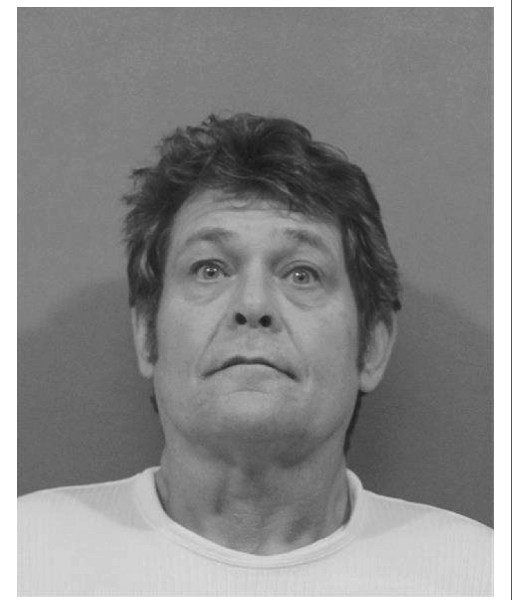
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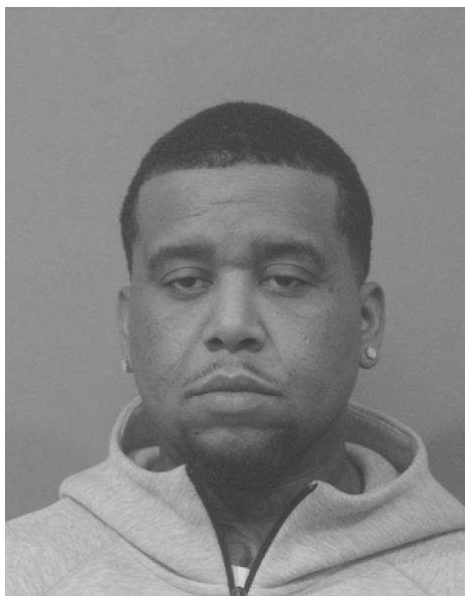
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Alias:

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Hair Brown

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Date of Birth 5/18/1998



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