

[POLICE NEWS]



ROGER BURTON

Pedestrian arrested on drug-dealing charge

Columbus police arrested a local man on several drug-related charges after an officer saw him walking in a Columbus neighborhood and knew he was wanted on a warrant.

Roger K. Burton, 51, 501 N. Cherry St., was arrested on charges of dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, said Lt. Matt Harris, Columbus police spokesman. Burton also was arrested on a Bartholomew County warrant on four counts of failure to appear on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine.

Columbus Police Officer Travis Harbaugh saw Burton walking near McKinley Avenue and Smith Street at about 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Harris said. After confirming a warrant was out for Burton's arrest, Harbaugh arrested him, Harris said.

When searching Burton, officers found a small amount of marijuana as well as drug paraphernalia in Burton's coat, Harris said.

Police also found Burton had a broken glass pipe as well as a small container which contained methamphetamine and corner-cut bags often used in the sale and distribution of narcotics, Harris said.

Burton is being held in the Bartholomew County Jail in lieu of \$193,500 bond.

— Staff reports

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Jaheim Rashad Garrett, infant
Charles E. Green, 76
Mary Louise 'Meri' Meredith, 72
Seymour
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Ceara June Engel Platt, 71
North Vernon
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Maxine Hensley DeGlandon, 98
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Westport
Vivian 'Viv' Drake, 81
Elsewhere
Margaret Kay Jordan, 77

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Craft brew festival coming to park

Foundation plans to make announcement for financial-support initiatives

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INSIDE: Learn more about the meeting and the Columbus Park Foundation.
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The annual meeting will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 18 at Hamilton Community Center and Ice Arena, 2501 Lincoln Park Drive. The foundation acquires and develops

land for the city's parks department, obtains financial support for the parks and promotes community engagement and use of park facilities.

The brew fest, planned for Aug. 27 at the park, is already generating social media buzz, said April Williams, foundation project and resource

development director. Nearly 2,000 people have expressed an interest online about the festival, Williams said.

Foundation representatives also will provide information about how residents can get involved in the city's new

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INTERFAITH WINTER GATHERING



PROMOTING PEACE

Interfaith gathering shines light on religious diversity

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A weekend festival of faiths, the third local interfaith event in the past three weeks, began with representatives from 20 different beliefs highlighting how they interpret the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

It concluded three-and-a-half hours later with participants joining hands on Saturday and singing, letting their spiritual light shine.

The inaugural Interfaith Wintertime Gathering at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbus encouraged diverse participation — from Hinduism to humanism and Sufism to Sikhism.

"I was amazed to hear so many

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In their words

A sampling of perspectives from speaker presentations at the inaugural Interfaith Wintertime Gathering, held Saturday:

THE REV. DAVID SASSMAN, WICCAN: "Harming anybody is harming the divine and yourself."

MARCIA ANKROM, QUAKER: "We treat others with respect for their beliefs and allow them to freely be who they are."

SIKH JYOTI MENTA, SIKH: "Many Sikhs throughout history have sacrificed their own life so that people of other religions may have the freedom to worship in the manner of their choice."

JEANNINE JOHNSON, NATIVE AMERICAN: "This (event) has confirmed to me that we all ultimately come from the same creator."

Pictured: The Rev. Anita Naanes, center, raises her hands as she and the attendees of the Interfaith Winter Gathering sing the song "This Little Light of Mine" on Saturday at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbus. MARK WOLANIN | THE REPUBLIC



Franklin College alumnus Travis Braun, left, and Jacob Chase won the Doritos Crash the Super Bowl commercial contest. Pictured above are scenes from their commercial. Submitted photos

SUPER DOGS

Franklin alum wins Doritos ad contest

By ABBY AMMUNSTER
For The Republic

HOURS after a commercial he produced aired to an audience of more than 115 million, a Franklin College graduate still hadn't slept.

Travis Braun had watched the Super Bowl from box suite seats at Levi's Stadium in Santa

Clara, California, and had been whisked off to New York City in a private jet to do a slew of TV interviews, including "Good Morning America."

After three previous tries, Braun had finally won the \$1 million grand prize and the champion title in the Doritos

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★ STATEHOUSE 2016

Officials focus on funding for roads

Lawmakers present views at Third House

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With a bill designed to extend protections to lesbian, gay and bisexual Hoosiers dead in the Senate, legislators' focus in the General Assembly has shifted to finding funds to pay for statewide infrastructure projects.

Rep. Milo Smith, R-Columbus, told a crowd of about 50 local residents at Monday's Third House session among legislators and constituents that the House had passed its signature road funding bill, House Bill 1001, but not without some disagreements.

The bill, which was sent to the Senate last week on a 61-36 vote, seeks to generate \$280 million in revenue for road funding through a 4 cent increase of the state gasoline tax, which would rise from 18 cents to 22 cents a gallon.

Additionally, House Bill 1001 would raise the cigarette tax to \$1.995 a pack and would use those additional revenues to reimburse Medicaid providers, freeing up money in the general fund to pay for road improvements.

However, some state leaders, including Republican Gov. Mike Pence, have spoken out against increasing the gas tax, saying the state should use money in its reserves to pay for infrastructure work.

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A closer look at bills to watch; more about the Third House

Three recent interfaith gatherings

Saturday's event marked the third interfaith get-together in Columbus in fewer than three weeks. Here is a recap.

JAN. 29 // CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE AT THE COLUMBUS AREA VISITORS CENTER

Overview of the local Christian-Muslim group that began meeting in January 2015 and gathered regularly until summer to improve understanding between the two after Islamic graffiti was found spray-painted on three Christian churches the prior year. About 125 people attended.

JAN. 31 // ISLAMIC STATE PRESENTATION AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

David Carlson, Franklin College theology and religion professor, provided an overview of "What Every American Needs to Know About ISIS" and the difference between radical Islam and what Carlson calls normative Islam. The church organized the gathering as it considers sponsoring a Muslim refugee family from Syria. About 150 people attended.

SATURDAY // VARIOUS RELIGIONS' VIEW OF THE GOLDEN RULE
AT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF COLUMBUS
 Representatives of 20 faiths shared snippets of their religious history while outlining how their beliefs outline general acceptance and treatment of others. Organized by the Rev. Anita Naanes, a member of Interfaith Forum of Columbus. About 120 people attended.



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people quoting from their own scripture what sounded like the same thing, saying that they stand and live by the Golden Rule," said Amit Sahu, representing the Hindu Society of Southern Indiana. "It was like hearing my own scripture."

The Rev. Anita Naanes of Seymour, a member of the Interfaith Forum of Columbus and a follower of a blend of faiths, organized the event that triggered enthusiasm from participants.

"What a multi-faceted experience," said Indianapolis' the Rev. David Sassman of the Wiccan and Pagan Educational Network.

Naanes first discussed the idea last summer with the interfaith forum. She said she was further inspired after attending the 2015 Parliament of World Religions in October at Salt Lake City, Utah. Part of the theme of that event was "Working Together For a World of Compassion, Peace, Justice and Sustainability."

She also acknowledged that recent national and international violence and killings linked to the Islamic State group also partly triggered the current timing of the meeting to help practitioners of various faiths understand one another better.

Although the local weekend celebration carried the tag of wintertime, warmth marked much of the mixing.

After attendees closed the gathering standing hand in hand and singing an old children's gospel song, "This Little Light of Mine," people began talking of such an event being held annually to promote peaceful respect and diversity among those of different faiths.

The light reference also fit since each speaker lit a candle on a circular display symbolizing unity at the front of the room.

"Look around at these

"We need to learn to be sharing and caring about each other."

Marcia Ankrom, Bloomington, a member of the Religious Society of Friends, also known as the Quakers

people," Naanes said afterward. "They're talking (with each other) and almost no one has left."

Indeed, 15 minutes after the program ended, people lingered to eat snacks and visit with each other. Some of them staffed informational booths with pamphlets and books about their practices and beliefs.

The mixing and mingling was reminiscent of the atmosphere at a recent, local Christian-Muslim dialogue that attracted the about the same size crowd — and won praise for its feelings of respect it generated between the faiths.

David Harpenau of Columbus, a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, is among those who launched a local Christian-Muslim dialogue group after Islamic graffiti defaced three Columbus Christian churches in 2014. He saw Saturday's five-minute presentations as enlightening and significant.

"This is the third such recent event where I've seen people joining together in an interfaith manner, and I see that as wonderful," Harpenau said. "It makes me hopeful for the future."

Bloomington speaker Marcia Ankrom, a member of the Religious Society of Friends, also known as the Quakers, mentioned how her Christian denomination emphasizes honoring others' beliefs. Then, after she finished her presentation, she explained why that is important today in a world of religious upheaval.

"With all the negativity and the violence and the (religious) wars," Ankrom said, "we need to learn to be sharing and caring about each other."

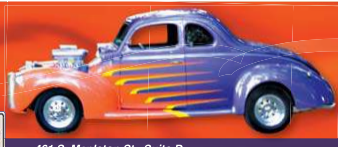


Clockwise from top: Janice Jaffey, a Soka Gakkai Buddhist, speaks about her religion Saturday to the guests of the Interfaith Winter Gathering at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbus. Sukhi Mehta, left, speaks with Sandi Hinshaw after the meeting. Kevin Johnson shoots video of his wife, Grandmother Jeannine Johnson, a Native American community leader, as she speaks about Native American religious practices. From left, the Rev. Mary Moore, Jeff Jones and Jyoti Mehta, hold hands as they sing the song "Spirit of Life." The Rev. David Sassman, with the Wiccan and Pagan Education Network, speaks about his religion. **MIKE WOLANIN / THE REPUBLIC**

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