

Youth and young adult homelessness gets increased attention

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Those who work in the thankless jobs of advocating for and helping people experiencing homelessness have found a pleasant surprise recently: More people seem to care about youth and young adult homelessness right now.

Indianapolis Housing Agency announced a voucher program in August for young adults who have aged out of the foster care system.

Lutheran Child & Family Services broke ground Nov. 17 on a housing project — Pando Aspen Grove of Community Heights — for young adults who have experienced homelessness.

The city of Indianapolis

and the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) recently doled out almost \$4 million in grants to help end youth and young adult homelessness in Marion County.

This is more attention than what's typically given to youth and young adults experiencing homelessness, so where is it coming from?

One of the common denominators in those and other similar programs is money.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is funding Indianapolis Housing Agency's voucher program, which has room for up to 25 people each year and includes financial support for as long

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City leaders and representatives from Lutheran Child & Family Services break ground on an apartment complex for young adults who have experienced homelessness. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



An artist's rendering of the expanded garden in the Hillside neighborhood. The new garden will now be 10,000 square feet. (Photo courtesy of Synthesis)

Hoosier senior, 82, helps community by sharing her garden

By HILARY POWELL

You could say Mary Ann Newell, born into segregation a year after slavery was outlawed, left joy as a legacy for her great-granddaughter. “She shouted about everything,” says Shirley Webster of Indianapolis. “It didn’t matter. Bad news, good news, she sang and danced. It was hardship for them but she was a happy person.”

Webster was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, the town where her great-grandmother lived. And she fondly remembers how Newell funneled her good nature into growing a garden that fed her rural community.

More than a century later, it

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Shirley Webster continues gardening in the tradition of her great-grandmother, Mary Ann Newell, and has used her land to provide a community garden. Now, Webster has partnered with the American Heart Association to expand the community garden to provide her Hillside neighbors with access to more produce. (Photo provided)

Why Aster Bekele feels committed to Martindale-Brightwood

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Aster Bekele's love for science and Martindale-Brightwood grew at the same time, one feeding the other through decades of advocacy and education.

Bekele was 19 years old when she came to America from Ethiopia in the early ‘70s. She met her late husband working a summer job at Eli Lilly and attended classes in the science department at IUPUI.

That's when Bekele started helping younger students with their homework. She and her husband lived on the other half of a double house his parents had a block west of Frederick Douglass Park, and she worked regularly with a handful of kids in the area.

Bekele got her wake-up call a few years later when a young man asked if she remembered him. He was one of the kids Bekele used to help, and now he was a high school graduate and in the Navy.

“Oh my gosh,” she thought. “I actually helped?”

Now, in her late 60s, Bekele is a bona fide leader in the Martindale-Brightwood community — whether it's through science, beautification, food security or connecting the generations of people who call these neighbor-



Aster Bekele started Felege Hiywot Center to teach young people about science and the importance of connecting with the community. (Photo provided)

hoods home.

She started Felege Hiywot Center (pronounced “HEY-what”) in 2004 as an after-school program at Indianapolis Public Schools #74. It got big enough that Bekele retired early from Eli Lilly in 2007 and started utilizing a property she purchased a few years earlier near the corner of 17th and Sheldon streets, which is where the center is today.

One of Bekele's biggest goals is to connect students to the community around them. She remembers listening to elders

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Archive: Friday, Nov. 10, 2011 Faith groups combat hunger

By BRANDON PERRY

According to research on hunger by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, an estimated 255,686 children in Indiana live in households that are food insecure, meaning the availability of nutritionally adequate foods is limited or uncertain.

People of different faiths may disagree about the path to spiritual enlightenment, but they can agree that having more than a quarter million hungry children is unacceptable.

That is why the Interfaith Hunger Initiative (IHI) is working every day to help

families in Indianapolis. “The IHI has brought together people from a wide range of faiths, and collectively we share a common responsibility to see that people are not hungry, especially children,” said David Miner, volunteer executive director of the IHI.

The Interfaith Hunger Initiative is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that includes more than two dozen faith-based organizations that represent the local Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Sikh communities.

Since its launch in

2009, the IHI coalition has procured 275 tons of food for local pantries and has even offered overseas assistance by feeding 2,700 vulnerable children in Kenya through school lunch programs.

Perhaps the unique aspect

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When Indianapolis schools are going back to virtual learning

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All Indianapolis K-12 schools must return to virtual learning by Nov. 30 as part of an effort to slow the spread of the latest COVID-19 surge.

Mayor Joe Hogsett and Marion County Public Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine announced the changes Nov. 12, and school districts quickly started announcing when students will go back to a virtual model. Schools must remain virtual until at least Jan. 15, 2021.

Here is when Marion County school districts plan to return to all students e-learning. (Some have already done so.)

- Beech Grove schools — Nov. 16 for middle school; Nov. 18 for K-6 schools; high school is already doing e-learning and will continue.

- Decatur Township schools — Nov. 23
 - Franklin Township schools — Nov. 23
 - Indianapolis Public Schools — Nov. 23
 - Lawrence Township schools — Nov. 23
 - Perry Township schools — Nov. 30
 - Pike Township schools — Nov. 23
 - Speedway schools — Nov. 30
 - Washington Township schools — Nov. 18
 - Warren Township schools — Nov. 23
 - Wayne Township schools — Nov. 16
- County health department guidance established various levels of positivity rates and what that would mean for schools. A county positivity rate of 11% to 12% would close middle and high schools. It was at 13.6% as of Nov. 12, and Caine said the health depart-

ment expects that number to continue climbing in the short term.

IPS Superintendent Aleesia Johnson said in a media roundtable Nov. 13 that the district wasn't caught off guard by the decision to go virtual because of increasing positivity rates, which is happening all over the country.

The district has reported at least 820 quarantine cases since reopening schools in early October, and Johnson said staffing was "becoming a real concern" in some schools. A district spokesperson said there have been 22 instances of closing a classroom, grade level or school because of quarantined students and staff.

Schools already went through this once before in the spring, which should help students and staff transition back to a virtual model more easily than during the first shutdown. IPS

has since reached its goal of having a device for every student — Chromebooks for third through 12th graders and iPads for pre-K through second graders.

Marion County superintendents communicate weekly and have been asking the community to be more responsible when it comes to taking health precautions.

"Now, more than ever, we desperately need your help to keep our schools and our community safe," Pike Township schools wrote in a message on its Facebook page. "Please wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands, monitor your health, and stay home if you are sick."

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Local filmmaker showcases ‘Black excellence’

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Indianapolis filmmaker Al Smith’s recent short film “Brobot” combines humor and science fiction to highlight the ingenuity of African Americans.

“I wanted to highlight Black excellence,” Smith, 46, said. “‘Brobot’ shows a Black inventor creating something excellent. It was created for humor, but I wanted to show that he had an advanced degree and was really, really smart. I also wanted to show a nuclear African American family.”

In “Brobot,” Smith and cowriter Darrell Morton tell the story of Jalen, a preteen whose father creates a quirky robot to act as a lie detector that seems to malfunction. The roughly seven-minute movie hooks viewers through relatable scenarios — such as sibling rivalry — to create a film the whole family can enjoy.

Smith, who has made five other films, created the film while juggling his responsibilities as a teacher.

“I normally have summers off, and that’s when the shooting usually takes place,” Smith said. “During fall or spring break, that’s normally the time I shoot, and I spend a lot of the school year writing and collaborating.”

Smith filmed “Brobot” in June and will host a virtual “red carpet” event Nov. 19. The film was shared through Purpix Media and can be streamed through the company’s YouTube page.

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The cast and crew of “Brobot” on location as they filmed during the summer. (Photo provided)

Boy’s and Girl’s Club of Indianapolis celebrates student leaders



Adriannah Dehoney was named the Boy’s and Girl’s Club of Indianapolis’ Youth of the Year during a virtual gala Nov. 11. (Photo provided)

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From missing out on rites of passage such as prom and homecoming football games to adapting to virtual learning, Indianapolis students have given up a lot.

That’s why Maggie Lewis, CEO of the Boy’s and Girl’s Club of Indianapolis, knew it was important to recognize students.

“We always hear about the ‘bad’ things are our kids do,” Lewis said. “We wanted to focus on the good things they do. With everything going on, the conversations around equity and criminal justice reform, we felt it was important that we paused to celebrate our club.”

The 2020 Youth of the Year award ceremony, hosted by the Boy’s and Girl’s Club, was held virtually Nov. 11. Adriannah Dehoney, a senior at Ben Davis High School, was selected as the 2020-21 Youth of the Year for Indianapolis clubs. The Youth of the Year award recognizes children for contributions to their family, school, community and club.

Dehoney has been involved in the LeGore Boy’s and Girl’s Club for 13 years. During that time, she’s been involved with various programming and helped younger children through tutoring.

“The club really helped me get out of my shell,” Dehoney said. “I used to be really quiet and a loner, and I used to highly dislike being around the kids. But I opened myself up to being more aware, and I like being around the kids and helping them now.”

While Lewis wasn’t involved in selecting the Youth of the Year recipient because she thinks all of the kids are great, she was impressed by what she heard about Dehoney.

“I heard great things about her grades, her commitment to programming at the Boy’s and Girl’s Club, her character, and she presented very well in her interview,” Lewis said.

Dehoney’s community involvement goes beyond her work at the Boy’s and Girl’s Club. For years, she’s worked with children with special needs and currently works as activities assistant at Washington Healthcare. She’s a softball player who recently signed to Marian University, where she plans to study nursing and eventually become a pediatric nurse.

“This [recognition] means a lot to me,” Dehoney said. “It shows all of my hard work at the club, and tutoring and programming pays off, and it helps to show other kids that they can follow in my footsteps.”

After being named Youth of the Year for Boy’s and Girl’s Club of Indianapolis, Dehoney is now a nominee for Youth of the Year for the entire state of Indiana. Because of the pandemic, it’s hard to say when that ceremony will take place, but organizers say they’re planning it for this spring.

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SPOTLIGHT

Circle of Lights different, but just as bright

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Despite the pandemic, Christmas lights will still shine on Monument Circle this holiday season. The 58th annual Circle of Lights will take place virtually 7 p.m. Nov. 27.

When it became apparent having 100,000 spectators gather downtown, as they usually do, the crew responsible for turning the Soldiers and Sailors Monument into the city’s largest Christmas tree decided to use technology to their advantage. The event will be aired exclusively on WTHR Channel 13, with musical acts selected from the upcoming Tom Wood Talent Search.

In keeping with tradition, Santa will be the one to flip the switch on the nearly 5,000 lights on the tree. Presented in part by the Electrical Workers of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 481, the union members felt it was important to keep the Hoosier tradition going.

“The Electrical Workers of IBEW 481 are thrilled to be presenting the Circle of Lights again,” Jeff Wheeler, IBEW 481 business manager, said in a press release. “We know that 2020 is different in so many ways. But we wanted to make sure that the Circle of Lights would shine throughout the holiday season, no matter what.”

Nov. 28 will be the first of several nights of Shining a Light holiday light presentation. The light show will take place nightly at 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

“The show must, and will, go on,” Sherry Siewert, president of Downtown Indy Inc., said in a press release. “We are so thankful for IBEW 481 and its dedication, care and craftsmanship shared year after year to install the lights and present the Circle of Lights for the entire community to enjoy. ... We look forward to uniting back downtown this holiday season in small and measured ways.”

The tree will remain lit through early January, and Monument Circle will be adorned with over a dozen large soldiers and sailors figures and “candy canes” to create a festive environment for those strolling through downtown.

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The Circle of Lights celebration will be aired on WTHR Channel 13 at 7 p.m. Nov. 27. For more information, visit downtownindy.org.

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as 36 months. HUD also funded the grants CHIP and the city awarded as part of its Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP).

Brian Paul, who's on the homeless and housing resource team at Adult and Child Mental Health Center, said he noticed more organizations trying to get in on funding from HUD, especially as the government agency seems to be dedicating more resources aimed at youth and young adult homelessness.

Adult and Child partnered with Outreach to create Youth Link, which received YHDP funding. Youth Link will identify youth and young adults who need housing assistance and connect them to resources.

Indianapolis also used some of its pandemic relief funds from the federal government to provide up to 12 months of rental assistance and wraparound services. The city laid out a plan in 2018 to end homelessness by 2023.

There were 142 people under 25 years old experiencing homelessness when CHIP conducted its annual Youth and Young Adult Point-in-Time Count in November 2019. Most were 18 and older, and about 63% were African American.

CHIP recently concluded the 2020 count, and data should come by the end of the year.

Amy Gibson, youth planning manager at CHIP, also suspects more funding from HUD is behind the recent surge in attention. Plus, she said, more funding allows for a collaborative approach, which can lead to more organizations getting involved.

Sven Schumacher, executive director and CEO at Lutheran Child & Family Services, has a more emotional explanation, at least when it comes to the inspiration for the Pando housing project.

Lutheran helps children who are abused and neglected. There's a group home with 10 young men where they work on independent living skills. Invariably, though, some leave the program and end up homeless because they don't have housing options or their plans fall through. The COVID-19 pandemic could exacerbate those problems.

"There isn't that next safety net," Schumacher said.

Scheduled to open in April 2021, Pando is a housing-first approach to homelessness, meaning the priority is to get people into housing and then provide support for other issues, rather than the other way around. There will be 30 one-bedroom apartments, as well as community space, a food pantry and offices for service providers. Residents must be 18 to 24 years old.

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tell their stories when she came to America and wants young people to have that same experience.

"I'm just glad where I'm at," Bekele said. "I appreciate all those elders who just sat there and talked with me and made me feel at home."

The center is limited right now because of the pandemic. There have been up to 40 participants at a time in the past, Bekele said, but recently there have only been around 10.

The center includes the Youth Farm Initiative, where high school students grow crops and learn about service, leadership and teamwork. The youth-led farm program also incorporates language arts, math and social studies.

Bekele learned in the early days of her community involvement that it's difficult to get teenagers to care about something if they aren't interested. It needs to be fun, she said, so they started looking at the science of lemonade, singing, things that got them excited.

Naomi Davis, who joined the program in eighth grade and is now a sophomore at Purdue University, said Bekele is a "booster" for the Martindale-Brightwood community. She doesn't try to take over what everyone else is doing; she's mostly there to support and get young people involved.

Davis still works at the center when she has time and said youth are encouraged to attend One Voice Martindale-Brightwood meetings to see what they can do to help the organization.

In 2014, students gathered input from community elders before they helped build Unity Park, which has garden beds and a gathering space for residents.

Unity Park is part of the physical change Bekele and Felege Hiywot Center have brought to the area in partnership with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB), which nominated her for the Cox Conserves Heroes Award earlier this year.

"We're really proud of her and so grateful and appreciative," said Joseph Jarzen, VP of program strategy at KIB.

Bekele didn't win the national award but did win the Midwest portion, which came with a \$10,000 award to be donated to an environmental nonprofit. She chose KIB.

Plus, Bekele said, the exposure that came to the center just because she was nominated and made it to the national stage could be a big boost as she continues finding ways to connect students to their community.

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of IHI is its Pantry Partner program, which is designed to help get more resources to pantries located at faith-based and community institutions in the Indianapolis area.

"Food pantries do an extraordinary job to help people get through the toughest times as they get back on their feet, and they make all the difference in the world," said Jim Morris, chairman of the IHI, former president of Lilly Endowment and current executive director of the United Nations World Food Program.

Hundreds of pantries are located at churches, community centers and other institutions throughout the city. However, most are only open limited hours and are overwhelmed due to increased demand from the sluggish economy.

The IHI is making an effort to alleviate this problem by working with Gleaners Food Bank to help increase access to food and getting it to pantries with the organization. Members of churches, temples and mosques within IHI also supply volunteers to help staff pantries, increasing efficiency and hours of availability.

"We are more than glad that the IHC has come alongside to help us reach our goal of serving as many families as possible who are in need, especially at this time of year," said Rebecca Hersey of Gleaners Food Bank.

IHI has made a commitment to establish at least one pantry partner in each of Marion County's nine townships.

In two years, the IHI has developed 10 pantries, including three on the west side in Decatur, Pike and Wayne townships, two north in Center and Washington townships and three east in Lawrence and Warren townships.

The IHI is also known for events that it uses to bring people of various faiths together while raising awareness of poverty in Indianapolis. The most-high profile of these occurred last year, with a visit at Conseco Fieldhouse from the Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of millions of the world's Buddhists and a respected international political figure.

Also popular is the IHI's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, which will be jointly held at various locations this year.

"Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised to provide food for thousands of people," Morris said.

"The IHI has worked to be the cornerstone of a larger community commitment to be certain that there is not a single hungry child in Indianapolis."

Despite the success in fundraising, Miner said financial and volunteer support from the community remains critical to ensuring that IHI achieves its mission. He noted that a \$20 donation would provide 30 meals for a child in Indianapolis, and a year of school lunch for a child in Kenya.

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seems Webster has inherited the family's green thumb for good-will.

Still spry at 82, Webster is donating a patch of land to expand her garden — and make a bigger impact on the Hillside neighborhood on Indianapolis' near north side.

"[My great-grand-mother] would think this was just the natu-ral part of living [to] have a garden," Webster says of her ancestral knack for altruism. "To her, that's what God intended for us to do. Gardening to live."

Indeed, in an area where 40% of people live in poverty — the highest percentage in Marion County — health experts said the expanded community garden will provide fresh produce in an area designated as a food desert.

"There are some people that say you are what you eat, so gar-bage in, garbage out," said Dr. Jerry Smartt, a neurologist and mem-ber of the American Heart Association's Indianapolis board of directors. "We actually need to practice what we preach."

Community gardens have popped up across the Indianapolis area and the nation — often organized by commu-nity or religious groups. The projects strengthen social connections, encourage self-reliance and beautify communi-ties, said the American Community Garden-ing Association, which represents more than 2,100 gardens.

Webster's family has been using the garden to grow collard greens and peppers since the 1940s. In 2000, she invited neighbors to use it, as a way to bring generations together. By 2015, she'd paired up with Women In Touch Ministries and Northwest Neighbor-hood Planners garden-ing programs to expand her reach.

Now, the American Heart Association is partnering with Web-ster and construction companies to expand the garden and give more people access to healthier foods low in cholesterol — mainly fruits and vegetables.

Smartt said a recent study shows food inse-curity is linked to a 1% increase in heart dis-ease. Foods high in cho-lesterol and fat build up along the walls of blood vessels, harden them and contribute to high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke.

The prevalence of high blood pressure, or hypertension, in Afri-can Americans is the highest in the world, the association reports. Hypertension, obesity and diabetes are com-mon conditions that in-crease the risk of heart disease and stroke.

Smartt says the ex-panded garden also will have blood pressure stations to help people monitor and control their blood pressure.

Webster said the land, located near 20th Street and Hillside Avenue, has been home to a garden in one form or another for most of the last 80 years.

It was recently tilled and staked, and or-ganizers are awaiting permits for drainage and further construc-tion. Over the next few months, sponsors will put in electrical wiring and plumbing. Raised garden beds will be installed in time for spring planting and the finished garden will be more than 10,000 square feet.

"I'm grateful to be able to host this com-munity garden as a way to improve the lives of my neighbors," Webster says.

She grew up going to the grocery once a month in the commu-nity, which she refers to as "poor people" who learned to make things last. Today, her neigh-bors, mostly Black, retired seniors, have to make a 20-minute trek to find a grocery store with fresh produce and variety. For that, she says, you need a car.

"We have to leave our neighborhood to get to the stores that offer a lot of healthy alterna-tives," she says. "These are problems that keep us outside of the groove of learning how to eat better."

She adds, "We eat the way we're trained and how we grow up."

Webster hopes to pass down a rich cultural pride to teens who visit the garden — includ-ing the knowledge that their ancestors, similar to her own, likely lived

off the land. She carries the grit her relatives sowed years ago on different land, along with the same spirit of service that will turn no one away from the garden.

"I don't even under-stand now how they were so happy," she said of her great-grand-mother's family. "They sacrificed a lot."

"I want my community to really understand how blessed we are. We just need to take own-ership of that. We need to tell our own stories so that our children can be proud of something."

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Time’s a wasting

By OSEYE BOYD



The end of November is inching near, and we’re still discussing who won the presidential election. For those of voting age during George W. Bush vs. Al Gore, you may recall it took 36 days before Gore conceded to Bush on Dec. 13, 2000. While some still believe Gore won the election, what’s happening today isn’t similar. It’s been clear for a while now that President Donald Trump lost his reelection bid. Yet, he refuses to concede. Instead he’s filed frivolous lawsuits and held embarrassing press conferences to try to turn the election in his favor. In every election there’s a winner and loser, and unfortunately, sometimes it’s you. The home team doesn’t always win. And just because you want something to be true, believe it should be true, doesn’t mean it’s actually true. The irony is those who want to change the results in this election are the ones who told the losers in the last election to accept the results. As a matter of fact, the tone was more like, “suck it up, buttercup.” Back in 2000, the results were contested because the margin was slim in the state where the presidential candidate’s brother was governor. But more importantly, we weren’t living in a pandemic that is

causing deaths of Americans every day and making others ill to varying degrees. This pandemic has wreaked havoc on our economy, stressed our health care workers, overwhelmed hospitals and closed schools. It’s also putting schools in a precarious situation as it relates to their budgets and ensuring each and every student receives the education he or she deserves. It’s further divided this country along this weird demarcation of anti-maskers and pro-maskers. My point: we have much to focus on. Those who represent us in government are wasting precious time defending Trump instead of working to provide economic relief to their constituents. As coronavirus cases soar higher and higher with each passing day, lawmakers are more concerned with negotiating government spending by Dec. 11. Of course, this spending bill is important as it’s how government is funded. Not passing a spending bill could lead to a government shutdown, and we don’t want that to happen. However, now is the time for lawmakers to get the coffee, No Doz or whatever else helps you stay awake and have marathon sessions to get bills passed to avoid a government shutdown — and help the American people suffering in the midst of a pandemic. When COVID-19 appeared on the scene and mayors and governors shut down cities and states, there was a lot of talk about how it would shutter

businesses, put people out of work and decimate the local and state economy. Legislators and business owners also told countless tales of workers who refused to return to work because they fared much better on unemployment. Well, elected officials acquiesced to those pleas and cities and states reopened. Now, we have a mess on our hands. A mess that the Trump administration is ignoring. He’s too busy firing people and tweeting like a petulant child, and too many of his sycophants in the Republican Party are coddling him, too afraid of being on the receiving end of one of his temper tantrums. We’ve been in a pandemic for the better part of this year, and we still don’t have a plan of attack to help businesses and keep the economy going. We’re always “rounding” a corner, bend or turn, but we’ve yet to actually make it anywhere. The promise of “tens of millions of doses” of a COVID-19 vaccine by December isn’t likely to happen. The Trump administration hasn’t even issued federal guidance. I recently wrote the real work starts after the election, and it’s time for us to roll up our sleeves and get started. It’s almost as if lawmakers read my words and are begging Americans to remove them from office because they’re behaving in ways that should jeopardize reelection.

OPINIONS

Black men and Donald Trump

By LARRY SMITH



If the 2020 election had a tagline, it would probably be “What’s up with Black men voting for Trump?” Indeed, much ado has been made about an alleged “sharp rise” in the percentage of Black men who voted for Donald Trump this year as compared to 2016. This includes recently voiced, media-hyped support from a few rappers, such as Lil Wayne and Lil Pump — though the latter didn’t even bother to vote. (I may or may not resist the temptation to make a snide remark about diminutive brothers seeking attention.) If one weren’t paying attention to the actual numbers, it might seem as though upwards of 40% of Black men voted for Trump. However, based upon the data that we have, the actual number is 18% to 19%. Still, that would be a noteworthy increase over Trump’s support among Black men, which was 12% in 2016. (It’s important to note that exit polls are notoriously unreliable, especially before official vote tallies are completed.)

Not surprisingly, there has been widespread speculation (and scurrilous accusations) regarding the reasons why nearly 1 in 5 Black men voted for Trump — which, if it holds, is the highest percentage for a Republican presidential candidate since 1980. Are these men self-hating because they voted for someone who has repeatedly made racist statements? Are they misogynists who have a particular distaste for “strong, independent Black women” — as some have suggested? The answers to such questions, which spring from centuries of Black pain, are complex. First, the issue is not simply “Black men support Donald Trump”; the issue is that *men* support Donald Trump — who is especially popular among white men. Trump also has more support among Hispanic men than he does among Hispanic women; the same is true for Asian men and women. In short, Trump’s appeal to men transcends race. Men often have an affinity for other men whom they perceive to be “ubermasculine.” For many, Trump fits that bill. There are other considerations, including religious and social ones. For example, according to an NBC News Poll, Trump garnered 52% of Black men who self-identify as “conserva-

tive.” Further, 1 in 3 Black men in the Midwest — which is more conservative than much of the country — voted for Trump. Education also plays a role. Black men who don’t have a college degree were more likely to vote for Trump than were those who have obtained a bachelor’s degree or higher — though the margins were much closer than among white men. Finally, we must consider Joe Biden’s flaws. Trump was effective at emphasizing Biden’s authoring of 1994 Crime Bill, which resulted in epidemic numbers of Black men going to prison. Trump contrasted this now-reviled law with the “First Step Act” that he (i.e., Trump) signed. He also made inroads by arguing that Biden hadn’t proactively done much on behalf of African Americans, despite being in power for several decades. Finally, Biden made racist statements decades ago. In short, he was far from a perfect candidate. With regard to gender, arguing that sexism led Black men to support Trump is problematic. This is primarily because the percentage of Black women who voted for Trump actually doubled in 2020 (4% to 8%). Also, while Trump lost some support from white women, he still fared much better than one might have expected given

the last four years. In summary, it seems clear that most Black people who voted for Donald Trump did so for the same reasons that white people did: conservative social and religious values and the belief that he would be better for the economy. It’s important to keep in mind that Trump’s surprising performance among African Americans may not be a long-term trend in which future Republican candidates can take solace. His showing might be in part due to record voter turnout, not to mention his longstanding celebrity status. In the end, it is Trump’s nearly bullet-proof support among white people, not to mention a stronger-than-expected showing among Hispanics, that garnered him more than 70 million votes. To single out Black men is silly. And unfair. And misleading. Frankly, it’s hard for me to understand why anyone, of any race, or any culture, or any age, or any gender would support Donald Trump. So, cut the brothers some slack. Even famous ones can come up short.

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Danger for well-meaning white folks

By NATHAN DAY WILSON



Is “listening and learning” in danger of becoming the new “thoughts and prayers”? A 20-year-old — which is the age group we need to hear, especially these days — told me she thinks it is, especially for white people. Just like some respond to tragedy with the promise of thoughts and prayers, her concern is that too many are responding to these days by offering to listen and learn. As this young adult made her case, I thought of the story in Matthew 21: A father asks his two sons to

go to work. One says no but changes his mind and works. The other says yes but doesn’t do anything. Jesus then asks, “Which son did the will of his father?” Not a very hard question, is it? Not a hard question for us, not for them. The one who said no but went to work — he acted. Fine story. No big deal. But Jesus doesn’t end with the story. Instead, he says that overly and overtly religious people remind him of the second brother. They are ones who say the right things, stand for the right things, maybe even believe the right things, but do not do the things that God asks. Jesus is not the only one to suggest this idea. Buddhism has similar teachings. Confucius understood kindness to be of more importance than purity of thought or ritual. I’ll stay in my lane, though. Being a Christian is less about rigidly held dogma than about how we live. It’s less a set of beliefs than a way of life. Confusing beliefs for actions, convictions for obedience, happens. For instance, we believe and say that we love our families yet sometimes we give them far too little time and thought. We believe and say we are against violence yet sometimes we buy violent video games for our children or support other violent activities. We believe in the United States’ form of democracy yet sometimes we don’t vote. We believe in God’s creation yet sometimes we don’t reduce, reuse and recycle — much less challenge the systems that produce so much waste. It’s easy to confuse beliefs for actions. But that doesn’t make it excusable. Beliefs mean little, if anything at all, apart from what we do about them. There’s not a creed or dogma or belief in the world

that is worth one visit to a sick friend, or one ice chip on the lips of someone in the hospital, or one pair of flip flops for a child with no shoes. Or one action that challenges racial injustice. I can hear what you’re thinking, which is scary for us both: Listening and learning, or let’s say having a book study and discussion, is doing something. Education is an action. It’s not nothing. I agree. It is something. For many, it’s a good starting place and for all, it’s good to continue to learn and grow. There are excellent study and discussion-worthy books written by authors of color. But if that is all one does, then it’s not much more than nothing. It’s certainly not as active as contacting a mayor to request the establishment of a civilian-led board to review police use-of-force policy and the cases where police use excessive force. It’s not reminding a city council member that budgets are moral documents, and so a city’s budget should reflect commitments to all the community. It’s not donating money or voting. Listening and learning, much like thoughts and prayers, need to be followed by actions for change. By the way, what prompted the story in Matthew 21 was a question from some closest to Jesus. They asked, “Who are you?” It’s as though Jesus was saying that who he was, and who we are, is determined by our actions.

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Civil rights icon ‘visits’ Children’s Museum

By BREANNA COOPER

In the wake of continued civil unrest, Ruby Bridges took part in a virtual conversation with the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis to discuss current events and her new book, “This Is Your Time.”

The Zoom call Nov. 11 commemorated the 60th anniversary of the day Bridges walked through the doors of William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans. At 6 years old, she was the first person to integrate the school. Bridges had to be escorted into the school by federal marshals, as crowds of white protesters chanted things like “Two, four, six, eight, we don’t want to integrate,” threw things at Bridges and hurled racial slurs her way.

Kimberly Harms Robinson, director of public relations for the museum, first met Bridges 15 years ago when the museum created the “Power of Children: Making a Difference” exhibit. The exhibit tells the story of three children: Bridges, Anne Frank and Ryan White, who changed the world through their circumstances. Bridges called the museum her second home, and said events happening today are no different from what she saw growing up.

“Watching what took place this past May, my heart was so full because we saw a person lose his life right before our very eyes by the hands of people that are supposed to serve and protect us,” Bridges said, referencing the death of George Floyd. “It made me think about the work I’ve been doing trying to explain to kids that racism has no place in their hearts and their minds, and we need to be able to come together.”

Bridges referenced her teacher, Barbara Henry, who was brought to New Orleans



from Baltimore to teach Bridges when other teachers refused. “Ms. Henry and I connected in that classroom, and it didn’t matter to her what I looked like,” Bridges said. “The first day, I was apprehensive because she looked exactly like the crowd that

was standing outside. But I soon realized she looked like the crowd, but she wasn’t like them. She showed me her heart.” Bridges wrote “This Is Your Time” following the protests that occurred around the country this summer to teach children about the power of

their voice. “This book is my letter to young people. What they were seeing on the streets looked exactly like what I saw,” Bridges said. “They shouldn’t be afraid. It was something we had to go through back then to get us to where we are today. It was

a hard fought struggle, but it had to happen for us to come together. Now, it’s your time to pick up the torch and move it forward.”

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When Demi Barton developed a slight cough in September, she didn't think much of it. "It wasn't regularly occurring," Barton said. "I just had to clear my throat a few times a day." A few days later, she developed a persistent headache — a rarity for her — that painkillers couldn't remedy. Barton decided to get tested for COVID-19 on Sept. 15. Within the three days it took to get her results, Barton, 47, developed chills, fatigue, shortness of breath and lost her sense of taste and smell. While she wasn't surprised when her COVID-19 test came back positive, she said she could have easily mistaken her symptoms for a bad cold. Traditional flu symptoms, such as fever, cough, muscle pain and stomach issues, mirror many symptoms of COVID-19. For that reason, Dr. Tamika Dawson of Indiana University Health Physicians Family and Sports Medicine recommends anyone exhibiting flu symptoms to get tested for COVID-19. "With COVID, you can have about the same symptoms as the flu, so it can be really hard

COVID-19 or the flu? Only a test can tell

COMMON COLD	FLU	COVID-19
Fatigue	Fatigue	Fatigue
Slight body aches	Body aches	Body aches
Congestion	Chills	Chills
Sore throat	Fever	Fever
Sneezing	Chest discomfort/some difficulty breathing	Chest discomfort/difficulty breathing
	Headache	Headache
	Diarrhea	Diarrhea
	Sore throat	Sore throat
		Loss of taste and smell

While there are very few similarities between the common cold and COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns symptoms of COVID-19 can mirror many side effects of the flu. (Graphic/Breanna Cooper)

to tell," Dawson, a primary care physician, said. "Testing is really important, especially right now." To date, there have been 268,222 COVID-19 cases in Indiana. Dawson recommends every Hoosier get a flu shot because having the flu puts you at a greater risk of complications from COVID-19. From October 2019 through May 2020, roughly 129 Hoosiers died of the flu. The first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Indiana was March 6. Since then, 4,830 people in the state have died of the virus. While the situation in Indiana looks dire, Dawson said she's hopeful there will be fewer flu cases this year thanks to masks and social distancing measures.

"I think we're absolutely going to see a decrease," Dawson said. "In Australia, their flu season is in our summer. They saw a tremendous decrease in flu diagnoses, and it had everything to do with masks and social distancing." It's not just the flu; COVID-19 symptoms mimic other illnesses as well. For many, changes in the weather can bring about sinus infections. Tawnya Williams, 57, gets a sinus infection every year. When she began experiencing headaches and a runny nose in August, she called her doctor to get a prescription for antibiotics. "He said no, and that ticked me off," Williams said. "He told me I needed a COVID test,

and I told him, 'I don't need no damn COVID test; it's just a sinus infection.' I went in to get tested and two days later the test came back positive." Williams ended up self-isolating for 28 days because her fever kept coming back. While the bulk of her symptoms — such as loss of taste and smell and her fever — have gone away, she still experiences a runny nose, muscle aches and memory issues as a result of the virus. "The symptoms really overlap with a lot of other stuff," Williams said. "I'm a middle-aged woman, so I thought my fever was hot flashes at first. I never went to the doctor or took my temperature. You can explain everything about COVID away

with other stuff." Dawson predicts masks will be more commonplace in future flu seasons and more people will be inclined to wear a mask out in public if they're feeling sick. As for workers who fear a loss of income due to illness, Dawson said tracking your symptoms — and wearing a mask — can help you stay at work. "If you develop a cough that only lasts 24 or 48 hours, but you don't develop a fever or chills or diarrhea, I think it's safe to go back to work," Dawson said. "Just wear a mask."
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COVID-19 Restrictions in Place for Marion County

As the number of COVID-19 cases in Marion County rises sharply, Mayor Joe Hogsett and Marion County Public Health Department Director Virginia A. Caine, M.D. recently gave an update on local COVID-19 data and restrictions. A new public health order announced last week decreases capacity limits on many businesses and activities, and requires all Marion County schools to return to virtual instruction by Nov. 30. Mayor Hogsett and Dr. Caine also encouraged residents to alter their holiday plans to help reduce the spread of the virus. "These changes bring me no joy," said Mayor Hogsett. "It's heartbreaking for me as someone who loves this city and desperately wants to see a speedy recovery from the effects of this pandemic. But this statewide surge shows no signs of stopping, and we must respond quickly and comprehensively to save lives and ensure the well-being of our residents." "We are on the wrong trajectory, and things will get worse before we see the fruits of these restrictions," said Dr. Caine. "We need Marion County residents to be as vigilant in private as they are in public with mask-wearing, hand washing, and social distancing. Even if you are tired of the virus, the virus will not grow tired of you." Other parts of the new public health went to effect on Nov. 16 and will remain in force until additional changes are made. Highlights include:
Bar capacity at 25% indoor, 100% outdoor capacity
Restaurant capacity at 50% indoor, 100% outdoor capacity
Special or seasonal events are now limited to 50 people or fewer unless the event has an approved safety plan from the Marion County Public Health Department. All other social gather-

ings of more than 25 people are prohibited.
Funeral homes must return to 50% capacity.
Museums, cultural sites, music venues, movie theatres, bowling alleys, and other cultural and entertainment venues are limited to 25% capacity.
Gyms and fitness studios, including locker rooms, as well as private clubs and fraternal organizations are now reduced to 25% indoor capacity.
Indoor visitations at assisted living facilities will be incumbent on a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the visit.
The midnight closure requirement that previously applied to bars, restaurants, and clubs is now extended to all non-essential hospitality and entertainment businesses, including live entertainment venues. Table seating at dining establishments is limited to no more than 6 people per table. Masks are required when moving about establishments, and while not eating or drinking.
Schools in Marion County, grades K-12, must return to virtual instruction no later than Nov. 30. And, beginning Nov. 30, K-12 extracurricular activities and sporting events may only include participants, their parents or guardians, and support personnel.
The countywide mask order remains in effect, requiring individuals to wear face coverings in indoor and outdoor public places social distancing is not possible. Anyone who is unable to wear a mask for health reasons can often wear a plastic face shield and must do so whenever possible.
To get a copy of this and previous public health orders for Marion County, please visit MarionHealth.org and click on the red COVID-19 Info link.

‘Racial reconciliation’ has a garbled meaning in America

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Racial reconciliation is one of those buzz phrases that’s supposed to signal a deep, theological understanding of racism and how to defeat its hypocrisy.

Reconciling racism doesn’t jibe with what has actually happened, though. To reconcile something is to restore harmony, but what harmony is there to restore in America’s racist history?

That’s part of what local poet Manon Voice and Irish theologian Pádraig O’Tuama talked about during their public conversation Nov. 15 as part of the Spirit & Place Festival. Watch the event on Spirit & Place’s Facebook page.

Voice, who’s also a writer and spoken word artist, said she’s not interested in having the oppressed go to their oppressor and ask for reconciliation.

“What I am interested in is how can we create spaces where people do their own work and where we all feel responsible for repair?” she said.

Of course, that creates more questions about what that space is supposed to look like. Part of the answer: There are short- and long-term implications for, in this case, white people.

Voice recalled speak-



Local poet Manon Voice and Irish theologian Pádraig O’Tuama were part of a conversation Nov. 15 about reconciliation as part of the 2020 Spirit & Place Festival. Darren Chittick, pastor of The Church Within in Fountain Square, was the moderator. (Screenshot)

ing at an anti-racist workshop with white people. She read poems and talked about her thoughts, and it eventually brought some people to tears. They started asking how they could get involved: Was there an organization to donate to or something else they could do? It was an immediate sense of guilt that they wanted to solve right away.

That’s a necessary part of the solution, Voice said, but the impact of racism “hadn’t landed in their bodies.” They eventually needed to go deeper than that.

O’Tuama, who is also a poet, said there should be more room for “public lamentation,” meaning people can express their frustrations openly, especially when grief becomes repetitive through issues such as racism. The lamentation can be painful, loud and look out of control, he said, but it’s necessary.

“It doesn’t solve things,” O’Tuama said. “It just is a public manifestation of the pain that people are living with.”

O’Tuama said it might honestly be a good start when some white people get with their church or community group and make some kind of declaration against racism, even though it’s tempting for people far beyond that point to see it as a hollow gesture. But that’s not where it can end.

“The uncomfortable work is to think who has been most disenfranchised by the project of pain,” he said, and then go to them to figure out what reconciliation might look like.

In an interview before the conversation, Voice said it’s important to first shift a society’s collective consciousness before any kind of reconciliation can begin. She used the example of the police killing of George Floyd, which was one of the major acts of police violence that led to racial justice protests across the country.

“I think suffering levels us,” she said, “and it is something that grounds us as human beings.”

There will always be outliers who refuse to take part in that collective shift, Voice said, but she believes there is such a thing as a critical mass, where society can still move forward once enough people have had that reckoning.

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Prayer service for those lost to gun violence

Hovey Street Church of Christ hosted a prayer service for families that have lost loved ones to gun violence. Nearly 100 people were in attendance for the emotional service. Cathy Mann, who lost her son a couple of years ago, planned the program on the day that would have been her son’s birthday. Rev. Denell Howard, pastor at Hovey Street Church of Christ, offered encouragement as he closed the service. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



Pastor Denell Howard



Event organizer Cathy Mann, whose son was killed a couple of years ago.



Hovey Street Church of Christ



Madiyah Mann sang.



Shonna Majors, director of Community Violence Reduction, attended the event.



Mann’s son, Travon

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Can America heal post-election 2020?

By IMAM MICHAEL “MIKAL” SAAHIR

“O mankind! There hath come to you a direction from your Lord and a healing for the (diseases) in your hearts, — and for those who believe, a guidance and a Mercy.” (Qur’an 10:57)



There are things that unite us as Americans. We all want national security. We all want a healthy economy and a pollution-free society. We all want our human and civil rights honored with justice. All Americans want good homes and a quality education for their children, not to mention a nice bank roll for themselves. But America today is very much divided. We have stark and deep lines of divisions on many public concerns; divisions that are too often emboldened and defended based on skin color, political affiliations, gender and other biases — including religion — that tend to block the road to viable solutions. Yes, we are the “United States” of America when we look at a physical map, but we are the “Divided States” of America when it comes to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” for all Americans. We all are guilty of contributing to this nasty national divide. On a more positive note we all can be a positive contribution for the healing of our nation — if and when we make an honest personal assessment of our individual heart, mind and soul — as one seeking to help America

become better. Allah (G_d) put us here in this space and time. All of us are responsible for contributing to the healing of America. President-elect Joe Biden cannot heal America by himself and President Donald Trump is not the sole cause of division in America. We have to not only get past the rhetoric; we have to quit contributing to the rhetoric. We have to tone down our emotions and quit letting the news source we love stir up our emotions. We are here in this space and time to be a healer within a consortium of healers for our national good. This general election of 2020 and its subsequent fallout have proven to be a serious battleground. As with any war the mental and psychological scars are real and debilitating. No one escapes unscathed from war because both sides need healing. After the battle we have to bury the “dead” issues and the only true “mortician” is open and honest conversations that truly want what is best for America. “20/20 vision” is a phrase describing normal eye vision, but who would have envisioned that the year 2020 would be so un-normal for America? From George Floyd’s murder that precipitated unprecedented national rioting to COVID-19 disrupting our life with unexpected “new norms,” the year 2020 has highlighted just how much America needs a serious healing. In order to get back to “normal” we must agree to be disciplined listeners who can listen to the people on the other side with our internal ears as well as our external ears. That means we must turn off our internal voice while we intently listen to the

legitimate concerns of those who we may strongly disagree with. We must listen to them without condemning them to eternal hell-fire because we may disagree with them. In turn, the other side would have to listen to your serious concerns. However, these listening-to-learn exchanges can only be effective if both listener and speaker are honestly seeking the common good for all Americans. The road will not always be smooth as we discuss the difficult issues such as abortion and women’s rights, Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ concerns. Always remember that just because someone doesn’t agree with you does not mean they are your enemy. If we respectfully listen to each other, we have hope to find common ground without compromising our morals and convictions. This will be the beginning of our healing as a nation. As with any medication there are prescribed doses and a healing process that is achieved by allowing the regiment to unfold, but it begins with believing that America is a place for everyone despite the ugly history of injustice and hatred. If we don’t begin listening to one another then we can’t begin the healing, and Satan will continue to speak on our behalf of “both sides.” Can America be healed post-election 2020? The answer resides in each of us. What are you willing to sacrifice to help our nation heal? What are you and I willing to do to heal the bias diseases in our hearts? Allah (G_d) has placed the answers in each of us on both sides of the divides. Don’t let the rhetoric of Satan interfere with our success as a nation. America remains a beacon of hope for the world.



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Oladipo joins ownership group with New Zealand Breakers

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — While Victor Oladipo's future with the Indiana Pacers remains murky, he's found a franchise-altering deal elsewhere.

Oladipo told The Associated Press that he and business manager Jay Henderson have joined an ownership group that includes former Florida basketball player Matt Walsh to purchase the New Zealand Breakers of the Australian National Basketball League.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed, but it will make the 28-year-old Oladipo one of world's youngest basketball team owners — and the owner of the New Zealand's home arena.

"I was always interested in being part of team ownership, having input with a team and helping a team be successful on the business side of things," Oladipo said. "To work with a team from this perspective, I'm sure I'll have newfound respect for the guys who have been in that position."

The announcement comes at a time some have questioned Oladipo's commitment to the Pacers. He initially opted out of playing in the NBA's coronavirus bubble this summer over concerns about his injured right knee.

Eventually, he backtracked and did play in

Orlando.

Last week, The Indianapolis Star reported that while he was in the bubble, Oladipo repeatedly asked opposing players whether they'd be interested in having Oladipo as a teammate.

"It is what it is, it's over with now. Emotions were felt. I have no ill will toward anybody," Oladipo said. "I love everyone, I pray for everyone, that's just the kind of guy I am. I just look forward to playing for the Pacers and winning a championship for the state of Indiana."

In the meantime, Oladipo has continued rehabbing the knee and says he feels as close to 100% as he has at any point since rupturing his quadriceps tendon in January 2019.

And he continues to contemplate life after basketball.

While the two-time All-Star guard still will get an up-close look at how management makes decisions, deals with salary caps and evaluates talent, he will not be running the day-to-day operations. Henderson, who has worked with Oladipo for the past seven years, anticipates filling that job.

"We do a lot of start-ups together, we own a few companies together and now we're going to be owners of the New Zealand Breakers," Henderson said. "I can't even say I dreamed about it, I always thought what it

would be like to own a franchise, but you never fully expect it to happen."

Oladipo has never traveled to New Zealand but has promised to make at least one trip per year to Auckland where the team is based.

He said he first became interested in the league after watching American youngster LaMelo Ball play for the Illawarra Hawks last season and jumped at the opportunity to be part of it.

"I definitely think this league is growing, I know it's growing," Oladipo said. "It's really competitive. I actually saw a few games when LaMelo was playing and I think it's becoming a hot commodity."

New Zealand has been one of the league's most successful and consistent franchises. The Breakers have had only two losing seasons since 2007-08, won three consecutive NBL titles from 2011-13, claimed a fourth title in 2015 and finished as the league runner-up in 2016.

They start this season seeking their first playoff appearance in four years and with some uncertainty because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Larry Kestelman, the league's owner and executive chairman, announced that next season is expected to tip off in early 2021. The start date has been pushed back in hopes of playing in front of larger crowds.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 49D08-1910-AD-042876
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF JAYMANI WARDELL ZAYON SCHOCLET, A MINOR CHILD.
AMENDED PETITION FOR ADOPTION
COME NOW Petitioners, Sheree Dunay and Brian Dunay, who first being duly sworn upon their oath, redubly petition the Court as follows:

1. That Petitioners reside at 11071 Indian Lake Boulevard, Indianapolis IN 46236, Marion County, Indiana.
2. That Sheree Dunay is Forty-Six Years Old, born 1973, a resident of the State of Indiana and a citizen of the United States of America, and was married to Brian Dunay on July 4, 2013 in Hamilton County, Indiana.
3. That Brian Dunay is Fifty-Four Years Old, born 1964, a resident of the State of Indiana and a citizen of the United States of America, and married to Sheree Dunay.
4. Sheree Dunay is the Co-Owner of Zedco Carpet Care since 2013 and a realtor with FC Tucker since 2018.
5. Brian Dunay is the Co-Owner of Zedco Carpet Care since 2013, is a member of the Indiana National Guard since 2005.
6. That the name of the minor child sought to be adopted is JAYMANI WARDELL ZAYON SCHOCLET (the "Child"); that the Child is a multi-racial dark-skinned male born in Midland, Texas on September 8, 2013.
7. That Petitioners are the de facto custodians of the child. They have continuously raised him, under a Guardianship, since October, 2014 under Cause 49D08-1410-GU-035007.
8. That the Child does not possess real or personal property of its own.
9. That if this petition is granted, Petitioners desire that the Child shall be given the name of Jason Michael Dunay.
10. That Petitioners believe they have sufficient ability they have sufficient ability and income to rear the Child and to furnish him with love and affection and suitable support and education.
11. That the name of the biological mother of the Child is Aliqua Schoclet, born September 22, 1989. Mother is known to reside at 3117 E. Louisiana Avenue, Midland, TX 79701, and that the consent of the biological mother with regard to the adoption of the Child is not required pursuant to IC 31-19-9-8, on the grounds that the biological mother is unfit, has abandoned or deserted the Child for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the filing of the petition for adoption, is incompetent or mentally defective, has knowingly failed to provide for the care and support of the child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree, or has made only in token efforts to support and communicate with the child.
12. That the name of the biological father is unknown. No father is listed on the birth certificate of the Child and the biological mother has only ever disclosed that the Child's father was Hispanic. The consent of this unknown male is not required pursuant to IC 31-19-9-8, on the grounds that the biological father is unfit, has abandoned or deserted the Child for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the filing of the petition for adoption, is incompetent or mentally defective, has knowingly failed to provide for the care and support of the child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree.
13. That Petitioners have not been convicted of a felony of misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of children.
14. That the Child is not an "Indian Child" under the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901 ("ICWA"), and, therefore, ICWA is not applicable to these proceedings. IS. There is no existing order on child support.
15. Indiana Code 31-19-16-1 provides for post-adoption contact with the child if the parent consents to the adoption. Each parent is hereby notified and if the parent or she consents to the adoption, he or she may seek post-adoptive contact in an amount to be determined by the Court. Each parent is further notified that the failure to consent to the adoption may prevent that parent from seeking post-adoptive contact with the child.
WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray the Court to examine this petition, determine whether the same is in proper form, and if found to be so by this Court, to order the Clerk to forward one copy of this petition to the Indiana Department of Child Services and one copy of this petition to the Marion County Department of Child Services, for the purpose of investigating this petition and reporting to this Court, and to hear evidence on this petition to determine whether or not it should be granted, to confirm and order that the child cannot and should not be returned to the home of the biological parents, and for all other proper relief in the premises.
We, Sheree Dunay and Brian Dunay, affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTIONS
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
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CAUSE NO. 49D08-2005-AD-017074
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF ZIVA BREE KATSANDE MINOR
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
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COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE SUPERIOR CIVIL COURT OF MARION COUNTY
ROOM NO. 2 CIVIL
CAUSE NO. 49D03-2005-AD-024793
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: DEONNA L. HARRIS Plaintiff
-V- DEONNA L. HARRIS Defendant (s)
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
The nature of the suit binst you is: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
This summons is by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: DEONNA L. HARRIS, UNKNOWN
And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: DEONNA L. HARRIS, UNKNOWN
In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____, 20____ (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2005-AD-017074
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: SARVELLO QUINONEZ TOBAR
Vs MARIA ELENA MORAN ALVAREZ Respondent
CAUSE NO. 49D05-1906-DC-022531
Summs by PUBLICATION
This Summons is to the above Respondent, and to any other person who may be concerned. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Marion County Superior Court in an action entitled: In Re: The Marriage of Sarvello Quinonez Tobar Plaintiff, and Maria Elena Moran Alvarez, Respondent, by the person named above as Petitioner. This Summons by publication is specifically directed to the Respondent above whose current address and whereabouts are unknown. The named Petitioner is represented by Katherine M. Forbes, The Law Firm Fatima Johnson, 3737 n. Meridian St. Ste. 106, Indianapolis, IN 46208; (317) 455-6829. The nature of the suit against you is Dissolution of Marriage. The property relationship or other res involved in the actions is: The Martial relationship between Sarvello Quinonez Tobar and Maria Elena Moran Alvarez, and the assets and liabilities of the martial estate. An answer or other response in writing to the petition must be filed, by you or your attorney, within thirty days after the third notice of suit. If you fail to file an answer or other response in writing within thirty days after the third notice of suit, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief requested by the Petitioner. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.
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STATE OF INDIANA
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COURT OF CHRISTOPHER COLEMAN Plaintiff
ANTOINETTA LILES Defendant
CAUSE NO. 49D05-1806-DN-023670
ORDER
The court having considered Petitioners' Prayers for Service by Publication in Marion County Indiana, and being duly advised, hereby Grants said request. Respondent may be served for Notice of these proceedings by publication in Marion County, IN. S ORDERED this 10 day of March 2020
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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DISSOLUTION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
COURT OF CIVIL DIVISION
JUAN CARLOS GERARDO AGUSTIN Defendant
CAUSE NO. 49D14-2010-DC-038660
NOTICE OF SUIT
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:
The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Juan Carlos Gerard Agustin. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT OF CIVIL DIVISION
OLIVIA OYEBAMUJI Plaintiff
LEWIS BREZIA Defendant
CAUSE NO. 49D12-2010-DC-037554
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Morufu Salami. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 49D06-2007-DC-024208
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: WHITNEY PEREZ Plaintiff, And, JOSHUA ADAMS Respondent.
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The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Respondent: JOSHUA ADAMS
And to the following Respondent whose whereabouts are: Unknown
In addition to the above Respondent being served by this summons, there may be other persons who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you do not take any action in this case after receipt of this summons, the court will make a determination regarding any of the following: divorce and child custody on or before the day of _____, 20____ (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit).
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2010-MI-036589
ORDER SETTING HEARING AND
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
COMES NOW the Petitioner, Katherine Scherer, and submits her Verified Petition for Name Change of Minor and hereby gives notice that Petition for Change of Name for Minor has been filed in the MARION County Circuit Court request that the name of minor Marlee Ava Mae Thurmon be changed to Marlee Ava Mae Scherer. The Court, being fully advised in the matter, now finds that this matter should be and is hereby set for hearing.
WHEREFORE the Court orders that Name Change Hearing is scheduled for the January 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third publication of this Notice, for Thirty (30) minutes. Notice is further given that any person has the right to appear at the hearing on said Petition and/or to file objections on or before the hearing date. THIS MATTER WILL BE HELD REMOTELY, AND THE COURT WILL ISSUE WEBEX/ZOOM INVITATION FOR THE HEARING.
IT IS SO ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED this October 19, 2020
Doc ID: C0351 b 2 d 2 6 3 5 3 1 d f 6 1 2 0 a334b97907236d7a47a Distribution:
Rachel T. Brunson HOCKER ASSOCIATES, LLC, 6626 East 75th Street, Suite 410 Indianapolis, Indiana 46250
Craig Anthony Thurmon II 6925 Acton Road Indianapolis, IN 46259

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
COURT OF CIVIL DIVISION
MORUFUT SALAMI Plaintiff
Vs MORUFU SALAMI Defendant
CAUSE NO. 49D10-2010-DC-037371
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Morufu Salami. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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DISSOLUTION
IN THE SUPERIOR/STATE COURT OF ROCKDALE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
TANY EDWARDS Plaintiff
vs DEVAUGHN NUNN, SR. JASMINE SCOTT Defendant
SUMMONS
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:
You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and to file with the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:
An answer to the complaint upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This 21st day of October, 2020
Clerk of Superior/ State Court

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
COURT OF CIVIL DIVISION
MORUFUT SALAMI Plaintiff
Vs MORUFU SALAMI Defendant
CAUSE NO. 49D10-2010-DC-037371
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Morufu Salami. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: MARLEE AVA MAE THURMON KATHERINE SCHERER, Plaintiff
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2010-MI-036589
ORDER SETTING HEARING AND
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
COMES NOW the Petitioner, Katherine Scherer, and submits her Verified Petition for Name Change of Minor and hereby gives notice that Petition for Change of Name for Minor has been filed in the MARION County Circuit Court request that the name of minor Marlee Ava Mae Thurmon be changed to Marlee Ava Mae Scherer. The Court, being fully advised in the matter, now finds that this matter should be and is hereby set for hearing.
WHEREFORE the Court orders that Name Change Hearing is scheduled for the January 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third publication of this Notice, for Thirty (30) minutes. Notice is further given that any person has the right to appear at the hearing on said Petition and/or to file objections on or before the hearing date. THIS MATTER WILL BE HELD REMOTELY, AND THE COURT WILL ISSUE WEBEX/ZOOM INVITATION FOR THE REMOTE HEARING.
Date October 6, 2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of : ADAH I. FAIRD
Deceased
Estate docket: 49D08-2010-EU-036666
Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2020, Cheryl Yarnell was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Adah I. Baird, deceased who died August 31, 2020
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 9th day of October 2020.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of : ADAM I. FAIRD
Deceased
Estate docket: 49D08-2010-EU-036666
Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2020, Cheryl Yarnell was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Adah I. Baird, deceased who died August 31, 2020
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 22nd day of October 2020.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of BARBARA GAIL DEATLINE
Deceased
Estate docket: 49D08-2011-EU-038812
Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2020, Christopher. Deatlne was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Barbara Gail Deatlne , who died on the 27th day of October, 2020.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 4th day of November 2020.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of : ROBERT B. BEVINGTON
Deceased
Estate docket: 49D08-2010-EU-037986
Notice is hereby given that on October 28, 2020, Robert A. Bevington was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert B. Bevington, deceased.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 28th day of October 2020.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of : ROBERT B. BEVINGTON
Deceased
Estate docket: 49D08-2010-EU-037986
Notice is hereby given that on October 28, 2020, Robert A. Bevington was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert B. Bevington, deceased.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 28th day of October 2020.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk

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NAME CHANGE
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2010-MI-038513
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: SUSAN LYNN BARNES Petitioner.
VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Comes now the Petitioner, Susan Lynn Barnes, by counsel, Aaron Freeman, and moves the Court for a change of name, and to file with the Clerk of said court and to file with the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:
The Petitioner's current name is Susan Lynn Barnes. The Petitioner's date of birth is July 24, 1964.
The Petitioner's currently resides at 5410 Shelbyville Road Indianapolis, IN 46237.
The Petitioner's Driver's License Number is, 891 7 6753 12 issued from Indiana.
The Petitioner has never had any other name except her maiden name of Susan Lynn Hendrix.
Pursuant to Indiana Code 34-28-2-1, Petitioner wishes to change her last name.
The Petitioner does not seek 10 defraud creditors by changing her name.
The Petitioner is a United States Citizen.
The Petitioner does not hold a valid United States Passport.
The Petitioner has never been convicted of a felony.
The Petitioner is not a sex or violent offender who is required to register under Indiana Code 11-8-8-19.
The Petitioner wishes to change her last name to her maiden name: Hendrix.
WHEREFORE, The Petitioner respectfully requests this Court to Grant her Petition for Change of Name, and to file with the Clerk of said court and to file with the Plaintiff's attorney, who is required to register under Indiana Code 11-8-8-19.
The Petitioner affirms under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 49C01-2002-MI-006246
IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: DEILO JONES, Petitioner.
Alias NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, DEILO JONES, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition For Change Of Name to change the Petitioner's name DEILO JONES to DEILO PARRYS BROWN.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report for hearing to THE REMOTE HEARING ON WEBEX/ ZOOM. THE COURT WILL ISSUE WEBEX/ZOOM INVITATION FOR THE REMOTE HEARING.
Date October 6, 2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of : ADAM I. FAIRD
Deceased
Estate docket: 49D08-2010-EU-036666
Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2020, Cheryl Yarnell was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Adah I. Baird, deceased who died August 31, 2020
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 9th day of October 2020.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of : ADAM I. FAIRD
Deceased
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Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 22nd day of October 2020.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of : AD

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT TO PRE-QUALIFY TO BID

Project: Purdue University – WADE UTILITY INTERCONNECT located on Purdue University's main campus, in West Lafayette, Indiana

F.A. Wilhelm Construction Company will receive pre-qualification statements for the following trade scopes included in Bid Group #1 until 5:00 P.M, November 20th, 2020 for the Purdue University – Wade Utility Interconnect Project.

- BG #1 – Excavation, Concrete, Structural Steel, Mechanical & Electrical

All interested bidders must contact Matt McCullough at mattmccullough@fawilhelm.com to gain access to the Pre-qualification form. Pre-qualified bidders will receive an invitation to bid on the above referenced project. Please direct all questions to Matt McCullough at (317) 359-5411 or mattmccullough@fawilhelm.com.

F.A. Wilhelm is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their protected veteran status and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

F.A. WILHELM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
Matt McCullough – Preconstruction Manager
Doug Pickering – Project Executive
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Trustees of Purdue University will receive sealed bids for the following project until 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on the 10th day of December 2020 in Physical Facilities / Campus Police (PF/CP), Purdue University Northwestern Campus, Westville, Indiana (approximately 3.2 miles north of Westville on U.S. 421). 1. Purdue Northwest - Westville Campus - Schwarz Hall Elevator Modernization - 2020 Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in Room 112 of Physical Facilities / Campus Police (PF/CP). Bids received after such time will be returned unopened. Bids may be withdrawn prior to such time, but no bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter. The Principal Subcontractor Questionnaire listing the names of the bidder's principal subcontractors shall be submitted with the bid. The remainder of the Questionnaires and Material Lists shall be submitted prior to 10:00 a.m. CST on the 17th day of December 2020 to: Capital Program Management, 2550 Northwestern Avenue Facility, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906 Bids shall be for complete construction only, properly executed and submitted on Form 96, accompanied by executed Form 96A (as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts) giving financial data as recent as possible, and a Non-Collusion Affidavit together with other documents as required by the instructions to Bidders and addressed to The Trustees of Purdue University, clearly marked with the project and the bid opening date. Each bid must be accompanied by the Contractor's written plan for a program to test the contractor's employees for drugs in accordance with IC 4-13-18. Each bid must be accompanied by a Contractor's Combination Bid Bond and Bond for Construction in the form included in the specifications made payable to The Trustees of Purdue University in an amount equal to the maximum total of the base bid and any alternate bids, guaranteeing the execution and faithful performance of the contract for the work if awarded. The instructions to Bidders and the specifications for the projects are by this reference made a part hereof, and all bidders shall be deemed advised of the provisions thereof, and of the General Conditions of the contract, specifications, plans and drawings for the project. The architectural/engineering firm for this project is: Project No. 1 Stuard & Associates, Inc., 2562 Lincoln Hill Road, Martinsville, IN 46151 Phone (765) 342-8246 To view or obtain bid documents online: Repro Graphix Inc. Web: PurduePlanroom.com 437 N. Illinois St. Phone: 1-800-718-0035 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Email: ePlanroom@Reprographix.com A \$300 deposit will be required for each hardcopy set of bidding documents. One compact disk or download is available at no charge. Postage and handling fee may apply. All orders must be placed online but bidders may choose to pick up orders at: Purdue Print & Digital Services delivered by Xerox: 698 Ahlers Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907 Phone: 765-494-2006 Bidding Documents are on file in the office of: Senior Vice President for Administrative Operations, 2550 Northwestern Avenue Facility, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906 The Board of Trustees of The Trustees of Purdue University reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive, to the extent permitted by law, any of the terms, conditions and provisions contained in this Advertisement for Bids or the Instructions to Bidders or any informality, irregularity or omission in any bid, provided that such waiver shall, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, be to the advantage of The Trustees of Purdue University. THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY By James K. Keeffe Senior Director of Capital Program Management Date: 11/06/20 hspaxlp 11/20/20

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This Copyright Notice, both the Juristic Person and the agent of said Juristic Person, hereinafter jointly and severally "User," consent and agree that any use of "DEMARCUS GLENN HARRIS®," other than authorized use as set forth above, constitutes unauthorized use of Secure Party's copyrighted property and contractually binds User. This Notice by Declaration becomes a Security Agreement between User. User is a debtor and Demarcus Glenn Harris is Secure Party, and signifies that User: (1) grants Secure Party a security interest in all of User's property and interest in property in the slim certain amount of \$500,000.00 per each trade-name/trademark used, per each occurrence of use (violation/infringement), plus triple damages, plus costs for each such use, as well as for each and every use of any and all derivatives of, and variations in the spelling of, "DEMARCUS GLENN HARRIS®," (2) authenticates this Security Agreement wherein User is debtor and "DEMARCUS GLENN HARRIS" is Secure Party, and wherein User pledges all of User's property, i.e. all consumer goods, farm products, inventory, equipment, money, investment property, commercial tort claims, letters of credit, letter-of-credit rights, chattel paper, instruments, deposit accounts, accounts, documents, and general intangibles, and all User's interest in all such foregoing property, now owned and hereafter acquired, now existing and hereafter arising, and wherever located, as collateral for securing Users contractual obligation in favor of Secure Party for User's unauthorized use of Secure Party's copyrighted property; (3) consents and agrees with Secure Party's filing of a UCC Financing Statement wherein User is debtor and Demarcus Glenn Harris is Secure Party hspaxlp 11/20/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/public sale on November 30th, 2020 at 8AM. 7576 W Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46231. List of vehicles to be included in the sale:

Year	Make	VIN	Sale Price
2003	CHEVROLET	2G1WH52K939209710	\$1,500.00
2008	HYUNDAI	KNDJMC233386053519	\$1,500.00
2003	FORD	1FAFP40463F372594	\$1,500.00
2008	MINI	WMWVRH335181L97296	\$1,500.00
1997	FORD	1FALPS830VG1656989	\$1,500.00
1996	TOYOTA	1T1B3G2K0WU377391	\$1,500.00
2005	DODGE	1B3AL46795N570952	\$1,500.00
2010	FORD	3FAHP0JA1AR252532	\$1,500.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BIDDING NOTICE FOR MBE/WBE/VE/DOBE

Company: Glendale Centre, d/c.

Bid: Phase II, Macy's Repositioning

Bid Description: Renovation of the existing Macy's building including the buildout of three (3) tenant spaces. Glendale Centre, LLC, is seeking qualified MBE, WBE, VBE and DOBE for the upcoming project.

Description of Subcontractor Opportunities for MBE/WBE/VE/DOBE:

1. Demolition	13. Overhead Doors
2. Grading	14. Architectural Casework
3. Landscaping	15. Drywall
4. Asphalt Paving	16. Painting
5. Concrete Curb	17. Flooring
6. Concrete Paving	18. Specialty Flooring
7. Concrete Sidewalks	19. Metal Storefront & Glazing
8. Masonry	20. Membrane Roofing
9. Metal Stud Framing	21. Fire Protection
10. Rough Carpentry	22. Plumbing
11. Finish Carpentry	23. Mechanical & HVAC
12. HM Doors and Hardware	24. Electrical

Kite Realty Contact Person: Matt Koening, (317) 713-2749, mkoenig@kiterealty.com

Bid Date: December 10, 2020 at 3:00 pm EST. (Late Bids will not be accepted)

Pre-Bid November 16, 2020 at 2:00 pm EST. Macy's Building, 6101 North Keystone Avenue

Drawings: Can be obtain through one of the following General Contractors or from Matt Koening at the Kite Realty Group.

Bid Submission: To the Bidding General Contractors only.

General Contractors Bidding the Project:

1. Wilhelm Construction, Attention: Andy Lock (317) 359-5411
2. Pepper Construction, Attention, Mike McCann (317) 681-1000
3. Shell Sexton, Inc, Attention, Matt McCann (317) 423-6102

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Request for Information

RFI 20-10-370 Mobility as a Service Platforms

Project Overview: The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (dba IndyGo) has been informed that it has been selected to receive an Accelerating Innovative Mobility (AIM) challenge grant award from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). With these grant dollars, IPTC intends to lead in the creation of a "Mobility Concierge" program. This program, as envisioned, would be a one-stop shop for trip planning and payment integration across multiple modes of transportation and service providers operating in the greater Indianapolis area. This program is part technology solution and part innovation in the delivery of customer service. This request focuses primarily on the technology solution and must work as a platform that can integrate two or more mobility service providers (e.g. IndyGo bus + Pacers bike-share) into a single, multi-modal trip planner and payment system. A key component of the Mobility Concierge Program will be ensuring that the unbanked population can access and use all modes, which is one potential tie-in with the customer service component of the program.

RFI Release: Friday October 30, 2020

RFI online at www.indygo.net/pages/bid-opportunities

Written Questions Due November 11, 2020 by 4pm (EST)

Answers to Written Questions Provided November 16, 2020

Vendor Submission of Information November 30, 2020 4:00 PM (EST)

Email information submission to: dadamson@indygo.net.

No late information accepted, and submissions must be electronic.

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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NUMBER:
49C01-2007-MI-024291
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE Plaintiff,
vs.
LVNV Funding, LLC
Deonshay S. Bigham Med-1 Solutions Defendants

NOTICE OF SUIT

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of a real estate mortgage, legally described as: Lot 78 in Carroll Farms, Section 2, a Subdivision in Marion County, Indiana, as per Plat thereof recorded January 9, 2007, as amended. The following named Defendant whose whereabouts is unknown: ANTHONY NICKLE ORDER TO APPEAR in addition to the above named Defendant being served by this summons, there may be other Defendant who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the last notice of action is published, and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk

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SUMMONS

STATE OF IND
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 12
DWAYNE MOMENT, Plaintiff
VS.
ANTHONY NICKLE AND STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY Defendants
CAUSE NO. 49D12-1908-CT-034331
NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the person above named as Defendant, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the court above named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit against you is: Civil Tort. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following responded whose last known address is: 7416 Westchester Drive, Lawrence, Indiana, 46226 and the following named Defendant whose whereabouts is unknown: ANTHONY NICKLE ORDER TO APPEAR in addition to the above named Defendant being served by this summons, there may be other Defendant who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the last notice of action is published, and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk

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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 49D04-2010-MF-035960
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY
CREDITORS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE OF VENDEE MORTGAGE TRUST 2002-1 Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ABRAHAM SMITH, JR. DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

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TO: Unknown Heirs at Law of Abraham Smith, Jr. Plaintiff, by counsel, hereby gives Notice of the Complaint filed in the Marion Superior Court against the above-named Defendants. Plaintiff also filed an Affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of Defendants, Unknown Heirs at Law of Abraham Smith, Jr. upon diligent inquiry are unknown. The cause of action is for default on a promissory note and foreclosure upon a mortgage on the following described real estate: Lot eight (8) in Homewood Park, First Section, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per Plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 31, Page 296, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. Address: 3668 N Tiffany Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46226 Therefore, said Defendants are hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint and that unless the defendants file answers within (30) days of the last publication of this notice, default judgment may be entered against said Defendants for the relief sought in the Complaint.

/s/ Jason E. Duhn Shapiro, Van Ess, Phillips & Barragata, LLP
Jason E. Duhn (26807-06)
4805 Montgomery Road, Suite 320
Norwood, OH 45212
Phone: (513) 396-8100
Dated 10/30/2020

Marion Superior Court, Court 12
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NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF MARION SS:

In the Marion County Circuit Court

Cause No. 49D06-2010-CT-035554

DIANA M. HALL, Plaintiff vs. Glen Shake as Trustee and not personally under the provisions of a trust agreement dated the 24th day of April, 2019 known as Trust Number 1133

You are notified that you have been sued in the above-referenced Court.

The nature of the suit against you is:

Defendant Glen Shake has constructed and maintained a fence which trespasses on Plaintiff's property; Plaintiff seeks a judgment against Shake for trespass and to quiet title to said real estate, described as: Part of Lot 577 in Holley's Garfield Park Addition as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 13, page 54 in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, being further described as follows: Beginning at a point in the west line of said Lot 577, South 00 degrees 16 minutes 48 seconds East (assumed bearing 57.23 feet from the northwest corner thereof, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 0.31 feet along the north edge of an existing fence to a corner thereof; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 07 seconds East 46.68 feet along the east edge of said fence to a corner thereof; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 0.51 feet along the south edge of said fence to the west line of said Lot 577; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 48 seconds West 46.68 feet along said west line to the Point of Beginning. Containing 20 square feet, more or less, commonly known as 1135 East Southern Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46203. This summons by publication may have an interest in the described real estate: 2501 Fairview Trustee, 2801 Fairview Place Suite W, Greenwood, Indiana 46142. In addition to the above-named Defendant who is being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from an interest in the above-referenced real estate, or other claim, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing by you or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of this lawsuit, and if you fail to do so judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

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STATE OF IND
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 12
DWAYNE MOMENT, Plaintiff
VS.
ANTHONY NICKLE AND STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY Defendants
CAUSE NO. 49D12-1908-CT-034331
NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the person above named as Defendant, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the court above named by the person named as Plaintiff. The nature of the suit against you is: Civil Tort. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following responded whose last known address is: 7416 Westchester Drive, Lawrence, Indiana, 46226 and the following named Defendant whose whereabouts is unknown: ANTHONY NICKLE ORDER TO APPEAR in addition to the above named Defendant being served by this summons, there may be other Defendant who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the last notice of action is published, and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

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Reed family attorney 'not surprised' at grand jury decision

By BREANNA COOPER

Fatima Johnson and Swaray Conteh, attorneys for the family of Dreasjon Reed, said in a press conference Nov. 14 they aren't surprised Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) officer De Joure Mercer won't be charged in the May 6 shooting death of Dreasjon Reed.

Not surprised, but disappointed. Johnson and Conteh don't believe IMPD and Indiana State Police (ISP) evidence that Reed shot at Mercer.

"It would be a rarity to find a Black person who lives in this city who is surprised," Johnson said. "I'm beyond disgusted that Dreasjon's family was not given justice. In this case, the flaws of the justice system have been brought to the surface again."

Reed, 21, was killed May 6 following a high-speed police chase on I-65 with IMPD officers. At one point, Reed exited his vehicle and was in a foot chase with Mercer. All of this, including Reed's death, was streamed live on Reed's Facebook page.

On Nov. 10, special prosecutor Rosemary Khoury, who was requested by Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears, said a grand jury did not find enough evidence to file charges against Mercer. ISP, which investigated over 100 hours of evidence in the case, gave a press conference earlier to discuss what investigators found.

Detective Jeff Hearon played audio footage to show, at one point, there were two gunshots going off at the same time. Hearon said this would have been impossible unless two guns were being fired. Fifteen bullets total were fired, with 13 coming from Mercer's gun and two coming from a gun that belonged to Reed. Initially, attorneys for the Reed family said he didn't have a gun on him. ISP evidence showed a gun in Reed's waistband as he recorded his foot chase with Mercer.

Johnson said there were at least

10 eyewitnesses who testified before the grand jury. Khoury could not say what evidence was presented to the grand jury, but both Johnson and Conteh said evidence presented from witnesses was consistent.

Witnesses said they saw Mercer use his Taser on Reed, and Reed fell to the ground. This is congruent with IMPD's statement early in the investigation. Hearon said Nov. 10 that the Taser was ineffective because it didn't deliver a full charge. ISP alleged when Reed began to fall, he pulled his weapon. Hearon said he couldn't say for certain whether Mercer or Reed fired first, but he was confident Reed didn't fire until Mercer deployed his Taser.

Conteh alleged detectives did not do a gunpowder residue nor fingerprint test to prove Reed fired his gun. ISP said two bullet casings, which detectives say came from Reed's gun, matched bullets found at two drive-by shooting investigations, and the gun was stolen from a pawn shop in Texas. During the Nov. 10 press conference, Hearon declined to provide evidence from the autopsy, saying he would wait for the pathologist to do so.

"I'm not going to dignify their claims regarding how he acquired the gun," Conteh said. "He's not here to defend himself, and they were trying to besmirch his character. ... [Mercer] didn't have the right to shoot at him the way he did."

Johnson and Conteh have filed a civil suit and are preparing for the case because neither feel justice was served.

"Mercer must be held accountable for the life he took," Johnson said. "Dreasjon's family is heartbroken, but the fight will continue."

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Swaray Conteh, an attorney for the family of Dreasjon Reed, speaks to media in August outside of the Marion County Coroner's Office. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

WISH-TV owner to launch Multicultural News Network

By STAFF

DuJuan McCoy, who purchased two local TV stations last year, announced Nov. 18 he plans to launch Multicultural News Network (MNN), which will focus on communities including Black, Hispanic and LGBTQ Americans. MNN will be based in Indianapolis at the same facility as WISH-TV and My-INDY TV, which McCoy bought in 2019. The network will be nonpartisan and air live, daily programs. McCoy, who will be MNN's chairman and CEO, said in an announcement there will be other news bureaus around the country.

McCoy is also owner of Circle City Broadcasting. The announcement said MNN is forming relationships with Circle City Broadcasting and Cox Media Group. "MNN has been in development for a few years, and I am very excited to make this announcement alongside many valued and

supportive partners," McCoy said in a statement. "We believe MNN will change the way Americans view news while providing a national platform for many underserved, diverse communities that are voiceless in America's current national news media landscape. Numerous multicultural communities will now have a regular platform for their stories and perspectives to be heard. Additionally, I believe MNN can become for the city of Indianapolis what CNN became for Atlanta."

McCoy grew up in Indianapolis and has been an owner in the media business since 2007. He graduated from Ben Davis High School and Butler University. "What I hear in every panel in every market is multicultural folks are underrepresented in newsrooms, on air and from a storytelling standpoint," he said in an interview with the Recorder in January.

March Madness in one place? NCAA looking at Indianapolis

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Basketball Writer

The coast-to-coast excitement of the NCAA Tournament won't happen this season. The NCAA announced it plans to hold the entire 2021 men's tournament in a single geographic area to mitigate the risks of COVID-19. It is in talks with Indianapolis to serve as the host city.

Instead of all the upsets, buzzer beaters and star-turning performances being spread out at venues across the country, the bracket will be played out at sites in one city, a sort of one-stop shopping version of the tournament typically played in every region of the U.S.

The news comes nine months after the coronavirus pandemic led to the cancellation of the 2020 tournaments, a severe economic blow not just to the host cities but scores of athletic departments across the country.

"It will be a very controlled environment," NCAA senior vice president of basketball Dan Gavitt said. "It'll be different, it'll be historic and it'll be hopefully something we all treasure and experience just once, hopefully not ever again."

There was no immediate word on the women's tournament, which runs concurrently in March and early April.

The pandemic has disrupted every sport for months now. The NBA and NHL completed their seasons in controlled-environment bubbles and baseball trimmed its regular season to 60 games with a World Series played entirely in Texas and no home games for the LA Dodgers or Tampa Bay. The NFL has forged ahead with its regular season, though with dozens of positive COVID-19 tests.

The original plan was for the 67 games of the 2021 NCAA Tournament to be played at 13 sites across the country, starting with the First Four in Dayton, Ohio. Regional sites were



(Photo by: Charles Krupa/AP)

set for Minneapolis, Denver, New York City and Memphis, Tennessee.

As COVID-19 cases across the country spiked and wreaked havoc on the college football season, it became clear to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee that multiple sites would not work.

"We coalesced around a decision that we were not going to be able to host the tournament through 13 different sites," Kentucky athletic director and committee chair Mitch Barnhart said. "Through the pandemic, it was unreasonable to expect that."

Centralizing the tournament will allow a controlled environment with venues, practice facilities, lodging and medical resources all near one another. Indianapolis, the only city the NCAA is currently negotiating with, made the most sense since the Final Four was already scheduled there for April and NCAA headquarters is on the edge of downtown, walkable from various sites.

The NCAA set a Nov. 25 start date for the season as it tries to bounce back after the cancellation of the 2020 NCAA Tournament led to a \$375 mil-

lion shortfall in revenue distributed to member institutions.

Schools have scrambled to fill schedules while the coronavirus has ripped through college football, causing the cancellation of more than 60 games. Multiple basketball programs are currently on pause due to COVID-19 and the Ivy League announced last week the cancellation of winter sports, including men's and women's basketball.

Gavitt said there is no plan to change the start date and the NCAA Tournament is expected to be played in March and April as scheduled. No determination has been made on whether fans will be allowed, a decision that will also face individual conferences as their tournaments approach in March.

"The committee has made a really sound decision here, disappointing as it is to go away from our valued hosts for 13 different sites from First Four through the regionals," Gavitt said. "Condensing this to one geographic area that we can do it in a more safe and responsible way is where we need to be."

It might be a while before the women's basketball committee decides what

it wants to do with the tournament. Since 2015, the first two rounds have been played on home campuses of the top 16 seeds. Those aren't known until Selection Monday, so there are no predetermined sites.

The women's Final Four next March is set for San Antonio and the regionals are supposed to be played in Albany, New York; Austin, Texas; Cincinnati; and Spokane, Washington.

"Because of the ongoing pandemic, the committee recognizes that the tournament may have a different feel," NCAA vice president of women's basketball Lynn Holzman said. "The committee intends to maintain a field of 64 teams and a variety contingency plans — including reducing the number of first- and second-round sites or bringing the entire tournament to one location — are being considered."

A one-site NCAA Tournament will cause a financial hit to the cities scheduled to host early-round and regional games.

Dayton, the tournament's tipping off point the past 19 years, generates an estimated \$4 million annually from the tournament and Raleigh, North Carolina, typically pulls in about \$5 million for early-round games. Bigger cities, particularly those hosting regional sites, earn substantially more.

The change to a one-site tournament will cost North Carolina opening-round games for the third time in five years. Greensboro was replaced as a host site in 2017 due to passage of a law limiting protections for people in the LGBT community and had games wiped out last spring by the pandemic.

"From a statewide perspective, and then for these last two years, it's just sort of a feeling of helplessness, because there's really nothing we could do about it," said Scott Dupree, executive director of the Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance.

Colts make it look easy vs. Titans on Thursday Night Football



Indianapolis Colts Running Back Nyheim Hines (21) dives in for the touchdown past Tennessee Titans Cornerback Malcolm Butler (21). Hines scored two touchdowns in the Colts' 34-17 win Nov. 12. (Photos/Jeff Brown)



Colts defensive end Denico Autry (96) celebrates after he sacked Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill. It was the Colts' only sack of the game.



Colts cornerback Rock Ya-Sin (26) is called for pass interference on Titans wide receiver Cameron Batson (13), who caught two passes for eight yards. Ya-Sin finished with four tackles.

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