

Career training helps Hoosiers without degrees find ‘hope’ during COVID

By HILARY POWELL

As a dying wish to her mother, 48-year-old Winona Parker vowed to get her high school diploma. It would take the Indianapolis woman four years, and half a dozen attempts, to make her career dream a reality. “I would say to myself, ‘No matter what has come against me, I was now determined more than ever to achieve my goal,’” she recalled in an

email. Now, the former fast-food worker is enrolled in a pharmacy tech training program. It will allow her to be certified in about four months to help serve pharmacy teams on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic. Parker is part of a Washington Township Adult Education initiative helping Marion County residents who have been negatively affected by COVID-19 prepare for careers in

high-demand industries. The free online training is funded by \$1 million from the federal CARES Act, at a time when the pandemic has highlighted longstanding socioeconomic disparities. Shawn Fremstad, a senior research fellow with the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, said such training programs can help frontline workers. His recent report shows these

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Dr. Sean Huddleston, president of Martin University.

Martin University and Ivy Tech Community Colleges announced a partnership to create more career development for Black and Hispanic students by emphasizing short-term certifications and jobs in teaching, cybersecurity and technology to move workers into high-wage, in-demand careers. The partnership will focus on increasing the number of teachers of color by offering Ivy Tech students guaranteed admission into Martin’s School of Education.

For more information about enrolling in Washington Township Adult Education’s free training, visit <https://www.indyadulthood.com>.



New partnership brings more tech opportunities

By KARA KAVENSKY
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Renewed efforts to bring more tech engagement to our community are underway: InnoPower, Rooted School (Rooted), the Indianapolis Recorder and Eleven Fifty Academy have announced a partnership to improve exposure to technology and light up career paths into the tech industry for African Americans. The shared mission is to create opportunities and a clear career roadmap, from high school to adulthood, for African Americans, who are currently underrepresented in tech.

By reverse engineering clear pathways to entering the tech workforce, these partnering organizations are working to create a tech talent funnel. Creating change and opening doors to mentorship, internships and open forum discussions on career opportunities for people of color to enter the tech workforce has been a driver of Emil Ekiyor, CEO and founder of InnoPower. “Tech is supposed to be the great equalizer. It is projected that the Indianapolis area’s base of tech occupation employment — a subset of net tech employment — will grow by 7.8% by 2026*. We can’t just sit back and hope Black and brown students are prepared for these opportunities,” said Ekiyor, who was born in Nigeria and moved to the U.S. at the age of 15 to pursue his education. “We must create them.”

Community engagement is a major component of the plan, with town halls planned in 2021. Creating awareness is critical so that people can discover their own potential for a career in tech. Starting young, as with Rooted School, provides students early experience and exposure to highly sought-after jobs in technology. A goal for Rooted School graduates is to go onto college with a sense of purpose and a relevant context for being there. All graduates will leave with a job offer in one hand and a college acceptance letter in the other.

If college isn’t a feasible option for Rooted graduates, Eleven Fifty Academy acts an alternative. Their courses provide certification to students with and without previous

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Boy, 5, fighting for life amid custody battle

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Liam Mills, 5, was taken off life support Dec. 7. Today, he’s breathing on his own after three weeks on a ventilator. As he continues to fight for his life in Riley Hospital for Children, his family is fighting to regain custody and make decisions about his care. The family’s fight began in 2019 when Elijah Mills, Liam’s father, lost custody. Elijah Mills has not seen his son since November 2019 due to a court order following abuse allegations. At that time, Liam was taken to Riley Hospital where he underwent surgery for bleeding on the brain. His paternal grandparents petitioned for custody but were overruled by a Department of Child Services (DCS) judge because Liam needed specialized care. Upon release from the hospital in January, he was placed in the custody of an unnamed white foster family. See LIAM, A9►



Elijah Mills (L) and his father, Marcelle Mills at a press conference discussing Liam’s health and the state of their fight for custody. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

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Archive: Back to basics

By JESSICA WILLIAMS-GIBSON

At the Andrew J. Brown Academy, a charter school located on the city’s east side, students are provided a holistic educational experience where their learning can go far beyond the classroom. **Carrying on a legacy**

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What the Party for Socialism and Liberation wants you to understand

By TYLER FENWICK
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Many of the signs and posters at a recent protest at the City-County Building looked like the ones that became familiar sights on downtown streets throughout the summer. “NO TO PROP. 291!” one sign read, referencing the failed proposal that would have made it more difficult to help the

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Protesters gathered at the City-County Building on Nov. 18 to demonstrate against a proposal that would have made it more difficult to feed people experiencing homelessness. (Photo/Ted Somerville)



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Possibility of student loan debt forgiveness gets borrowers excited

By TYLER FENWICK
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William Horton felt like he did all of the right things to get ready for college. He had an academic plan, started a warehouse job and eventually wanted to make it to law school.

Now, the third-year IUPUI student is looking at a 2023 graduation because of delays getting into the School of Social Work and confusion about class requirements. Horton has continued working full-time warehouse jobs — he just started his most recent one in Brownsburg — but the debt keeps piling up.

By the time he graduates, Horton, who's from South Bend, estimates he'll have up to \$35,000 in student loan debt.

Horton is one of about 45 million people with student loan debt. Americans hold \$1.7 trillion in debt, according to Student Debt Crisis, a nonprofit that works with borrowers and advocates for policy changes.

Relief may be on the way, though, as President-elect Joe Biden has said he supports at least some student loan debt forgiveness.

Biden supports immediate action to forgive \$10,000 of debt as part of an economic stimulus package, though Sens. Chuck Schumer and Elizabeth Warren have said he should do \$50,000.

Biden also supports forgiveness through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, which helps those who work for public schools, the military and other qualifying jobs.

The details of what debt forgiveness would look like aren't clear, although it appears likely that any debt forgiveness plan from Biden's administration would be means-tested, meaning some people inevitably will miss out on relief.

Plus, it's not clear if Biden would rely on Congress — where a Republican-controlled Senate would be a likely roadblock — or if he would take executive action.

What's clear is student loan debt forgiveness, whether partial or full, would be a big relief for millions of people.

"Every little bit counts," Horton said.

For some, the prospect of a mass student loan

debt forgiveness program reeks of a government handout to educated white people. After all, white people hold a majority of student loan debt, according to EducationData.org, which collects data about the U.S. education system, because white people are more likely to be in a position to go to college and take on that debt in the first place.

The details of student loan debt get more complicated with a closer look. EducationData.org also reports Black and African American college graduates owe an average of about \$25,000 more in student loans than white college graduates.

In Marion County, the Urban Institute estimates nearly a quarter of student loan holders in "communities of color" are in default, compared to 14% for white people. Nationally, those numbers are 17% and 11%, respectively. The data does not include specific race categories.

Imhotep Adisa, co-founder and executive director of Kheprw Institute, said everything in the United States is impacted by racial inequity — from student loan debt to mortgages.

"It just makes good sense," he said of forgiving student loan debt, "regardless of the unfortunate realities of race and gender and even class. All that being equal, it just makes sense to just wipe it off. Forgive everybody."

Adisa's son, Diop Adisa, has paid back most of his roughly \$30,000 in student loan debt since graduating from IUPUI in 2011 but said it would be selfish to think just because he's been paying means everyone else should have to, too.

Education should be free, Adisa said, because access to knowledge shouldn't come with barriers. Biden has supported making public colleges and universities tuition-free for families with incomes below \$125,000 a year, still short of a universal program and making it likely that at some point in the future, people will again have to beg their politicians for debt forgiveness.

"If we can't separate education from capitalism, we will be right back at this crossroads," Adisa said.

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At the bottom of those signs was something less expected: “PARTY for SOCIALISM and LIBERATION” along with Indy10 Black Lives Matter’s name.

The Party for Socialism and Liberation, or the PSL, was a mainstay at protests through the summer and into the fall when a special prosecutor announced there would be no charges filed against the officer who shot and killed 21-year-old Dreasjon Reed in May. The PSL’s members have red shirts and hats and bring big banners with one person on each side to prop it up.

“We’re trying to build movements,” said Chris Dilworth, who joined the party this summer.

Dilworth, an attorney, felt like he had no choice as a Black man but to get involved with protests. It’s fine to sit in your room and read about the world’s afflictions, he said, but at some point you have to take real action.

Dilworth started looking for local groups online and found the PSL, which he said is in line with his politics.

Joining the party isn’t as simple as signing your name to a piece of paper. There’s an online application, followed by a conversation with a party representative, and then there are classes to learn about everything from what the group does to political theory. Anyone carrying the label of socialist has to be ready for challenges.

“We need our people to be sharp and to understand and be professionals at this,” Dilworth said.

The PSL is a national political party founded in 2004, which, according to its website, says humanity faces two

options: “an increasingly destructive capitalism, or socialism.” The party has run a presidential candidate in every election since 2008.

The local PSL chapter doesn’t have much of a hierarchy — no president, vice president, etc. — but there is a steering committee.

Timi Aderinwale, a member of the four-person steering committee, joined in 2018 after they found the party’s Facebook page.

Aderinwale, a 20-year-old Ivy Tech student, said there was a good amount of interest in the party at protests. Plus, members routinely distribute the party’s newspaper, Liberation, and other literature.

“Communism is an idea a lot of people identify with unknowingly,” they said. “We can show them a better way.”

According to Gallup, 47% of Americans in 2019 agreed government should “do more to solve problems” (up 11 points from 2010), and 39% had a positive view of socialism (up 3 points from 2010).

Derek Ford, a longtime PSL member, said he sees hope in the young, poor and others most heavily oppressed in a capitalist system. Ford started a party branch in Baltimore in 2007 and has been in Indianapolis since the local branch formed in the summer of 2017.

There are American myths — being a bastion of democracy and freedom, for example — that have fallen apart with events such as the Great Recession and never-ending wars, Ford said, and more people are starting to recognize that, which is a start.

“It’s not enough to believe that it’s wrong,” he said. “You have to believe that an alternative is possible.”

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Indiana Department of Workforce Development Commissioner Fred Payne talks with State Rep. Robin Shackelford. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

workers are disproportionately women and Latinx or Black, like Parker.

“I think the COVID pandemic ... got us particularly interested in knowing who was going to be most at-risk, who was in these frontline or essential jobs where the economy can’t run without them,” he said.

Fremstad said more than a third of workers in many frontline industries live in low-income families. And the Economic Policy Institute reports that in the first quarter of 2020, Black workers had the highest unemployment rate nationally — 6.3% — putting them at a disadvantage even before the pandemic.

Historically, high-risk, face-to-face jobs such as housekeeping, transit and fast food have high turnover rates, poor pay and fewer benefits, with higher copayments, Fremstad says. Policy changes like increasing the minimum wage and allowing for unions can help, he adds, but so can career training programs.

Lara Pastore, assistant supervisor with Washington Township Adult Education, said the pandemic has hit Hoosiers without a high school diploma the hardest. “For someone who needs that high school credential or a short-term work certification, we’re talking about a matter of weeks or months that can make life-altering improvements to their situation,” she says.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development reports more than 84,000 Marion County residents between 18 and 64 lack a high school diploma or equivalency.

“It should remind us more than ever that we depend on a diverse, working class, people typically without four-year bachelor’s degrees, but who are working, doing the kind of work that we all depend on,” Fremstad said.

More Hoosier institutions are taking note.

This month, Indiana’s only predominantly Black higher education institution, Martin University, and Ivy Tech Community Colleges partnered

to create more career development for Black and Hispanic students. They’re emphasizing short-term certifications and jobs in teaching, cybersecurity and technology to move workers into high-wage, in-demand careers.

The partnership also focuses on increasing the number of teachers of color by offering Ivy Tech students guaranteed admission into Martin’s School of Education.

“If high tides are really going to rise all ships, we have to do that with economic empowerment,” said Indianapolis Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement David Hampton. “Certainly, employment leads to economic empowerment.”

He said the partnership aims to boost racial equality and inclusion statewide, which dovetails with Gov. Eric Holcomb’s goal for a more diverse and technology-based workforce.

Pastore said a partnership with Community Health is on the horizon, training certified medical assistants to serve the increased need in the pandemic. As burnout and fatigue hit the health care industry, she said high-school equipped students can fill employment gaps with certifications that average three months.

“From the employer standpoint, they are desperate for people to walk in the door with the skills,” she said.

Parker hopes to be one of them.

She passed the last portion of her GED in October and was able to enroll in the pharmacy tech program. That puts her on a path for a job that could pay more than \$49,000, according to federal data.

Parker can’t wait to be on the front line serving others.

“I am looking forward to a whole new world,” she says. “This program offered me hope.”

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‘An overflow of abundance’: THE IMPACT OF ORGAN DONATION

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Faith McKinney was 33 when she received a cornea transplant. Born with a hereditary eye disorder, keratoconus, McKinney’s vision in her left eye was completely blurry. After receiving what she called “a second chance of life” after the family of a young boy opted to donate his organs, McKinney knew she wanted to give back in the same way.

“I couldn’t imagine the anguish they would go through to say yes [to organ donation],” McKinney said. “I didn’t think that I would do it in that position, at that time. I thought those people had to be rich, as in having an overflow of abundance because they were willing to do that, and for me, it opened my eyes that that was an abundance I would love to have.”

After learning her cousin’s husband, Steve, needed a kidney just over a decade later, McKinney knew this was the opportunity to give back she’d been searching for.

While McKinney’s story — being both a tissue recipient and a living organ donor — is rare, the Indiana Donor Network said it is on track to meet its annual donation goal thanks to the generosity of Hoosiers. Steve Johnson, chief operating officer of the Indiana Donor Network, said 818 Hoosiers have received life-saving organ transplants this year.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic — dying from the virus makes one ineligible to donate — the numbers increase annually, up 50% this year from 2017. Moreover, Johnson said, Indiana broke a record this year for registering donors. This is the first year the state has had more than 4 million people registered, making Indiana one of the best in the nation for organ donor status.

“The goal is to just save more lives every single year,” Johnson said. “One life is someone’s mother, father, grandfather, and that’s what I always tell the team. Every single person we’re able to transplant is another life saved.”

Johnson cites education and marketing campaigns — including a partnership between Indiana Donor Network and the Indianapolis Colts — for the



Faith McKinney is both a tissue recipient and a living organ donor. (Photo/Indiana Donor Network)

increase in donors. However, he also credits stories such as McKinney’s for changing the rhetoric surrounding organ donations.

Despite agreeing to be a donor when she got her license, McKinney never really thought about what it meant to be a donor. When she knew she wanted to donate her kidney, however, she said the gravity of the situation became real to her, and her parents tried to talk her out of it.

“My parents did not want me to donate,” McKinney said. “They were concerned because I have a daughter with special needs and worried what would happen if my daughter ever needed a kidney. I knew this was something that I felt strongly about, and it was something that I couldn’t explain in a way they would understand. It was something I needed to do.”

McKinney reflected on the family of the young boy who donated a cornea when she needed one and thought

about what motivated her to donate her kidney to a family member. She said she felt in her heart that, should her children need a transplant in the future, someone would step up and donate.

The donation process was exhaustive. She went through months of physical exams, blood tests and worked to help her family understand why she was opting to donate. She often tells people thinking about becoming a living organ donor that she learned a lot about herself in the process.

“One thing I learned is what it really meant to be committed,” McKinney said. “What it means to see something through from start to finish that wasn’t easy. You learn what it means to follow through and do something that most people wouldn’t normally do.”

While Steve died a few years later following a heart attack, McKinney said the donation allowed him to

spend years with his family, free from dialysis.

To Johnson, that’s the beautiful — and “sacred” — thing about organ donation: It gives someone a second chance at life. While the Indiana Donor Network doesn’t have a numerical goal for annual transplants, he said saving a single life has a monumental impact on a family and community.

Nearly 10 years after she donated her kidney, McKinney continues to spread the word about organ donation and the impact it has not just on the recipient, but the donor, as well.

“I wanted to do it for me,” McKinney said. “I’ve always known, before I died, that I wanted to make a difference in somebody’s life, and I knew [organ donation] is what I wanted to do.”

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Don’t let the holidays throw your healthy habits off

We all like to indulge in delicious, unhealthy foods sometimes, but it seems when the holidays come around, our urge increases.

The holidays are often filled with celebrations that center on food. Don’t let the festive season throw your health off track. Keep these tips in mind to help you get through the holidays without the weight gain:

Don’t skip meals. “You may think that if you skip a meal, you can save the calories to eat more sweets. But that can actually backfire,” explains Dr. Jennifer Meece, Medical Director, Indiana Medicaid, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. “Skipping a meal can make you hungrier, causing you to overeat.”

Choose healthy snacks. Raw vegetables (like celery or carrots), fruit, yogurt, cheese, and nuts are excellent choices. They help you feel full and prevent you from overloading your plate.

Drink plenty of calorie-free beverages. Water and tea are healthy and can fill you up, keeping the urge to overeat down.

Substitute with low-fat ingredients. Mashed potatoes are just as tasty when made with skim milk, rather than half-and-half. There are also more sugar-free sweeteners available for baking.

Cook more at home. Make more time for cooking at home by spending a little time on the weekend prepping meals for the week. Dr. Meece explains, “Having home-cooked food ready to go helps you

avoid fast food and provides built-in portion control.” If you plan on going to a potluck, think about bringing a green salad rather than mac and cheese to provide a healthy choice. Also, don’t be tempted to eat more than you’re used to just because it’s the holidays.

Focus on family and friends, not the food. “If we fill up on balanced meals, only eat when we’re hungry, stop when we’re full, and make sure we’re staying active, we can enjoy holiday meals and treats with little to no guilt, and stay healthy,” concludes Dr. Meece. “The real message of the holidays is spending time with the people you care about, not indulging on food.”

Allow yourself a small treat. Split dessert with a friend. Better yet, make sure you balance out the holiday treats with holiday activities. Per hour, shoveling snow burns the calories of a small slice of pecan pie, building a snowman equals a serving of mashed potatoes and gravy, and going for a brisk walk can amount to a slice of pizza.

So as the holidays approach, just remember, you can enjoy yourself and indulge from time to time as long as you stay balanced. Enjoy healthy foods, activities, and the most important thing — plenty of friends and family.

Contributed by Dr. Jennifer Meece, Medical Director, Indiana Medicaid, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.



Keep the
holidays healthy!
Eat well and still enjoy the season.

Holidays are focused on good times with family and friends. Unfortunately, we tend to overeat and gain a few pounds during this time. To stay healthy, try to eat right, find time to exercise and follow these tips during the holidays:

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- Eat healthy snacks.
- Drink water and other calorie-free drinks.
- Eat smaller portions of food.



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‘MA RAINEY’S BLACK BOTTOM’

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Who’s the Mother of the Blues? Better say Ma Rainey!

1927. It’s a steamy Chicago summer, just like the rest. Hot. Humid. Even the streets are sweating. Ma (Viola Davis) comes up from Georgia to Chi-town to make an album. Her quartet arrives before she does, practicing in a cramped recording studio rehearsal room.

Cutler (Colman Domingo, “If Beale Street Could Talk”), the so-called bandleader, plays the trombone. Toledo (Glynn Turman, “How to Get Away with Murder”) tickles the ivories on the piano. Slow Drag (Michael Potts, “The Wire”) gives the band its rhythm with his upright bass. The over-ambitious Levee (Chadwick Boseman, “Black Panther”) blows his trumpet. The rest of Ma’s entourage includes her coquettish much younger lady friend Dussie Mae (Taylour Paige, “Zola”) while her 17-year-old nephew Sylvester (Dusan Brown, “42”) drives her fancy car.

Cutler tries to wrangle the musicians, but Levee resists and wants to arrange some songs, his new way. The older and younger band members quarrel, arguing about the slightest things:

Cutler, “I don’t criticize other people’s music.” Levee responding with pure insolence: “I do. I got talent.”

Things aren’t going much better in the studio office. Irvin (Jeremy Shamos, “Birdman”), Ma’s tactful manager, tries to appease everyone while they wait for Ma, who is really late and holding up the session. Sturdyvant (Jonny Coyne,

“The Blacklist”), the impatient producer, is concerned about the cost of studio time. As businesslike and determined as the two men may be, they know not to upset their prickly recording star. She’s a hard woman. Irvin to Ms. Rainey upon her arrival: “We’ll be ready to go in 15 minutes.” Ma, staring him down: “We’ll be ready to go when madame says



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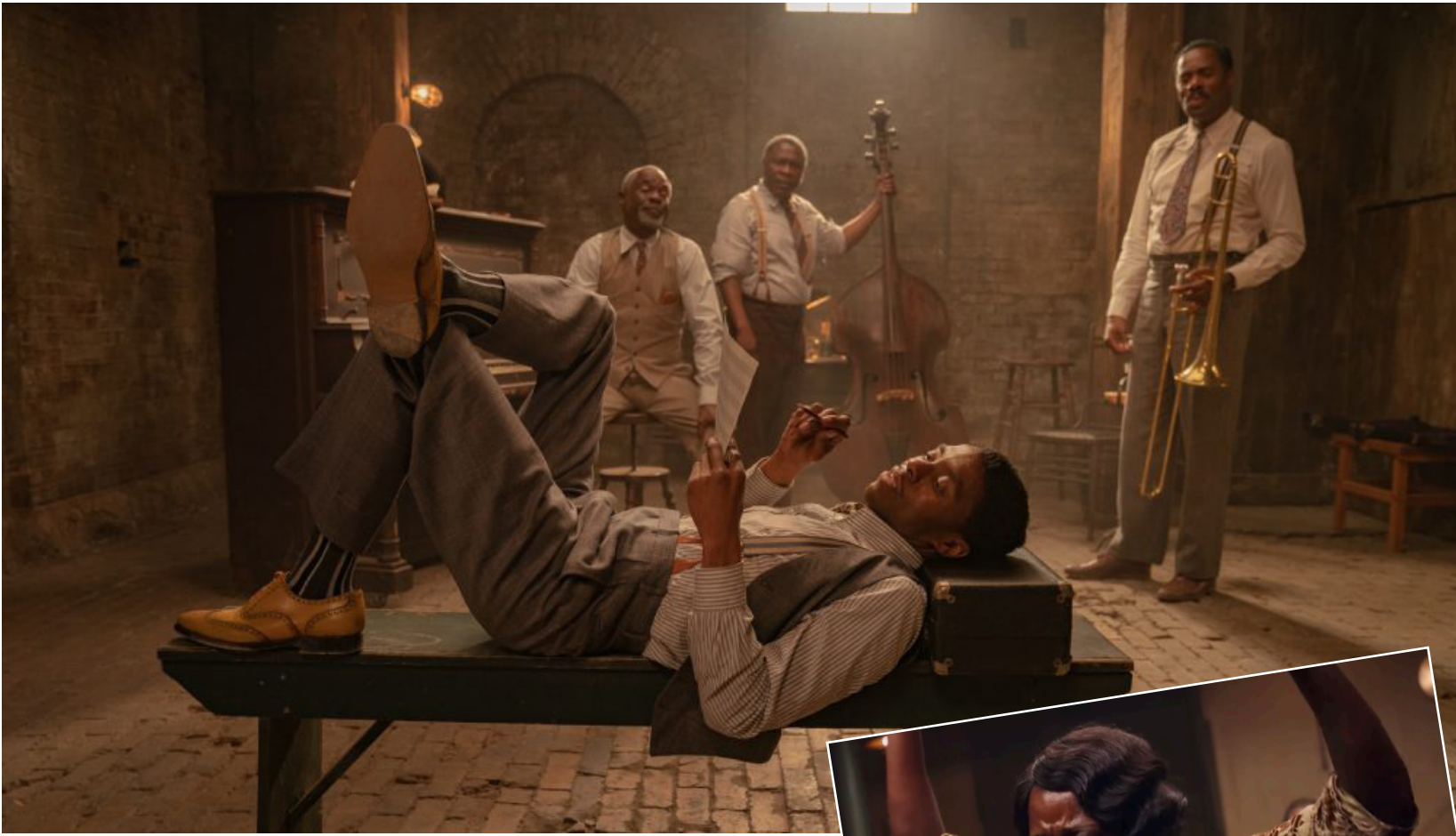
it’s ready to go.”

Angst, anger and rivalries intensify in the rehearsal room and recording studio, too. Adding to the drama, Levee can’t stop flirting with Dussie and if Ma finds out, wow! Couple the trumpeter’s arrogance with Ma’s stank attitude and easily someone may not survive the session. Will the album ever get recorded? If so, who will be its artistic director? The last one standing.

Playwright August Wilson was a master of relationships, contentiousness, frayed emotions and subplots on top of subplots. He deftly created rich characters who carried heaps of emotional baggage. Their thoughts were often disseminated in piqued dialogue, fervent interactions and outbursts brought on by personal strife or racism. The kinds of themes surrounding Black life that were also shown in the other nine plays in Wilson’s “American Century Cycle” series.

Equally telling of the times is the battle of wills between the self-confident Ma Rainey and her white manager and producer. It isn’t just about the tension inside; it was also about the racial friction out in the world. Blacks were being mistreated, sometimes massacred in 1920s Chicago. As the producers try to steer Ma — baiting her with the accomplishments of her former protégé, Bessie Smith — she puts them in their place. What she wants goes down — the easy way or the hard way.

Wilson takes the essence of the self-empowered Ma Rainey, a real blues legend, surrounds



her with fictional people and weaves a tale like a consummate storyteller. Actor (TV’s “Billions”) and writer (“Lackawanna Blues”) Ruben Santiago-Hudson adapts Wilson’s 1982 play and it’s hard to distinguish what is new and old, even if you saw the original Broadway show. The premise, characters and some settings are the same. If there are tweaks in the dialogue none will be obvious, even to the most discerning theater fan.

It’s the job of the screenwriter and film director George C. Wolfe (“Lackawanna Blues”) to make the source material cinematic. Not an easy task, but doable. Though there may be more sets and locations in this film version, many scenes are still stagey and dialogue heavy. “Dangerous Liaisons,” “Amadeus” and Baz Luhrmann’s “Romeo & Juliet” took the big

leaps from play to film, using the moving image medium to its best. Films like “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Wolf” and “Glengarry Glenn Ross” didn’t, but were excellent anyway. “Ma” ... goes in that latter category.

Also, the original play featured singing, though it is not a traditional musical. Here, there are times when Davis appears to be lip-syncing, apparently to Maxayn Lewis’ vocal tracks. Then there are instances when she sings with her own voice. Post 2012’s “Les Misérables” and its authentic live recordings, all of Davis’ vocals should have been live. The band can get away with playing to a track, her Ma cannot — it’s distracting.

The camaraderie between the characters and actors seems effortless. They have the congeniality of a surrogate family. Also, conversely,

the hostility and jealousy befitting a real warring clan. All that makes Levee’s acting out and threats particularly scary and dangerous.

Colman Domingo, Glynn Turman and Michael Potts are the glue, playing older guys set in their ways, acting civil and demanding respect in return. Boseman’s Levee is the unrestrained interloper exploiting opportunities, dismantling tradition and striking back at the world that hurt him. Boseman, with the agility of an extremely accomplished artist, acts both venomously ferocious and horrifically pained with equal conviction: “God ain’t never listened to a n---er’s prayers.”

Ma’s strength, as depicted by Viola Davis, is her keen ability to dominate. Her Rainey is belligerent, fiery and ex-

plosive. As an unapologetic lesbian who owns her artistry and self-worth, she overpowers everyone. Getting in the face of a disrespectful cop, hammering Irvin and chugging a bottle of Coke like a longshoreman are indelible images.

The footage is a gorgeous spectacle: The color spectrum (golds, beiges, olives, purples) flatters brown skin. Natty costumes by Ann Roth (“The English Patient”) and vibrant production design by Mark Ricker (“Trumbo”) add verve. Exterior shots glisten through the lens of cinematographer Tobias Schliessler (“Dream-

girls”). The film flies by in 94 minutes thanks to Andrew Mondshein’s (“The Sixth Sense”) astute editing.

Looking for a happy go lucky film? This isn’t it. Hate the overuse of the “N” word? Beware. Otherwise, fans of adult dramas will be amazed even flabbergasted. In part due to August Wilson’s astute observations on the human condition and race in America. In part because Boseman and Davis deliver performances so incendiary that if they’d done them on stage they would have burnt the house down.

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EDITORIAL

Continual loop of state-sanctioned murder of Black people

By OSEYE BOYD



If you’ve ever watched the movie “Groundhog Day,” you know the storyline is based on reliving the same day over and over. That’s often how I feel Black people live in this country, but it’s a tragedy — not a comedy. No matter how many times we try to change the narrative with police and Black people, the story remains the same.

I like to think of myself as a pragmatic optimist. I call it as it is — not how I want it to be — but I also remain hopeful for improvement. This week I have my doubts, though. This is one of those times where I feel nothing will change for us, and I’m tired.

I recently opened the news app on my phone to read yet another story about a police-action killing of a Black man. This time it happened in Columbus, Ohio. This time 23-year-old Casey Goodson was shot as he entered his home by a 17-year veteran of the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department. His keys were in the door. His body fell into his kitchen. The Subway sandwich laid on the floor next to him.

Goodson wasn’t the person the sheriff officer was

looking for. Goodson doesn’t have a criminal background, wasn’t the target of any investigation, nor was he suspected of committing any crimes. Goodson was legally licensed to carry a concealed weapon and he was armed at the time. I bring up the weapon because the sheriff officer who killed Goodson said he saw a man with a gun, went to investigate and words were exchanged before the shooting. No witnesses. No body camera footage.

It doesn’t matter if it’s legal, a Black man with a gun is often a suspect in America. Police in Beavercreek, Ohio, killed John Crawford III for carrying a BB gun in Walmart after Ronald Ritchie called 911 and reported Crawford pointed the gun at people. Ritchie later recanted that part of his statement, and he’s also stated he has no regrets or feels any responsibility for Crawford’s death.

Now, juxtapose these incidents with the way Kyle Rittenhouse has been treated. A 17-year-old white boy who was able to walk past police with a rifle after shooting three people, killing two of them. Rittenhouse and his supporters continue to call his actions self-defense. Rittenhouse, a minor, wasn’t legally allowed to carry the AR-15 he had in Wisconsin or his home state of Illinois. But that doesn’t matter to gun advocates who have justified the shooting and

publicly supported him. Will these advocates support Goodson with the same vigor? Looking at the past, it’s highly unlikely. Where is the NRA when you need them? When it comes to a Black man exercising his Second Amendment right vs. the police, the NRA is silent.

A few days before I read about Goodson, I watched a video of two white men physically assaulting a police officer, who also was white. Neither of the men were killed. I’m never surprised when I see this, but the latitude white people are given never ceases to amaze me. I think about how many Black people would still be alive if we were treated the same.

Of course, the incident will be “investigated” to determine if the shooting was justified. The way the policies are set up it’s likely the officer didn’t violate any. This is why the conversation has moved from “police reform” to “defund the police.” Reform has changed little. It’s time to make some drastic changes to policing in this country. It will require more than piecemeal change. It will require outside-the-box thinking to create a system of equity. It’s time to stop repeating this tragic loop of police killing African Americans for far less than what white people get away with.

OPINIONS

Do you really want this job?

By LARRY SMITH



The good news is that Joe Biden defeated Donald Trump to become the 46th president of the United States. The bad news is that, even as he celebrates, Biden is already battling a highly fractured (and fractious) Democratic Party. In short, he’ll have to avoid being in the crosshairs of a circular firing squad of his ostensible allies. (“Friendly fire,” which is one of the worst euphemisms ever conceived, is nevertheless an appropriate analogy for what Biden faces.) At the same time, he’ll have to dodge proverbial projectiles — ranging from sniper fire to grenades — courtesy of his political opponents in the Republican Party. (Undoubtedly, they’ll plant a few landmines for good measure.)

More than any president in recent memory, Joe Biden will be in the very unenviable position of trying to deftly navigate a battlefield in which the distinction between “friend” and “foe” will sometimes be quite fluid. Many Democrats and Republicans consider

Biden to be the worst of apostates — a dedicated political centrist who is willing to compromise with extremists on the left and right. Such is the reality of the post-Obama and post-Trump era — an era in which uncompromising polarization is often the only “qualification” for being elected or appointed to office.

The current state of affairs has been decades in the making. Every president since Bill Clinton has come to power largely as a repudiation of his immediate predecessor, while concurrently fighting a civil war in his own party. For example, Clinton had to balance the hopes (and fears) of progressive Gen Xers with those of right-of-center Democrats. Still, he benefitted from Republicans who felt betrayed by George H. W. Bush — a man who was more committed to doing what he felt was right for the nation as opposed to mindlessly adhering to an irresponsible fiscal policy. In turn, George W. Bush moseyed into the White House largely because Republicans were not only disgusted by Clinton’s behavior, but also felt that they had unfairly jettisoned the elder Bush. Yet, he had to constantly fight a conservative base

who endlessly pushed him to the right.

More recently, Barack Obama benefitted from the fact that some Americans were tired of political dynasties (and, as a result, rejected Hillary Clinton), as well as the fact that other Americans felt that Republicans (especially George W. Bush) were largely responsible for the Great Recession. Yet, near the end of his term, there were rumblings among Democrats that he was a poseur who failed to deliver on all manner of progressive priorities. (Today, he is pilloried by those on the far left, some of whom have leveled astounding personal attacks.)

Then, as Van Jones so appropriately stated, a “whitelash” ushered in the Trump presidency. In other words, the 45th president’s rise was fueled in large measure (though not exclusively) by white Americans who simply could not get over the fact that a Black man occupied the White House. Ironically, however, Trump has never had to fight his very conservative base in the way that the Bushes did; their loyalty has remained unwavering even as he adopted some decidedly liberal policies (e.g., regarding firearms).

Finally, Joe Biden will take the helm

at a time in which tens of millions of Americans believe that our collective ship is taking too much water — but who won’t agree on the size, shape or color of the buckets that he’ll need to bail it out. Rank partisanship and unforgiving internal polarization are a toxic brew.

It’s important to know this context to understand how daunting a task Joe Biden faces. America is a de facto two-party state, despite the fact that most of us hold beliefs that don’t fit neatly into either major party. Still, tradition, convenience, practicality and (sometimes) irrationality cause most of us to hitch our wagons to one or the other. Those who are chosen to govern are constantly reminded that “the people who sent them there” are always watching. I don’t feel “sorry” for the president-elect. But I am concerned that many people in the Democratic Party (and the surrogates with it is yoked) won’t allow him and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris the time and space that they need to fix what’s broken.

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The importance of Kwanzaa

BY NICHELLE M. HAYES



December 2020 has finally arrived. This has been a long, challenging and historic year.

Personally, I’ve experienced some incredible highs and corresponding lows. Traditionally, for me December is a time when I begin reflecting on the past year in addition to making plans for the coming year. I also start my end-of-the-year preparations for both Christmas and Kwanzaa. I have celebrated Kwanzaa for many years. For the last three years, I have participated in the Indianapolis Kwanzaa Committee’s Umoja Celebration. Umoja night has been held at the Center for Black Literature and Culture, downtown at the Central Library, for the last few years. The Indianapolis Kwanzaa Committee began around 1979 with several families, the MwaAfrika family, the Kudo family and the Jywanza family.

Last week I spoke with one of the original members of the Indianapolis Kwanzaa Committee, Queen Mother Mashariki Jywanza. Mama Jywanza shared with me that the first informal community celebration here in Indianapolis occurred in 1972. At the time she was a student at IUPUI and was also involved with the Black Student Movement. One of her friends Mama Ndanu Koudou had celebrated Kwanzaa prior to 1972 as well as the legendary

author Ms. Mari Evans. She and a few others heard about Kwanzaa and thought that it was needed. Mama Jywanza visited California and encountered the US Organization that was headed by Maulana Karenga at the time. She said, “We had Kwanzaa for seven days. We used IUPUI’s Cavanaugh Hall (which was fairly new at the time). We tried to involve other students. There were probably 30-40 people each night. I made a commitment to continue to practice Kwanzaa.” I asked why Kwanzaa resonated with her so strongly. She said, “It represented culture and identity. I liked what it represented.”

My current celebration of Kwanzaa focuses more on the community aspect, at least the first night, Umoja (Unity). Some years I go all out and light the candles of the Kinara each day. Other years I just reflect quietly on each day’s principle. Each day of Kwanzaa focuses on a different principle. All of the principles encompass the Nguzo Saba, which means the Seven Principles in Swahili. The Nguzo Saba is something I strive for each day, not just in Decem-

ber. Unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, faith. Kwanzaa runs from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

Kwanzaa is an amazing opportunity for the community at large to come together for a joyous event. If we could extend the focus of the Seven Principles beyond the seven days to year-round, it could have an incredibly powerful impact on our community. This year will be different so that we can enjoy the celebration yet remain safe. Each night will be broadcast on the Indianapolis Kwanzaa Committee’s Facebook page. As we move into 2021 we need more cooperation and faith as well as focus on our purpose and how that impacts all of us.

Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year!

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Charges filed in murder of Chris Beaty

By STAFF

Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced Dec. 3 that Marcus Anderson has been charged for his alleged role in the murder of Chris Beaty that occurred May 30 in downtown Indianapolis.

The prosecutor's office said in a statement Anderson, 23, also faces charges related to three robberies that occurred in the area near 400 N. Talbott St. and Vermont Street and that Beaty was shot and killed as he walked through the alley near his apartment building immediately after a robbery had occurred.

The charges against Anderson are murder, felony murder, robbery and pointing a firearm. A charge is an accusation, and defendants are assumed innocent until proven guilty.

Beaty was killed amid the chaos downtown during protests following the police shootings of Dreaseon Reed, George Floyd and others.



Chris Beaty

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experience an opportunity to enter the tech space. Eleven Fifty is a non-profit immersive learning academy with programs in web development, software development, cybersecurity and UX/UI. Their mission of impacting the lives of a million students this decade, by providing relevant coding skills for the most in-demand jobs in today's tech ecosystem, is in alignment with the project initiatives.

While community engagement between industry and education is on the rise, these efforts are more challenging in underserved areas. The 46218 ZIP code is one of the zones that needs intentional efforts to help lift its population. By exposing Rooted students to the Eleven Fifty Academy model, students will be prepared to maximize their opportunities as they enter the tech industry. Rooted initiated its first class this year, with a capacity of 400 students as they add a grade each year. Its inaugural freshman class is successfully wrapping up their first semester.

"The mission of Rooted is to provide our students with personal pathways to financial freedom. Tech is not an afterthought at Rooted, it is the main focus and our students are immersed in it daily as we prepare them for the digital economy," said Rooted School founder and CEO Ma'at Lands. "This partnership will positively impact our students by engaging industry professionals and preparing them to excel in tech after graduation, to continue their education in college, or Eleven Fifty

Academy, or wherever they opt to go."

As many readers know, the Indianapolis Recorder is the fourth oldest African American newspaper in the United States. The paper is located in the heart of the 46218 ZIP code. "For 125 years, the Indianapolis Recorder has been a champion of creating educational opportunities for African American students in Indianapolis," said Robert Shegog, president and CEO of the Indianapolis Recorder. "This partnership addresses the 'skills gap' and will develop the talent required for new collar jobs in our community."

These deliberate efforts to engage underserved youth with technology are similar to how sports created a funnel for recruitment. The engagement strategy starts at the top and the reaches all the way to early stage developmental levels. The partnership between these organizations enables the tech Industry to have "skin in the game" in this vital, transformational developmental process.

"There is nothing more powerful than someone realizing their potential," said Scott Jones, president and founder of Eleven Fifty Academy. "At Eleven Fifty Academy, we transform lives and are committed to creating a tech talent funnel for growing technology companies. Providing mentorship and role models is critically important, especially in underrepresented populations."

The group anticipates, and welcomes, many more partners to join the effort as they gather momentum to make a difference.

ARCHIVE

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Rev. Dr. Tommy Brown has always been a strong advocate for learning and decided to found a charter school.

He naturally named the school after his late father, Rev. Andrew J. Brown, to leave a legacy of him and others who fought tirelessly for all who sought an equal chance at an education.

"Education was priority for my father," said Brown. "I can recognize that because he stayed on me!"

Academics and integrity

Drive along North German Church Road and you'll find the Andrew J. Brown Academy, 3600 German Church Road. At this oasis of learning, you'll also find students who are afforded a distinct approach to education.

The school is managed by National Heritage Academics and was founded on academic excellence, moral focus, parental partnership and student responsibility.

The school's approach to learning is simple.

"We're a back-to-basics school with an emphasis on moral focus," said Thelma Wyatt, principal of the Andrew J. Brown Academy. "We believe that if a student gets a good foundation, once they finish high school, they will be college-bound."

In addition to their studies, Wyatt and her staff teach the K-8 students moral values and self direction. In order to ensure success in academics and satisfactory behavior, teachers undergo regular training and development.

The academy has made considerable strides in its eight years of

existence, but much if it is due to supportive and involved parents and extremely dedicated teachers who go beyond the blackboard.

"It's important to educate the whole child. Unfortunately, you can't teach a hungry child math. If their clothing isn't right, that may be the difference in a child raising their hand to ask a question," said counselor Christine Pounds. "We make sure our students get what they need."

A community of care

Academics are the basis of any school, but Wyatt believes kids should be well rounded and socially developed.

By educating the head and the heart, students are provided opportunities that enrich their lives.

Students have participated in the Black History Bowl, played in a charter league basketball program, attended a free summer camp and participated in YMCA programs among other activities.

Students also get a healthy dose of receiving and giving. This year, they participated in Pennies for Patients, collected teddy bears for Riley and teamed up with Two Men and a Truck to collect goods for families that live in shelters.

"When you can teach your kids that early on, it makes them better people," said Wyatt. "They realize that 'even if I don't have much, I can still help my fellow man.'"

At Andrew J. Brown Academy, it's all about kids getting a good footing in academics and leading life with virtue.

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During a Dec. 9 press conference about Liam's care, Elijah Mills claimed he never abused his son. COVID-19 caused courts to shut down and postpone trials, delaying Mills' trial on a charge of felony battery until February 2021.

Roughly three weeks ago, Liam developed pneumonia and was put on life support. Because of the no-contact order, Elijah Mills had no say on his son's treatment. Instead, he said, the foster family made the decision to end life support.

"These were people that have only known him for a little under a year," Marcelle Mills, Elijah's father, said. "When Liam was in the hospital [in January] I never seen a foster parent, never seen the [biological] mom, but my wife and I would go up after work almost every single day. ... What perplexes me is that I lose my right as a grandparent because you haven't sent my son to court to prove himself innocent in front of a jury of his peers."

While DCS can't provide details about this case specifically, policy states the juvenile court, using recommendations from physicians, makes decisions on end-of-life care or removing life support for children under state care.

While Elijah Mills awaits trial, his family and business owner Antonio Lipscomb hope Marcelle Mills and his wife to get custody of Liam.

Lipscomb, owner of Minority Contractors Collaboratin, hired Elijah Mills after his release from jail. Lipscomb said he knows Mills' heart and hopes the father can reconnect with his son.

"When his son was hospitalized, Elijah was the one to make sure his son could get the medical care he needed, only to have the media

and doctors and others begin to put a case against this young man and lock him up," Lipscomb said. "There has not been one moment that Elijah has asked about how to get help for himself, just to try and get help for his son."

Both Marcelle Mills and Elijah Mills believe taking Liam off life support was a way to add new charges to Elijah's case.

Currently, both he and his girlfriend, Taylor Abrams, face charges of felony battery. Abrams was also charged with failure to report abuse following the incident Nov. 12, 2019, that led to Liam requiring brain surgery. The cutoff to add more charges is Dec. 18.

"That's why we believe all of this is going on," Marcelle Mills said. "Once that date rolls around, they can't change the charges against [Elijah]."

According to court documents, the medical assessment by Riley doctors concluded Liam's injuries were "life-threatening ... and highly suspicious for inflicted/nonaccidental trauma." In addition to brain surgery, Liam also was treated for other injuries including "bone growing over muscle due to trauma and multiple bruises."

In previous interviews with police, Mills said Liam suffered from frequent headaches and collapsed and hit his head a week prior to the incident. Mills said he doesn't know of any diagnosis or explanation as to why this occurred.

According to the family, their only other involvement with DCS occurred when Liam's biological mother signed papers granting Elijah Mills full custody of Liam.

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Four tips going into 2021 open enrollment season

By STEVE SMITHERMAN

The open enrollment period is upon us again, and many have questions about options for health insurance as we approach 2021. Finding the right insurance fit can be challenging with the large number of choices, and many may be looking for other insurance options due to changes caused by COVID-19. CareSource, a nonprofit, multi-state health plan, wants to help individuals and families find and afford a plan. Offering multiple plans across the entire state of Indiana, CareSource provides consumers with the best health insurance coverage and premium at the most reasonable price. President of the Indiana Market of CareSource, Steve Smitherman, has a few tips for consumers who are enrolling in marketplace this year or looking to adjust their benefits.



1. Open Enrollment is a Short Window of Time

This year, open enrollment spans from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. While this short window means consumers need to act quickly, they should also make an informed decision. Consumers should understand their options ahead of the open enrollment period, so they are ready to enroll once the window opens. Prior to making a decision, consumers should research premiums, benefits included in plans, changes within the government, included health care networks and other factors that inform their decision.



2. Know What is Included in Your Health Insurance and Avoid Short-Term Plans

If you are looking at a new plan, you may want to keep your primary care physician or current health care network. When looking at health insurance options, you should look for details like included health care networks to know what is included in your plan. CareSource offers one of the strongest health insurance plans in terms of the number of health networks included in coverage. Many have started to use short-term plans due to changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. While short-term plans may fit individuals' needs, consumers should be aware short-term plans do not typically include coverage for preexisting conditions, maternity services and pharmaceuticals like long-term plans often do.



3. CareSource will Continue Providing Coverage Regardless of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Changes

This year has brought the possibility that the Affordable Care Act could be revoked. Consumers should continue to be aware of the status of the ACA and monitor what changes may occur if the ACA is revoked. When choosing a health insurance plan, consumers should feel confident in their provider. CareSource has been present for over 30 years and has experience in dealing with changes to the ACA, as it's dealt with health care changes through six different administrations.



4. CareSource has the Lowest Premium for Health Insurance in Indiana

CareSource is offering the same plans this year but has widened the gap in pricing. On average, the premium for CareSource is over \$100 cheaper than the next lowest price option. While the price point is the lowest, the coverage provided is significant. CareSource offers a strong network allowing members to keep their current health care network and primary care physician. Other non-ACA-compliant plans do not offer coverage to the extent that CareSource does.

Education in health insurance options can ensure consumers choose the right option for their needs. With potential changes to the ACA and a year full of change due to COVID-19, consumers should be prepared for open enrollment. Regardless of changes, CareSource continues to offer significant health insurance options at the lowest price point. For more information on CareSource, visit www.caresource.com.

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National Influenza Vaccination Week Promotes Benefits of the Flu Shot

December 6-12 marks National Influenza Vaccination Week, an annual observance to remind everyone that there's still time to get a seasonal flu shot. Flu activity is still low nationwide, but may increase in the coming weeks or months.

Flu vaccination can prevent flu illness, reduce the severity of flu illness, and protect people at high-risk from flu complications, including children, pregnant women, adults over the age of 65, and others with chronic health conditions such as asthma, heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

A vaccination can reduce the risk of getting sick with flu and possibly being hospitalized or dying from flu.

Receiving the benefits of a flu shot is especially important this season during COVID-19, as vaccinations can help preserve medical resources and reduce the overall burden of respiratory illnesses on our health care system.

It takes about two weeks after flu vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against flu, so get vaccinated now to be protected this flu season.

There are more doses of flu vaccine available this season than ever before. For the 2020-2021 season, manufacturers have already distributed 197.4 million doses of flu vaccine.

Because of the record number of doses produced and distributed, administration is occurring over a longer period. As the final doses of flu vaccine come into market, it's important that those doses are given so that as many people as possible are protected against flu this season.

Everyone should encourage loved ones and those in the community to get a flu vaccine. The more people are vaccinated, the more people protected. There's still time to get a flu shot.

As long as flu viruses are spreading and causing illness, vaccination should continue throughout flu season in order to protect as many people as possible against flu. Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is in place for how to safely administer vaccine doses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Marion County Public Health Department is sharing this message, along with COVID-19 health safety, as part of the "Sleeve Up Indy" campaign.

This 3-step plan by the CDC is designed to lessen the impact of COVID-19 and the flu virus during the same season: Mask Up, Lather Up, Sleeve Up.

While also promoting to the importance of wearing a face covering and washing hands frequently to reduce the spread of flu and COVID-19, the campaign highlights the need for everyone age 6 months and older to get a flu shot.

Reducing the spread of the flu is a top priority during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The protection offered by a flu vaccine declines over time, so a yearly vaccination is needed for the best protection.

Flu vaccines are offered in many doctors' offices and clinics, as well as other locations, including health departments, pharmacies, urgent care clinics, health centers, and travel clinics.

Vaccines may also be offered at a person's school, college health center, or workplace.

To learn more about the flu shots and other immunizations offered by the Marion County Public Health Department, please visit MarionHealth.org/immunize or call 317-221-2122. Flu shots are \$20 for adults and for children age 2-18. Kids under the age of 2 are free.

Christmas Eve will look different, but the message remains the same

By BREANNA COOPER
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During a normal holiday season, Josiah McCruiston would be preparing for Christmas Eve service at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church. A minister since 2018, McCruiston looks forward to the special service every year, particularly the candle lighting ceremony at its conclusion.

But this holiday season — much like the rest of the year — has been far from normal. Since the beginning of the pandemic in March, the church has been meeting virtually. To keep congregants safe, Witherspoon's Christmas Eve service will be streamed online, as well. In place of a room full of congregants holding lit candles, church leaders will have a quiet lighting of an Advent wreath.

"This year will be a different worship experience for Christmas Eve," McCruiston, 27, said.

However different, McCruiston said working in the church, alongside senior pastor Rev. Dr. Winterbourne Harrison-Jones, in the midst of a pandemic has been a blessing in disguise. In an unprecedented holiday season with many families



Josiah McCruiston (far right) performs during a virtual service at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.

apart for Christmas, McCruiston said his church has been answering the call to help those in need, including frontline health care workers from around the country.

"We've been doing daily call sessions and weekly points of interaction with our members," McCruiston said. "The goal has been to make sure that they know that we are here and are thinking about them. It's a blessing to hear our pastor bless us with a word of encouragement."

Ally Johnson, a graduate student at DePaul University, has faced many changes as a result of the coronavirus. Along with the cancellation of her undergraduate graduation from Ball

State University in May, the 23-year-old has dealt with some anxiety as a result of the pandemic.

Like McCruiston, Johnson typically attends a church service on the Sunday before Christmas to hear a sermon on the birth of Christ and watch a children's performance.

Since COVID-19 has forced many churches, including Johnson's home church of My Father's House Church of God in Christ, to offer virtual-only services, Johnson has felt some disconnect from the church.

"I loved that we were able to continue to worship in this virtual environment," Johnson said. "But it didn't really feel the same. Easter

Sunday was me in my room watching service on my phone. Nevertheless, in all of this my relationship to God has grown stronger, I think, because I have needed to lean on him in these times of trouble."

Answering calls and helping congregants through these difficult times, McCruiston understands the need for churches to continue being a refuge for those struggling. He's heard from people worried about their friends and family, and generally, just worried about what the future may bring. For McCruiston, though, the Christmas season is a time to reflect on Scripture and find the silver lining in 2020.

"The gift that God is point-

ing us to this year is that Jesus came to the world during a pandemic to give us hope, peace, love and joy," McCruiston said. "To those who are finding yourself unsure or lost, this is your opportunity to look up and see the star leading you to the manger to find the light. Depression is here, yes, but so is joy and it's for those who seek the child born of man who experiences your depression with you. You aren't alone in this and you don't have to allow the current situation to determine your destination."

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Pope book backs George Floyd protests, blasts virus skeptics

By NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis is supporting demands for racial justice in the wake of the U.S. police killing of George Floyd and is blasting COVID-19 skeptics and media organizations that spread their conspiracies in a new book penned during the Vatican's coronavirus lockdown.

In "Let Us Dream," published Dec. 1, Francis also criticizes populist politicians who whip up rallies in ways reminiscent of the 1930s, and the hypocrisy of "rigid" conservative Catholics who support them. But he also criticizes the forceful downing of historic statues during protests for racial equality this year as a misguided attempt to "purify the past."

The 150-page book was written in collaboration with Francis' English-language biographer, Austen Ivereigh, who said Nov. 30 he hopes a more colloquial English-speaking pope will resonate with English-speaking readers and believers.

At its core, "Let Us Dream" aims to outline Francis' vision of a more economically and environmentally just post-coronavirus world where the poor, the elderly and weak aren't left on the margins and the wealthy aren't consumed only with profits.

But it also offers new personal insights into the 83-year-old Argentine pope and his sense of humor.

At one point, Francis reveals that after he offered in 2012 to retire as archbishop of Buenos Aires when he turned 75, he planned to finally finish the thesis he never completed on the 20th-century German intellectual, Romano Guardini.

"But in March 2013, I was transferred to another diocese," he deadpans. Francis was elected pope, and bishop of Rome, on March 13, 2013.

The publisher said the book was the first written by a pope during a major world crisis and Ivereigh said it was done as a response to the coronavirus and the lockdown. For Francis, the pandemic offers an unprecedented opportunity to imagine and plan for a more socially just world.

At times, it seems he is directing the message squarely at the United States, as Donald Trump's administration winds down four years of "America first" policies that excluded migrants from Muslim countries and diminished U.S. reliance on multilateral diplomacy. Without identifying the U.S. or Trump by name, Francis singles out Christian-majority countries where nationalist-populist leaders seek to defend Christianity from perceived enemies.

"Today, listening to some of the populist leaders we have now, I am reminded of the 1930s, when some democracies collapsed into dictatorships seemingly overnight," Francis wrote. "We see it happening again now in rallies where populist leaders excite and harangue crowds, channeling their resentments and hatred against imagined enemies to distract from the real problems."

People fall prey to such rhetoric out of fear, not true religious conviction, he wrote. Such "su-

perficially religious people vote for populists to protect their religious identity, unconcerned that fear and hatred of other cannot be reconciled with the Gospel."

Francis addressed the killing of Floyd, a Black man whose death at the knee of a white policeman set off protests this year across the United States. Referring to Floyd by name, Francis said: "Abuse is a gross violation of human dignity that we cannot allow and which we must continue to struggle against."

But he warned that protests can be manipulated and decried the attempt to erase history by downing statues of U.S. Confederate leaders. A better way, he said, is to debate the past through dialogue.

"Amputating history can make us lose our memory, which is one of the few remedies we have against repeating the mistakes of the past," he wrote.

Turning to the pandemic, Francis blasted people who protested anti-virus restrictions "as if measures that governments must impose for the good of their people constitute some kind of political assault on autonomy or personal freedom!"

He accused some in the church and Catholic media of being part of the problem.

"You'll never find such people protesting the death of George Floyd, or joining a demonstration because there are shantytowns where children lack water or education," he wrote. "They turned into a cultural battle what was in truth an effort to ensure the protection of life."

He praised journalists who reported on how the pandemic was affecting the poorest. But he took a broad swipe at unnamed media organizations that "used this crisis to persuade people that foreigners are to blame, that the coronavirus is little more than a little bout of flu, and that restrictions necessary for people's protection amount to an unjust demand of an interfering state."

"There are politicians who peddle these narratives for their own gain," he writes. "But they could not succeed without some media creating and spreading them."

In urging the world to use the pandemic as an opportunity for a reset, Francis offers "three COVID-19" moments, or personal crises of his own life, that gave him the chance to stop, think and change course.

The first was a respiratory infection that nearly killed him when he was 21 and in his second year at the Buenos Aires diocesan seminary. After being saved, Francis decided to join the Jesuit religious order.

"I have a sense of how people with coronavirus feel as they struggle to breath on ventilators," Francis wrote.

The second COVID-19 moment was when he moved to Germany in 1986 to work on this thesis and felt such loneliness and isolation he moved back to Argentina without finishing it.

The third occurred during the nearly two years he spent in exile in Cordoba, northern Argentina,



Pope Francis leaves after celebrating Mass on the occasion of the Christ the King festivity, in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020. At the end of the mass a delegation of youths from Panama handed over the World Youth Day cross to youths from Portugal, where the next World Youth Day will be held in 2023. (Vincenzo Pinto/Pool via AP) THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

as penance for his authoritarian-laced reign as head of the Jesuit order in the country.

"I'm sure I did a few good things, but I could be very harsh. In Cordoba, they made me pay and they were right to do so," he wrote.

But he also revealed that while in Cordoba he read a 37-volume "History of the Popes."

"Once you know that papal history, there's not that much that goes on in the Vatican Curia and the church today that can shock you," he wrote.

Francis repeated his call for a universal basic income, for welcoming migrants and for what he calls the three L's that everyone needs: land, lodging and labor.

"We need to set goals for our business sector that — without denying its importance — look beyond shareholder value to other kinds of values that save us all: community, nature and meaningful work," he writes.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

THE BLACK MADONNA: What young woman is this?

By ANGELIQUE WALKER-SMITH

“God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you ... You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.’” Luke 1:26b-28, 31



I remember my first empowering glance of the “Black Madonna,” also known as Our Lady of Czestochowa, during my Pan-African classes in college. I have since appreciated that her image has historic importance during the Advent and Christmas season. Although this painted ionic image of Mary with Jesus is primarily associated with the Catholic and Orthodox church families, it is known throughout the world.

In 1979, during his first papal visit to Poland, Pope John Paul II visited the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa and said, “The call of a son of Poland to the Cathedral of St. Peter contains an evident and strong link with this holy place, with this shrine of great hope. ‘Totus tuus (I am all yours);’ I had whispered in prayer so many times before this Image.” In 2016, Pope Francis visited her image during the global World Youth Day gathering. The Shrine of the Black Madonna in Missouri and the image of Our Lady, Mother of Ferguson and All Those Killed by

Gun Violence were also inspired by the Black Madonna.

In this age of “Black Lives Matter” and deepening-Pan African global identity, the images of Blackness and African identity are being revisited. Unlike the ill-founded observations, arguments and faith perspectives that continue to demonize and minimize Blackness, Africans and people of African descent are revisiting and rewriting their histories and herstories regarding legacies like the Black Madonna. They understand that Blackness, Africa-relatedness, women and children have always mattered and continue to matter.


At the recent Pan African Women of Faith conference, co-hosted by Bread for the World, women affirmed this and advocated for justice with our Bread for the World legislative agenda. They advocated for the stimulus package this year. They brought their stories and lenses to the occasion. They embraced hope and prayed in the face of the adversities of COVID-19 and economic challenges.

At the same time, these women lamented loss and disproportionate health and economic consequences during this season. Many, like the Black Madonna, have sojourned and migrated with the threats of economic and health peril. Some, like Our Lady, Mother of Ferguson and All Those Killed by Gun Violence, have experienced violent governmental policies against them and have lacked appropriate shelter. Despite this, they gave thanks and expressed hope. May the Black Madonna and Holy Child be an inspiration to you as well in this challenging Advent and Christmas season.

Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is senior associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement at Bread for the World.

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New business helps employers focus on employee well-being

By ALICIA MCKOY



Alicia Mckoy

My mental well-being firm, Peak Mind, hit the market this year, in the middle of a pandemic. Our company is receiving national exposure, including “Top 20 Startups to Watch with a Diverse Founder” in Forbes, “Bold New Businesses Started in 2020” in the New York Times and mention in the Indianapolis Business Journal.

I founded Peak Mind to help enhance products and services for the mental well-being market. Our first product is an app that provides actionable steps for employees to improve their well-being in the workplace, especially during the additional mental stresses caused by the recent pandemic, both at home and at work. Regardless of race, gender identity and socioeconomic status, these actionable steps aim to help every member of the organization because stress and mindset do not discriminate. Our world has changed this year, as a whole and for each of us, individually. Even before 2020, mental stress was pervasive — and now, it too

is an epidemic.

Our recent success is, in part, thanks to the mentors that made this journey with me these past preparatory years while we built our extensive well-being platform. I’ve had to drink from the firehose to get “trial by fire” training in the tech industry. It has taken no small amount of persistence and stamina. Not only am I a “woman of color” business owner, I am a 40-year-old founder, which puts me in another minority bracket of “older entrepreneur” founders. The way I see it, we all face some sort of labeling from others. Being judged for any of the labels that others give us is not an easy thing. I drive my ideas and passion forward, choosing to not focus on those who don’t wish me the best. With this as my guidance, I choose to face challenges with hope and determination.

I started the journey of creating Peak Mind while working with interior design and corporate event clients over the past 15 years as a business owner, where I noticed there were mental wellness problems not being addressed in the workplace. I looked, unsuccessfully, for a product to purchase because I am deeply passionate about wellness, yet I couldn’t find any viable solutions

that I could endorse. I decided to create that product: Our Peak Mind app provides customized, actionable steps to lower stress within the workplace utilizing a combination of technology, local experts and customized programming.

My passion for being a champion of mental well-being will help organizations reduce health care costs, low productivity and absenteeism while improving employee satisfaction, well-being and engagement. This is good for the world. I have an innate passion for research and data, and while I don’t have a technology background, I spent three years researching this broad subject, simultaneously learning how to become a tech entrepreneur. While working days to run my other profitable “proven” businesses, I spent nights and weekends prototyping my new innovation. I’ve spent literally thousands of hours speaking with others to find answers to market and technical questions.

What advice do I have for others thinking about starting up a company in this new world we live in? Find an idea that you want to champion, test the business idea, and be brave through the challenges that will come

your way. Many of those challenges may be unforeseen, and chances are you won’t be able to read a book on how to maneuver them, so be ready to “fail fast” and keep going! I know I said “fail.” Because there is great chance that your idea will fail many times, mine has. But through persistence, you can and will achieve. Just what you may achieve may be different than you first set out with.

Many people ask me how they can be a well-being champion inside their organization. I generally say something like, “Kudos for caring. In times of crisis, please remember to care for yourself first and foremost. And remember that it is OK to take a day (or three!) off. Even superhero capes need to be sent out for dry cleaning. When you are rested and refreshed, follow us online at peakmindllc.com as we share ways in which you too can help others. Cheers to you for all you do, and let’s Peak together!”

Alicia E. Mckoy is founder and CEO of Peak Mind, a mental well-being technology platform.

Coal industry arguing reliability for Indiana protection

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Two large coal companies have started a new lobbying push as Indiana legislators are poised to again consider steps that could bolster the industry facing a shift toward renewable energy sources.

The companies launched a trade association named Reliable Power, aiming to rebrand coal from a polluting, low-tech fuel into a reliable source of electricity, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

Republican lawmakers are preparing proposals for the legislative session starting in January that they say will address stability and reliability on the electrical grid. Environmental and consumer groups, however, worry that legislation could stall the growth of wind and solar power while propping up the coal industry.

Indiana electric utilities have announced plans to shut down at least 10 of the state’s 13 coal-burning power units by 2028, while coal companies in the past year have laid off hundreds of workers at mines clustered in southwestern Indiana.

“Certainly, there have been a number of challenges over the past five to 10 years nationally,” said Reliable Power CEO Matt Bell, a former Republican legislator and a high-profile Statehouse lobbyist. “But when we look globally, the industry is strong. And

we believe that coal has an important part to play in the future of energy production in the U.S., at least for the foreseeable future.”

Oklahoma-based Alliance Coal and Terre Haute-based Hallador Energy formed Reliable Power despite the existence of the Indiana Coal Council, which has lobbied for the coal industry since 1980.

Kerwin Olson, executive director of the consumer advocacy group Citizens Action Coalition, said the “Reliable” name is just repackaging, “in an attempt to persuade lawmakers, regulators and the public that coal is necessary in order to ensure reliable power.”

The move comes after Republican lawmakers pushed through a bill during the Legislature’s 2020 session making it more difficult for electric utility companies to close more coal-fired power plants and a state energy task force in November urged passage of a law “to assure generation and transmission resource adequacy throughout Indiana.”

The coal-burning plant closings are happening even as President Donald Trump tried to boost the coal industry. Hallador had previously hired Trump’s former Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt in 2019 as an Indiana lobbyist aiming to block such closures.

Republican Rep. Ed Soliday, chairman of the

House utilities committee, said a proposal being drafted would establish a reliability standard for electricity generation, giving the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission responsibility for making sure electric companies don’t move from coal to renewables so quickly that the electrical grid become unreliable.

“I couldn’t save the coal industry if I were the Apostle Paul,” Soliday said. “What we care about is, the lights come on when we turn the switch.”

Indiana Coal Council asked the energy task force last month to support the state requiring the utility industry as a whole to use coal for 52% of its fuel in the first year, then gradually decline to 24% in the 15th year.

Jesse Kharbanda, the Hoosier Environmental Council’s executive director, said that kind of step would be a setback to the growing renewables industry.

“Advancing such a bill would also signal that the Indiana General Assembly has a gross lack of confidence in the private sector,” Kharbanda said, “when Indiana’s utilities have been consistently providing reliable power to consumers and have a legal requirement to do so.”



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Under Indiana law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father.

This notice complies with IC 31-19-4.4 but does not exhaustively set forth the unnamed putative father's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes.

A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 2
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
RAHEAL TAKWE
Petitioner
-V-
BRICE KEMADJOU
Respondent
CAUSE NO.
29D02-2008-DN-005785

VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

COMES NOW, Raheal Takwe, Petitioner in the above-captioned cause, who being duly sworn and upon her oath, and states and says: 1. That Raheal Takwe, Petitioner resides at 12916 Girvan Way, Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana 46037, and has been a continuous and bona fide resident of the State of Indiana for a period of six (6) months and bona fide resident of Hamilton County for a period of three(3) months prior to the date of filing of this petition. 2. That Brice Kemadjou, Respondent, is believed to reside in Indiana. 3. That the parties were married on 13th day of April, 2017, and lived and cohabited together as husband and wife. The final separation date of the parties, according to statute, is on the date of the filing of this petition for Dissolution of Marriage. 4. That there were no children born of this marriage. 5. That the Wife is not now pregnant. 6. That there has been an irrefutable breakdown of the marriage of the parties. 7. That the parties have accumulated real and personal property during the course of their marriage, as well as financial obligation to others. WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for the following: A. The bonds of matrimony existing between the parties be dissolved; B. For an Order making equitable division of the personal and real property and an equitable division of the financial obligations of the parties; C. And for all other just and proper relief in the premises. The undersigned affirms under the penalties of perjury that the above and foregoing representation are true. Dated this 19 day of August, 2020.

Kathy Kragg Williams, Clerk
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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF
AUTDUM L. OWENS
Minor
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2011-GU-041865

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OVER PERSON OF MINOR AND HEARING THEREON

On the 8th day of February 2021 at 2:50 p.m., in the Superior Court of Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana a hearing will be held to determine whether a permanent guardian of the person should be appointed for Autdum L. Owens. At the hearing the court will determine whether Autdum L. Owens is an incapacitated minor under Indiana law. This proceeding may substantially affect the rights of Autdum L. Owens and other interested individuals. If the Court finds that Autdum L. Owens is an incapacitated minor, the Court at the hearing shall also consider whether Bennie Owens II should be appointed as guardian of Autdum L. Owens. The Court may, in its discretion, appoint some other qualified person as guardian. The Court may also, in its discretion limit the powers and duties of the guardian. The Court where required, will appoint a guardian ad litem to represent Autdum L. Owens at the hearing. The Court may on its own motion or on request of any interested person, postpone the hearing to another date and time.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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CAUSE NO.
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ORDER
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DISSOLUTION

Marion Superior Court, Civil Division 3
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CASE#
49D03-2002-DC-007125

Petitioner: Wilson Roberto Bueso Alvarado
Respondent: Eudoxia Marlene Avila

NOTICE OF SUIT

This notice is directed to Eudoxia Marlene A via who is being sued and whose whereabouts are unknown. In addition to the above person being served by this summons, there may be others who have an interest in this law suit. Darrell J. Dolan represents the person seeking service by publication, and can be located at 6525 E. 82nd Street, Suite #102, Indianapolis, IN 46250. The nature of the Suit against you is a Dissolution of Marriage and the property at issue is marital property. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty days after the last notice of action is published. If you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff/Petitioner has demanded.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk
12/04/20
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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE PATERNITY OF
ATENEA MAYHUERE MORALES

Respondent/ Father
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2005-JP-017190

To Respondent: Jose M. Sanchez Gamboa
Whereabouts unknown

This Summons is to the person seeking service by publication, and who, after diligent search his whereabouts are unknown and to any other person who may be concerned. Petitioner's counsel has sent a diligent search of court records and social media and has not discovered an address or the whereabouts of the Respondent. The petitioner has not seen or heard from the Respondent has been unable to locate the Respondent. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Marion County Circuit Court of Marion County, Indiana.

1. That Brice Kemadjou, Respondent, is believed to reside in Indiana. 3. That the parties were married on 13th day of April, 2017, and lived and cohabited together as husband and wife. The final separation date of the parties, according to statute, is on the date of the filing of this petition for Dissolution of Marriage. 4. That there were no children born of this marriage. 5. That the Wife is not now pregnant. 6. That there has been an irrefutable breakdown of the marriage of the parties. 7. That the parties have accumulated real and personal property during the course of their marriage, as well as financial obligation to others. WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for the following: A. The bonds of matrimony existing between the parties be dissolved; B. For an Order making equitable division of the personal and real property and an equitable division of the financial obligations of the parties; C. And for all other just and proper relief in the premises. The undersigned affirms under the penalties of perjury that the above and foregoing representation are true. Dated this 19 day of August, 2020.

Kathy Kragg Williams, Clerk
12/11/20
12/18/20

GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF
AUTDUM L. OWENS
Minor
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2011-GU-041865

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OVER PERSON OF MINOR AND HEARING THEREON

On the 8th day of February 2021 at 2:50 p.m., in the Superior Court of Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana a hearing will be held to determine whether a permanent guardian of the person should be appointed for Autdum L. Owens. At the hearing the court will determine whether Autdum L. Owens is an incapacitated minor under Indiana law. This proceeding may substantially affect the rights of Autdum L. Owens and other interested individuals. If the Court finds that Autdum L. Owens is an incapacitated minor, the Court at the hearing shall also consider whether Bennie Owens II should be appointed as guardian of Autdum L. Owens. The Court may, in its discretion, appoint some other qualified person as guardian. The Court may also, in its discretion limit the powers and duties of the guardian. The Court where required, will appoint a guardian ad litem to represent Autdum L. Owens at the hearing. The Court may on its own motion or on request of any interested person, postpone the hearing to another date and time.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
12/11/20
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
MINOR:
JESSA RAY FORD,
Minor child
JEFFREY DUNCAN
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2010-MI-036550

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING
COMES now, Petitioner, Jeffrey Duncan, by counsel, and filed his Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor Child requesting that the name of the minor child be changed from JESSA Ray Ford to JESSA Ray Duncan. The Petition is scheduled for a hearing on January 26, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. THIS MATTER WILL BE HELD REMOTELY, AND THE COURT WILL ISSUE A WEBEX/ZOOM INVITATION FOR THE HEARING. Any person has a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
11/27/20
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12/11/20

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
MARION CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
MORGAN ELYSIA LEROY SCHLAGENHAUF,
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2011-MI-039973

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Comes now the Petitioner, Kylie Ray Moore, by counsel, Aaron Freeman, and states as follows:

1. The Petitioner is a minor child who resides at 10707 Cracker Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46259, and her father, Kevin Ray Moore. 2. The Petitioner is a resident of Marion County, Indiana. 3. The Petitioner hereby gives notice that she has filed a petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Kylie Ray Dawn Moore. 4. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said petition on February 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. This hearing may be held in person at the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, IN 46204; however, if the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, or the Court gets authority to continue remote hearings, this hearing will be held remotely, by WebEx or Zoom, and the Court will send email invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
MINOR:
SUSAN LYNN BARNES
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2010-MI-038513

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Comes now the Petitioner, Susan Lynn Barnes, by counsel, Aaron Freeman, and states as follows:

1. The Petitioner resides at 5410 Shelbyville Road Indianapolis, IN 46239. 2. The Petitioner is a resident of Marion County, Indiana. 3. The Petitioner, by counsel, hereby gives notice that she has filed a petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Susan Lynn Barnes. 4. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said petition on the 9th day of February, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock A.M. This hearing may be held in person at the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, IN 46204; however, if the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, or the Court gets authority to continue remote hearings, this hearing will be held remotely, by WebEx or Zoom, and the Court will send email invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
ATEENA E. VAYKO,
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2010-MI-036675

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Comes now the Petitioner, Lorenza Muhammad, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Olivia Monet Mitchell to Olivia Monet Muhammad. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on February 2, 2021 at 9:00 am which is more than thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
ATEENA E. VAYKO,
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2010-MI-036675

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Comes now the Petitioner, Lorenza Muhammad, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Marion Circuit Court for the change of Kathleen A. Vayko's name to Kathleen Anne Vargo, and that said Verified Petition will be heard by the Judge of the Marion Circuit Court on February 2, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. This hearing may be held in person at the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, IN 46204; however, if the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, or the Court gets authority to continue remote hearings, this hearing will be held remotely, by WebEx or Zoom, and the Court will send a separate WebEx or Zoom email invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
12/04/20
12/11/20
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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:
JOBANI DE JESUS VAZQUEZ,
MINOR CHILD,
BY NEXT OF FRIEND:
SAN JUANITA VAZQUEZ
DON JUAN
Co-Petitioners.

ORDER TO APPEAR
Comes now Petitioner, Jobani De Jesus Vazquez, by next of friend and biological mother, San Juanita Vazquez Don Juan, in person and by counsel, Anthony Apata, and files his Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor. And, the Court, being duly advised in the premises, now finds that said Petition should be set for hearing and ORDERS that said Petition and all collateral matters shall be heard in the Marion County Circuit Court, City-County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, on the 23rd day of February, 2021 at 9:00 AM. This hearing may be held in person at the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, IN 46204; however, if the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, or the Court gets authority to continue remote hearings, this hearing will be held remotely, by WebEx or Zoom, and the Court will send a separate WebEx or Zoom email invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing.

Myia A. 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:
KAMRYN JAY BUTLER,
MINOR CHILD,
BY NEXT OF FRIEND:
JOSE RODOLFO CRUZ SILVA,
Co-Petitioners.

ORDER TO APPEAR
Comes now Petitioner, Kamryn Jay Butler, by next of friend and biological father, Jose Rodolfo Cruz Silva, in person and by counsel, Anthony Apata, and files his Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor. And, the Court, being duly advised in the premises, now finds that said Petition should be set for hearing and ORDERS that said Petition and all collateral matters shall be heard in the Marion County Circuit Court, City-County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, on the 23rd day of February, 2021 at 9:00 AM. This hearing may be held in person at the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, IN 46204; however, if the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, or the Court gets authority to continue remote hearings, this hearing will be held remotely, by WebEx or Zoom, and the Court will send a separate WebEx or Zoom email invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing.

Myia A. 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:
KAMRYN JAY BUTLER,
MINOR CHILD,
BY NEXT OF FRIEND:
JOSE RODOLFO CRUZ SILVA,
Co-Petitioners.

ORDER TO APPEAR
Comes now Petitioner, Kamryn Jay Butler, by next of friend and biological father, Jose Rodolfo Cruz Silva, in person and by counsel, Anthony Apata, and files his Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor. And, the Court, being duly advised in the premises, now finds that said Petition should be set for hearing and ORDERS that said Petition and all collateral matters shall be heard in the Marion County Circuit Court, City-County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, on the 23rd day of February, 2021 at 9:00 AM. This hearing may be held in person at the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, IN 46204; however, if the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, or the Court gets authority to continue remote hearings, this hearing will be held remotely, by WebEx or Zoom, and the Court will send a separate WebEx or Zoom email invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
JAMES TRIBLET
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2009-MI-030778

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner James Triplett, by next of friend, James Triplett, has filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name James Triplett to James Triplett. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Indiana on March 9, 2021 at 9:00 am, 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.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
12/11/20
12/18/20
12/25/20

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
MORGAN ELYSIA LEROY SCHLAGENHAUF,
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2011-MI-039756

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
COMES NOW the Petitioners, Michael Schlagenhauf and Megan Schlagenhauf, 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 Morgan Elysia LeRoy Schlagenhauf be changed to Adrian LeRoy Schlagenhauf. 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 February 23, 2021, at 9:00 AM, Which is more than thirty (30) days after the third publication of this Notice, for the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, or the Court gets authority to continue remote hearings, this hearing will be held remotely, by WebEx or Zoom, and the Court will send a separate WebEx or Zoom email invitation with instructions, to join the hearing. IT IS SO ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Court you have the right to request and receive a copy of this inventory from the personal representative. 5. The personal representative is required to furnish you with a copy of the closing statement thst will be filed with the court and, if your interests are affected, with a full account in writing of the administration office estate. 6. You must file an objection to the closing statement within three (3) months after the closing statement is filed with the Court to consider your objection. 7. If an objection to the closing statement is not filed with the Court within three (3) months after the date of the closing statement, the estate is closed at'd lte Court does not have a duty to audit or make an inquiry.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
12/04/20
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
OLIVIA MONET MITCHELL,
LORENZA MUHAMMAD,
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2010-MI-036883

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Lorenza Muhammad, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Olivia Monet Mitchell to Olivia Monet Muhammad. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on February 2, 2021 at 9:00 am which is more than thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
OLIVIA MONET MITCHELL,
LORENZA MUHAMMAD,
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2010-MI-036883

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Lorenza Muhammad, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Olivia Monet Mitchell to Olivia Monet Muhammad. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on February 2, 2021 at 9:00 am which is more than thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Myia A. 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:
JOBANI DE JESUS VAZQUEZ,
MINOR CHILD,
BY NEXT OF FRIEND:
SAN JUANITA VAZQUEZ
DON JUAN
Co-Petitioners.

ORDER TO APPEAR
Comes now Petitioner, Jobani De Jesus Vazquez, by next of friend and biological mother, San Juanita Vazquez Don Juan, in person and by counsel, Anthony Apata, and files his Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor. And, the Court, being duly advised in the premises, now finds that said Petition should be set for hearing and ORDERS that said Petition and all collateral matters shall be heard in the Marion County Circuit Court, City-County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, on the 23rd day of February, 2021 at 9:00 AM. This hearing may be held in person at the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, IN 46204; however, if the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, or the Court gets authority to continue remote hearings, this hearing will be held remotely, by WebEx or Zoom, and the Court will send a separate WebEx or Zoom email invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing.

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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:
JOBANI DE JESUS VAZQUEZ,
MINOR CHILD,
BY NEXT OF FRIEND:
SAN JUANITA VAZQUEZ
DON JUAN
Co-Petitioners.

ORDER TO APPEAR
Comes now Petitioner, Jobani De Jesus Vazquez, by next of friend and biological mother, San Juanita Vazquez Don Juan, in person and by counsel, Anthony Apata, and files his Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor. And, the Court, being duly advised in the premises, now finds that said Petition should be set for hearing and ORDERS that said Petition and all collateral matters shall be heard in the Marion County Circuit Court, City-County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, on the 23rd day of February, 2021 at 9:00 AM. This hearing may be held in person at the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, Indianapolis, IN 46204; however, if the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, or the Court gets authority to continue remote hearings, this hearing will be held remotely, by WebEx or Zoom, and the Court will send a separate WebEx or Zoom email invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing.

Myia A. 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:
JOBANI DE JESUS VAZQUEZ,
MINOR CHILD,
BY NEXT OF FRIEND:
SAN JUANITA VAZQUEZ
DON JUAN
Co-Petitioners.

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PUBLIC NOTICE				
AutoReturn will be having an abandoned vehicle auction 12/17/20 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held online due to COVID-19. Register on the Joyride website (https://joyrideautos.com) to receive updates and vehicle auction information. Vehicle release prices as of 12/03/20. The following vehicles will be sold:				
Year	Make	Model	VIN	Body
2006 ACURA	MDX		2HNYP188X6H48416	SPORTS UTILITY
1993 BMW	3 SERIES		WBAF8331XPEF39011	2 DOOR
2001 BMW	5 SERIES		WBAD163471CF06645	4 DOOR
3 BMW	3 SERIES		WBAW37517M00000	4 DOOR
2002 BUICK	LESABRE		1G4HR54K32U164660	4 DOOR
2005 BUICK	LACROSSE CX		2G4WD532451255153	4 DOOR
2005 BUICK	TERRAZA		5GADV33L45D228305	VAN
2003 BUICK	RENDEZVOUS		3GSDA03KE3X5513766	SPORTS UTILITY
2004 BUICK	LACROSSE		3GSDA03KE745573232	SPORTS UTILITY
2005 BUICK	LEBRON		1G4HR54K32U164660	4 DOOR
2006 BUICK	ELECTRA		484639H154195	4 DOOR
2006 BUICK	LACROSSE CX		2G4WD582461251971	4 DOOR
2001 BUICK	PARK AVENUE		1G4CU541014231679	4 DOOR
1999 BUICK	CENTURY		2G4W552M7X1446237	4 DOOR
2004 BUICK	LESABRE		1G4HR54K32U164660	4 DOOR
2006 CADILLAC	SEVILLE		1G6K5298VU8118827	4 DOOR
2009 CADILLAC	CTS		1G6DF577090169709	4 DOOR
2005 CADILLAC	SRX		1GYEE63A850118085	SPORTS UTILITY
2006 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2006 CHEVROLET	EQUINOX		2CNDL23F766138263	SPORTS UTILITY
2006 CHEVROLET	MALIBU BLAZER		1GN1T13S372303273	SPORTS UTILITY
2006 CHEVROLET	SILVERADO		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET	COBALT		1G1AK55F37739681	4 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2015 CHEVROLET	SONIC		1G1JESB14K1710351	4 DOOR
2004 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2006 CHEVROLET	COBALT		1G1AK55F37739681	4 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET	COBALT		1G1AL55F776210309	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2006 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2008 CHEVROLET	MALIBU		1G1Z87B48F288176	4 DOOR
2001 CHEVROLET	MALIBU		1G1ND52J716263607	4 DOOR
2008 CHEVROLET	MALIBU		1G1ZH57B68F209734	4 DOOR
2004 CHEVROLET	COLORADO		1GDDT136648183457	PICK UP
2004 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2006 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2003 CHEVROLET	TRAIL BLAZER		1GN1E16383K398335	SPORTS UTILITY
2004 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET	CAVALIER		1G1JH52F327420298	4 DOOR
2006 CHEVROLET	SILVERADO		1GCEC14X262239709	PICK UP
1991 CHEVROLET	C-1500		1GDCG14K4M2224688	PICK UP
2006 CHEVROLET	MALIBU		1G1Z87B48F288176	4 DOOR
2012 CHEVROLET	CRUIZE		1G1P6S5C0C7192328	4 DOOR
2004 CHEVROLET	MALIBU MAXX		1G1ZT648X4F174403	4 DOOR
2006 CHEVROLET	EQUINOX		2CNDL63F661981288	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
1993 CHEVROLET	C-2500		1GCGC29K3P158982	PICK UP
1999 CHEVROLET	SILVERADO		1GCEK14T8XK103041	PICK UP
2007 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2011 CHEVROLET	MALIBU		1G1Z87B48F288176	4 DOOR
1995 CHEVROLET	C-1500		1GCEC19K6SE278348	PICK UP
2003 CHEVROLET	SILVERADO		1GCEK14T73291512	PICK UP
2006 CHEVROLET	COLORADO		1GCGS138168305919	PICK UP
1993 CHEVROLET	OTHER		484639H154195	4 DOOR
1998 CHEVROLET	1500-SERIES		1GCEK19R2WR109362	PICK UP
2007 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET	CLASSIC		1GND52F6M1822238	4 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET	VENTURE		1GNDX13E3D1138983	4 DOOR
2012 CHEVROLET	MALIBU		1G1Z87B48F288176	4 DOOR
2006 CHEVROLET	MALIBU		1G1Z87B48F288176	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET	IMPALA		2G1W5551469279057	4 DOOR
2006 CHRYSLER	300		2C3KAC63F661981288	4 DOOR
2009 CHRYSLER	TOWN-COUNT		2ABHR64X19R513580	VAN
2006 CHRYSLER	PACIFICA		2A4GM4436R3881379	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 CHRYSLER	PACIFICA		2A6GM4436R3881379	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 CHRYSLER	PACIFICA		2A6GM4436R3881379	SPORTS UTILITY
2008 CHRYSLER	300		2C3KAC63F661981288	4 DOOR
2002 DODGE	DURANGO		1B4HR38N127106416	SPORTS UTILITY
2008 DODGE	AVENGER		1B3LC76M58N119640	4 DOOR
2010 DODGE	CHARGER		2B3CA3C4V4H202079	4 DOOR
2005 DODGE	GRAND CARA		2D4GP44L05Y153290	VAN
1999 DODGE	DODGE		1GCHS28Y3K103041	SPORTS UTILITY
2009 DODGE	JOURNEY		3C4GGS5C719D214521	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 DODGE	NEON		1B3ES56C23D105107	4 DOOR
1984 DODGE	OTHER		1B7FD14T3ES317906	PICK UP
1999 DODGE	RAM		1B7HC16Y7X3162042	PICK UP
2001 DODGE	RAM VAN		2B6B1H1X11K553035	VAN
2006 DODGE	RAM		1GCHK18N61787839	PICK UP
2006 DODGE	RAM		3C7DK139D66146847	PICK UP
2014 DODGE	RAM 1500		1C6RR7GG2E3S88800	PICK UP
1999 DODGE	RAM		3B7HF13Y8XG207041	PICK UP
2012 DODGE	CALIBER		1C3GDWDA5C5D32479	4 DOOR
2007 DODGE	NITRO		1D8DV58K07VW602718	SPORTS UTILITY
2006 DODGE	FORD		2FABP74FXK155130	4 DOOR
1989 FORD	CROWN VICT		2FABP74FXK155130	4 DOOR
2005 FORD	MUSTANG		1ZVFT80N751253976	2 DOOR
1997 FORD	ESCORT		1FALP131PXVW371071	4 DOOR
2006 FORD	FOCUS		1FAFP34N36W191597	4 DOOR
2008 FORD	EXPLORER		1FMEL73E3X8U54769	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 FORD	MUSTANG		1FMRP40413F340193	4 DOOR
2003 FORD	TAURUS		1FAFP55293G156844	4 DOOR
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2008 FORD	RANGER		1FTR444138P477719	PICK UP
2010 FORD	FUSION		3FAHP017JAAR248369	4 DOOR
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2013 FORD	FIESTA		1FMYU94105KDA1355	4 DOOR
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1995 GMC	YUKON		1GDH3G31Y6S10716	OTHER
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1998 GMC	SONOMA		5FNRL18562B038115	VAN
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2002 HONDA	CIVIC		1HGM2952L014660	2 DOOR
1995 HONDA	ACCORD		1HMC0636S0C00815	4 DOOR
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2010 HONDA	CIVIC		2FAGF1F54H491359	4 DOOR
2004 HONDA	PILOT		2HKYF186X4H588269	SPORTS UTILITY
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2007 NISSAN	PATHFINDER		5N1AR1807W7C619321	SPORTS UTILITY
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2012 TOYOTA	CAMRY		4T4BF1FK8R265611	4 DOOR
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2011 TOYOTA	CAMRY		4T4BF1FK8R265611	4 DOOR
2005 TOYOTA	TUNDRA		5T4BR3K10G542429	PICK UP
2012 TOYOTA	COROLLA		1NKR12E712556244	4 DOOR
2012 TOYOTA	HIGHLANDER		5YDBK3EHC6572358	SPORTS UTILITY
2009 TOYOTA	PRIUS		1JTDK820U497855339	4 DOOR
1998 TOYOTA	COROLLA		1NKR12E712556244	4 DOOR
2006 VOLKSWAGEN	JETTA		3VWU171K76M645514	4 DOOR
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2002 VOLKSWAGEN	JETTA		3VWU171K76M645514	4 DOOR
2000 VOLVO	V70		YV1LW61J9Y2683459	SPORTS UTILITY

PUBLIC NOTICE	
NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING	
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Quality Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020. The meeting is noticed and will be held via electronic means due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Public Health Emergency in accordance with Indiana Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. Attendees may join by phone using the following information: Phone number: 1.415.655.0001 Access code: 180.799.2964 Paul Babcock Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana hspaxip	12/11/20

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Penske throws diversity into high gear with Team Force Indy

By DANNY BRIDGES

When the Penske Entertainment Corporation announced its initiatives to bolster diversity in motorsports this past July, I was both enthused and curious as to how their efforts would work and when we'd see the results.

As with anything Roger Penske sets out to do there's always a blueprint, and earlier this week details regarding the formation of the Force Indy USF 2000 race team were unveiled, with some familiar names and faces proposing to work together in terms of fostering change and promoting diversity in racing.

Partnering with NXG Youth Motorsports President and CEO Rod Reid, the official announcement of the Force Indy USF 2000 race team was made this week, and as you might imagine there is a lot of optimism regarding the opportunity to collaborate with the Penske Organization.

"This isn't the first time we've seen Black ownership in terms of cars and teams, but I do think it's the first time we will be able to do something sustainable because of the



Dewey Gaston, pictured in 1934, was a pioneer for African American drivers. Recorder files

support that's being allocated," stated Reid at the press conference that was attended by all the team principals.

With over 40 years of experience in motorsports and a phenomenal track record in the NXG program, Reid was both an obvious and excellent choice to head up the team and that sentiment was echoed by Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles who spoke of the admiration he has for Reid. "Coach Reid is

clearly driven," added Boles. "I love his passion and his unselfishness. He's dreamed since the 1980s about developing a team like this and to place an African American business in a space that hasn't always seen a lot of African Americans in it."

The team will make its debut next March at the St. Petersburg USF2000 event with a sponsor and driver to be announced in the near future, but the work has already be-

gun with the operation being housed in Concord, North Carolina, as part of a Penske Organization mentorship program for the first season.

Clearly, Reid could not be more optimistic about the future of this partnership and is looking beyond the USF2000 series with an eye on Indy Car Racing.

"While this is about diversity, we are also inviting the motorsports industry to embrace the presence of African Ameri-

cans and people of color in the pits, the paddock and in other places in motorsports," added Reid.

"It's an invaluable experience to be working with the Penske Organization."

Notes: One of the biggest additions Roger Penske made in his quest for diversity at IMS was the appointment of Jimmie McMillan to the position of chief diversity officer. McMillan is no stranger to racing, having served as senior legal counsel to IMS since 2016 and played a prominent role developing the partnership between Penske and Reid.

The Force Indy USF2000 entry will carry the number 99 upon it as a tribute to the legendary Dewey Gaston, one of the first African American race drivers who registered numerous wins in stock cars, midgets and motorcycles during his career.

Danny Bridges, who watched Willy T. Ribbs break the color barrier at IMS in 1991, and is looking forward to watching the Force Indy USF2000 team, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or bridgeshd@aol.com.

Attucks wipes the floor with Purdue Polytechnic



Crispus Attucks head coach Chris Hawkins gets ready for his first home game of the season Dec. 1 against Purdue Polytechnic Englewood.



Purdue Polytechnic Englewood head coach David Teague (who played at Pike High School and Purdue) is in his second season as head coach. (Photos/David Dixon)



Players are supposed to wear a mask when they're not in the game.



Cheerleaders are also supposed to wear masks.



Attucks big man Jalen Hooks is one of the best players in the state for the class of 2023. He had 17 points. The Tigers won, 100-52.



Fans have to have electronic tickets to enter games.