

Individuals and organizations awarded for diversity efforts

By STAFF

It's one thing to say you care about diversity. It's another thing altogether to take meaningful action to make diversity happen daily.

The 15th annual Champions of Diversity Awards Dinner will celebrate the 16 individuals and organizations that exemplify diversity, equity and inclusion efforts in Indiana on Jan. 17. From hiring practices to community outreach, the award recipients continue to push for a better Indiana by ensuring more people aren't just tokens of diversity but have meaningful roles.

2020 CHAMPIONS OF DIVERSITY AWARDS RECIPIENTS



Winnie Bulaya, Martin Luther King Jr. Award

After living in Nairobi, Kenya, for 12 years as a refugee from the Congo, Winnie Bulaya and her three children, Gloria, Gracia and Shammy, arrived in Indianapolis in 2010. Bulaya's charity work began almost as soon as she arrived. After starting an English as a Second Language (ESL) class, Bulaya started helping her fellow classmates. Eventually, her charity work grew to

include providing donated items to refugees. After noticing newly arrived refugees were a little taken aback by strangers at their door, Bulaya came up with the welcome basket as a way to introduce herself as friendly without saying a word.

Bulaya has worked nights as a custodian at IUPUI for six years, and she delivers donations during the day through her ministry, "Welcome Basket Inc."



Elizabeth J. Henry, William G. Mays Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award

Elizabeth J. Henry owns and operates three McDonald's restaurants — the Indianapolis International Airport, Washington Street and Lynhurst Drive, and West 38th Street in the Eagle Plaza.

Elizabeth received the Golden Arch Award, one of the highest honors given to a McDonald's owner/operator. Elizabeth is a member of Eastern Star Church, Indianapolis International Airport Chaplaincy Board, The National Black McDonald's Operator's Association and The National McDonald's Women Operator Network and is a former member of the Fund Development Committee of Ronald McDonald House of Indiana.



Laurie Ann Henry, William G. Mays Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award

Laurie began working as a crew member at her family's McDonald's restaurants and is currently director of operations and a shareholder in the family business, Huston-Lynn Enterprises Inc. Laurie has received six Outstanding GM awards, Black History Makers of Today and Tomorrow award, and the Ray Kroc

Award, given only to the top 1% performing managers in the country. She served as the chairperson of Supervisor Executive Leadership Council and served on the planning committee for the annual Ronald McDonald House "The Taste" fundraiser. She also is an executive board member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana. She is an active member of Eastern Star Church.



Rupal Thanawala, Rosa Parks Trailblazer Award

As managing director of Trident Systems, Rupal Thanawala has been a leader in emerging technologies, life sciences and corporate responsibility for years. Thanawala's previous positions include Indiana market director for Accenture, client director for PricewaterhouseCoopers and a former partner at Tenthpin Management Consultants.

She was a Mitch Daniels Foundation Fellow, serves on the TechPoint board of directors, the Lung Association of Indiana Chapter and vice president of Strategic Partnership for Black Data Professional Association Indiana.

Eugene White, Lifetime Education Advocate Award

Eugene White retired from Martin University in March 2019,

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Fire trucks responded to a fire at Kountry Kitchen. (Photo/Mike Patton)

Community rallies around Kountry Kitchen



"We will rebuild!" Those are the words Kountry Kitchen owners Cynthia and Isaac Wilson told the community after a fire damaged their well-known restaurant, located at 19th Street and College Avenue. Cynthia and Isaac prayed in front of their restaurant after the fire. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)

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For over two decades, Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Place has served the Kennedy-King neighborhood as not only a place to get traditional soul food, but also as a spot for giving back. Now, in the wake of tragedy,

the neighborhood is rallying around the restaurant and its owners, Isaac and Cynthia Wilson.

Firefighters spent nearly an hour and a half putting out the flames in the early hours of Jan. 11, and while no one was hurt, the damage to the building was enough to close the restaurant until further notice. However, the temporary closure hasn't stopped the outpouring of love and support from customers, local business owners and community leaders.

"I was shocked and saddened to learn about the fire that has severely damaged Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Place," Rep. André Carson said. "If the kitchen is the heart of the home, then this establishment is truly the heart of the Kennedy-King neighborhood, offering up great food and a warm welcome to countless Hoosiers. In the wake of the fire, it has been heartening to see so many in our community show support for the restaurant and the Wilson family. So I'm confident that, despite the physical damage to this establishment, the spirit of community which has made it an invaluable institution, is stronger than ever. I believe its best days are still ahead."

While the Wilsons declined to comment, they did share an update on the Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Place's Facebook page. The post, dated Jan. 12, read: "Thank you for the overwhelming support and words of comfort for Kountry Kitchen and our valued employees that have been impacted by recent events. The calls, messages, stories, tweets and posts have truly made us proud to be a

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There's no cursing at Cheatham and Moore Barber Shop

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Wes Sykes has been going to Cheatham and Moore Barber Shop for at least 25 years now, ever since he moved to Indianapolis.

He goes to the same barber every time, too: Bill Barnett, who's worked at Cheatham and Moore since 1968.

"Bill is the nicest person I've ever met," Sykes, 75, said as he got his hair trimmed on a rainy afternoon. "He's genuinely nice. Everybody likes him. He's sincere and transparent, and I really enjoy his company."

Barnett smiled, laughed and said it's friends like Sykes who make him appreciative of all the years he's spent cutting hair.

That's the thing about Cheatham and Moore. It seems everyone has roots in the business that stretch decades deep, and there's pride in being part of an establishment that keeps it family-friendly.

Swearing isn't allowed, and there's a sign that reads "NO PROFANITY" hanging on the wall in case anyone

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Wes Sykes gets his hair cut by Bill Barnett at Cheatham and Moore Barber Shop, which recently celebrated 40 years at its location on North Illinois Street. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



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needs a reminder.

“The conversation here is always informative,” Sykes said “never vulgar.”

That’s the way city-county council member Monroe Gray Jr. remembers it from when he worked there.

“That has always been the policy,” said Gray, 76, who started working there when he was 25 and left about 20 years ago. “Total respect. A lot of families there.”

Cheatham and Moore recently celebrated 40 years at its current location at 3828 N. Illinois St.

Leodis Moore Sr., who’s owned the business since 1999, joined the original owner, Owen Cheatham, in 1965 when the shop was on Clifton Street on the north side. Cheatham retired in 1999 and sold his share of the business to Moore, who’s now the sole owner.

“You wouldn’t be ashamed to bring your son or daughter, your mother or father, your preacher, your teacher,” Moore said. “You just wouldn’t be ashamed to bring anybody here because we don’t allow a lot of things.”

Moore said the barber shop isn’t a Christian business but that there’s a Christian atmosphere.

“You can read your Bible and talk about it in here,” he said.

Moore likes to think of the business as more than a barber shop where you can get a haircut for \$16 and then start getting a little discount when you turn 65 and another one when you turn 72.

Moore likes talking about some of the athletes and politicians who have sat in his chairs over the years — Pacers great Reggie Miller, for example — but he also said he doesn’t publicize those patrons because he wants Cheatham and Moore to be known as a place that serves common people.

Along with Moore and Barnett, who have been at the barber shop for a combined 107 years, Moore’s son, Leodis Moore Jr., has been in the business for about 35 years.

In 2016, Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Homecoming Committee inducted the elder Moore into the organization’s Hall of Fame.

“Your business has devoted hours encouraging, helping and mentoring young men,” the recognition reads.

The plaque is hanging on the wall at Cheatham and Moore, along with numerous other pieces of history.

“It’s been a good history,” Moore said. “We’re trying to keep it that way.”

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Black-owned grocery store broken into

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For the second time since opening his grocery store on the east side, Robert Hearst had to pull into the driveway of A&I Variety Meats and Produce to see busted windows.

Last time, in January 2019, he suspected it was just some kids who didn’t know the previously vacant building now had a business inside. This time, though, two break-ins on Jan. 12 and Jan. 13 resulted in thousands of dollars in damage and a trashed interior.

Hearst shared the news on Facebook and received an outpouring of support. Many have volunteered to help clean up the store.

Though he said in an interview he doesn’t find these incidents demoralizing, Hearst initially said in a Facebook Live video on the Jan. 12 that he’s starting to understand why people don’t want to help in that area around 38th Street and Post Road — “be-

FUNDRAISER FOR A&I VARIETY MEATS AND PRODUCE

A&I Variety Meats and Produce, a Black-owned grocery store, experienced two break-ins, and a fundraiser will help offset the cost of damages.

When: noon-5 p.m. Jan. 18

Where: A&I Variety Meats and Produce, 8939 E. 38th St.

cause they tear everything up that people try to do.”

Hearst backed away from those comments in the interview and said it was just a heat-of-the-moment reaction. He thinks whoever is responsible probably isn’t part of the east side community.

“After things calmed down, I sat back and I thought about it,” he said. “I’m like, this isn’t anybody from this community that did this. Everybody in this community knows who I am and what

A&I stands for.”

One window was almost completely busted out by a rock, and one of the glass doors was shattered in the Jan. 12 incident.

There was blood on the floor by where the window was broken, and there was a footprint on the door from where Hearst guessed someone tried unsuccessfully to kick through the glass.

Hearst estimated there is about \$25,000 to \$30,000 in damage, mostly due to two broken freezers. Shelves were flipped over, and food was scattered across the floor in the Jan. 13 break-in.

Hearst reported both incidents to police.

He also found his office was torn apart with coffee splashed around.

Hearst doesn’t keep cash in the register but said it was open when he found it.

There will be a fundraiser noon-5 p.m. Jan. 18 at the grocery story, 8939 E. 38th St.

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small piece of the fabric of Indianapolis. We love our community and value the love from you in return. We promise to keep you, our Family, updated as we move forward.”

The post garnered responses from over 150 people, including Mark Webster Sr., owner of Real Taste Catering in Indianapolis. Webster offered to lend his kitchen to the staff of Kountry Kitchen if they have any catering needs until they can open the restaurant again, and urges community members to do what they can to help the staff of Kountry Kitchen, as well as other Black-owned businesses.

From a business perspective, Webster understands tragedies such as the Kountry Kitchen fire are a harsh reality of owning a business.

“That business has been there for many years,” Webster said. “Just the fact that a business can have longevity like that and experience these kinds of problems, especially as another business owner, it’s crushing because it could happen to anybody. They help people, and they’re just good people.”

Despite serving some famous faces, including then-Sen. Barack Obama in 2008, the management and staff of Kountry Kitchen have always worked to make the eatery a community-based restaurant. For a decade, the restaurant has been dishing out free hot meals and blankets to those in need on Christ-

mas Day, with Mayor Joe Hogsett being among the volunteers in 2019.

LaMar Holliday, president of the Kennedy-King Neighborhood Association, said this tradition of charity is one of the many things that makes Kountry Kitchen an important part of the community, and vows that the neighborhood association is prepared to do whatever it can to help the Wilson’s build the restaurant back up.

“Kountry Kitchen is a true staple in the Kennedy-King neighborhood,” Holliday said in an email. “This restaurant has opened its doors to our neighbors, elected officials, community leaders and others; they have also opened their hearts to address the dire needs throughout the community. Kountry Kitchen is the heartbeat of our neighborhood and we are devastated ... by the damage to this cherished institution. The Kennedy-King Neighborhood Association stands ready and willing to assist Mr. Isaac and Ms. Cynthia in their journey to rebuild, renew and restore that sacred space.”

While the IFD investigation is still ongoing, no foul play is suspected, and investigators believe the fire started in a downstairs office.

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concluding a 47-year career in education in Indiana. White began his career as a teacher, coach and administrator at Fort Wayne Community Schools. He was the district's first African American high school principal. White was also the first African American principal at North Central High School in the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township in Indianapolis. White was deputy superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools and also served as superintendent of Metropolitan School District of Washington Township and Indianapolis Public Schools. After a short retirement, White became the fourth president of Martin University in 2013. He was named president emeritus in May 2019.

INDIVIDUAL HONOREES



Tavonna Harris Askew
As chief of staff and general counsel for The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Tavonna Harris Askew plans and directs administrative and organizational duties of the president and CEO and board of directors, and acts as a point of contact

between senior management, employees and other stakeholders. Askew also manages a team of attorneys and is responsible for protecting The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County's legal interests, maintaining regulatory compliance and providing risk management services. Askew serves as an adjunct faculty member at Indiana Wesleyan University and routinely speaks at workshops and conferences.



Jeffrey A. Harrison
Jeffrey A. Harrison, president and CEO of Citizens Energy Group, has worked in the utility industry for 30 years. Harrison is responsible for establishing and maintaining the company's vision and strategic direction, and prioritizing the customers' needs while creating an employee-friendly

environment. Previous positions Harrison has held include executive vice president and chief operating officer, senior vice president of engineering and sustainability, vice president of capital programs and engineering, vice president of engineering and facilities management, vice president manufacturing and corporate strategist.



Candy King
Candy King is the strategic projects director at Roche Diagnostics in Indianapolis, focusing on diversity and inclusion. King began at Roche in 2002 and has held several roles in commercial operations, business support, IT, site services and human resources. For three years, King worked in Rotkreuz,

Switzerland, where she led a team to implement a global system for call centers and field service support. Since 2016, King has been responsible for building external partnerships, developing diversity and inclusion processes and progressing the company's seven Business Resource Groups (BRG), and serves as the leader of the African American BRG. Through BRG, King uses her 25 years of experience in business and project management to focus on diverse talent acquisition and development and employee education.



Mariama Shaheed
Mariama Shaheed is the founder and CEO of Global Preparatory Academy in Indianapolis. Opening in 2016, Global Preparatory Academy is the first dual-language charter school in Indiana, offering a bilingual education to 650 students. Shaheed studied at the

Chac-Mool Institute in Cuervnavaca, Mexico, and is fluent in Spanish. Since opening, the school has consistently received an "A" rating from the Indiana Department of Education. Before opening Global Preparatory Academy, Shaheed was a teacher and a principal in the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township. As principal of Snacks Crossing Elementary School, Shaheed led the Emotional Disabilities program-site for the district and increased student success in both reading and mathematics.



Mario Rodriguez
Mario Rodriguez is executive director of Indianapolis Airport Authority and was appointed by Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump to the National Department of Transportation Committee for Aviation Consumer Protection. Rodriguez leads Indianapolis Airport Authority's strategic direction and operations.

The authority was named the best airport in the country by J.D. Powers and Associates, Airport Council International and Condé Nast under his leadership. Rodriguez previously was president of the California Airports Council and was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest honor, in 2018.



Vernon A. Williams
Vernon A. Williams currently serves as the IUPUI communications and community engagement strategist, a role in which he has been honored with several awards, including the 2019 IUPUI Multicultural Impact Award. Williams began in journalism while a student

at Gary's Theodore Roosevelt High School. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism from Indiana University, Williams became the first news reporter at The Gary-Post Tribune in 1974. After a decade at the Tribune, Williams founded Paragon Advertising, where he represented clients such as the City of Gary, the 10th Pan American Games in Indianapolis and the Gary Chamber of Commerce.

ORGANIZATION HONOREES



Bloom Project, Arnetta Scruggs
Located in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, the Bloom Project Inc., a nonprofit organization founded by Arnetta Scruggs and named after her grandfather, Ezell "Bloom" Stephens, develops leadership skills in males ages 12-18 through mentoring, community service projects and character building. The Bloom Project also offers college preparation and career exploration opportunities. In 2011, Scruggs began Kings Feast Symposium, a program that connects young men to professional males in various careers to develop networking opportunities. The Bloom Project also offers a monthly mentoring workshop, Project King.



Evansville African American Museum, Ashley Jordan
The Evansville African American Museum collects and preserves the history and traditions of African American families, organizations and communities. The

museum is also an educational resource for the public to learn about those histories and traditions. The building is an artifact in itself, as the museum is housed in the last remaining building of Lincoln Gardens, which was the second federal housing project created under the New Deal in 1938. The museum is led by Executive Director Ashley Jordan.



Indiana Donor Network, Kellie Hanner
Indiana Donor Network's mission is "saving and enhancing the quality of life through organ, tissue and cornea donation and transplantation." Indiana Donor Network serves as a link between donors and patients who are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants, healing

tissue and corneas. Indiana Donor Network is Indiana's federally designated organ recovery organization and an accredited tissue bank. Indiana Donor Network was established in 1987 after Indiana University Medical Center and Methodist Hospital organ recovery programs merged. Kellie Hanner is the president and CEO of Indiana Donor Network and works to ensure the organization's mission is met.



Indianapolis Urban League, Tony Mason
The Indianapolis Urban League was founded in 1965 by Thomas W. Binford and Henry J. Richardson Jr. and is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, interracial community-based social service and civil rights organization. The organization's mission is to help

African Americans and other minorities and those who are otherwise disadvantaged achieve social and economic equality. Indianapolis Urban League employs a five-point strategy: Education and youth empowerment, economic empowerment, health and quality of life empowerment, civic engagement and leadership empowerment, and civil rights and racial justice empowerment. Sam Jones was the first president and CEO, serving from 1966 to 2002.

Tony Mason is the third and current president and CEO of Indianapolis Urban League, succeeding Joseph Slash, who served from 2003 to 2014. Mason was previously relationship development director for Companies with a Mission, currently known as TrueU.



Special Olympics Indiana, Jeff Mohler
Special Olympics Indiana is a nonprofit that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in more than 20 Olympic-type sports for children and adults with disabilities. The organization, which is part of the global Special Olympics movement, reaches more than 17,000 athletes across the state with the goal of using sports to create inclusive communities by using sports as a catalyst for social change. Special Olympics Indiana was founded in 1969 and relies on donations from corporations, and civic and individual donations. Jeff Mohler has served as Special Olympics Indiana's president and CEO since 2018.



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Honoring and celebrating Dr. King

By STAFF

Like so many things Dr. Martin Luther King said and did, the push after his assassination to honor his life and legacy with a national holiday was met with some resistance around the country.

A 1979 bill to make King's birthday a national holiday fell five votes short in the U.S. House of Representatives.

President Ronald Reagan, who initially opposed a national holiday for King, eventually signed it into law in 1983 — 15 years after his assassination — but some states were slow to observe the holiday.

New Hampshire was the last to do so in 1991 with "Civil Rights Day." (New Hampshire was also the last state to name the holiday after King in 2013.)

South Carolina was the last state to recognize the day as a paid holiday for state employees in 2000. Before that, state employees could choose between observing MLK Day or one of three Confederate holidays.

Below are some local events to honor King this year.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis will offer free admission to celebrate what would be Dr. King's 91st birthday. Entertainment will include the Griot Drum Ensemble, storyteller Portia Jackson and vocal performances from Freetown Village.

■ **Where:** Children's Museum of Indianapolis, 3000 N. Meridian St.
■ **When:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 20

CONNER PRAIRIE

Conner Prairie will offer free admission for MLK Day. Activities include a Peaceful Protest exhibit and a showing of King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

■ **Where:** Conner Prairie, 13400

Allisonville Road

■ **When:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 20

INDIANA CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (ICLC)

The ICLC, a former affiliate of the original Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will host Rev. Anne Henning Byfield, a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, as the main speaker at a celebration honoring the legacy of Dr. King. Members of the Kheprew Institute will lead the discussion, "Social Justice Movements — Then and Now." Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Public Health Department will receive the Drum Major for Justice Award.

■ **Where:** St John's Missionary Baptist Church, 1651 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave.

■ **When:** Pre-celebration at 10 a.m.; event at 11 a.m. Jan. 20

INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Indiana Historical Society will have a free day of programs and performances at the Indiana History Center. Guests will learn about civil rights prior to Dr. King's time, as well as Madam C.J. Walker's activism.

■ **Where:** Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St.

■ **When:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 20

INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Indianapolis Public Schools Racial Equity Office will have its 39th annual tribute to Dr. King



Rev. Anne Henning Byfield

with a program 10-11 a.m. Jan. 20 at Crispus Attucks High School.

Brandon Cosby, CEO of Flanner House, will be the keynote speaker, and IPS spokesperson Carrie Cline Black will serve as emcee. Rev. Carlos Perkins of Bethel Cathedral African Methodist Episcopal Church will deliver the message. The Crispus Attucks choir and Newcomer School Music Group will perform.

The theme for this year's event is "The Urgency of NOW!"

■ **Where:** Crispus Attucks High School, 1140 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St.

■ **When:** 10-11 a.m. Jan. 20

MADAM WALKER LEGACY CENTER

Begin by participating in the Celebration Freedom March outside the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library, 543 Indiana Ave., to the Walker Theatre, 617 Indiana Ave. Kevin D. Richardson, one-fifth of the Exonerated Five and

criminal justice reform advocate, will be the guest.

■ **Where:** Madam Walker Legacy Center, 617 Indiana Ave.

■ **When:** 10 a.m.-noon Jan. 20

LAWRENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Physician and Democratic candidate for Indiana governor Woodrow Myers will be the keynote speaker at Lawrence United Methodist Church's annual observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The event will also include winners of an essay-writing contest amongst fifth grade students in Lawrence Township, as well as music from St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Lawrence United Methodist Church.

■ **Where:** Lawrence United Methodist Church, 5200 N. Shadeland Ave.

■ **When:** 6 p.m. Jan. 20

WHITE RIVER STATE PARK

Partnering with Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, White River State Park is offering free admission into several attractions, including the Indiana State Museum and the NCAA Hall of Champions, in exchange for a donation of a nonperishable food item.

INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

Visitors can hear Dr. King's speeches and learn about the fight for civil rights. Visitors can write on the "Dream mural" and reflect on what individuals can do to keep Dr. King's dream alive.

■ **Where:** Indiana State Museum, 650 W. Washington St.

■ **When:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 20

NCAA HALL OF CHAMPIONS

Guests can visit the newest exhibit, "Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Making an Impact," which celebrates the rich histories of historically Black schools.

■ **Where:** NCAA Hall of Champions, 700 W. Washington St.

■ **When:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 20



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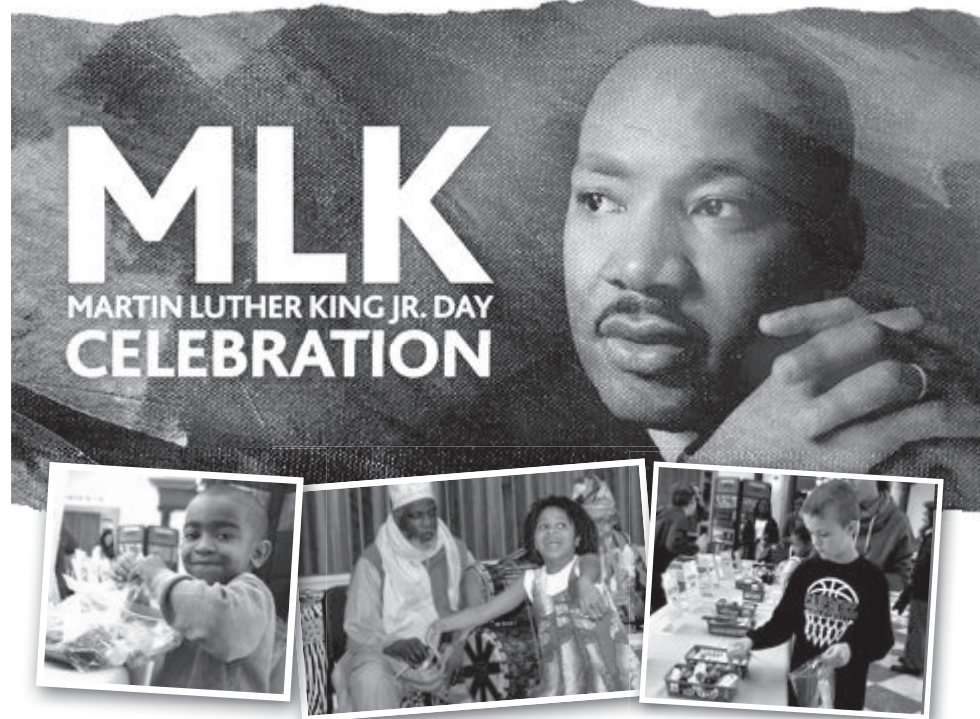
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John Thompson

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Luz Elena Michel Marti

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Taking a moment to recognize our greatness

By OSEYE BOYD



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday is always a good time to reflect on where we're at as a country. The progress we've made or haven't made since Dr. King's life. How well we do with regard to civil rights of humankind is a good barometer of how far we've come.

Instead of focusing on white supremacy and institutional racism and this country's inequitable treatment of Black Americans, I'm going to focus on how amazing we are and how much we've flourished in this country in spite of the forces that work against us.

The progress Black Americans have made since enslavement in 1619 is nothing short of extraordinary. Often, we think of history through a modern-day lens. We know where Africa and North America are on a map. Although we didn't experience it, we can visualize being kidnapped from our country and transported to a different land and imagine the fear and trauma one experienced traveling the Middle Passage. But we didn't experience it. Most of us don't know that kind of fear or despair. Many of us never venture outside of our neighborhood, let alone the city.

Think about how you feel when you get lost in an unknown part of town — the town you live in, where you're no more than mere minutes away from home. Now, think about when you have no idea where you are, how far away from home you are or how to get back. On top of that, there are people whose skin may be similar to yours, but you don't speak the same language. Then, there are people whose skin is dissimilar to yours and you don't speak their language either, but they act as if you should know it as they bark orders at you.

Our ancestors overcame this. They learned the language, although, for the most part, it wasn't actually taught to them. They endured backbreaking work and still found a way to find some semblance of a life. They still sang songs, danced and laughed. They took the scraps of food they were given and found not only sustenance, but ways to make the food taste like something.

I've heard some people are embarrassed by slavery. They think because our ancestors could be enslaved that somehow made them (and us) inferior. I vehemently disagree. It shows our resilience and brilliance. The stories of enslaved men who bought their freedom and that of their family's are astounding. These men were smart enough to figure out how to get paid

and then patient enough to purchase their freedom. Eventually, it wasn't a few here and there who could buy freedom; enslaved people convinced their captors to end the institution of slavery.

The end of slavery ushered in a new era of indentured servitude known as sharecropping. That didn't stop us. Neither did Jim Crow. We found ways to become a doctor who was the first to successfully perform open-heart surgery, lawyer who would one day sit on the Supreme Court of the United States, or graduate with a doctorate degree from Harvard University. In the words of Sean "Puffy" Combs,

we can't stop, won't stop. Four hundred years later, the descendants of those enslaved people are business owners and executives, millionaires and the influencers of all things pop culture globally. For those who don't know much about time, 400 years sounds like a long time. It's nothing when you think about how long this planet has been in existence.

In honor of Dr. King, I'm going to focus on our greatness in spite of all that we've been through and are going through. I know we've got a long way to go, but we've come so far. We should honor our progress.



OPINIONS

Set limits to 36% for payday loans

By NANCY COTTERILL



In the last five years payday loan companies have drained \$322 million out of the Indiana economy in fees and high interest rates, making huge profits off the backs of the poor, mostly affecting those in our urban areas and predominantly people of color, thanks to the Indiana legislature, which in 2002 carved a special deal for payday lenders out of our criminal loansharking laws.

These loans are sold as "a solution to a short-term financial need." In truth they are a trap that captures the average borrower in a round of eight to 10 loans, borrowing and re-borrowing to escape the ever-growing debt due to astronomical interest rates and fees—now capped at 391%. This is not a "free-market" issue. This is usury of our most vulnerable citizens.

To protect the projected \$60 million in profits made here, these companies send in high-powered lobbyists whenever their business practices are challenged. This year, again, Indiana Republican Sen. Greg Walker has introduced a bill (Indiana Senate, SB 26) which will cap interest rates and fees to a total of 36%, matching the federal caps for loans to military personnel. At our current 391% rate, it is clear our legislature has legalized theft from those who can least afford it.

Across Indiana there are 262 payday loan storefronts. Part of the loan process is for the company to be given access to the borrower's bank account. The money is swept out and into the payday coffers if the borrower doesn't physically come in and pay the loan off before the deadline.

Payday stores operate where many live on government assistance or low-paying jobs. The average income of payday borrowers is around \$19,000. Once the borrower takes out one short-term loan, 60% will take out

a new loan to pay off the old one on the day it is due. Eighty-two percent take out another loan within 30 days, hounded through texts and phone calls and reminded that the entire balance must be paid on the due date. There are no installment payments. Besieged borrowers who take out new loans pay additional fees and interest — and the debt continues to grow. Bankruptcy rates soar among payday loan borrowers, because bankruptcy is often the only way to stop the merry-go-round of loans and fees.

But bankruptcy is not the only side effect of the high annual percentage rate charged by payday loan companies. Studies show a cascade of negative consequences includes overdrafts, defaults on other payments, involuntary bank account closure, depression and health consequences due to stress.

Last year the effort to cap payday loans was defeated 22-27 in the Indiana Senate. We need only convince four Indiana senators to change their positions and vote to cap all lending

in Indiana at 36% annual percentage rate, including fees and costs. A study by Bellwether Research found that 88% of Indiana voters surveyed support this change. Do not just read this. Call the Senate today at the numbers below and voice your opinion.

Citizens of Indiana cannot allow our laws to sanction lending that preys on the poor and most vulnerable among us. Call Committee Chair Sen. Eric Bassler and ask him to schedule a hearing on this important bill and then call your state senator and ask them to co-sponsor the bill and to vote YES on SB 26. Here are the phone numbers. Do it today! Call 317-232-9400 or 800-382-9467. Find your senator at iga.in.gov.

Nancy Cotterill is co-founder of Unite Indy, which connects volunteers and experts to assist urban churches, ministries and other charities.

Would-be king given the royal treatment today

By LARRY SMITH



At about this time last year I shared my frustration regarding the ways in which Martin Luther King Jr. is generally "remembered" and "celebrated." In part I wrote: *I am so weary of the confining "prison" in which we have incarcerated Rev. King's work and legacy. We have done so using twin evils. One evil is pretending that he*

delivered just ONE speech, of which only ONE part typically is quoted — and that part is often taken grossly out of context by those whose words and actions are diametrically opposed to the racial equality for which King was assassinated.

The second evil is the Disney-esque social and spiritual castration to which Rev. King has been subjected. He has been pre-packaged and sanitized

for mass consumption. His audacious radicalism has been reduced to 'feel good' emotional pablum. This consummate warrior for justice is the victim of identity theft — his personhood robbed of the power of societal change that was forged in the crucible of immeasurable sacrifice ...

I stand by everything that I expressed at the time; in fact, I might have even greater opprobrium today. Nonetheless, I frequently wonder whether the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King could be as effective a leader in 2020 as he was in the 1950s and 60s. Any answer to this question is, by definition, "counter-factual." In other words, the question cannot be answered definitively because King is not alive to offer his perspective. However, engaging in this thought exercise is far from a waste of time; indeed, it has practical implications. (More on that later.)

The primary reason that I question whether King would be as effective today is because the social and political factions that are, in some ways, his ideological progeny tend to be far more "progressive" than he was. Indeed, while many Americans viewed King as "radical" for his day, many of his words, actions and beliefs would be interpreted as "conservative" relative to, say, those of Black Lives Matter activists. The most obvious potential problem would be King's deep religious faith. While there are "progressive" Christian ministers in today's social context (Rev. William Barber being perhaps the most prominent example), it is not clear King would "check all the boxes" that would be demanded of him today. (The far left, as well as the far right, tend to "eat their young." That does not bode well for the future.)

Further, King and his wife, Coretta, had a very "traditional" marriage — even though she was well-educated and a highly talented singer and musician. Also, we don't know where King would stand regarding LGBTQ issues. Though King availed himself of Bayard Rustin's brilliance, he also distanced himself somewhat from the openly gay activist. (Rustin

was the primary organizer of King's signature event, the 1963 March on Washington.)

To be clear, some leaders in King's day criticized him for not elevating women to senior leadership roles in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Legendary activist Ella Baker, who spent time working at SCLC, is one leader who became an increasingly vocal opponent of King. Further, King was accused of failing to fully embrace student-led movements as the 1960s wore on. Most prominent among these groups were the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). There was increasing friction with King and his SCLC as the student organizations abandoned nonviolence and aligned themselves with Black separatist movements.

As I suggested earlier, there are practical implications of this discussion. For example, even though I admit that comparisons to Barack Obama are somewhat facile, it is instructive to consider the ways in which the former president's record is being savaged by the far left. Given this context, it is easy to imagine that there would be a "Cancel King" or "Heal the Doctor" movement via Black Twitter if he were alive today. (A scene between a young female activist and Denzel Washington's title character in his recent movie "Roman J. Israel, Esq." comes to mind.)

Obviously, no one knows the extent to which efforts to undermine King would take root — or how successful they would be. (Witness, for example, Kayne West — who is apparently "cancel proof.") Still, that's beside the point. The issue is that King may well not have risen to national prominence if he were a contemporary activist. This nation would be much worse off as a result.

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School districts one step ahead of Gov. Holcomb's mental health plan

By BREANNA COOPER
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Many local school districts are ahead of Gov. Eric Holcomb's 2020 plan, which will require all Indiana school districts to form a partnership with a mental health care provider by 2021 to qualify for the Secured School Safety grant. Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), and the metropolitan school districts of Lawrence, Pike, Washington, Warren and Wayne, have had mental health care providers available to students for years.

Having mental health care professionals inside the school could be especially beneficial to Black students, who face higher rates of suicide and suicide attempts than any other demographic. According to the 2017 Youth Risks Behaviors survey, suicide is the third leading cause of death for people aged 15-24, and Black youth are over three times more likely to attempt suicide than white students.

According to Andrea Summers-Cotton, a mental health wellness specialist for IPS, providing mental health professionals in school was a matter of working with students and assessing the need. IPS has partnerships with seven different mental health care providers, and social workers are located in all schools in the district.

"We spoke to some mental health care providers to find out what it would take to bring them into our schools," Summers-Cotton said. "We knew we could do better for our kids."

African American students make up 43% of the student body of IPS, and they face a distinct set of risk factors for mental illnesses such as addiction, depression, moving frequently and a lack of socioeconomic resources.



(Recorder Graphic/John Hurst)

Furthermore, Summers-Cotton cites cultural differences in how families approach mental health as a factor in why treatment may be delayed or nonexistent.

"Some of those kids might come from families that think spirituality is the only way to address mental health or are from families with a history of mental illness and it has become an accepted way of life," she said.

Despite the stigma surrounding mental illness, Summers-Cotton sees a positive trend: more African American males are starting to seek help for mental health issues.

According to Kelsey Steuer, Indiana area director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, this trend may help African American boys to speak openly about their struggles with mental health.

"We're working to debunk the myth that showing emotions or needing help is showing weakness," Steuer said. "If African American boys have figures in their lives that they look up to who are open about their mental health, it makes it easier for them to do the same."

In IPS, students in all grade levels see age-appropriate presentations about mental health. In the high schools, the

presentations have an added emphasis on symptoms of suicidal ideation and suicide prevention.

"For high school students, it's usually friends that bring it to our [social workers'] attention," Summers-Cotton said. "They see when friends are posting sad things to social media, or if they're giving away personal items. We speak with the student and give them tools, like who they can talk to."

Sandra Squire, principal of Ben Davis High School in Wayne Township, has seen significant benefits to having a partnership with Cummins Behavioral Health for both students and staff.

MSD of Wayne Township has partnered with Cummins for at least 15 years, and staff professional development at Ben Davis has included seminars to train teachers to recognize emotional and mental health issues among students.

"We have ... worked to understand our own triggers because it has been stated, 'an escalated adult cannot deescalate a child,'" Squire said. "Our district has done quite a bit of work in this area ... but our staff continue to learn about the brain, behavior and how trauma can affect both."

Despite the racial disparity in suicidal behavior, neither the MSD of Wayne

Township nor IPS have mental health groups or programs specifically targeted toward minority students. However, Ben Davis High School, where 35.5% of the student population is African American, offers two extracurricular groups, Giant Kings and Girls to Women, to offer support for minority students.

Sherman Woodard, a counselor at Ben Davis and the staff leader of Giant Kings, said mental health is always at the forefront of Giant Kings meetings, even if it isn't always obvious. Students often talk about depression, oppression and concerns that are specific to African American males.

"Schools have to create a culture of community for young people to feel like they belong and aren't alone," Woodard said. "When students hear from other peers that have similar concerns, fears and doubts, it can be cathartic. Students need to hear how people have overcome and found support to deal with mental health issues. ... Mental health is neglected not just in education, but in society as a whole."

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Health Department, Legal Aid Society Partner to Help Residents

Environmental Health Specialists at the Marion County Public Health Department see it all the time: A senior or person living with a disability is behind on maintenance of their home, or a little bit of clutter becomes too overwhelming. Rubbish builds up in the yard, or the grass grows too high.

As a result, the homeowner receives a notice from the health department to make necessary changes to protect the health and safety of the homeowner and neighbors. The task is overwhelming and they're living with limited financial resources or may not physically be up to the task.

When this happens, the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society (ILAS) is available to provide the representation, advice and referrals residents need to continue living safely at home.

Most referrals for ILAS housing services come directly from the Marion County Public Health Department and concern common issues that Housing and Neighborhood Health staff help with every day.

Attorneys with Legal Aid provide three basic types of services: Formal representation in court, advice and counsel, and referral to other nonprofits.

"Hoarding is not infrequent, sanitary issues are common, and repairs inside and outside are equally common, or large rubbish and junk in the yard," said Deetta Steinmetz, staff attorney for ILAS.

According to Steinmetz, the process is a joint effort between ILAS, the Marion County Public Health Department, and judges in Marion County Environmental Court.

"I am blown away repeatedly by their degree of caring, compassion and patience," Steinmetz added. "I have left that courtroom and had the thought, in that courtroom, we are the best that we ever are."

Steinmetz continued, "There is a communal effort to help people who desperately need help. I do this every time! I think about the experiences I've had in that courtroom with inspectors. I know

inspectors who've gone in on their days off to help clean up a yard."

She said that, in 2019, she attended more than 170 ordinance violation-related court appearances on behalf of health department clients.

Many clients receive much-needed assistance from NeighborLink. The nonprofit organization works specifically to help seniors stay in their homes to age in place, which is often more cost-effective, more comfortable and can slow memory loss.

NeighborLink helps connect seniors with maintenance and repair services that can bring their homes back into compliance. For repairs that fall outside of NeighborLink's scope, clients are often referred to the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership for low-interest home repair loans.

For more information about these resources, please contact the Marion County Public Health Department's Housing and Neighborhood Health department at (317) 221-2150.

Visitor Restrictions at Marion County Hospitals

As flu activity remains high, all hospitals in Marion County continue to have temporary restrictions in place for visitors.

The temporary restrictions began on Dec. 20, 2019 at the request of Marion County Public Health Department director Virginia A. Caine, M.D. in cooperation with the Indianapolis Coalition for Patient Safety. Restrictions include, but are not limited to:

- No visitors with symptoms of influenza.
 - No visitors under the age of 18.
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Church denomination forgives Atlanta college's \$4M debt



ATLANTA (AP) — Leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church forgave \$4 million in debt owed by a college it founded in Atlanta.

The financial boost for Morris Brown College was announced Jan. 14, news outlets reported. In exchange, the college agreed to establish a \$1.5 million scholarship for AME church members.

Morris Brown College lost its accreditation in 2002. Interim president Kevin James launched an effort last year to become accredited again. An official told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution

that the debt forgiveness will help.

“The removal of the long-term debt improves our position ... which is a critical part of the accreditation process,” said Shermanetta Carter, chief financial officer for Morris Brown College.

The Georgia Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church founded Morris Brown College in 1881, the newspaper reported. The college currently has about 40 students enrolled, according to news outlets.



Interim president Kevin James. (Photo courtesy Vincent Christie/The Atlanta Voice)

Replica offers peek into long-gone church



By JESSICA VOTIPKA
York News-Times

YORK, Neb. (AP) — Hans George Schlegelmilch's hand-built country church is a mini marvel, fitted with elements like pews, an altar, lights and a working bell tower.

The church is a replica of Benedict's old Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hans' since-demolished and replaced inspiration.

A peek through the front door reveals a fully-furnished, first and foremost handmade homage.

“He was always pretty handy with stuff like that,” his son, Harvey Schlegelmilch, told the York News-Times. “It's built pretty much to scale,” Harvey said. Hans based his creation primarily on memory, Harvey marveled.

The vast majority of elements are handmade; just a few are found objects. “I suppose the cross and Jesus were from a specialty place that sold Christian stuff,” Harvey said.

It took Hans the duration of summer 1952 to complete the project. By this time he was retired. “He had a carpentry shop; he did this as a pastime,” Harvey said.

What was even more important to Hans, Harvey said, was his faith, which included sending his children to parochial school and attending church regularly. “On Sunday it was

always the thing to do,” Harvey said. Even when his father's health was on the downside, Harvey said his father remained spiritually dedicated. “In his later years he always listened to the weekend services on the radio.”

Hans passed away in the 1960s, at age 84. His creation was passed along to Harvey, who has made a few additions, though there are a few he's had trouble locating. “I've always wanted to have a pastor standing behind the pulpit, and an organist with their hands on the keys,” he said. “I want them to be in church — like on a Sunday morning.”

Harvey has looked at model train accessories, but they didn't quite fit. “They'd have to be about three inches tall,” he estimated, adding that he hasn't considered making them himself. “It would take a lot of arts and craftsmanship,” Harvey said. “I just don't have the craftsmanship for that.”

This past holiday season, the church was displayed in the entryway of York General's Willow Brook assisted living. It was also displayed, for several years, at the Benedict church; a fitting reminder of Zion's days past — and Hans. “I decided the best thing to do is display it,” Harvey said. “I figured it kind of honors him.”

“For anybody who went to those country churches it brings old memories out. I think that's what it really meant to him.”

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Your life is an offering

By SHEILA P. SPENCER

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for God. — Romans 12:1



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived a life that transformed the world. We celebrate his life and legacy as an official holiday on Jan. 20. Growing up, I always commemorated his birthdate as a holiday. My mother would take us to a play, concert, museum, parade or gathering where we would learn about and honor the life of Dr. King. That evening, I would write up a full report on what I experienced and learned that day.

The next day I would return to school with my report and a note from my mother, which read, “Dear Teacher, Sheila was out to commemorate and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She has completed a summary of the day and what she experienced ...”

My mother predicted my teacher's reaction, because the letter closed with, “I realize that this is not recognized as an official holiday, but it should be. And until it is, it will be recognized as one in my home. My children will learn his life and legacy. Sincerely, Mrs. Doris Spencer”

Thank you, mama, you were ahead of your time, but the country eventually caught up.

It is incredible when you reflect on everything he

experienced and that he never reached the age of 40. One part of his legacy was the fact that he lived out his calling during the lifetime on Earth. Two months before his assassination he told his congregation what he would like said at his funeral: “I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr., tried to love somebody.” He knew the value of living his best life. The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 20, 2020 also marks the 25th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the civil rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as “a day on, not a day off,” this encourages all to volunteer to improve their communities.

Your life is an offering.

As I reflected upon the importance of living our life as an offering, it reminded me of an article I read. Nurses shared statements that patients made as they reached the end of their lives. The statements are simple yet complex. I share them with you, and I thought about the wisdom of Rev. Dr. King.

I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.

“We must use time creatively.” — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This was the most common regret of all. When people realize their life is almost over and look back clearly on it, it is easy to see how many dreams have gone unfulfilled. It is very important to try and honor your dreams along the way. Each one of us is given something to do that shows who God is, and that is a blessed gift. The world is waiting and needs the gift you have to offer. Live your life authentically.

I wish I did not work so hard.

“There is nothing more tragic than to find an individual bogged down in the length of life, devoid of breadth.” — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We live in a culture that glorifies being busy, having a full schedule and constant grind. It is important that we take time to rest and realize that self-care is not a luxury; it is essential. Let's focus on the quality of life, not just the quantity. And by creating more space in your life, you become happier and more open to new opportunities, ones more suited to your new lifestyle.

I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We cannot control the reactions of others. However, although people may initially react when you change the way you are by speaking honestly, in the end it raises the relationship to a whole new and healthier level. Either that or it releases the unhealthy relationship from your life. Either way, you win. We are encouraged to speak the truth in love.



I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.

“Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.” — Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

It is common for anyone in a busy lifestyle to let friendships slip. But it is not money or status that holds the true importance for the ill patients. They want to get things in order more for the benefit of those they love. It all comes down to love and relationships in the end. That is all that remains in the final weeks, love and relationships.

I wish that I had let myself be happier.

“The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important ...” — Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

They had stayed stuck in old patterns and habits. The so-called “comfort” of familiarity overflowed into their emotions, as well as their physical lives. Fear of change had them pretending to others, and to their selves, that they were content when deep within, they longed to laugh properly and have silliness in their life again.

We can celebrate the legacy of Dr. King when we live our best life authentically, love God, love others and speak the truth in love. Martin Luther King, in his 39 years, was a living example of this. Can you imagine what would have transpired if he didn't follow his life calling?

Let's do the same. Life is a gift. Life is a choice. It is YOUR life. Choose consciously, choose wisely, and choose honestly. Choose happiness.

Our lives are an offering.
Blessed to be a blessing to you,
Rev. Sheila P. Spencer

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OBITUARIES



Long-time resident, minister and former IPS school #70 vice principal, Rev. Dr. David A. Perry, Sr. died at the age of 96 on Christmas day after a long illness. He was laid to rest on December 30 in Tarpon Springs, Florida. A memorial service will be held at Allen Chapel AME on Saturday, January 25 at 3pm at the last church where he was a member in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Rev. Perry was born in Evansville and was the second of six children born to the late Rev. Henry A. Perry, Sr. and Annie Whittaker Perry. He received the call to preach when he was only 16 years old. He pastored nine churches in Indiana from 1943 to 1989 including Coppin Chapel

AME in Indianapolis, Allen Chapel in Terre Haute and both Bethel AME and Allen Temple in Marion. Rev. Perry attended Tuskegee Institute, Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary. In 1956 he earned a Master of Arts degree from Indiana State Teachers College and began a second career teaching and counseling. He moved to Indianapolis in 1968 and worked for the Indianapolis Public Schools. After retirement, he moved to warmer weather in 1989.

His plan was to mentor preachers, so he began teaching at Christ the King Theological Seminary in 1995 where he later became president of the school. At the age of 90, Rev. Perry wrote his first book, Life: Why Live if You Have to Die?, which is a guide for purposeful living. His second book, Ministerial Guidelines That Will Enrich Your Pastoral Journey, is specifically for those interested in becoming pastors or critiquing pastoral skills. Book requests and condolences may be sent to gperry6481@yahoo.com.

Rev. Dr. David A. Perry, Sr. is survived by his wife of 43 years, Gwendolyn Heeter Perry; three sons, three daughters, nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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‘It’s my hair’: Baltimore looks to ban hair discrimination

By TALIA RICHMAN
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE (AP) — Woman after woman has settled into Yasmine Young’s salon chair and explained that she needed to change her hair to conform with the expectations of a boss.

Recently, it was a real estate agent who was told that her locks didn’t fit the company “look.” Sitting in Charles Village’s Diaspora Salon, the woman had to make a choice.

“She combed the locks out,” Young said. “We hear that story a lot.”

This kind of pushback against hair-styles often worn by people of color could soon be explicitly banned in Baltimore, as the City Council looks to join a growing wave of cities and states prohibiting discrimination based on hair texture and style.

“We can’t tolerate that here in Baltimore City,” said Democratic Councilman Robert Stokes, who introduced the bill.

The city is about 63% African American.

Black people across the country have been barred from jobs, schools and public events because they choose to style their hair in locks, Afros and twists. Some say they face implicit or explicit pressure to wear their hair in a way that conforms to more European standards of beauty, and spend huge sums to chemically straighten and maintain their hair.

And while more and more people have embraced natural hair in recent years, the stories of discrimination still surface, reverberating through the African American community and elsewhere.

There was the white referee in New Jersey who told a teenage Black wrestler to cut his locks or cover his hair if he wanted to participate in a bout; the teen got a mat-side haircut. A 6-year-old boy was turned away on his first day at a Christian school in Florida because of his long dreadlocks. NBC reportedly fired actress Gabrielle Union after producers said her hair was “too Black,” according to Variety.

In 2015, a former Baltimore “Hooters Girl” was awarded more than \$250,000 after complaining that a manager at the restaurant’s Inner Harbor location told her that her blond highlights weren’t permissible because “Black people don’t have blond hair.”

Before Young opened her North Baltimore salon, she, too, was pressured by a former boss to “tone down” her hair, which she wore in a twist out. That style, she was told, was “too wild.” Management at the graphic design firm wanted it straight.

“It hurt,” she said. “I felt like even though I was doing an excellent job, I was friendly and worked well with customers, they choose to say something about my hair.”

Baltimore’s Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement is collecting data on how many complaints of hair-related discrimination the city has received in the past decade. Director Darnell Ingram said he fields complaints “periodically,” but the issue is likely under-reported.

“Once it’s codified into law, people will be better informed and start adjusting the cultural norms,” he said. “Will it end it full stop? That’ll take some time.”

Terra Bowen-Reid, a psychology professor at Morgan State University, said hair-based discrimination in the United States can be traced back to slavery and is not always blatant. It can come in the form of microaggressions, looks and stares. It can be an assumption that a woman with natural hair is unprofessional or unkempt. It can be a boss commenting that a person doesn’t fit the company’s image, and shouldn’t get a promotion.

“Some people will say, ‘It’s just hair, get over it,’” she said. “But for African Americans, it carries a deeper psychological meaning. ... You start to question: ‘Do people not accept me because of my appearance?’”

California, New Jersey and New York have passed laws similar to the one being considered in Baltimore. In Montgomery County, lawmakers passed legislation last month that prohibits discrimination against natural hairstyles, including “braids, locks, Afros, curls and twists.” Businesses and others can be fined up to \$5,000 for violating the law.

The Baltimore bill would add hair texture and style to the city’s law barring discrimination in schools, workplaces and housing. A city commission investigates discrimination complaints and can impose penalties.

Del. Stephanie Smith plans to introduce a bill in the upcoming General Assembly session that would ban discrimination based on hairstyle and traits associated with race.

“To be frank, I wish this was unnecessary,” the Baltimore Democrat said. “It’s not something I’m excited is necessary. Nonetheless, I think it’s important.”

She said she hopes it isn’t dismissed as just a “women’s issue.”

City Council President Brandon Scott said he understands that firsthand. He and the rest of the all-Democratic council are co-sponsoring the city bill. As a college student preparing to enter the professional world, Scott was told he should cut off the braids that went past his shoulders.

“What they were essentially saying to me is that my hair mattered more than my ability,” he said. Once he cut his hair, “I felt like I was leaving something behind. You shouldn’t have to do that.”

He said the council plans to move quickly to approve the legislation.

At Young’s salon, the sentiment behind the bill was met with appreciation.

Tiffani Willis, an analyst with the U.S. Department of Justice, got a hairstyle Jan. 3 that she said represented the first time she’d be wearing it in its natural state. She’s excited about her new short, curly look, even if she does wonder what kinds of comments it will generate at work.

“It’s my hair. It’s me,” said Willis, 33. “I feel I have the right to wear it and not fear comments or questions.”



New board members

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The Indy chapter of IBE had its first board meeting of 2020 to present new board members. Standing: Lambert Barnes, nominating committee member; Rodney Bussell, member at large; Marlo Bruce, nominating committee chairperson; Dawn Evet Jones, secretary; Kenneth Allen, member at large; Beth McGinty, treasurer. Front row: Keisha Ricketts, chapter state representative; Jeana Ouattara, president; Freida A. Quarles, vice president. Not pictured: Kevin Armstrong, nominating committee member, and Emil Ekiyor, member at large. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT
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IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
NERI HERNANDEZ MEJIA,
Petitioner
Vs
SERGIO HERNANDEZ-
ALMAZAN
Respondent.
CAUSE NO.
49D06-2001-DC-0000468

**NOTICE OF SUIT-
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MARRIAGE BY
PUBLICATION**

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a dissolution of marriage action. And to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: SERGIO HERNANDEZ-ALMAZAN. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other persons who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 2nd day of March 2020 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the petitioner has demanded.

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
COURT OF
CIVIL DIVISION
GBENG A. T. OGUNJOBI
Plaintiff
Vs
TIAHNNA K.L. WILSON
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D13-1912-DN-052312

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: FOLLICE LOWERY. In addition to the above named Respondent being served by this summons there may be other persons who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 2nd day of March 2020 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Petitioner has demanded. Dated this 9th day of December, 2019.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
COUNTY
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Plaintiff
Vs
TREYONE D. JOHNSON
Respondent.
CAUSE NO.
49D06-1908-DN-031126

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: TREYONE D. JOHNSON 6604 KINNERTON DRIVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46254. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 2nd day of March 2020 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF MARION COUNTY
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
SORRETTA ALEXANDER,
Petitioner,
Vs
SADE ALEXANDER,
Respondent.
CAUSE NO.
49D11-1911-DN-047202

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE. If this summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a temporary restraining order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the order. If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing. If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that any of the following: parent, child, custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal) and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs. Dated this 8th day of November, 2019.

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF MARION COUNTY
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
WILLIAM L. JACKSON,
Petitioner,
Vs
LISA ANN JACKSON,
Respondent.
CAUSE NO.
49D06-2002-DN-052094

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: LISA ANN JACKSON. In addition to the above named Respondent being served by this summons there may be others who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 2nd day of March 2020 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the petitioner has demanded. Dated this 16th day of December, 2019.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
COURT OF
CIVIL DIVISION
GBENG A. T. OGUNJOBI
Plaintiff
Vs
TIAHNNA K.L. WILSON
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D13-1912-DN-052312

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: TIAHNNA K.L. WILSON. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 2nd day of March 2020 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. Dated this 9th day of December, 2019.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
COURT OF
CIVIL DIVISION
OLOWU T. SAKA
Plaintiff
Vs
LADEDRIA D. MASSEY
Defendant.
CAUSE NO.
49D06-1912-DN-050427

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: LADEDRIA D. MASSEY. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 2nd day of March 2020 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF MARION COUNTY
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
WILLIAM LEWIS SPANN
Plaintiff,
Vs
GARY LEE GRAY,
Respondent.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1910-MI-044791

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

William Lewis Spann, in the Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that WILLIAM LEWIS SPANN has filed a petition in the court to change his name to WILLIAM L. SPANN SR. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said petition on February 25, 2020 at 9 a.m. Room W506 within the City-County Building, 200 E. Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204. 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
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
GARY LEE GRAY,
Plaintiff.
Vs
GARY LEE GRAY,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1910-MI-042204

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

GARY LEE GRAY, whose mailing address is: 55 S. Denny Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201, in the Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that GARY LEE GRAY has filed a verified Petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to GARRY LEE GRAY. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on February 11, 2020 at 9 am at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 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.

Dated: October 9, 2019
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/03/20
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
MICHAEL JOSEPH YOUNG,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1910-MI-0418 80

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Michael Joseph Young, whose mailing address is: 3831 S. Olney Street, Indianapolis, IN 46237, in the Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Michael Joseph Young has filed a verified Petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to SAMANTHA LYNN MCFARLAND, 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. Dated: October 7, 2019
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:
BETTY JEAN MOTLEY,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1911-MI-047829

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Linda Sue House, whose mailing address and current residence is 7362 Lake Lakota Place, Indianapolis, IN 46217, hereby gives notice that she filed a petition in the Marion County Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Linda Sue Bohannon. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said petition on Tuesday March 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM in Room W506 within the City-County Building. Dated: 1/2/2020
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:
THOMAS CHESTER EDGLEY, SOVEREIGN,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2001-MI-000292

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

THOMAS CHESTER EDGLEY, SOVEREIGN, whose mailing address is: 5216 Central Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220, in the Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that THOMAS CHESTER EDGLEY, SOVEREIGN has filed a verified Petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that his name be changed to THOMAS CHESTER EDGLEY. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on April 7, 2020 at 9 am at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 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. Dated: January 3, 2020
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:
MASON LEE ALLEN KENNEDY,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1912-MI-052868

**ORDER SETTING
HEARING AND
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Notice is hereby given that the hearing will be held on the 20th day of December, 2019, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Mary Helen Krafft Keim, deceased, who died on the 15th day of November, 2019. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 9th day of December 2019.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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01/17/20

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR:
CAYLYNN FAITH MCFARLAND,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1910-MI-042190

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Notice is hereby given that petitioner SAMANTHA MCFARLAND, as a self-represented litigant, and/or behalf of the minor, CAYLYNN FAITH MCFARLAND, is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 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. Dated: January 3, 2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49D08-1912-EU-052664

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Notice is hereby given that Janet King Harris was on the 20th day of December, 2019, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Mary Helen Krafft Keim, deceased, who died on the 15th day of November, 2019. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 20th day of December 2019.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/10/20
01/17/20

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
SAMANTHA LYNN MCFARLAND,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1910-MI-042199

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SAMANTHA LYNN MCFARLAND, whose mailing address is: 106 S. Denny Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201, in the Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that SAMANTHA LYNN MCFARLAND has filed a verified Petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to SAMANTHA LYNN STEWART. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on February 11, 2020 at 9 am at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 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. Dated: October 9, 2019
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:
BETTY JEAN MOTLEY,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1911-MI-047829

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Betty Jean Motley, whose mailing address is: 10922 Cape Coral Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46229, in the Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Betty Jean Motley has filed a verified Petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to BETTY JEAN LEE. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on March 17, 2020 at 9 am at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 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. Dated: November 25, 2019
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/10/20
01/17/20

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
WILLIAM LYLE CHITWOOD,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49D08-1912-EU-050950

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Notice is hereby given that Kenneth Allen Chitwood was on the 9th day of December, 2019, appointed personal representative of the Estate of William Lyle Chitwood, deceased, who died on the 28th day of October, 2019. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever date is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this December 26, 2019.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/10/20
01/17/20

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
MASON LEE ALLEN KENNEDY,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1912-MI-052868

**ORDER SETTING
HEARING AND
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Notice is hereby given that the hearing will be held on the 20th day of December, 2019, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Mary Helen Krafft Keim, deceased, who died on the 15th day of November, 2019. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 20th day of December 2019.
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 NAME OF MINOR:
CAYLYNN FAITH MCFARLAND,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1910-MI-042190

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Notice is hereby given that petitioner SAMANTHA MCFARLAND, as a self-represented litigant, and/or behalf of the minor, CAYLYNN FAITH MCFARLAND, is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 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. Dated: January 3, 2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49D08-1912-EU-052664

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Notice is hereby given that Janet King Harris was on the 20th day of December, 2019, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Mary Helen Krafft Keim, deceased, who died on the 15th day of November, 2019. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 20th day of December 2019.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/10/20
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
In the matter of the Estate of SUSAN A. WEBB, deceased.
Cause Number
49D08-2001-EU-000367

Notice is hereby given that GRETCHEN LOEBER was on January 6, 2020, appointed personal representative of the estate of SUSAN A. WEBB, deceased, who died on the 19TH day of May, 2019.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this January 6, 2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE DOCKET
49D08-1912-EU-053098
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MARLENE SHAW, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Donald E. Yarnell was appointed Executor of the Estate of MARLENE SHAW, Deceased, on January 2, 2020.

All persons who have any claims against this estate, whether now due, must file the claim(s) in the office of the clerk of this court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or Within one (1) year after the decedent's death, Whichever or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 2, 2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion County Superior Court
In the Matter Of The Estate of JAMES L. GERARD, Deceased.
Estate Docket
49D08-1912-EU-053205

Notice is hereby given that on December 26, 2019, Jon L. Gerard and Jennifer R. Gerard were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of James L. Gerard deceased.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court Within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever date is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this December 26, 2019.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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PATERNITY

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION COUNTY
COURT OF
CIVIL DIVISION
IN RE: PATERNITY OF:
HALEIGH LYNN HUFFORD,
By Next Friend:
NICOLE ANDERSON,
Co-Petitioners,
Vs
JAMES A. HUFFORD,
Respondent.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1612-JP-000635

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO
Determine**

Notice is hereby given that Intervenor, April L. Vish and Michael T. Vish, have filed their verified Petition to Intervene, to be De Facto Custodian, and for Third Party Custody in Marion County, Circuit Court, State of Indiana, and have requested third-party custody of Haleigh Lynn Hufford, a minor child. Notice is further given that a

LEGAL SERVICES LEGALS CLASSIFIED

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Trustees of Purdue University will receive sealed bids for the following projects until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on the 20th day of February 2020 in the Purdue Technology Center Aerospace (PTCA), 1801 Newman Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906. 1. West Lafayette Campus – Brown Lab Rooms 3174, 3174A and 3174B Renovation – 2020 2. West Lafayette Campus – Mechanical Engineering Room 2008 Undergrad Office Renovation – 2020 3. West Lafayette Campus – Mechanical Engineering Room 2008 and G052 Lab Renovation – 2020 4. West Lafayette Campus – Multiple Sanitary and Storm Sewer Repairs – 2020 5. West Lafayette Campus – Various Parking Lot Repairs – 2020 Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in Room 106 of the Purdue Technology Center Aerospace (PTCA), 1801 Newman Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Bids received after such time will be returned unopened. Bids may be withdrawn prior to such time, but no bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter. The Principal Subcontractor Questionnaire listing the names of the bidder's principal subcontractors shall be submitted with the bid. The remainder of the Questionnaires and Material Lists shall be submitted prior to 3:00 p.m. (EST) on the 27th day of February 2020, to: Capital Program Management, Purdue Technology Center Aerospace, 1801 Newman Road Suite 208, West Lafayette, IN 47906-4510 Phone (765) 494-0580 Bids shall be complete construction only, properly executed and submitted on Form 96, accompanied by executed Form 96A (as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts) giving financial data as recent as possible, and a Non-Collusion Affidavit together with other documents as required by the Instructions to Bidders and addressed to The Trustees of Purdue University, clearly marked with the project and the bid opening date. Each bid must be accompanied by the Contractor's written plan for a program to test the contractor's employees for drugs in accordance with IC 4-13-18. Each bid must be accompanied by a Contractor's Combination Bid Bond and Bond for Construction in the form included in the specifications made payable to The Trustees of Purdue University in an amount equal to the maximum total of the base bid and any alternate bids, guaranteeing the execution and faithful performance of the contract for the work if awarded. The Instructions to Bidders contained in the specifications for the projects are by this reference made a part hereof, and all bidders shall be deemed advised of the provisions thereof, and of the General Conditions of the contract, specifications, plans and drawings for the project. A voluntary pre-bid meeting for Project No. 1 will be held on February 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. EST. The meeting will be held in Room 3174 of Brown Lab (BRWN), located at 425 Central Dr., West Lafayette, IN. A voluntary pre-bid meeting for Project No. 2 will be held on February 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. (EST). The meeting will be held in Conference Room 2180 of Mechanical Engineering (ME), located at 585 Purdue Mall, West Lafayette, IN. A voluntary pre-bid meeting for Project No. 3 will be held on February 3, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. (EST). The meeting will be held in Room G052 of Mechanical Engineering (ME), located at 585 Purdue Mall, West Lafayette, IN. A voluntary pre-bid meeting for Project No. 4 will be held on February 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. EST. The meeting will be held in Room 208-BB of Purdue Technology Center Aerospace (PTCA), located at 1801 Newman Rd., West Lafayette, IN. The architectural/engineering firms for these projects are: Project No. 1 Keystone Architects, 322 Main Street, Lafayette, IN 47901 Phone (765) 420-7400 Project Nos. 2 & 3 Synthesis Incorporated, 251 North Illinois Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 951-9500 Project Nos. 4 & 5 The Schneider Corporation, 1330 Win Hentschel Blvd., Suite 260, West Lafayette, IN 47906-4156 Phone (765) 237-5250 To view or obtain bid documents online: Repro Graphix Inc., 437 N. Illinois St, Indianapolis, IN 46204 Web: PurduePlan-room.com Phone: 1-800-718-0035 Email: ePlanRoom@Reprographix.com A \$300 deposit will be required for each hardcopy set of bidding documents. One compact disk or download is available at no charge. Postage and handling fee may apply. All orders must be placed online by bidder. Bids may choose to pick up orders at: Purdue Print & Digital Services delivered by Xerox: 698 Ahlers Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907 Phone: 765-494-2006 Bidding Documents are on file in the office of: Senior Vice President for Administrative Operations, Purdue Technology Center Aerospace, 1801 Newman Road Suite 208, West Lafayette, IN 47906-4510 Phone (765) 494-0580 The Board of Trustees of The Trustees of Purdue University reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive, to the extent permitted by law, any of the terms, conditions and provisions contained in this Advertisement for Bids or the Instructions to Bidders or any informality, irregularity or omission in any bid, provided that such waiver shall, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, be to the advantage of The Trustees of Purdue University. THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY By James K. Keeffe, Senior Director of Capital Program Management Date 1/8/2020 hspaxip 01/17/20 01/31/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2045 LRTP AMENDMENT #4 AND TRANSPORTATION CONFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE CENTRAL INDIANA REGION
Notice is hereby given that a public review and comment period will be held between January 20, 2020 and February 3, 2020 for a proposed amendment #4 to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Conformity Determination Report. Public comments on these items may be made by 5pm on February 3, 2020 to Jen Higginbotham at Jen.Higginbotham@indyMPO.org, 317-327-7587, or by mail to 200 East Washington Street, Suite 2322, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204. Notice is hereby given that at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at the Hotel Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Park Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107, the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council's Policy Committee will conduct a public hearing for a proposed amendment #4 to the 2045 LRTP. Copies of the items above and all plans and exhibits pertaining thereto are on file and available for examination in Room 2322 of the City-Council Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday and on the Indianapolis MPO's website at <http://www.indympo.org>. Written objections to a proposal may be filed with the Secretary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, before the February 19 meeting, at the address above, and such objections will be considered. At the hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard in reference to the matters contained in said proposal. The hearing may be continued on time from time as may be found necessary. For accommodation needs and for persons with disabilities, please call 317-327-5136. hspaxip 01/17/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Invitation for Bid (IFB) 19-12-337 New Training Facility Construction
IPTC is seeking bids from qualified General Contractor's for construction of approximately 3,400 square feet, consisting of site demolition, grading & Drainage, new utility installation water, gas, electric & sanitary services. Surface site improvements to included concrete paving, asphalt paving, walks, fences, gates, site lighting and other scope of work shown on solicitation bidding documents located on IndyGo website.
Solicitation Release Jan. 13, 2020
Pre-Bid Meeting Jan. 29, 2020 at 1:00pm (Site Visit pending)
Location IPTC Board Room 1501 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN, 46222.
Questions Due Feb. 4, 2020 by 3:00pm (EST).
Answers Provided Feb. 11, 2020 (Posted on IndyGo Website)
RFA (Substitutions/Questions) Feb. 18, 2020 by 3pm (EST)
Answers to RFAs/Questions Feb. 25, 2020 (IndyGo Website)
Bids Due March 3, 2020 by 1:00pm (EST) / Security Fort Desk.
Bid Opening March 3, 2020 at 1:15pm (EST) IPTC Board Room.
PTC Board Meeting March 26, 2020 at 5:00pm / Public Meeting.
Deliver Bid Package to: IPTC Procurement, 1501 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46222
No late bids accepted and proposals must be hard copies. To access Solicitation / Bid Documents please email request to Dave Adamson at dadamson@indygo.net, at that time bidding documents will be emailed, also available on IndyGo website: <https://www.indygo.net/procurement/bid-opportunities/nda-for-new-training-facility/> hspaxip 01/17/20 01/24/20 01/31/20 02/07/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Indianapolis International Airport
PUBLIC NOTICE/INVITATION FOR BIDDERS
Notice is herein given that sealed Invitation for Bid responses will be received by the Indianapolis Airport Authority in Indianapolis, Indiana for an Electroland Airwork Support and or upgrade, Electroland is an interactive lights display. Invitation for Bid responses must be received online at Plan-eBids no later than January 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (local time). To view business opportunities and request for automatic notifications at <http://bit.ly/IAAPlanBids>. All responses received shall be in full accordance with the instructions set forth in the Invitation for Bid. The Authority will reject late responses. The Authority reserves the right to waive any irregularities or technicalities. Once submitted, an invitation for bid response documents shall remain the property of the Authority hspaxip 01/17/20 01/31/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/public sale on January 27th, 2020 at 8AM. 7576 W Washington St Indianapolis, IN 46231. List of vehicles to be included in the sale:
Year Make VIN Sale Price
1998 DODGE 1B7GL22Y5W3507090 \$ 950.00
2007 CHEVROLET 1G1Z558F37F123444 \$ 950.00
2005 SCION JB4TK33445488307 \$ 950.00
2009 DODGE 1B43Z88NYF264087 \$ 950.00
1996 CHEVROLET 1GCEC14W7T7131220 \$ 950.00
2005 SUBARU 4S3BL61695722193 \$ 950.00
2014 CHEVROLET 1G1PC55B7E7104087 \$1,500.00 hspaxip 01/17/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Shepherd Community Center and NEAR are seeking proposals from qualified contractors for the Minnie Hartman Neighborhood Childcare Renovation, 3734 East Vermont Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201. This project is anticipated to be the recipient of a CDBG Grant from the City of Indianapolis that is applicable to Participating Goals and the Davis Bacon Act. All bids are non-binding and contingent upon final approval of the CDBG funding by the City of Indianapolis. Interested contractors should contact the Construction Manager – The Hagman Inc., attention Kevin Sexton, ksexton@hagmaneng.com. Bid Documents will be available Monday, January 20, 2020. Contact Kevin Sexton to obtain drawings and specification. Bids must be submitted to the Construction Manager via hand delivery by Tuesday, February 4th, 2020, at 2:00 pm Indianapolis time. A pre-bid meeting will be held on site on Tuesday, January 21st, at 10:00 am. hspaxip 01/17/20

SUMMONS

MDK # 19-034466
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #5
CAUSE NO.
49D05-1912-MF-051265
US Bank Trust, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust Plaintiff,
vs.
Natalie Haggard, as Possible Heir to the Estate of Betty J. Huntsman, AKA Betty Huntsman, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Betty J. Huntsman, AKA Betty Huntsman and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Betty J. Huntsman, AKA Betty Huntsman;
BE IT KNOWN, that US Bank Trust, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #5 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Betty J. Huntsman, AKA Betty Huntsman and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Betty J. Huntsman, AKA Betty Huntsman, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit: Lot Numbered Four (4) in Campdin and Sheridan Heights Addition, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, in Marion County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 17, page 5, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, Except Five (5) feet off the East end of said lot taken for road way purposes by Right of Way Grant dated July 28, 1967, recorded December 19, 1967, as recorded 67-62864, and re-recorded February 5, 1968, as Instrument No. 68-5362, including that manufactured home more specifically described as a 1994 Paint Harbor Homes, Wingfoot Model #5354, Serial Number PH20H9421467, Certificate of Title Number 299369-299370, commonly known as 458 South Holt Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241.
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #5, J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC P.O. Box 441039 Indianapolis, IN 46244 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-jdsmith@manleydeas.com 01/10/20 01/17/20 01/24/20

SUMMONS

MDK # 19-040387
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #5
CAUSE NO.
49D05-1912-MF-050056
PNC Bank, National Association Plaintiff,
vs.
Aaron Herbert, AKA Aaron R. Herbert, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Orchard Valley Farms Homeowners Association, Inc.
BE IT KNOWN, that PNC Bank, National Association, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #5 its Complaint against Defendant Orchard Valley Farms Homeowners Association, Inc., and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Orchard Valley Farms Homeowners Association, Inc., upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit: Lot Numbered 37 in Orchard Valley Farms, Section 2A, an addition in Marion County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded January 21, 2000 as Instrument Number 000009275 in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. The nature of the suit is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property located in Marion County at 8451 Westport Ln., Indianapolis, IN, 46234, legally described as Dwelling Unit 15 in Chapel Ridge Horizontal Property Regime as per Declaration recorded June 28, 1974, as Instrument #74-39707, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. Together with a 2.03% undivided interest pertaining to such dwelling unit in the Common Areas of Phase I of Chapel Ridge Horizontal Property Regime until such times as Supplemental Declarations annexing additional Phases are recorded pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 16 of the Declaration of Chapel Ridge Horizontal Property Regime, at which time the undivided percentage interest in the Common Areas shall be reduced as set out therein, (hereafter "Real Estate"). This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendants, who may claim some interest in the Real Estate and whose whereabouts are not known with certainty: Elizabeth A. Charpentier, Deceased, and Her Heirs-At-Law, Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Representatives, Executors, Trustees, and Administrators; and Any Unknown Occupants Defendants
NOTICE OF SUIT
TO the defendants named below, herein, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above.
The nature of the suit is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property located in Marion County at 8451 Westport Ln., Indianapolis, IN, 46234, legally described as Dwelling Unit 15 in Chapel Ridge Horizontal Property Regime as per Declaration recorded June 28, 1974, as Instrument #74-39707, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. Together with a 2.03% undivided interest pertaining to such dwelling unit in the Common Areas of Phase I of Chapel Ridge Horizontal Property Regime until such times as Supplemental Declarations annexing additional Phases are recorded pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 16 of the Declaration of Chapel Ridge Horizontal Property Regime, at which time the undivided percentage interest in the Common Areas shall be reduced as set out therein, (hereafter "Real Estate"). This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendants, who may claim some interest in the Real Estate and whose whereabouts are not known with certainty: Elizabeth A. Charpentier, Deceased, and Her Heirs-At-Law, Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Representatives, Executors, Trustees, and Administrators; and Any Unknown Occupants Defendants
You must respond to this summons by publication, by or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit has been filed, if you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court
Fredric Lawrence, Attorney Number 20224-49 NELSON & FRANKENBERGER IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 01/17/20 01/24/20 01/31/20

SUMMONS

MDK # 19-019410
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #14
CAUSE NO.
49D14-1911-MF-049323
American Advisors Group Plaintiff,
vs.
Timothy S. Burnett, AKA Timothy Burnett, as Personal Representative to the Estate of James Burnett AKA James A. Burnett, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Randy Burnett, as Heir and Real Estate Beneficiary to the Estate of James Burnett AKA James A. Burnett, Jennifer Morris, as Real Estate Beneficiary to the Estate of James Burnett AKA James A. Burnett, and Beth Arlington, as Real Estate Beneficiary to the Estate of James Burnett AKA James A. Burnett;
BE IT KNOWN, that American Advisors Group, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Elyssa M. Meade, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #14 its Complaint against Defendants Randy Burnett, as Heir and Real Estate Beneficiary to the Estate of James Burnett AKA James A. Burnett, Jennifer Morris, as Real Estate Beneficiary to the Estate of James Burnett AKA James A. Burnett, and Beth Arlington, as Real Estate Beneficiary to the Estate of James Burnett AKA James A. Burnett, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit: Lot Numbered 73 in Sheridan Heights Addition, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 30, page 67, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, commonly known as 4118 North Cathedral Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46226.
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendants are hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #14, Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC P.O. Box 441039 Indianapolis, IN 46244 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-emmeade@manleydeas.com 01/10/20 01/17/20 01/24/20

SUMMONS

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #5
CASE NO.
49D02-1911-MF-047722
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff
vs.
Elizabeth A. Charpentier, Deceased, and Her Heirs-At-Law, Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Representatives, Executors, Trustees, and Administrators; and Any Unknown Occupants Defendants
NOTICE OF SUIT
TO the defendants named below, herein, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above.
The nature of the suit is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property located in Marion County at 8451 Westport Ln., Indianapolis, IN, 46234, legally described as Dwelling Unit 15 in Chapel Ridge Horizontal Property Regime as per Declaration recorded June 28, 1974, as Instrument #74-39707, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. Together with a 2.03% undivided interest pertaining to such dwelling unit in the Common Areas of Phase I of Chapel Ridge Horizontal Property Regime until such times as Supplemental Declarations annexing additional Phases are recorded pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 16 of the Declaration of Chapel Ridge Horizontal Property Regime, at which time the undivided percentage interest in the Common Areas shall be reduced as set out therein, (hereafter "Real Estate"). This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendants, who may claim some interest in the Real Estate and whose whereabouts are not known with certainty: Elizabeth A. Charpentier, Deceased, and Her Heirs-At-Law, Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Representatives, Executors, Trustees, and Administrators; and Any Unknown Occupants Defendants
You must respond to this summons by publication, by or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit has been filed, if you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court
Fredric Lawrence, Attorney Number 20224-49 NELSON & FRANKENBERGER IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 01/17/20 01/24/20 01/31/20

SUMMONS

MDK # 19-039421
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #5
CAUSE NO.
49D05-1911-MF-049891
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff,
vs.
Randall W. Burleson, Jr., AKA Randall Burleson, Jr., AKA Randall W. Burleson, AKA Randall Burleson, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Kaylynn M. Engle, BE IT KNOWN, that Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #5 its Complaint against Defendant Kaylynn M. Engle, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Kaylynn M. Engle, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit: Lot Number 319 Moeller Estates at Willowd Farm, Section Seven, a Subdivision in Marion County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, Recorded June 22, 2004 as Instrument Number 2004-125236, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, commonly known as 7942 Caraway Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46239.
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #5, J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15) Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC P.O. Box 441039 Indianapolis, IN 46244 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-jdsmith@manleydeas.com 01/10/20 01/17/20 01/24/20

SUMMONS

MDK # 19-033023
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1910-PL-045949
Federal National Mortgage Association Plaintiff,
vs.
William H. Harvey, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Unknown Lienholders: BE IT KNOWN, that Defendant Fannie Mae, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Circuit Court its Complaint against Defendant Unknown Lienholders and the said Defendant, Fannie Mae having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Unknown Lienholders, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit: Lot Number One Hundred Twenty-Eight, (128) in Eliza T. Edwards Northwestern Park Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 7, in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, commonly known as 645 West 29th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208.
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated Clerk, Marion Circuit Court, J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15) Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64) Attorneys for Defendant Fannie Mae MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC P.O. Box 441039 Indianapolis, IN 46244 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-jdsmith@manleydeas.com 01/03/20 01/17/20

SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION
GAYLON OWENS AND JOCAROL OWENS, Plaintiffs,
Vs
SHAKELA WILLIAMS, JAMES HOPKINS, and LEBERTY MUTU, Defendants.
INSURANCE COMPANY, d/b/a LIBERTY MUTUAL, Defendants.
CAUSE NO.
49D11-1908-CT-039015
NOTICE OF SUIT
TO: Shakela Williams 10221 Ironway Drive Indianapolis, IN 46239
The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above, and any other persons who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued by the person(s) named "Plaintiff(s)" above in the Court stated above. The nature of the suit against you is a claim for damages from December 5, 2014 motor vehicle accident. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendant(s) whose last known addresses, on information and belief was: 9179 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46229. In said case, the above named Defendant(s) being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. You or your attorney must file a written answer to Plaintiff's complaint for damages, within thirty (30) days after the third notice of suit is published, and if you fail to do so judgement may be entered against you for what the Plaintiff(s) have demanded. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff(s) arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. Dated this 17th day of May, 2019. Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 01/17/20 01/24/20 01/31/20

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Winter warm-up Recipes and tips rooted in goodness



(Family Features) When cold weather hits, it's natural to seek comfort in a variety of forms: warm blankets, layers of sweaters and delicious, hearty meals. Winter is the perfect season for spending time indoors honing cooking skills to take your culinary creations to the next level.

Simple Recipes for Shorter Days

With less daylight hours during the winter, many people tend to get sleepy earlier. Quick weeknight dinner recipes are usually ideal, especially when they take only 30 minutes or so to prepare. Easy dishes are perfect for those nights when you want something savory and delicious, but you also want to get into pajamas and onto the nearest couch as soon as possible. Few things are better than a warm bowl full of flavor like this taste-tempting turkey recipe bursting with caramelized onion and roasted garlic notes.

CHICKPEA, SPINACH AND COCONUT CURRY

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 12 minutes

Servings: 6

2 tablespoons olive oil

6-year-old has a black belt What have you done today?

By TYLER FENWICK
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She wasn't the tallest student to walk into Providence Star Martial Arts on a recent evening for class. She wasn't the fastest either, usually finishing third or fourth in sprints to the wall and back.

Six-year-old Natalia Silk was easily one of the most gifted, though, having just earned her first-degree black belt in taekwondo.

Basically, that means Silk has mastered the fundamentals of taekwondo, a rare accomplishment for a 6-year old.

The class instructor, Marcus Clancy — or "Master Marcus" if you're a student — has been teaching taekwondo for about 10 years and said Silk is the youngest black belt he's ever produced.

There isn't a reliable way to track taekwondo students who earn black belts, but research suggests Silk could be the youngest female black belt in taekwondo in Indiana.

"It's amazing to see someone that young with skills like that," Clancy said.

It took Silk about 2 1/2 years to get her first-degree black belt, and Clancy, a sixth-degree black belt, said she's learning taekwondo more quickly than many adults.

The highest level is a ninth-degree black belt, which signifies a grand master. Clancy said it took him more than 20 years to get his sixth-degree black belt.

Silk, who will turn 7 in February, said she likes taekwondo because "we get to fight a lot." Not fight each other, but kicking pads and a punching bag hanging from the wall. Students also wear chest pads and get to lightly kick each other.

Silk was mild-mannered talking about what it was like to get her first-degree black belt, but her grandparents said taekwondo has helped her gain more confidence socially. She used to be really shy, according to her grandmother, Loraine Jackson, but now



Silk, who recently earned her first-degree black belt, practices her punches.



Six-year-old Natalia Silk warms up before her taekwondo class at Providence Star Martial Arts. (Photos/Tyler Fenwick)

Silk has no problem introducing herself to strangers.

On some days, when Clancy can't start the class right away, it might be up to Silk to get everyone organized and warmed up because she's one of the highest ranks.

Terry Jackson, her grandfather, said he and his wife wanted to get Silk into taekwondo because they know the benefits go beyond learning a new sport and gaining good health habits.

"We wanted her to be able to know what life's about," he said. "Taekwondo is a way of life."

Neither of Silk's grandparents have done taekwondo but have learned a lot about the sport by watching the classes twice a week and practicing with Silk at home, where they have a floor mat and punching bag.

In the class, Clancy is in a position where he can see his students' potential and knows how much they can accomplish if they stay focused and dedicated, and he said he's especially excited to see how far Silk can go.

"When you need some form of motivation as an instructor, I look toward students to help you out and get that extra boost that you might need," he said. "She's definitely one of those that helps me continue to grow in my martial arts."

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LN, LC take care of business

Lawrence Central High School boys basketball easily handled Bishop Dwenger High School (Fort Wayne), 75-31, at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Right: Lawrence Central senior Jasen Graves goes up for a shot. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Lawrence North High School junior Shamar Avance (10) pulls up for a shot over Snider High School (Fort Wayne) senior Jayshawn Underwood (2). The Wildcats have since won two more games and hold a perfect 12-0 record.

Pacers top 76ers



Pacers guard T.J. Warren (1) scored 21 points in the Pacers' win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Jan. 13 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Above: Warren scores over Al Horford (4). (Photo/Walt Thomas)