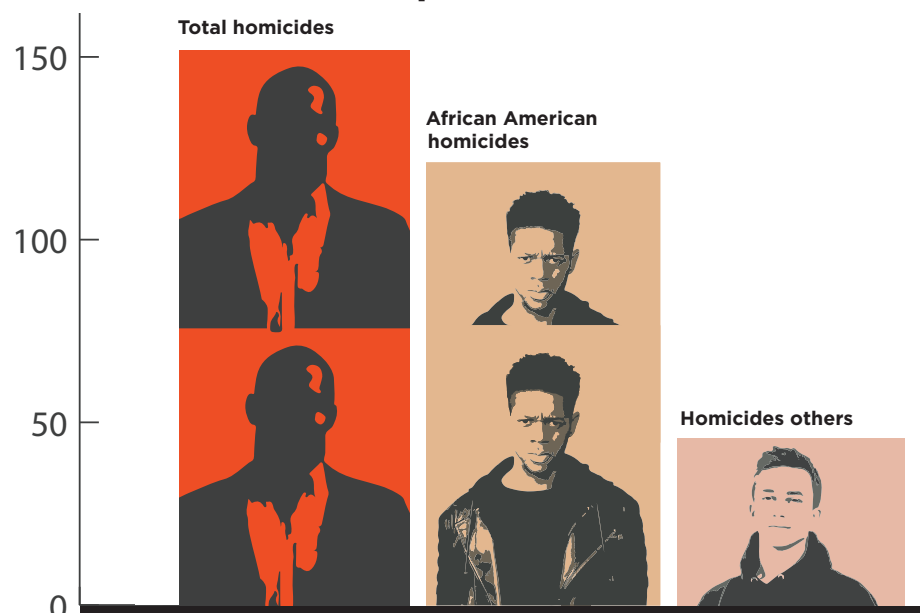




Homicide rates increase in Black community

2019 Indianapolis Homicide Rates



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For the first time since 2012, the overall homicide rate in Indianapolis dropped. However, the city's Black community faced an increase in homicides, with 75% of Indianapolis victims in 2019 being Black, up from 73% in 2018.

According to Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), there were 153 reported murders in 2019, down from 159 in 2018. Out of the 153 murders in 2019, at least 115 victims were Black. The city's homicide rate has been a dark cloud over Mayor Joe Hogsett's admin-

(Recorder Graphic/John Hurst)

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Chief Taylor takes his tall task in stride

By **TYLER FENWICK**
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Those who look at anger and outrage to gauge how much a public official cares about violence in his or her community will probably be unimpressed with new Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Randal Taylor.

He's said since being appointed by Mayor Joe Hogsett on Dec. 31, 2019, he's an even-keeled guy who doesn't express a lot of emotion. Taylor said he learned that from his predecessor, Chief Bryan Roach, whom he described as "a cool and calm customer."

"I won't say I don't get mad from time to time," Taylor, 55, said in a recent interview with the Recorder, "but really, I'm trying to come up with whatever's going to be the best solution."

Indianapolis is in need of solutions.

There were 153 criminal homicides in 2019,

according to data from IMPD, down from 159 in 2018. It was the first time since 2012 that the number of criminal homicides did not reach a new record high. Still, 75% of victims last year were Black.

Nearly 80% of deaths were caused by a firearm. While the number of criminal homicides overall dropped, the number of victims younger than 18 went from seven in 2018 to 15 last year.

A common sentiment both inside and outside of the police department is police alone cannot solve or prevent violence. It was something Taylor — who's the third Black police chief in the histories of former Indianapolis Police Department and IMPD, created when Marion County Sheriff's Department and IPD merged — reiterated multiple times at his introductory press conference.

Robin Bankhead, who lives on the north side,



IMPD Chief Randal Taylor stands for the Pledge of Allegiance at the 2020 Champions of Diversity Awards Dinner on Jan. 17. (Photo/ Tyler Fenwick)

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Alternative birthing options could save African American women

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Hoosier women are less likely to survive childbirth than women in Iran and the Gaza Strip, according to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Factbook.

The CIA Factbook estimates in 2017, 16 Iranian women out of 100,000 and 27 women in the Gaza Strip out of 100,000 died as a result of childbirth. The maternal mortality rate among white women in Indiana is 41.4 out of every 100,000 births, according to America's Health Ranking and Indiana's Department of Health.

For Black women throughout the state, the disparity is even worse. Black Hoosier women die at a rate of 53.4 out

of every 100,000 births.

These jarring statistics are part of what led Indianapolis resident Joi Barnett to use a midwife for the birth of her fourth child and become a midwife shortly afterward.

Midwives have on average two years of medical training and help guide expecting mothers through pregnancy and labor and help her deliver the baby.

"With my midwife, my [prenatal] appointments were about an hour long, face to face," Barnett said. "I often had a comfy couch to sit on, there was tea if I wanted something to drink. We went over everything, not just the baby. We talked about how I was doing from head

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istration, with the number of homicides hitting an all-time high in 2015, Hogsett’s first year in office.

“While I am heartened that overall crime is trending down in Indianapolis and last year saw a decrease in the number of homicides, there is still more work to be done,” Hogsett said in a statement. “Together with our public safety agencies and grassroots community partners, we begin this new year with a continued dedication to making our city a safer place for all.”

In an interview with the Recorder, Hogsett cited initiatives such as the Peacemakers program as the most important investment the city has made to reduce violence. The Peacemakers are a group of individuals who work in neighborhoods to prevent conflict before it turns violent. But the most important change Hogsett believes is necessary to continue to decrease violence is a return to beat policing.

“We have attempted to change the IMPD into a truly 21st century police department whose job it is to protect and serve the people throughout our community,” Hogsett said. “When we return to a community-based, beat-oriented policing, officers have more of an opportunity to get out of their cars and interact with residents and merchants and retail establishments, and hopefully that not only allows law enforcement professionals to be more proactive to prevent crime, but ... also increases the amount of respect and trust that the community has for IMPD and vice versa.”

Recently-appointed IMPD Chief Randal Taylor sees the importance of beat-policing in decreasing violent crime.

“We can make arrests, and the detectives do their job, and they hunt down leads, and they build probable cause and they get warrants for people who’ve committed crimes, but there’s always someone there to take their place,” Taylor said. “When you start looking at beats ... your goal is to start building the relationships prior to people making those poor decisions of going off and pulling triggers. Hopefully, you’re being an encouragement and a sign of hope for that young kid that needs someone to listen to him and being in those beats allows you to do that to some extent.”

And while Hogsett has significantly increased the number of police officers on patrol — with a net increase of over 150 officers over the past four years — policing may not be the only thing needed to decrease crime in the Black community. Community advocate and Recorder columnist Marshawn Wolley believes crime will

only be decreased with a focus on one of its root causes: poverty.

“Beat policing can be impactful, but really what you’re dealing with is the economic indicators, food insecurity, housing and the lack of hope,” Wolley said. “Those are the challenges you have to figure out how to address.”

Census estimates from 2017 found that Indianapolis has a poverty rate of 20%, but an estimated 28% of the city’s Black population lives in poverty.

According to Environmental System Research Institute (ESRI), “people living in households in the U.S. that have an income level below the federal poverty threshold have more than double the rates of violent victimization compared to individuals in high-income households.”

To combat poverty, the Hogsett administration has implemented several programs and initiatives that focus on employment and education, including Indy Achieves, which helps individuals get a postsecondary education.

“The Indy Achieves model is not one of our making,” Hogsett said. “We actually became aware of a successful scholarship aid and grant completion program out of Georgia, and simply investing in young people and their opportunity to have more than a high school diploma ... moves the dial in terms of racial disparities in their communities that existed prior to those programs being made.”

Hogsett said violence in Georgia didn’t stop altogether after the education program was implemented, but the rates of violent crime — both in terms of the victims and the perpetrators — was more reflective of the community.

“Georgia experienced more balanced representation in people who chose to engage in violent behavior,” Hogsett said. “The statistics were more reflective of their community as a whole, but not disparate over and against one race compared to others. Obviously, the goal would be to end violence in every neighborhood, but we have a profound commitment to make sure that the type of violence we experience does not disproportionately affect one community over others.”

As of Jan. 13, there have already been 10 homicides in 2020. At the time of reporting, at least five victims were African American.

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said she knows police “can’t solve everything.” But she does still have some criteria for what she expects from IMPD under a new police chief, including better communication and having more respect for the community.

Bankhead has a personal example of what this looks like. She said a neighbor called the police on her 89-year-old aunt, who has dementia, for taking the license plate off of his car. The officer who responded talked calmly to Bankhead’s aunt and said he understood what was going on because his grandpa also had dementia.

But Bankhead wondered what might have been different if that officer didn’t know how to communicate with her aunt.

“I just want someone who’s responsive and listens and cares about the community,” she said.

Taylor said he’s been building those relationships since being appointed assistant chief in 2016 by going to the funerals and viewings and meeting with victims’ families.

Now, as the man in charge, it’s part of Taylor’s job to evoke that same sense of community from his officers.

“I think that’s gonna be a big part of us having some victory over some of these numbers that we’re trying to reduce.”

Taylor, like his predecessor, has touted the implementation of smaller police beats, which leave officers responsible for a smaller geographical area and ideally allow them to get to know the people in those communities.

The department is currently short of its goal of having 1,743 officers, but Taylor said that should happen “fairly quick,” though he didn’t specify when because it depends on the sizes of the next couple of recruiting classes.

Taylor explained when he says “we can’t police our way out of it,” he means there isn’t a specific patrol plan that’s going to drastically cut the number of criminal homicides, for example.

But Taylor hopes more officers in smaller beats results in them getting in front of incidents before they happen.

“I mean, we can make arrests,” Taylor said. “... But there’s always someone to take their place. When you start looking at beats and those things, your goal is to start building the relationships prior to people making those poor decisions of going off and pulling triggers.”

That’s part of what Katrina Lewis is hoping comes under Taylor’s leadership.

Lewis, 41, lives on the far east side and said the policing that happens in her area is more like “harassing.” That said, Lewis also wants more officers to help deal with crime.

“I would like to see ... a police force that understands that area and that can police that area in a way that’s not so confrontational,” she said.

Taylor has been hesitant to articulate goals when it comes to reducing the numbers of homicides and non-fatal shootings and so on. He admits it’s probably unrealistic, but Taylor said he’d like to see those numbers cut in half.

“But I’m a realist from that standpoint,” he said. “I don’t know that that’ll happen. I expect us to move in a progressive manner and for those numbers to continue to drop. Some of that is gonna be in our control, but a lot of it’s not. If we can’t get ahold of people and help them to change their mind, then those numbers may go the wrong way.”

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Black teachers can help Black students

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One of the dire questions people in education will have to answer soon is whether a mostly white teaching force can effectively educate an increasingly diverse student body, and, if not, how to change the demographics of America's teachers.

Since 2015, white students have made up less than half of the student body nationally at public schools, but 80% of public school teachers were white, according to data from the National Center for Education Statistics. Only 7% of teachers were Black.

Leaders from Marian University's Klipsch Educators College and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) are collaborating to try to mitigate this problem in Central Indiana.

The educators college began an initiative to increase diversity in 2016, when 7.5% of students were non-white. The goal is to get to 40% by 2025, according to Dean Ken Britt, and the program was already at 34% in the fall of 2019.

About a year and a half ago, the focus expanded to include specifically Black males, who make up about 2% of teachers nationally.

A private Catholic college isn't going to have the necessary influence and credibility with the students it's trying to attract, which is why collaborating with UNCF is important. "When you have an organization that's able to advocate for the work we're doing," Britt said, "it makes the conversations we have with these students a little easier because there's more credibility for us."

Those students can then also take advantage of UNCF scholarships.

The two sides have hosted a panel discussion targeted at non-white students to let them know what opportunities there are for future educators — or at least those who might be interested in education.



RETAINING TEACHERS OF COLOR
Marian University's Klipsch Educators College, United Negro College Fund and Teach Plus Indiana will host a free forum about how to retain non-white teachers.
■ When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 ■ Where: WFYI Public Media Community Room, 1630 N. Meridian St.
■ Register: eventbrite.com

They'll join Teach Plus Indiana for an event Feb. 27 to discuss the challenges of retaining non-white teachers. The free forum is 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the WFYI Public Media Community Room, 1630 N. Meridian St. Register at eventbrite.com.

Andrea Neely, Indianapolis regional development director for UNCF, worries students are being discouraged from pursuing a career in education because of concerns about teacher pay and political fights that play out in the arena of education, which she considers "bureaucracy" that "stands in the way of progress."

Neely, who remembers her son asking why the only Black people he saw at his school were janitors, said a big part of why students don't consider going into education is because they see so few Black teachers in their classrooms growing up.

"That's why it's so important to build a pipeline of having teachers of

color in the classroom," she said, "because students aren't seeing teachers who look like them."

Jo Burnside, a third grade teacher at Rhoades Elementary School in Wayne Township, remembers having only one Black teacher — when she was in high school — during her K-12 education. She knew other Black teachers, though, because there were three on her father's side of the family, and she formed a friendship with a Black elementary teacher while volunteering in high school.

"I feel like it's very, very powerful when you can see someone that looks like you doing something that you aspire to do," Burnside said.

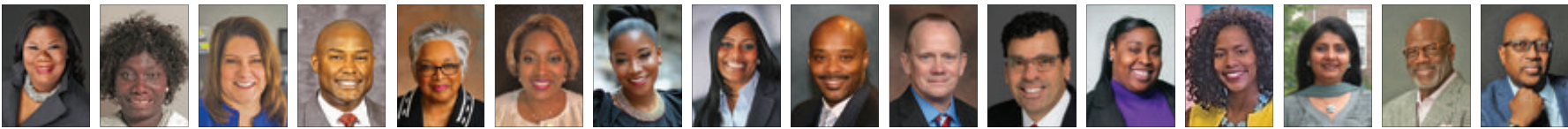
Research suggests, if nothing else, Black students achieve greater academic heights and have an increased likelihood of considering college when they grow up with at least some Black teachers in their class-

rooms.

In 2004, Stanford University professor Tom Dee analyzed participants in a study about class sizes in Tennessee and found Black students who were assigned to a Black teacher for at least one year between kindergarten and third grade had their math scores increase by 3 to 5 percentage points and their reading scores increase by 3 to 6 percentage points.

A 2017 study co-authored by John Hopkins University economist Nicholas Papageorge found low-income Black male students with a Black teacher in third to fifth grade had a 29% increased interest in going to college and 39% less chance of dropping out of high school.

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Changemakers working to define “consent”

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An estimated 18% of African American women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, according to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. This number is difficult to accurately estimate, however, because for every 15 African American women who are raped, only one will report it.

Just as the name implies, Changemakers want to change that by removing the stigma surrounding sexual assault, work with legislators to create a legal definition of consent and prosecute such cases more often.

The Changemakers, a subcommittee of Women4Change Indiana, are allowing survivors of sexual assault to share their stories anonymously via “The Clothesline,” where people can write their experiences down on a notecard and pin it to a traveling clothesline. The group plans to have it on display at the Statehouse in March, allowing legislators and others at a planned rally to see the stories of Hoosier women and men who have lived through sexual assault.

“We want to show our legislators that this isn’t a small issue,” Changemaker Rita Venable, 67, said. “This is a big issue and is happening to many, many citizens in Indiana, and we have to come up with a solution or some kind of plan to help stop this.”

Women4Change Indiana, a non-partisan organization that helps women get involved in local government, will also hold different theater productions at various locations throughout Indianapolis about sexual assault.

The Changemakers are also pushing the Indiana Legislature to create a legal definition of “consent.”

The rally in March will give legislators an opportunity to listen to survivors of sexual assault and consider their stories when making legislative



Changemakers are working toward a legal definition of consent. Three members of the group are (l to r) Cordelia Lewis-Burks, Velvet Miller, Rita Venable. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

decisions.

Cordelia Lewis-Burks, 83, has been active in local and national politics for decades. A former vice chair of the Indiana Democratic Party and the first superdelegate in Indiana to endorse President Barack Obama in 2008, Lewis-Burks hopes to use her political experience to influence changes on not only how sexual assault is spoken about, but how cases are prosecuted.

“One in five women in Indiana have been sexually assaulted,” Lewis-Burks said. “Often, no one is prosecuted. The issue of consent comes up, and it can be painted in many ways. ‘What were you wearing? Did you

encourage it? Did you come onto him?’ There is no legal definition of consent, and that is one of the activities that Women4Change and the Changemakers are involved in, to get a legal definition by the state legislature on consent ... and to ensure that there are penalties for someone who sexually assaults another person.”

Legally, Lewis-Burks hopes someone saying “no” during a sexual encounter is enough to make a case for sexual assault.

“Simply ‘no,’” said Changemaker Velvet Miller, 74. Miller got involved in Women4Change after attending the first Women’s March in Washington, D.C., in 2017. The Change-

makers believe education is key to decreasing sexual assaults and increasing police reports.

“We need to educate young people about what’s acceptable and not acceptable,” Venable said. “We need to help girls understand their value and their worth. Sometimes [after an assault] you feel unworthy or that you brought it upon yourself ... and we have to change those types of perceptions by letting people know there is help out there.”

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Trent shares inspiring story for Girls Inc.



“AN EVENING WITH DR. TERERAI TRENT”
Tererai Trent will help Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis celebrate its 50th anniversary by sharing her inspiring story.
■ **When:** 7 p.m. Feb. 10
■ **Where:** Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University, 4602 Sunset Ave.
■ **Cost:** \$30 for general admission, \$100 for premium

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Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis will host nationally renowned speaker Tererai Trent as part of its 50th anniversary celebration 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Clowes Memorial Hall on Butler University’s campus, 4602 Sunset Ave.

Trent grew up in a cattle-herding family in rural Zimbabwe and had her dream of getting an education slashed when her father married her off at a young age. She had three children by the time she was 18.

Trent wrote down her goals on a piece of paper and put it in a tin can that she buried in Zimbabwe. Those goals included going to America to pursue higher education.

She moved to Oklahoma in 1998 with her husband and five children, and three years later she earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural education. Trent also has a master’s degree and doctorate degree. She wrote her thesis about HIV/AIDS prevention programs for women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa.

After completing each accomplishment she laid out for herself years earlier, Trent traveled back to Zimbabwe to cross it off of her list.

Trent’s foundation, Tererai Trent International, has built several schools in Zimbabwe. She also was a guest on “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” and Oprah said in 2011 that Trent was her all-time favorite guest.

Elyssa Campodonico-Barr, president and CEO of Girls Inc., said she hopes girls become inspired by Trent’s talk.

“I think there’s so much value in really owning our own stories ... and celebrating our successes,” she said.

For those such as parents and teachers, who have influence over the lives of girls, Campodonico-Barr said she wants them to see how important it is to invest in girls by reinforcing the importance of education, helping set goals and modeling positive behavior.

“We’ve come a long way since Girls Inc. started,” she said, “but we have so much more to go.”

Tickets for “An Evening with Dr. Tererai Trent” are \$30 for general admission and \$100 for premium, which includes priority seating and entrance to an on-site VIP reception. Purchase tickets at girlsincindy.org.

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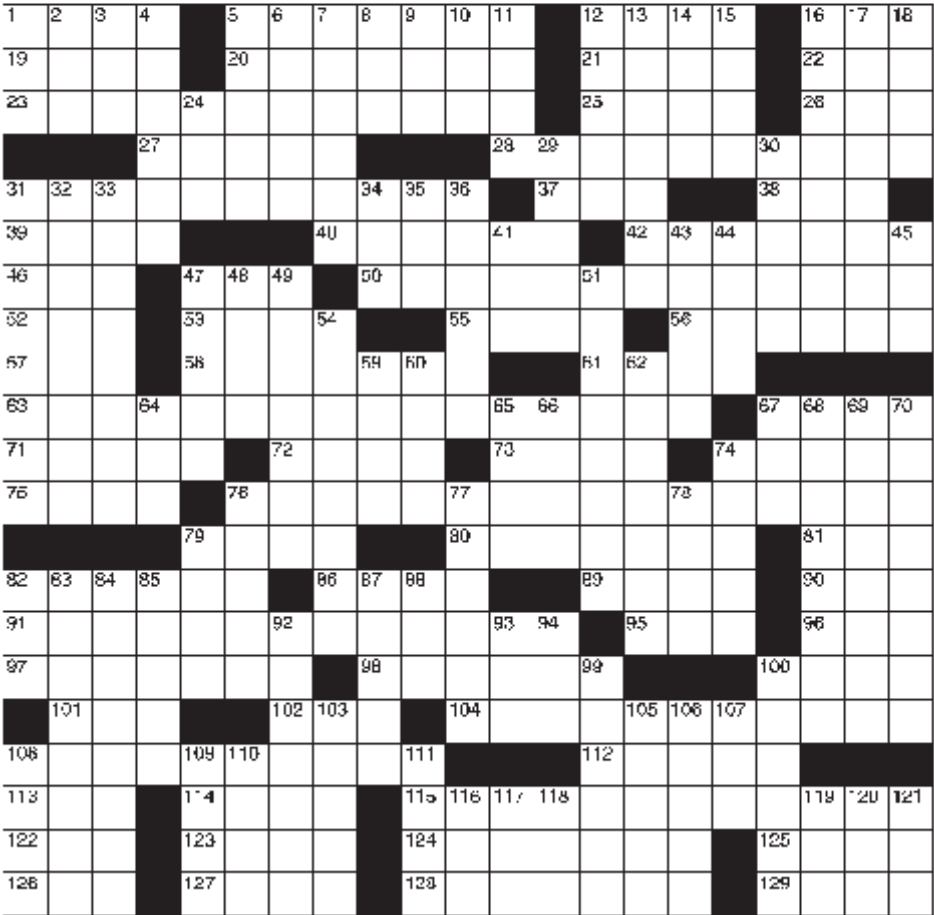
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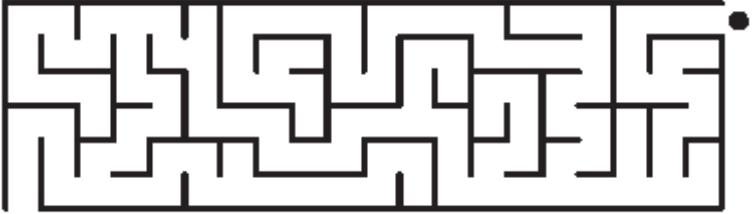
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Kids' Maze



Puzzles4Kids
CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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G J O E X P S E T U I B U B S F O P U U S V F ?

B G J D U J P O - B S Z .

Puzzles4Kids
Answer

What book would you use to find words that are not true?

A fiction-ary.

15th annual Champions of Diversity Awards program



A Boy Scout carried the U.S. flag off of the stage at the annual event.



Boy Scout Troops 123 and 959 with Robert Shegog, president and COO of Recorder Media Group.



Rafael Sánchez, WRTV-6, was a master of ceremonies for the program.



Ericka Flye shared master of ceremonies duties with Sánchez.



Angela Byers, vice president, community outreach director at First Financial Bank



Arnetta Scruggs (right) and staff from the Bloom Project



L-R: Eugene White, retired president of Martin University, and Shegog



Sean Huddleston, president, Martin University



L-R: Rose Mays, Recorder and Mays Chemical owner; Laurie and Elizabeth Henry, McDonad's owners; and Shegog



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L-R: Ashley Jordan, Evansville African American Museum, and Shegog



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L-R: Mariama Shaheed, Global Preparatory Academy, and Shegog



Winnie Bulaya, Welcome Basket Inc.



Tina Cosby, Radio One



Representatives from the Indianapolis Urban League surrounded Tony Mason (center) to accept the award for the organization.



L-R: Steve Johnson and Ebony Chappel, Indiana Donor Network, and Shegog



The Unit Band performed during the honoree celebration following the awards program. (Photos/Jerome Brewster)

BRIEFS

PANEL ABOUT FREDERICK DOUGLASS PARK

The City League and One Voice Martindale-Brightwood will host a panel discussion about the importance of the history and future of Frederick Douglass Park at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at Little Bethel Mission Baptist Church, 3276 Winthrop Ave. IUPUI anthropology professor Paul Mullins will also be there to give a presentation about the history of the park. Some Martindale-Brightwood community members want a new family center built at the park, which will have its 100th anniversary in 2021. The current family center is 65 years old.

LEAD POISONING PANEL

The Greater Indianapolis NAACP is partnering with the Indiana University McKinney School of Law, the IU Office of Community Engagement and IU Bicentennial to host a public forum about children’s exposure to

lead 6-8 p.m. Jan. 29 at the McKinney School of Law, 530 W. New York St. Panelists will include Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Public Health Department; Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, director of the Michigan State University and Hurley Children’s Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative; Anna Aizer, professor and chair of economics at Brown University; Dr. Janet Phoenix, professor at George Washington University; Vicki Sudhalter, neuropsychologist; and Karla Johnson, administrator of Healthy Homes and Senior Care Management at the Marion County Public Health Department.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education announced it is extending the grant deadline for the 2020 School and Community Partnership Grant. Applicants will now have

until 5 p.m. Feb. 12 to submit their applications. The grants are designed to support post-secondary education and employment by bringing together elementary and high schools, postsecondary institutions, employers and community organizations to support students in continuing their education or finding a job after graduation. “Our community partners play an integral role in increasing the number of Hoosiers with some form of postsecondary education and training beyond high school,” Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers said. “These grants will help develop the programs being implemented as we collectively work toward meeting Indiana’s education and workforce needs.” The grants are up to \$5,000 for spring and summer programming.

BIRTH
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to toe; she dealt with my brain.” After three days of labor — an experience she assures wasn’t terrible — Barnett gave birth to a healthy daughter. This experience was a stark contrast to the birth of her third child. After giving birth to her third child — a daughter — in Lexington, Kentucky, Barnett complained of pain. She said nurses at the hospital ignored her and didn’t check for blood loss, disregarding standard procedure. When Barnett stood up, the issue was clear: she was hemorrhaging.

NOT BEING HEARD

After a stint in nursing school, Barnett knew what medication to ask for, massaged her pelvic area to alleviate the blood clot she felt when she stood. The birth of her daughter was traumatic from the start, with hospital staff breaking her water without consent. Despite the negative experience, Barnett could have faced a worse outcome. According to Community Health Network in 2018, African American women die at three to four times the rate of white women nationwide due to childbirth. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated that roughly 60% of these maternal deaths can be prevented with better health care and communication. “What happens a lot of the time is that we’re just not listened to,” Barnett said. “We go to a doctor with a concern, and we aren’t taken seriously, so intervention options are limited because we’re written off.” Not listening to Black women is often a result of racial bias in the health care system and the cause

of disparities in national maternal mortality rates, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. In addition to her experience, Barnett cited the death of Kira Johnson in 2016 as an example of the consequences of ignoring Black women. Johnson, 39, went to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles for a scheduled cesarean section. After delivering her son, doctors ignored Johnson’s complaints that something was wrong. During emergency surgery hours later, doctors discovered her bladder was nicked during the C-section. Johnson died of internal bleeding just 12 hours after giving birth. Her husband, Charles, became an advocate for better maternal health policies nationally. “Simply being listened to goes a long way,” Barnett said. “When Black women complain of pain, we’re ignored, we’re overlooked. It could be as simple as a headache, or as extreme as leaving her [Johnson] lying there in a hospital bed bleeding out.” As a midwife, Barnett hopes to close the gap in maternal and infant mortality rates between white and Black women in Indiana. After nearly two years of training, she follows the JJ Way, a method started in Florida, a state that has significant racial and socioeconomic disparities in birth outcomes, according to the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs. “The program has had some really phenomenal results,” Barnett said. “In 10 years, the practice hasn’t lost a mom or a baby, and all of the babies have been appropriate birth weights. Those are my goals.”

REDUCING DEATHS

In 2019, Gov. Eric Holcomb announced an initiative to decrease both infant and maternal mortality throughout the state — Indiana has the seventh highest infant mortality rate in the country. In 2016, 623 babies in Indiana died before their first birthday, according to Community Health Network. To put that into perspective, it is roughly 42 school buses at maximum capacity. Black children made up the plurality of those deaths that year, at 14.4%. Community Health Network found many of these infant and maternal deaths were caused by issues such as hospitals not having universal protocols for obstetrical emergencies and a lack of adequate postpartum education and follow-ups. Doulas are another tool to help reduce the number of maternal and infant deaths. Doulas typically do not have medical training and are there to guide mothers through pregnancy and labor, which can include being an advocate for expecting mothers during hospital visits. “Having a doula is really helpful because they’re there for support and are great sources of information,” Barnett said. “You can’t necessarily call your midwife for every little thing, but you can have a conversation with a doula. They can’t give you medical advice, but they can tell you if you need to contact your care provider and can sometimes go with you to appointments, not to speak for you, but to help you get your voice heard.” Ajaya Divine has been an active doula for one year. After completing a six-week course in Dallas that focused on working within the African

American community, Divine, 33, now works in Indianapolis. Taking on one to two clients at a time for full doula services, Divine provides expectant mothers with prenatal care, tips on how to deal with pain and other pregnancy symptoms, as well as preparing women for birth, either at home or in a hospital. “A healthy woman can have a baby at home,” Divine said. “Hospitals are relatively new to birthing. We [Black women] are not as believed when we report symptoms, and inherent racism within the medical world makes birth play out differently for us. Doulas are a great advocate for mothers who may not know what the doctor is talking about,” she continued. “... A doula is a protection barrier to catch all of the mistakes and other issues that can fall through the cracks during birth.” Doulas can also provide postpartum care that many hospitals cannot. While it ultimately depends on what the mother wants and needs, Divine aims to visit her clients twice in the six weeks after birth. During these visits, she can talk to the mother about issues related to motherhood, physical pains, or even help run errands. “Postpartum care is valuable in that adjustment period,” Divine said. “Mothers need support, and I believe that a doula is very valuable for mothers who don’t have huge support systems after they give birth.”

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EDITORIAL

Recognizing those who don't just talk about it — but are about it



By OSEYE BOYD

Friday, Jan. 17, I had the pleasure of honoring and celebrating people who make a difference in Indiana. Indiana Minority Business Magazine, our sister publication, held its 15th annual Champions of Diversity Awards Dinner. It's a lot of work for our small staff, but we come together and make it happen! If you've never been to a Champions event, you don't know what you're missing. Not only is it an opportunity to meet some of the best and brightest in the state, dress up and eat a good meal, but you have the opportunity to be in the presence of greatness. I'm not being hyperbolic, either. The achievement and work the honorees do is awe-inspiring. You probably know Dr. Eugene White is a former principal, superintendent and president of Martin University, but when you hear where he came from, how pas-

sionate he still is about education and how hard he worked to accomplish his goals, it makes you ready to go out into the world and make a difference! Listening to the synopsis of each recipient's life, you realize each one loves their career and loves helping others. They seem to look at their work as service to others. If your career isn't fulfilling you, it should be is the message. The humbleness of each recipient makes the event so special. It's not about their accomplishments, accolades or awards. It's just who they are and what they do in their professional and personal lives. I recently spoke to a caller who was so happy I took an interest in her story that she started to cry, which almost made me cry. I told her I was simply doing my job, nothing special. She didn't see it that way. I imagine many of the Champions recipients feel the same. They're just doing what they're supposed to do. Oftentimes, we don't see helping our fellow man as a major accomplishment, but what you consider to be a small gesture, or just part of the job,

could be life changing for someone. It could help them go from a bad day to a good day. My favorite moment of Champions 2020 was witnessing the standing ovation Winnie Bulaya, the Martin Luther King Jr. Award recipient, received. Talk about the epitome of a humble servant. Bulaya, a refugee from the Congo, came to Indianapolis with her three children in 2010. She knew no one and had to learn English. Almost immediately she started helping people. Eventually, she created a more formal way to help newly arrived refugees with her welcome basket — a basket full of household items to help families get started. She fittingly named her ministry, Welcome Basket Inc. Bulaya, is a janitor at IUPUI. She saw a need in the community and filled it. She doesn't broadcast it or try to convince everyone how special or deserving of the award she is. She is truly grassroots. There are some people who say they're humble, but it's all talk. Their actions loudly exclaim every action is all about them and they want the world to see everything they've done.

They say, "Oh, I'm not important," while at the same time saying, "I'm so very important. You should be so honored." That's not Winnie Bulaya. Seeing her cry during her recognition and the near-capacity crowd stand for her is a moment I'll carry with me as a reminder of what love for your fellow man really means. I want to honor more people like Bulaya. I believe in giving people their roses while they can still smell them. It's important for us to show appreciation to those who work tirelessly to make life better for others. No, they're not looking for it, but we should want to show love to those who give it so effortlessly. The 2020 Champions of Diversity are a diverse group. Though they work in different fields, they uphold the tenets of diversity and inclusion through hiring practices, community outreach or policies. I can't wait to see next year's honorees. By the way, if you know someone who is a Champion of Diversity, be on the lookout for nomination forms this summer. Fill it out and send it in!

OPINIONS

A review of 'Just Mercy'

By LARRY SMITH



A hurricane of emotions rushed over me as I sat in a dark theater watching "Just Mercy," the movie based on the efforts of a young attorney to free an innocent man from death row. (Actually, I have watched the movie twice.) The film, which stars Michael B. Jordan and Jamie Foxx, is adapted from the book of the same name, the latter of which was written by Bryan Stevenson. Stevenson, who is Black, is a Harvard-trained attorney who has dedicated much of his life to fighting for people who have been wrongfully accused, unfairly sentenced or poorly represented during their court trials. Eschewing lucrative job offers after graduating from law school, Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) to address the systemic inequities — frequently based on race — that plague America's criminal law system. (Note: I tend to use the phrase

"criminal law system" as opposed to "criminal justice system" because our system is not just.) We have all heard the *cliché* that "justice" means "just us." Of course, as with many *clichés*, there is more than a grain of truth to that lamentation. "Lady Justice" has been depicted with a blindfold since the 16th century. The blindfold is intended to connote impartiality. (Ancient Roman coins pictured Justitia holding a scale in one and a sword in the other.) However, American history — as well as contemporary society — unequivocally demonstrates race and class frequently play a major role in determining the manner in which sentences are meted out. This state of affairs compelled Stevenson to become an attorney — even though he would not even meet anyone who practiced that profession until he entered law school. Stevenson was born in Delaware, which was technically a slave state. While Delaware is not known for the same racial violence and strict caste system as seen in Mississippi, Alabama or Georgia, it has its own sordid histo-

ry of Jim Crow and domestic terrorism against African Americans. (Indeed, Stevenson attended an elementary school for "colored" children — though it was desegregated while he was still quite young.) His mother's family was from Philadelphia, which is where his grandfather was tragically stabbed to death when Stevenson was 16. This was a pivotal event in his life. He agreed with the life sentences that the murderers received. But, as Stevenson said, "I came from a world where we valued redemption over revenge." After founding the EJI in Alabama, Stevenson came across a man named Walter "Johnny D" McMillian. McMillian was sentenced to death for the 1986 murder of a young white woman named Ronda Morrison. Based upon his discussions with Johnny D and his family, as well as reviewing his case, Stevenson became convinced that his sentence was a gross miscarriage of justice. Without giving away too many details of the case, it is fair to say that attempting to get a Black man exonerated from death row in Alabama in the 1980s was a fool's errand. Fortunately,

Stevenson is no fool. In addition to his law practice and prison reform advocacy, Stevenson founded the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama — the "cradle of the Confederacy." The memorial sits on six acres of land formerly used for public housing. Known colloquially as "the lynching museum," the memorial contains the remains of roughly 4,000 African Americans who were murdered by white mobs from 1877-1950. With good reason, Stevenson sees a link between those "extra-judicial" killings and the "judicial" system of today. As we have just finished commemorating the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it is important to recognize the fight for justice was not assassinated on April 4, 1968. Names like Stevenson, Alexander, DuVernay, Barber and Coates carry on this work. May legions of others follow in their footsteps.

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Redefining suffrage, unerasing Black women

By GWEN MCKINNEY



Sojourner Truth. Harriet Tubman. Ida B. Wells. Shirley Chisholm. Rosa Parks. These household names, spanning a couple of centuries, qualify for the Suffrage Hall of Fame. Almost a buzz word synonymous with the Year of the Woman, in 2020 the centerpiece of suffrage will be marked by the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment granting women's voting rights. Referred to as a bold justice movement, suffrage will be celebrated as America's march to full democracy. In popular parlance, can we unpack the significance of suffrage and inclusive democracy for Black women? Words matter. But the impact and impetus of their meaning matter more. Here's a composite definition from online dictionaries:

Suffrage is the right to vote in public elections. Universal suffrage means everyone gets to vote, as opposed to only men or property holders ... For example, after trying for about a hundred years, American women were granted suffrage and voted for the first time in 1920. The 19th Amendment was adopted Aug. 18, 1920, after the required number of states ratified the constitutional measure. Though many Black women led suffrage campaigns, the 19th Amendment put white women on an empowerment tract to electoral engagement. Interestingly, the suffrage movement, festooned in the symbolic color white, is often portrayed through a narrow window uncomplicated by the strictures of race and power that framed the Amendment then and now. Look no further than the historical landscape of that moment. Congressional approval of the Act in 1919 was the same year as the infamous Red Summer, a tumultuous white supremacist reign of terror and lynching in Black communities across the country. One year after the 19th Amendment was adopted in 1921 racist mobs set ablaze Tulsa, Oklahoma, decimating what was revered as Black Wall Street. The Year of the Woman battle cry is perversely at odds with Black women's unbroken quest for liberation. Although lauded today as the most reliable and consistent voting bloc for democratic change, we've historically endured being marginalized, dismissed and erased. Black women's demand to be equal and heard extends beyond the century run-up to the 19th Amendment. It was intersectional and linked with abolition of slavery, anti-lynching battles, literacy drives, sharecropper land rights campaigns and the establishment of a radical Black press that was led by many Black women suffragists. Our suffrage quest continued through the Civil Rights Era and passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which finally, for the first time, delivered the franchise to Black people in the South.

Rewind centuries earlier. Our demand to self-govern predates the formation of this republic, beginning in 1619 when the first Africans, snatched from their ancestral home, landed on these shores. Those nameless suffrage pioneers joined with their men to resist and carry the torch for all people — Native Americans, Chinese immigrants and even Irish indentured servants — denied fundamental liberty. Then and now, we wage claims to own our bodies, voices and choices. We build on that truth by redefining suffrage beyond the limited act of casting a ballot. For Black women, the narrative is rooted in telling *herstory*, unerasing the achievements of yesterday and the possibilities for the future. This centennial year is an appropriate time to redefine universal suffrage through the prism of triumphs and tragedies. Trust Black women must be more than a cliché. Unerased Black Women promises to create brave spaces and in alliance with Black newspapers across the country, unfurl a frank public conversation about Suffrage, Race, and Power. Through a digital destination, we'll turn our ear to a beating heart of resilience, resistance, words and deed. Daughter of slaves, descendants of warriors, writers, journalists, teachers, mentors, activists — universal suffragists all — have something to say. Frances Ellen Watkins Harper. Anna Julia Cooper. Mary Ann Shadd. Harriet Jacobs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin. Mary McLeod Bethune. Fannie Lou Hamer. Ella Baker. Gertrude Bustill-Mossell. Charlotta Bass. Marvel Jackson Cooke. Most of these women can't claim household name status in the traditional suffrage roll call. But their noble stories will be unerased. Stay tuned as suffrage, redefined, meets our truth.

Gwen McKinney is campaign director of an initiative, "Suffrage. Race. Power: Unerased Black Women," that will launch in March.

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Pro-gun rally by thousands in Virginia ends peacefully

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RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Tens of thousands of gun-rights activists from around the country rallied peacefully at the Virginia Capitol on Jan. 20 to protest plans by the state’s Democratic leadership to pass gun-control legislation — a move that has become a key flash point in the national debate over gun violence.

The size of the crowd and the expected participation of white supremacists and fringe militia groups raised fears that the state could see a repeat of the violence that exploded in 2017 in Charlottesville. But the rally concluded uneventfully around noon, and the mood was largely festive, with rally-goers chanting “USA!” and waving signs denouncing Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam.

Many protesters chose not to enter the designated rally zone, where Northam had imposed a temporary weapons ban, and instead packed surrounding streets, many dressed in tactical gear and camouflage and carrying military-style rifles as they cheered on the speakers.

“I love this. This is like the Super Bowl for the Second Amendment right here,” said P.J. Hudson, a truck driver from Richmond who carried an AR-15 rifle just outside Capitol Square. He was one of the few African American rally-goers in a crowd that was overwhelmingly white and male, and was frequently stopped and asked to pose for pictures wearing his “Black Guns Matter” sweatshirt.

An estimated 22,000 people attended, according to authorities, who said one woman was arrested on felony charge of wearing a mask in public.

The protesters came out despite the frigid temperature to send a message to legislators, they said.

“The government doesn’t run us, we run the government,” said Ken Regik, a 20-year-old private security officer from northern Virginia who brought a white flag with a picture of a rifle captioned, “Come and take it.”

Northam was a particular focus of the protesters’ wrath. One poster



P.J. Hudson sports a “Black Guns Matter” sweatshirt at Monday’s gun rally in Richmond, Va. (AP photo/Julio Cortez)

showed his face superimposed on Adolf Hitler’s body.

The governor said in a statement he was “thankful” the day passed peacefully and that “he will continue to listen to the voices” of Virginians while doing everything in his power “to keep our commonwealth safe.”

“The issues before us evoke strong emotions, and progress is often difficult,” Northam said.

Democratic lawmakers said the rally wouldn’t impact their plans to pass gun-control measures, including universal background checks and a one-handgun-purchase-a-month limit. Democrats say tightening Virginia’s gun laws will make communities safer and help prevent mass shootings like the one last year in Virginia Beach, where a dozen people were killed in a municipal building.

“I was prepared to see a whole lot more people show up than actually did and I think it’s an indication that a lot of this rhetoric is bluster, quite frankly,” said Del. Chris Hurst, a gun-control advocate whose TV journalist girlfriend was killed in an on-air shooting in 2015.

Some of the protesters waved flags with messages of support for President Donald Trump. Trump, in turn, tweeted support for their goals.

“The Democrat Party in the Great

Commonwealth of Virginia are working hard to take away your 2nd Amendment rights,” he tweeted. “This is just the beginning. Don’t let it happen, VOTE REPUBLICAN in 2020!”

The Virginia State Police, the Virginia Capitol Police and the Richmond Police had a heavy presence, with officers deploying on rooftops, patrolling in cars and on bicycles.

Authorities were looking to avoid a repeat of the violence that erupted in Charlottesville during one of the largest gatherings of white supremacists and other far-right groups in a decade. Attendees brawled with counterprotesters, and an avowed white supremacist drove his car into a crowd, killing a woman and injuring dozens more. Law enforcement officials faced scathing criticism for what both the white supremacist groups and anti-racism protesters said was a passive response.

On Jan. 20, Southern Poverty Law Center staff identified members of what it calls extremist militia groups, including the Oath Keepers and Three Percenters, as well as the League of the South and the Proud Boys, which the center classifies as hate groups, according to outreach director Lecia Brooks.

In contrast to Charlottesville, there was little sign of counterprotesters

challenging the gun-rights activists.

Police limited access to Capitol Square to only one entrance, and a long line formed to get into the rally zone.

Gun-rights advocates also filled the hallways of the building that houses lawmakers’ offices. One couple, Jared and Marie March, traveled from Floyd County, over three hours west of Richmond, to meet with legislators.

“Guns are a way of life where we live,” said Marie March, who was concerned about a proposed red-flag law she said would allow citizens to be stripped of their guns due to “subjective criteria.” A proposal to establish universal background checks amounted to “more Big Brother,” she said. “We just feel like we need to push government back into their rightful spot.”

Monday’s rally was organized by an influential grassroots gun-rights group, the Virginia Citizens Defense League. The group holds a yearly rally at the Capitol, typically a low-key event with a few hundred gun enthusiasts listening to speeches from a handful of Republican lawmakers. But this year’s event was unprecedented. Second Amendment groups have identified the state as a rallying point for the fight against what they see as a national erosion of gun rights.

The pushback against proposed new gun restrictions began immediately after Democrats won majorities in both the state Senate and House of Delegates in November, with much of the opposition focused on a proposed assault weapons ban. More than 100 localities have since passed measures declaring support for the Second Amendment.

Erich Pratt, senior vice president of Gun Owners of America, said voters need to replace the Democrats in control of the government in Virginia.

“We need to throw the bums out. We need to clean house in the next election,” he told the crowd.

House Republican Leader Todd Gilbert complimented the behavior of the rally-goers and said Democrats should take a lesson from them.



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THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Low-value medical tests are costly, can lead to harm

By **TRUDY LIEBERMAN**
Community Health News Service

We know too well the cost of American health care keeps rising as far as the eye can see. In 1995 health care accounted for 13.4 percent of GDP; in 2018 it consumed 17.7 percent. It is projected to rise even more.

Despite all the talk about how they should become wise consumers of medical care, patients can't really do much to stop the big hospital systems, the big physician groups or the powerful drug companies from charging the prices they do. In our system, those groups pretty much control what medical care costs.

There is, however, one thing patients can do that would contribute to eliminating some wasteful health care spending and at the same time get better care for themselves. They can try to avoid what health researchers call "low-value" care.

Low-value care generally means any test or procedure that at best has minimal value in a clinical situation. Some examples include chest X-rays or EKGs given before cataract surgery; routine vitamin D testing; MRIs and other imaging for run-of-the-mill lower back pain; and antibiotics for viral upper respiratory infections like the common cold.

Health researchers estimate that low-value medical services add up to about \$100 billion in health care spending each year. That's wasteful spending that pushes up insurance premiums, deductibles and other cost sharing we all have to pay.

But perhaps even more important is that low-value tests can lead to what medical researchers call "cascades," a series of tests and treatments that follow from an initial test.

"They are incredibly common," said primary care doctor and health policy researcher Dr. Is-



hani Ganguli, who is also an assistant professor at the Harvard Medical School. They occur when an unexpected finding leads to new tests, phone calls, ER visits, invasive procedures or hospitalizations. "We've observed most cascades lead to nothing."

Ganguli and colleagues looked at Medicare bills for cataract surgery, one of the most common and low-risk procedures for older adults.

"Pre-operative testing doesn't change outcomes or reduce your risk of complications from surgery," she said.

Every group of 100 people who got an EKG for cataract surgery also got up to 11 extra tests, office visits, treatments, new diagnoses or hospitalizations in the following three months. Researchers estimated the cost of those additional tests amounted to an extra \$35 million in one year, 10 times more than the total cost for all the initial EKGs.

"On average those extra treatments offered no benefits," Ganguli said.

Given those outcomes, why are eye surgeons still ordering the test? Some erroneously believe Medicare requires the test. Others do it out of habit or because their colleagues still order the tests. Some have experienced malpractice claims or are worried about being sued if something is missed.

Another study of some 400 physicians found more proof that cascades can cause further harm. All but two doctors surveyed had experienced cascades for their patients, and also either they or their family members had experienced them. The doctors reported that such cascades harm patients psychologically,

physically and financially.

That study also found that doctors in rural areas were more likely to say such cascades harmed patients. Such tests left many of the rural doctors feeling anxious and frustrated, and many believed they had wasted a lot of time and effort dealing with the additional tests and treatments. Ganguli said some may be frustrated by the lack of resources in rural areas and the additional burden placed on patients who may have to travel miles for some test that might be unnecessary in the first place.

SO WHAT SHOULD PATIENTS DO?

If you have a medical abnormality that is in the gray area, it's hard to leave it alone. Anxiety often drives the cascade. Still, patients in that situation need to ask a lot of questions about why further testing or medical procedures are necessary and whether more information would tell a doctor something new. Patients need to understand up front what the consequences might be.

A few years ago, the American Board of Internal Medicine and other partners launched the Choosing Wisely project, which aims to help patients select tests and treatments that are evidence-based, non-duplicative of other tests, and are truly necessary. Check its website choosingwisely.org to learn about low-value tests.

Have you experienced a cascade of tests? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

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Anencephaly is a serious birth defect in which parts of a baby's brain and skull do not form correctly. Babies born with this defect cannot survive. Spina bifida is a serious birth defect in which a baby's spine does not develop correctly, and can result in some severe physical disabilities.

All women need 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid every day, especially those who want to become pregnant. Folic acid is still important because the body makes new cells every day—blood, skin, hair, nails and others. Folic acid is needed to make these new cells.

Women are encouraged to start a healthy habit today and get 400 mcg of folic acid every day. Birth defects of the brain and spine happen in the first few weeks of pregnancy, often before a woman finds out she's pregnant. Also, half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned.

These are two reasons why it is important for all women who can get pregnant to be sure to get 400 mcg of folic acid every day, even if they aren't planning a pregnancy any time soon. By the time a woman realizes she's pregnant, it might be too late to prevent these birth defects.

An easy way to be sure women are getting enough folic acid

is to take a daily multivitamin that has folic acid. Most multivitamins have all the folic acid women need. If an upset stomach results from taking a multivitamin, try taking it with meals or just before bed.

For someone who has trouble taking pills, try a multivitamin that is gummy or chewable. Also be sure to take it with a full glass of water.

Folic acid has been added to foods, such as enriched breads, pastas, rice and cereals. Check the nutrition facts label on the food packaging. A serving of some cereals has 100 percent of the folic acid needed each day.

Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the addition of folic acid to corn masa flour. Corn masa flour is used to make foods like corn chips, tortillas, and taco shells.

In addition to getting 400 mcg of folic acid from supplements and fortified foods, eating a diet rich in folate also helps. You can get food folate from beans, peas and lentils, oranges and orange juice, asparagus and broccoli, and dark leafy green vegetables such as spinach and mustard greens.

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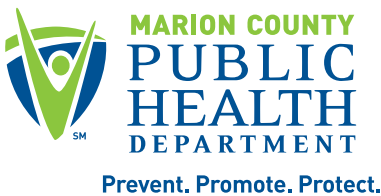
The Marion County Public Health Department has resources available for anyone with questions about how to prevent birth defects and other ways to improve the chances for a healthy birth.

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Trump’s Black voter outreach looks in part to the pews



In this Jan. 16, 2020, photo, from left, Harrison Floyd and Paris Dennard of President Donald Trump’s reelection campaign Black voter outreach effort and Kamilah Prince, the Republican National Committee’s director of African American engagement participate in a “Black Voices for Trump” event at Philadelphia’s First Immanuel Baptist Church. Trump’s reelection campaign is reaching out to Black voters through one of their communities’ most important institutions — Black churches. (AP Photo/Elana Schor)

**By ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In the eight years since he became a pastor at First Immanuel Baptist Church, Todd Johnson says he’s seen his congregation’s politics make a subtle shift. The Philadelphia church, which recently hosted a Donald Trump campaign event reaching out to Black voters, has “more people now who are more open to voting for someone other than a Democrat,” Johnson said. The president’s meager support among African Americans has shown few signs of increasing from the 6% of Black voters he won in 2016, according to a Pew Research Center analysis. The president’s standing with Black evangelical Protestants is similarly low. According to AP VoteCast, about 8 in 10 Black evangelicals who voted in the 2018 midterm elections disapproved of his performance. But that isn’t stopping the campaign from trying to make inroads, hoping to persuade African Americans to back a

president known for racially provocative rhetoric. The campaign’s visit to First Immanuel suggests that, as tough as that pitch will be for the GOP, faith-based appeals may provide a valuable way to start the conversation. “All Black people are not the same, but in the larger scale, we’re very religious and very family-oriented people,” said South Carolina pastor Mark Burns, a Black televangelist who led Republicans in a prayer for Trump at the party’s 2016 convention. “So therefore, the Black church is still the gateway to the Black community.” Johnson described himself as a longtime Republican and “a conservative constitutionalist evangelical.” He also acknowledged that his congregation has a diversity of views. Discussion at the Jan. 16 event at First Immanuel focused on the Trump-era economy, which has been strong enough to reduce Black unemployment to a record low in 2018, even as the president exaggerates his involvement in a shift that began under former President Barack Obama. But

abortion was on the mind of Melanie Collette, one of a few dozen people in the audience. Collette, first vice president of the New Jersey Federation of Republican Women, touted Trump’s opposition to abortion and wondered whether the issue had “been ceded to just the white evangelicals to talk about.” “I don’t hear us talking about it in the Black community,” added Collette, 49, who described herself as a non-evangelical Christian. Trump’s anti-abortion stance is out of step with most Black Protestants, 64% of whom said abortion should be legal in most or all cases, according to Pew data from last year. But as Republicans boost their outreach to Latinos, women and Black voters by visiting swing states, even a small uptick could pay dividends. Another attendee, 53-year-old John Petty of Philadelphia, supports Trump. He said some of his relatives “hardly ever go to church,” but they have “strong moral standards.” “If you tell them, ‘You agree a lot with

the evangelical community,’ they balk at that,” Petty said. DeJuana Thompson, a Democratic National Committee veteran who founded WokeVote to communicate with young Black and faith-based voters, noted that “the Black church is not monolithic.” “Just because it’s a Black church, just because members of that church come from communities that are historically under-served, under-engaged and under-resourced, I can’t say there are people there who don’t align with some of the value sets of this administration,” Thompson added. Even so, she pointed to a much broader consensus among African Americans and their faith leaders “calling for a standard of justice that is not seen in this administration.” Democrats are making their own concerted efforts to speak to Black voters of faith as well as the broader African American community.

Former Vice President Joe Biden warned Wednesday in a speech to a meeting of the National Baptist Convention — which describes itself as “the nation’s largest African American religious convention,” with 7.5 million members — that Trump has given “oxygen” to forces of hate. Biden, who has led with Black voters throughout his party’s primary campaign, was joined Jan. 20 by Democratic rivals for events at South Carolina churches to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. “Black Voices for Trump” held its own event for the King holiday in Raleigh. Rev. Traci Blackmon, a leader in the United Church of Christ and the Black Lives Matter movement, acknowledged that abortion is a “deciding factor” for some voters of all races. But she said Trump would face problems courting people of faith because of broader policies that fall short of biblical values. “It is impossible for me to only recognize that element of ‘pro-life’ and see what is happening to health care coverage, see what is happening to children who are being separated from their parents at the border, people who are watching wealthy people’s income grow exponentially,” Blackmon said.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration



State Sen. Jean D. Breaux

The Indiana Christian Leadership Conference (ICLC), Center for Interfaith Corporation (CC) and Nur-Allah Islamic Center sponsored the 51st birthday celebration service for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Thomas L. Brown was the toastmaster for the event. Rev. Richard and Elizabeth Hunter were the ministers of music. Special guests included Mayor Joe Hogsett, U.S. Rep. André Carson, state Sen. Jean D. Breaux, state Rep. Robin Shackleford and Marion County Clerk Myla Eldridge. Dr. Virginia A. Caine, director of the Marion County Health Department, received the 51st Drum Major for Justice Award. Bishop Dr. Anne Henning Byfield, presiding prelate at the 16th District African Methodist Episcopal Church, was the speaker.



Rev. Thomas L. Brown, president of ICLC, presented Dr. Virginia A. Caine with the 51st Drum Major for Justice Award.



Rev. Marilyn Gill, executive director of ICLC, Bishop Byfield and Nancy L. Meyer of Roman Catholic Women Priests sang “We Shall Overcome” at the end of the program.



State Rep. Robin Shackleford. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Get ya mind right!

By RAE KARIM

Before 2020 made its arrival, we heard about perfect vision.

However, what does it take to get and keep that 2020 vision, practically speaking? The Lord’s answer to our good brother Habakkuk about vision has been read an innumerable amount

of times and January isn’t over yet. As a result, we’ve been writing vision, speaking vision, having vision board parties, seminars, workshops and conference calls. We have accountability partners holding us



to it and prayers of faith in expectancy of it coming into existence this year. We have ultimately declared that *this* is our year because of our

2020 vision.

Yet let me interrupt the regularly scheduled programming for a bit of truth.

If we’re not doing anything different *this* year, *this* month, or *this* moment than what we did before, nothing will change. Read that again. To expect change when nothing has changed is the conversational definition of insanity. And before you go there, it has nothing to do with the devil, so don’t go scapegoating him. Yes, I said it and I mean it.

We don’t take the responsibility as we should.

We are responsible for ourselves, our actions, reactions, responses and especially our thoughts, which is where it all begins

Joyce Meyer wrote a book entitled “Battlefield of the Mind.” If you’ve never read it, get a copy and get those pages to turning. It’s a very relevant discourse on the ways we war mentally and why. The book speaks to solutions that keep our minds from being part of the terrible thing wasted, with her own stories and scriptural support.

And well visionaries, here’s where the rubber meets the road. Referencing the core aspects of Habakkuk 2:2-3 being write, make and wait, understand the vision we write doesn’t matter. How plain

we make the vision doesn’t matter. The length of time we wait for the vision to come to pass doesn’t matter. None of it matters if our minds aren’t in the right place.

What is the right place? Philip-
pians 4:8 speaks to it, reminding us to think on what is lovely, just, pure, excellent, etc. First Corinthi-
ans 2:16 tells us we have the mind of Christ. However, in my opinion, the verse that speaks most to our minds being in the right place is Philippians 3:13.

The Common English Bible says “...I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me.” The Easy-to-Read Version puts it like this “But there is one thing I do: I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me.”

What happened yesterday and even within the last minute is gone. It’s the past. It’s that which is behind us, spoken of in the Philip-
pians 3:13 text. We can’t get it back or change it. The many mental at-
tempts we make to do so is like run-
ning on a hamster’s wheel expecting to reach a destination. The only place we end up is where we were before — the same place we started.

We don’t make another move concerning our vision until we make the move to get our minds right! That’s the only way we’ll have 2020 vision. It’s the only way the 2020 vision we have will come to be. Otherwise, not only will our minds be a terrible thing wasted, but so will our time, energy and effort on a vision that won’t anymore come to pass than that hamster on his wheel running to a new destination.

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Will proposed CRA rule help or hurt Black America?



Congresswoman Maxine Waters, chair of House Financial Services. (Courtesy/Black Central)

By CHARLENE CROWELL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) — Amid the tinsel and garland celebrating the holiday season, two important federal financial regulators were planning how the future financial needs of low-and-moderate income (LMI) communities — including neighborhoods of color — will be met. In an effort to “modernize” the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) on December 12 the board of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) endorsed a proposed Notice of Public Rulemaking (NPR) offered by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).



The rulemaking move has also triggered forceful and diverging views from a host of organizations, lawmakers and even a member of FDIC’s board. The effects of such a financial

regulatory change bring potential impacts on bank branch locations and services, as well as the types and quality of credit and investment that will be conveniently available.

From its enactment, CRA was intended to provide an enforcement provision that supported earlier civil rights laws. The law also made a federal commitment to underserved communities — both urban and rural. Even so, over the years, CRA has been contentious for deposit institutions rated for compliance, and consumers who continued to claim that access and quality financial services were in short supply.

According to OCC’s Joseph Otting,

the 2019 proposal is the result of 18 months of work by staff and comments from more than 1,500 stakeholder groups with four improvements:

Clarifying what counts as CRA credit, requiring agencies to publish a list of qualifying activities; preserving some assessment areas and creating others to better reflect significant concentrations of deposits; assessing what portion of a bank’s retail lending is targeted to LMI consumers; and improved reporting with transparency and timeliness.

In a recent op-ed, Otting also added a sense of urgency.

“Every month this proposal is delayed prevents billions of dollars more from helping reach communities that could benefit from greater economic opportunity. The proposal is an important step in modernizing CRA, but it is not the final one,” Otting wrote for American Banker.

But apparently the large stakeholder groups OCC consulted with has yet to include the U.S. House Financial Services Committee.

“He thinks that he has the authority to do this without having to interact with us and no matter what he thinks, we think we have a responsibility to make sure that CRA is doing what it was intended to do,” said Congresswoman Maxine Waters, chair of House Financial Services.

As Chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee, Waters sought but has yet to schedule OCC’s Otting to testify before the committee. Additionally, she is one of several House members who want the 60-day comment period doubled to 120 days to better allow public input.

According to OCC, a meeting is still being planned, but no date has yet been finalized.

Additionally, one FDIC board member, Martin Gruenberg issued a statement of opposition to the proposal during its Dec. 12 meeting, criticizing the proposed one-ratio measurement, noting existing “credit deserts,” and the lack of consideration of a bank’s efforts to provide affordable products and services LMI consumers and those without bank accounts could access.

“[T]his is a deeply misconceived proposal,” noted Gruenberg. “It would establish a CRA evaluation framework relying on a single metric approach that would allow a bank to concentrate its CRA activity in as little as 50 percent of its assessment areas, disinvest in the other 50 percent, and still receive a satisfactory or even outstanding CRA rating.”

Similar concerns came from a coalition of civil rights, consumer protection and housing industry advocates that included the NAACP, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., National Fair Housing Alliance, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and others.

“The proposed rules are inconsistent with the law, plain and simple,” said the leaders. “It invites a return to discrimination against communi-

ties of color and low-and-moderate income neighborhoods - a destructive, decades-old process known as redlining that the law was designed to end forever.”

“We should be holding banks — especially those rescued during the 2008 housing crash with taxpayers’ dollars — more, not less, accountable for their obligations to the law and our country,” added the leaders.

Once the proposed rule is published in the Federal Register, interested parties and organizations can file public comments. According to Grovetta Gardineer, Senior OCC Deputy Comptroller, 85% of all CRA activity is supervised by OCC and the FDIC.

“We are not trying to undermine the importance of local branches,” said Gardineer. “We’re looking to ensure access to financial services but refocus needs of LMI communities. This is really making sure that banks do more... Constructive comments help us.”

But for Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending, the efforts by OCC and FDIC should be to strengthen-not-weaken CRA through modernization.

“CRA was created to undo the injustices created by the horrific practice of redlining and its modernization effort must center the people, families, and communities most harmed by it. Unfortunately, today far too many underserved LMI communities remain credit starved,” said Bailey. “The fundamental goal of any new reform must be to ensure that hardworking families, including families of color, have access to sound and affordably priced credit, safe and responsible mortgages, small dollar consumer credit, and auto loans.”

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF MARION COUNTY
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
KENVADA ABDUL KINNEY
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2001-MI-000092

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that Kenvada Abdul Kinney has filed a Petition in the Marion County Circuit Court requesting that his name be changed to Kenvada Abdul Muhammad. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City County Building, at Indianapolis, IN.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE
GUARDIANSHIP OF:
EDWARD J. O'KEEFE, JR.,
Adult.
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2001-GU-002027

**NOTICE OF FILING
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT
OF CO-GUARDIANS AND
HEARING THEREON**

Notice is hereby given that Kathryn A. Blacker and Cynthia S. Bevers have filed their verified petition for the appointment of Co-Guardians of the Person and Estate of Edward J. O'Keefe, Jr. on 02/05/2020 at 10:20 am in the Marion County Superior Court of Indianapolis, Indiana, a hearing will be held to determine whether a Guardian should be appointed for Edward J. O'Keefe, Jr. At the hearing, the Court will determine whether Edward J. O'Keefe, Jr. is an incapacitated person under Indiana law. If the Court finds that Edward J. O'Keefe, Jr. is an incapacitated person, the Court at the hearing shall also consider whether Kathryn A. Blacker and Cynthia S. Bevers should be appointed as Co-Guardians of Edward J. O'Keefe, Jr. This proceeding will substantially affect the rights of Edward J. O'Keefe, Jr. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this day, January 16, 2020.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/24/20
01/31/20
02/07/20

NAME CHANGE

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

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Comes now the Petitioners, Nancy Boling and Robin Boling, by counsel, whose mailing address is 10322 Corning Way, Avon, Hendricks County, Indiana 46123 and hereby gives notice that they have filed a petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that the minor child's name be changed to Mason Lee Boling. Notice is further given that hearing will be held on said petition on March 31, 2020 at 9 a.m. 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.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION:
MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT:
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF
NAME OF MINOR:
CAYLYNN FAITH
MCFARLAND,
Minor
SAMANTHA 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 on behalf of the minor, filed a verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the minor's name from CAYLYNN FAITH MCFARLAND to CAYLYNN STEWART. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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01/24/20
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NAME CHANGE

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Michael Joseph Young, whose mailing address is: 3831 S. Olney Street, Indianapolis, IN 46231 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 Michael Joseph Daugherty. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on February 4, 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.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/24/20
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE
OF:
LINDA SUE HOUSE,
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 46221, 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 A.M. in Room W506 within the City-County Building.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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01/24/20
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF MARION COUNTY
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE
OF:
ETHAN LEE MEANS,
MINOR
ETHAN LEE MEANS
Name of Minor
Angela Sue Ransdell
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1912-MI-051297

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE NAME

Comes now Petitioner's counsel Rodney C. Ransdell, on behalf of the Petitioner, Angela Sue Ransdell, herby gives notice that Angela Sue Ransdell has filed a petition for Name Change of a Minor on December 10, 2019, in the Marion County Circuit Court under the above referenced cause number requesting that the name Ethan Lee Means, Minor be changed to Ethan Lee Folkering. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on March 31, 2020 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Marion County Circuit Court, located in Room W-506, City County Building, at Indianapolis, IN 46204. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file a written objection on or before the hearing date.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF MARION COUNTY
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE
OF:
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.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF MARION COUNTY
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.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION:
MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT:
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF
NAME OF MINOR:
CAYLYNN FAITH
MCFARLAND,
Minor
SAMANTHA 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 on behalf of the minor, filed a verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the minor's name from CAYLYNN FAITH MCFARLAND to CAYLYNN STEWART. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF MARION COUNTY
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE
OF MINOR:
NATALIE GRACE SCHERER
Name of Minor
AMANDA NEUCKS
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1912-MI-051165

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner AMANDA NEUCKS, filed herein a Petition for Change of Name of Minor Natalie Grace Scherer to Natalie Grace Neucks. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing set March 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Marion County Circuit Court and to file objections to the Petition for change of name of Minor. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 23rd day of December 2019.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Michael Joseph Young, whose mailing address is: 3831 S. Olney Street, Indianapolis, IN 46231 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 Michael Joseph Daugherty. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on February 4, 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.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF DANIEL JOHN
MCCORMICK,
DECEASED
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2001-EU-001788

NOTICE OF PETITION TO BE PUBLISHED

Notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2020, Danielle McCormick was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Daniel John McCormick, deceased, who died on November 6, 2019. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file a 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 (9) months after the decedent's death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/24/20
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF DANIEL JOHN
MCCORMICK,
DECEASED
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2001-EU-001788

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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01/31/20
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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.

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NAME CHANGE

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
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IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE
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THOMAS CHESTER
EDGLEY, SOVEREIGN,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2001-MI-000292

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

AutoReturn will be having an abandoned vehicle auction 01/30/2020 at 12:00 PM. The auction will be held at 2451 S Belmont Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46221. Viewing begins at 10:00 AM. All vehicle release prices as of 01/16/20. The following vehicles will be sold:			
Year	Model	VIN	Body
1987 BMW	3 SERIES	WBAAB230H1941489	CONVERTIBLE
BOAT-GENERIC		SER31T114080	BOAT
1997 BUICK	PARK AVENUE	1G4CW52K24V639001	4 DOOR
2005 BUICK	LACROSSE CX	2G4W5532151283009	4 DOOR
2003 BUICK	CENTURY	2G4W5532171158939	4 DOOR
2001 BUICK	PARK AVENUE	1G4CW54K314229671	4 DOOR
1997 BUICK	REGAL	2G4WF521113163559	4 DOOR
1999 BUICK	CENTURY	2G4W552M261609649	4 DOOR
2003 BUICK	LESABRE	1G4HP52K33U115517	4 DOOR
2006 CADILLAC	DTA	1G6P57Y361265738	4 DOOR
2005 CADILLAC	SEVILLE	1G6KS4Y2Y11624217	4 DOOR
2001 CADILLAC	DEVILLE	1G6K054Y11U223512	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET	TRAIL BLAZER	1GNDT13S422190315	SPORTS UTILITY
2008 CHEVROLET	COBALT	1G1AM188887223404	2 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET	HHR	3GNDA13D575526492	SPORTS UTILITY
2002 CHEVROLET	AVEL	KG1TG56B95863634	4 DOOR
2011 CHEVROLET	EQUINOX	2CNALDDEC986450896	SPORTS UTILITY
2001 CHEVROLET	OTHER	2CNBJ13C516909227	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1ND52J73M585338	4 DOOR
2004 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WH52K249289756	4 DOOR
2004 CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1Z552F64F130814	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WH52K949398034	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1NE52J52997648	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	1G1JC52F657144430	4 DOOR
1999 CHEVROLET	BLAZER	1GNDT13W0X2128419	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 CHEVROLET	AVEO	KL1TD56617091568	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WF556129207833	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET	TRAIL BLAZER	1GNDT13S922498259	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1ND52J3M657673	4 DOOR
2001 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WF55E918351449	4 DOOR
2012 CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1ZC5E06CF206843	4 DOOR
2009 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WT57N119129973	4 DOOR
2006 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WU581798238678	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET	TAHOE	1GNDT13T95F261032	SPORTS UTILITY
1997 CHEVROLET	1500-SERIES	1GCEK14R1V2192630	PICK UP
1997 CHEVROLET	C-1500	2GCEC19M9V1100067	PICK UP
1997 CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	3GNEC16RXV6118186	SPORTS UTILITY
1999 CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	1GNGC26JXXJ422576	SPORTS UTILITY
1999 CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	1GCEK19T3K1726078	PICK UP
2001 CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2G1WU581111757420	PICK UP
1997 CHEVROLET	S-10 PICK-UP	1GCCS19X4K244310	PICK UP
2002 CHEVROLET	TRAIL BLAZER	1GNDT13S422230750	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WU58R179372194	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET	COBALT	1G1AK52F55157699	4 DOOR
2003 CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	1GCEK19T43E229243	PICK UP
2002 CHEVROLET	BLAZER	1GNDT13W62K137564	SPORTS UTILITY
2002 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WH55K52997648	4 DOOR
2003 CHEVROLET	CAMARO	2G1FF22K3Y2170422	2 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WF52E759191827	4 DOOR
2011 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WA5EKG9B1100970	4 DOOR
2003 CHEVROLET	AVAILER	1G1JC52F637103714	4 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WU58K178928192	4 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET	AVEO	KL1TD56607B101099	4 DOOR
2005 CHRYSLER	PACIFICA	2C4GF68425F5808314	SPORTS UTILITY
2002 CHRYSLER	300M	2C3HE66G2X1H305505	4 DOOR
2005 CHRYSLER	PT CRUISER	3C4FY58B451585035	SPORTS UTILITY
2005 CHRYSLER	PT CRUISER	3C3EY45X85755568	CONVERTIBLE
2004 CHRYSLER	TOWN-COUNTRY	1FGP45F04B5054922	SPORTS UTILITY
2005 CHRYSLER	PACIFICA	2C4GF48445F587649	SPORTS UTILITY
2002 CHRYSLER	PT CRUISER	3C4FY48B027367595	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 CHRYSLER	ASPEN	1A8HW58227F500942	SPORTS UTILITY
2002 CHRYSLER	TOWN-COUNTRY	2C4GFP54L120507232	PICK UP
2001 CHRYSLER	PT CRUISER	3C8FY48B411627621	SPORTS UTILITY
2002 CHRYSLER	SEBRING	1C3C42F8B0114420	PICK UP
2004 CHRYSLER	SEBRING	1C3AL56R04N225031	4 DOOR
2002 DODGE	RAM	3D7HA18N52G115025	PICK UP
2004 DODGE	CHARGER	2B3KA43R28H236598	4 DOOR
2018 DODGE	AVENGER	1C3C0DAB2EN149160	4 DOOR
2009 DODGE	DURANGO	1B4HS28X7Y2059308	SPORTS UTILITY
2009 DODGE	CHARGER	1B3HD28A9901081504	4 DOOR
2000 DODGE	JOURNEY	2C4GQ57V89T197592	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 DODGE	GRAND CARA	1D4GP44K38116551	PICK UP
2011 DODGE	CHARGER	2B3CL1CT5BH556675	4 DOOR
2002 DODGE	RAM	3B7KF23222M176449	PICK UP
2009 DODGE	RAM	3B7HF132K1M286039	PICK UP
1999 DODGE	RAM	1B7HF1623K167839	4 DOOR
2001 DODGE	RAM	1B7HF162S15154626	PICK UP
2006 DODGE	STRATUS	1B3EL46XGN123021	4 DOOR
2008 DODGE	DURANGO	1D4HB48D14F151785	SPORTS UTILITY
2005 FORD	CROWN VICT	2FAFP74W6X5114502	4 DOOR
2002 FORD	ESCAPE	1FMZU72E22A24596	SPORTS UTILITY
2002 FORD	ESCAPE	1FMZU731QF18883	SPORTS UTILITY
1999 FORD	CROWN VICT	2FAFP73W4X4104135	4 DOOR
2005 FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP53245A207322	4 DOOR
2016 FORD	ESCAPE	1FMCU0GXGX8B94099	SPORTS UTILITY
2009 FORD	EXPLORER	1FMEU73E9XUJ07050	SPORTS UTILITY
2001 FORD	CROWN VICT	2FAFP71WV11414066	4 DOOR
2002 FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP56804B519883	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 FORD	EXPEDITION	1FMFU15567L2A76719	SPORTS UTILITY
1994 FORD	ESCORT	1FARP11JXWR126477	HATCH BACK
2006 FORD	EXPLORER	1FMFU74836UJ028715	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 FORD	FOCUS	1FAFP34P13W134568	4 DOOR
2002 FORD	CIVIC	1FMCU9D7AKDK34353	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 FORD	F150	1FTFX1721E1010187	PICK UP
1996 FORD	CLUB WAGON	1FMEE11HXTHA93225	4 DOOR
1997 FORD	F150	1FTDF1723VK866554	PICK UP
1996 FORD	OTHER	1FTB311H1THA89110	VAN
2011 FORD	FUSION	3FAHP0HGB8R337727	4 DOOR
2002 FORD	EXPLORER	1FMZU62K04U135193	SPORTS UTILITY
2011 FORD	TAURUS	1FAHP2DWOBG109311	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 FORD	EXPLORER	1FMZU727K3B249246	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 FORD	F150	1FTFR1727NJA76762	PICK UP
1991 FORD	RANGER	1FTCR10A3MU49592	PICK UP
2002 FORD	F150	1FTRW07182K447161	PICK UP
2002 FORD	F150	1FTZ1281NJA451593	PICK UP
1989 FORD	ECONOLINE	1FDKE37M2KH24825	BOX TRUCK
1997 FORD	ECONOLINE	1FDKE37L9VH457734	BOX TRUCK
1989 FORD	MUSTANG	1FABP44E1KF251665	CONVERTIBLE
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1999 GMC	YUKON	1GKEK13R3XJ782481	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 GMC	ENVY	1GK12S9468173553	SPORTS UTILITY
2009 GMC	ENVY	1GK1E16S3K619893	SPORTS UTILITY
2000 GMC	SIERRA	1GDGC24R2YF456662	PICK UP
2000 HARLEY - DAVIDSON		1HD1GJV14Y1305665	MOTORCYCLE
1994 HONDA	ACCORD	1HGC05657RA107248	4 DOOR
2009 HONDA	PIAT	1JHMG87249S051989	4 DOOR
2002 HONDA	CIVIC	1FJFZ12781NJA451593	SPORTS UTILITY
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2006 HYUNDAI	SONATA	5NPEU46F7H61145397	4 DOOR
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2006 JEEP	COMMANDER	1J8HG58276C3637525	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 JEEP	CHEROKEE	1J4FT48S1VL208780	SPORTS UTILITY
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2000 LINCOLN	TOWN CAR	1F8H818W1X914819	4 DOOR
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2002 MERCEDES	M-CLASS	4UGAB54E62A345432	SPORTS UTILITY
2008 MERCEDES	C-CLASS	WDDGF81K68F134419	4 DOOR
2001 MERCEDES	M-CLASS	4UGAB72E01A248336	SPORTS UTILITY
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2004 MERCURY	GRAND MARQ	1MELM14E15H453867	4 DOOR
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2002 MERCURY	COUGAR	1ZWFV61L02569455	HATCH BACK
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2011 NISSAN	JUKE	JN8AF5M5V8M7029375	SPORTS UTILITY
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1997 OLDSMOBILE	E88	1G3HN52K44A085824	4 DOOR
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1998 PONTIAC	SUNFIRE	2G1WU581111757420	4 DOOR
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2005 SUZUKI	OTHER	KL5D56205K167164	4 DOOR
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2006 TOYOTA	CAMRY	4F1ABF3EK7BR142359	4 DOOR
2011 TOYOTA	MATRIX	2T1KR32E86C700438	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 TOYOTA	COROLLA	1NKBK32E872885331	4 DOOR
2000 TRAILER-GENERIC		7FWB61217K1007236	TRAILER
2015 VOLKSWAGEN	JETTA	3VW2K7AJ8FM247854	4 DOOR
2012 VOLKSWAGEN	JETTA	3VWDP7AAJCM366250	4 DOOR
2008 VOLVO	S40	YV1M5382682365490	4 DOOR
2003 VOLVO	S60	YV1R553D732265739	4 DOOR
2009 YAMAHA	OTHER	JYAVN01E119A004580	MOTORCYCLE
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2003	KIA	KNABF16163S110033	\$950.00
1999	GMC	1KGD113W2X538202	\$950.00
2002	CHEVROLET	1GNDT135722362238	\$950.00
2002	TOYOTA	1JTDFT30K720022784	\$950.00
1999	CHEVROLET	1G1NE52M7X6191257	\$950.00
1997	CADILLAC	1G6KS4Y2Y11624217	\$950.00
2003	CHEVROLET	1GNDCT18X5K168678	\$950.00
1999	CHEVROLET	1GNDT13WXX2228866	\$950.00
2005	DODGE	1B3E5S606S245918	\$950.00
1998	CHEVROLET	1GNDT13W7W2187255	\$950.00
2002	HONDA	1GNDT13W7W2187255	\$950.00
2006	NISSAN	JN8A208W46W517945	\$950.00
2004	NISSAN	JN8A208T64W214149	\$950.00
2004	OLDSMOBILE	1G3NL1274CY396664	\$950.00
2004	CHEVROLET	1GNEK13TX4R282653	\$950.00
1998	HONDA	1HGFJ6671WLO10443	\$950.00
2003	PONTIAC	3G7DDA03E3SS342498	\$950.00
2005	DODGE	1B3E566285K105195	\$950.00
2005	SUZUKI	KL5F1P32K922145960	\$950.00
2002	CHEVROLET	2G1FP32K922145960	\$950.00
2001	PONTIAC	1G2NE52T1M596387	\$950.00
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Pacers need to call the shots on Oladipo's return

By DANNY BRIDGES

It's been a year now since Victor Oladipo suffered a ruptured quadricep tendon in his right knee, and everyone continues to speculate when he will be ready to return to the court. In an interview with Stadium's Shams Charania earlier this month, the seventh-year guard stated he was targeting Jan. 28 for his return, and while that date could change, he felt confident about it.

While it's only normal for an injured player to want back in the game as soon as possible, Oladipo's proclamation to return by a specific date comes as a bit of a surprise, as there has been no official word from the Pacers as to when he will actually be ready. I use the term "actually" with great respect as his injury was severe, and there seems to be some various opinions as to when he returns, how well he will recover and if he will eventually return to his previous form.

In a nutshell, the road back has been a rather interesting one to this outside observer, and while I have no inside information regarding his current physical condition, here is what I do know about the entire post-surgical situation. While the Pacers employ a world-class medical and training staff, Oladipo opted to initially rehab in Miami, where the temps are warmer and the social atmosphere is clearly more vibrant. That forced the Pacers to fly their own medical experts to Florida frequently as opposed to having daily access to the process locally. Granted, while there was extensive communication regarding his progress, make no mistake about the fact that Oladipo had his own army of doctors, trainers and therapists leading the process. While most of us would be thrilled to get the medical expertise of the aforementioned Pacers staff, Victor chose a route that included both parties and moved forward with his dual approach.

As time progressed, apparently so did Oladipo, as the seventh-year guard began to participate in some non-contact drills at Pacers practices this past



Victor Oladipo goes up for a layup. (Recorder file photo)

October, but clearly was still in need of more time to become strong enough to experience the typical rigors of NBA play. So does his announced return date really mean he'll be playing that night? I, for one, am pessimistic and say no. Again, the sit-down with Charania was Oladipo's doing and from what I was told, not the result of the proper channels being followed in terms of the Pacers media relations staff, which is both experienced and professional when it comes to these types of matters. In fact, they had to hastily comprise a formal press conference the next home game when Oladipo addressed the "local media" before the start of the contest. Not exactly commensurate with how things are normally done, but to their credit, the media relations made it look normal on the surface. In addition to that, the team has not issued an official statement dealing with the Jan. 28 return, and that too signals that something is awry here, with two camps clearly in play.

The bottom line is no individual knows how Oladipo's knee feels as well as he does, and while the

experts can look at images and test results, ultimately it's the team that must have the final say on when he gets the green light. By the same token, his future is too important to risk on a season in which this franchise cannot win a championship. Don't hesitate to sit him longer than he may like to make sure he's ready to attempt the final phase of his rehab, which is playing in real games against NBA level competition. There's no guarantee Oladipo will return to form, but you can bank on an all too early comeback derailing this season and possibly his career.

The Pacers do not impress me as that type of an organization that would be that careless, but they, and not Victor Oladipo, must make that decision. Stay tuned, as this will no doubt get more interesting.

Danny Bridges, who thinks the Indiana Pacers should sit Oladipo out until next season and go full bore then, can be reached at 317-370-8447, or at bridgeshd@aol.com.



Butler loses to Seton Hall in a battle of conference unbeatens



Above: Butler guard Aaron Thompson (2) drives against Seton Hall guard Myles Powell (13) in a 78-70 Bulldogs loss Jan. 15 at Hinkle Fieldhouse.

Left: Butler forward Jordan Tucker (1) throws up a shot as he falls to the floor. Tucker finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds. (Photos/Walt Thomas)