



Health department starts new campaign in fight against opioids

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What does drug addiction look like? Substance abuse disorder affects either gender, any race and people of all ages. The Marion County Public Health Department's new multimedia campaign, "What Are Friends For?" aims to help Indianapolis residents get a better understanding of what opioid addiction looks like, and how they can help themselves and loved ones recover from the disease.

According to Curt Brantingham, public information coordinator for the health department, the department received two grants from the National Association of County and City Health Officials totaling \$341,873 for radio, TV and social media advertisements meant to shatter stereotypes about what drug addiction looks like. The advertisements, which began the first week of March, also provide information on Narcan and naloxone, which is used to save individuals who are overdosing.

During a press conference Feb. 27, Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the health department, said medical professionals today are more likely to use Narcan to revive a patient during an overdose than

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City wants to learn who is caught up in criminal justice system

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Indianapolis is a step closer to knowing for sure which nonviolent offenders use a disproportionate amount of public safety and health resources.

The city-county council's Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee approved a six-month project to define and identify what are referred to as high utilizers of multiple systems, or HUMS.

City leaders hope the project will lead to a repeatable method to help them develop a strategy to reduce that number of people and get them the mental health and addiction treatment they may need.

The project, which would start in early April, was unanimously approved by the 12-person committee at the Feb. 26 meeting and will cost \$1.3 million.

Democratic councilor John Barth said he has experi-

ence working on similar initiatives in the health care field and pointed out that complexities seem to always pop up during the project that can prolong the time it takes to complete.

Tim Moriarty, who's served as special counsel to Mayor Joe Hogsett since 2016, said the six-month timeline is meant to get a repeatable tool, not learn everything.

"Every ounce of data we need, we're not gonna get it in six months. We know that," he said. "We're gonna take all the data we can get, process it and come to an

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Members of the city-county council's Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee at a Feb. 26 meeting at the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

State lawmakers putting up roadblocks for Indianapolis

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The 2020 legislative session is nearly finished, but some lawmakers are using their final days in the Indiana Statehouse to disrupt local politics in Indianapolis.

An amendment added to a bill concerning imminent domain would nullify parts of a package of proposals passed by the Indianapolis City-County Council that help protect renters.

Another amendment added to a bill that addresses a regional development group in northwest Indiana would penalize IndyGo for not following an earlier rule and jeopardize the future of the Purple Line and Blue Line.

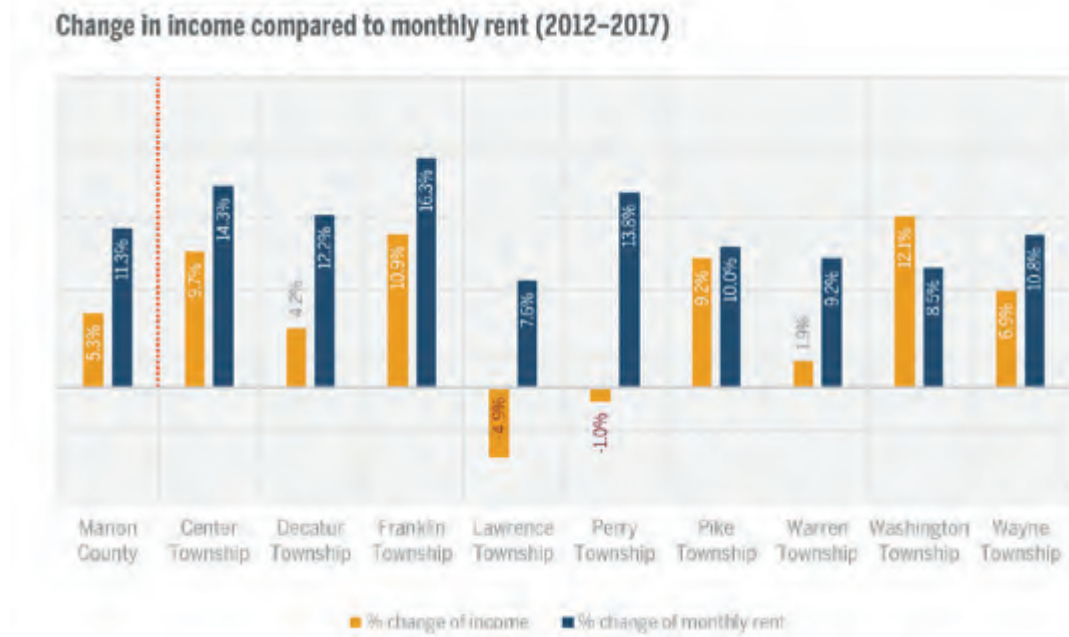
The bills carrying both amendments passed in their respective chambers and now go to a conference committee — which includes Democrats and Republicans from the House and Senate — for final passage.

The last day for conference committees to meet is scheduled for March 13.

THE FIGHT FOR RENTER PROTECTIONS

Indianapolis renters faced 11,570 evictions in 2016, according to a

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Princeton University study. That was almost 32 households every day.

The only other city in America with more: New York City.

It's why housing advocates, faith leaders and renters were ready to celebrate a set of proposals introduced by Mayor Joe Hogsett's administration, which would help further protect tenants by creating programs such as an information hotline and making landlords tell them their rights and responsibilities.

Hogsett signed Proposals 40 and 41 on Feb. 24, but he did so in a cloud of uncertainty.

About a half mile from the city-county building, in the Indiana Statehouse, lawmakers on the House Judiciary Committee passed an amendment on Senate Bill 340 earlier in the day that would nullify two major parts of the effort: fining landlords who retaliate against tenants for reporting poor housing, and requiring landlords to notify tenants of their rights and responsibilities.

The amendment was brought forward by the Indiana Apartment Association, which represents landlords.

Rep. Robin Shackleford (D-Indianapolis) introduced an amendment on the House floor in an attempt to erase that language from the bill, but it was defeated along party lines.

"Republicans are constantly preaching that we need to let those at the local level make these types of decisions," she said. "Yet, here we are stripping control from the local level and hurting Hoosier renters in the process."

The bill passed 62-31 in the House on March 2.

The Indiana Apartment Association did not agree to an interview but said in a statement Senate Bill 340 "will not prohibit cities from providing legal assistance or resources to tenants in need."

The statement went on: "We are committed to providing safe and affordable housing throughout the state of Indiana and do not want patchwork regulations in various cities to hinder our ability to provide stable housing in our communities."

It is technically true that the bill does not prohibit cities from provid-

ing legal assistance or resources to renters, but it shifts the burden of proof from landlords, as it was written in Hogsett's proposal, to tenants.

Under Hogsett's proposal, landlords would face a fine of \$2,500 and \$7,500 for violating the anti-retaliation measures, but Senate Bill 340 takes away fines and instead gives tenants one month's rent.

If a court sides with the landlord, however, the landlord can recover damages and attorney fees.

Amy Nelson, executive director of the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, said this is a continuation of the Indiana Legislature's history of favoring landlords over tenants.

"It's important for our legislators to remember they don't just represent landlords," she said. "They represent tenants."

Nelson said it's also unlikely that tenants would feel comfortable calling the information hotline or using other programs meant to help them because they would no longer be adequately protected from landlord retaliation.

Nearly 300 organizations and individuals signed a letter to Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma opposing the bill. The list includes mayors, social workers, disability rights activists, the Indianapolis Urban League and more.

Jessica Fraser, director of Indiana Institute for Working Families, a signee of the letter, said the group wasn't even paying attention to Senate Bill 340 originally because it was a mostly mundane bill. If it wasn't for Nelson knowing what was going on, she said, renter advocates would have had even less time to organize against the bill.

Fraser emphasized that unstable housing can lead to instability in other parts of life.

Renters who challenge their landlord in court but aren't found to have a good enough argument would be on the hook for that landlord's damages and attorney fees. In that case, Fraser said, the family's food budget could take a hit, just as an example.

"Housing has such a detrimental impact on all these other pieces," she said.

Housing advocates are now staking



their hopes on the language being stricken or at least reworked to better favor tenants, in conference committee.

Republican Rep. David Wolkins, who sponsored the bill in the House, said he expects the conference committee to consider if the amendment is relevant to the bill.

RETALIATION AGAINST INDYGO

When the Indiana Legislature passed a law in 2014 allowing IndyGo to secure dedicated funding through a referendum, lawmakers included a provision that, six years later, is back in the spotlight.

In exchange for an income tax to raise money for projects — including the recently opened Red Line and the upcoming Blue and Purple lines — the law stipulates IndyGo would need to match 10% of its new tax revenue with private dollars.

But lawmakers didn't include any penalties for not raising private money, and IndyGo hasn't followed that part of the law.

Sen. Aaron Freeman (R-Indianapolis) introduced an amendment to House Bill 1279 that would require the state to withhold 10% of IndyGo's local income tax revenue in years that it didn't meet the private funding threshold.

The bill passed, 43-7, in the House on March 3.

In a statement, IndyGo highlighted the support it's received for expansion of services.

"Nearly 60 percent of Marion

county voters supported a .25 tax increase dedicated to expanding public transit including bus rapid transit and a more frequent and connected network, that was not dependent on private funds," the statement read. "... The amendment, as it's written today, would jeopardize IndyGo's ability to implement the plan voters supported, and the additional service IndyGo has already introduced."

IndyGo's "limited resources" were focused on launching the Red Line in September 2019, spokesperson Faith Chadwick said, so IndyGo didn't get nonprofit status for its foundation — the Indianapolis Public Transportation Foundation — until June 2019.

The foundation's board chair, Rick Wilson, said in a statement the foundation can now "move forward in supporting innovative and accessible mobility projects in the Indianapolis area."

"The idea that the Foundation would have been able to raise these funds in advance of the opening of the Red Line is not aligned with the reality of the challenges and time constraints of making a brand new non-profit operational," he said.

IndyGo did not answer questions about how much money the foundation currently has, but the Central Indiana Community Foundation, which manages the fund, announced a donation of \$35,000 on March 2.

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DePauw welcomes first Black woman president

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DePauw University, Greencastle, tapped Lori White to become the school’s next president, making her the first Black person and woman to hold the position.

The university’s board of trustees voted unanimously to appoint her March 3. White is currently vice chancellor for student affairs at Washington University in St. Louis and will succeed D. Mark McCoy, who has been DePauw’s president since 2016.

White will be the school’s 21st president in its 183-year history.

“Throughout my career my commitment has been grounded in what I believe are the distinctive values of liberal arts universities such as DePauw,” White said in a press release, “and what makes them so special — that is, a focus on creating and sustaining community, engaging in collaborative leadership and decision-making and thinking about our greater sense of purpose as institutions of higher learning.”

Justin Christian, who led the 18-member search committee and is an alum of DePauw, said White became the committee’s choice because she’s a



Lori White

“true intellectual” with a “transparent, genuine nature.”

“Clearly, her credentials were exemplary,” he said.

“... She had a very broad set of experiences that

were student-centric that we felt like would be tremendous for DePauw.”

The committee spent eight months searching for a new president and, according to Christian, seriously considered about 40 candidates.

White will start her new post July 1.

Before joining Washington University in 2015, White worked with other institutions of higher education, including as vice president for student affairs and clinical professor of education at Southern Methodist University, as well as associate vice president for student affairs at the University of Southern California.

Kathy Patterson Vrabeck, chair of the board of trustees, said in the press release White is a “team-oriented leader” who’s passionate about the liberal arts.

“Throughout her career, Dr. White has brought a student-centered approach to her work and the work of the institutions she has served,” Vrabeck said.

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they are CPR to revive a patient during a heart attack. One of the goals of the multimedia campaign is to not only build empathy regarding drug addiction but to spread the message that Naloxone is accessible to those struggling with substance abuse disorder.

Thanks to Aaron’s Law — named after 20-year-old Aaron Sims, who died of a heroin overdose in 2013 — Hoosiers who are caretakers of or live with someone addicted to opioids can receive a prescription for Narcan. An individual who administers Narcan will not be charged for possession or practicing medicine without a license, as long as they are not on parole or under the influence of drugs. The law requires anyone

who administers the drug to call emergency services.

While a person revived with Narcan or naloxone is not protected against criminal charges, Marion County Sheriff’s Office Captain Mitchell Gore said Marion County residents shouldn’t be concerned about being arrested. The first priority should be getting help.

“We know that there’s been some rumblings around Central Indiana about charging individuals who receive services after an overdose,” Gore said. “We don’t participate in that. To my knowledge, the Marion County prosecutor’s office wouldn’t charge people like they may in other counties. Marion County residents should rest assured that they can call

for help, and it’s not going to result in a criminal case.”

The opioid epidemic looks different in the Black community. To combat the opioid crisis among African Americans, the health department is working with the religious community to address the stigma and spread information about available resources.

“Rev. [David] Greene is the president of Concerned Clergy and works with about 35 Black churches, with two of the largest Black churches among them,” Caine said. “They’re talking to their congregations about substance abuse disorder ... during service ... to help share these commercials but to also generate discussions.”

The health department is also working with organizations such as the Indianapolis Urban League and the Indiana Minority Health Coalition to use the advertisements to spread the message that substance abuse is a treatable disease.

“Substance abuse disorder is a chronic illness,” Caine said. “It requires treatment and can affect any of us ... [This campaign] is reminding us what friends are for and how we can reach out to do our part, as a friend, to help our loved ones ... find the resources they need to combat substance abuse disorder.”

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State museum exhibit puts opioid crisis on full display

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A new exhibit at the Indiana State Museum offers a stark look at the opioid crisis in Indiana while still maintaining a sense of hope and control.

“FIX: Heartbreak and Hope Inside Our Opioid Crisis” opened Feb. 1 and will be at the state museum through Feb. 7, 2021.

Cathy Ferree, president and CEO of the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, said at an unveiling event in January that she’s been asked many times why the museum would want to curate such an exhibit.

“How can we not explore this topic?” she said after rattling off statistics about the opioid crisis in Indiana.

The opioid overdose death rate in Indiana was 17.2 per 100,000 people in 2017, according to data from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

A 2018 study in the Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice found 53% of opioid deaths in Indianapolis occur within just 5% of the city. That area is concentrated on the near east side and extends down to the near south side.

Those who walk through the museum’s exhibit will find plenty of graphs, charts and other information about how opioids affect and eventually take over the brain.

There are also personal testimonies, with one wall of the exhibit featuring photos of people around Indiana — many of them are from Indianapolis — who struggled with addiction and are on the road to recovery.

The exhibit is also interactive, with opportunities to feel, hear and see the ways our bodies perceive pain and how opioids can override that pain. It’s a good opportunity to learn about society’s relationship with pain management techniques.

Because of concerns about opioid dependence, some people who have procedures that require pain medication are opting for methods that



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Part of the new FIX exhibit focuses on how bodies perceive pain. Visit the metal ball if you enjoy suspense. (Photos/Tyler Fenwick)

don’t involve opioids.

Without giving away spoilers, one part of the exhibit will be especially exciting for those who enjoy a little rush of adrenaline and excitement. Just find the metal ball with “WHAT GOOD IS PAIN?” written on the wall behind it.

Gov. Eric Holcomb said he gets regular briefings about the opioid crisis and still learned new information from touring the exhibit, which takes up 7,000 square feet.

“You will not be able to go through


this exhibit without getting chills or tearing up,” he said at the unveiling event.

Next Level Recovery, a state-level initiative to respond to drug and addiction issues, includes partnerships with other agencies and organizations, as well as wrap-around supports such as housing.

Holcomb said Indiana is still just getting started in its opioid recovery but added collaborations such as the museum’s new exhibit represent a commitment to “rush to the problem” and “not spill our resources.”

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WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?



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What many people think of as “drug addiction” is actually Substance Use Disorder (SUD), a chronic medical condition that can happen to anyone. If someone you know is struggling with SUD, your support and understanding can help them return to a healthy lifestyle. You can also help by encouraging them to call the Substance Use Outreach Services Program of the Marion County Public Health Department for safe and non-judgmental counseling. MarionHealth.org/Friends

SPOTLIGHT

Local artists celebrate women



CELEBRATE WOMEN AND SUPPORT LOCAL ART!
■ **When:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 7
■ **Where:** Broadway United Methodist Church, 609 E. 29th St.
■ **Cost:** Free

Photo illustration of Vickie Daniel, one of several portraits of women that will be on display, by photographer John L. Hurst.

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Local visual and musical artists will gather to celebrate International Women’s Day during “Art I a Woman” March 7 at Broadway United Methodist Church.

The event occurs the day before International Women’s Day, and organizer Vickie Daniel wanted to help the community celebrate women for the whole weekend. Broadway United Methodist Church member and chairperson Deb Shoffner will focus on women during a sermon on International Women’s Day on March 8.

“I want people to celebrate the equality of women,” Daniel said. “And to up the ante and the belief that women are just as capable of achieving, and for people to celebrate and say ‘thank you for being a woman ... and doing everything you do, which is a lot.’”

International Women’s Day began in 1910 after Clara Zetkin, a German revolutionary, proposed that March

8 be designated to celebrate working women at that year’s International Socialist Women’s Conference. While it has been celebrated every year since 1910, the movement gained traction in 1975 after the United Nations recognized it as a holiday.

To celebrate this year’s International Women’s Day, visitors to Broadway United can see paintings, pottery and other visual arts as well as listen to live musical performances from artists from the church, along with creators from around the community.

Daniel, a jazz musician, had a very specific reason for choosing art as a platform for the international holiday: unity.

“Art crosses so many boundaries that other things do not,” she said. “It transcends all of our ‘isms,’ and it binds us together. Art humanizes us and makes us more sensitive to each other’s plight.”

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Super Crossword

A STEP BACKWARDS

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9 Salt Lake
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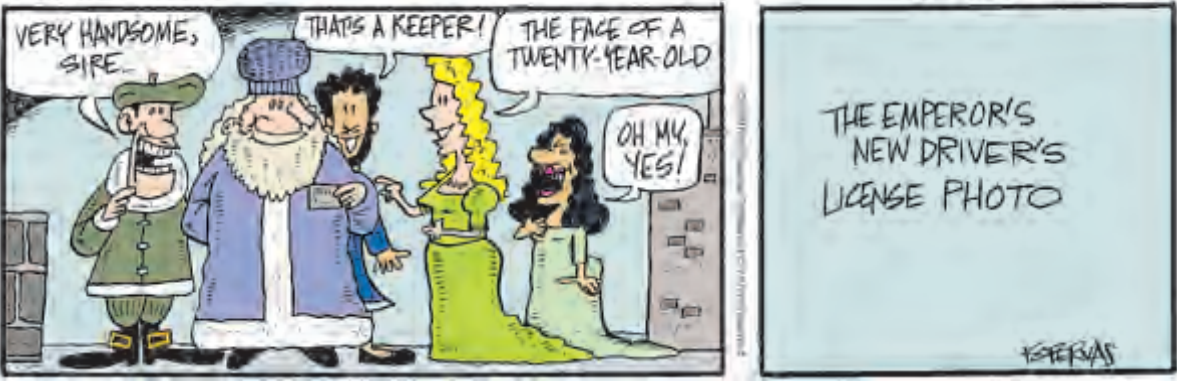
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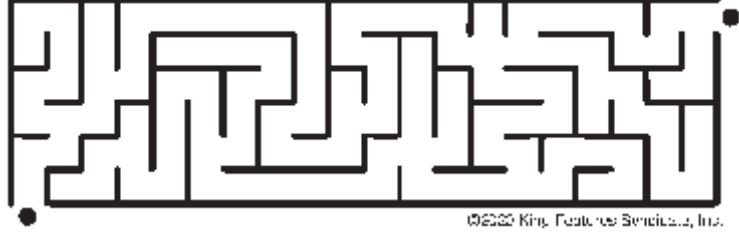
Answers to Weekly Sudoku

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Answers to Super Crossword

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Kids' Maze



Puzzles4Kids Answer

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LASSIE	I	SEALS
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THRONE	H	TONER
SPARSE	A	PRESS
LEMONS	S	MELON
EVADER	E	RAVED
VALISE	A	EVILS
SPACES	S	CAPES
BEAUTS	A	TUBES
SWERVE	W	VEERS

Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

HOW DO YOU CUT AN OCEAN IN HALF?

BOWING	BINGO	LEMONS	MELON
LASSIE	SEALS	EVADER	RAVED
SPROUT	POURS	VALISE	EVILS
THRONE	TONER		
SPARSE	PRESS	SPACES	CAPES
		BEAUTS	TUBES
		SWERVE	VEERS

EDITORIAL

Voter suppression is real, y'all

By OSEYE BOYD



I take my right to vote seriously. But I don't think I take it as seriously as Hervis Rogers. Rogers was the last person to cast a ballot on Super Tuesday, which was really Wednesday, at Texas Southern University, a historically Black college in Houston. Rogers waited six hours and 20 minutes to vote, and by the time he did so it was 1:30 a.m. Wednesday. So, technically he didn't vote on Super Tuesday. In fact, by the time he voted, the polls had closed hours before and the winner long announced. Again, I don't take voting for granted. However, I know I wouldn't have waited seven hours to vote. I'm normally in and out in 10 minutes — max. Most of the time spent isn't waiting to vote but actually filling out my ballot. November 2019 was the first time since voting for then-Sen. Barack Obama that I've had to wait in line for more than a few minutes. I balked when I saw the people standing in front of me waiting to cast their bal-

lots. I'm not a patient person, and I'm not used to waiting to vote. I prepared my mind for the long wait when I voted for Obama, but I also vowed to avoid long lines as much as possible from then on. So I'm pretty sure I would've left at some point. I think I would've tried to hang in there for a couple of hours, heck maybe three. But six and some change? Naw, I would've been out. I have things to do. I commend Rogers for his dedication to voting. Now, the system that allowed this to happen definitely doesn't deserve commendation. It is 2020 and voter suppression continues to be a thing. There are people out there whose goal is to disenfranchise Black voters. Oh, they won't come right out and say it, but it's obvious in their actions. From 2012 to 2018, 750 polling sites in Texas were closed. No state closed more polling sites than Texas. Guess where most of the polling locations were located? Black and brown neighborhoods, of course. An analysis by The Guardian found "the 50 counties that gained the most Black and Latinx residents between 2012 and 2018 closed 542 polling sites, compared to just 34 closures in the 50 counties

that have gained the fewest Black and Latinx residents." According to an article on Mother Jones, "Texas was allowed to close these polling places because of a 2013 Supreme Court decision gutting the Voting Rights Act that enabled states with a long history of voting discrimination like Texas to take such actions without federal approval." Not only were the lines ridiculously long, but voting machines were old and some even broken, furthermore discouraging voting. Like Indiana, Texas adopted vote centers, which are supposed to make voting more convenient because you can vote anywhere. In Texas, the opening of vote centers meant closing some polling places. So, it looks like progress but it's really not. The devil is always in the details, and too many times no one asks about the details — not even those making the decision. While those in predominately Black neighborhoods in Texas waited for hours, it was a different story for those in predominately white neighborhoods. People of varying ethnic backgrounds took to Twitter to tell stories of moving in and out of their polling place at a quick pace.

Their anecdotal evidence is backed up by facts. "For example, relative to entirely white neighborhoods (identified using census data), residents of entirely Black neighborhoods waited 29 percent longer to vote and were 74 percent more likely to spend more than 30 minutes at their polling place. A disparity exists for entirely Hispanic neighborhoods, too, but it is not as pronounced," according to a working paper by co-authors Keith Chen and Ryne Rohla on the National Bureau of Economic Research website. Our votes matter or else there wouldn't be such concerted efforts to suppress our vote. This is just another example of why we must vote for the right candidates — from local government up to the president. The people making the decisions to suppress our vote were elected, and in the case of Supreme Court justices, they were appointed and confirmed by people we elected. Voting isn't just for today. It has lasting repercussions. Hervis Rogers understood this, which is why he waited for almost an entire workday to vote. Let's all be that dedicated.

OPINIONS

Black South Carolinians to the rescue?

By LARRY SMITH



It is no great revelation to say that our national electoral politics has been turned inside out, upside down — or even in a number of different directions that is reminiscent of Milton Bradley's Twister game. While "one person, one vote" inherently carries with it the possibility of strange, unexpected or even highly undesirable outcomes, historically there is usually a banal predictability to our *de facto* two-party system. Sometimes the Republican candidate wins; sometimes the Democratic candidate wins. Some people are elated; others are disappointed. Rinse, wash, repeat ... Occasionally, however, the losing team experiences something akin to the stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. (I use the word "team" purposely; our politics has become so parochial, so bitter, so adversarial that even the analogy of opposing teams may not adequately describe the rancor that attends the seemingly intractable battles between Democrats and Republicans.) Certainly, this has been the case since the 2016 presidential election — which feels like it never quite ended. It is in this social, economic, politi-

cal and cultural context that we find ourselves reflecting on the results of last week's Democratic presidential primary in South Carolina. (Fortunately, the Palmetto state spared us of the highly problematic caucus format that plagues us, especially in Iowa.) As we all know, former Vice President Joe Biden's campaign hinged on his performance in South Carolina — especially among African Americans, whose support determined the primary's winner. As professor-turned-pundit Eddie Glaude of Princeton University pointed out on "Meet the Press," it's ironic that Black folks have — for the moment — saved centrist Democratic politics. Given our growing disaffection (and, for some, disgust) with the Democratic Party, Biden's Black-people-fueled primary victory heralded our strategic importance. The outcome of the South Carolina primary is very interesting for at least two reasons. One is that Rep. James "Jim" Clyburn, who as majority whip is the third highest-ranking member of the U.S. House, decided to announce his support of Joe Biden following last week's Democratic debate. Generally speaking, such endorsements are substantially less important than in years long past. However, exit polls suggest that Clyburn's full-throated endorsement of his longtime friend *did* matter — a lot. (Clyburn did so despite the fact that he has been openly critical of those who are running Biden's cam-

paign.) Clyburn, who will be 80 years old in a few months, wields the kind of power — and commands the kind of respect — that results from decades of being "on the battlefield." He is one of the old school leaders who puts the "e" in establishment politics. (Incidentally, endorsing Biden so forcefully did not come without some risk. Had the former vice president stumbled, or even failed to win convincingly, Clyburn's stature and prestige may have suffered.) And it is worth mentioning the fact that, thus far, Sen. Bernie Sanders has not expanded the Democratic base, as he and his surrogates frequently claim he will do. Sanders barely beat Biden among young Black voters — who are among Sanders' core constituency. I should point out that "Black voters" are not a monolith; even Clyburn's own grandson supported former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg before his exit from the race. Still, there remains among most of us a sense of collective "defense." To borrow from Ben Franklin, "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately." The other interesting aspect of African Americans' support of Biden is the possibility that it might spur him on to secure the Democratic presidential nomination. (Assuming, of course, that South Carolina is not an anomaly *vis-à-vis* Black support for him.) Finally, if Biden then went on to win the

presidency, it is fair to say that Black people in South Carolina, in effect, would have played *the* central role in determining that outcome. Admittedly, those are many "ifs," but that conclusion is not at all hyperbolic. Black people have frequently served as America's conscience, especially as it regards to our own political interests. Perhaps this is no better demonstrated today than in the fact that former candidate and billionaire "Mike" Bloomberg had been steadily collecting endorsements from high-profile Black political leaders — despite his atrocious record regarding racial issues while he served as mayor of New York. In my view, by taking the deliberative step of publicly supporting Bloomberg, his Black supporters made the affirmative decision to place being an American above being an *African* American. Similarly, by supporting Joe Biden over former candidate Tom Steyer, who supported reparations, Black folks testified that the goal of returning our nation to sanity is more important to us than rolling the dice on someone who (it would appear) was unlikely to defeat Donald Trump this November. If Joe Biden does prevail in the presidential contest, I am hopeful that his victory will not be Pyrrhic for Black folks. We deserve more. It is incumbent upon us to demand it.

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Sports teach valuable lessons about living life to the fullest

By JONATHAN BIRDSONG



Being a longtime sports fanatic, as well as a co-host of on an upstart sports podcast, I was instantly overwhelmed with sadness upon hearing about the tragic death of Kobe Bryant. It's that side of media, that I personally loathe covering. If you savvy yourself to be a know-it-all, as I do, being one of the first people to report background or "insider" information, from a this-is-not-gossip vantage point,

comes with its feelings of omniscient euphoria. Plainly stated, I enjoy reporting good news. Tragedy changes everything. And on this day, I did not relish in being the "intellectual sports windbag guy." Supplying objective commentary about winning or losing an athletic contest between two teams or competitors is as easy as retelling your favorite childhood nursery rhyme to me. The histrionics of certain eras of professional basketball and football are topics I daily debate. However, on that day, those barbershop style deliberations of who the G.O.A.T. is instantly became lesser. I've been around many locker rooms and practice facilities, and I've learned in sports emotions run both high and low. Like films, sports can provide some escapism — a release from reality. As a culture, sports invariably are free flowing with extraordinary acts of physical ability and unimaginable feelings. The cheers of joy, orchestrated by the winning team, often are followed by the sorrowful tears of the loser. We laugh, and we love in sports. We might even be a little spoiled by sports culture as it pertains to mortality, as star athletes play and compete well past their prime into their late 30s and 40s. We learn from buzzer beaters and missed field goal kicks to expect the unexpected. But, tragedy changes everything. And sometimes we don't get to see one of our heroes grow old. And a happening such as this can change one's life perspective negatively. Maybe even shake up your faith a

little. Bad things do happen to good people. "Life is too short," has resonated in my most recent conversations. And in that moment on Jan. 26, 2020, I just wanted to hug everyone that I had called, texted or could not physically get ahold of right away. Mend a few fences. Tell them how much I love them. Have a serious Hallmark moment. The after events have given me a heightened sense of urgency of how pleasantly and purposefully time is spent in the present day — the value of living your truth. To make sure dreams are bolstered by genuine actions, and potentially make a difference in someone's life. Kobe Bryant's career as a basketball player is unforgettable. Patterning greatness, he found himself flying just as high as many of his hardwood heroes. I will always remember the career stats. The championships. The time he went for 81 points. The Mamba Mentality. His beautiful family. I'm not one for memorials, so no need to tie a yellow ribbon around the old oak tree as it pertains to the 26th of January in the coming years. Instead, I will forever marvel at Kobe's early self-actualization. How he properly used his awareness, time, talents and determination to be better. How he focused on a given process, and trusted the hard work he put in. I will remember how he excelled.

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initial understanding. Some information is better than no information. I think it's an ongoing effort.”

The Office of Audit and Performance will manage the project, and a steering committee will provide oversight and review the findings. The steering committee will be made up of members from the mayor's office, Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Eskenazi Health and more.

The Marion County Criminal Justice Planning Council — a 10-member team that includes Hogsett — will receive regular updates on the project.

Hope Tribble, director of the Office of Audit and Performance, said the city will be at an advantage by working with Indianapolis-based Community Solutions as a secondary consultant because when the lead consultant, KPMG, leaves at the end of the six months, the city could still have help facilitating the program.

Committee chairman Leroy Robinson, a Democrat, said there is only anecdotal evidence for the most part about who the relatively small number of people are who use a disproportionate amount of public services.

The idea for a HUMS project was part of a set of recommendations made by the Criminal Justice Reform

Task Force in 2016.

Moriarty told the council one of the biggest themes the task force learned through that process — which included 10 community meetings — was nonviolent offenders are cycling through the criminal justice and health systems.

Moriarty compared the project to the Marion County Community Justice Campus, the first part of which is scheduled to open in six months.

“It is no less important in what it's trying to do,” he said. “In fact, it's a centerpiece of our efforts.”

The council also approved a proposal that would shift the focus of the Community Crime Prevention Grant Program to be used for violence intervention, interruption and street outreach.

Shonna Majors, the city's director of community violence reduction, spoke in favor of the change, saying it would allow the roughly \$3 million in grants to go to organizations that more broadly support violence reduction.

The proposals will go back to the full council for a vote.

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Excessive attention to news increases stress levels for many Americans

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Due to a combination of specialized television and radio news networks

offering 24-hour coverage, the internet and easy access to social media on smart phones, it seems we're all constantly in contact with the media much more than ever before.

Even during the best of times, constant access to the news can be stress-inducing, and when much of the news is particularly worrisome, many of us are faced with levels of anxiety that can cause us to have difficulty coping with it. It seems that there is a constant flood of news about wars, ecological disasters, medical concerns and failing economies, along with violent local events.

a day to media with news that may cause stress, anxiety and fears.

The AACAP encourages parents to monitor the amount of time your child watches news shows and make sure you allot adequate time in a quiet place to talk if you sense that the news maybe troubling or upsetting to a child. The possible negative effects of news can be lessened by parents, teachers or other adults watching the news with the child and talking with them about what has been seen or heard. A child's age, maturity, developmental level, life experiences and vulnerabilities should guide how much and what kind of news the

child is exposed to.

While children can never be completely protected from outside events, parents can help them feel safe and assist them in better understanding the world around them.

The Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center, Indiana's first community mental health center provides comprehensive care for all types of emotional and behavioral problems, including severe mental illness and substance abuse. For more information, call 317.880.8491.

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William G. Mays, an astute entrepreneur purchased the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper in 1990. As publisher, Mays entrusted his niece, Carolene Mays-Medley to serve as president and general manager of the newspaper. Mays-Medley gave the paper new direction and a blueprint for success for more than 13 years before returning to community service in local government.

Experienced journalist and longtime Recorder employee, Shannon Williams succeeded Mays-Medley as president and general manager in 2010. One of the initial things Williams did in her role as president was form the Recorder Media Group which houses the Recorder, its sister publication the Indiana Minority Business Magazine and serves as an in-house marketing/communications firm.

After 18 years at the Recorder, including the last eight at the helm, Williams left the historic paper to serve in non-profit leadership where she specifically advocates for education equity.

Robert Shegog is the current president and COO of the Recorder Media Group. Shegog has been instrumental in building continuity across all of the company's products and amplifying community engagement strategies. He and his team continue to usher a new era of leadership with the charge to extend the rich legacies of the newspaper and magazine for generations to come.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

CORONAVIRUS

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There were at least 80 confirmed cases of COVID-19, commonly called coronavirus, in the United States as of March 4, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, the Indiana State Department of Health says the virus has not reached Indiana.

There were 30 Hoosiers being monitored for coronavirus as of March 3, according to the health department. That number fluctuates daily, though, as those people complete their 14-day self-monitoring cycle.

Being monitored does not indicate these people are ill or may become ill; it simply means they had a risk factor for potential exposure through travel or exposure to others who have recently traveled.

The disease has made international news, in part because medical professionals know so little about it, and it has caused at least nine deaths in the U.S., according to the CDC. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a global health emergency in late January.

Here's what you need to know about preventing the spread of COVID-19.

WHAT IS COVID-19?

COVID-19 is caused by a member of the coronavirus family. SARS-CoV-2 is the virus spreading that causes COVID-19. Researchers believe bats are the animal source of the virus, but that isn't yet definitive.

Symptoms can include fever, runny nose, cough and breathing trouble.

Most develop only mild disease, but some people, usually those with other medical complications, develop more severe symptoms, including pneumonia, which can be fatal.

"This is a time to plan, not to panic," state health Commissioner Kris Box said in a press release Feb. 27. "The situation with this novel coronavirus is changing rapidly, and I know that can cause concern because we don't have all the answers yet. What we do have, however, is a plan for how to respond if and when COVID-19 comes to Indiana."

SYMPTOMS

According to the WHO, some symptoms have been more common than others in confirmed cases.

Below are the most common symptoms, along with what percentage of confirmed cases had them.

Fever (88%)
Dry cough (68%)
Mucus (33%)
Shortness of breath (18%)
Sore throat (14%)
Headache (14%)

MYTHS

Myth: Only older people are susceptible to the new coronavirus.

Fact: While older people and those with compromised immune systems are more likely to face some of the more serious side effects of the disease, including respiratory problems and kidney failure, people of any age can contract COVID-19.

Myth: You need to stop going to your favorite Chinese restaurant.

Fact: While the virus originated in Wuhan, China, people of any nationality, race or gender can contract COVID-19. You are not likely to contract coronavirus by visiting Chinese restaurants.

Myth: You can get the new coronavirus from Corona beer.

Fact: COVID-19 has nothing to do with Corona beer, a popular Mexican import. Feel free to continue drinking responsibly.

Myth: Hand dryers will kill the new coronavirus.

Fact: Heat does not kill the disease, which the CDC reports can live on surfaces for up to nine days. However, washing your hands frequently decreases your chances of contracting coronavirus.

Myth: Spraying alcohol or chlorine all over your body will kill the new coronavirus.

Fact: Neither alcohol nor chlorine can kill a virus that has already entered the body. Further, both are intended to clean surfaces, and use on the body can damage mucous membranes.

HOW TO LIMIT THE SPREAD

Physicians haven't developed a vaccine yet, so for now, limiting the spread of COVID-19 is as simple as practicing basic hygiene.

Simple steps to take:

- Wash your hands with soap frequently.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.
- Disinfect surfaces that people frequently touch.

Physicians do not recommend healthy individuals wear surgical mask. The masks don't prevent contraction of the virus and are used to contain illness in sick people. Furthermore, the rate of surgical masks flying off the shelves has made it more difficult for doctors and hospitals to replenish their stock, putting patients at risk.

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EPIDEMICS AND PANDEMICS THROUGH THE YEARS

While COVID-19 is new to humans, the coronavirus isn't new, and it's not the first time humans have experienced widespread illness.

■ **Leprosy — 11th century**

■ **The Black Death (Bubonic Plague) — 1346-1353**

■ **Smallpox — 1633**

■ **Cholera 1910 — 1911**

■ **The Spanish Flu — 1918**

■ **Flu pandemic of 1968**

■ **HIV/AIDS — 1980s**

■ **Measles outbreak — 1981-1991**

■ **Mad Cow Disease — 1993**

■ **MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) — 1995**

■ **SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) — 2002-2003**

■ **Avian (Bird) Flu — 2003**

■ **H1N1 (Swine flu) — 2009**

■ **MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) — 2012**

■ **Ebola — 2014**

Public Health Campaign Brings Awareness to Substance Use Disorder

The Marion County Public Health Department launched a campaign on Feb. 27 aimed at reducing the stigma associated with substance use disorder in Marion County.

Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director of the Marion County Public Health Department, was joined by Indianapolis City-Council President Vop Osili in announcing a new campaign by the department focused on supporting affected Hoosiers and their families and friends.

With an increase in opioid-related overdoses across Marion County, the "What are friends for?" campaign reminds the public that substance use disorder can happen to anyone.

Starting in March, the campaign will show compassion and understanding can change the stigma around this disorder and provide resources to those in need.

"This is a national conversation not only demonstrate compassion and understanding but more importantly to save lives right here at home," Dr. Caine said. "Indianapolis is one of four cities awarded funding to invest in an area of need in the community, and this is where we see the most need and want to create the most change."

Funded by the National Association of County and City Health Officials' Integrating Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level (IOPSL) grant, Indianapolis was chosen to implement prevention and response strategies to help communities save lives.

Substance use disorder is a chronic medical condition that requires treatment. The campaign will raise awareness of the disorder and emphasize the legality of carrying naloxone, a federally-approved medication used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

Naloxone is available at many pharmacies in Marion County for anyone who believes someone they know is at risk of an opioid overdose. The Marion County Public Health Department also provides

naloxone to residents who attend free trainings on how to administer the drug.

"Opioid-related incidents continue to climb at alarming rates in our community," said Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett. "Campaigns like the one launched today by the Marion County Public Health Department are how we begin to change the trajectory of these tragic incidents and directly reach residents in need of treatment, services, and support."

In 2017, deaths from opioid-specific overdose in Marion County increased to 33.8 percent from 9.1 percent in 2010. Since 2013, Indiana has consistently placed in the top half of U.S. states and territories for its high rate of drug overdoses. And, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only one naloxone prescription is dispensed for every 70 high-dose opioid prescriptions.

"This is a positive step toward combatting a public health crisis that continues to impact communities across the nation," said Osili. "The Marion County Public Health Department has done a tremendous job designing and implementing programs – supported largely by federal grants and not local tax dollars – that are making a difference in the daily lives of our fellow citizens."

The Marion County Public Health Department conducted preliminary research to gauge residents' attitudes regarding substance use disorder and knowledge of the legality of naloxone. The research gives a better understanding of perceptions and stigmas that sufferers may face so it can provide further assistance to those in need.

Additional research will measure the effectiveness of the campaign and evaluate the attitudes and perceptions of Marion County residents.

For more information on substance use disorder and available resources, visit MarionHealth.org/Friends.

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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

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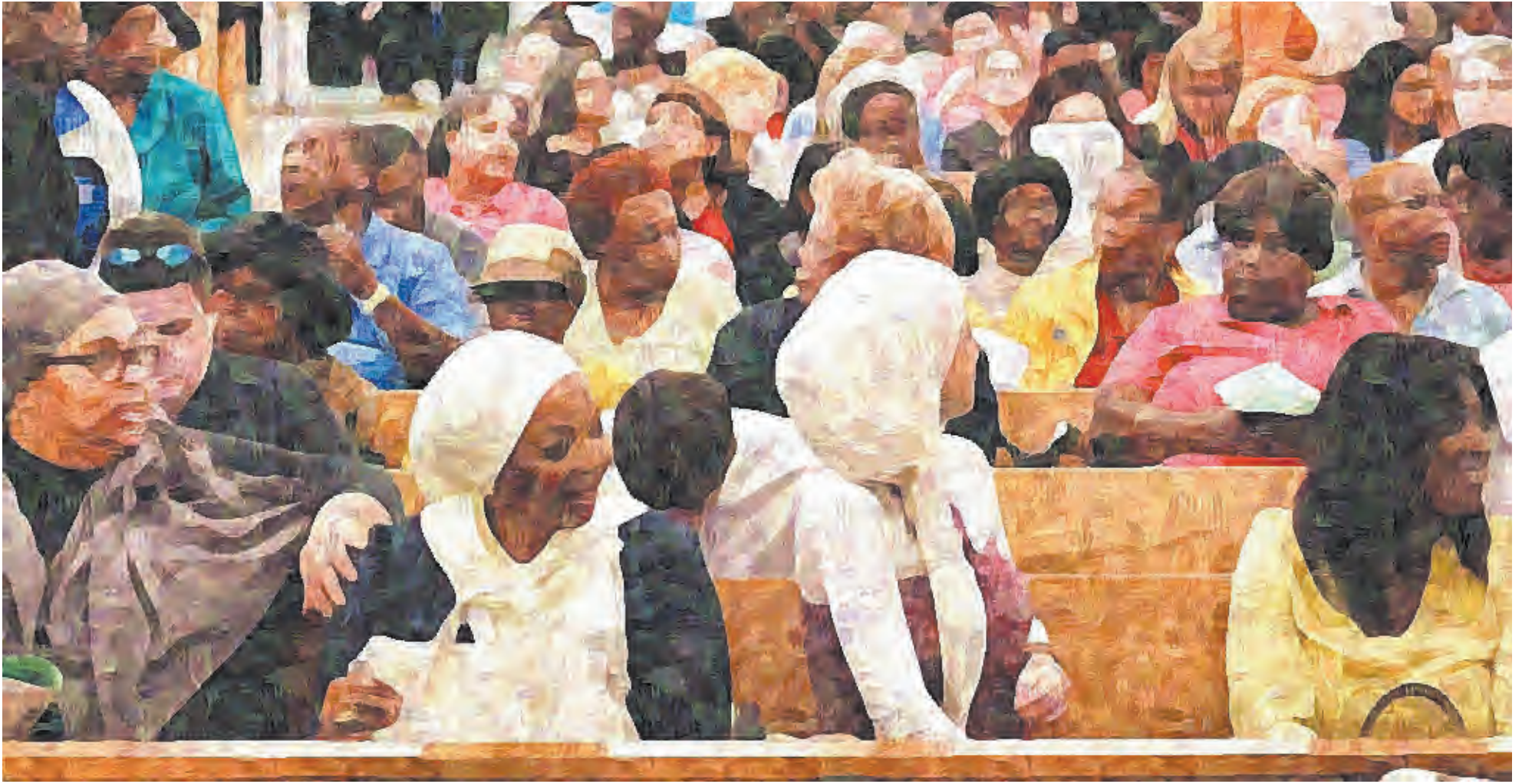
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Solidarity over segregation: Faith-based coalitions organize across races, religions



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Rachel Prestipino knows how segregated Miami can be every day, including Sunday: “It’s not just at 11 a.m.”

But one thing all groups in Miami share, said Prestipino, lead organizer for a local faith-based organization called People Acting for Community Together (PACT), is an interest in solving local problems. “That desire, for whatever reason, goes across all these lines of difference, whether that’s faith background or race.”

PACT has helped Christians, Jews and Muslims in her community overcome their racial, ethnic and faith divides outside of their congregations.

“WE DON’T HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR THAT”

More than a half century after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. challenged the Christian church to “remove the yoke of segregation from its own body,” an estimated one-sixth of U.S. congregations have succeeded in becoming at least partly multiracial — but not without struggles. A handful of religious institutions, meanwhile, are pursuing reconciliation by pushing for reparations.

But in more than 100 U.S. cities, people of faith are choosing to come together across historic racial and religious boundaries, not at the congregational or even denominational level, but by mobilizing outside of weekly worship services to address daily problems where they live. Even if racial reconciliation is not the primary purpose of these nonpartisan coalitions, a byproduct of their work is often relationships with people who do not look — or believe — as they do.

Indiana University sociologist Brad Fulton, who directs the National Study of Community Organizing, said the number of faith-based community organizing coalitions has increased from 201 to 222 in the past five years alone. Eight percent of U.S. congregations are affiliated with a community-organizing network, such as the Direct Action Research Training Center, Faith in Action or the Industrial Areas Foundation.

A DART affiliate, PACT was founded to serve Miami-Dade County 32 years ago and today represents the 50,000 members of 40 congregations, including Black, white and Latino churches, two synagogues and a mosque. DART has 22 member organizations in eight states, including nine other groups like PACT in Florida alone.

PACT works much like secular grass-roots community organizations: Its local activists stage rallies; research best practices around issues, like implementing restorative justice in public schools and securing affordable housing; and hold public officials accountable for addressing them, sometimes by showing up at their offices en masse to demand change.

In one current project, PACT is advocating for a community identification card for all county residents. “There are people — the undocumented, youth in foster care, the elderly — that have barriers to access (without IDs),” said Prestipino, who said ID cards can be “an equalizer, an inclusive force.”

Fulton said collaborations across race, religion and class identities not only foster relationships within coalitions but impress political leaders who see a

wide range of support on the issues they work on together.

“If you can present to the politicians or show up at a meeting with a mayor with a broad-based coalition, you’re just going to be much more effective in getting the issue addressed than if you’re just one organization representing one constituency,” he said.

That gives PACT outsized influence in Miami’s intensely multicultural, but deeply segregated, context, where politics often operate by pitting its ethnic and racial communities against one another.

PACT works to combat those divisions. “We believe that we serve a God of abundance and that we can all win,” said Prestipino, who has led the organization since 2016. “In God’s city we would all have an affordable home to live in, and we don’t have to fight against each other for that.”

The group’s unity extends to which prayers and scriptures it chooses to cite. “One verse we use often is Micah 6:8,” Prestipino noted, referring to a passage in which the Hebrew biblical prophet Micah urges Israel “to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.”

“This is part of the Hebrew scriptures, the Christian tradition, and (Micah) is recognized as a prophet by Muslims as well,” said Prestipino.

As much as religion has separated the races in America, people of faith have long overcome their racial differences to fight injustice. In the civil rights era, some white Christians and Jews worked with Black churches on access to the ballot, and with the Supreme Court’s decision to end certain sections of the Voting Rights Act, the cause of voter protection has become a rallying point again for white and Black clergy.

Rev. Adam R. Taylor, a Black Baptist minister and executive director of the social justice organization Sojourners, said he has seen an increasing commitment to interracial organizing and interreligious engagement by churches.

“Now, some of these trends have kind of ebbed and flowed, but I think in particular we’ve seen (in) some of our work around trying to protect the right to vote and voter protection a lot of white allies wanting to come alongside Black churches and engage in that work,” said Taylor, author of “Mobilizing Hope: Faith-Inspired Activism for a Post Civil Rights Generation.”

“YOU CAN’T COUNT ON THE CLERGY”

More recently, white and Asian clergy have joined their African American colleagues to counter police violence and white nationalism, he said.

One of the most well-known recent examples of multi-faith coalitions was created in Charlottesville, Virginia, in response to an outburst of racial violence in 2017, after the Charlottesville City Council voted to remove a statue of Robert E. Lee and rename Lee Park.

During what activists dubbed the “Summer of Hate,” torch-bearing white nationalists marched on the University of Virginia campus in opposition to the council’s decision in May, the Ku Klux Klan

scheduled a rally in downtown Charlottesville for July and a “Unite the Right” rally was planned for Aug. 12.

Some people of color grew increasingly frustrated as local religious leaders debated how their congregations should respond: Should clergy and congregations ignore neo-Nazis or directly confront them?

As the debate went on, said Jalane Schmidt, a University of Virginia professor and Black Lives Matter member who identifies as a queer Black woman and as a Catholic, “It set up this dynamic that you can’t count on the clergy.”

This led Rev. Brittany Caine-Conley and Rev. Seth Wispelwey, young white ministers ordained by the United Church of Christ, to co-found Congregate Charlottesville.

Realizing that people of faith were not prepared “to demonstrate any sort of resistance to white supremacist violence,” Caine-Conley recalled, Congregate Charlottesville began hosting nonviolent direct-action trainings in the weeks leading up to Aug. 12.

“Many of us, across traditions, felt that there is really no greater importance than that of presence,” Caine-Conley said. Despite pleas from city officials and the police, who discouraged confronting the white supremacists, Congregate decided “we couldn’t stay away and just simply pray,” said Caine-Conley.

On the morning of Aug. 12, clergy and dozens of Black and white Christians, Jews and Muslims gathered in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, then marched from the historic Black Church to confront the white supremacists. The group included national religious leaders, such as Rev. Osagyefo Sekou, Cornel West, Lisa Sharon Harper, and Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

“It really was a turning point for a lot of folks in the United States,” Caine-Conley reflected. “It really woke folks up.” Congregate published a “national call to conscience” in the days that followed, challenging people of faith to embrace love and join the fight against white supremacy.

Charlottesville also showed, however, that faith-based organizing has yet to go beyond an activist core. The majority of those “who put their bodies and lives on the line were people of color, were people of marginalized religious identities, Jewish and Muslim,” said Caine-Conley. “It was queer folks, and it was women.”

In the days before the rally, Caine-Conley and Wispelwey had invited 1,000 clergy to Charlottesville to “confront white supremacy,” reminiscent of King’s 1965 request for clergy to come to Alabama, after white police and vigilantes brutally beat civil rights activists as they attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma.

“We really were attempting to call on white clergy, particularly white male clergy, to put their bodies on the line in ways that marginalized people are forced to every day,” said Caine-Conley.

A thousand clergy did not come. Even most Charlottesville clergy stayed home.

If King’s challenge was then to a largely Christian, churchgoing nation, today the effort at desegregation is equally aimed at including members of other faiths and immigrant populations of color.

“WHEN SOME OF US SUFFER, ALL OF US WILL SUFFER”

In 2017, Imam Mohamed Omar, executive director of Dar Al-Farooq Islamic Center in Bloomington, Minnesota, decided it was no longer prudent to remain isolated after members of an Illinois militia threw a pipe bomb into his mosque. Joining forces

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

For she who persists

By SHEILA P. SPENCER

“In the crowd that day there was a woman who for twelve years had been afflicted with hemorrhages. She had spent every penny she had on doctors but not one had been able to help her. She slipped in from behind and touched the edge of Jesus’ robe. At that very moment her hemorrhaging stopped. Jesus said, ‘Who touched me?’

“When no one stepped forward, Peter said, ‘But Master, we’ve got crowds of people on our hands. Dozens have touched you.’ Jesus insisted, ‘Someone touched me. I felt power discharging from me.’ When



the woman realized that she couldn’t remain hidden, she knelt trembling before him. In front of all the people, she blurted out her story — why she touched him and how at that same moment she was healed. Jesus said, ‘Daughter, you took a risk trusting me, and now you’re healed and whole. Live well, live blessed!’” — Luke 8: 43-48

For she who persists. There’s power in persistence. The word persistence is defined as “firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.” Persistence propels us to move past doubt, fear, expectations of others or even ourselves. If only we could channel the persistence of the woman in the text. She was a woman who didn’t want to stay in her condition. The custom was that women in her condition were considered impure and anybody that came into contact with her was affected. Nevertheless she persisted and was in the midst of a crowd. That meant pushing her way through the crowd, focused on reaching Jesus. She pushed past the confines of her own comfort zone, society’s expectations on women in her condition and her own issues. She was propelled by her quest not to remain in that same condition. That’s what kept her moving forward. For she who persists. This persistence is what Jesus recognized, and the courage she had in sharing her experience in front of everyone. Jesus recognized, received and rewarded her persistence. She was determined not to remain in the same condition that she came with that day. The reward of being healed and whole outweighed the fear of taking the risk. For she who persists. The woman teaches us the value and reward of persistence. What are you being called to push past and through? We can learn from the persistence of a woman who took the risk of trusting Jesus because she knew the reward. Blessed to be a blessing to you,

Rev. Sheila P. Spencer

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FAITH

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with other imams in the area, Omar, a refugee from war-torn Somalia, approached ISALAH, a 20-year-old mostly white and Christian community organizing coalition based in St. Paul. Through a weeklong training with ISALAH, Omar discovered the struggles of other people of faith, and other ISALAH trainees in turn saw the pain his congregation had endured. “When some of us suffer, all of us will suffer,” Omar told the Faith, Race, and Politics conference in Cincinnati in January. In the wake of the bombing, ISALAH members and others in the community developed a political response to Islamophobia that included a report on anti-Muslim propaganda in their state. ISALAH’s executive director, Doran Schrantz, said the group, which has engaged Black churches since its start and has included a Latinx Coalition for six years, has grown from a predominantly Christian to a multi-faith coalition, with a Muslim cohort of some 20 mosques. Black barbershops and Somali child care centers are now among its institutional members from cities and rural areas across the state. She said one of the goals of the coalition is to help whites and nonwhites appreciate the benefits of “shared power” from their broader relationships. “A lot of the work that we do with white people and white people of faith is, this is about you, not you helping other people,” said Schrantz, a white laywoman who is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. “You’re not doing charity with the Muslims. And you don’t get to act that way with them. The question is, what’s at stake for you in building a multiracial democracy that has economic justice and racial justice in it?” ISALAH, a Faith in Action affiliate, now connects 250,000 people in Minnesota, 60% of whom are white and 40% of whom are people of color. “Our main focus is organizing the not already-woke,” Schrantz said, noting they are trying to help people in the pews — or on prayer rugs — understand what local issues matter to them. “You’re actually getting people engaged through the lens of their own experience as opposed to what is happening on MSNBC versus Fox News.” ISALAH recently won a significant victory: A state sentencing commission approved in January a five-year maximum probation for most felonies. Omar, whose community is awaiting the trial of the alleged ringleader of the attack on his mosque, said working with ISALAH has brought together people who might be uncomfortable with the singing or praying of an interfaith service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. They could more easily come together on championing the five-year probation limit. “That is something I can literally bring my people and say this is what’s happening,” said Omar, in an interview. “I’m not taking you to an interfaith dinner. I’m taking you to work that can change your life and my life and our neighbor’s life. And that’s resonating with a lot of people.”

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Why is self-love so difficult?

By CATHY HOLLOWAY HILL



In order to understand the complex nature of the female psyche, we must look inside both the mind and emotions of a female from early childhood development. Early in their lives, girls are told they are “cute” and some parents will dress them up in cute outfits to enhance the belief that

their “looks” determine who they are and whether they will fit into society.

The mistake this creates is that in addition to telling a young girl that she is cute, there also has to be a feeling of self-worth, inner strength and self-love. If these elements are not instilled in a young girl’s early life, she will seek validation, approval and appreciation from many sources throughout her life.

Additionally, the way a young girl observes an adult female will significantly impact the child’s own self-esteem and beliefs in how women react and relate to each other. If a young girl constantly observes rivalries among the adults in her life, she is highly likely to experience these same rivalries with women when she becomes an adult.

During early childhood, children often start to develop a “self-concept” of who they are. The attributes, abilities, attitudes and values they believe begin to define them. In my psychology studies while acquiring my master’s degree, early childhood development was my focus. During this learning process, I discovered many critical factors that are relevant to this topic, and I will share the information throughout this column. According to “Developmental Psychology” by Dennis Thompson, children by age 3 (specifically between 18 and 30 months) have developed their categorical self, which is a concrete way of viewing themselves with “this or that” labels. For example, young children label themselves in terms of age “child or adult,” gender “boy or girl,” physical characteristics “short or tall,” and value “good or bad.” The labels are used to identify children’s self-concept in very concrete, observable terms. However, preschoolers typically do not link their separate self-descriptions into an integrated self-portrait. In addition, many 3- to 5-year-olds are not aware that a person can have opposing characteristics. For example, they don’t yet recognize that a person can be both “good” and “bad.”

Depending upon a family’s cultural behaviors and beliefs, children can be positively or negatively influenced by their culture. For instance, in my observation of the African American culture, family members sometimes tease a sibling or relative if they stand out or look different from others in the family. Light skin/dark skin, silky hair/course hair, overweight/thin, are all ways that can begin an identity crisis within the child’s mind causing her to believe they don’t belong.

When something like this occurs, she now has to look elsewhere (i.e., to society or to the media) to identify and validate herself. She may not have yet learned that true self-identity comes through the knowledge of knowing her authentic self (from the inside out). It is imperative that parents, grandparents, mentors and coaches help a child to understand she is worthy just the way she is. We are each made for a unique purpose in life, and regardless of what others may cause us to feel, we don’t have to believe it. Ultimate success and happiness comes in knowing who you are and why you were born. It has nothing to do with how we look or what people think of us. Life is full of lessons to help us discover and carry out our purpose. Painful situations help direct us there.

Cathy Holloway Hill is a life design strategist, psychologist and author of “Secret Betrayal — How to Heal Female Rivalries.”



How auto insurers use your nondriving habits to raise prices

By KAYDA NORMAN
NerdWallet

You expect your car insurance rates to increase after you buy a new vehicle, cause a crash or add a young driver to your policy. But some insurers jack up prices based on seemingly unrelated data — like your magazine subscriptions or what groceries you buy.

Even if you have a clean driving record and have stayed loyal to your insurance company for the past 10 years, you could be paying higher premiums than someone with the same driving history, car and background. Why? Price optimization.

WHAT IS PRICE OPTIMIZATION?

Price optimization is the practice of charging higher rates based on the likelihood that a person will not shop around for a lower price. Insurers create algorithms based on all kinds of personal data, including loyalty to other service providers and shopping behavior, but not your driving habits. This is a separate formula from other common auto insurance rate factors like age, neighborhood, gender and the type of car you drive.

Factors can run the gamut from your magazine subscriptions, the number of phones you buy and your web browsing history. This means a company’s most loyal customers may be most affected by this practice.

And while it’s true insurers often have a loyalty discount, if you’re overcharged by 30%, a 5% or 10% loyalty discount isn’t worth it, explains Robert Hunter, director of insurance at the Consumer Federation of America, a nonprofit group based in Washington, D.C.

With the average cost of car insurance at \$1,621 per year in 2019, according to a NerdWallet rate analysis, price optimization could cost you more than you think.

For example, Consumer Watchdog, a nonprofit based in Los Angeles, detailed a recent case in which Farmers Insurance overcharged its longtime California customers 4%-13% more in premiums each year than it should have — \$26 million to \$29 million a year in total.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY PRICE OPTIMIZATION?

Price optimization is illegal in 20 states, but the CFA asserts all states should outlaw the tactic. “Some companies are still using it, some have dropped it completely — we don’t know which are which,” Hunter says. And while every state requires rates not be excessive or unfairly discriminatory, he says some state insurance commissioners just aren’t paying attention to price optimization. “It’s hidden in rates and hard to find.”

Because companies use different algorithms to de-

termine rates, price optimization can affect anyone who doesn’t compare insurance rates often. Even those not affected by price optimization can save hundreds of dollars a year by comparing rates.

“The reason they can charge you \$1,000 and another person \$2,000 is because the person paying \$2,000 doesn’t know about the \$1,000 company out there,” Hunter says.

SHOP AROUND AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR

Auto insurance shopping isn’t glamorous, but just an hour of your time comparing rates might pay for your next vacation. Whether you shop online, through an agent or a combination, here are some quick guidelines on how to compare car insurance quotes.

Auto insurance premiums change as often as every six months, so you might benefit from doing a search each time your policy is up for renewal, but if that seems like a hassle, aim for once per year.

Sarah Brown, president and CEO of Keller-Brown Insurance Services of Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania, notes it’s not necessarily a matter of time but life events that can cause rate changes. She sees the biggest rate inflation when customers add a young driver to their policies or buy a new vehicle. She says it’s best to shop around before you’re hit with higher rates.

“You may qualify for a preferred pricing tier before the young driver is added,” for example, but you may not qualify after, Brown says.

Customers considered “preferred” by insurers tend to have clean driving records and credit histories, and receive the best rates.

Other times you should compare rates include: After you’ve had a car accident, DUI or traffic ticket.

Before moving or relocating. When you want to change what your policy covers.

PRICE ISN’T THE ONLY FACTOR

Drivers should consider more than cost when choosing an insurer, including things like the company’s reputation and customer satisfaction scores.

“It’s very easy to be seduced into focusing on the price. But you’re buying this insurance to protect yourself against that fateful day when something happens,” says Harvey Rosenfield, founder of Consumer Watchdog.

To learn more about a company, you can look up complaints to insurance commissioners or find auto insurance reviews online.

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KHALIFA,
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The named Petitioner is represented by the following attorneys:
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NAME CHANGE

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JOANN ROBINSON,
Respondent.

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
JOANN ROBINSON, whose mailing address is: 555 W. 92 Street Indianapolis, IN 46260 Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that she has filed a Petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to: JOANN TAYLOR DAVIS.
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CAUSE NO.:
49001-2002-MI-006506
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COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE:
EDGAR ANTONIO FRANCISCO,
Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49001-1905-MI-020769

ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner EDGAR ANTONIO FRANCISCO, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change the Petitioner's name from EDGAR ANTONIO FRANCISCO to EDGAR FRANCISCO ANTONIO. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on Tuesday, May 12, 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. The parties shall report for hearing to: 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:
STEVEN LT LANG MAN, a/k/a
STEVEN LT LANG MAN T HEIN, Minor,
CHRIS SAN THEIN, Petitioner.
CAUSE NO.
49001-2001-MI-000501

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that have filed in the Office of the Clerk of Marion County in the Marion Circuit Court my Petition for change of name of a minor child from STEVEN LT LANG MAN, also known as STEVEN LT LANG MAN THEIN, to STEVEN LT LANGMAN, and that said Petition will be heard by the Court on May 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be convenient with the Court. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report for hearing to: 200 East Washington St., Room W506, City-County Building Indianapolis, IN 46204.
Dated: February 06, 2020
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:
KYLE SUE CASE, Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Kyle Sue Case, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name from Kyle Sue Case to Kye Case. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on June 23, 2020 at 9:00am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report for hearing to: 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
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LEGAL SERVICES LEGAL SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE							
Center Township, Marion County, Indiana Cash Fund Statement - 2019							
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2019	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2019	
Governmental Activities	0002	Hoosier Fund	\$5,299.32	\$79.95	\$5,379.27	\$0.00	
	0061	Rainy Day Fund	\$991,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$991,600.00	
	0350	Capital Building Fund	\$2,454,486.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,454,486.00	
	1	Community Outreach	\$104,354.63	\$1,630,853.46	\$1,608,484.55	\$126,723.54	
	2	Escrow	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	
	3	Fun Fest	\$18,483.28	\$2,850.00	\$2,175.00	\$19,158.28	
	5	Payroll	\$4,269.29	\$606,158.21	\$607,118.39	\$3,309.11	
	6	Small Claims Court	\$129,972.78	\$3,059,273.53	\$2,892,065.89	\$297,180.42	
	7	Township	\$2,502,900.32	\$3,685,329.12	\$2,428,897.81	\$3,759,331.63	
	8	Township Assistance	\$5,271,204.29	\$3,347,113.24	\$3,257,596.70	\$5,360,720.83	
GRAND TOTAL			\$11,547,569.91	\$12,331,657.51	\$10,801,717.61	\$13,077,509.81	
Detailed Receipts 2019							
		Hoosier Fund	Earnings on Investments and Deposits			\$79.95	
	Total Other Receipts					\$79.95	
			Total Hoosier Fund			\$79.95	
Governmental Activities	Community Outreach	Grants and Distributions from Non-Governmental Entities				\$1,630,853.46	
	Total Other Receipts					\$1,630,853.46	
			Total Community Outreach			\$1,630,853.46	
	Fun Fest	Donations, Gifts, and Bequests				\$2,850.00	
	Total Other Receipts					\$2,850.00	
			Total Fun Fest			\$2,850.00	
	Payroll	Payroll Fund and Clearing Account Receipts				\$606,158.21	
	Total Other Receipts					\$606,158.21	
			Total Payroll			\$606,158.21	
	Small Claims Court	Other Receipts/1000 - Other Receipts				\$3,059,273.53	
	Total Other Receipts					\$3,059,273.53	
			Total Small Claims Court			\$3,059,273.53	
	Township	General Property Taxes				\$1,932,223.88	
		County Option Income Tax (COIT)				\$158,646.92	
		Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) for Public Safety				\$303,939.74	
		Financial Institution Tax distribution				\$135,475.63	
		Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution				\$108,528.59	
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)				\$15,429.70	
		Other Taxes/1000 - PILOT				\$16,222.66	
	Total Taxes and Intergovernmental Total Charges for Services					\$2,670,467.12	
	Total Fines, Forfeitures and Fees		Rental of Property				\$209,457.16
			Court Costs and Fees				\$635,191.41
			Earnings on Investments and Deposits				\$19,047.33
			Refunds and Reimbursements				\$651.99
			Transfers In - Transferred from Another Fund				\$5,379.27
			Other Receipts/1000 - MISC Receipts				\$145,134.84
	Total Other Receipts					\$170,213.43	
			Total Township			\$3,685,329.12	
	Township Assistance	General Property Taxes				\$1,369,779.38	
		County Option Income Tax (COIT)				\$1,745,116.17	
		Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) for Public Safety				\$56,466.00	
		Financial Institution Tax distribution				\$82,633.04	
		Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution				\$66,196.76	
		Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)				\$9,411.30	
		Other Taxes/1000 - PILOT				\$9,971.21	
	Total Taxes and Intergovernmental Total Other Receipts		Refunds and Reimbursements				\$3,339,573.86
						\$7,539.38	
			Total Township Assistance			\$3,347,113.24	
			Total Governmental Activities			\$12,331,657.51	

Center Township, Marion County, Indiana

Fund Name	Category	Disbursements by Vendor 2019
Hoosier Fund	Paid To	Amount
Other Disbursements	Transfer	\$5,379.27
Total Other Disbursements		\$5,379.27
Total Hoosier Fund		\$5,379.27
Community Outreach	TRUST	\$1,608,484.55
Other Disbursements	Guardnet	\$16,767.84
Total Community Outreach		\$1,608,484.55
Fun Fest	Indy Pro Audio	\$2,175.00
Services and Charges		\$2,175.00
Total Services and Charges		\$2,175.00
Total Fun Fest		\$2,175.00
Payroll	Key Bank	\$131,433.92
Personal Services	Paycor Inc	\$365,164.93
Personal Services	AT&T Mobility	\$14,889.44
Personal Services	AT&T	\$45,103.60
Personal Services	Cheryl Talley Black	\$17,675.15
Personal Services	Kendra Surett	\$204.48
Personal Services	Brenda Roper	\$46.94
Personal Services	Public Employees Retirement Fund	\$1,505.74
Personal Services	Payrollnet	\$375,500.46
Personal Services	Indiana University Health Plans Inc	\$33,913.44
Personal Services	American United Life	\$6,016.31
Personal Services		\$607,118.39
Total Personal Services		\$607,118.39
Total Payroll		\$607,118.39
Small Claims Court	TRUST	\$2,892,065.89
Other Disbursements		\$2,892,065.89
Total Small Claims Court		\$2,892,065.89
Township	Guardian	\$15,273.62
Personal Services	Indiana University Health Plans Inc	\$216,273.82
Personal Services	Key Bank	\$56,894.51
Personal Services	Paycor Inc	\$35,041.85
Personal Services	Payrollnet	\$390.00
Personal Services	Frances M Jenkins	\$395.45
Personal Services	Public Employees Retirement Fund	\$61,871.88
Personal Services	Michael Ricketts	\$2,008.13
Personal Services	Rebecca Williams	\$156.30
Personal Services	Adrian Grimes	\$1,153.84
Personal Services	Guardnet	\$20,641.81
Personal Services	Indiana University Health Plans Inc	\$102,716.63
Personal Services	Key Bank	\$22,181.30
Personal Services	Paycor Inc	\$44,720.17
Personal Services	Payrollnet	\$375,500.46
Personal Services	Public Employees Retirement Fund	\$61,405.69
Personal Services	Rhonda Randolph	\$16.54
Personal Services		\$1,635,236.03
Supplies	Allied Wholesale Elect Supt	\$1,040.97
Supplies	Boyce Forms	\$1,452.17
Supplies	Condon Fire & Safety	\$143.15
Supplies	Economy Plumbing	\$186.02
Supplies	EPIC Wiping Products	\$584.25
Supplies	Eric Bailey	\$501.82
Supplies	Filler Services of Indiana	\$317.45
Supplies	Global Equipment Company	\$289.54
Supplies	Henthorn Mower & Engine	\$104.59
Supplies	HP Products Corp	\$184.90
Supplies	Indy Pro Audio	\$279.90
Supplies	Key Bank	\$5,359.95
Supplies	Lowe's Home Improvement	\$1,007.72
Supplies	Mikes Electrical	\$369.00
Supplies	Office Depot	\$1,109.87
Supplies	Postmasters	\$34,375.73
Supplies	Priority Press	\$1,027.96
Supplies	Public Employees Retirement Fund	\$226.46
Supplies	RFPS Group	\$1,109.87
Supplies	Tiffany Lawn & Garden	\$1,298.00
Supplies	Alphabet Signs	\$234.45
Supplies	Indiana Stamp & Marketing	\$432.93
Supplies	Boyce Forms	\$603.90
Supplies	Braden Business Sys	\$167.96
Supplies	Cordella Grimes Lopez	\$486.47
Supplies	Maffiance	\$409.83
Supplies	Postmasters	\$3,412.32
Supplies	Priority Press Inc	\$749.08
Supplies	RFPS Group	\$5,920.37
Supplies	Total Supplies	\$42,862.22
Services and Charges	A Classic Party Rental	\$1,888.28
Services and Charges	AT&T Mobility	\$4,565.97
Services and Charges	Acad Real Estate Control	\$150.00
Services and Charges	American United Life	\$1,250.00
Services and Charges	Ashley Thomas	\$140.00
Services and Charges	AT&T	\$2,849.35
Services and Charges	Braden Business Systems	\$4,687.77
Services and Charges	Bright House Networks	\$2,474.27

Services and Charges	Brooke Plough	\$750.00
Services and Charges	Buckeye Power Sales	\$1,126.10
Services and Charges	Cartoon Lips	\$1,250.00
Services and Charges	Central Security and Comm	\$6,798.00
Services and Charges	Citizens Energy Group	\$25,581.18
Services and Charges	Condon Fire & Safety	\$119.76
Services and Charges	Costco	\$120.00
Services and Charges	Cut Rite Lawn Care	\$325.00
Services and Charges	Danco Roofing	\$2,235.00
Services and Charges	Deanna Woodruff	\$516.40
Services and Charges	Deem	\$36,125.98
Services and Charges	Dept Homeland Security	\$1,255.00
Services and Charges	Dwight Ward	\$104.40
Services and Charges	English Excavating & Plumbing	\$9,237.00
Services and Charges	Eugene Akers	\$71.76
Services and Charges	Eva Motley	\$80.00
Services and Charges	Game Truck	\$199.00
Services and Charges	Home City Ice	\$312.50
Services and Charges	Ice Miller LLP	\$5,156.85
Services and Charges	Korson Security	\$1,944.00
Services and Charges	Indiana Township Assoc	\$945.00
Services and Charges	Indiana Tree Service	\$2,450.00
Services and Charges	Indiana Wild	\$750.00
Services and Charges	Indianaapolis Business Journal	\$38.00
Services and Charges	Indianapolis Power & Light	\$89,429.66
Services and Charges	Indianapolis Recorder	\$1,377.46
Services and Charges	Indy Elevator	\$1,540.00
Services and Charges	Indy Pro Audio	\$2,175.00
Services and Charges	Johnson Controls	\$1,432.00
Services and Charges	Key Bank	\$16,705.62
Services and Charges	Kings III of America	\$1,208.40
Services and Charges	Korson Protection Service	\$2,399.00
Services and Charges	Marco's Pizza	\$1,924.50
Services and Charges	Marion Co Storm Water Mgmt	\$3,712.80
Services and Charges	Midtown Technology Grp	\$6,523.00
Services and Charges	Mike's Electrical	\$5,456.18
Services and Charges	Mullin Rental Service	\$69.30
Services and Charges	Neopost USA Inc	\$2,215.00
Services and Charges	Protection Plus	\$94,676.00
Services and Charges	Reliable Water Services	\$91.12
Services and Charges	Republic Waste Services	\$1,614.80
Services and Charges	Sams Club	\$1,186.00
Services and Charges	Selective Insurance	\$87,418.00
Services and Charges	Service Sanitation	\$1,008.00
Services and Charges	Special Deputy Office MCSO	\$75.00
Services and Charges	Spectrum Business	\$9,992.93
Services and Charges	Stanley Access Tech LLC	\$2,454.45
Services and Charges	Tebco	\$559.20
Services and Charges	Total Lawn Care	\$1,027.00
Services and Charges	Total Shred Solutions	\$950.00
Services and Charges	US Signal	\$5,739.44
Services and Charges	Walker & Assoc	\$2,621.00
Services and Charges	American Bar Assoc	\$185.00
Services and Charges	Braden Business Sys	\$1,424.20
Services and Charges	Central Indiana Interpreting Serv	\$10,140.00
Services and Charges	Clerk of the Courts	\$150.00
Services and Charges	Indiana Surety	\$350.00
Services and Charges	Indiana Judges Assoc	\$200.00
Services and Charges	Indiana State Bar Assoc	\$158.00
Services and Charges	Patrick Chavis IV	\$80.00
Services and Charges	PNC Bank	\$10.96
Services and Charges	RFPS Group	\$14.63
Services and Charges	Protection Plus	\$41,636.50
Services and Charges	Brenda Roper	\$73.80
Services and Charges	National Judicial College	\$369.00
Services and Charges	Thomson Reuters	\$656.00
Services and Charges	Thomson West	\$807.00
Services and Charges	William Niemier	\$2,700.00
Services and Charges	Word Systems	\$748.81
Total Services and Charges		\$575,117.37
Capital Outlays	Braden Business Systems	\$22,558.10
Capital Outlays	Danco Roofing	\$69,200.00
Capital Outlays	Dell Business Credit	\$4,685.27
Capital Outlays	Midtown Technology Grp	\$32,812.50
Capital Outlays	Dell Business Credit	\$26,518.96
Capital Outlays	Event Metal Detectors	\$20,200.00
Total Capital Outlays		\$175,982.19
Total Township		\$2,428,897.81
Cheryl Talley Black		\$800.00
Cordella Grimes Lopez		\$800.00
Guardian		\$25,091.47
Indiana University Health Plans Inc		\$375,384.02
Key Bank		\$90,291.40

Personal Services	Michael Crawford	\$282.24
Personal Services	Paycor Inc	\$63,475.86
Personal Services	Payrollnet	\$1,085,045.25
Personal Services	Public Employees Retirement Fund	\$119,120.50
Personal Services	Grace Foods DBS Salfway Foods	\$1,902.16
Total Personal Services		\$1,760,290.74
Supplies	Allied Wholesale Elect Supt	\$957.13
Supplies	Boyce Forms	\$505.24
Supplies	CDW Govt	\$2,958.59
Supplies and Charges	Cornelius & Co	\$835.00
Supplies	Economy Plumbing Supply Co Inc	\$850.55
Supplies	Empire Refractory	\$32.89
Supplies	Filler Services of Indiana	\$1,300.76
Supplies	Flag & Banner Co Inc	\$123.00
Supplies	Granger Inc	\$1,047.13
Supplies	Indianapolis Fleet Services	\$11,646.17
Supplies	Keystone 14	\$510.00
Supplies	L&W Supply Corp	\$381.25
Supplies	Lowe's Home Improvement	\$2,525.22
Supplies	Maffiance	\$495.77
Supplies	Neofunds	\$2,242.16
Supplies	Neopost USA Inc	\$2,139.53
Supplies	Next Day Signs	\$34.50
Supplies	Office Depot	\$9,160.38
Supplies and Charges	Olympic Products	\$79.96
Supplies	PNC Bank	\$2,423.73
Supplies	Postmasters	\$1,850.93
Supplies	RFPS Group LLC	\$12,024.98
Supplies and Charges	Rich USA Inc	\$604.11
Supplies	Terry Jones	\$126.86
Supplies	United Refrigeration	\$166.52

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1999 ACURA TL	19UUA5644XA024720	4 DOOR
2004 ACURA TL	19UUA6625XA024631	4 DOOR
1999 ACURA RL	JH4KA9656XK001559	4 DOOR
2004 ACURA A4	WAULC68E34A249705	4 DOOR
1999 BMW 5 SERIES	WBADME6333BY28036	4 DOOR
2001 BMW 5 SERIES	WBADT63461G037463	4 DOOR
2000 BUICK REGAL	2G4WB562K6Y1146849	4 DOOR
2000 BUICK LESABRE	1G4HP54K3YU117255	4 DOOR
2004 BUICK LESABRE	1G4HP52K24U111606	4 DOOR
2005 BUICK LACROSSE CX	2G4WC532751300508	4 DOOR
2005 BUICK LESABRE	1G4HP52K25U1161665	4 DOOR
2003 CADILLAC CTS	1G6DM57N730142190	4 DOOR
2003 CADILLAC CTS	1G6DM57N730136215	4 DOOR
2003 CADILLAC DEVILLE	1G6KF579X3U3275660	4 DOOR
2011 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WGS5EK0B1314180	4 DOOR
1987 CHEVROLET S-10 PICK-UP	1GCB514E3H21441124	4 DOOR
2011 CHEVROLET EQUINOX	2GNALBEC1B1308075	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET SAILOR	1G1JF55BXH1410010	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET TRAIL BLAZER	1GNDS13SX52121393	SPORTS UTILITY
2009 CHEVROLET HHR	3GNCA13B59S522343	SPORTS UTILITY
2008 CHEVROLET TRAIL BLAZER	1GNDT13S382155933	SPORTS UTILITY
2012 CHEVROLET MALIBU	1G1ZB5E09CF172383	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET FLANDER	1GNDV235D26269030	VAN
2007 CHEVROLET CRUZE	1G1TZ389F1291694	4 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WT155K779195780	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU MAXX	1G1ZU6485F5260699	4 DOOR
1997 CHEVROLET CAVALIER	1J1JF5249V7334583	4 DOOR
1992 CHEVROLET S-10 PICK-UP	1GCGS514AXN8120901	PICK UP
2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WT58N73263738	4 DOOR
2004 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO	1G1WV1254F0374110	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET COBALT	1G1AL54F357548461	4 DOOR
2005 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO	2G1W1X12K259204475	2 DOOR
2003 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN	1GNEL19X73B121014	VAN
2015 CHEVROLET MALIBU	1G1B5SL1FF111688	4 DOOR
2007 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN	2G1W658K72937078	4 DOOR
2002 CHEVROLET SILVERADO	3GNFK16Z6292418182	SPORTS UTILITY
2000 CHEVROLET EXPRESS	1GCEK19T7YE401028	PICK UP
1983 CHEVROLET VAN	1GBFG158Y1151522	VAN
2003 CHEVROLET SILVERADO	1GBEG25H8D7148135	PICK UP
2003 CHEVROLET TRAIL BLAZER	2GCEK19T431197587	SPORTS UTILITY
2003 CHEVROLET TRAIL BLAZER	1GNDH482F1521186	SPORTS UTILITY
1998 CHEVROLET S-10 PICK-UP	1GCGS514X6W8103762	PICK UP
2006 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WT58K8689312014	4 DOOR
2014 CHEVROLET CRUZE	1G1PCS5B4E7269255	4 DOOR
CHEVROLET MALIBU	1D3J7U7K560072	4 DOOR
1997 CHEVROLET S-10 PICK-UP	1GDXS1448T913011147	PICK UP
2006 CHEVROLET MALIBU	1G1TZ389F180834	4 DOOR
2008 CHEVROLET MALIBU	1G1ZK57B9F286477	4 DOOR
1996 CHEVROLET S-10 PICK-UP	1GCGS519X6T8118590	PICK UP
2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WF52E859145985	4 DOOR
1994 CHEVROLET CAPRICE	1G1BN52W6RR100758	4 DOOR
2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1W52F04F2241566	4 DOOR
2015 CHEVROLET CRUZE	1G1PCS3B2F141455	PICK UP
2005 CHRYSLER SEBRING	1C3EL45X45N603087	CONVERTIBLE
2005 CHRYSLER SEBRING	1C3EL46X15N637390	4 DOOR
2006 CHRYSLER 300	2C3KA43R26H2443390	4 DOOR
2007 CHRYSLER SEBRING	1C3L3C56R67W589828	4 DOOR
2003 CHRYSLER SEBRING	2C3CA43R26H286501	4 DOOR
2005 CHRYSLER 300	2C3JA43R33R109473	4 DOOR
2006 CHRYSLER PACIFICA	2A4GM68476R639529	SPORTS UTILITY
2014 CHEVROLET 200	1C3CCBA9B9N211194	4 DOOR
2006 CHRYSLER 300	2C3KA53G6X6H400572	4 DOOR
1998 DODGE RAM	3B7K2C626W3M24895	PICK UP
2004 DODGE DURANGO	1D8H482F1521186	SPORTS UTILITY
2004 DODGE NEON	1B3ES56C3D4458364	4 DOOR
2000 DODGE DAKOTA	1B7GG26X62Y5273990	PICK UP
2002 DODGE GRAND CARA	2B4GP54L52R795466	VAN
1995 DODGE RAM	1B7HC16Y05S20259	PICK UP
2002 DODGE CHARGER	2B3CA3631AM1207238	4 DOOR
2002 DODGE RAM	1D7D316X13S147865	PICK UP
2002 DODGE GRAND CARA	2B4GP44805R278953	VAN
2002 DODGE RAM	1D7HA18X2J257694	PICK UP
2008 DODGE DURANGO	1D8H482F1521186	SPORTS UTILITY
2005 DODGE MAGNUM	2D4G248V65H577753	SPORTS UTILITY
2005 DODGE DAKOTA	1D7D316X13S147865	PICK UP
2005 DODGE GRAND CARA	2D4GP44L05R278953	VAN
2002 FORD F150	1FTRX18L12NA90594	PICK UP
2002 FORD RANGER	1FTRY10D52TA73898	PICK UP
1997 FORD TAURUS	1FALP52U2VA165187	4 DOOR
2004 FORD FREESTAR	2FMDA5828BA7F1996	VAN
2003 FORD TAURUS	1FAFP53J47A109473	4 DOOR
2000 FORD RANGER	1FTRY10V07YB23214	PICK UP
2004 FORD EXPLORER	1FMZU73W24UB12711	SPORTS UTILITY
2000 FORD CROWN VICT	2FAFP74W6YX105531	4 DOOR
2013 FORD FIESTA	3FADP4EJ6DM176002	4 DOOR
2000 FORD TAURUS	1FAFP55U6V4271591	4 DOOR
2000 FORD FUSION	1FMDU75E3YU47786	SPORTS UTILITY
2008 FORD FUSION	3FAHP02148R109342	4 DOOR
2007 FORD FIVE HUNDRED	1FAHP24117G163955	4 DOOR
2005 FORD EXPLORER	1FMZU74K5XU24480	SPORTS UTILITY
2006 FORD ECONOLINE	1FTSE34L16D4A1562	VAN
2003 FORD EXPEDITION	1FMFU18L53L0A2649	SPORTS UTILITY
1995 FORD F150	1FTFX18L12NA90594	PICK UP
2003 FORD F150	1FTRF17W73NB89890	PICK UP
1999 FORD ECONOLINE	1FTRF142XN6H58206	VAN
2004 FORD EXPLORER	1FMZU63K04UB25022	SPORTS UTILITY
2004 FORD F250	1FTNX20P9AEC18151	PICK UP
2001 FORD F150	1FTRW07L41KF74015	PICK UP
1997 FORD F150	1FTFX1868XU1224156	PICK UP
2001 FORD CROWN VICT	2FAFP74W11X131005	4 DOOR
2013 FORD OTHER	1FDDE4FS1DDB31007	VAN
2005 FORD FREESTAR	2FMDA50615BA94326	VAN
2011 FORD ESCAPE	1FMCU0D70BKB47365	SPORTS UTILITY
2000 FORD EXPLORER	1FMZU63P0YB2815087	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 FORD TAURUS	1FAFP53J47A109473	4 DOOR
2007 FORD TAURUS	1FAFP53J97A186763	4 DOOR
1996 FORD TAURUS	1FALP57U3TA162840	SPORTS UTILITY
1990 FORD WINDSTAR	2FMAZ5A274BC59849	VAN
1995 GMC JIMMY	1GKDT13W6S2534713	SPORTS UTILITY
2002 GMC YUKON XL 1500	1GKKR16W2T2J293025	SPORTS UTILITY
1992 GMC SIERRA	1GTDG14Z1F5E6035	PICK UP
1998 GMC JIMMY	1GKCT18WZ5M619555	SPORTS UTILITY
2005 GMC ENVOY	1GKDT13S352119995	SPORTS UTILITY
2005 HONDA PILOT	5FN9YF18425B028518	SPORTS UTILITY
2001 HONDA ACCORD	JHMC6S6401C031988	4 DOOR
2007 HONDA ACCORD	1HGC556801A141780	4 DOOR
1997 HONDA CIVIC	1HJRD1949V0202778	SPORTS UTILITY
1999 HONDA CIVIC	1HGEJ8246XL009569	4 DOOR
2000 HONDA ACCORD	1HGC6G25X1A001179	4 DOOR
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1998 HONDA CIVIC	2HGEJ8642W5H67215	4 DOOR
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1994 HONDA ACCORD	1HGC6S53R1A167532	4 DOOR
1997 HONDA ACCORD	1JHMC05639V007467	4 DOOR
2003 HONDA CIVIC	SHHEP3353U401363	HATCH BACK
2004 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	KMHND46D84U906010	4 DOOR
2017 HYUNDAI SONATA	5NPE24AF18J3244163	4 DOOR
2015 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	5NPE24AF18J3244163	4 DOOR
2011 HYUNDAI SONATA	KMHNE44A4X027622	4 DOOR
2006 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	KMHND46D6U217313	4 DOOR
1999 INFINITI G20	JNKKCP11A7XT008724	4 DOOR
2001 INFINITI QX4	JNDRD07Y01W100956	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 JEEP LIBERTY	1J4GL48K17W696954	SPORTS UTILITY
1997 JEEP GRAND CHER	1J4G258R15V721201	SPORTS UTILITY
1998 JEEP CHEROKEE	1J4FJ6738WL125105	SPORTS UTILITY
2006 JEEP GRAND CHER	1J8HR78376C286901	4 DOOR
2015 KIA OPTIMA	5XXGN4A78F6437982	4 DOOR
2010 KIA SOUL	KNDJ72A28A7191957	SPORTS UTILITY
2004 KIA OPTIMA	KNAAGD124915041639	4 DOOR
2004 KIA SPECTRA	KNAFE1216450317301	4 DOOR
2012 KIA RIO	KNAADN43C2R071301	4 DOOR
2014 KIA SORENTO	5XYKT4A68E6G526730	SPORTS UTILITY
2008 LAND ROVER LR2	SALFT24N08H105629	SPORTS UTILITY
1998 LEXUS GS 400	JTB8H68XJW002336	4 DOOR
2003 LINCOLN AVIATOR	5LMUE78H13Z440446	SPORTS UTILITY
2001 NAVIGATOR	5LMUE78H13Z440446	SPORTS UTILITY
2000 MAZDA MPV	JM3LV28G310161810	4 DOOR
2012 MERCEDES C-CLASS	WDDGF8BB80CF18655	4 DOOR
2010 MERCURY MILAN	3MEHMOH49A9641507	4 DOOR
2005 MERCURY MARINER	4M2CU07165D3J0713	SPORTS UTILITY
2007 MERCURY GRAND MARQ	2MEFM75V27K637963	4 DOOR
2005 PONTIAC G6	1G2ZGS58H42W632966	4 DOOR
1999 MERCURY GRAND MARQ	2MEFM74WX0705548	4 DOOR
2011 MITSUBISHI GALLANT	4A32B2F6BE028480	4 DOOR
2000 NISSAN QUEST	4N2XN1118YD832976	VAN
2007 NISSAN SENTRA	3N1AB81E97L675521	4 DOOR
2015 NISSAN VERSA	3N1CE2CP5FL427286	4 DOOR
2000 NISSAN MAXIMA	JN1CA31D1Y1730574	4 DOOR
2001 NISSAN XTERRA	5N1ED28Y01C531517	SPORTS UTILITY
2001 NISSAN SENTRA	3N1CB51D61L492711	4 DOOR
2007 NISSAN MURANO	JN8A208W97W613071	SPORTS UTILITY
2018 NISSAN SENTRA	3N1AB7APXJY300402	4 DOOR
2002 OLDSMOBILE BRVADO	1GHD1T3S422115536	SPORTS UTILITY
OTHER NOT IN LIST	1ZFP1013TB004616	TRAILER
1998 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	1G2WJ52K5WF73061	4 DOOR
2004 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	2G2W5S226A1135658	4 DOOR
2004 PONTIAC VIBE	5Y2SN64LX4Z440651	4 DOOR
2006 PONTIAC G6	1G2ZGS58264188567	4 DOOR
2006 PONTIAC G6	1G2ZGS58164109216	4 DOOR
2001 PONTIAC OTHER	1GMDX03E41D211728	STATION WGN
2004 SATURN L SERIES	1GBJ84F74V511828	4 DOOR
2007 SATURN ION	1GBAJS5F9Z7161586	4 DOOR
2017 TOYOTA COROLLA	5YFBUH9H9P650268	4 DOOR
2003 TOYOTA COROLLA	1NXBR32E232043174	4 DOOR
2006 TOYOTA AVALON	4T1BK3B46U162613	4 DOOR
2003 TOYOTA 4 RUNNER	JT3GN87R9Y0140956	SPORTS UTILITY
1993 TOYOTA 4 RUNNER	JT3VN93W5P0106524	SPORTS UTILITY
2004 TOYOTA COROLLA	1NXBR32E842275022	4 DOOR
2000 TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1BG22K3YU991323	4 DOOR
1996 TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1BG12KTU7U814390	4 DOOR
2013 TOYOTA PRIUS	JTDKD7B30D1038348	4 DOOR
2008 TOYOTA COROLLA	2T1BR32E6G0301645	4 DOOR
1999 TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1BG22K3XU881846	4 DOOR
2000 TRAILER-GENERIC	4YMLU0614AG111066	OTHER
- TRAILER-GENERIC	40LUB162BTP035451	OTHER
2000 TRAILER-GENERIC	7FWB61217K1007236	TRAILER
1991 TRAILER-GENERIC	1DW1A4827M5700309	TRAILER
1998 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA	3WWSA81H1W1210702	4 DOOR
2001 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA	3WWSA81H1W1210702	4 DOOR
2000 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA	3WWSA81H1W1210702	4 DOOR
2006 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT	3WWSA29M6Y0M009671	4 DOOR
2007 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT	WVWK73C6P051694	4 DOOR
2007 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT	WVWUW73C17E008836	SPORTS UTILITY

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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-034498
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 49D04-2001-MF-003557
US BANK Trust, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as the trustee for VMTMG Asset Trust,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Jeffie Johnson, as Possible Heir to the Estate of Mae F. Benberry, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry;
BE IT KNOWN, that US Bank Trust, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VMTMG Asset Trust, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #4 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry, and the said Plaintiff, having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry and their unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated: Clerk, Marion Superior Court #4 J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15) Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-039103
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 49D11-2002-MF-005245
Finance of America Reverse LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
TAD E. THOMPSON AKA TAD THOMPSON, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as:
LOT 1, MAPLE RIDGE, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 18, 1977 AS INSTRUMENT #77-53678. IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.
SUBJECT TO ALL LIENS, EASEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD.
PARCEL NO: 49-15-17-114-020.000-500
This property is commonly known as 3307 Babette Court, Indianapolis, IN 46227.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendants whose addresses are known:
State of Indiana Attorney General
Serve Highest Executive Officer Present
302 West Washington Street, 302 5th Floor Indianapolis, IN 46204
Wells Fargo Bank N.A. sbmt Wachovia Corporation sbmt First United National Bank
Serve Highest Officer Found 101 North Phillips Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57104
And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown:
Tad E. Thompson aka Tad Thompson
Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives, and creditors of Linda S. Thompson (deceased)
In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your attorney, on or before the 19th day of April, 2020, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.
Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49) Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49) Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15) Gregory A. Stout (29517-15) Adrienne M. McCollister (26839-49) Amanda L. Krenson (28999-61) Attorneys for Plaintiff Reisenfeld & Associates LLC
3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227
Voice: (513) 322-7000 Facsimile: (513) 322-7099 ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
03/06/20 03/13/20 03/20/20

SUMMONS

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO:
49D14-2001-MF-002466
THE BANK OF NEW YORK YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWTAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-16CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-16CB Plaintiff
vs.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry;
BE IT KNOWN, that US Bank Trust, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VMTMG Asset Trust, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #4 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry, and the said Plaintiff, having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry and their unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Mae F. Benberry, AKA Mae Benberry, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated: Clerk, Marion Superior Court #4 J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15) Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
P.O. Box 441039 Indianapolis, IN 46244
Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: self-jdsmith@manleydeas.com
02/28/20 03/06/20 03/13/20

SUMMONS

MDK # 20-004740
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO:
49D12-2002-MF-006668
US Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the Home Equity Asset Trust 2002-2, Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-2, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #12 its Complaint against Defendant First NLC Financial Services, LLC, BE IT KNOWN, that US Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the Home Equity Asset Trust 2002-2, Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-2, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #12 its Complaint against Defendant First NLC Financial Services, LLC, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, First NLC Financial Services, LLC, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:
Lot Numbered Three Hundred Thirty-nine (339) in North Lawrence Park, Sixth Section, an addition to the Town of Lawrence, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 31, Page 151, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. commonly known as 7413 East 52nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226.
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:
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New law school dean makes history

By **BREANNA COOPER**
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Sixteen years after joining the faculty of Indiana University’s Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Karen Bravo made history by being the first person of color to be named dean.

Previously, she served as vice dean of the school and in various administrative capacities.

Bravo, originally from Jamaica, practiced law in New York and Boston before being recruited by Indiana University in 2004. Since then, Bravo has championed several movements on the IUPUI campus, including co-founding IUPUI Next Generation 2.0, an effort to increase diversity on the campus.

“We met with faculty and staff, and we linked it to the strategic plan,” Bravo said. “We realized that in higher education, women and minoritized persons are not represented, and have more difficulty accessing training to be positioned for the next level of leadership.”

Bravo, who has studied human trafficking extensively, is also the founder of “Slavery: Past, Present and Future,” an annual conference that brings experts from around the world together to discuss the history of human exploitation and ways slavery still exists in the modern world.

“I did not know human trafficking existed until I was in the Republic of Armenia ... doing a Rule of Law Reform project,” Bravo said. “One of the projects was working on human trafficking in the context of Armenia. I came back [to the states] and went to New York University to do a master’s in trade regulation. Somewhere in the back of my mind, I had always been interested in the slavery question, so somewhere between trade regulation and human trafficking, I really saw the connection of the economics of human trafficking and the concept of human trafficking as a new form of trade in persons.”

Bravo was drawn to the classroom by the opportunity to, as she said, get more into the weeds of certain topics. While she won’t be teaching for the first year of her new position, she is looking forward to engaging with students, staff and faculty to further the law school.

“[This school] is the heartbeat of the Indianapolis legal education,” she said. “I’d like to have a strategic planning process where we’re able to hear from all our stakeholders, faculty, alums and students, to develop goals for our school, admissions ... and maintaining academic rigor.”

IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar believes Bravo’s appointment follows in the recent movement to make the IUPUI campus more reflective of the community.

“Karen Bravo’s selection as the 13th dean of the McKinney School of Law at IUPUI reinforces our campus’s commitment to building visionary executive leadership, strengthening ties to the community, and reinforcing a diverse and inclusive culture,”



Karen Bravo

Paydar said in an email. “This milestone appointment in the life of McKinney Law follows a number of executive appointments ... in the past several years, the majority of which have been people of color and women.”

While Bravo is making mental preparations to transition into her new position on July 1, she has conflicting feelings about being the first Black person to hold the position since Indiana University acquired the school in 1944.

“I’m a little conflicted, because it’s 2020,” she said, “and one sort of thinks there’s no more firsts to be had. I was interested in leadership, so being able to compete and get the position is wonderful. I know that for the institution, it’s a new change ... and I’ve got great outpourings of love and support ... it’s wonderful for students and prospective students, it’s the messaging that this kind of achievement is possible.”

Beyond working on the school’s strategic plan and increasing diversity — an issue she said law schools around the country are working to address — Bravo is looking forward to making a name for the school around Indianapolis.

“I’m really [looking forward to] bringing the community together,” she said. “Getting us to understand what makes us different and how we’re going to project that into the future so we can continue to be a high-functioning law school providing value into our students and serving the needs of Indiana and our country. ... And to do what lawyers do; to serve justice.”

Contact staff writer Breanna Cooper at 317-762-7848. Follow her on Twitter @BreannaNCooper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

The Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) staff and board of directors resoundingly applaud the Indianapolis City-County Council for unanimously adopting the Special Resolution on Feb. 24, 2020, in support of a public commitment to addressing the historical inequities of race, place and identity throughout our City-County government. For far too long, racist systems, institutions and structures have not been inadvertent oversights, but intentional barriers put and kept in place to extinguish opportunity and humanity from people of color, LGBTQ individuals, people with disabilities, families experiencing poverty and many other marginalized populations.

This has led to generations of Hoosiers with purposefully designed inequitable access to education, jobs, housing, health care and so much more. This has led to Black residents of Indianapolis, on average, dying up to 14 years earlier than white residents because of these inequities. This has led to the vast majority of Black students in all 11 school districts in our city to have lower academic outcomes than their white counterparts. This has led to the average Black worker in Indianapolis making 56-cents-on-the-dollar of the average white worker. This has led to an unforgivable percentage of Black men in Indiana being incarcerated — five times more than whites — and families lives ruined.

The City-County Council and Mayor Hogsett’s commitment to dismantling racist policies and practices that lead to these racial disparities is an amazing first step. Thank you for working across departments and agencies to identify the specific issues to address and to name and measure key indicators toward success. CICF was proud to initiate this work by providing grant funding for dozens of municipal leaders to go through the first phase of Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) training. We pledge our continued support and vocal leadership as we all must work together to dismantle the barriers and empower our neighbors for a truly inclusive city where all residents have an equitable opportunity to reach their full potential — no matter place, race or identity.

Sincerely,

**Gregory F. Hahn, Chair
Central Indiana Community Foundation
Brian Payne, President and CEO
Central Indiana Community Foundation**

To the Editor,

Economic Freedom Fighters Indiana (EFFI) is in the process of becoming an independent party with a specific agenda for people of African descent. To realize this goal, we have approached the Indiana State Election Division (IED) concerning having ballot access. Dale Simmons, Indiana Election Division co-counsel, told us the following:

“In Indiana, currently the Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian Parties have all established automatic ballot access. ... The Libertarian Party established automatic ballot access across the state by first running a candidate for Secretary of State. Initially, the Libertarian Party’s Secretary of State candidate got on the ballot by obtaining signatures on petitions in the amount of 2% of the vote cast for Secretary of State in Indiana. These signatures were certified as valid signatures by the county voter registration offices in the counties where the signatures were obtained. Since the Libertarian candidate for Secretary of State received at least 2% of the votes cast for Indiana Secretary of State in the election, the Libertarian Party had automatic ballot access for the following four years.”

We were up for the task and asked for the petitions. Mr. Simmons informed us it was the IED’s tradition not to give out the petitions so far in advance of the Secretary of State election. After negotiations Angie Nussmeyer, co-director, Indiana Election Division summarized with the following:

“In our conversation, I noted that the CAN-19 for 2022 might be approved in July-ish 2021, or the year preceding the 2022 election, if tradition holds. You had asked if our office would consider releasing the 2022 CAN-19 petition form in July of 2020, which would be after the June 30, 2020, filing deadline for 2020 minor party or independent candidates to submit the 2020 version of the CAN-19 to the county VR officials for review and certification to gain access to the November 2020 ballot.

“I’m certainly open to your request, though I cannot unilaterally make this determination. In case this hasn’t been brought up before, state law requires that both co-directors are to approve forms, and case law stipulates that both co-directors must agree on a position in order for it to be the official position of the election division.”

EFFI feels we are being treated differently than the Libertarian Party was treated. So on Sept. 3, 2019 we filed a civil rights complaint with the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. Tradition is not the law. There is no legal reason for IED to not release the petition. However, if IED agrees to release the CAN-19 petition to us on June 1, 2020, then we would strongly consider withdrawing our complaint.

**Elder Mmoja Ajabu
Founder, Economic Freedom Fighters
Indiana**

A celebration of sisterhood

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Mu Omega Chapter celebrated Founder’s Day recently at 502 Event Center, Carmel. Miriam Hornbuckle Grays, newly elected chapter president, welcomed more than 500 members and guests to pay tribute to the sorority’s founders as well as honor the current members, including the silver and golden members in attendance. Sophia A. Nelson, an attorney, corporate trainer and award-winning author, gave the keynote address. Nelson currently is a CNN legal analyst and political commentator.



Janelle R. Johnson was mistress of ceremonies.



Sophia A. Nelson was the keynote speaker.



Tracy Durham recognized Nichole Wilson as Soror of the Year.



Ilisha Dowell as the 2020 AMO Member of the Year.



Janelle R. Johnson participated in the Elan Furs fashion show.



Co-chairman and President Miriam Hornbuckle Grays (r) recognized



Lonnise “Bam” Roberson (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

Too soon to give up on Turner, but it's getting close

By DANNY BRIDGES

I will readily admit I've been openly critical of Myles Christian Turner. Part of that is looking at the talent and athleticism he possesses and asking why he can't consistently apply it on the floor as one would assume he could, and then pondering why he doesn't look to be a force in the post and crash the boards. The fact that he's a finesse player rather than an enforcer type simply drives me nuts, as he clearly has all the tools necessary to pitch a tent in the post and cause havoc down low every time he takes the floor against the opponent.

However, just when I proclaim it's time to see what the trade market will bring in return, he goes on a streak in which he blocks a number of shots and dials it in a bit more successfully on those 3-point field goal attempts that shouldn't be the mainstay of his offensive repertoire. Yeah, I get it, jacking up 3's is a fashionable part of the NBA game today, but his penchant to settle for opportunities behind the arc as opposed to taking it to the hoop makes me wonder what might have been for the soft spoken and polite fifth-year player out of Bedford, Texas. Yes, just when I write him off again, I stop and think about the fact that he'll just be turning 24 years old in a couple of weeks, and I find myself debating whether or not his maturation as a player is about to take flight. Those thoughts generally transpire in between a game in which he only snares two boards and shoots poorly from the perimeter, and follows it up in a contest when he blocks four shots and provides some much needed rim protection for his employer. His inconsistency drives me bananas, and makes me long for the glory days of Mel Daniels (heck, even Dale Davis and Antonio Davis) roaming



(Recorder photo illustration/John Hurst)

the lane and establishing hoops law and order.

Is it unrealistic to expect Turner to ever be that type of player? Absolutely. However, it's not unreasonable to expect him to turn it up a couple of notches and play hard every night and in the process give those who pay to get in a decent return on their money.

Look, I get it. He came in at age 18 and the learning curve was stupendous, but the honeymoon is over and it's time for the Pacers brass to determine if his current zip code is permanent, and figure out if his highly manageable contract (if there is such a thing in the NBA) will garner something valuable in return. If you believe certain reports, the Pacers were interested in obtaining Aaron Gordon from the Orlando Magic. Was Turner part of any alleged deal? Maybe, but you could also argue they may want to give him a little more time to develop, and any trade they may have contemplated did not include the guy who has been nothing short of a solid citizen off the court and a good teammate to boot. The real question is what does Turner think of his current

game and, more importantly, what are his goals and objectives moving forward? He wouldn't be the first player to not fulfill the expectations of a big-dollar guaranteed contract, and he won't be the last either. Can he develop into a better, more consistent player? Time will inevitably tell, and while there have been glimpses of what this young man can be, the fact is the clock is no longer on his side. Five years in the NBA is an eternity, and plenty of time for a team to evaluate a player. It's time for Turner to understand that he can either make the decision a rather easy one for the Pacers, or one that's quite difficult by virtue of his play. The real question is, does he even realize how fast the clock is ticking?

Danny Bridges, who thinks Myles Turner may need a change of scenery disguised as a wake up call, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.

Wildcats win their first state championship



Lawrence North High School junior Jayla Smith scored 24 points in the Wildcats' 59-56 win over Northwestern High School in the 4A state title game at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.



L-R: Kristian Young, Kalyn Ervin and Lauren Gunn celebrate by showing their medals and the basketball net they cut from the goal. (Photos/David Dixon)



This is the first state title for the Lawrence North girls basketball team, after losing in the state championship game last year. Northwestern entered the game 29-0.