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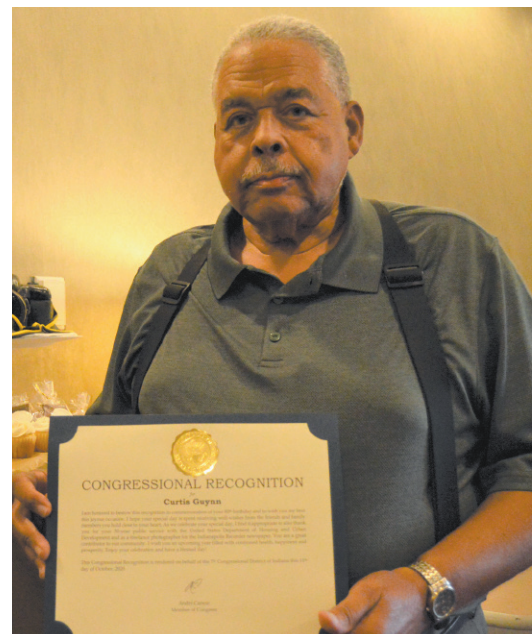
By STAFF

In an effort to make sure our readers are informed this election season, the Recorder sent questionnaires to candidates so voters know where they stand on important issues.

This week, we have answers from candidates for governor, state Senate and attorney general.

Not all candidates had contact information, and some candidates did not respond. An asterisk (*) denotes the incumbent.

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Longtime Recorder freelance photographer Curtis Guynn recently celebrated his 80th birthday. Guynn received recognition for his community involvement from Rep. Andre Carson. (Photos/Breanna Cooper)

Celebrating 125 years
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Fighting against gun violence

By EBONY CHAPPEL

Last March, the Forest Manor Multi-Service Center (FMMSC) unveiled its 28-page Citywide Crime Prevention and Reduction Plan. The plan, facilitated by local consulting firm Engaging Solutions LLC and funded by the City of Indianapolis Public Safety Foundation, was initially formulated to respond to four key areas: suppression; community mobilization; advocacy; and awareness, intervention and prevention.

"We have been working that plan in house," said Regina Marsh, CEO of FMMSC.

One of the most recent developments has been a collaboration with nonpartisan activist group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. On Aug. 26, representatives from the organization and members of the community met at Forest Manor's offices to discuss issues surrounding gun violence. "Fifty percent of these women have been affected by violence; they have lost a child to murder. The other half are women who are involved in fighting against gun violence by preventing guns from getting into the wrong hands," said Marsh adding that this core group of concerned mothers has turned into something called the Moms Engagement Project. The group's next scheduled meeting is Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at FMMSC, 5603 E. 38th St.

Additionally, Marsh shared that the center has began going into Beechwood Gardens and Hawthorne Place apartment complexes, both located in the 46218 zip code on the city's Eastside, to provide case management services in addition to youth programming.

"A majority of the people who come (to FMMSC) live in public housing so instead of just waiting for people to come into Forest Manor, we have been going into the housing projects and working directly with

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New city-county budget: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Mayor Joe Hogsett participates in a mayoral debate Oct. 28, 2019, at Ben Davis High School. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

By TYLER FENWICK
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The Indianapolis City-County Council unanimously passed the 2021 budget Oct. 13, ending a months-long process of department presentations and public input on what the city's priorities should be going forward.

Councilors also voted to reshape the way Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department operates.

Here is what you need to know.

The 2021 city-county budget is \$1.29 billion

For comparison, that's about \$78

million more than the 2020 budget, but the city also projects it will bring in about \$114,000 more than it spends. This is the fourth straight year Mayor Joe Hogsett has boasted a "balanced budget."

Because of the Indianapolis-Marion County consolidation, the budget includes both city and county departments.

IMPD gets a raise

The council approved about \$261 million for IMPD, which is a \$7.3 million increase from the 2020 budget.

No other part of the budget gar-

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Recorder photographer celebrates milestone birthday

By BREANNA COOPER
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When Curtis Guynn celebrated his 80th birthday Oct. 10 with a surprise party, his family and friends made sure to highlight the myriad accomplishments he has made throughout his life.

As the group ate at MCL Restaurant and Bakery, Guynn's oldest grandchild, Elysha, read proclamations from Rep. André Carson, Knights of Peter Claver and the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., honoring Guynn's accomplishments.

For 36 years, Guynn worked as a multifamily production program assistant for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Guynn also moonlighted as a freelance photographer for the Recorder for 38 years. He's been a fan of photography from the time he was in high school, a hobby he picked up from his two older brothers.

"I don't feel as if I'm just taking pictures," he told the Recorder in 2005. "I feel like I'm carrying on a tradition. ... The images I capture will be a part of history forever."

Throughout the birthday celebration, which included a custom-made Nikon

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IMPD to update K-9 policy

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Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department is in the process of updating guidelines for its K-9 unit.

If the policy change is approved, police dogs would only be justified for use when a suspect is wanted for a misdemeanor and is "reasonably believed" to be armed with a deadly weapon, according to an announcement sent out by the department Oct. 7. Police dogs would continue to be justified in all felony cases.

IMPD Deputy Chief Josh Barker, who oversees the K-9 unit, said one of the main goals of the policy change is to reduce the number of times police dogs bite people.

IndyStar — along with the Invisible Institute, The Marshall Project and AL.com — recently began a series of investigative stories into K-9 units around the country. In Indianapolis, according to an Oct. 7 IndyStar article, police dogs bite 28.3 people per 100,000 residents. That's easily the most among police departments that were reviewed.

Barker said it was "terribly unfortunate" timing for IndyStar

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Governor

Eric Holcomb* (R)
1. What platform are you running on?
I'm running on my record of building One Indiana for All. Before COVID-19, Indiana was breaking records — for job commitments, for wages, for job training and for infrastructure. And we're getting back to setting records. We continue to lead an open, transparent, data-driven response to fighting this pandemic, prioritizing the health of Hoosiers while safely reopening our economy.
2. What is an important policy related to social justice you would like to enact?
Building One Indiana for All means working together to overcome racial inequity, supporting lives and livelihoods. That's why we're creating Indiana's first chief equity, inclusion and opportunity officer to improve economic empowerment and opportunity across the state government by removing any hurdles in the government workplace and the services the state provides. I've also requested a third-party review of our law enforcement training programs, and committed to working with the general assembly to address other critical issues.
3. How can we decrease the spread of COVID-19 while helping businesses stay afloat?
Hoosiers are taking actions to keep our economy open and drive down our unemployment rate. We launched the Back on Track Plan, a phased, data-driven and safe reopening of Indiana's economy. As a state, we've supported our Hoosier small businesses by establishing the PPE Marketplace so they can return to work in a healthy manner, and created a revolving loan program for communities to assist their small businesses. We must all mask up, physically distance and wash our hands.
4. What else should voters know about you?
I'm committed to building One Indiana for All — that means we continue to cultivate the best environment for all Hoosiers to thrive. It means tackling issues of racial inequity, it means continuing to attract more great jobs, it means helping Hoosiers skill-up for more high-wage jobs. And the best is yet to come.

Dr. Woody Myers (D) — did not respond
Donald Rainwater (L) — did not respond

Attorney General

Jonathan Weinzapfel (D)
1. What platform are you running on?
Hoosier families face unprecedented challenges today, from confronting the pandemic, to racial injustice to an uncertain economic future. As attorney general, I will use the office to help strengthen our economy and communities following this

pandemic. I will protect our health care from those who seek to strip it away. And, I will lead the fight to create a more fair and just criminal justice system that respects the humanity in all of us. I will also be a champion for workers' wages and safety and will go after those that misuse public dollars and commit fraud against vulnerable citizens.
2. What is an important policy related to social justice you would like to enact?
I have offered numerous plans, available on my website www.WeinzapfelforAG.com, that address this question. However, protecting access to health care will be a top priority for me. On day one, I will remove Indiana from a partisan lawsuit that seeks to destroy Obamacare and take coverage away from thousands of Hoosier families. I will also tackle criminal justice reform to rebuild the community's trust and ensure that all citizens are treated fairly and with dignity.
3. How can we decrease the spread of COVID-19 while helping businesses stay afloat?
First, we must wear masks and listen to public health experts so we can get this pandemic under control and get back to business. My opponent opposed Gov. Holcomb's mask order, while, despite being from different political parties, I supported it. As attorney general, I will work to ensure schools, hospitals and nursing homes are being more transparent. I'll implement my COVID-19 Recovery Plan and will do all I can to support Hoosier-owned businesses.
4. What else should voters know about you?
In addition to being a practicing attorney and a former chancellor of Ivy Tech, I served as mayor of Evansville from 2004-2011. Under my leadership we created more than 2,000 jobs and were voted the No. 1 city in the country to live, work and play.

Todd Rokita (R) — did not respond

U.S. House of Representatives, District 7

Rep. Andre Carson* (D) — did not respond
Susan Marie Smith (R)
1. What platform are you running on?
My platform is Indianapolis First. We must retake our position as a model city for the nation. This means we must be the model for safe communities, job creation, and parental choice in education that prepares our children not only for the global economy but for global diplomacy.
2. What is an important policy related to social justice you would like to enact?
As an adjunct professor in criminal justice, I teach that we not only need to understand our issues, we must be unstoppable in our work to eliminate such issues. Human trafficking in our

nation is becoming just as great of a foul stench as abortions in the Black and brown communities. I would work to enact and support legislation that would give increased funding to the investigation and prosecution of perpetrators and participants at all levels and in all places where human trafficking is found.
3. How can we decrease the spread of COVID-19 while helping businesses stay afloat?
We need to get back to work to help our businesses and our state economy. And we need to incentivize safety and protection by providing financial and reputation incentives for workplace design, talent development, and innovation reducing virus risk and increasing safety. It's imperative that our businesses use Q4 2020 and all of 2021 to enhance responsibility as well as productivity.
4. What else should voters know about you?
I am focused, determined, never afraid of the fight for what should be ours. Indianapolis has been stagnant and declining for too long, and we need to see a change in our leadership to put Indianapolis first. Send Mrs. Smith to Washington!

State Senator, District 30

John C. Ruckelshaus* (R) — did not respond
Fady Qaddoura (D)
1. What platform are you running on?
I am running to be a champion for our schools and teachers, to expand health care to more Hoosiers, and to build a state that represents all of its citizens. We are facing unprecedented challenges as a state, and I will work with state leaders of both parties to address them. One of my top priorities once I am elected is to immediately pass legislation to ensure our schools are fully funded whether they are operating in-person or virtually and to work to ensure that schools have adequate PPE on hand to reopen safely.
2. What is an important policy related to social justice you would like to enact?
As an immigrant to this country, I watched as the Trump administration banned immigrants from Muslim-majority countries coming into Indiana and our elected officials were silent. That was a wake-up call for me. The COVID-19 pandemic and the movement for racial justice that erupted following the murder of George Floyd has only increased this urgency. Indiana can make vulnerable communities feel safer by finally passing comprehensive hate crimes legislation and banning police chokeholds.
3. How can we decrease the spread of COVID-19 while helping businesses stay afloat?
Something the state of Indiana can do immediately is to reinstate the moratorium on evictions



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and utility disconnections until the COVID-19 pandemic is over. Letting this moratorium expire just as we enter colder weather and the flu season could literally leave Hoosiers out in the cold. We should also extend the statewide mask mandate to keep each other safe so that businesses can reopen — and stay open — safely.

4. What else should voters know about you?

I immigrated to this country at age 19, worked my way through college, and survived homelessness after Hurricane Katrina before relocating to Indianapolis where I earned my Ph.D. from IU-PUI. My wife Samar and I are the proud parents of two daughters who are in public schools in our district.

State Senator, District 32

Aaron Freeman* (R) — did not respond
Belinda Drake (D) — did not respond

State Senator, District 28

Michael Crider* (R) — did not respond
Theresa Bruno (D)

1. What platform are you running on?

As an active community member, I have noticed that many people want the same things. They want strong public schools, well-maintained roads and bridges, access to good paying jobs and affordable health care.

2. What is an important policy related to social justice you would like to enact?

The first social justice policy issue I would like to enact is to decriminalize marijuana. This will decrease the amount of nonviolent offenders in our criminal justice system, who are disproportionately people of color.

3. How can we decrease the spread of COVID-19 while helping businesses stay afloat?

Small businesses are suffering. The best thing we can do for them is get this pandemic under control. That means keeping the mask mandate in place, social distancing and limiting large gatherings, while the state and federal government provide small businesses funds to keep them afloat.

4. What else should voters know about you?

In 2015, I was the first Democrat to be elected to the Warren Park Town Council. I work with two other Republicans. I know how to build coalitions and get things done.

State Senator, District 33

Greg Taylor* (D) — did not respond

State Senator, District 34

Jean Breaux* (D) — did not respond

State Senator, District 35

R. Michael Young* (R) — did not respond
Pete Cowden (D) — did not respond

State Senator, District 36

Jack Sandlin* (R) — did not respond
Ashley Eason (D)

1. What platform are you running on?

I'm running to fight for good paying jobs, protect public schools and stand up to extreme voices in the state Senate as the independent voice the community deserves. I'll vote to invest in reliable public transportation, fight for more affordable and high-quality health care, and push to make family leave standard across Indiana. I'm a proven bipartisan leader who has built coalitions with Republican and Democratic leaders from across our state. I know Hoosiers are hurting and the status quo isn't good enough. Our community deserves a state senator who'll fight for our neighbors every day, not just every election year.

2. What is an important policy related to social justice you would like to enact?

Social justice begins by recognizing the inequities that plague our nation and addressing them from the ground up. I'll work to guarantee public schools receive the resources and support they need to ensure children in all our neighborhoods have a chance to thrive. All children deserve a high-quality education in schools that are safe. I will never turn my back on teachers and students, and that includes fighting for fair teacher pay.

3. How can we decrease the spread of COVID-19 while helping businesses stay afloat?

Decreasing the spread of COVID-19 starts by providing more PPE to community members and enforcing a public mask mandate to keep our essential workers safe. Testing needs to be free and widely accessible, and coordinated care needs to be affordable and readily available to people of all socioeconomic backgrounds. Offering small businesses relief programs and encouraging our community to focus on supporting those businesses is essential to their survival.

4. What else should voters know about you?

It's time for a new generation of leadership that's ready to listen and willing to fight for all Hoosier families — I will seek out voices from all backgrounds. I'm running to help open doors for all of my neighbors, so that we may all benefit from the success of our state.

Many Hoosiers have to vote without a paper trail

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More than half of jurisdictions in Indiana have voting equipment that doesn't include a verified paper trail, making it difficult to detect security breaches or errors in the system.

The Indiana University Public Policy Institute published an analysis of the state's reliance on paperless voting machines in early October. Researchers found 83% of Indiana counties used voting machines in 2016 that were at least eight years old, which increases the likelihood of glitches.

Marion County is in a better position, though, with ballot-marking devices, where voters select candidates on a touch screen or other mechanical input. Rather than the voting machine recording the selection, it prints a piece of paper that is then scanned.

Most counties use direct-recording electronic voting machines, which store selections in the computer's memory. A few counties also use a verified paper trail to back up that system, but most don't.

Some counties use hand-marked paper ballots and have voting machines for accessibility.

Indiana passed a law in 2019 that requires all counties to have a paper trail by 2030, but Joti Martin, a policy analyst at the Public Policy Institute and one of the researchers who worked on the analysis, said 10 years is too long to wait.

"That's a lot of elections and two [more] major elections," she said. "That's a long time. Hopefully jurisdictions after this election can plan for themselves."

Some jurisdictions have made the move to a paper trail on their own, but funding has been an issue. The Indiana Secretary of State requested \$75 million in 2018 to update the state's voting machines with paper trail systems, but that amount was reduced to \$6 million because of other funding priorities.

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nered as much scrutiny amid calls to cut back — or even eliminate altogether — police spending to free up more money for social programs. When IMPD officials presented the budget to the council’s Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee in September, the public comment period lasted two hours.

Many people showed up to the council’s meeting to voice their opposition to IMPD getting more money.

IMPD’s chunk of money makes up almost 30% of the city budget.

Civilians added to top IMPD board

Unrelated to the budget was a proposal to add civilians to police oversight, which passed 19-6.

A new seven-member committee, called the General Orders Committee, will include four civilians and three representatives from law enforcement. The committee will replace the current General Orders Board, which has final say when it comes to department policy and doesn’t have civilians.

The mayor and City-County Council president will each appoint two civilians to the new committee.

Councilors approved amendments that prevent people with a felony record from serving on the

committee, and the chief must give an opinion on any proposed amendment to the department’s general orders or suggest alternative action.

Civilian members and their immediately family also can’t have an active lawsuit or complaint against IMPD.

Infrastructure gets a boost

The 2021 budget includes \$158 million for bridge, road and sidewalk infrastructure projects as part of a four-year, \$500 million plan.

The Department of Public Works as a whole is one of the city’s largest city departments at almost \$889 million, which is about 20% of the money going to city agencies.

Full effects from COVID-19 aren’t here yet

If you’re wondering how the mayor’s office can project an increase in revenue during a pandemic that has brought an economic downturn with it, it’s because of timing.

Decreases in income and property taxes won’t reach city coffers until 2022.

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GUYNN

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Although Guynn works for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, photography has been a lifelong hobby. His cake was a replica of a Nikon camera.

camera cake from a family friend, Guynn and his four children glanced through photo albums depicting Guynn’s life and career, which included a deployment in Korea.

Guynn’s active role in the community inspired his children to follow in his footsteps.

“When we grew up, community involvement is all we knew,” Anita Bardo, Guynn’s oldest child, said. “Dad was always working, always taking pictures. Sometimes we’d go on shoots with him. It’s a gift that we

don’t ever take for granted.”

Bardo said she remains involved in the local community, working as the youth director for St. Rita’s Catholic Church, where Guynn is also an active member.

“He’s just an awesome dad,” Bardo said. “He’s one of those fathers that doesn’t like a lot of hoopla. We thought he was going to be upset about the surprise party. He just likes everything calm and peaceful and likes being with his family.”

K-9

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because he started meeting with the lieutenant of the K-9 unit in November 2018 and spent most of 2019 crafting policies based on national best practices.

“Rather than letting a story incite some sort of emotional response from the community ... we thought it was reasonable to let the public know, ‘Hey, I get what you’re gonna read here, but there’s another side to this,’” he said.

IndyStar’s investigation also found 65% of those

bitten between 2017 and 2019 were unarmed and didn’t act violently and that more than half of those who were bitten were Black.

Barker defended the department’s current K-9 guidelines as “legal and ethical” and said these changes signal a willingness to listen to the community when it comes to police reform.

IMPD Chief Randal Taylor basically said the same thing in a statement.

“Amidst national and local conversations around

policing, IMPD is listening to calls from our community and looking inward – making changes that are responsive to our neighbors’ requests and improve public safety,” he said.

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‘Less equitable’: Report calls for Indiana school funding changes to close gaps

By **STEPHANIE WANG**
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A new report on Indiana’s school funding system shows that schools serving a larger proportion of students of color receive about \$1,600 less in state and local funding for each student than do overwhelmingly white schools.

That gap is driven by charter schools, according to the report from the Center on Reinventing Public Education, since they serve a greater percentage of students of color than does the average Indiana district and do not receive local property tax revenues.

The report calls for changes to equalize public funding for charter schools, including having districts share referendum proceeds, continuing a years-long push by charter advocates to give charter schools access to the same funding levels as traditional districts have.

The Center on Reinventing Public Education, a national research group, supports school and parent choice.

The report also highlights broad inequities in school funding, criticizing the state for cutting extra funding for students from low-income families by about 35% in recent years. Funding gaps are also widening between wealthier districts that can raise more money through local property taxes and lower-income districts.

“The big takeaway is that the school funding changes over the past decade have made public education spending less equitable in Indiana,” said Claire Fiddian-Green, president and CEO of the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation, which commissioned the report. (The Fairbanks Foundation also supports Chalkbeat.)

Charter opponents have fought the use of public dollars for charter schools, since private management companies can profit from the state funding. They argue that charter schools operate less transparently than do traditional districts and strain the system by spreading limited dollars across more schools.

The report, released last week, comes with some recommendations that could benefit both traditional districts and charter schools — such as adjusting state funding based on how much school systems receive locally and increasing state support for students with higher needs, including those from low-income backgrounds, those with disabilities and English language learners.

The state will tackle critical budget discussions in the 2021 legislative session as lawmakers grapple



A new report highlights broad inequities in Indiana’s school funding system and calls for changes that would increase public funding for charter schools. Alan Petersime/Chalkbeat

with financial constraints caused by the pandemic and set school funding levels for the next two years.

For charter schools, the budget stakes are particularly high. They rely more heavily than do traditional districts on state funding, which comes from sales and income taxes that have been hard hit by the pandemic’s economic downturn.

Some observers say state lawmakers don’t seem interested in a big overhaul of school funding, but those extra state dollars for educating low-income students — known as “complexity” funding — will continue to be one of the most important budget debates.

Complexity remains one of the most complicated factors in the school funding formula, in part because the state awards more money to districts serving low-income families than to districts serving more affluent ones. In recent years, lawmakers have changed eligibility requirements so that fewer students qualify for those funds.

As a result, from 2015 to 2019, the state has reduced the additional support for each low-income student by 35%. That may have had an academic effect, the report points out: Declining dollars correlated with declines in ISTEP scores among that demographic across those years.

Indiana offers districts about 27% more state funding for each student living in poverty than for more affluent students. That’s just above average for states across the country, but the report contends it falls far short of what’s needed.

The report also proposes a drastic change in school funding that experts say isn’t being widely discussed in Indiana. It calls for an “equalizer,” to weigh how much local support districts receive before doling out state dollars, in an attempt to even out funding disparities from property tax wealth.

That would be a substantive shift from the cur-

rent system of giving every brick-and-mortar school system the same amount of basic state aid for each student.

“I don’t see a big appetite for opening up how we want to fund education again, in any way, shape or form,” said Andy Downs, a political scientist from Purdue University Fort Wayne. “It is such a can of worms.”

Another hard sell, experts said, would be the report’s recommendation to let charter schools share in local funding raised through referendums. More and more districts facing budget crunches are asking voters to raise property taxes to generate additional money for operating, building and safety costs.

Charter advocates notched a small win last year when a last-minute move opened the door to charter schools sharing in referendum funds, but it stopped short of requiring districts to divvy up the money. While cooperation could lead to more support for ballot measures, it would also mean funding pots wouldn’t go as far — or schools could have to ask for higher increases.

On average, charter schools collect about \$1,000 more per student in state funding than do traditional districts, the report said, likely because they enroll a greater portion of students from low-income families and can receive a supplemental state charter school grant. But they don’t receive about \$3,300 per student that districts get from local property taxes, ultimately putting charter schools behind districts in public funding.

The report doesn’t account for private funding, which it said closes the gap for charter schools by \$373 per student.

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Pass the Torch event aims to help women up the corporate ladder

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COVID-19 has created a lot of changes in recent months, including how women balance professional and family obligations.

Deb Hallberg, CEO of Pass the Torch for Women, a group dedicated to promoting diversity and equity for women in the workforce, said working from home and e-learning caused a shift in women's day-to-day responsibilities, widening what she refers to as the talent gap.

"Between working from home and child care, women's responsibilities have increased at home," Hallberg said. "More often than not, it's the females who are making the sacrifices and having to step back from their roles in their companies."

To provide women with guidance on how to promote themselves in their career, Pass the Torch for Women is hosting the webinar, "How to Invest in Your Female Talent," Oct. 27.

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SPOTLIGHT

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CBLC 3rd Anniversary & Poetry Workshop
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Saturday, October 24, 2020
1:00 - 3:30 pm

Special guests: Too Black, Manon Voice, Chantel Massey and Allyson Horton author of *"Quick Fire: Poems"*



By STAFF

The Indianapolis Public Library’s Center for Black Literature and Culture (CBLC) at Central Library is partnering with the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper to celebrate its third anniversary. “On Whose Shoulders We Stand” will be an online program and poetry workshop featuring poet Adrian Matejka, along with guests Too Black, Manon Voice, Chantell Massey and Allyson Horton. Pianist and music sociologist Joshua A. Thompson will perform a musical selection. The online conversation will discuss the impact of poetry on Black culture and social action throughout history, using poetry from Etheridge Knight, Mari Evans and others. Matejka, an award-winning poet, will host a workshop to help aspiring poets. “The CBLC, even during the challenges of COVID-19, is providing a space virtually for artists and members of the community to gather, share and learn from each other,” Nichelle Hayes, leader of CBLC, said. “Globally, we have experienced more upheaval during 2020 than we could have ever imagined. Times such as this call for resis-

“On Whose Shoulders We Stand” program and poetry workshop will celebrate the third anniversary of The Indianapolis Public Library’s Center for Black Literature and Culture at 1 p.m. Oct. 24. Register online at indypl.org/cblc.

tance and renewal, for which poetry serves as a vehicle. We can learn a great deal from legendary and up-and-coming poets on how to navigate these times and reimagine a better world.” The event will be livestreamed on the library’s YouTube and Facebook pages as well as the Recorder’s Facebook page. “It is a true honor to partner with the CBLC, particularly as we celebrate the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper’s 125th anniversary,” Robert Shegog, president and CEO of the Recorder, said. “We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us — those bold, courageous, creative and talented individuals. It is only fitting to pay homage to them while also showcasing some of today’s promising poets and recognizing one of the country’s oldest Black newspapers.”

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by Linda Thistle

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people that live there,” said Marsh. “If a family is having problems paying rent and utilities, could they potentially have issues with their children? What’s going on with their health? So we’re doing a lot of key things in the neighborhoods that are experiencing higher crime.”

During a previous event debuting the prevention and reduction plan to the public, Ameena Matthews, activist and star of the PBS documentary “The Interrupters,” shared that community involvement in addition to reliable resources are needed to address the issue of crime.

“I definitely think (FMMSC) is moving in the right direction,” said Tammy Butler Robinson of Engaging Solutions. She said the center’s existing programs and current expansion efforts, including a partnership with Tindley schools to offer before and after-school care, are evidence of the implementation of some of the four key areas discussed in the plan.

When asked what specific ideas of Matthews’ were explored since her

visit earlier this year, Marsh pointed to the aforementioned Moms project, case management services for low-income residents as well as a re-entry service offered to ex-offenders.

Marsh explained the prosecutor’s office has been providing Forest Manor with a list of people who are coming out of incarceration. “We immediately send each of these people a letter saying ‘Hi, we’re Forest Manor, how can we help you become self sufficient,’” said Marsh adding that they are currently hearing back from about 25 percent of those individuals.

“We’ve got to work with our own people in our communities; we can’t be scared of our own folks. I don’t want to hear anything about Black-on-Black crime; I want to hear about people reaching back to the community and really helping those in need,” said Marsh. “We’ve got to decide to be the role models in our community and help these people in need. Until we do that, we’re going to continue to have the same problems.”

BRIEFS

INDY BLACK CHAMBER OPENS CO-WORKING SPACE

The Indy Black Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of Chamber 465, a co-working space for local businesses, with a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 14.

Located at 202 E. Market St., Chamber 465 is available to businesses that need office space, spaces for classrooms and workshops. COVID-19 safety precautions are taken to protect patrons. Masks are required upon entering the building. Workspaces are socially distanced and sanitized between each use.

The Indy Black Chamber of Commerce was established in 2015 to serve as a resource for Black-owned businesses and to enhance the economic status of the Black community in Indianapolis.

For more information on Chamber 465, contact Thechamber465@gmail.com.

MIDWEST IMPACT DAY OF SERVICE

More than 100 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will host the second annual Midwest Impact Day of Service on Oct. 17. The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter will partner with physical and mental health professionals and voter education experts to share information with first responders who have worked through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The chapter will livestream events about mental health education from 10-11 a.m., physical and mental health activities from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and voter information from 1-2 p.m. on Facebook.

TASTE OF THE WORLD

Savor the International Marketplace features 25 restaurants offering a 10% discount from now through Oct. 25. Without leaving Indianapolis, diners can eat authentic foods from countries such as China, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Vietnam, Greece, Haitian, Yemen and more.

For a list of participating restaurants, visit savorthetheinternationalmarketplace.com.

COMMUNIVERSITY CELEBRATION

Martin University will have the fall Communiversiity Celebration through Oct. 16. The weeklong event will feature fun, food and informational event for students and community members. Activities will be virtual and onsite.

Events schedule:

Noon-1 p.m. Oct. 15 — Virtual open house and Prior Learning Assessment workshop

Noon-1 p.m. Oct. 16 —Virtual lunch and learn: Learn the basics of on-line learning.

For more information, visit Martin.edu/fallfest or call 317-917-4792.

VIRTUAL RESOURCE FAIR

The Alzheimer’s Association of Greater Indiana Chapter will have a virtual resource fair noon to 4:30

p.m. Oct. 16.

Representatives from organizations such as Indiana Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Indiana Health Care Association will speak about the services available for those affected by Alzheimer’s or dementia. In addition, those who attend will receive information about financial and legal considerations.

Registration is free. Register online or by calling 800-272-3900. An event schedule and login information will be provided after registration.

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR PRE-K

On My Way Pre-K, Indiana’s free pre-K program, has spaces available for 4-year-olds.

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For more information, visit OnMyWayPreK.org, or call 800-299-1627.

AUTHOR AWARDS BENEFIT LOCAL LIBRARY

Recipients of the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards made donations to Indianapolis Public Library.

Maurice Broadus donated to the Center for Black Literature and Culture at Indianapolis Public Library.

Saundra Mitchell donated to the Chris Gonzalez Collection at Indianapolis Public Library.

Broadus won the genre category award for “Pimp My Airship.” Mitchell won the young adult category for award for “All the Things We Do in the Dark.”

MARTIN RECEIVES GRANT

Martin University received a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment through the “Charting the Future for Indiana’s Colleges and Universities.”

Martin will use the grant to launch Martin WORKS, a new Work College model; help fund the Center for Racial Equity and Inclusion; and apply funds toward several university technology and operational upgrades.

Martin is the only predominately Black institution (PBI) in Indiana and was recently ranked among the top 100 colleges and universities by U.S. News and World Report in the Best Midwest Regional Colleges and Top Performers on Social Mobility for Midwest Regional Colleges.

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EDITORIAL

School boards could and should reflect student body

By OSEYE BOYD



These are exciting times. I say that because there’s so much momentum to make change happen in our community. It’s exciting to see so many people taking the baton to move the African American community forward. Not only are we fighting social justice issues, but we are also recognizing our power and we’re determined to use it for the greater good. This empowerment is evident when you look at school board candidates for school districts around Marion County. Now, I can’t say for sure that more Black candidates are running for school boards than in past years, but it just feels like it. It certainly feels as if more of us are realizing the influence school boards have in our communities and are deciding to get on board, literally. It’s no secret that Lawrence, Pike, Warren, Washington and Wayne township school districts are predominately Black and brown and have been for a while. However, the boards that govern these districts usually have been predominately white. There’s a few reasons for the difference, but let’s be honest: Most of us don’t pay much attention to who is on the school board — let alone go to school board meetings. This isn’t an indictment of anyone in particular. It’s an indictment of all of us. We’ve all dropped the

ball when it comes to the school board. As a former education reporter, I can attest to the lack of parental and community involvement. I covered several districts and attended school board meetings of a district with a large number of Black students as well as districts with few if any Black students. Parents and community members regardless of race or ethnicity weren’t there unless there was a recognition ceremony or a controversial issue. So, it’s not a Black or white thing; none of us are as engaged with the school board as we should be. However, that seems to be changing, and that’s a wonderful thing. School boards control a lot of money and wield a lot of power and influence. School boards approve salaries, textbooks, programs, etc. They approve contracts for meal services, vote for capital improvement projects and hire and vote to retain the superintendent. A chunk of your property tax dollars go to your local school district and the school board decides how to spend that money. That’s a quick and simple overview of school funding for the purposes of this column. School funding is way more complicated as there are plenty of rules and regulations in place for how money is spent. While I won’t say an all-white school board can’t provide good governance to a majority Black student population, I will say representation matters, and when that board is made up of people with a similar culture it makes a difference. There’s an understanding of the needs of the student body that comes with having a similar background. I also won’t say a majority white school board

doesn’t care about the Black students in the district, but just think about textbook adoption for a second. Think about how a Black board member may be much more in tune with certain words that we know have a negative connotation that someone of a different background wouldn’t recognize. Think about how often textbooks give short shrift to Black history or notable Black figures. A school board member could advocate for a better textbook so that all students have a better understanding of the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans. But it goes even further than that. Again, representation matters. Think about the influence seeing Black board members has on the student body and surrounding community. Think about the parents who now feel empowered to talk to board members because they know each other. Think about the students who see a model of community involvement. Many of them will naturally emulate that same involvement and impact their community just as those before them did. Now, with all of that said I need to make it clear that just because more Black people are seeking roles on school boards doesn’t mean they automatically get our vote, or that we don’t hold them accountable if elected. I think most of us know this already, though, but for those who want to infer something negative from this column, I just had to squash it. So, let’s actually pay attention to our school board candidates this election cycle (and from now on). We have some people in our community who really want to make a difference in the lives of our children.

OPINIONS

A tale of two judges

By LARRY SMITH



A hearing is the process by which senators vigorously question nominees for high level offices. The nominees try to explain — and to defend — their personal and professional history. Hearings can be combustible occasions, such as when then Judge Clarence Thomas was nominated for the Supreme Court in 1991. Thomas was not well known outside of conservative political circles when then-President George H.W. Bush wanted him to replace retiring Justice Thurgood Marshall. The nomination quickly became controversial given that Marshall was a civil rights icon. (Thomas was hostile to laws that combat racial discrimination. He still is.) Thomas was confirmed to the Supreme Court by a vote of 52-48. Interestingly, there are many similarities between Thomas and current nominee Judge Amy Coney Barrett. Like Thomas, Barrett is set to replace a civil rights legend (Ruth Bader Ginsburg). Diversity is also at issue. Of the 114 people who have served on the court since 1789, 108 have been white men. Thomas is only the second

African American; Barrett would be only the fifth woman. Further, both are Catholic. Most importantly, Thomas and Barrett share judicial philosophies. Both are “textualists” and “originalists.” Basically, a “textualist” is a judge who seeks to adhere to exactly what the words in the Constitution mean. An “originalist” is a judge who seeks to adhere to what the authors of the Constitution intended at the time. All originalists are textualists, but not all textualists are originalists. Strangely, Barrett has argued that Thomas strongly supports the judicial principle of stare decisis, even though he is well known for frequently arguing to overrule precedent. (Stare decisis refers to justices’ tendency to defer to prior legal decisions, except under extraordinary circumstances.) This could become a major issue regarding both Roe and the Affordable Care Act. Further, Barrett was a law clerk for the late Justice Antonin Scalia, whom she considers to be her mentor. Thomas and Scalia frequently voted the same way on cases, though they frequently had different thought processes. During her hearing, Barrett has made a point of saying that she would not be “another Justice Scalia.” Rather, she would be a “Justice Barrett.” We’ll see ...

Of course, there are substantial differences between Barrett and Thomas. Most prominently, Barrett is not under fire for her personal conduct, whereas Thomas was accused of sexually harassing his former colleague Anita Hill — and other women. Still, like Thomas, critics believe that Barrett is a hyper-partisan judge who was nominated primarily to carry out an ultra-conservative agenda. Before becoming president, Donald Trump boasted that he would nominate judges who were in the mold of Scalia. And Republicans have for years “pre-approved” judges based upon how they’re viewed by organizations such as the Federalist Society and the Judicial Crisis Network. Barrett is obviously uncomfortable with being seen as a political pawn, but Trump and the Republican Party have been crystal clear regarding their judicial intentions. (Notably, Barrett’s discomfort didn’t prevent her from accepting the nomination.) I believe that Barrett is sincere when she argues that she would not let her political or religious beliefs interfere with her obligation to adhere to the law. However, she is not a robot. Like every other person, her beliefs, biases, experiences, personality and myriad other attributes will affect her judicial decisions. I don’t think that she’s

intentionally lying; I think that she’s intellectually dishonest. I am especially concerned about Barrett as regards issues of racial and socioeconomic equality. As has been widely reported, in Smith v. Illinois Department of Transportation, Barrett wrote, “The n-word is an egregious racial epithet. That said, (the plaintiff) can’t win simply by proving that the word was uttered. He must also demonstrate that (his supervisor’s) use of this word altered the conditions of his employment and created a hostile or abusive working environment.” (Notably, her probable future colleague, Justice Brett Kavanaugh, reached the opposite conclusion in a separate case regarding use of that so-called “n-word”.) I will make two predictions. First, the Senate will appoint Judge Barrett to the Supreme Court. Second, Barrett will vie with Thomas as the “most conservative” member of the court. I believe that, ultimately, most of her decisions will have a negative effect on our most marginalized citizens. In the words of Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who questioned Barrett this week, I’m just following the “tracks” that Barrett has left. Larry Smith is a community leader. Contact him at larry@leaf-llc.com.

E-cigarettes and vaping: Parents, don’t be fooled

Minority Health Coalition of Marion County

Tobacco manufacturers are cashing in on the vaping trend. They have figured out dozens of ways to disguise the involvement of vaping. There is a chance that if your child is vaping, you may not even realize it. Let’s first start our conversation by defining what an e-cigarette is. An e-cigarette is a device that simulates smoking a traditional cigarette. The electronic devices operate by inhaling for a delivery of the heated solution. The solution produces an aerosol

that is inhaled. The solution almost always includes nicotine, which is highly addictive. An assortment of flavors is one of the biggest draws to vaping. In recent years, the tobacco industry has been aggressively growing their market and specifically targeting teens. E-cigarettes (electronic cigarettes) have surged in popularity among young people — as young as 13 years old. Here in Indiana the tobacco industry spends about \$298 million on marketing strategies each year. Next, what is vaping? Vaping is the act of inhaling an e-cigarette. One would inhale vapor through the mouth and draw in and exhale from the e-cigarette. Some of the lures of vaping are: lower per use in cost, it has no smell and there is a lack of smoke, making it easy to disguise the act. Teens believe vaping is less harmful than traditional cigarette smoking, which is not true. Due to their young health development, vaping e-cigarettes affects young people in a different way than it does adults. There are many known health risks including impairing brain development, compromising the immune system (which is very risky during the COVID-19 pandemic) and lung injuries. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed 60 deaths associated with lung injuries due to vaping. Now to the core takeaway from this — a warning to parents. The tobacco companies are disguising everyday items designed to conceal vaping equipment from adults. • **Hoodie sweatshirts:** A tube with an inverted vape pen at the drawstring. The pen is in a secret

chest pocket. The vaping is done through a tube discreetly at the end of the drawstring. • **Backpacks:** There is tubing and a mouthpiece in the shoulder strap for discrete vaping. • **Phone cases:** Vaping phone cases fit over a smartphone just as a regular phone case. With this case one can attach an atomizer and vape. • **Pens:** Vaping pens double as a writing instrument that look just like an ink pen. The top unscrews and one can vape with the inserted cartridge. • **Smart watches:** These watches display time and dates like a regular smart watch. A press of a button will allow the top to be removed from the watch band and then remove a pod to vape. • **USB drive:** A device from the Juul brand of e-cigarette (the most popular brand of choice) looks just like a USB drive for a computer. • **Puff bars:** The latest accessory. It resembles a smaller size version of the Juul USB drive. It is a disposable one time hit. These puff bars emphasize more variety of flavors with bright color packaging to appeal to youth. One of the most dangerous facts regarding puff bars is it has not been established where they are made. As a parent, you have an important role in protecting children from e-cigarettes. Talk to your child or teen about why e-cigarettes are harmful. It is never too early or too late. Model a positive example by being tobacco-free. Tobacco teams in Marion County are working hard to get tobacco-free messages out to the community. Be vigilant on the tobacco industry’s schemes to disguise these everyday items.

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Young activist organizes weekend rally

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When Taylor Hall realized the children she worked with didn't feel connected to what was going on during the recent protests downtown, she knew she wanted to take action.

"If we can get the youth involved now in a safe environment, it could impact them and affect the future," Hall, 20, said. "They are our future and next leaders. We need to make sure they feel empowered."

Hall organized the Youth Voices Matter rally, which will be Oct. 17 at the Statehouse. Alongside partners from Indy Nasty Women, the Women's March, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus and the United Northeast Community Development Corporation (UNEC), the rally will coincide with the Crossroads of Democracy day of action. Hall said groups decided to partner because each organization planned an event at roughly the same time.

The day of action will include live music and spoken word performances, an area for children to make

Activist Taylor Hall uses art to make social messages, including her song "I Can't Breathe," performed at protests this summer. (Screenshot)

Youth Voices Matter rally
When:
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 17
Where:
Indiana State House,
200 W. Washington St.



protest signs, a voting simulation for students and a youth-led march around the Statehouse. Hall, who works for Artistiv, a group who use art to promote social justice messages, debuted her song "I Can't Breathe" at a sit-in at the Statehouse in June.

Hall got her start in activism earlier this summer following the death of Dreasjon Reed. A Ball State student, Hall organized a demonstration on her campus following the shooting of Jacob Blake. Hall gets inspiration from her family and other local activists.

"My grandfather marched with Martin Luther King Jr.," Hall said. "I'm very inspired by the stories he tells and I've learned a lot from him. Ashley Gurvitz [executive director of UNEC] took me under her wing and was sort of a protest mom for a lot of other activists."

In a Facebook post for the rally local activists Kim Saylor and Mary Hayes Tuttle promoted the event as a way to bring several groups together and promote activism for Hoosiers of all ages.

"We look forward to you joining us

under one common goal of generational involvement in activism and the importance of being involved in an active working democracy that works towards a more perfect union for all of its citizenry," the official Facebook page for the rally said.

While the deadline for registration has already passed, organizers for this rally still intend to make voting a focal point of the event — as they did during protests during the summer. At the end of the rally, members of the Women's March will march to the City-County Building, where they will wait in line to vote.

"I've learned so much about the power of coming together for change, and just how our community can come together and make a difference," Hall said. "One of the protests I helped organize had 10,000 people show up. To see how many people care about this cause and our community, it means a lot."

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gog, President and CEO of Recorder Media Group.

"The easiest way to describe the program is that it's a practical hands-on business education," said Sonia Moin. As senior director of urban business initiatives, Sonia manages ICIC's partnership with the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program.

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Red Cross: Thousands of donated masks lessen cost ‘burden’ for families

By HILARY POWELL

For the children Eddie Rivers Jr. sees each day at the Kids’ Voice of Indiana building in downtown Indianapolis, a face mask is a deciding factor between seeing an estranged parent in a safe space or enduring possible trauma.

“They are kids who are torn between two bad parents or bad guardianships,” the Kids’ Voice chief development officer said. “[We] provide a place where kids can go see their parents under a safe, watchful eye.”

The few board games in the rooms are coveted by children and teens to play with non-custodial parents, but what’s mandatory for all visitors are masks to comply with city and state mandates. Rivers said 50 clients a week make court-ordered play dates with children and most need free volunteer-made masks.

“Rather than turning anybody away, we will provide masks because some folks can’t afford them or forget them,” Rivers said.

Health experts with the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross said they are asking volunteers to make face coverings to help level an unequal playing field when it comes to the disparate effect of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

“Black and Latinx people in all communities, including Indiana, are bearing an outsized burden of COVID-19,” said Chad Priest, Indiana regional chief executive officer for the Red Cross. “It is almost designed to exploit the fault lines in society.”

The Red Cross encourages people to wear cloth face coverings in public spaces because it’s an evidence-based public health measure, Priest said.



More than 136,000 Indiana residents have tested positive for coronavirus, according to the Indiana State Department of Health data. Black residents of Marion County have tested positive for COVID-19 at a rate nearly twice that of white residents, according to SAVI.org.

Marion County Public Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine said part of the reason could be because Black Hoosiers serve in eight out of the 10 lowest-paying jobs in the state’s service sector, such as bus drivers and waiters.

“They are forced to be on the front lines, having a higher

risk of exposure to multiple people,” Caine said.

A statewide mask mandate from Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb is in effect until Nov. 14, which requires all people 8 years and older to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces, on public transportation and outdoors when social distancing isn’t possible. The governor has left enforcement to state and county health departments. In Marion County, the county with the greatest number of coronavirus cases in the state, face masks are required in county public places and when indoors with other people.

Caine said a person’s respira-

tory droplets can remain in the air for up to 30 minutes, so it’s important to wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose.

Priest says mask skeptics need only to look to the past for proof this public health measure works.

It’s been a century since the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross last called on Hoosier volunteers to sew masks.

According to the University of Michigan Library’s influenza encyclopedia, in 1918, the Indiana board of health secretary also made masks mandatory in public spaces.

“Our mission is to alleviate

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human suffering, and it’s really emotional for those of us in this business because there is this sort of connection through time with our heritage,” Priest said.

Just like that Hoosier history, Priest said it’s not always possible for some Central Indiana families to get affordable personal protective equipment.

That’s why the Red Cross is set to distribute 100,000 masks made by volunteers to nonprofit organizations by the end of the year. Dozens of volunteers answered the organization’s July call to assemble masks as part of the “#Doing-MyPart” campaign.

Kids’ Voice leaders said they are thankful to be able to distribute the donated masks.

“It’s tough when you are a child who loves your parents,” Rivers said. “Even though you were abused, you still want to see them. Those supplies could actually keep those kids seeing their parents regularly.”

Priest said mask-wearing reduces viral transmission, especially among people who don’t show symptoms but could be carrying the virus.

“There’s this really beautiful, humanitarian circle here,” Priest said. “[The mask] is symbolic. No matter what the politics of the day are, no matter how angry or divisive we may feel, at the end of the day, Hoosiers stick together.”

This story was reported as part of a partnership between WFYI, Side Effects Public Media and the Indianapolis Recorder. Contact Hilary Powell at hpowell@wfyi.org.

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THE MARION COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT’S 2020 FLU SHOT CLINICS WILL OFFER THE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE.

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Flu Shots are Critical as COVID-19 Continues to Spread

As flu season begins, the Marion County Public Health Department is offering low-cost flu vaccine at special flu shot clinics in October. These clinics are in addition to flu shots made available through the health’s department’s district health offices.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older, and especially for pregnant women, people age 65 and older, and anyone with certain medical conditions.

Marion County Public Health Department Director and Chief Medical Officer Virginia A. Caine, M.D. says getting a flu shot is even more important this season.

“A person’s respiratory or immune system could become overwhelmed if they are infected with flu and COVID-19 at the same time, especially someone in a high-risk group or over age 65,” said Dr. Caine. “Also, health-care resources can be stretched significantly during a typical flu season. Protecting against the flu in our community will allow these resources to be readily available to handle any potential surge in COVID-19 cases.”

Flu shots are \$20 for adults and for children ages 2-18. Shots for children under the age are two are free. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted.

Special flu shot clinics in October are available on a walk-in basis at the following locations and times. Guests must maintain social distancing and face coverings are required. The two remaining walk-up clinics in October are:
Sunday, Oct. 18
St. Gabriel Catholic Church
6000 W. 34th Street
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 22
Englewood Christian Church
57 N. Rural Street
4-6 p.m.

The Marion County Public Health Department is also hosting weekly flu shot clinics in October at its three main district health office locations.

An appointment is required for flu shots at these locations and is available by contacting the specific district health office location.

Northeast District Health Office
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CDC is emphasizing flu shots as one of three easy steps everyone can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and flu: Mask Up – Wear a face covering while out in public and allow for social distancing of 6 feet when possible. Lather Up – Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Sleeve Up – A seasonal flu shot protects the person getting the flu shot, as well as family and the community.

To learn more about the flu shot clinics offered by the Marion County Public Health Department, please visit MarionHealth.org/immunize or call 317-221-2122.

FROM COMPLICITY TO ANTIRACISM: White people’s role in the struggle against ‘pseudo-white supremacy’

By TYLER FENWICK
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Three white people talking about race is usually just a meeting of the know-nothings who’ve got a whole heck of a lot to say.

Not this one.

Christian Theological Seminary students Kerry Connelly, Cassidy Hall and Mason Mennenga had a virtual discussion Oct. 8 about the roles white people — particularly white people of faith — should play in the struggle against white supremacy.

That is, if “white supremacy” is even the right term.

Connelly, author of “Good White Racist? Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice,” prefers to add a “pseudo” to the beginning because language matters. Whiteness is designed to be invisible to white people, she said, and it’s important to reinforce that white supremacy is not some natural fact; it’s a construct.

Combatting pseudo-white supremacy, then, requires white people to get uncomfortable because, as Mennenga said, white people are the ones who have to carry the burden of undoing it — not Black people, not Indigenous people or anyone else.

Hall, who co-hosts a podcast called “Encountering Silence,” told a story of her time at a preaching conference last year when she instinctively sat at the table where all the other white people were. It was a shameful experience, realizing that even as she practices antiracism it’s apparently still so easy to cling to the comfort of complicity.

“I dragged my ass up out of that chair and asked if I could



Christian Theological Seminary students participated in a forum about what white people can do to push back against systemic racism. Top L-R: Cassidy Hall and Kerry Connelly. Bottom L-R: Dr. Robert Saler, moderator and professor of religion and culture, and Mason Mennenga. (Screenshot)

sit with the Black women nearby,” Hall said.

White people span a wide breadth of the ideology and structure that say whiteness is superior. Some openly embrace it, others never have to confront it, and some actively oppose it.

What’s needed, Connelly said, is a sort of white liberation theology, which isn’t about overcoming oppression, but rather overcoming oneself and a false sense of dominance.

“We have essentially suffered a failure of imagination,” she said.

Mennenga said he has more hope in white people’s willing-

ness to confront racism because of the protests over the summer, which he was in close proximity to as a resident of the Twin Cities region, where police killed George Floyd in May.

White people’s commitment to the cause, he said, should go as far as being willing to stand up in front of Black bodies and “take a bullet” — and hopefully the bullet is rubber.

Getting white people to buy into this idea that they have to experience some kind of racial awakening to recognize their false position atop a made-up hierarchy is one of the first obvious challenges. Even white people who are invested in the

work — these three students included — can reach a point where they feel the weight of the system is too much to overcome.

But that’s just an excuse, Connelly said. Yes, the system is big, but she said people should try to understand how their identity plays a part in that system.

Contrary to some common advice, Connelly said social media can be a tool to individually rail against that system. She said she spends time debating online with people who are committed to not understanding her, but the conversation isn’t for them. It’s for everyone else who sees it.

What’s not an option for white people, Hall said, is to opt out altogether by saying they want to focus inward and contemplate in silence — not because contemplation is bad, but because the next step has to be action, which gets back to being uncomfortable.

White people who say they just don’t want to rock the boat are endorsing complicity, she said, because that boat is what’s protected them this whole time.

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Black churches mobilizing voters despite virus challenges

By AARON MORRISON
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — For the Rev. Jimmy Gates Sr., the 2008 presidential election year was one to remember — and not just because it yielded a historic result as the nation elected its first Black president.

The pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland recalls how, on the last Sunday of early voting before the general election, he and his congregation traveled in a caravan of packed buses, vans and cars to the city’s Board of Elections office and joined a line of voters that seemed to stretch a mile.

“What a sight to see,” Gates said. “Seniors, middle-aged people, young people.”

In recent election cycles, Black church congregations across the country have launched get-out-the-vote campaigns commonly referred to as “souls to the polls.” To counteract racist voter suppression tactics that date back to the Jim Crow era, early voting in the Black community is stressed from pulpits nearly as much as it is by the candidates seeking their support.

But voter mobilization in Black church communities will look much different in 2020, due in large part to the coronavirus pandemic that has infected millions across the U.S. and has taken a disproportionate toll on Black America.

Churches have organized socially distant caravans with greatly reduced transportation capacity for early voting and Election Day ballot-casting. Church volunteers are phone-banking and canvassing the homes of their members to ensure mail-in and absentee ballots are requested and hand-delivered to election board offices or drop boxes before the deadlines.

But outreach has been complicated because many churches have been holding services virtually for months, with some having only recently resumed worship in-person.

Black Voters Matter, a national voting rights group that organizes in 15 states, is trying to help churches assist people who count on a “souls to the



Attorney Keith White, right, a director of social justice initiatives at Christian Cultural Center, passes out information on voting in the Brooklyn borough of New York on Sept. 18, 2020. (Bebeto Matthews / AP)

polls” ride on or before Election Day.

“It’s not whether there are enough votes out there,” said Cliff Albright, a co-founder of the group. “It’s whether we have the strategy, the resources and the election protection to make sure that the voters who want to show up are actually able to do so and be counted.”

The turbulence of 2020 and fears of contracting the coronavirus have the potential to depress turnout even among reliable segments of Black voters, advocates say. So this year’s voter mobilization has to succeed at a level it didn’t in 2016, compared to 2008 and 2012, Gates said.

Some pastors say the coast-to-coast unrest that followed the police killings of Black Americans this year have motivated their congregations. In Minneapolis, where a white officer held his knee to the neck of George Floyd, voters want to see policing reforms at the legislative level, said Bishop Divar L. Bryant Kemp, pastor of New Mount Calvary Baptist Church in North Minneapolis.

“I tell people all the time, ‘Don’t talk

to me about what needs to be changed if you haven’t voted to make a change,” he said.

The challenge for Kemp will be getting voters to the polls safely. A church van used in previous elections recently broke down.

Kemp also understands the pandemic risks all too well. He contracted COVID-19 in July and was hospitalized for five days, forcing him to stay away from his church for three weeks.

“We considered renting a van to take them to the polls, but either way we’re going to do it,” Kemp said.

Across the U.S., early voting rules vary state-to-state, but begin for the vast majority of eligible voters in October at an average of 22 days before the election, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Initial signs suggest Black voters are indeed intent on casting a ballot this year. Steady traffic at early voting sites in states like Ohio and strong returns of mailed-in ballots in North Carolina, Georgia and elsewhere indicate an energized Black electorate.

Even without the hurdles of a pan-

demic, voter suppression is a persistent election year issue for Black Americans. The Civil Rights Movement brought about passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibited racial discrimination in voting.

Despite the law, efforts to thwart voting for minorities have required constant vigilance. In some states, suppression worsened because of a 2013 Supreme Court ruling that gutted a section of the law requiring states with a history of racially discriminatory voting rules to get federal approval before changing election laws.

Jane Bonner, a 53-year-old health care administrator who attends church at Walk of Faith Cathedral in Austell, just west of Atlanta, said her 91-year-old parents can recall their own experiences with disenfranchisement. Her mother was denied voter registration when she could not tell the registrar “the number of days, hours and minutes until her next birthday,” she said.

“I’m now determined more than ever to go to the polls and cast my ballot in person, as opposed to by mail,” Bonner said.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Wear your armor

By JAMES WASHINGTON JR.



With everything going on in our world today, my question to you is how does one put on the full armor of God in the midst of pandemic, the continuation of overt racism, state sanctioned discrimination and even murder? The Bible says, “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Ephesians 6:11. This passage may not tell you how to put on the armor, but it certainly lets you know why you need it. That’s kind of why I pose the question.

I wish I could say most of this is original but it’s not. I’m paraphrasing most of it, but I think it’s important to understand when people talk about warfare, Satan’s power in the physical world or just plain battling against sin, this is what they’re talking about.

Spiritual warfare, as my Bible says (for believers), is fought in the mind, in the emotions and in the will.

It is in these areas that we do battle and most times we think we’re struggling with ourselves, our own weaknesses of flesh and blood, and discipline and integrity, pride and envy — when in actuality, we’re really struggling against “the devil’s schemes.” Let’s not overlook or be complacent about where a lot of this is coming from.

At these rather intense times, we sometimes lose sight of the fact that Satan and his forces have already been defeated and to a large extent disarmed. We give him power when we forget this simple little fact. Our emotions take over and, in a state of complete exasperation, judgment gets clouded and actions happen in the spur of a moment.

I’ve said on many occasions that the fight is fixed in our favor, but we do have to go through the mental reality of this in order to maintain control and think ourselves into the solutions we so desperately need to navigate what some believers term a temporary existence called “life.”

Here is something that sums it up pretty well straight out of my Bible: How do we put on spiritual armor?

We do so by daily

absorbing scripture as truth, living in obedience to God, sharing the gospel and trusting Christ. That’s how to put armor on: Study the word, live according to biblical principles, and believe that we live in a place infused with Jesus’ protection. That knowledge will protect us as we come under spiritual attack. It doesn’t protect us from spiritual attack. But it does it makes us less vulnerable, less susceptible to the “devil’s schemes,” i.e., better able to handle what comes at us.

You see, in this world Satan is free to tempt, deceive and entice, but he has no authority over you. My Bible says when we overcome temptation in the spiritual sense; we play out the victory in the physical world.

We win emotionally. We win physically. Pure and simple we win. The point here is you’ve got to recognize that a lot of what you’re going through is the direct result of coming under attack and not because of some great flaw within you. Success, or better yet victory, necessitates controlling the mind game.

When you put on the armor of which I speak you know this. It’s like knowing that it’s going to rain and taking an umbrella. But you have to pay attention to the signs of bad weather in order to be prepared. You can’t be prepared for the devil properly unless you know Jesus Christ personally. He is yours and my umbrella so to speak. And please don’t take my word for it. Just read the bible. The streets are dangerous. Please be safe and aware of who you are and who’s coming at you. Protect yourself. May God bless and keep you always.

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1. Is the book of Rehoboam in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. How many times is the word “Bible” mentioned in the scripture of the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 3, 49, Over 1,000

3. From Genesis 4, what righteous man started the practice of herding sheep? Adam, Cain, Abel, Job

4. According to Jesus, what was Satan from the beginning? Deceiver, Evil, Thief, Murderer

5. In biblical times, which was a large unit of money or weight? Levy, Talent, Shekel, Sepulcher

6. Of these, which wasn’t a son of Noah? Shem, Ham, Levi, Japheth


ANSWERS:
1) Neither; 2) Zero; 3) Abel; 4) Murderer; 5) Talent; 6) Levi

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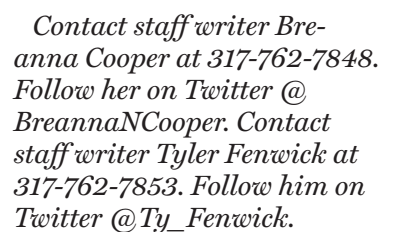
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Corporate, civic organizations launch racial equity pledge

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ADOPTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT,
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-AD-033912
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
ADOPTION OF:
Minor Child,
JOSHIAH KING-MOORE
HURT

NOTICE TO DARRYNETTA HURT, MOTHER AND ANY NAMED OR UNNAMED FATHER OF MINOR CHILD JOSHIAH KING-MOORE

To the mother, named and unnamed father of the child, Josiah King-Moore Hurt, born to Darrynietta on February 8, 2018, is hereby notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, Room 1721, City County Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption of Josiah King-Moore Hurt is not required because the mother and any named and unnamed father of Josiah King-Moore Hurt has abandoned said child, is unfit to parent and it is in the best interest of said child that his rights be terminated and not requirement of consents is necessary pursuant to IC 31-19.

If mother and any named and unnamed father of Josiah King-Moore Hurt wishes to contest the adoption of the child, she or he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If the mother and any named and unnamed father of Josiah King-Moore Hurt does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above named court will hear an determine the right to adoption. Her and his consent will be unnecessary and she and he will lose his right to contest either the adoption or the validity of the termination of parental rights. Any named or unnamed father will lose his right to establish his paternity of the child under 31-14.

No party is relieved of obligations under this notice.

This notice complies with IC 31-19 but does not exhaustively set forth a defendant's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult all Indiana adoption statutes.

Natalie Chavis, Attorney for Petitioner, Reyanna Moore, Prepared by: Natalie N. Chavis CHAVIS MANAGEMENT, LLC, 120 E. Market Street, Suite 1224 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Phone: (317) 762-9209 Fax: (317) 534-0932
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

ADOPTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 49D08-1912-AD-053292
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:
TROY REED,
Minor Child,
RICO REED,
Petitioner.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ADOPTION

To: Vincente Allen 3101 E. 10th St. Indianapolis, IN 46201
Vincente Allen is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named Troy Reed, born to born to Vincente Allen on March 27, 2009, was filed in the office of the clerk of the Marion County Court, 200 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. The petition for adoption alleges the consent of Caitlin Reed and that the consent to adoption of Vincente Allen is not required because you have abandoned or deserted Troy Reed and that Troy Reed has been in the custody of another person for a period of at least one (1) year and you have failed without justifiable cause to communicate significantly with the child when able to do so and knowingly failed to provide for the care and support of the child when able to do so as required by law.

If Vincente Allen seeks to contest the adoption of the child, Vincente Allen must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If Vincente Allen does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption will be irrevocably implied and Vincente Allen will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of Vincente Allen's implied consent to the adoption.

No oral statement made by Vincente Allen relieves Vincente Allen of Vincente Allen's obligations under this notice.

This notice complies with IC 31-19-45-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes. DATED: 10/2/2020
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

10/16/20
10/23/20
10/30/20

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 49D11-2008-DN-027579
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
LINDA VAUGHN
Petitioner and
CHRISTOPHER VAUGHN
Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the above-named Respondent, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: ADEOLA TOYIN OLAWALE

NOTICE OF SUIT

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named and a hearing will take place in Marion Co. Superior Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Petition for Dissolution. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Christopher Vaughn

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of -, 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.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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ADOPTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF HAMILTON SS:
IN THE HAMILTON
SUPERIOR COURT
IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:
DAWSON REED MORTON.
The Minor Child
CASE NUMBER:
29D01-2002-AD-000385
ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE

COMES NOW Petitioner, Jeremy Hulsizer, by counsel, Elisha Corner and having previously filed his petition for Continuance and being duly advised therein, now finds the same shall be GRANTED. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED by this Court that the hearing set for October 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. is hereby vacated and the matter is reset for October 29, 2020 at 1:30pm. for the duration of 15 minutes SO ORDERED THIS DAY September 25, 2020.
Kathy Krag Williams, Clerk

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
MARION COUNTY SS:
THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D11-2008-DC-020465
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
ABOSEDE HALIMAT
LAWAL OMISORE
Petitioner/ Wife
And
KAYODE CHARLES OMISORE
Respondent/Husband

SUMMONS

TO RESPONDENT: KAYODE CHARLES OMISORE c/o TAIWO LOYE 16 WILLIAMS ELLIOT NORTH, WILLIAM ELLIOT ESTATE, C/O ABIODUN KUYE STREET, NEW OKO-OBA ABULE, EGBA, LAGOS STATE, NIGERIA

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Respondent in the Court indicated above.

If this summons is accompanied by a Notice to Appear, you should appear in Court on the date and time stated in the Order to Appear. If you do not appear, evidence may be heard in your absence and a determination made by the Court.

If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in this matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated in the Notice to Appear.

If you take no action in this case after the receipt of this summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of the Marriage or make a determination regarding any of the following: property division, alimony, support, and any other distribution of assets and debts.

Dated: 6/22/2020
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

10/09/20
10/16/20
10/23/20

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
ROSE PIERRE,
Plaintiff,
vs
JEAN PIERILLUS,
Defendant.
49D03-2007-DN-023892

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendant above named and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: JEAN PIERILLUS.

In addition to the above named defendant being served by this summons there may be other parties who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of -, 2020, the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. Dated this 20th day of July, 2020.
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

10/16/20
10/23/20
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D07-2009-DC-030534
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
YIOBAMI EMMANUEL
OLAWALE
Petitioner,
And
ADEOLA TOYIN OLAWALE
Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the above-named Respondent, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: ADEOLA TOYIN OLAWALE

NOTICE OF SUIT

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named and a hearing will take place in Marion Co. Superior Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Petition for Dissolution. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Christopher Vaughn

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of -, 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.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D07-2009-DC-030534
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
YIOBAMI EMMANUEL
OLAWALE
Petitioner,
And
ADEOLA TOYIN OLAWALE
Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the above-named Respondent, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: ADEOLA TOYIN OLAWALE

NOTICE OF SUIT

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named and a hearing will take place in Marion Co. Superior Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Petition for Dissolution. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Christopher Vaughn

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of -, 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.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2007-GU-021928
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:
JOANNE THOMAS
Petitioner,
And
CARLOS AARON,
Respondent.

SUMMONS - NOTICE OF SUIT AND NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named by the filing of a Verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage on May 6, 2020.

The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Carlos Aaron.

In addition to the above named Respondent being served by this summons there may be other parties who have an interest in this law suit. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of -, 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.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D03-2005-DN-015377
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
PRABHLEEN DHIMAN,
Petitioner,
and
CARLOS AARON,
Respondent.

SUMMONS - NOTICE OF SUIT AND NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named by the filing of a Verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage on May 6, 2020.

The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Carlos Aaron.

In addition to the above named Respondent being served by this summons there may be other parties who have an interest in this law suit.

This lawsuit involves ownership of each party's miscellaneous personal property.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 23rd day of November, 2020 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the third publication of this Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment may be entered against you for the relief that the Plaintiff has demanded.

The Verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage is set for final hearing on the 30th day of November, 2020 at 3:45 o'clock p.m. in the Marion Superior Court #3, located at 200 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

10/02/20
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 49D06-2006-DN-020192
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
ADEGOKE J. ADERINOLA
LAINTIFF
-v-
SHANETTA TENELLE RA
Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT

The state of Indiana to the defendants above named and other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: DISSOLUTION

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: UNKNOWN and to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: SHANETTA TENELLE RA

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of -, 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.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DMSION
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-GU-032044
In the matter of the Guardianship of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Victoria Lynn Jones and Monique Victoria Jones, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint Guardian over Person and Estate of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Superior Court No. 8 on November 2, 2020 at 2:50 p.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 file a written objection on or before the hearing date.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DMSION
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-GU-032044
In the matter of the Guardianship of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

(1) Name of person being sued: Michael Pearson

(2) Name of court and cause number: Marion County Indiana Superior Court 8, Probate Division, Cause Number: 49D08-2009-GU-033925

(3) Name & address of attorney representing the person seeking service: Shane A. Toland 7748 Madison Avenue, Suite C Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 (317) 921-0094 shane@shaneland.com

(4) Nature of the suit: Verified Petition for Guardianship of Minor Child.

(5) On the 12th day of December, 2020, in Marion County Superior Court 8 at Indianapolis, Indiana, the Marion County Superior Court 8, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, Room 1721 will hold a hearing to determine whether a guardian should be appointed for Blayne K. Reitmeyer. The purpose of this proceeding is to protect Blayne K. Reitmeyer. At the hearing the court will determine wether Blayne K. Reitmeyer is an incapacitated person or minor, the court at the hearing shall also consider whether Craig Burns, Catherine Burns, Christopher Glidden, and Lindsey Glidden should be appointed as guardian for Blayne K. Reitmeyer. The court may, in its discretion, appoint some other qualified person as guardian. The court may also, in its discretion, limit the powers and duties of the guardian to allow Blayne K. Reitmeyer to retain control over certain property and activities. The court may also determine whether a protective order should be entered on behalf of Blayne K. Reitmeyer. Blayne K. Reitmeyer may attend the hearing and be represented by an attorney. The petition may be heard and determined in the absence of Blayne K. Reitmeyer if the court determines that the presence of Blayne K. Reitmeyer is not required. If Blayne K. Reitmeyer attends the hearing, opposing the petition and is not represented by an attorney, the court may appoint an attorney to represent the alleged incapacitated person. The court may, where required, appoint a guardian ad litem to represent Blayne K. Reitmeyer at the hearing.

(6) Any interested party must respond within 30 days after the last notice of the action is published, and in case she fails to do so, judgment by default may be entered against her for the relief demanded in the complaint. Date 9/29/2020
Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION: ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-GU-032044
In the matter of the Guardianship of Mary E. Evans, a minor

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Victoria Lynn Jones, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint Guardian over Person and Estate of Blayne K. Reitmeyer. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Superior Court No. 8 on November 2, 2020 at 2:50 pm which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and file written objection on or before the hearing date.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION ss
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-GU-028229
49D08-2009-GU-028307
In the Matter of Guardianship of Matthew Oren Schneider and Christopher Lee Schneider, adults.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioners Brenda Lee Schneider, Michael David Schneider and Eric James Schneider, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint Guardian over Person and Estate of Matthew Oren Schneider and Christopher Lee Schneider both adults. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Superior Court No 8 on October 21, 2020 at 1:30 pm, which is more than 30 (thirty) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objection on or before the hearing date.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION: ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-GU-032043
In the matter of the Guardianship of Thomas Aaron Evans Jr, a minor

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Kim Elaine Meadows, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint Guardian over Person and Estate of Thomas Aaron Evans Jr, a minor. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Superior Court No 8 on November 2, 2020 at 2:50 pm, 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 objection on or before the hearing date.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION: ss
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-GU-032044
In the matter of the Guardianship of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Victoria Lynn Jones and Monique Victoria Jones, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint Guardian over Person and Estate of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Superior Court No. 8 on November 2, 2020 at 2:50 p.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 file a written objection on or before the hearing date.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DMSION
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-GU-032044
In the matter of the Guardianship of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Victoria Lynn Jones and Monique Victoria Jones, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint Guardian over Person and Estate of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Superior Court No. 8 on November 2, 2020 at 2:50 p.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 file a written objection on or before the hearing date.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DMSION
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-GU-032044
In the matter of the Guardianship of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Victoria Lynn Jones and Monique Victoria Jones, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint Guardian over Person and Estate of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Superior Court No. 8 on November 2, 2020 at 2:50 p.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 file a written objection on or before the hearing date.

Myia Eldridge, Clerk

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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DMSION
CASE NO. 49D08-2009-GU-032044
In the matter of the Guardianship of Thomaya Aaron Evans, a minor.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Victoria Lynn Jones and Monique Victoria Jones, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint

Vogel's resilience was key in Lakers' title run

By DANNY BRIDGES

It's not exactly a secret that Frank Vogel wasn't the first choice of the Los Angeles Lakers when they were conducting their coaching search last summer. After all, the job was Tyronn Lue's to take, and when the Lakers offered him a three-year deal that didn't meet his financial expectations, they promptly looked to Monty Williams to fill the vacancy. However, the Phoenix Suns had other ideas and quickly wooed Williams with a five-year, \$13 million deal, leaving the Lakers with nobody to coach a mostly empty roster with the exception of one LeBron James. They then would kick the tires with Mike Woodson, Jason Kidd, Juwan Howard and Lionel Hollins before even granting Vogel an opportunity to interview for the job.

After impressing the Lakers brass, Vogel had yet another hurdle to clear by acquiring the blessing of the aforementioned James, who after meeting with the "applicant" quickly agreed with management that the same guy who got the shaft with both the Indiana Pacers and the Orlando Magic was the right fit for a championship run.

Vogel hopped aboard on May 11 and sat back as the Lakers put a full court press on Anthony Davis, who agreed to join the party on June 15. Once Davis' deal became official on July 6, Vogel suddenly had himself a double whammy to unleash on the entire NBA, and with the two best players in the league in his starting lineup, the Lakers came out of the gate strong winning 24 of their first 27 games and had things in hand at 49 up and 14 down when the pandemic hit, halting league play. When things resumed in the Orlando bubble, they would go through Houston, Denver and finally the Miami Heat to capture the NBA crown. It looked easy for Vogel and he quickly gave the credit to his players, specifically James and Davis.

What didn't stand out to most was his meticulous preparation and the demands he placed on his superstar players. By seeking out their opinion of his plans before the regular season even began, Vogel won them over, establishing the respect needed to orchestrate his approach to coaching a high-profile franchise in a fish bowl media setting. He became their friend and a confidant, in addition to being their coach, which established both credibility and mutual respect.

When the Lakers world was rocked by the tragic death of Kobe Bryant, Vogel logically allowed his team to grieve, while maintaining his position of leadership, all the while allowing James to fight through the anguish of losing a mentor. When the return to basketball unfolded, he again looked to his players to get after it at their own respective pace, allocating playing time as he felt appropriate for a team and an entire metropolitan area that was in mourning. Eventually the Lakers would regroup and join the fray for a championship, but without Vogel being part coach, psychologist and leader, his team could have collapsed. Both James and Davis have spoken glowingly about their head coach, citing his direct style of communication and the way he seeks their input on changes.

In the end, the guy who wasn't supported by ownership and the front office during his tenure with Indiana and who didn't have any talent to speak of in Orlando prevailed. Sure, he wasn't the initial choice in Los Angeles, but he proved to be the right choice. His calm demeanor and his second-to-none commitment to preparation provided the template necessary to manage the egos and idiosyncrasies of today's NBA players and delivered a championship.

Not bad for a guy who once told me after a home blowout loss against a lesser opponent at Bankers Life Fieldhouse that he didn't need to look at the film to be thankful there was another game the next day. Frank Vogel knew that night he could coach at the NBA level, and now the entire basketball world does. The pressure to repeat is already upon him and his star players, and something tells me he is more than up for the challenge next season.

Danny Bridges, who would like to remind Pacers fans that their team has now jettisoned two championship caliber coaches, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.



Colts wide receiver T.Y. Hilton (13) makes a catch while being defended by Cleveland Browns cornerback Denzel Ward (21) during a 32-23 loss to the Browns on Oct. 11 in Cleveland. (Photos/Jeff Brown)

Colts struggle in road loss to the improved Cleveland Browns



Colts linebacker Bobby Okereke (58) takes down Cleveland Browns running back Kareem Hunt. Okereke led the team with 10 tackles.



Colts rookie running back Jonathan Taylor (28) looks to avoid Browns linebacker Malcolm Smith (56). Taylor finished with 57 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries.



Colts quarterback Philip Rivers (17) throws the ball away while under pressure from Browns star defensive end Myles Garrett, who had the Browns' only sack of the game. Rivers completed 21 of 33 passes for 243 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions.

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