

New housing project stresses financial literacy



Circle City Property Management and Development (CCPMD) and Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership plan to start construction on a new apartment complex in May. (Photo provided by CCPMD)

By BREANNA COOPER
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Construction on a new affordable housing complex will begin in May on Indianapolis' east side. A partnership between Circle City Property Management and Development (CCPMD) and Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership (INHP) will solve the immediate need for affordable housing, as well as create generational shifts for Hoosier families, developers of the complex said.

Those who move into the complex on 38th and Broadway streets will have access to grocery stores, quality schools and financial literacy courses. Tenants also will have easy access to IndyGo's Red Line, making transportation around the city more convenient.

To help tenants get a better understanding of their finances, CCPMD developer Joe White plans to offer classes on monitoring credit scores and how to save to buy a home, among other topics. White said this will benefit generations to come, as people can pass this knowledge on and create better spending habits.

White said financial literacy is key to a successful life because when someone takes control of their finances, it creates opportunities for a better life for their children.

In addition to financial literacy courses, tenants will also have access to healthy foods through a market on the property, which addresses the food desert issue plaguing many communities in the city.

In Indianapolis, there are roughly 208,000 people living in a food desert — meaning they live in a low-income neighborhood more than a

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IPS evaluating its police department

By TYLER FENWICK
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Indianapolis Public Schools is nearing the end of a study of its police department before going to the school board with potential recommendations.

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Ahmed Young, chief of external affairs and general counsel for Indianapolis Public Schools, updates the school board on a study of the district's police department. (Screenshot)



Indiana veterans voice concerns about Senate bill

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On the surface, Senate Bill 316 sounds like something all veterans could rally behind. Essentially, the bill would expand the number of Hoosier veterans who qualify for the Military Family Relief Fund, an emergency service that helps veterans in need with necessities, such as rent, electric bills and mortgage payments.

In order to cover more veterans, however, the bill, authored by Sen. Chris Garten, R-Sullivan, would change the definition of "qualified service member," allowing individuals with less than an honorable discharge to qualify for the \$2,500 fund. Incidents

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Adult learners find their place in a pandemic

By TYLER FENWICK
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Tosin Ajayi has always loved working with computers. She's amazed by technology in general because in Nigeria, where Ajayi lived until 2009, access was limited.

"I like finding ways to make a cell phone work easier and do what I want it to do," she said. "I've always had that curiosity."

Ajayi, 32, enrolled at WGU Indiana, an online university that caters to working adults, in 2020 to earn a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity. She first went back to school in 2016 at Ivy Tech and has had two children since then.



Tosin Ajayi, a mother of two, is getting a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity from WGU Indiana after losing her job during the pandemic. (Photo provided by Tosin Ajayi)

The COVID-19 pandemic didn't spare Ajayi's job in information technology, which she lost in May 2020.

"I didn't know what I would do with myself," she said.

Going back to school can be difficult, especially for someone who's trying to navigate between classes and a job, all while raising children. The proliferation of online courses has expanded access, but it still takes a considerable amount of time and energy.

Ajayi got a significant boost from WGU Indiana, which awarded her a \$10,000 scholarship. If she has her way, Ajayi will one day be a cybersecurity expert who tries

hacking into systems to show companies — maybe even countries such as her home Nigeria — where they need to improve.

"I'm working toward a better life for myself and for my children," she said.

Ajayi may have become closer to the exception than the rule by deciding to further her education during a pandemic.

Jerry Haffner, assistant director for adult education at the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, said the state's approximately 55 providers have seen a reduction in students going back to school for their high school


equivalency or technical training since the start of the pandemic.

Part of that is due to practical issues such as stay-at-home orders, but Haffner said the pandemic has also made some people back away from commitments that aren't essential in favor of those that are: taking care of a family, helping students navigate e-learning, etc.

"Some basic needs have need to be met first," he said.

Allison Bell, chancellor at WGU Indiana, said it can be intimidating for working adults to return to college — pandemic or not — because of the perception that college

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‘The very problem is the solution’: Researchers want more Black women in STEM

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Black women are sorely under-represented in science, technology, engineering and math, otherwise known as STEM.

Black women, who represent about 6.5% of the country’s population, make up only 2% of the STEM workforce, according to the National Science Foundation.

A team of researchers from Butler University and IUPUI, using a \$68,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, wants to better understand the influence of race and gender on the effectiveness of role models in STEM for Black women.

India Johnson, an assistant professor of psychology at Butler and the principal investigator, said the research team is basically going for “empirical receipts” because Black women like herself understand these issues from experience.

“I don’t think I ever had a Black woman professor in STEM,” said Johnson, who did her undergraduate at IUPUI and got a doctorate in social psychology from Ohio State University.

Johnson and her research partner, Eva Pietri, an assistant professor of psychology at IUPUI, know from previous research that Black women view Black people (men or women) as role models more than they view white women as role models.

Now, they’re researching what factors might make a non-Black person a more effective role model for college-aged Black women. The series of three studies started in September 2020. Johnson said they are halfway through the second study and will start the third study soon.

So far, the team has found Black women are more likely to identify with white women who talk about their experience dealing with sexism — a shared experience regardless of race — though Johnson said that



India Johnson

doesn’t mean white women in STEM can replace Black women as role models.

The researchers are also comparing STEM majors dominated by men (computer science, for example) to majors with more gender parity (biology, for example). The last study will determine to what extent other people of color could serve as effective role models for Black women.

What Johnson and Pietri are studying now is basically the workaround to the underlying problem.

“If you want more Black women in STEM, we need more Black women in STEM,” Johnson said. “The very problem is the solution.”

The research is personal for Katie Tisdale, a Butler senior and research assistant for the project, because she’s a testament to the findings.

Tisdale was a junior in 2019 when Johnson got to Butler, where only about 3.5% of students are Black or African American, according to the university.

“I felt like I was a ship at sea,” she said. “Then I got to work with Dr. Johnson, and it gave me a sense of purpose.”

Short of expecting every Black woman currently studying or working in STEM to become a role model for future generations, there are some more practical solutions to get Black

women interested in the various fields.

Pietri said previous research shows simply showing a six-minute video of a Black female computer scientist to Black female students increases their interest in computer science. Pietri, who has known Johnson since they were in grad school together, said panels with women in STEM could also help for high school students.

These are measures that could help start the trend of getting more Black women into STEM, but Pietri said it’s the hard data she and Johnson are going after now that can get the attention of academic scientists to really make a difference.

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Explore the history of Martindale-Brightwood

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An upcoming walking tour will give locals a brief history of the Martindale-Brightwood community, one of the city's most storied areas for African Americans.

Sampson Levingston will lead the tour as part of the Walk & Talk series through his organization, Through2Eyes, which connects people to Indiana history.

"We have rich, historic, beautiful neighborhoods in Indianapolis," Levingston said. "The people who lived in them, their stories need to be told."

The tour will start at noon Feb. 13. The tour is free, but attendees who don't identify as part of the Black diaspora should make a suggested donation of \$5. Register online through the Through2Eyes Facebook page. COVID-19 health guidelines will be enforced, and space is limited.

BlackSpace Indianapolis, a group that celebrates and advocates for Black communities, is the host of the event.

One of the organization's members, Danicia Malone, said she hopes people who attend get a sense for how Martindale-Brightwood — which is about 85% Black, according to Indy Vitals — deserves honor.

BlackSpace Indianapolis is part of a national organization with a 14-point manifesto that includes emphasizing lived experience and honoring the sacredness of Black spaces.

"We are interested in both preserving and protecting, highlighting Black spaces and showing people where they are," Malone said. "What do our Black spaces actually look and feel like?"

Gentrification represents a con-



Sampson Levingston gives a historical tour of Indiana Avenue. (Photo provided by Sampson Levingston)

temporary challenge for Martindale-Brightwood, especially around the southwest corner, but the community also faces other tests. Median household income, for example, is about half that of Marion County, according to Indy Vitals, and about one-third of residents live below the poverty line.

Levingston has been giving historical tours around Indianapolis since June 2020. Some of his tours are open to the public, and he does some — like the one in Martindale-Brightwood — for other groups. Levingston said he'll add more public tours in March.

Getting to know an area of the city

well enough to tell others about it can be challenging, he said, especially when people have different accounts of what's happened over the years. He learns a lot of the history by getting stories from people.

One of Levingston's goals, no matter the tour, is to get people to feel closer to their neighborhoods.

"I hope they realize how connected we are to our neighborhoods and how our neighborhoods used to be such a big part of who we were," he said.

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MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD THROUGH THE YEARS

Dates and facts are according to The Polis Center at IUPUI.

1872 — Clement A. Greenleaf, inventor of a turntable to rotate railroad cars and locomotives, is one of the signatories for the original plat for Brightwood.

1873 — Martindale is settled by Frederick Ruschaupt and Gustave Zschech, operators of the Indianapolis Car Works railroad machine yard.

1875 — Brightwood opens a high school at 27th Street and Sherman Drive.

1876 — Brightwood is incorporated as a town.

1878 — African Americans make their homes and build churches around Beeler Street (later Martindale Avenue) in Martindale.

1897 — Brightwood is annexed into Indianapolis.

1901 — Indianapolis opens a library branch in Brightwood.

1919 — St. Rita's Church is organized as an extension of St. Bridget's, Indianapolis' first African American parish.

1935 — The Brightwood Community Center is founded at 2305 N. Rural St.

1940 — The estimated population of the area is 22,947 (57% European-American and 42% African American).

1955 — New Bethel Baptist Church, built in 1875, is destroyed by a fire.

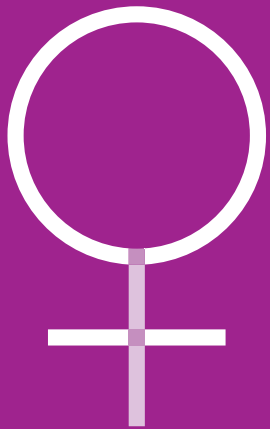
1960 — The Flanner House Homes project encourages aspiring homeowners to put their own labor into building modern ranch houses in a new development near Douglass Park. About 700 families eventually built new homes in the project.

1961 — The growth of the suburbs, as well as railroads leaving the area, leads to a population decline in Brightwood.

1970 — Amid population decline, African Americans make up 77% of residents.

1970s — Brightwood loses a doctor's office, accounting and bookkeeping services, cafe, insurance company, Salvation Army store, drug store, pool hall and pet store.

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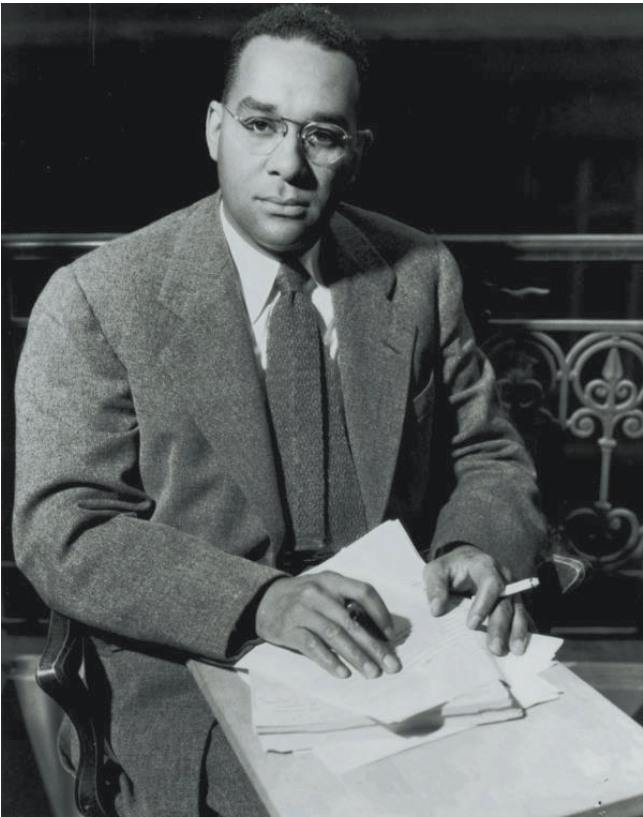
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Blues poetry opera honors Richard Wright

By STAFF

A blues poetry opera honoring the life and legacy of the late Richard Wright will be available to stream starting Feb. 10 before airing on PBS later in the spring. “The Voodoo of Hell’s Half-Acre: The Travelin’ Genius of Richard Wright from Natchez to Chicago — A Blues Poetry Opera” is a live, multi-media theatrical presentation with a nine-piece ensemble featuring spoken word poetry, singing, saxophone, piano and more. The 90-minute performance is broken into six parts. The performance will first be available to stream on YouTube at 8 p.m. Feb. 10. Register at eventbrite.com. “Richard Wright was a giant, and one of our most enduring national trea-



Richard Wright (Photo provided by ELEVATE Entertainment & Event Support Services)

Wright is best known for the novel “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” but also wrote nonfiction, including “Black Boy” and “The Color Curtain,” along with essays and poetry. “Men can starve from a lack of self-realization as much as they can from a lack of bread,” he wrote in his 1940 novel “Native Son.” Wright died of a heart attack in 1960 in Paris. The performance received a grant in 2020 through Indiana University’s New Frontiers for Creativity and Scholarship program. There will also be a public exhibit at a later date, along with a cultural essay and language arts curriculum designed for elementary and middle school students.

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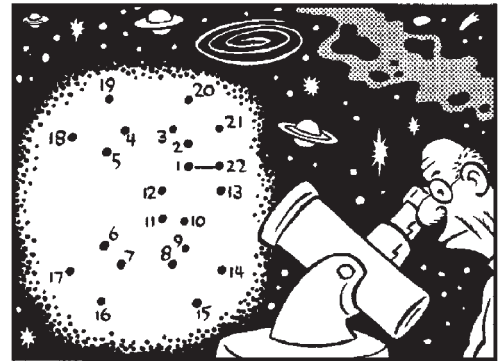
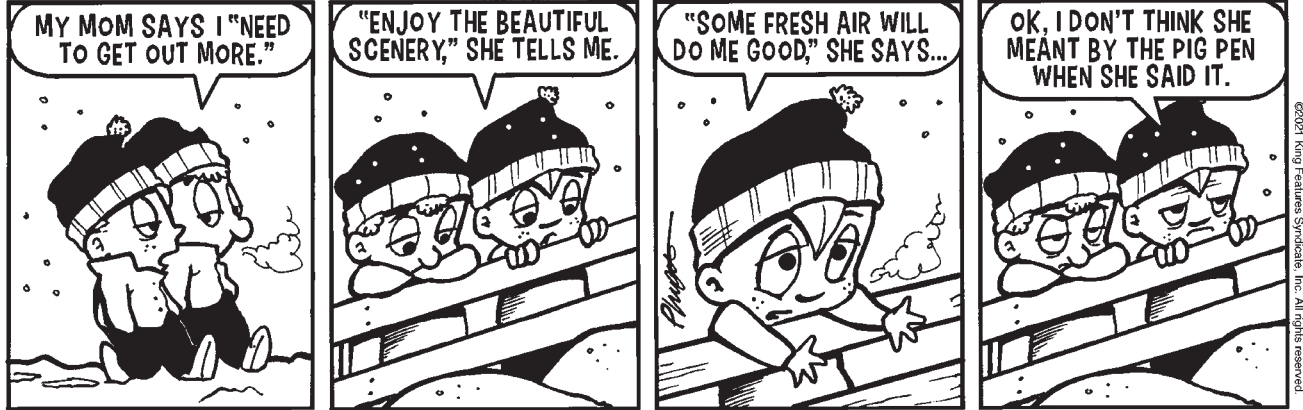
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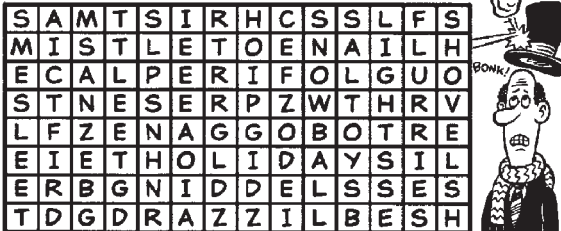
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SIGNS OF WINTER!



Illustrated by David Coulson

Hidden in the diagram above are 17 words associated with winter. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words that you're looking for.

- Blizzard
- Christmas
- Drift
- Fireplace
- Flurries
- Holidays
- Lights
- Mistletoe
- Presents
- Salt
- Shovels
- Sledding
- Sleet
- Snowball
- Toboggan
- Toys
- Trees

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 6 through 15 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row, vertical column and even the four corner squares must total 55. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error – and a good eraser!

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[55]

Answers: First row: 13, 16, 19, 20, 6. Second row: 15, 10, 9, 9, 21. Third row: 8, 22, 14, 11, 17. Fourth row: 19, 7, 7, 12, 17.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

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CAIPEO	GOODWOP	AMELIA
KNAVE	ELLS	NANO
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TIE	THAT	BIND
AMBER	ART	ACE
MAO	YALTA	MUSHROOM
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MCAI	STAY	POSE
ALBUM	JACKIE	THOTS
MORSE	TOIL	DOPE
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SLEETS	TYRANTS	HASSLE

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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leading to a less than honorable discharge include security violations, the use of violence and conviction in a civil court. "Senate Bill 316 will help more Indiana veterans become aware and be eligible for emergency financial assistance from the Military Family Relief Fund," Joseph Devito, outreach director for the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA), said in an email. "The bill removes several current requirements and restrictions that eliminate too many Indiana veterans." Devito said the bill is "fully supported" by the Indiana state chapters of Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion and the

National Guard Association of Indiana. However, not all veterans are on board with the changes. "One of my main concerns about this bill is allowing anyone with other than honorable discharge to apply for funds," Army veteran Roger Williams said. "This isn't what it was intended for, and it shouldn't be. A less than honorable discharge could be for crimes like child pornography, theft, anything you can think of. That's not who the citizens of Indiana should be paying to support." It isn't just this change in definition that worries Williams and United States Air Force veteran Lisa Wilken. They're also concerned about Section 2 of the bill, which would allow the IDVA to appropriate up to 15% of the relief fund monies — funded by sales of "Support Our Troops" license plates — to cover administrative costs. IDVA, which is in favor of the bill, was previously found to have misused these funds. In 2019, an Indianapolis Star investigation found several ineligible IDVA employees received at least \$40,000 in grants through the Military Family Relief Fund. A state audit confirmed the Indianapolis Star's reporting, stating "the potential misuse of funds was part of a broader problem of poor management at the agency." Following the report, IDVA Director James Brown resigned after roughly six years in

his post. Williams and Wilken worry the bill would allow the IDVA to misuse the funds as they have in the past. Williams said the IDVA would also benefit financially from allowing those with less than honorable discharges to apply for funding. "There's two benefits," Williams said. "This fund has a total of \$3.75 million in it, so it supplements their budget. Secondly, when they get more veterans in, it opens up avenues for more funds to come in federally, so they're just looking at getting more funds from both the federal government and tax dollars from Indiana residents." Devito said there will be oversight of how the funds are used. "The use of fees collected from Indiana specialty license plates for administration fees is a common practice," Devito said. "... The Veterans Affairs Commission, made up of veterans and legislators appointed by the governor, will determine how the funds can be used. ... Regular reporting of expenditures will be required." However, both Wilken and Wilson say the committees overseeing the handling of funds are made up of members of IDVA and other entities which support the bill. "You're not going to bite the hand that feeds you," Wilken said. Neither Williams nor Wilken believe Hoosier veterans are aware of the bill, and in their opinion,

that's by design. "Rank and file veterans across the state don't even know this is happening," Wilken said. "And when they find out, they're angry." Both veterans cite the vague language in the bill — including no confirmation on what a new definition for "qualified service member" would be — as a chief concern. A Senate committee voted Feb. 2 to send the bill for appropriations — meaning the budget will be examined — before the bill is heard on the Senate floor. Democratic Sen. J.D. Ford was the only "no-vote" at the committee hearing. Ford did not respond to a request for comment. According to IDVA, nearly 550,000 veterans live in Indiana. The national Office of Veterans Affairs estimates roughly 54,000 of those individuals are minorities. Demographics are not broken down into specific racial groups. Wilken and Williams believe all veteran voices — not just those working for the state — should be heard when it comes to SB 316. "I'm a wife, a mother and a veteran," Wilkin said. "My opinion as an individual counts, and I want to be sure the legislature does what's best for the veterans here in the state."

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mile away from a grocery store. Inadequate access to healthy foods can lead to problems such as hypertension, diabetes and cardiac-related death. According to a study conducted by The Polis Center at IUPUI, Black Hoosiers are more likely than any other demographic to live in a food desert. "We're looking at different plans to get a cafe or some fresh produce on the property," White said, noting that access to the Red Line would also make it easier for tenants to make trips to the grocery store. White and INHP Executive Vice President Joe Hanson both agree that when more people have access to resources, it benefits the entire community. For example, helping people become homeowners can lower property taxes in neighborhoods, which leads to individuals having more economic mobility. "This is a real silver lining partnership," Hanson said. Both White and Hanson called the upcoming construc-

tion a "game-changer" for Indianapolis residents. While CCPMD is waiting to find out if the organization will receive a federal grant to cover the cost of construction, both groups say the project will commence with or without the grant. While the ongoing pandemic can make things unpredictable, CCPMD is working to build community partnerships ahead of the groundbreaking set for this spring. The five housing units currently on the property will be leveled to make way for 70 units split between two buildings. White emphasized that affordable housing should not mean low-quality housing. Beyond access to parks, public transit, food and schools, White said tenants should expect sound infrastructure in a safe neighborhood.

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady reacts after winning the NFC championship NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay, Wis., Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021. The Buccaneers defeated the Packers 31-26 to advance to the Super Bowl. (AP Photo/Jeffrey Phelps)

HERE ARE 12 SUPER BOWL TRIVIA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By The Associated Press

Tom Brady hasn't played in every Super Bowl. It may only seem that way. Brady will lead his Tampa Bay Buccaneers against the defending champion Kansas City Chiefs on Feb. 7 in Tampa, Florida, in Super Bowl 55. It will be the record 10th Super Bowl appearance for the 43-year-old Brady in his remarkable career. He went 6-3 in his first nine appearances.

In honor of Brady, here are 12 trivia questions and answers to be enjoyed at your socially distanced Super Bowl party.

1. Tom Brady has won six Super Bowls. Which player has the second-most Super Bowl wins?
2. Name the seven starters (offense and defense) from the Chiefs' Super Bowl 4 team to make the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
3. Name the four QBs to start the Super Bowl with multiple teams.
4. Who was the MVP in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' previous Super Bowl appearance?
5. Who is the last non-quarterback Super Bowl MVP?
6. Who is the only Super Bowl MVP from a losing team?
7. What is the highest-scoring game in Super Bowl history?
8. What is the lowest-scoring game in Super Bowl history?
9. Which city has hosted the most Super Bowls?
10. Who scored the first touchdown in Super Bowl history?
11. Who has the most rushing yards in a single Super Bowl?
12. Which four teams have never appeared in a Super Bowl?

ANSWERS:

1. Hall of Famer Charles Haley with five.
2. Len Dawson, Curley Culp, Buck Buchanan, Bobby Bell, Willie Lanier, Emmitt Thomas and Johnny Robinson.
3. Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, Kurt Warner and Craig Morton.
4. Dexter Jackson.
5. Julian Edelman in Super Bowl 53.
6. Chuck Howley from Super Bowl 5.
7. Super Bowl 29: San Francisco 49, San Diego 26.
8. Super Bowl 53: New England 13, Los Angeles Rams 3.
9. Miami with 11.
10. Green Bay's Max McGee in the first Super Bowl.
11. Washington's Timmy Smith with 204 yards in Super Bowl 22.
12. Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns, Houston Texans and Jacksonville Jaguars.

What You Need to Know About Coronavirus Vaccines

By Dr. Broderick Rhyant, Chief Physician Executive, Eskenazi Health Center Forest Manor



COVID-19 has placed a dark and ominous cloud over our lives long enough now that it's become increasingly more challenging to remember those times when it wasn't leading the news each day and wreaking havoc around the world. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the world's sharpest medical and scientific minds have been working tirelessly to develop some remedy or method that would help us combat the effects of a contagion that has and continues to cause so much pain, devastation, heartache, and death. At this time, frontline health care workers and seniors are currently being inoculated with the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines that each require two separate doses administered to every recipient about three weeks apart. Each vaccine, at this time, has demonstrated effectiveness in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity (protection against the virus that causes COVID-19) after vaccination. That means a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and eventually contract COVID-19 because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection. Even after getting vaccinated, it's important to continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing until enough people are immune to COVID-19 that it makes its spread unlikely. As health officials in Indiana continue to expand eligibility to register for a COVID-19 vaccine, when your age group is approved you may go to ourshot.in.gov to set an appointment. Appointments may also be made by calling 211. A caregiver or loved one may make an appointment on behalf of an eligible senior.

I understand from having talked with my patients that there are many with varying ideas, fears, and opinions on the topics of vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines, and getting vaccinated. It is very important in these times to be informed and to get your questions answered by well established, creditable, and accountable information sources to make the best decision for your health. I use and recommend both the CDC.GOV and IN.GOV websites and always encourage you to talk with a trusted health care professional. People who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their health care provider immediately. If you are ill with flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, please call your health center or clinic before coming to your appointment. If you are an Eskenazi Health patient, please call 317.880.7666 before coming to your appointment. Health care professionals are available 24/7 to answer questions on symptoms and direct you to the most appropriate care. It is important to first call before arriving at Eskenazi Health.

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EDITORIAL

Not here for it

By OSEYE BOYD



Ever since President Joe Biden spoke of unity in his inauguration address, the word has been ubiquitous. Everywhere I turn, it's there: Unity.

I'm not here for it.

I'm not here for it because I know Shinola and what isn't.

It's ironic that some of the loudest voices calling for unity have been some of the most disruptive for at least the last four years — if not longer. In recent years, though, they've had a supportive megaphone in the White House.

Those calling for unity want us to pretend the insurrection of Jan. 6 didn't happen. The farther we get from Jan. 6, the more the Republicans back away from their stance of accountability for fellow legislators and former President Donald Trump. They've moved on to unity as if we're supposed to just forget bad behavior. Oh, that's right, we are when it's white, Protestant men and women. If Democrats don't follow suit and agree to unity, then they're not really for it. It's a bullying tactic and Republicans are very good at bullying. Unfortunately, Democrats are good at

being bullied.

Democrats are falling over themselves to look like unifiers and not dividers. Republicans use it to their advantage. It's a smokescreen the GOP has perfected: accuse the Democrats of the very behaviors the Republicans exhibit and watch Democrats acquiesce. If memory serves correct, Sen. Mitch McConnell went into President Barack Obama's first term making it known he planned to disrupt and obstruct at every opportunity. That sure doesn't sound like unification to me. Now that the Democrats have the presidency and majority in the House and Senate, the Republicans want unity.

McConnell and his ilk are just following the blueprint of hypocrisy Rep. Newt Gingrich laid to maintain power and control.

Democrats should model the Republicans and vociferously vow to be obstructionists. Yes, that creates division and tension, but I can't understand how one can unify with a person who endorsed the execution of colleagues. How do you unify with people who purposely spread lies to the American people and helped cause an insurrection? How do you unify with people who send racist dog whistles to the American public and then get more offended at the accusation of racism than actual racism? How do you unify with

people who believe Democrats eat babies, drink their blood, wear the faces of teenagers and all other outlandish conspiracy theories?

Unification is always a goal, but there are some fundamental differences that make unification impossible. For there to be real change, real unification, I was taught you must have an open and honest conversation about the issues and try to understand the other's perspective at the very least. Honesty is not the American way. Since the Civil War we've been sweeping fundamental issues under the rug and pretending everything is hunky-dory. Many have been living under the illusion of an indivisible nation, but that is the ideal, not reality, as the events of Jan. 6 demonstrated.

To be honest, I don't think it's possible to unify with racists and white supremacists. They are the antithesis to unity. And that is what we don't want to grapple with in this country. We don't want to accept that there are some among us who shouldn't be, who can't be. We can't continue to overlook, sweep under the rug and pretend for the sake of "unity" because it's not real. It's an illusion that can easily be shattered.

I'm not here for illusions.

OPINIONS

What censorship is — and isn't

By LARRY SMITH



The First Amendment enshrines one of Americans' most cherished rights. What we usually refer to as "free speech" is foundational to our democratic republic. It is the envy of people around the world who live under totalitarian regimes that suppress their speech.

The text of the First Amendment reads:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Those 45 words are crucial to the expression, and regulation, of the myriad forms of speech in which roughly 330 million Americans engage.

There have always been questions and controversies regarding the limits of First Amendment rights. The Supreme Court has repeatedly weighed in to adjudicate esoteric issues regarding speech. Not surprisingly, technological advances have often played a role. Today, the ubiquity and incredible power of social media companies have invited great scrutiny — and increasing calls for government regulation.

Recently, conservative pundits have been very vocal regarding alleged "liberal bias" among social media companies. Such complaints have long been directed at publications such as The New York Times and television networks

such as CNN. Now, talk radio hosts and far-right "news" personalities are leveling charges of "censorship" against tech behemoths such as Facebook, Twitter, Apple, Google and Amazon. (I marvel at people who vehemently complain that "Facebook and Twitter are biased against conservatives" — while using Facebook and Twitter to complain!)

Unfortunately, I don't have space to delve into the hypocrisy of conservative outlets regarding their claims of political bias. But I do find it interesting that those who support a baker's right to refuse to make a cake for a gay couple have a problem with tech companies' right to refuse service to those who support domestic terrorists. As Trevor Noah pointed out, right-wing pundits' complaints about "censorship" are curious given that multiple television networks, social media platforms and traditional media publications are dedicated to the propagation of their viewpoints, even when such viewpoints are fact-free.

To be sure, some social media companies have booted off their platforms a few high-profile right-wing heroes — including Donald Trump — for violating their terms of service (i.e., the contract to which users agree in exchange for access). However, such account suspensions do not constitute censorship. If Twitter and Facebook wanted to limit Trump's political views, they could have banned him years ago; the profit motive prevented them from doing so. That changed when Trump incited an insurrection that nearly brought down the government.

If the core issue were "liberal bias," Amazon Web Services (AWS) — a "cloud" platform — would never have allowed companies like Parler to use its

services in the first place. Or, if AWS somehow didn't know Parler's perspective initially, it would have taken all of one day of posts to figure it out. Thus, the notion that AWS kicked Parler off its platform for political reasons is absolute nonsense.

Further, the courts have repeatedly affirmed private companies' right to regulate users' behavior. (This is similar to a restaurant's right to require diners to wear shirts and shoes.) In short, only the government can engage in censorship. Anyone who disagrees with that well-established fact is either ignorant of the law or willfully embraces "alternative facts."

However, it is reasonable to be concerned about the substantial market power that social media companies wield. Their size raises legitimate issues regarding their ability — and their re-

sponsibility — to regulate certain types of speech. Most prominent is their responsibility to limit calls for violence. A related responsibility is to regulate the widespread dissemination of disinformation (and outright lies) that encourage people to commit violence. Indeed, the latter is the key issue in Donald Trump's second impeachment trial.

As a free market capitalist, I support a company's right to limit the behaviors in which its customers engage. Obviously, I make exceptions for illegal actions, racial discrimination. But I encourage the rigorous exchange of political views — even most of the ones with which I strongly disagree. I draw the line at supporting domestic terrorism — as should all genuine patriots.

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Back to normal? What's normal?

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I got my first COVID vaccination last week. No big deal, an achy arm, but otherwise, just like a flu shot. The young lady who administered the shot smiled and said, "After you get your second shot, you can get back to normal." I wanted to ask her what was normal, but the man in line behind me seemed impatient, so I smiled and made my way out of the store.

I thought about it all the way home, though. What's normal? I don't think crowding 30 or 40 young people into a classroom is normal. I don't believe that

food lines snaking for blocks is normal. I don't think that high Black unemployment rates are normal. I don't think the wealth gap is normal.

I don't think that more than 400,000 people dead is normal. The inability to formally mourn our departed loved ones isn't normal. Crazy white people storming the Capitol surely isn't normal. And conspiracy theorist Marjorie Taylor Green is so far away from normal that she is on the insanity spectrum.

In the 10 months since the pandemic hit, we have seen changes in our communications, our employment, our economy and more. Many of us, reasonably, yearn for the "normal" days when we could sit at a restaurant and have a meal, go to a play or a concert, invite a bunch of folks over to gather. But we should ask ourselves what was normal about our normal. In other words, were we so comfortable in our world that we didn't look outside our world? We can't miss the food lines now, but there were food lines, too, a year ago. We are focused on disparities now, but those disparities aren't new. Does back to normal mean accepting the inequities and absurdities of life as it was?

Somebody tweeted that "Rona was a disruption, and she is an opportunity." I embrace that sentiment (though I had to do a double-take at "Rona" and pray that nobody chooses to name their child after this virus). This virus is an opportunity for us to scrutinize what we consider normal and how we need to change it.

Let's start with education and the achievement gap. Students who come from low-income families don't have the same academic support that others do. They often don't have the technology to do virtual learning or the support to work through their assignments. Too often, their parents are essential workers — nurses, bus drivers, grocery store workers. Do we

ever take a look at the people who serve us and notice that they are disproportionately Black and brown? When we see them do we wonder about their facts of life, about their challenges, or do we know the status quo as "normal"?

Is it normal for teachers' unions and mayors to be so far apart? If we want students back in their classrooms, why can't we vaccinate every teacher and school worker? But the conflict between teachers and elected officials, especially in Chicago, calls for a national conversation with educators, students and parents. We've heard from everyone but students in this conversation. What are they thinking and feeling? Is any of this normal?

We never saw mask-wearing as standard, and even now, with more than 400,000 dead, some fools refuse to wear them. But here's the real deal — vaccine or not, I'll likely be wearing double masks until the end of the year, and so should you. People who have had the vaccine have still tested positive. They still need to wear masks and wash their hands frequently. But too many have made mask wearing a political statement. Our non-mask-wearing former president contracted COVID and got priority treatment and had access to the drug Regeneron, which is not available to the general public. And he still won't wear a mask, emboldening his sycophants.

I really don't know what is normal anymore, but I am sure that if 2019 was normal, we must embrace the abnormal. Or we need to define the new normal as safe, fair and equitable. As my anonymous tweeter said, "Rona" is an opportunity for us to check ourselves and maybe get it right.

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The district partnered with the Public Policy Institute at IUPUI for the study, which started in mid-2020 and will evaluate whether policies are racially equitable what the impact is on students.

The district’s chief of external affairs and general counsel, Ahmed Young, said the study should be completed in two to three months.

In an update for school board commissioners Jan. 28, Young said racial justice protests last spring and summer made for a “perfect vehicle” for the district to evaluate Indianapolis Public Schools Police Department (IPS PD).

The study will include surveys for students, families and staff, as well as focus groups and interviews. One of the questions researchers will try to answer is what factors might influence suspension and expulsion rates.

Data from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights show Black students made up 46% of district enrollment in 2017 but 69% of in-school suspensions and 78% of expulsions.

“We want to make sure IPS PD isn’t part of that school-to-prison pipeline,” Young said.

IPS PD Chief Tonia Guynn told the Recorder in August 2019, about a month after she became the department’s first African American female chief, that one of her priorities was to implement school resource officer (SRO) training for officers.

Young told board commissioners the SRO approach has been helpful in building relationships with students. He also said communication between IPS PD and principals has improved.

IPS conducted another study of its police department, again with the Public Policy Institute as a partner, in 2016. The analysis back then said IPS PD “has built a strong framework of operations that addresses many of the best practices” and that personnel “appear to be dedicated, skilled public servants concerned with the well-being of IPS students.”

The district didn’t implement recommendations from that study, though, including creating a review panel made up of citizens who would oversee complaints and internal investigations.

Young said “significant changes” at the district since that study — including board elections and a new superintendent — prevented the district from implementing many of the recommendations.

IPS PD has been part of IPS since the 1940s, according to the 2016 study. The department became a separate, fully trained law enforcement entity within the district in 2007.

At the time of the first study, IPS PD had 55 sergeants and police officers. Young said the department currently has 40 sworn officers.

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is supposed to be for younger people without too many other responsibilities.

Returning learners wonder if they’ll be the oldest in their class or if they still have what it takes to succeed.

Another challenge, Bell said, is a disconnect between the education and corporate worlds when it comes to language. Take “project management” as an example. A student can learn all the necessary skills and credentials, but it’s a lost opportunity if they can’t communicate those things in a way an employer will understand and appreci-

ate.

“In higher ed, we’re just beginning to speak in skills language,” Bell said, “so how do they know if their degree translates to these specific skills?”

WGU Indiana recently received a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment to help adults accurately communicate their skills and credentials to employers.

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Tools for Building an
Inclusive Tech Workforce
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Diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI) is more than a trending hashtag. Collectively we are more aware of the social, education, and economic inequities that permeate our society in regards to people of color and unfortunately, no where is it more stark than in the tech sector. The good news is that companies are committing to moving the needle yet many do not know where to begin.

What are the steps needed to implement a solid, internal DEI process?

Look internally at your culture. Do your employees feel valued and mission-driven? The first step to take a good look at your team and request feedback on your culture. If your existing employees do not feel valued nor have clarity on the mission and purpose of your company, then you start there. A challenge for many companies during this pandemic has been to accurately express their culture in a virtual work environment. Expressing culture remotely is easy if it was already engrained.

You have a strong culture, now what?

When employees feel valued and an integral part of your team, they are driven to do more because you facilitate them to be more. How diverse is your existing team? Does your company honor the holidays that your employees celebrate? Is there cultural sensitivity and respect given to multi-cultural individuals? Taking a vested interest in a team members from a holistic perspective is important. If someone of color suspects that they need to assimilate instead of being mentored into a role, then you have some gaps in your culture.

What is your community engagement? This is another key factor with regard to culture. Do you encourage your team to volunteer and pursue their passions? If you do, then your team is more likely to be passionate about their job. Finding and removing barriers to entry is the responsibility of all of us in the tech space.

Where to find qualified candidates to expand a team?

Finding new team members with the right skills can be a challenge. It’s easy to buy new hires who have the skillset, but what about building a team instead of buying one? Through apprenticeships and strategic onboarding processes, it is possible to strengthen an inclusive team via growth by investing in new hires who possess the skillset to do the job.

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Mobile labs take vaccine studies to diverse neighborhoods

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Lani Muller doesn't have to visit a doctor's office to help test an experimental COVID-19 vaccine — she just climbs into a bloodmobile-like van that parks on a busy street near her New York City neighborhood.

The U.S. is rightly fixated on the chaotic rollout of the first two authorized vaccines to fight the pandemic. But with more vaccines in the pipeline — critical to boosting global supplies — scientists worry whether enough volunteers will join and stick with the testing needed to prove if they, too, really work.

Those studies, like earlier ones, must include communities of color that have been hard-hit by the pandemic, communities that also voice concern about the vaccination drive in part because of a long history of racial health care disparities and even research abuses. To help, researchers in more than a dozen spots around the country are rolling out mobile health clinics to better reach minority participants and people in rural areas who might not otherwise volunteer.

Muller, who is Black, said her family was worried about the vaccine research so she didn't mention she'd signed up to test AstraZeneca's shot.

"The legacy of African Americans in science in these sort of trials hasn't been great and we haven't forgotten," said Muller, 49, a Columbia University employee whose participation in some prior research projects made her willing to get a test injection earlier this month.

Muller knows more than 20 people who have gotten or died from COVID-19. "I'm much more afraid of the disease than the vaccine trial," she said.

From the beginning, the National Institutes of Health was adamant that COVID-19 vaccines be tested in a population about as diverse as the nation's — key to building confidence in whichever shots proved to work. In studies of the Pfizer and Moderna shots so far cleared for widespread U.S. use, 10% of volunteers were Black, and



Nurse Brianne Stockman, left, prepares to draw some blood from study participant Lani Muller in a mobile medical unit parked in the Queens borough of New York, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021. With more vaccines in the pipeline, scientists worry whether enough volunteers will join and stick with the testing needed to prove if they, too, really work. To help, researchers in more than a dozen spots around the country are rolling out mobile health clinics to better reach minority participants and people in rural areas who might not otherwise volunteer. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

more were Hispanic. Diversity is an even tougher challenge now. The high-risk volunteers needed for final testing of other vaccine candidates have to decide if they want to stick with an experimental injection — one that might be a dummy shot — or try to get in line for a rationed but proven dose.

AstraZeneca, with about 30,000 volunteers so far, didn't release specific numbers but said the last weeks of enrollment are focusing on recruiting more minorities and people over age 65. Another maker, Novavax, just began recruiting for its final testing last month.

Studying the vaccines in diverse populations is only one step in building trust, said Dr. Wayne Frederick, president of Howard University, a historically Black university in the nation's capital.

Howard's hospital shared video of Frederick and other health workers getting vaccinated as a public service announcement encouraging African Americans to get their own shot as soon as it's their turn.

Frederick, a surgeon who's also at high risk because of diabetes and sickle cell disease, said he's dismayed to get emails espousing conspiracy theories such as that vaccination is "an experiment on African Americans."

"There is misinformation that does require all of us to be in the forefront of getting involved and challenging it," he said.

But efforts to build confidence in the vaccines could be undermined if, once there's more supply to go around, hard-hit minority communities get left behind.

"The equity issue is absolutely important," said Stephann Wallace, a scientist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center who also is part of the NIH-created COVID-19 Prevention Network that helps with vaccine research and education. "It's important that we ensure that the vaccine is getting to the people, and that is an access issue."

Using vans to reach at-risk communities has long been a staple of fighting HIV, another illness that has disproportionately struck Black Americans.

And as more doses of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines arrive, mobile clinics are expected to help expand COVID-19 vaccination access, especially in rural areas.

But the NIH program has a different focus, offering RV-sized mobile clinics from Matrix Medical Network to help improve the diversity of ongoing vaccine studies. Officials say they've been used at a Lakota reservation, at chicken-processing plants with a largely Hispanic workforce, and in cities like Washington where Howard University is recruiting volunteers for the new Novavax study.

"I don't think we can sit in the ivory towers and hope that people come to us. I think that would be a mistake," said Howard's Frederick.

Researchers from the New York Blood Center regularly park their lab-on-wheels in parts of Queens and Brooklyn with large Black, Asian and Hispanic populations, so that even after study enrollment ends the participants can pop in for required check-ups.

They also make a point of standing outside to answer questions from passersby confused about COVID-19 vaccination in general.

It's "building trust and rapport," said Dr. Jorge Soler, who helps study the AstraZeneca vaccine as part of the blood center's Project Achieve. "I'm Latino and I'm a scientist. To be able to say that to people means something."

Soler sometimes has to dispel fears that getting vaccinated might mean being "injected with a chip," or having information collected for surveillance purposes.

He stresses that the Pfizer and Moderna shots now being used cannot give someone the coronavirus — that's biologically impossible as neither is made with the actual virus.

And over and over, people wonder how these vaccines appeared so quickly.

Soler's simple explanation for how to speed research without cutting corners? "This is what happens when the world is invested in something. You build a car faster with 20 people than you do with two."

Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines

Now that authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines are available in the United States, accurate vaccine information is critical. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers answers to some common COVID-19 vaccine questions.

Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?

No. None of the authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines, or those currently in development in the U.S., has the virus that causes COVID-19. A COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.

The different vaccines in development teach the immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Sometimes this process can cause symptoms, such as fever, which are normal and are a sign that the body is building protection against COVID-19.

It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity protection against the virus that causes COVID-19 after vaccination. A person could be infected with COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and still get sick because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.

If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19, and the fact that re-infection is possible, the vaccine should be offered regardless if someone already had COVID-19 infection. CDC is providing recommendations to federal, state, and local governments about who should be vaccinated first.

At this time, experts do not know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. The immunity someone gains from having an infection, called natural immunity, varies from person to person. Some early evidence suggests natural immunity may not last very long.

We won't know how long immunity produced by vaccination lasts until more data is available on how well the vaccines work.

Natural immunity and vaccine-induced immunity are important aspects of COVID-19 that experts are trying to learn more about, and CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

Will a COVID-19 vaccination protect me from getting sick with COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19, and this protects you from getting sick with COVID-19.

Being protected from getting sick is important because, even though many people with COVID-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a severe illness, have long-term health effects, or even die. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect each person, even if someone doesn't have an increased risk of developing severe complications.

After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, will I test positive for COVID-19 on a viral test?

No. Neither the recently authorized and recommended vaccines nor the other COVID-19 vaccines currently in clinical trials in the U.S. can cause a person to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection.

If the body develops an immune response—the goal of vaccination—there is a possibility of testing positive on some antibody tests. Antibody tests indicate if a person had a previous infection, which may offer some level of protection against the virus.

Experts are currently looking at how COVID-19 vaccination may affect antibody testing results.

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A mix of hope and dismay as religious leaders assess Biden

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Donald Trump's departure from the White House and the start of Joe Biden's presidency have stirred new hopes among many religious leaders in the United States, while causing dismay among others. Here's a look at some of the issues that major faiths will be grappling with as the new administration takes shape.

ABORTION

For leaders of the two largest Christian denominations in the U.S. — the Roman Catholic Church and the Southern Baptist Convention — the paramount concern about the Biden administration is its strong support for abortion rights.

Biden, a practicing Catholic, already has rolled back some Trump policies aimed at curbing abortion access. On Jan. 22, the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision establishing a nationwide right to abortion, Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris said they would seek to enshrine that right into federal law to protect it from court challenges.

That stance was assailed by Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, who chairs the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"It is deeply disturbing and tragic that any president would praise and commit to codifying a Supreme Court ruling that denies unborn children their most basic human and civil right," he said.

The Rev. Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said in a recent radio broadcast that Biden "is entirely, unquestionably sold out to the abortion rights movement."

Clergy of other denominations who support abortion rights, including from mainline Protestant churches and the Reform and Conservative branches of Judaism, will likely embrace the administration's efforts to expand access.

"We're not pro-choice in spite of our faith — we're pro-choice because of our faith," said the Very Rev. Katherine Hancock Ragsdale, an Episcopal priest and president of the National Abortion Federation.



LGBTQ RIGHTS VS. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Another issue uniting Catholic and Southern Baptist leaders is concern about expanding nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ people.

They say such measures — some already taken and others expected later — could infringe on religious freedom for faiths that oppose same-sex marriage and question the inclusion of gender identity in nondiscrimination policies.

In a recent statement, five prominent bishops warned about "the imposition of new attitudes and false theories on human sexuality which can produce social harms."

Massimo Faggioli, a Villanova University theology professor who authored a book about Biden and U.S. Catholicism, said these issues will fuel serious tensions. The bishops, he said, fear Catholic institutions will lose their right to provide government-subsidized social services if they do not abide by certain nondiscrimination policies.

Francis DeBernardo of New Ways Ministry, which advocates for LGBTQ Catholics, predicted that Biden will find a balance even as he bolsters LGBTQ rights.

"As a person deeply committed to his church, he is not likely to trample on the religious liberties of faith institutions," DeBernardo said.

Leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, another conservative denomination, may be relieved at Trump's departure and willing to work with Biden on some issues, said Matthew Bowman, chair of Mormon studies at Claremont Graduate University in California.

Bowman said they would likely ask that any new nondiscrimination initiatives provide expansive exemptions for religious institutions, however, including faith-based schools such as Brigham Young University.



IMMIGRATION

Faith-based groups have called for raising the annual cap on refugee admissions to the U.S. and relief for beneficiaries of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which shields some young immigrants from deportation.

Evangelical organizations that assist refugees offered advance praise for Biden's expected raising of the admissions ceiling after what one called "numerous harmful changes" under Trump.

Leaders of the Catholic bishops' conference cheered Biden for shoring up DACA on his first day in office, while urging him to go further by creating a path to citizenship for its beneficiaries as a "first step" toward a broader overhaul.

More action is set to come from the White House soon, and lawmakers also vow to pursue it through legislation. Whether religious groups can maintain their support for future immigration measures may depend on the specifics.

RACIAL INEQUALITY

Many denominations in the U.S. have committed to combating racial injustice. Their leaders were critical of Trump's divisive rhetoric and expect Biden and Harris to make substantive efforts to reduce racial inequality.

"It's my hope that the administration will do everything they can to promote racial justice, truth-telling and healing," said Michael Curry, the first African American to serve as presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. He added that criminal justice and education are areas where racial disparities must be addressed.

The Rev. Terri Hord Owens, the first African American to lead the Disciples of Christ, was encouraged by the Biden transition team's extensive outreach to faith leaders and hopes the administration can address economic inequality in ways that will simultaneously combat racial injustice.

The chairman of the Catholic bishops' Committee on Racism, Bishop Shelton Fabre of the Houma-Thibodaux diocese in Louisiana, said differences with Biden over abortion won't prevent cooperation on race-related matters.

"While we have strong disagreements regarding abortion and other issues, I nonetheless look forward to working together to address racism as it impacts society and individuals," Fabre said.

The Rev. Russell Moore, head of the Southern Baptists' public policy arm, acknowledged that some white evangelicals don't consider racial inequality a high-priority issue. But he argued that it's crucial to develop a "Christian vision of racial justice" and said an increasing number of multiethnic evangelical churches share his view.



DOMESTIC SECURITY

The Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol lent fresh urgency to the debate over combatting domestic security threats, including hate crimes targeting houses of worship in recent years.

Faith-based groups such as the Jewish Orthodox Union lauded an increase in federal grant money for protection at religious institutions, aid that's distributed through a program Biden vows to strengthen.

But discussion of expanding legal authority to prosecute alleged domestic terrorists has raised alarms among civil rights groups, including Muslim organizations that fear it could be unduly deployed against minority communities.

Among the 135 groups signing a letter last month opposing establishment of a new domestic terrorism charge or "other expansion of existing terrorism-related authorities" were six Muslim American groups, three Jewish American groups and the United Church of Christ.

PANDEMIC RELIEF

Religious leaders have played a central role in aiding communities wracked by the pandemic, and their representatives have stepped forward in recent days to seek more help from Washington.

The Circle of Protection, an influential alliance of Christian leaders, wrote to the White House and Congress last week to offer proposals for prioritization in any future pandemic relief package.

The Circle urged that any direct relief payments be focused on people "beneath or near the poverty line" and that the package include boosts to nutrition aid and the Earned Income Tax Credit and help for fighting the coronavirus abroad in poor nations.

Signatories to the letter included leaders from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church and the National Association of Evangelicals.



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Obituary

Rev. Dr. Gerald Cunningham

Jan. 4, 1936 – Jan. 16, 2021


Gerald “Jerry” Cunningham was born in St. Louis, Missouri on January 4, 1936. While a teen at Centennial Christian Church, Jerry began to consider a life in ministry. After graduation from Washington Technical High School Jerry left St. Louis to attend Butler University and studying religion. While at Butler, Jerry joined Second Christian Church and following graduation, served as its Youth Director and worked at Broadway Christian Center.

Rev. Cunningham pastored Chandler Memorial Christian Congregational Church in Lexington, Ky while completing his Divinity Degree at Lexington Theological Seminary. Involved in the civil rights and social justice movement in Lexington, he was Chairperson of the Lexington Congress on Racial Equality and worked with the NAACP and SNCC. Ordained as a Christian Church (DOC) minister after graduation by Rev. R.H. Peoples at Second Christian Church, Jerry returned to Indianapolis to make social action. Jerry served on the national staff of the of the Christian Church (DOC). Rev. Cunningham served on the Indianapolis Board of Public Safety in the 1968 and P.A.C.E. and received an honorary doctoral degree from Martin University in 1971 for his advocacy work in racial, social and criminal justice.

During over 65 years in Indianapolis, Jerry was a member of the congregations of Light of the World, Covenant Community and Witherspoon Presbyterian. Celebrating his life is his wife Katherine Fox-Cunningham, bother, Jimmy Cunningham, a blended family of children including James “Michael” Hurt, Kimberly Hurt-Miller, Malcolm Cunningham, Flor Tournier, Gregory Tournier, Brian Tournier (Yadira) and Kamilah Nichols (Michael), grandchildren, nieces, godchildren, friends, colleagues and their families.

Jerry left this earthly life on Saturday, January 16, 2021. His life will be celebrated in a virtual memorial service on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 3:00pm. Information will be posted on the Stuarts Mortuary website.

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Let your light shine

By JOHNSON A. BEAVEN

"You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven ... For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true) and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them." Matthew 5:14a, 16; Ephesians 5:8-11 ESV



The Gospel of Matthew records Jesus' most famous sermon called the Sermon on the Mount. He begins teaching with the beatitudes (5:3-12) which summarize the nature and impact the kingdom has on the life of persons who respond to it.

Using two metaphors, Jesus declares how his disciples are to impact the world with the kingdom life they possess. Into this world we go as “salt” and “light.”

Both are important, yet they operate differently with differing effects. Salt works secretly or within. Light works openly or from without. Salt has an indirect influence, whereas light is direct in its effect. As salt has a preserving and seasoning effect, we are necessary and invaluable for the welfare of the world. As light illuminates darkness, we are to have a direct, positive influence on a sin-darkened society.

Scripture makes a great distinction between light and darkness. Darkness represents error, falsehood, ignorance, moral failure and ruin, sin and wrongdoing, judgment and distress, spiritual death, and the realm of Satan. Light represents truth, wisdom, righteousness, moral purity, spiritual life, holiness, the realm of Christ and illumination.

Jesus declared, “I AM the light of the world.” (John 8:12) And because we are in Jesus, in essence he says, as I am, so are you — you are the

light of the world.

It's important to recognize that we are not just called into the marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9) nor to just walk in the light (1 John 1:7), but we actually are light. This marks a clear distinction between environment (in the light) and identity (are the light). Being the church means that we are to shine.

How then are we to shine as lights, reflecting God in the world? (Philippians 2:15)

One, we are to shine in darkness. We shine in darkness by showing the way of God in the environment of darkness exposing its evil and moral badness (Ephesians 5:11-13). In our country's current climate, with its yet raging civil unrest concerning racism and its political upheaval incited by power-driven politicians and perpetuated by white supremacists and extremist groups, we must expose the wrongness of this darkness.

Secondly, we are to shine in doing. In similitude to a lighted candle visibly shining in darkness, we also are to shine visibly to all by doing good works (Matthew 5:15, 16). There are two kinds of good works we are to engage: doing the right things and making things right. Doing good works as children of light will have the right effect, “for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true” (Ephesians 5:9). When we shine in doing good works, God will be glorified.

This noble aspiration of shining as light was supremely invoked by the national youth poet laureate Amanda Gorman as she held the world spellbound from beginning to end in reciting her poem, “The Hill We Climb,” at the inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris: “When day comes, we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never-ending shade? ... So, let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left ... We will rise ... We will rebuild, reconcile and recover ... When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.”

Rev. Johnson A. Beaven III is pastor of Citadel of Faith Church of God in Christ. Contact him via email at jabeaven@gmail.com or Twitter @jbeaven.

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Savannah woman looks to open coffee shop for Black creators



Ashley Elm outside the future home of a coffee shop and market that she has in the works for Bull Street. (Richard Burkhardt/Savannah Morning News)

By ASHA C. GILBERT
Savannah Morning News

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Wearing pearls and “chucks” in support of fellow Howard University grad and Vice President Kamala Harris, Ashley “Elbi” Elm walked past the potential location of The Culturist Union coffee shop geared toward Black creators and entrepreneurs.

Slated to open tentatively this summer, Elm smiled from ear to ear while construction workers worked in the background cutting pieces of wood. “Savannah is ripe and ready for this,” Elm said.

THE CULTURIST UNION

Exclusive to people of color, The Culturist Union (TCU) is a hub for creative empowerment for Black entrepreneurs and creators that was created by Elm in 2018 and licensed in 2019.

Elm’s idea for a Black coffee shop centered around Black entrepreneurs and creators began after she saw a need for a space.

“It was birthed out of the problem here in Savannah, that creators who are people of color didn’t have a place to gather, commune or come together,” Elm said. “I wanted to fill that void by creating a safe space for us.”

Elm was born in Pontiac, Michigan, and moved to Savannah in 2017 after retiring from the U.S. Air Force after 10 years of service in order to be closer to her parents.

She enrolled at Savannah College of Art and Design as a performing arts major for two years before transferring to Howard University.

After changing her major to theater management, Elm got to see the Black community enrichment by attending an HBCU.

“I had already fell in love with Savan-

nah, and wanted to cultivate change here,” Elm said. She left her nonprofit job and moved back to Savannah to create TCU.

At first, Elm wanted it to be a co-working space, but due to lack of capital, she had to put those plans on hold.

PANDEMIC SHIFT

After deciding to go digital, The Culturist Union began having entrepreneurship summits, yoga retreats, political information sessions and much more.

“Everything you would get out of a traditional co-working space, we’ve been able to adapt and create it into a digital space,” Elm said.

With about 42 members, TCU recently went from paid memberships to non-paid memberships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Elondia Harden owns ElonWick Candle Company and has been a member of TCU since 2020. Harden said she joined after meeting Elm two years ago at an event and saw her vision.

“Just learning what she was doing for millennial Black entrepreneurs was exciting,” Harden said.

Harden attended the week-long entrepreneur summit TCU held over the summer and said the membership has helped her business with brand awareness and getting customers outside of the Savannah area.

“It really broke a barrier for me, and what Elbi is doing with TCU is encouraging us to take up space,” Harden said. “And that’s exactly what I am doing.”

TCU recently had a Black artist series that connected artisans to the TCU vendor market and allowed the artist to showcase their products and services.

Work is underway to remodel the former Butterhead Greens. Ashley Elm

plans to open a coffee shop and art market in a portion of the building.

TCU CAFE

In November, Elm received a \$25,000 grant through the American Express 100 for 100 program that will help with marketing, branding, money management and more as she prepares to open TCU Cafe.

The name isn’t official yet, but Elm is leaning that way.

Elm’s goal with the TCU cafe is to create a brick and mortar space where people can come and gather to have coffee or tea. They will also be able to buy products from local Black artisans

in the shop.

“Collectively we can work together, and I also think that it’s important to empower economic prosperity in the Black community,” Elm said.

Elm plans for TCU to host events like trivia night, small entrepreneurial summits and Black millennial round-table discussions all centered around Black empowerment.

“What I’m here to do is to create a space where people can be empowered and be seen,” Elm said.

“I want people to see Black-owned products in this store and know that their neighbor created this and they can buy it.”

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“Financial stress continues to affect people of color disproportionately, and this initiative will provide tools and information to help address the current wealth gap,” said Mark Wise, President, and CEO of Wise Financial. “I especially want to thank Eddie Gill, a passionate member of our team who has dedicated his time to mentoring in underserved communities and is spearheading this effort.”

With additional collaboration from RightHand, “Closing the Gap” aims to teach individuals how to effectively assess their financial health through a series of virtual town hall-style meetings. They will examine topics including practical ways to budget, plan for retirement, and manage debt, amongst several others.

The meetings will be streamed live on the Indianapolis Recorder’s Facebook page at facebook.com/IndyRecorder, and financial insights and tips will also be shared in its print, digital and social platforms. Each meeting will take place from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

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CAUSE NO.
49D08-2007-AD-022877
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF
AGAPITA ARELY
ZARAGOZA,
A Minor Child,
by
JOSE LUIS RAZO GOMEZ
Petitioner.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

JOSE LUIS GOMEZ is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named AGAPITA ARELY ZARAGOZA, born to MARIA AGAPITA ZARAGOZA on October 9, 2024 was filed in the office of the clerk of Marion County, 200 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption of JOSE LUIS GOMEZ is not required under Indiana Code § 31-19-9-8(a)(1) and Indiana Code § 31-19-9-8(a)(2). If JOSE LUIS GOMEZ seeks to contest the adoption of the child, AGAPITA ARELY ZARAGOZA, he 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 JOSE LUIS GOMEZ 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 of AGAPITA ARELY ZARAGOZA, will be irrevocably implied, and JOSE LUIS GOMEZ will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of JOSE LUIS GOMEZ's implied consent to the adoption.

No oral statement made to JOSE LUIS GOMEZ relieves JOSE LUIS GOMEZ of JOSE LUIS GOMEZ's obligations under this notice. The notice complies with IC 31-19-4-5-3 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. Date: 12/28/2020

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/29/21
02/05/21

ADOPTION

STATE OF INDIANA
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ADOPTION DOCKET
84C01-2009-AD-004718
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF
XAIYAR JORDAN MINOR

NOTICE TO UNNAMED FATHER

The unnamed putative father of the child born to Darrielle Dominique Jordan on the 23rd day of March, 2012 or the person who claims to be the father of the child born to Darrielle Dominique Jordan, is notified that a petition for adoption of the children was filed in the Office of the Clerk of V. go County, Indiana, 33 South 3rd Street, Courthouse 1 st floor, Terre Haute, IN 47807

If the putative father seeks to contest the adoption the unnamed putative father must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-19-10-1 in the above named court or a paternity action under I.C. 31-14 within thirty (30) days after the service of this notice

A hearing is not yet scheduled. If the unnamed father does not file:
(A) A motion to contest the adoption
(B) A Paternity action under IC 31-14;
within thirty (30) days after service of this notice and (2) after filing a paternity action under c.c. 31-14 fails to establish paternity;

The above named court shall hear and determine the Petition for Adoption. The unnamed putative father's consent shall be irrevocably implied and the unnamed putative father loses the right to contest the adoption or the validity of the unnamed putative father's implied consent to the adoption. The unnamed putative father loses the right to establish paternity of the child under IC 31-14.

Under Indiana law, A putative father is a person who is named and or claims that he may be a father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not been legally proved to be the father.

This notice complies with I.e. 31-19-4-4 but does not exhaustively set forth the unnamed putative father's legal obligation under the Indiana adoption statute. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statute.

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIAN
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SUPERIOR COURT
CASE #
49D08-2012-DN-045755
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Respondent: Abiola P. Okeowo

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

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01/29/21
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
COURT OF CIVIL DIVISION
WILLIAM WEAVER
Plaintiff
Vs
ADELICK WOODS
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CAUSE NO.
49D08-2011-DC-039329

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent or defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: Aderrick Woods. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____ (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 A. Eldridge, Clerk
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF I INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CO.
SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO.
49D14-2011-DN-041490
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
JUAN ARMENTA RIVERA
Petitioner,
and
YESENIA JANET ALMAREZ
Respondent.

SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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 Yesenia Janet Almarez, residence unknown. You must answer the Petition, in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the petition has demanded.

The nature of the suit against you is a Dissolution of Marriage and the property at issue is marital property. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty days after the last notice of action is published. If you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff / Petitioner has demanded.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/29/21
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
Marion Superior Court, Civil Division 3
CASE #
49D03-2002-DC-007125
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Pettitioner: Wilson Roberto Bueso Alvarado
Respondent: Eudoxia Marlene Avia

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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ADOPTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF VIGO SS:
IN THE VIGO CIRCUIT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ADOPTION DOCKET
84C01-2009-AD-004718
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF
XAIYAR JORDAN MINOR

NOTICE TO UNNAMED FATHER

The unnamed putative father of the child born to Darrielle Dominique Jordan on the 23rd day of March, 2012 or the person who claims to be the father of the child born to Darrielle Dominique Jordan, is notified that a petition for adoption of the children was filed in the Office of the Clerk of V. go County, Indiana, 33 South 3rd Street, Courthouse 1 st floor, Terre Haute, IN 47807

If the putative father seeks to contest the adoption the unnamed putative father must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-19-10-1 in the above named court or a paternity action under I.C. 31-14 within thirty (30) days after the service of this notice

A hearing is not yet scheduled. If the unnamed father does not file:
(A) A motion to contest the adoption
(B) A Paternity action under IC 31-14;
within thirty (30) days after service of this notice and (2) after filing a paternity action under c.c. 31-14 fails to establish paternity;

The above named court shall hear and determine the Petition for Adoption. The unnamed putative father's consent shall be irrevocably implied and the unnamed putative father loses the right to contest the adoption or the validity of the unnamed putative father's implied consent to the adoption. The unnamed putative father loses the right to establish paternity of the child under IC 31-14.

Under Indiana law, A putative father is a person who is named and or claims that he may be a father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not been legally proved to be the father.

This notice complies with I.e. 31-19-4-4 but does not exhaustively set forth the unnamed putative father's legal obligation under the Indiana adoption statute. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statute.

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIAN
COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT
CASE Number:
49D14-1912-DN-050460
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
JENNIFER MILLER,
Petitioner,
and
JACKIE LEPPER,
Respondent.

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 Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent or defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: JACKIE LEPPER. In addition to the above named defendant being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against 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 5th Day of April 2021 (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 A. Eldridge, Clerk
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
COURT OF CIVIL DIVISION
WILLIAM WEAVER
Plaintiff
Vs
ADELICK WOODS
Defendant
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2011-DC-039329

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent or defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: Aderrick Woods. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____ (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 A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO.
49C01-2011-MI-040285
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
Bryton Matthew Ian Bellinger-Snell,
Minor,
Matthew Snell
Petitioner

ORDER RESETTING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING OF MINOR

The Court set the verified Petition of Name Change Hearing of Minor for Bryton Matthew Ian Bellinger-Snell on January 13, 2021 at 2:30 P.M. Publication needs to run in the newspaper. Therefore, the Court resets the hearing to April 6, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. The Petition for Name Change of Minor will be held by remote video on WebEx given the COVID-19 pandemic.

A separate email will be sent with the WebEx invitation and instructions.
Dated: January 14, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/29/21
02/05/21
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO.
49C01-2009-MI-032463
IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME OF
SHAUNNE MARIE MCGRAW
PETITIONER

ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, SHAUNNE MARIE MCGRAW, as a self represented litigant, filed a Verified Petitioner Change ofName to change name from Shaune Marie McGraw to Shaune Marie Sterling. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court On March 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This matter will be held remotely by WebEx. A separate WebEx invitation will be sent with instructions to join the hearing. Date December 10, 2020

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR
JAYLEN CHEVY JUDD
The Name of Minor
JENNIFER HUNTER
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-21-2-MI-042964

ORDER SETTING HEARING ON December 7, 2020,

Petitioner Jennifer filed a verified Petition for change of name of Minor for Change of Name of minor Jaylen Chevy Judd to Jaylen Chevy Hunter. The petition is scheduled for hearing on March 23, 2021 at 9:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This matter will be held remotely and the Court will issue a WebEx invitation for this hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO.
49C01-2010-MI-044028
ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING Comes now Petitioner, Bradley Gerbick, by counsel, and filed this verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor requesting that the name of minor child to Liliyanna Rose Gerbick to Liliyanna Rose Garbazio. The petition is scheduled for hearing on March 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This matter will be held remotely and the Court will issue a WebEx invitation for this hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO.
49C01-2010-MI-036624
IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR:
MALAKH JANEVA WILLOUGHBY
TORRE JANEVA WILLOUGHBY,
Petitioner.

ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner TORRE JANEVA WILLOUGHBY, as a self-represented litigant, on behalf of the Minor, filed a Verified Petition For Change Of Name Of Minor to change Minor's name from MALAKH JANEVA WILLOUGHBY to MALAKH JANEVA RASHAAD WILLOUGHBY. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This hearing may be held remotely, by WebEx/Zoom, and the Court will send a separate WebEx/Zoom invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing.

Date December 8, 2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.:
49D08-2012-ES-042746
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ASHCRAFT, DECEASED)
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2021 Stacy McGraw was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of William Ashcraft, deceased, who died intestate on the 24th day of June, 2020. The Resident of Marion County, Indiana. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, and the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 8, 2021.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
TEONA S. MINGO
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2101-MI-000891

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Teona S. Mingo, filed a verified Petition for Change of Name in the Marion County, Indiana to change name from Teona S. Mingo to Teon Harris Mingo. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on April 6, 2021 at 9:00 am which is more thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue a WebEx/ Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF ADULT:
BRADLEY LOUIS GERBICK
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2012-MI-044027

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Comes now Petitioner, Bradley Gerbick, by counsel, and filed this verified Petition for Change of Name of Adult requesting that the name of adult from Bradley Louis Gerbick to Bradley Louis Garbazio. The petition is scheduled for hearing on March 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This matter will be held remotely and the Court will issue a WebEx invitation for this hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR
JAYLEN CHEVY JUDD
The Name of Minor
JENNIFER HUNTER
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-21-2-MI-042964

ORDER SETTING HEARING ON December 7, 2020,

Petitioner Jennifer filed a verified Petition for change of name of Minor for Change of Name of minor Jaylen Chevy Judd to Jaylen Chevy Hunter. The petition is scheduled for hearing on March 23, 2021 at 9:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This matter will be held remotely and the Court will issue a WebEx invitation for this hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2101-MI-000553
CRYSTAL LYN WOODEN
Petitioner

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CRYSTAL LYNN WOODEN, whose mailing address is: 5120 SANDWOOD DRIVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46235 and if different, my residence address is: _____ in the Marion County, Indiana, he/ryb given notice that CRYSTAL LYNN WOODEN has filed a petition in the Marion Court requesting that her name be changed to CRYSTAL LYNN REDAR. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on April 1, 2021 at 1:30 PM

This matter will be heard remotely by WebEx/Zoom, and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing.
So Ordered 1/8/2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/29/21
02/05/21

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.:
49D08-2011-EU-002132
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSEMARY SIMPSON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the date set forth below, THOMAS ERIC BLACK was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of SHARON E. HUDSON, deceased, who died on the October 31, 2020. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this date: January 21, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/29/21
02/05/21

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.:
49D08-2012-ES-042746
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ASHCRAFT, DECEASED)
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2021 Stacy McGraw was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of William Ashcraft, deceased, who died intestate on the 24th day of June, 2020. The Resident of Marion County, Indiana. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, and the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 8, 2021.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
02/05/21
02/12/21

SLOW TAKE TIME TO PLACE YOUR AD HERE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NUMBER:
49D08-2011-EU-012931
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF:
TOMMY LEE ELLIOTT,
Deceased.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION-UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division, State of Indiana do hereby certify that letters of Administration of the Estate of Tommy Lee Elliott, deceased, who died intestate are hereby granted to Terry L. Elliott, and he having qualified and given bond as such Personal Representative is duly authorized to take upon himself the administration of said estate without Court supervision according to law.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, at the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, on this January 21, 2021.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
01/29/21
02/05/21

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF ADULT:
BRADLEY LOUIS GERBICK
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2012-MI-044027

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2045 LRTP AMENDMENT #6, AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2023 INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT FOR THE CENTRAL INDIANA REGION

Notice is hereby given that a public review and comment period will be held between February 1, 2021 and February 15, 2021 for a proposed amendment #6 to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Conformity Determination Report. Public comments on these items may be made by 5pm on February 15, 2021 to Jen Higginbotham at Jen.Higginbotham@IndyMPO.org, 317-327-7587, or by mail to 200 East Washington Street, Suite 2322, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Notice is hereby given that a public review and comment period will be held between February 1, 2021 and February 15, 2021 for a proposed amendment to the 2020-2023 Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Public comments on these items may be made by 5pm on February 15, 2021 to Steve Cunningham at steve.cunningham@IndyMPO.org, 317-327-5403, or by mail to 200 East Washington Street, Suite 2322, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

Notice is hereby given that at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at the meeting of the MPO Policy Committee, held online, the MPO Policy Committee will conduct a public hearing for the proposed Amendment #6 to the 2045 LRTP and the proposed amendment to the 2020-2023 RTIP. Members of the public can access the meeting via phone at 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 894 6572 7244, Password: 975421008, or view the meeting live on YouTube at <https://www.indympo.org/youtu.be>. The meeting will be held by electronic means only and no members will be physically present. If any member of the public wishes to speak during the public hearing, please notify Jen Higginbotham by phone or email, at the above contact information, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to ensure access.

Copies of the items above and all plans and exhibits pertaining thereto are available on the Indianapolis MPO's website at <https://www.indympo.org>, or for viewing in person, by appointment, in Room 2322 of the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please call 317-327-7587 to arrange a time for in-person viewing of materials, as most staff are working remotely. Written objection to a proposal may be filed with the Secretary of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, before the February 17, 2021 meeting, at the address above (by appointment), or sent to Jen.Higginbotham@IndyMPO.org, and such objections will be considered. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. For accommodation needs for persons with disabilities, please call 317-327-5136.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Trustees of Purdue University will receive sealed bids for the following project until 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on the 25th day of February 2021 in the University Services Building 20A, 6924 Wicker Avenue, Hammond, Indiana 46323, 1. Northwest Campus – Hammond – Student Union and Library Building Roof Replacement - 2021 Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in Room 20A of the same building. Bids received after such time will be returned unopened. Bids may be withdrawn prior to such time, but no bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter. The Principal Subcontractor Questionnaire listing the names of the bidder's principal subcontractors shall be submitted with the bid. The remainder of the Questionnaires and Material Lists shall be submitted prior to 10:00 a.m. CST on the 4th day of March 2021, to: Capital Program Management, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906 Phone (765) 494-0580 Bids shall be for complete construction only, properly executed and submitted on Form 96, accompanied by executed Form 96A (as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts) giving financial data as recent as possible, and a Non-Collision Affidavit together with other documents as required by the Instructions to Bidders and addressed to The Trustees of Purdue University, clearly marked with the project and the bid opening date. Each bid must be accompanied by the Contractor's written plan for a program to test the contractor's employees for drugs in accordance with IC 4-13-18. Each bid must be accompanied by a Contractor's Completion Bid Bond and Bond for Construction in the form included in the specifications made payable to The Trustees of Purdue University in an amount equal to the maximum total of the base bid and any alternate bids, guaranteeing the execution and faithful performance of the contract for the work if awarded. The Instructions to Bidders contained in the specifications for the projects are by this reference made a part hereof, and all bidders shall be deemed advised of the provisions thereof, and of the General Conditions of the contract, specifications, plans and drawings for the project. The architectural/engineering firm for this project is: Project No. 1 Martin Riley Architects, 221 West Baker St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Phone (260) 422-7994 Fax (260) 426-2067 To view or obtain bid documents online: Repro Graphix Inc., 437 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 Web: PurduePlanroom.com Phone: 1-800-718-0035 Email: ePlanroom@reprographix.com A \$300 deposit will be required for each hardcopy set of bidding documents. One compact disk or download is available at no charge. Postage and handling fee may apply. All orders must be placed online but bidders may choose to pick up orders at: Purdue Print & Digital Services delivered by Xerox: 698 Ahlers Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907 Phone: 765-494-2006 Bidding Documents are on file in the office of: Senior Vice President for Administrative Operations, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906 Phone (765) 494-0580 The Board of Trustees of The Trustees of Purdue University reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive, to the extent permitted by law, any of the terms, conditions and provisions contained in this Advertisement for Bids or the Instructions to Bidders or any informality, irregularity or omission in any bid, provided that such waiver shall, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, be to the advantage of The Trustees of Purdue University. THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY By James K. Keefe Senior Director of Capital Program Management Date 1/4/2021

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STATE OF INDIANA

Legal Notice
STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ON BEHALF OF: State
Personnel Department
SOLICITATION FOR:
Direct Provider Pricing
Arrangements
PROPOSAL DUE DATE
March 10, 2021 by 2:00
PM EDT
Detailed Information can
be found at:
https://fs.gmis.in.gov/psc/guest/SUPPLIER/ERP/SC/PUBLIC_MENU_FL_SCP_PUB_BID_CMP_FL_GBL?&
02/05/21

STATE OF INDIANA

Legal Notice
STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ON BEHALF OF: State
Personnel Department
SOLICITATION FOR:
Medical TPA, EAP, &
Data Warehouse
PROPOSAL DUE DATE
March 10, 2021 by 2:00
PM EDT
Detailed Information can
be found at:
https://fs.gmis.in.gov/psc/guest/SUPPLIER/ERP/SC/PUBLIC_MENU_FL_SCP_PUB_BID_CMP_FL_GBL?&
02/05/21

STATE OF INDIANA

Legal Notice
STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ON BEHALF OF:
Indiana Department of
Environmental Manage-
ment
SOLICITATION FOR:
Laboratory Analytical
Services for Fish Tissues
and Sediment Analyses;
RFP 21-66919
PROPOSAL DUE DATE:
March 25, 2021 by 3:00
PM EST
<https://www.in.gov/idoa/2354.htm>
02/05/21



Time to advertise
Call 317-924-5143

SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT/
SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NUMBER:
49D06-1512-MF-042754
SECRETARY OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS OF
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, LEGATEES,
PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES,
AND CREDITORS OF
ROCHELLE CAMP
(DECEASED), ET AL.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
The State of Indiana to the
defendants above named,
and any other person who
may be concerned. You are
notified that you have been
sued in the Court above
named. The nature of the suit
against you is a foreclosure
of the real estate mortgage,
legally described as:
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HILL, AN ADDITION TO THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
AS PER PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK
16, PAGE 31, IN THE OFFICE
OF THE RECORDER OF
MARION COUNTY,
INDIANA.
SUBJECT TO ALL LIENS,
EASEMENTS AND
ENCUMBRANCES OF
RECORD.
This property is commonly
known as 4939 East 39th
Street, Indianapolis, IN
46226.
This summons by publication
is specifically directed to the
following Defendants whose
addresses are known:
Tommy Garman
5811 Brigade Lane, Apt.
117
Indianapolis, IN 46216
Rhonda Tournier
7722 Crooked Meadows
Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46268
Roxie Lomax
3840 Knickerbocker Place,
Apt. T2
Nora, IN 46240
Rosemary King
6452 Townsend Way
Indianapolis, IN 46268
Richard Lomax
5234 West Raymond Street
Indianapolis, IN 46241
Robert Lomax
6134 Nelson Place
Indianapolis, IN 46219
James Lomax
5310 Hammond Glen Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46235
Michael Lomax
4239 Wedgewood Court
Indianapolis, IN 46254
Unknown Occupant, if any
4939 East 39th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46226
American Acceptance
Co LLC as assignee of
Washington Mutual Finance
Serve Glenn Vician,
Registered Agent
8605 Broadway
Merrville, IN 46410
State of Indiana Department
of Revenue
Serve Highest Executive
Office Present
100 North Senate North 105
Indianapolis, IN 46204
State of Indiana Attorney
General
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SUMMONS

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COUNTY OF MARION SS:
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CAUSE NO.:
49D12-2011-CT-040022
JOSE MENDEZ,
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SUMMONS

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COUNTY OF MARION SS:
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CAUSE NO:
49C01-2012-MI-045656
LAURA A. BARTH,
RICHARD D. SAYLOR, TER-
RANCE L. SAYLOR, and
JOHN A. SAYLOR,
Plaintiffs,
v.
All Persons Claiming Under
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Time to get real about a Colts quarterback

By DANNY BRIDGES

One of the easiest things to do in life is to throw a Band-Aid on something temporarily and avoid the proper solution. Case in point with the Indianapolis Colts and their quarterback conundrum.

Ever since the sudden retirement of Andrew Luck, the ongoing debate of what to do long term at West 56th Street has continued, and recently it reached an unnecessary crescendo with the swan song season of Philip Rivers, who wasn't the right guy to begin with as much as he was the best available veteran. His deal was just for one year, and while it was without question a cost-prohibitive one, the bigger problem is it delayed the inevitable for another season and put the franchise even further behind in terms of developing Luck's replacement.

An even bigger problem is the misconception that this Colts roster is a Super Bowl contender and warrants a veteran quarterback who can put them over the top and secure another championship.

This team needs upgrades at several positions, and while a new field general is at the top of their to-do list, there is a lot more needed than just plugging in a veteran quarterback and sitting back and watching it all unfold.

The Colts have already determined that Jacoby Brissett is an afterthought, and he'll likely be changing ZIP codes soon via free agency. That makes the

decision even easier and sets the stage for a long-overdue change in strategy from people who are smarter than yours truly when it comes to football operations.

Biting the bullet is never easy, but it's high time a youth movement began, and there's a player on the roster and under contract who's screaming for a chance. That would be one Jacob Eason, and he just may be the diamond in the rough that is so desperately needed at this most critical juncture.

Colts General Manager Chris Ballard thought enough of Eason to draft him in the fourth round and while he never proclaimed the young man to be the next Johnny Unitas, the evaluation process has been derailed by both the pandemic and the ill-advised signing of Rivers. That has to change, and the Colts need to get younger at quarterback, so why not give a young guy with size and a strong arm to boot the reins in day one of training camp?

The hope of acquiring an established signal caller through free agency with more than just something left in the tank is beyond a pipe dream, so I say let the Eason era begin.

He's already stated he's ready and feels he's up to the task, so why not roll the dice with a player with mobility and youth on his side? Before you remind me how tough the NFL is on quarterbacks, let me remind you how tough it is on retreads, even those like Rivers who is headed to Canton after a \$25 million

stop in the Indianapolis metro area.

I don't fault him for taking the deal and satisfying his final urge for playing the game he loved, but the Colts knew it was a stretch (kind word for it) when they inked the contract. For those of you who say Eason does not have what it takes, explain to me what you know about his future sight unseen. I like his recent bravado, and the fact that he's not in his 30s is a plus.

Those obvious advantages aside, it's time to see what the young man can do. Go ahead and sign a veteran backup, but just make sure he knows Eason is No. 1 on the depth chart until he plays himself out of the job. Let the youth movement begin for the Colts and find out what this guy can do now and don't waste another year. Telling people smarter than me to start taking your lumps and develop rookie talent seems like a bold thing to do, but it's the right move for a franchise that may have forgotten that a big guy with mobility and a strong arm is just what they need.

Refusing to commit for yet another year is beyond negligible, and they just might find the player they need is already in the fold. The only remaining question is what the heck are they waiting for?

Danny Bridges, who thinks Jacob Eason just might make Chris Ballard look like a genius, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.



Pacers come up short vs. 76ers

Above: Pacers guard Malcolm Brogdon looks for a lane around 76ers defender Ben Simmons. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Brogdon finished with 25 points in the Pacers' 119-110 loss to the 76ers.



Pacers forward Domantas Sabonis prepares for contact against Simmons.



Pacers head coach Nate Bjorkgren talks to his team during a timeout.

Defense could be decisive in Super Bowl of dynamic offenses

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

Suggesting that defense could decide this Super Bowl might seem like heresy.

With Patrick Mahomes and the explosive Kansas City offense on one side, Tom Brady and Tampa Bay's resourceful attack on the other, expecting either D to be dominant or dangerous or definitive appears like folly. Read on, though.

WHEN THE CHIEFS HAVE THE BALL

Having clearly established itself as a force whether Mahomes is throwing to All-Pro Travis Kelce and Tyreek Hill, an impressive group of other targets, or handing off to Clyde Edwards-Hellare — not to mention, the quarterback taking off himself — Kansas City excels at scoring quickly. And often.

So where would Tampa Bay have any chance of defending the speed demons and shifty targets?

For one, the Bucs have the league's best linebacker corps: sack master Shaq Barrett, run stuffer Lavonte David, all-around standout Devin White. They are capable of at least giving Kelce, the sport's best tight end, some trouble.

The Bucs showed how strong their pass rush can be in their NFC championship victory over Green Bay. They sacked Aaron Rodgers five times, bothered him a slew more, and that was operating against a solid offensive line.

Mahomes has similar escapability to Rodgers, and is far more of a threat to flat out run the ball himself. Keeping him in the pocket and pressured is a key, and the Chiefs will be without starting left tackle Eric Fisher (Achilles tendon). Barrett, edge rusher Jason Pierre-Paul and inside presence Ndamukong Suh must be controlled by Kansas City.

With a strong pass rush, the Bucs can protect a secondary that makes big plays, but also can give them up. If safeties Antoine Winfield Jr., a rookie, and Jordan Whitehead can't go or are limited by injuries, that could spell trouble, and Chiefs touchdowns.

Carlton Davis, Jamel Dean and Sean Murphy-Bunting are the key cornerbacks trying to slow the KC express. No one on the Tampa defense can match the speed of Hill or Mecole Hardman.

WHEN THE BUCCANEERS HAVE THE BALL

If Tampa Bay is on offense in the final minutes in a tight game, it's surely time for the Chiefs to worry.

There are only two ways to beat a Brady team in a Super Bowl. One is to outscore it in a shootout, as the Eagles did three years ago. The other is to mount consistent pressure up the middle and from the outside to make him throw before he wants to or can get set. Remember, Brady was inter-



Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Jason Pierre-Paul reacts after sacking Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers during the first half of the NFC championship NFL football game in Green Bay, Wis., Jan. 24, 2021. (Morry Gash/AP Photo)

cepted on three consecutive series in the NFC championship.

The onus for protecting him falls on a solid O-line featuring left guard Ali Marpet and rookie right tackle Tristan Wirfs. They must deal with Kansas City DT Chris Jones and DE Frank Clark, plus an assortment of linebackers and defensive backs coming after their quarterback on blitzes.

Brady won't be running around to extend plays the way Mahomes can, but he also will be getting the ball out of his hand quickly and, at times, reading the Chiefs' coverage before they even show it.

In Mike Evans, Chris Godwin and Scotty Miller, plus tight ends Rob Gronkowski and Cameron Brate, Brady has receivers he is comfortable with. While the Chiefs are exceptional at safety with All-Pro Tyrann Mathieu and Daniel Sorensen, cornerbacks Charvarius Ward, L'Jarius Sneed, Bashaud Breeland and Rashad Fenton aren't at that level.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Bucs settled on Jaydon Mickens as the punt returner after several changes, mainly because of injuries. Signing Ryan Succop has been their best offseason decision and he has been reliable on field goals, though he missed five extra points. Punter Bradley Pinion has a strong leg, but punt coverage has been problematic in the postseason.

Punt units have been a bit of an issue for KC. Hardman's muff against Buffalo was the latest in a string of questionable decisions. But he also had a return touchdown this season.

Harrison Butker, like Succop, is dynamic on field goals, less dependable on extra points. Rookie punter Tommy Townsend has done a solid job.

COACHING

Two 60-somethings who have defied the trend to hire young coaches, many of whom are in their first go-arounds as the top guy. Andy Reid and Bruce

Arians, both offensive masterminds who have contributed deeply to the fabric of pro football in the 2000s, are play-to-win types rather than the play-not-to-lose coaches who, inevitably, wind up losing.

Reid's Chiefs have the most innovative attack the NFL has seen since perhaps the Rams' Greatest Show on Turf. Credit OC Eric Bieniemy for some of that, but Reid always has tested the limits. DC Steve Spagnuolo is equally as aggressive, and his best teams always bring a potent pass rush. Ask Brady about how his 2007 unbeaten Patriots were manhandled by Spags' D in the Super Bowl.

Arians leaves the defense to coordinator Todd Bowles, and that arrangement has especially been effective the last two months. Brady has become more comfortable with the offensive schemes and OC Byron Leftwich, with many of the QB's favorite plays incorporated in game plans.

INTANGIBLES

Kansas City seeks to become the first repeat champion since New England (led by Brady) in the 2003 and 2004 seasons. Reid would solidify his already likely Hall of Fame credentials with a victory. Bieniemy would further display why he deserves a head coaching job.

Brady, of course, goes after a seventh ring in his 10th Super Bowl. He has already proven how overwhelmingly responsible he was for the Patriots' dominance, but that actually drives him even harder to equal such achievements with his new team.

Oh yeah, there's this: The Super Bowl is being played on the Buccaneers' home field, a first in this 55th edition of the game. The stadium won't be filled to anything near capacity, but familiar surroundings certainly can't hurt.

AP Sports Writers Fred Goodall and Dave Skretta contributed.