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**Charles Venable** 

# Newfields CEO resigns amid scandal

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Charles Venable, CEO of Newfields, resigned Feb. 17 following a job posting for the art museum which noted the desire to "maintain the museum's traditional, core, white art audience."

The Newfields board of trustees released a statement announcing Venable's departure.

"We thank him for his service and agree that his resignation is necessary for Newfields to become the cultural institution our community needs and deserves," the statement said. "Chief Financial Officer Jerry Wise will serve as the Interim President of Newfields."

After the job posting went viral after being shared by Sarah Bahr, a local New York Times reporter, several local artists dropped out of upcoming exhibits at the museum.

Alan Bacon and Malina Simone Jeffers, who were guest curators for the upcoming exhibit, "Drip: Indy's #BlackLivesMatter Street Mural," said they would no longer be working with Newfields and asked the museum to issue an apology.

A group of 85 Newfields employees released a letter Feb. 16 calling for Venable to step down.

"At the present time, we do not see a way forward if Dr. Charles Venable remains at the helm of our institution," the letter reads.

Ess Mckee, one of the 18 artists who created the Black Lives Matter mural downtown, said in an Instagram post that she and the other artists stand in solidarity with the employees and their work will not be shown in the museum unless the demand is met.

"We want it known that we will continue previous plans to showcase the message of our cause at Newfields only after the aforementioned demands have been met," Mckee wrote. "... Once Newfields is under new leadership, and had redirected intentional and tangible efforts to make our city's art museum accessible, enjoyable and representative of our community as a whole."

Venable could not be reached for an interview.

In an article published by the IndyStar on Feb. 13, Venable said the wording in the job description was a misunderstanding.

"I think the fact you can read that one sentence and now reading it as a single sentence or a clause, I certainly can understand and regret that it could be taken that way," Venable said. "It certainly was not the intent at all."

Josiah McCruiston, a local musician, said many Black artists in Indianapolis were not surprised by Newfields'

"This is not a one-time accident," Mc-Cruiston said. "Places like [Newfields] only leeches the Black community, they don't care about Black art, and they

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# Local residents search for help making utility payments

By TYLER FENWICK tylerf@indyrecorder.com

Ruth Johnson has been able to keep the lights on at the apartment she shares with her daughter on the north side of Indianapolis, but she's had some close calls.

Johnson got behind on the bills and received shut-off notices. She pays \$185 each month for the electric bill, but the balance on her account got up to \$231 in January.

"The electric bill is something else," she said. "I'll say it like that."

Johnson, 91, was able to get help from Women in Touch Ministries and avoided the shut-off, but she's still in the process of working out a payment plan with Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL).

IPL disconnected residential service 6,360 times from the beginning of the year to Feb. 15, according to data provided by the utility company. There were about 11,000 residential disconnections in January and February 2020. IPL has about 450,000 residential customers.

IPL offers two types of payment extensions: short-term and long-term.

The short-term extension is for customers who only need a few extra days to pay a bill. Approval is based on account status and payment history. The long-term extension divides payments over three to six months.

Citizens Energy Group has disconnected 2,686 water services and 2,641 natural gas services since Sept. 11, 2020, according to the company.

Citizens offers a payment plan for up to 12 months. It also has natural gas bill discounts through its Universal Service Program, and customers can get credits for wastewater through the Low Income Customer Assistance Program.

Olga Daniels also needed help from Women in Touch Ministries for a couple of her utility bills in late 2020. She and her husband are on disability, but the pandemic brought higher bills than normal.

Daniels, 67, helped some family members through their financial struggles, and she said the pandemic

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# First diversity czar takes office

By BREANNA COOPER BreannaC@indyrecorder.com

When Karrah Herring was named Indiana's first equity, inclusion and opportunity officer by Gov. Eric Holcomb in November 2020, she was planning ways to balance her work and her family. At the time, she was eight months pregnant and planning a move from her hometown of South Bend to Carmel to be closer to the

Like many working mothers, Herring is up at 5 a.m. to care for her newborn son and pump milk every day. To center herself ahead of her workday, Herring said she prays for her family, the majority of whom are still in South Bend for the time being.

Since her move earlier this year, Herring has traveled back and forth to visit her support system — her husband and two teenage children, as well as her parents.

"I have to take those moments to see them," Herring said. "It's been a rough transition, but this is a bigger purpose that will not only benefit me, but the entire state."

As diversity czar, Herring, 38,



**Karrah Herring** 

works with government agencies to improve operations and ensure there are opportunities for minorities to climb up the ladder within the agencies.

The position was a campaign promise for Holcomb, who announced his

intentions in an address in August 2020. In the wake of civil unrest following the death of George Floyd, Holcomb emphasized the need for more inclusion and equity throughout the state.

"My goal is to better build diversity and foster an inclusive environment within state government and the services we provide so every Hoosier can take full advantage of their gifts and potential," Holcomb said in a statement following Herring's appointment. "Karrah will guide every state agency with her impressive experiences at one of our state's worldrenowned universities."

While Herring is Indiana's first diversity czar, her years at Notre Dame University prepared her for her current responsibilities. Since 2011, Herring served as director of public affairs for the university and was on the school's human resources leadership team for four years, where she oversaw implementation of Title IX laws. She also created affirmative action plans and supervised workplace investigations.

Herring said she learned important skills from her time at Notre

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# Report: Indianapolis, IMPD need to improve gun violence prevention

By STAFF

A report from a criminal justice reform nonprofit criticized Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the city's gun violence prevention work.

The National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform, based in California, assessed the city's approach to reducing violence from November 2019 to March 2020. The assessment included interviews and data review.

The organization released a report to the city in May 2020, but the city did not share it publicly. IndyStar obtained the report and published it Feb. 15.

The report said the city's investments in crime prevention through grants and partnerships are "commendable" but noted smaller cities such as Oakland and Washington spend more.

The report said quarterly call-ins, which include people on adult proba-

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An Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department car. (Recorder file photo)



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# **NEWFIELDS**

leave Black voices out of the conversation. ... I wasn't surprised because I know who they are."

Representatives of the Arts Council of Indianapolis voiced their concerns in a statement Feb. 13.

"We are deeply disappointed and concerned by Newfields' original job description for the IMA Director," the statement said. "The declaration of interest in maintaining their 'traditional core, white art audience,' served to undermine their stated value of inclusivity and desire to 'attract a broader and more diverse audience' made in other parts of the description.

This isn't the first time controversy at Newfields made headlines.

In July 2020, Kelli Morgan resigned from her post as associate curator of American art. In her resignation letter, Morgan cited a "toxic" work environment, including what she described as a lack of training on implicit bias and anti-racism, and a lack of support for Black artists.

In an editorial published in the Recorder a month before her resignation, Morgan argued these problems

are rampant in the arts community around the entire country.

"We know very well that art museums are some of the strongest cultural bastions of western colonization," Morgan wrote. "Through very deliberately racist and sexist practices of acquisition, deaccession, exhibition and art historical analysis, museums have decisively produced the very state of exclusion that publicly engaged art historians and curators like me are currently working hard to dismantle."

While McCruiston is happy Venable resigned, he doesn't think it will change the culture of the museum.

"The CEO is just the head, and then there will be another head when he's gone," McCruiston said. "The poison is already in the body. You have to go down past the surface ... You have to address the root situation before you can start picking at the fruit."

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has simply forced them to stay home more often than normal, using more electricity and keeping the heat turned

Daniels didn't have her services disconnected but said it was difficult not being certain if she could pay some bills. "It was kind of traumatic," she said,

"because I hadn't had to have assistance before. It was kind of a blow to being more independent."

Robert Guell, an economics professor at Indiana State University, said the criteria many utility companies use when determining eligibility for payment programs or extensions — looking at payment history, for example — creates a disparate impact.

"It effectively means that African Americana are far more likely to see their power disconnected than whites,"

Utility companies were prohibited from disconnecting service from March 2020 through the middle of August 2020 because of the pandemic. Indiana prohibits utilities from disconnecting service from Dec. 1 to March 15 if the customer is receiving help from an Energy Assistance Program (EAP) or if they qualify for the EAP and can prove to the provider that they've ap-

John Boner Neighborhood Centers coordinates the local EAP, along with other organizations, but did not respond to questions about how much money the program started with or how much it has remaining. Learn more about eligibility and apply online at indyeap.org.

Residents who need help paying bills can also contact the trustee's office in their township. Contact information is listed at indv.gov.

Leigh Riley Evans, director of community development at Eastern Star Church, said 10% of the church's operating budget goes to the church's CARE School of Public Affairs at Indiana Center, which provides emergency assistance. Last year, Evans said, that amounted to about \$1.1 million, on top of individual donations.

The CARE Center has needed every bit of that money. Evans said the center insecurity — not being able to pay bills normally helped 20 to 25 people per month before the pandemic, but that number got as high as 50 to 60 people per week last year. It's now more like 25 their home is to disconnect the dryer per week.

"It was sad," she said. "It was overwhelming on some days. It starts to weigh on your psyche."

The CARE Center is currently closed to in-person visitors. Learn more by contacting wecare@easternstarchurch.org or call 317-547-5483 during the week.

Carl Ellison, president and CEO of Indiana Minority Health Coalition (IMHC), said the various programs meant to patch together a safety net are only Band-Aids, not real solutions.

IMHC received \$100,000 in CO-VID-19 relief funds from United Way

# WHERE TO GET **HELP FOR UTILITY BILLS**

The Marion County Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (EAP) provides financial assistance to low-income households that need help maintaining utility services.

Learn more: indyeap.org Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL) offers short- and longterm payment extension plans for customers.

Learn more: iplpower.com Citizens Energy Group offers a payment plan for up to 12 months. It also has natural gas bill discounts through its Universal Service Program, and customers can get credits for wastewater through the Low Income Customer Assistance Program.

Learn more: citizensenergygroup.com

Eastern Star Church has the

CARE Center, which can provide emergency assistance for things such as utility bills, rent and other

Learn more: Email wecare@ easternstarchurch.org or call 317-547-5483

of Central Indiana and distributed funds to three organizations, including Women in Touch Ministries.

Because of his role with IMHC, people expect Ellison to talk about the socalled social determinants of health. He said he doesn't spend much time doing that, though, because America has the resources to improve people's lives.

"If you provide a better economic floor for poor people, the nation's health will improve," he said.

Sanya Carley, a professor at the O'Neill University, is part of a research team that has been tracking about 2,000 households across the country over the course of the pandemic and said there has been an increase in both energy and disconnections.

One of the coping strategies she learned of when families can't heat vent from the wall and let the children stand behind the dryer to get warm.

"Not being able to pay your energy bill is a form of material hardship that is arguably as important as other forms of material hardships," she said.

Carley said there needs to be an increase in funding for bill payment assistance, as well as programs to help households upgrade things such as insulation to increase energy efficiency.

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# CORRECTION

The article "It runs in the family," published in the Feb. 11 edition, incorrectly stated Adrienne Overton's grandfather and great-grandfather were pastors at Eden Missionary Baptist Church. They were pastors at other churches.

We apologize for the error. The Recorder makes every attempt to correct its mistakes.



# Education

# Challenges child care and early learning workers face during the pandemic

**By MATTIE JONES** 



Mattie L. Jones

The coronavirus, COVID-19, has created a time in our history for taking serious safety precautions and guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We must follow its guidelines to protect our health and others. Child care workers, deemed

essential workers, risk their safety each day to care for children. Because our nation is faced with an undetermined amount of time it will be in this pandemic, parents who work (most who are also essential workers) have found it necessary to rely on the safety of the child care facilities they entrust with their children. As a child-outcome consultant, I was compelled to reach out to child care providers and workers to ask these questions. What are the challenges child care and early learning workers face? And are there resources available to support them?

When presented with the question — what is the biggest challenge you are facing due to the CO-VID-19 pandemic? — one provider shared:

"In the past, the nation believed that children

were unlikely to get COVID. Now we know that is not true. It is hard to detect children's cold symptoms, allergy symptoms and asthmatic systems from COVID, which makes us all fearful, especially when you don't know if families are practicing CDC safety rules."

Other providers experienced a reduction in retaining teachers due to the impact of COVID-19. One provider stated, "The first wave was teachers, identified as high risk, opted out of work due to their health or family members' health needs. Then, teachers who were needed at home to support their school-age children" [opted out of work].

Many child care and early learning workers shared their biggest challenges are decreased enrollment and attendance and financial difficulties. Other factors may play a role in these declines, however, most feel that fear caused by COVID-19 has parents afraid to bring their children to their facilities.

Fortunately, providers do not have to face financial challenges of the pandemic alone. There are resources and tools available to support them. In her "The State of Early Learning" presentation from Jan. 26, available on YouTube, Maureen Weber, president and CEO of Early Learning Indiana, provided valuable Indiana data and resources. For instance,

the Early Learning Indiana Come Back Stronger fund, supported by Lilly Endowment Inc., invites providers to complete applications for round two of funding. Weber reported that the first round of funding consisted of \$13 million that was spent supporting 1,000 providers in 81 Indiana counties. Over 60% of awardees met the criteria for serving many vulnerable children.

The destabilization of programs due to fears and health concerns regarding the pandemic's impact on workers, families and children has not gone unnoticed. Other organizations that support the importance of early learning have addressed these fears. One such organization doing so is the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). It has assembled online health and educational organizations' information, "Coping with COVID-19," as a valuable resource for providers to help reduce challenges and stabilize programs that support child care and early learning.

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# Most Indiana teachers await vaccinations, but these educators are already eligible

# By DYLAN PEERS MCCOY Chalkbeat Indiana

While most Indiana educators are waiting to find out when they can get vaccinated, some special education teachers and assistants are already eligible, according to state officials.

Special education staff who provide close medical care to students, such as suctioning to clear mucus from airways, can get vaccinations from the state as health care personnel, Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said during a press conference Feb. 10.

In most cases, teaching assistants provide that care. But in classrooms

without assistants, such as smaller or more rural schools, special education teachers may provide those services, Box said.

"Under those circumstances, I would most certainly want them to be able to get vaccinated," she said.

Several other categories of health care professionals and assistants who often work in schools are also eligible, including occupational therapists, speech pathologists, audiologists, social workers and nurses. The full list is available on the state website.

If Indiana teachers do not qualify under one of these categories or based on age, it could be a long wait before they are able to get vaccinated. The state is currently vaccinating Hoosiers who are 65 years old and older and will turn next to those 60 and older. State officials said Feb. 10 vaccinations will then be open to people 50 and older and those with certain health conditions that make them especially vulnerable to the virus.

Many Indiana teachers have become increasingly frustrated in recent weeks that the state is not prioritizing educators in its vaccine distribution. Most Indiana districts have reopened for in-person instruction, and while other states have begun vaccinating teachers, Indiana has yet to announce when they will be eligible.

At the press briefing, Chief Medical Officer for the Indiana State Department of Health Lindsay Weaver urged people to be patient.

The state has long planned to prioritize "individuals who are at particular risk of severe illness or death associated with COVID-19 disease based on the latest evidence-based criteria," Weaver said. "We are expanding vaccine eligibility as quickly as our supplies permit."

Chalkbeat Indiana is a nonprofit news website that reports on educational change in Indiana. Find more from Chalkbeat Indiana at chalkbeat. org/in.

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# **Arts & Culture**

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### By RICHARD MCDONOUGH

"Ransom Place Historic District is the most intact 19th century neighborhood associated with African Americans in Indianapolis," according to the National Park Service. "The district was home to many Black business leaders over its long history."

As noted in the historical marker welcoming people to this neighborhood, Ransom Place includes subdivisions platted between 1865 and 1871. These subdivisions included the Meikel and Wiley additions to the city of Indianapolis. The National Park Service described the Ransom Place Historic District, created in 1992, as being roughly bounded by 10th Street, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, the alley between and parallel to Camp Street and Paca Street and St. Clair Street. Others place the boundary for the neighborhood one full block west of Camp Street — at Paca

Street. Ransom Place is located to the north of Indiana

Black people, among others, lived in this section of Marion County as early as the 1830s, noted the National Park Service. "The neighborhood changed from a racially integrated one to one that was solidly Black by 1930, a core of the historic Black west side of Indianapolis," according to the Historic American Buildings Survey produced by the Great Lakes Support Office of the National Park Service. "[Ransom Place] ... is located in Ward 5 which was 16% Black in 1910 and 16.9% in 1920. [The neighborhood] ... was 97% Black in 1930, reflecting the demographic change brought about by the great migration of Blacks from the rural South to the cities of the North. By 1940 the tract's population was 99.2% Black."

This neighborhood got its current name in 1991. "Ransom Place" was named in recognition of Freeman Ransom, a prominent attorney in Indianapolis and a previous resident of California Street in the neighborhood in the early 20th century. Notably, he worked as the general manager and corporate counsel for the

Madam C. J. Walker Company. California Street is one of a number of roadways in Indianapolis named after the states of our nation. As with most states west of the Mississippi River, California Street was placed west of the Meridian Street.

Ninth and 10th streets got their names as being the ninth and 10th roadways, respectively, north of Washington Street. Both of these roadways, though, had previous names according to the Sanborn Map of Indianapolis in 1898.

"Pratt Street" was the name formerly used for this section of Ninth Street. This name was in use as the name for a roadway in Indianapolis since the city's founding, according to The Indianapolis Star in a news article dated Dec. 22, 1931. This news article explained that "the street originally was named after Julius Pratt, prominent Indianapolis citizen in early days of the community."

"First Street" was the previous name for today's 10th Street. Both 9th and 10th streets got their current names in 1931.

The origin of the names for St. Clair Street, Camp Street and Paca Street are uncertain. News articles indicated that "St. Clair Street" was in use in Indianapolis as early as 1862, while "Camp Street" was in use in the city as early as 1871. The name of "Paca Street" was in use as early as 1873. An advertisement in The Indianapolis News on Nov. 18, 1873, indicated that a house with four rooms was for rent on Paca Street. The rental included a "cellar, woodshed, and large stable," noted the advertisement.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street was named after the religious leader who fought for human rights in the United

States. Dr. King was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded in 1964. During his years of fighting for equal rights for Black people, he survived a number of attacks on his life. In 1968, Dr. King was assassinated in Tennessee. A national holiday in his name is celebrated annually on the third Monday of each January.

Prior to 1985, this roadway was known as "West Street." That name came from the fact that this was a major street west of Monument Circle. In downtown Indianapolis, the roadway that became "West Street" was included as the western border of the original town site for the Mile Square.

The alley located between and parallel to California and Camp streets formerly used "Utica Street" as its name. The origin of the name for that street is uncertain. The alley had this name as early as 1898, according to a Sanborn Map of Indianapolis.



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# 'We have a housing crisis': Panels dissect housing in Indianapolis

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Leadership Indianapolis hosted a series of virtual panels throughout February to discuss the housing situation in Indianapolis and try to find solutions.

Housing can be an intimidating subject because of its complexity, but policy experts, housing professionals and organizers attempted to lift the veil for viewers over the course of three sessions, each dedicated to a different aspect of housing.

# WHAT IS THE HOUSING SITUATION IN INDY?

The first questions to answer for the series Feb. 2 were simple but could lead to complicated answers: Does Indianapolis have a housing crisis, and why? Joe Hanson, executive vice president of strategic initiatives at Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, said there's no need to make the issue too complex.

"We have a housing crisis," he said, "because housing costs more than people can pay."

At the time of the panel, Hanson said there were only 333 homes on the market in Marion County that fall between \$75,000 and \$140,000, whereas six years ago there were about 2,500 houses in that range.

Lourenzo Giple, from Rott-



mann Collier Architects, said it all goes back to redlining.

"Everything we have now is a trickling down of sorts," he said. "It's connected to everything we do."

Indianapolis is now seeing "reverse flight," Giple said, which represents the opposite of white flight in the 1950s and '60s. White people want back in, and that creates an unbalance, especially in neighborhoods that have been dealing with disinvestment for decades.

### **EVICTIONS**

In the second installment Feb. 9, the group discussed the eviction crisis in Indianapolis. This conversation came after the Indiana Senate voted to override Gov. Eric Holcomb's veto of a bill, Senate Enrolled Act 148, that would negate renter protections the Indianapolis City-County Council passed in 2020.

Natalie James, coalition builder at Prosperity Indiana, explained that the current housing crisis in the city is the result of the historic shortage of housing. James said the shortage has always disproportionately affected Black Hoosiers and Hoosiers of color.

"There's never been a great effort to push for fair housing in the state," James said. "The issue with [SEA] 148 is that it would expand eviction powers significantly for landlords."

The House of Representatives also voted to override the veto. When she talked about that possibility, James said landlords could evict for essentially any reason, including tenants requesting construction in their property.

The eviction process, according to Breanca Merritt of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration,

is not only traumatic, but mostly targeted toward Black families.

Stereotypes about Black people being the only demographic to benefit from public housing lead to public housing being underfunded, which paves the way for more families to face eviction. However, Indiana evictions aren't easy to find data on.

Merritt said there haven't been many updates in Indiana's eviction database since 2016, making it difficult to track evictions and how Indiana compares to other states.

# FINDING SOLUTIONS

The last panel for the series included policy experts to discuss solutions to Indianapolis' housing crisis.

Amy Nelson, executive director of the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, A group of protesters at the Indiana Statehouse on Feb. 8 held diapers, kids' toys, clothes and other items to show what families can lose during an eviction. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

said the General Assembly has made it difficult for local governments to mandate developers include a certain number of affordable houses or units in new projects. The only tool left, she said, is to provide incentives such as tax breaks.

"Legislators represent tenants, too," Nelson said, "not just landlords and the housing industry."

Kyle Arbuckle, housing advocacy organizer for the National Low Income Housing Coalition, said there needs to be more protections and funding to help renters during the pandemic.

He said he's optimistic, though, because there seems to be a growing awareness of the issues in housing, in part because recent Democratic presidential hopefuls Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren talked about it a lot during the primaries.

"I believe there's a renewed sense of housing justice that is hopeful," Arbuckle said.

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# Tackling infant and maternal mortality in the Indiana Legislature

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Roughly 53 out of 100,000 Black Hoosier women die giving birth every year. Fourteen Black babies out of every 100,000 births died in 2019.

While these numbers are better than they have been for years, Indiana still ranks as the third worst state for infant and maternal mortality in the nation.

State Sen. Jean Breaux and Rep. Vanessa Sum-

mers want to change that.

The two legislators, both Democrats, have authored and co-authored bills for the 2021 session drawing attention to the struggles many Indiana women and families face.

Breaux is a co-author on Senate Bill 10, which calls for the creation of a maternal mortality review board. If created, the board would collect data on women who died during or shortly after giving birth to determine if their deaths could have been prevented, as well as to see if substance abuse was a factor in their death. According to Breaux, substance abuse plays a large role in Indiana's maternal mortality rate.

Mental health is brought up several times throughout the bill, an issue both women say factors into whether a woman will seek help.

"There's a huge stigma around mental health issues as it is," Summers said. "If we can change that stigma and help women who need it get the help they need, I think that would definitely reduce our maternal mortality rate."

Summers advocates for postpartum services for all women. She authored House Bill 1155, calling for Medicaid coverage for eligible women throughout the duration of the pregnancy and for one year after giving birth. While the bill won't get a hearing this session, Summers said she will continue advocating for women in Indiana and will release a "maternal toolkit" soon to help women find resources.

ternal toolkit" soon to help women find resources. "We have people dying now," Summers said. "We can't wait."

Senate Bill 298, authored by Breaux, won't get a hearing this session, either. SB 298 called for an expansion of doula services, which both women believe could be a huge benefit for women in Indiana.

Doulas assist mothers throughout their pregnancies and after the birth of the child. They typically do not have medical training, but can help guide mothers through labor and serve as an advocate for women during doctor and hospital visits.

For many, the need for advocacy in hospitals is clear, especially for Black women. Following the deaths of Dr. Susan Moore and Dr. Chaniece Wallace, Summers and Breaux said there has to be more conversations about how women, particularly women of color, are treated when they seek medical care.

"There has to be a whole cultural shift," Breaux

Both women hope having more doulas in hospitals will create that shift, but Summers said doctors have to be willing to "step back and open up the

door" to allow doulas to truly help.



# Find a doula

To learn more about doulas and find the right doula for your needs, contact the Indiana Minority Health Coalition at imhc.org/programs, or visit littletimmy.org.

Right now, only doulas who work with a physician can be covered by Medicaid. Breaux wants to change that to ensure doulas can work independently with their own Medicaid billing number, giving more Hoosier women access to alternative birthing routes.

If the issue of infant and maternal mortality wasn't already a big enough challenge, Summers and Breaux — both members of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus — feel there isn't enough bipartisan support to bring about swift change.

"Republicans understand the issue, but it's not a priority for them," Breaux said. Both women feel because it is an issue that disproportionally affects Black women, there isn't the same sense of urgency there would be if more white women were dying.

However, both say this is an issue that affects everyone, not just Black women and children. Just a few years ago, the CIA Factbook estimated Indiana's infant and maternal mortality rate was worse than Iran's and the Gaza Strip. Indiana's Department of Health reported 41.4 white women out of every 100,000 and 53.4 Black women out of every 100,000 women died as a result of childbirth in 2017.

"We definitely have our work cut out for us," Breaux said.

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# Tune in for good information

By OSEYE BOYD



I knew when the first case of COVID-19 occurred in the U.S., it wouldn't be long before conspiracy theories about the disease and the vaccine began.

Like clockwork, I saw Facebook posts from people proclaiming they wouldn't get the non-existent vaccine, so-called doctors describing what the still non-existent vaccine

would do, and people, who through their "research," found all manner of nefarious intentions and activities for the vaccine.

I understood and understand where these beliefs come from. Our community has a long history of distrust of those in the medical profession. It's not as if we just don't trust because we don't care about our health. We care about our health. Many of us often don't believe medical professionals care about our health. I can't tell you how many times I've heard stories of someone who seemed perfectly healthy going into the hospital and never coming out. Or someone being just fine until he or she was diagnosed with a disease, and then the "next thing you know ..."

Now that the vaccines are here, I'm not surprised about the distrust of the vaccine or hesitancy to take it. Again, I understand. However, since the day the Recorder began reporting on this pandemic, I made

it a point to report accurate information because I understand our community's distrust. Sometimes that information changed from day to day, but we reported what we knew to be true at the time. I wanted and still want this newspaper to be a place where our community can get accurate information while we remain sensitive to our unique needs. Telling our readers to go get the vaccine and shaming those who don't because they are fearful of it does a disservice.

In an article in this week's edition, American Red Cross Indiana CEO Chad Priest warned about the desire to educate too quickly without understanding the needs of those you're trying to educate. He also said people will get vaccinated, but there is an issue of trust that needs to be overcome. Priest gets it. In order to educate, there has to be trust. I need to know you have my best interest at heart. Too many times African Americans have trusted and been misled. So, we proceed with caution.

I can't tell you whether or not you should take the vaccine as that's a personal decision. What I can do is provide you with enough information to help you make the decision that is right for you and your loved ones. I want to help eliminate as much of that fear as possible by separating fact from fiction. Myths often spring from the desire to find answers to our ques-

One of our best resources is Marion County Public Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine. Not only is Caine top-notch in her field, she's an infectious disease expert. This is Caine's wheelhouse. And, if you've spent any time listening to her, you know Dr. Caine knows her stuff! In addition to her impeccable credentials, representation matters. Yes, it makes a difference that Caine is a Black woman talking to Black people. Studies have shown when someone looks like you, there's a better chance trust can develop. I didn't say trust is automatic, but the door is cracked instead of shut and locked with a deadbolt.

In keeping with our mission of providing accurate information, the Recorder, in partnership with New America, will have a panel discussion at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23 on our Facebook page. Other guests include Paul Babcock, CEO of Health and Hospital Corp. of Marion County; Carl Ellison, president and CEO of Indiana Minority Health Coalition; Dr. Curtis Wright, president and CEO of Eskenazi Medical Group; and Dr. Eric A. Yancy, pediatrician at Riley Children's Health.

We will discuss the latest with COVID-19 as we've lived with this pandemic for a year now. Of course, the vaccine will be discussed as well. We want you to tune in. We want you to ask questions. We want you to have good information straight from those in the know. We don't want you passing along information you've heard third or fourth hand or heaven-forbid from Facebook or YouTube from an "expert" or someone who's "done their research." The Recorder is doing everything possible to help you become informed, but it is up to you to actually listen.

# OPINIONS

# Will we adopt a new form of government?

By LARRY SMITH



The Democratic and Republican parties have dominated U.S. politics since the mid-1800s. In fact, since its founding, our nation has generally been divided by two major political parties. Third parties have occasionally fared well

in state or local elections but always fall well short of success at the presidential level. (Think Teddy Roosevelt's Progressive Party or Ross Perot's Reform

Interestingly, George Washington, James Madison and Alexander Hamilton were among the founders who were skeptical of political parties, which they viewed as potentially destructive to the nation. History has proven their concerns to have been well-founded. However, the antecedent forces that underlie our political divisions (especially race and economics) would deter unity even in the absence of parties. Indeed, one could argue that strong political parties (occasionally) have acted as a check on extreme behaviors.

In any case, divisions in the two par-

ties have reached a boiling point. What rise of a parliamentary government. In was once a lunatic fringe has taken the Republican Party hostage — though the party left the proverbial door unlocked. Meanwhile, an understandably impatient faction of progressives is demanding that the Biden administration vigorously attack structural racism. (There are, of course, factions that represent myriad other interests. They are vocally pushing for change, too.)

I should note that there are differences between what is transpiring in each party. For example, the far left is much less influential among Democrats than the far right is among Republicans. That is the reason that Joe Biden, a centrist, became the Democrats' nominee over Bernie Sanders. Conversely, the Republican Party is beholden to a man who lost the popular vote twice, was impeached twice and likely cost them control of the Senate. Further, that party embraces racist, conspiratorial seditionists who openly flout democracy. In short, Democrats are at odds based on principled calls for racial and other forms of equity; Republicans are splintering because white nationalism is being challenged as never before. But what if the disintegration of the two parties is just the beginning?

the not-too-distant past, Republicans pretended to lament "balkanization" in America — even as they stoked the fires of division. Today, the intensity that attends various political perspectives might lead people to conclude that a two-party system just doesn't work for them. Large swaths of disaffected Democrats and Republicans could start organizing around highly focused interests. That is, in a nutshell, how parliamentary forms of government work.

A creation of the British, a parliament is a form of democracy in which a political party (or a group of parties) that has the most support forms a government. In this form of government, the legislature is called a "parliament." (For the record, this has nothing to do with George Clinton.) The head of that party or coalition is called the prime minister or chancellor. The prime minister appoints people to a cabinet, just as the a history of snatching defeat from the president does in the U.S. Opposition parties continue to fight for their interests even though they're not in power. Prime ministers can be removed from power whenever they lose the confidence of a majority of the ruling party or of the parliament. Coalitions, then, are a constant threat to the stability of The U.S. could be heading toward the government in parliamentary systems.

Interestingly, the U.S., which was a colony under a British king, has a constitutional republic with a powerful executive (i.e., president). The president is, generally, less susceptible to the will of Congress than the British prime minister is to his or her party or the parliament at large. Thus, our government is closer to a monarchy than is Britain's parliament.

To be clear, I doubt that we'll choose to make the most fundamental change to our form of government in the nation's history. However, the challenge of factionalism is very real. If I were to offer a prediction, it would be that the Republican Party is going to formally split in the next two years. As it stands the 2024 Republican nominee will be Donald Trump or one of his loyal supporters. That is anothema to 10-15% of Republicans, which will lead to a split. Unfortunately, Democrats have jaws of victory. We'll see if they manage to maintain their sanity by staying

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# Black history is happening now

By ANDRE CARSON



I hope that this year's observance of Black History Month has been particularly meaningful for you and your loved ones. While Black history should be studied, shared and valued all year long, it's always nice to pay special tribute to our proud legacy during the month of Febru-

History isn't just something you read about in a book, or research from centuries past. The events that will come to define our culture, our progress and our struggle are being made every day. When times are tough, Black people always rise to the occasion and help create lasting change. In the last year, that's exactly what we did. As I look back on one of the most turbulent and memorable years of our lives, I find gratitude in knowing that a new, dynamic chapter of Black history was written.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has hit Black communities hard. Because of long-standing inequities, we have suffered some of the highest rates of infection, hospitalizations and deaths. In addition, we have been especially vulnerable to the economic fallout from the pandemic. However, we can also take pride in Black people's history-making role in combating this virus.

Here in Indianapolis, Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Public Health Department, is working tirelessly to protect Hoosiers from CO-VID-19. It was a Black woman named Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett who played an instrumental role in developing the life-saving COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Fauci himself made a point to direct the credit toward this remarkable, brilliant scientist. Another Black woman, health care worker Sandra Lindsay, was the first person in America to receive the vaccine. She sent a bold message to countless Americans that getting this vaccine is safe, effective and the most important step you can take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

We also took bold action to protect Black people from police brutality and violence. Americans like George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Dreasjon Reed, Ahmaud Arbery and Rayshard Brooks — just to name a few — lost their lives in 2020, but we will never forget their names. Across America and around the world, countless people stood up against injustice and demanded action.

It was Black activists who worked to ensure our pain was not ignored or forgotten. In Indiana, a group called Black Women in Charge organized one of the largest protests against racism in our city's history. I was honored to speak at that rally and attend several other protests. I'm also honored that one of the group's cofounders and history-makers, Taylor Hall, is currently serving as an intern for my congressional office. We also proudly recognize other groups like Indy10 Black Lives Matter for their important efforts in this ongoing struggle.

This activism helped encourage the House of Representatives to pass one of the largest and most comprehensive police reform bills in our nation's history — the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. I believe we have a great chance to make it law in this

new session of Congress.

This history-making year culminated in a historic presidential election, where Black people played a major role in defeating Donald Trump. Our votes made the difference in the key swing states, and this didn't happen by accident. Organizers like Stacey Abrams helped register thousands of voters who tipped the balance of power. This new electorate also helped power the Democratic victories in the Georgia Senate races, making Rev. Raphael Warnock Georgia's first Black senator. These big wins in Georgia give me hope that Black voters can help spark groundbreaking change in other red states, including

I'm also pleased to give a shout out to our first Black vice president, Kamala Harris, who has assumed this powerful role with a strong sense of duty, courage, honor and grace. Because of her, Black women and girls like my daughter can feel even more confident in achieving their dreams.

Black history is happening every day, which is why we should give thanks every day for the Black people who are breaking barriers and making their mark. We all have a role to play in making our world a better place for Black people, and for all.

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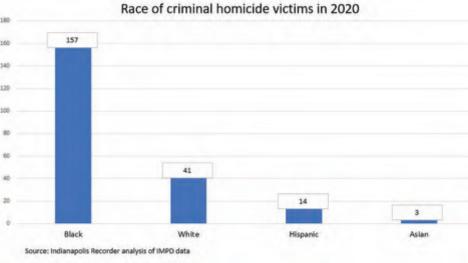
# Minister groups want 'courageous conversation' with IMPD

By TYLER FENWICK tylerf@indyrecorder.com

Members of local minister groups want Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department to be more transparent and strengthen its homicide

Stephen Clay, president of the National Action Network of Indiana, said there are questions the city and IMPD need to consider: Would it be helpful to publish a homicide dashboard that includes whether charges have been brought for each case? Should IMPD incentivize working in the homicide unit?

The current city budget includes \$261 million for IMPD, which represents almost 30% of the city budget. More than half of the budget is reserved for public safety and crimi-



nal justice in general.

Clay, who is also senior pastor at Messiah Baptist Church, spoke after a presentation of recent crime trends, including a record 215 criminal homicides in 2020. Three-quarters of everyone killed in 2020 was Black, according to an Indianapolis Recorder review of IMPD data.

"Change often begins

with a critical critique and the beginning stages of a courageous conversation," Clay said. "If the numbers we saw today does not warrant that, then what should the threshold be?'

Clay added the minister groups — which also included the Baptist Minister's Alliance and Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis — are in talking to IMPD about changes.

The ministers said their critiques are not about defunding the police. Instead, Clay said, it's clear the city prioritizes IMPD and public safety in its budget, so the issue is figuring out how to put those dollars and resources to use to reduce the

The vast majority of criminal homicide victims in 2020 were Black, according to an Indianapolis Recorder analysis of IMPD data. (Recorder

number of homicides. of Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis, said the groups want to give the new civilian-majority General Orders Board The board, created last year through the citycounty council, is responsible for IMPD policy.

Greene also pointed to legislation at the Statehouse that could help reduce homicides and other crimes by addressas food insecurity and housing.

"If we fail to do some of these core issues, it's very unlikely we can say we'll be able to cut the homicide rate," he said.

The ministers spoke David Greene, president about transparency and resources at a virtual press conference Feb. 12, a few days before the IndyStar published a report from the National time to make a difference. Institute for Criminal Justice Reform that neither IMPD nor the city shared with the public.

The report includes critiques that IMPD's crime analysis units weren't sharing data and that the department doesn't collect enough informaing underlying issues such tion on "gangs, cliques, or groups" that are most responsible for gun violence.

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tion in the neighborhood with the one of those groups. highest number of shootings, have "a number of promising aspects" but need improvements.

Based on interviews, the report said one of the most common critiques of the call-ins is they don't include the people who are at the highest risk of being involved in gun violence. Another critique is the speakers — from various organizations, including IMPD and community groups — "speak down" to the clients.

The report also said nearly everyone who was interviewed said Indianapolis doesn't have a gang problem and that gun violence in the city isn't because of gang feuds. Instead of structured, hierarchical gangs, the report concluded, there are smaller groups of people who sometimes commit crime together, true nature of gun violence. After and investigators said most people interviews with community memwho commit gun violence are in

The institute released its report near the middle of a year that saw a record number of criminal homicides in Indianapolis. At the time the nonprofit was examining the city's violence prevention strategies, the number of criminal homicides had gone down for the first time in years.

Recommendations from the report:

— IMPD should do a better job of sharing data between its different agencies. "It is currently possible that three separate IMPD units could be investigating the same person for three different crimes and be unaware of it," the report said.

– The city should conduct a comprehensive analysis of the bers, service providers, IMPD and said.

others, the institute concluded there isn't a consensus on why gun violence is high in Indianapolis. "Without a shared understanding on what is driving gun violence in the City, there cannot be a shared strategy, clearly defined roles for partners, or measurable objectives," the report said.

— IMPD needs to change the structure of its bi-weekly meetings with other law enforcement agencies or create a method to review every homicide and injury to determine the likelihood of retaliation.

— The city should fund outreach workers and life coaches to focus on the people who are at the highest risk of being involved in gun violence. "A City the size of Indianapolis with its level of gun violence should have at the bare minimum 16 Life Coaches," the report

# **HERRING**

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Dame, including the importance of relying on your resources.

cal thing I learned being on a senior leadership team is you really have to office feels like a family, lean into the subject mat- which is partly why she ter experts," Herring said. accepted the job. "I don't know the specifics of a subject matter, and they're the experts in the field, so I'll listen to what they need and figure out ways I can support that."

the needs of an organization and meeting people where they are will help her achieve her goals for her first year, which include examining workplace culture and engage- anna Cooper at 317-762ment and coming up with 7848. Follow her on Twit-

recruit, train and retain employees.

While being away from "Probably the most criti- her family has been difficult, Herring said the culture in the governor's

"This environment that I have come into ... has been so welcoming and so helpful, and people are rooting for this to be successful," Herring said. Herring said listening to "They've surrounded me with warmth and support, and it's a great team to work for. I'm excited to get to work."

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# Changing To a Career in Tech: Severa Cox

by Kara Kavensky

Severa Cox is "1001%" enjoy ing her new career as a software engineer.

Before Severa Cox began her software development course at Eleven Fifty Academy, she worked as a general manager for a national food chain while also taking college courses. The impact of the pandemic to the hospitality industry was devastating and Cox realized how vulnerable her job was. She was faced with the reality of needing to quickly skill up into a different career.

With funds provided by the CARES Act, Cox left college and enrolled at Eleven Fifty Academy where she was inspired by her instructors and felt welcomed by her diverse cohort. Only two weeks after her bootcamp graduation, Eleven Fifty Academy helped her land her first software engineering job with Second Sight, a tech company headquartered in Bloomington but with the flexibility of working remotely. Fortunately, her software development bootcamp was a virtual learning environment where she worked on real-life projects and within a team, which prepared her for her new career.

"One of the biggest issues building a tech company is access to talent," states Terrence Kunstek, co-founder of Second Sight. "What we get from Eleven Fifty are talented software engineers."

"During the pandemic, I learned how quickly life changes, and it made me want a secure job that I was passionate about," shares Cox. "I could spend twelve weeks in a bootcamp or continue to work and take classes part time to earn a similar degree without real world experience and be done in four years."

The decision to attend Eleven Fifty Academy was an easy one for Cox to make. She had a few friends who had gotten into the tech industry by enrolling in a coding bootcamp, and they raved to her about how their work/life balance was better plus they felt challenged every day and had more opportunities for growth.

After taking a free Intro to Code class, Severa learned basic web development skills and realized that she had a more logical brain than a creative brain. Not only did she find that was learning to code challenging, interesting, and fun, but it was something that she was passionate about and she fell in love with cod-

"I completely support the projectbased learning at Eleven Fifty Academy. It's like studying a new language while abroad: you learn better because you are immersed in the culture and hear it every day," says Cox. "That's exactly what Eleven Fifty does. Not only do they teach the fundamentals through projects, but you get to build your portfolio with the projects you create."

In the beginning, Cox was nervous that she wouldn't be offered the same opportunities as everyone else because she is a woman, but was pleasantly surprised at the diversity within her Eleven Fifty cohort. Not only were there other women in her cohort, the instructor was a woman, which Cox found to be super encouraging. She also appreciated the Eleven Fifty Academy culture of giving back.

"It was amazing to learn from someone I could relate to! I honestly forgot that the tech industry was a male-dominated field because Eleven Fifty Academy gave me natural confidence and reassurance within tech," states Cox.

Her passion for coding has not only resulted in a full time position with Second Sight, she is also a part-time instructor trainee, assisting her former instructor.

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# Education must happen before vaccination

By DARIAN BENSON Side Effects Public Media

With COVID-19 limiting gatherings, the Westside Community Development Corp. had to get creative for a recent wellness event.

So, it hosted a Health and Wealth virtual broadcast to provide information on public health topics, including the vaccines. There were discussions with representatives from organizations such as local health departments, as well as live music performances.

"So, it was truly an event," said Brittany Crone, a community health worker with Westside CDC. "Whereas we would love to do this in person, we can't right now. And so we tried to make it as entertaining and informative, and relevant as possible as we can."

She said the event also had a broader purpose. "We really wanted to emphasize the ways that we believe can empower our community, specifically, our residents in the near westside and our Black community in the near westside as well."

Crone says her job is to build relationships with community members and connect them with health resources. That's especially important when addressing the pandemic.

A December study from the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 35% of Black adults in America were reluctant to get a COVID vaccine. In Indianapolis, only 19% of Black residents age 70 and older have received the vaccine, officials said on Feb. 11; that's compared to 32% of whites in that age group.

Marion County Public Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine acknowledges the challenge of reaching minority communities where many are hesitant to get a vaccine.

"So I think you have to tell people, give them a history, you have to educate them," she said. "But you have to take their concerns very seriously. And you have to address it.

"And you have to provide as much education as you can. And we need trusted community leaders out there, doing that outreach, talking about the importance and benefit of this vaccine."

Understanding the vaccines
Two COVID-19 vaccines have been approved for emergency use in the United States, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and the Moderna vaccine. Both use messenger RNA to deliver genetic code to cells. The code activates the body's immune system, teaches it to see the spike on the SARS-2 virus as foreign and helps develop antibodies to fight back.

The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses, spaced 21 days apart. It has a 95% efficacy after the second dose takes effect. It must be stored at -94 degrees Fahrenheit and after thawing must be used within five days. The Moderna vaccine requires two doses, spaced 28 days apart. It has a 94.1% efficacy after the second dose takes effect. It is stable at refrigerator temperature for 30 days and at room temperature for 12 hours. Other vaccines are in the process of seeking federal approval.

Caine adds sometimes it just takes patience. "People like to observe, they want to see someone get the vaccine and know, someone they know, close up and personal did all right with it." Ross Silverman, a health law and policy professor at Indiana University, said some members of the Black community have a mistrust of the medical system.

"You know, there's a long distance between some people in trust, based on experience, personal experiences, as well as history," he says. "And so we have to respect that."

Silverman, who sits on a committee that advises officials on the vaccine rollout plan, said some of that mistrust comes from systemic racism in the medical field. That includes the infamous Tuskegee experiment, which denied penicillin treatments to syphilis

He added, "We can tell you, 'When the vaccine becomes available, I'm gonna get it, my family's gonna get it.' And we need to make sure that folks hear from people that they similarly trust, that are going to come to the same conclusion."

In Indiana, the Red Cross has created a coalition aimed at combating vaccine hesitancy in minority communities.

"I think in the minority community, especially in Black and Latinx communities, the hesitancy stems from hundreds of years of oppression from the medical system and from the government," says Chad Priest, CEO of the American Red Cross Indiana. "And that hesitancy is passed down from generation to generation and reinforced in lots of ways."

Priest said to overcome vaccine hesitancy, trust needs to be regained. And that is "a much more difficult propo-



sition that requires a very different approach than simply telling someone, 'Hey, you should take the vaccine."

The American Red Cross is working with organizations, including religious groups and nonprofits, that are already grounded in communities. Priest said they can engage in community conversations that "allow people to get through the vaccine decision-making process in a way that respects their autonomy and encourages them to access the best and most factual information available."

By partnering with these community organizations, the coalition aims to

create a safe space for people to come with questions and concerns. They're hosting forums, events and listening sessions to connect with residents.

"I think sometimes we rush to educate," Priest says. "And I think that is problematic for a lot of reasons, including that it denies the history and lived experience of our neighbors.

"The reality is most people are going to get vaccinated. The question is when and how do we accelerate the trust and comfort of our Black and Latinx neighbors who are shouldering a disproportionate burden of the disease?"

# **HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE?**

Seniors are most at risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and helps protect you from the virus.

You must get two doses for full protection.

Visit *ourshot.in.gov* or **CALL 211** to register for your first vaccine at a site near you.

To find out if you are eligible check: www.coronavirus.in.gov





# **Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), studies show that CO-VID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing infection of the virus. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine reduces the likelihood of getting seriously ill for those who do become infected.

These vaccines teach the immune systems how to recognize and fight COVID-19. It typically takes a few weeks after vaccination for the body to build protection (immunity) against the virus, so it's possible a person could still get COVID-19 just after vaccination. The vaccine cannot give a person COVID-19.

Everyone should take the recommended steps to protect their health until receiving a vaccine. Even after getting vaccinated, it's important to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions.

These prevention steps include: Wearing a mask over the nose and mouth, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, and washing hands

Although COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing infection, scientists are still learning how well vaccines prevent the spread of the virus others, even for those who do not get sick.

Millions of people in the United States have received the vaccines, which have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. This monitoring includes using both established and new safety monitoring systems to make sure that COVID-19 vaccines are safe.

The COVID-19 vaccine may have some side effects. These are normal signs that the body is building protection. The side effects from COVID-19 vaccination, such as chills or tiredness,

may affect the ability to do daily activities, but should go away in a few days.

Although the vaccine supply is currently limited, the federal government is working toward making vaccines widely available for everyone at no cost. To find out who is eligible in Indiana to receive the vaccine, and to make an appointment, please visit Our-Shot.IN.gov.

The vaccine is available free of charge, but a vaccination provider may bill a patient's insurance company, Medicaid, or Medicare for an administration fee. Vaccination providers can be reimbursed for this by the patient's public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients, by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Fund.

No one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay the vaccine administration fee

Herd immunity means that enough people in a community are protected from getting a disease because they've already had the disease or because they've been vaccinated. Herd immunity makes it hard for the disease to spread from person to person, and it even protects those who cannot be vaccinated, like newborns or people who are allergic to the vaccine.

The percentage of people who need to have protection to achieve herd immunity varies by disease. Experts do not yet know what percentage of people would need to get vaccinated to achieve herd immunity to COVID-19.

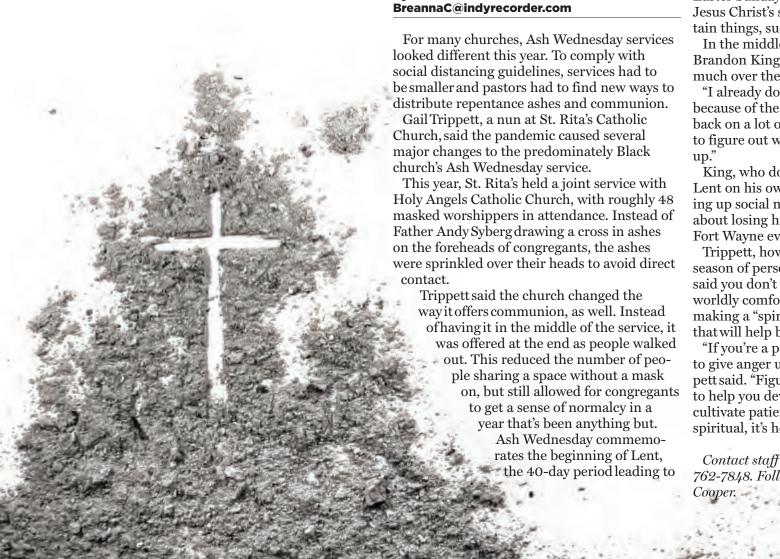
CDC is continuing to investigate the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines. Scientists also are working to learn about new variants of the virus. More studies are needed to understand how new variants may affect the effectiveness of existing COVID-19 vaccines. For the most current information, please visit CDC.gov.

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# Religion

# Lent during a pandemic: what to give up?

By BREANNA COOPER



Easter Sunday when Christians "replicate" Jesus Christ's sacrifices, often by giving up certain things, such as sugar, alcohol or meat.

In the middle of a pandemic, some, including Brandon King, feel they've already given up so much over the past year.

"I already don't see my friends and family because of the pandemic," King said. "I've cut back on a lot of stuff to save money, so it's hard to figure out what else I'm supposed to give

King, who doesn't attend church but observes Lent on his own, said he is thinking about giving up social media for 40 days, but is worried about losing his connection to his family in Fort Wayne even more than he already has.

Trippett, however, referred to Lent as a season of personal and spiritual growth, and said you don't necessarily have to give up any worldly comforts. Instead, she recommends making a "spiritual sacrifice," something that will help bring you closer to God.

"If you're a person who gets angry easily, try to give anger up during this Lent season," Trippett said. "Figure out what you can put in place to help you develop the discipline needed to cultivate patience. It's still a sacrifice, but it's spiritual, it's how you become a new creation."

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# In-depth survey assesses religious life of Black Americans

By DAVID CRARY **AP National Writer** 

NEW YORK (AP) — Black Americans attend church more regularly than Americans overall, and pray more often. Most attend churches that are predominantly Black, yet many would like those congregations to become racially diverse. There is broad respect for Black churches' historical role in seeking racial equality, coupled with a widespread perception they have lost influence in recent decades.

Those are among the key findings in a comprehensive report released Feb. 16 by the Pew Research Center, which surveyed 8,660 Black adults across the United States about their religious experiences. It is Pew's first large-scale survey

on the topic. Among Black adults who go to religious services, 60% attend churches where the senior clergy and most or all of the congregation are Black, Pew found. It said 25% are part of multiracial congregations, and 13% are part of congregations that are predominantly white or another ethnicity.

Pew said patterns of worship are shifting across generations: Younger Black adults, born since 1980, attend church less often than their elders, and those who attend are less likely to do so in a predominantly Black congregation.

Among 30 Black pastors and religious leaders interviewed by Pew, some predicted further shrinkage of predominantly Black churches and an increase in multiracial congregations.

"I don't think there should be a Black Church," said Dr. Clyde Posley Jr. of Antioch Baptist Church in Indianapolis. "There isn't a Black heaven and a white heaven. ... A proper church will one day eschew the label of Black Church and be a universal church."

The survey found that 66%of Black Americans are Protestant, 6% are Catholic and 3% identify with other Christian faiths — mostly Jehovah's Witnesses. Another 3% belong to Islam or other non-Christian

faiths.

Some 21% are not affiliated with any religion and instead identify as atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular." Black Americans born since 1980 are far more likely to be among the unaffiliated.

Survey responses were collected from November 2019 through June 2020, but most respondents completed the survey by Feb. 10, 2020, before the coronavirus outbreak and the racial-injustice protests that spread after the death of George Floyd in May at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Among the respondents, 77% said predominantly Black churches had played a role in helping Black people move toward racial equality. Yet just one third said historically Black congregations should preserve their traditional character; 61% said these congregations should become more racially diverse.

Nearly half of respondents said Black churches are less influential today than 50 years ago.

Among the clergy interviewed by Pew, some said too few Black pastors have been on the front lines of recent struggles against racism.

"When you look at Black Lives Matter, this is the first time that there has been any political uprising and the church isn't spearheading it," said the Rev. Harvey L. Vaughn III, senior pastor of Bethel AME Church in San Diego.

"We're not as bold and courageous as we used to be," said the Rev. Sandra Reed of St. Mark AME Zion Church in Newtown, Pennsylvania. "I have to say, I'm somewhat ashamed of that, because the AME Zion Church is known as the Freedom Church that was at the forefront of addressing all the ills of America, and we sort of lost that."

The survey indicates that congregants at Black Protestant churches are more likely to hear preaching about race relations and criminal justice reform than those attending multiracial or white churches.

Black Protestants, mean-

while, are less likely than U.S. Protestants overall to hear sermons on abortion. Pew found 68% of Black adults said abortion should be allowed in most or all cases — compared with 59% of all U.S. adults.

Pew also posed some survey questions to 4,574 Americans who do not identify as Black, to provide comparisons.

Asked whether religion is very important in their lives, 59% of Black respondents said yes, next to 40% of all U.S. adults. Asked if they prayed daily, 63% of Black respondents said yes, compared with 44% overall.

According to a recent national study cited by Pew, women make up only 16% of religious leaders at Black Protestant churches. Pew's survey found that 85% of responto serve as senior leaders of

of error, for the full number of respondents, was plus or minus 1.5 percentage points. Black pastors and worshippers in predominantly white face a number of contempo-

have left the pre-

Southern Baptist Convention in dismay over decisions by white leaders that they view as downplaying the problem of systemic racism.

In the Episcopal Church and some other mainline Protestant denominations, there are reparations initiatives aimed at making amends for past involvement in slavery and the mistreatment of Black and

Indigenous people. And many Black Catholics have urged leaders of their church to be more forceful in combating racism. Some have asked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to consider reparations and promote the teaching of Black Catholic his-

tory in Catholic schools.

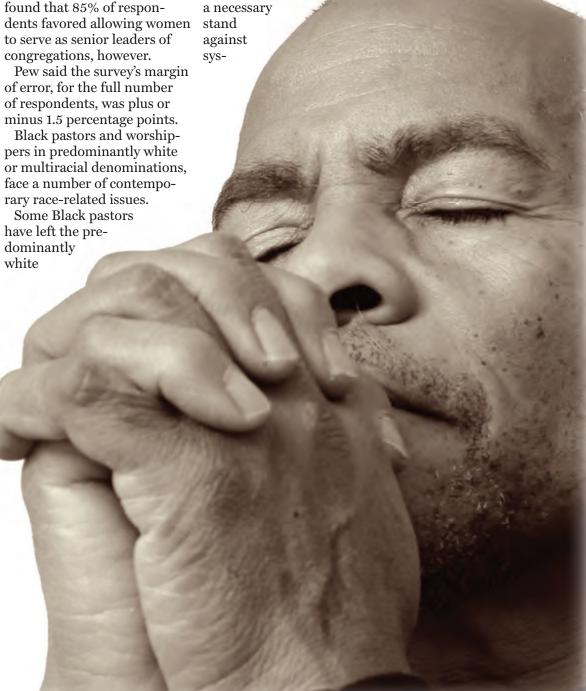
"We still don't have

the church taking

Pratt, a sociologist who has studied racism in the U.S. Catholic church and an adviser on Pew's survey, told The Associated Press via email. "This means acknowledging the white supremacy that exists in the church and ways white church leaders and white members of the faithful benefit from it."

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The Rev. Mario Powell, a Black priest who heads a Jesuit middle school in Brooklyn, said Catholic clergy need to preach more often against racism and speak out against some of their colleagues "who brazenly post white nationalist ideology online."



# SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

# Who's loving you?

By RAE KARIM



If the title of this article sounds familiar. that's because it is also the name of a famous song by the Jackson 5. I considered Michael's unforgettable voice

coupled with this unforgettable appeal in Matthew 19:19 — "love your neighbors as yourself." This text has not only been memorable for me, it's also held intense meaning in knowing we cannot love our neighbors as ourselves if we don't love ourselves. In other words, if I don't love me, I can't love you. I'm not just referring to the kind of love that results in tangible offerings to ourselves. I'm not just referring to the kind of love that results in our closets, palates or pockets being filled. I'm talking about the kind of love that results in putting mirrors to our faces, to see who we

really are. I'm talking about the kind of love that requires us to look deep within for introspection; the kind of love that will cause us to ask forgiveness of ourselves, for the times we: didn't believe in ourselves, didn't trust ourselves and didn't live into the reality that we are enough.

Though the list could go on. There is still hope for us because there will always be hope for us.

That hope lies in knowing with God all things are possible. That hope lies in knowing within that possibility is a choice to do better and be better by loving ourselves.

Cue "I Love Myself" by Compton, California, rapper Kendrick Lamar who used instrumentation from the Isley Brothers as the backdrop of this catchy tune. Regardless of the lyrics surrounding it, the phrase is a statement of audacity and vulnerability. It takes courage to love ourselves so beautifully that we're willing to say no

now, so we can say yes later. It takes a certain level of openness to admit we haven't always done it well, but we are willing to improve.

The irony: Self-love isn't as much about us as we think. It's about our neighbor. Who is our neighbor? Glad you asked. It's not just the people who lives across the hall or up the street. Though true, we can go a bit further. The word neighbor means "near."

Near isn't limited to proximity of living. The person in the next car over is your neighbor and so is the person you walk by at the office. Though at least six feet away, the person in front of you at the store is your neighbor and so is the person virtually worshipping with you.

Now that we know who's who, I ask: How can you love your neighbor if you don't love yourself? How can you fulfill the charge if you don't love yourself? Understand, this wasn't just a simple statement Jesus made. It is

a clarion call repeated throughout the New Testament that we see five times in the gospels: Matthew 19:19, 22:39, Mark 12:31, 33, Luke 10:27; twice in the Pauline epistles Romans 13:9 and Galatians 5:14; as well as in James 2:8. Might I add we see it first in Leviticus 19:18.

It's apparent the Lord is serious about the love you have for yourself, so that you can love your neighbor. The self-love and neighbor are not the same. I can't love you the way I love

But I can love you because I love

So, instead of asking who's loving you, I ask: Are you loving you?

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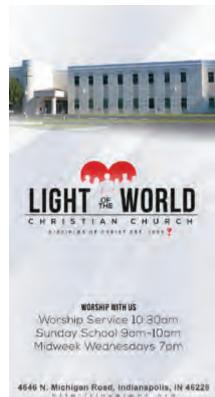
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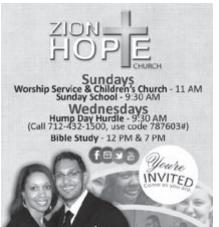
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# Business

# Biden faces questions about commitment to minimum wage hike

By WILL WEISSERT and ALEXANDRA **Associated Press** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — Union activist Terrence Wise recalls being laughed at when he began pushing for a national \$15 per hour minimum wage almost a decade ago. Nearly a year into the pandemic, the idea isn't

The coronavirus has renewed focus on challenges facing hourly employees who have continued working in grocery stores, gas stations and other in-person locations even as much of the workforce has shifted to virtual environments. President Joe Biden has responded by including a provision in the massive pandemic relief bill that would more than double the minimum wage from the current \$7.25 to \$15 per hour.

But the effort is facing an unexpected roadblock: Biden himself. The president has seemingly undermined the push to raise the minimum wage by acknowledging its dim prospects in Congress, where it faces political opposition and procedural hurdles.

That's frustrating to activists like Wise, who worry their victory is being snatched away at the last minute despite an administration that's otherwise an outspoken ally.

"To have it this close on the doorstep, they need to get it done," said Wise, a 41-year-old department manager at a McDonald's in Kansas City and a national leader of Fight for 15, an organized labor movement. "They need to feel the pressure."

The minimum wage debate highlights one of the central tensions emerging in the early days of Biden's presidency. He won the White House with pledges to respond to the pandemic with a barrage of liberal policy proposals. But as a 36-year veteran of the Senate, Biden is particularly attuned to the political dynamics on Capitol Hill and can be blunt in his assessments.

"I don't think it's going to survive," Biden recently told CBS News, referring to the minimum wage hike.

There's a certain political realism in Biden's remark.

With the Senate evenly divided, the proposal doesn't have the 60 votes needed to make it to the floor on its own. Democrats could use an arcane budgetary procedure that would attach the minimum wage to the pandemic response bill and allow it to pass with a simple majority vote.

But even that's not easy. Some moderate Democratic senators, including Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, have expressed either outright opposition to the hike or said it shouldn't be included in the pandemic legislation.

The Senate's parliamentarian may further complicate things with a ruling that the minimum wage measure can't be included in the pandemic bill.

For now, the measure's most progressive Senate backers aren't openly pres-



President Biden signs a series of executive orders in the Oval Office on Jan. 28.(Evan Vucci / Associated Press)

suring Biden to step up his campaign for a higher minimum wage.

Bernie Sanders, the chair of the Senate Budget Committee, has said he's largely focused on winning approval from the parliamentarian to tack the provision onto the pandemic bill. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who like Sanders challenged Biden from the left for the Democratic nomination, has only tweeted that Democrats should "right this wrong."

Some activists, however, are encouraging Biden to be more aggressive.

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, the co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, said Biden has a "mandate" to ensure the minimum wage increases, noting that minority Americans were "the first to go back to jobs, first to get infected, first to get sick, first to die" during the pandemic.

"We cannot be the last to get relief and the last to get treated and paid properly," Barber said.

The federal minimum wage hasn't been raised since 2009, the longest stretch without an increase since its creation in 1938. When adjusted for inflation, the purchasing power of the current \$7.25 wage has declined more than a dollar in the last 11-plus years.

Democrats have long promised an increase — support for a \$15 minimum wage was included in the party's 2016 political platform — but haven't delivered.

Supporters say the coronavirus has made a higher minimum wage all the more urgent since workers earning it are disproportionately people of color. The liberal Economic Policy Institute found that more than 19% of Hispanic workers and more than 14% of Black workers earned hourly wages that kept them below federal poverty guidelines in 2017.

Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans in the U.S. also have rates of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 that are two to four times higher than for whites, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

People of color are a vital part Biden's constituency, constituting 38% of his support in November's election, according to AP VoteCast, a nationwide survey of the electorate.

Adrianne Shropshire, executive

director of BlackPAC, noted that Biden has promised to address racial inequalities and create a more fair economy. That means he now has a chance to ensure that hourly wage earners "come out of this pandemic in

better shape than they went into it." "The recovery around COVID shouldn't just be about how to stabilize and get people back to zero," Shropshire said. "It should be about how do we create opportunities to move people beyond where they were."

The White House says Biden isn't giving up on the issue. His comments to CBS, according to an aide, reflected his own evaluation of where the parliamentarian would rule based on his decades of experience in the Senate dealing with similar negotiations.

Biden suggested in the same interview that he's prepared to engage in a "separate negotiation" on raising the minimum wage, but White House press secretary Jen Psaki offered no further details on the future of the proposal if it is in fact cut from the final coronavirus aid bill.

One option could be forcing passage by having Vice President Kamala Harris, as the Senate's presiding officer, overrule the parliamentarian. But Psaki was clear in opposing that: "Our view is that the parliamentarian is who is chosen, typically, to make a decision in a nonpartisan manner."

Navin Nayak, executive director of the Center for American Progress Action Fund, the political arm of the progressive think tank, said he wasn't surprised at Biden's assessment, but still feels the White House is making good faith efforts.

"They're not putting this in there to lose it — they put it in there to win it,"

Nayak also noted Biden's comments came before a Congressional Budget Office projection that found the proposal would help lift millions of Americans out of poverty but increase the federal deficit and cost 1.4 million iobs as employers scale back costlier workforces.

Sanders and other supporters argue that the CBO's finding that raising the minimum wage will increase the deficit means it impacts the budget — and should therefore be allowed as part of the COVID-19 relief bill. But that will ultimately be up to the Senate parliamentarian.

For Wise, potential congressional hurdles pale in comparison to real world realities.

He makes \$14 an hour and his fiance works as a home health care professional. But when she went into quarantine because of possible exposure to the coronavirus and he missed work to care for their three daughters, it wasn't long before the family was served with an eviction notice.

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NOTICE TO UNNAMED

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

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

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 03/05/21

## DISSOLUTION

ATE OF INDIANA DUNTY OF MARION VII DIVISION

JOJAKIM THERMIDOR Defendant CAUSE NO.

Defendant
CAUSE NO.
49D10-2012-DC-045413
NOTICE OF SUIT
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 Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following named defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: Jojakim Thermidor. In addition to the above named defendant 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 thirfty (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.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk

plaintiff has demanded.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk

02/12/21

### DISSOLUTION

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA IN MARION SUPERIOR CAUSE NUMBER: 49D13-2002-DN-008986 RACHAEL DEREK

COREY AUDRICE MARKS. NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named.

are notified that have been sued in the Court have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is a Dissolution of Marriage action.
This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown:

Corey Audrice Marks.

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 must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit. If you fail to do so a Judgment/Decree will be entered against you for what the Petitioner has demanded.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21 02/26/21

### DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION MARION SUPERIOR JOSHUA JAY DAVISON

DEZARAY RENEE

VERIFIED PETITION FOR

DISSOLUTION
OF MARRIAGE
Comes now Joshua Jay
Davison, Petitioner, in the
above-captioned cause,
who being duly sworn and
upon his oath, and states
and says: 1. That Joshua Jay
Davison, Petitioner, resides
at 3458 Mount Vernon
Place, Indianapolis, Marion
County, Indiana 46217,
and has been a continuous
and bona fide resident of
the State of Indiana for a
period of six (6) months
and bona fide resident of
Marion County for a period
of three (3) months prior to
date of filing of this petition.
2. That Dezaray Renee
Durrance, Respondent,
reside in New Hampshire.
3. That the parties were
married on the 22nd day
of October, 2007, and lived
and cohabiled together
as husband and wife. The
final separation date of the
parties according to statute,
is on the date of the filing of
this petition for Dissolution
of Marriage. 4. That there
was one child born of the
marriage, namely, Miah
Ann Marie Davison born,
November 16, 2007. 5. That
the Wife is not now pregnant.
6. That there has been an
irretrievable breakdown
of the marriage of the
parties. 7. That the parties
have accumulated real and
personal property during the
course of the marriage, as
well as financial obligations
to others. WHEREFORE,
Petitioner prays for the
following: A. The bonds of
matrimony exiting between
the parties be dissolved:
B. For an Order making
equitable division of the
personal and real property
and an equitable division
of the financial obligations
of the parties. C. For an
Order establishing paternity,
custody, parenting time,
child support, and all other
child related issues. D. And
for all other just and proper

relief in the premises. The undersigned affirms under the penalties of perjury that the above and foregoing representations are true. Dated this 18 day of June, 2020. Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21 02/19/21

GUARDIANSHIP STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 49008-2102-GU-003715 IN RF: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF DE'NILAH TAYLOR A Minor Child, ZSA ZSA COOPER,

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION The State of Indiana to the respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. above named. The nature of the suit against

Jardianship Guardianship
This summons by publication
is specifically directed to the
following named respondent
whose address is:
and to the following
respondent whose

and to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Deaunta Taylor In addition to the above respondent being served by this summons there may be other parties who have an interest in this lawsuit. 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 , 20\_ (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the petitioner was demanded.

## NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS: IN THE MARION CIRCUIT CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 49C01-2102-MI-003585

OF:
Debra Chloe Durbin
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Debra Chloe Durbin,
whose mailing address is
8331 Southern Springs Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46234, in
the Marion County, Indiana,
hereby gives notice that
she has filed a petition in
the Circuit Court requesting
that her name be changed
Notice is further given that
the hearing will be held on
said Petition on the 16 day
of April, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock
a.m.

JI r<sub>r</sub>, a.m. Debra Chloe Du. Petitioner Date: 02/05/2021 Myla A. Eldridge Marion County Clerk 02/12/21 02/19/21 02/26/21

### DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF Petitioner: Maria Magdalena Isidro Gill Respondent: Jose Alvarez

Boyza SUPERIOR COURT #14 CASE # 49D14-2102-DN-000538 NOTICE OF SUIT

Notice of Sulf.

This notice is directed to Jose Alvarez Boyzo 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 be others who have an interest in this law suit.

Darrell 1. Dolan represents Darrell 1. Dolan represents the person seeking service by publication, and can be located at 6525 E. 82nd Street, Suite #1 02. 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

action is published. If you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for be entered against you for what the Plaintiff I Petitioner Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk

### DISSOLUTION

03/05/21

CASE #
49014-2102-DN-000876
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Petitioner: Nimah Oyelade
Respondent: Timothy China
NOTICE OF SUIT
This police is directed

Respondent: Timothy China NOTICE OF SUIT
This notice is directed to Timothy China 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 / Petitinper be entered against you for what the Plaintiff / Petitioner

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/19/21

### NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO: 49C01-2009-MI-032463 IN RETHE CHANGE OF SHAUNE MARIE MCGRAW PETITIONER.

SHAUNE MARIE MCGRAW
PETITIONER.

ALIAS NOTICE
OF HEARING
FOR PUBLICATION
IN NEWSPAPER
Notice is hereby given
that Petitioner SHAUNE
MARIE MCGRAW, as a self
represented litigant, filed a
Verified Petitionfor Change
offName to change name
from 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. The Marion County
Circuit Court is located at
200 E. Washington Street,
City County Building, Room 200 E. Washington Street, City County Building, Room W506, Indianapolis, IN 46204. This hearing will be held remotely by WebEx. A separate WebEx invitation will be sent with instructions to join the heafing. Date December 10, 2020 Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/05/21

02/19/21

# NAME CHANGE

An Adult,
For Change of Name
IN THE MARION COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2101-MI-003362
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that
I have filed in the Office of
the Clerk of Marion County
Circuit Court my Petition
for change of my name
from Sherry M. Cathey to
Sherry M. Rice and that said
Petition will be heard by the
Court on this date:
April 13 2021. or as soon
thereafter as may be

thereafter as may be convenient with the Court, at 9:00 A.M. Any person has the right to appear at this hearing and file an objection objection. Sherry M. Cathey, Petitioner

TATE OF INDIANA OUNTY OF MARION

COURI
CASE NO:
49C0I-2010-MI-037625
RE: IN THE MATTER OF
THE CORRECTION OF
THIE BIRTH RECORD OF:
JASMINE ISABELLA ALDUCIN-ACEVEDO,

## ORDER RESETTING

Petitioner.

ORDER RESETTING
HEARING

On February 2, 2021,
Petitioner, Maria Guadalupe
Alducin-Acevedo, appeared
for hearing, via WebEx
video, with her attorney,
Esperanzalonzo, on a
Verified Petition For Change
Of Name Of Minor, filed on
October 23,2020.
Publication was not filed and
has not been completed.
The Court now resets this
matter for hearing, on April,
16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
This hearing will be held
remotely, by WebExIZoom,
and the Court will issue the
invitation, with instructions,
to join the hearing.
Petitioner is ordered to file
the Publisher's Affidavit and
a copy of the publication so
that the Court can proceed
with testimony on the
Petition.
The Court orders and

retition.

The Court orders an interpreter for the Spanish language to assist Petitioner and the Court at the hearing.

### NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME OF MINORS: ABDULRAHMAN BADRI

MARYAN BADRI TAHIR BADRI MOHAMED BAKAR. Petitioner. IN TIIE MARION CIRCUIT CASE NUMBERS: 49COI-2010-MI-036322 49COI-2010-MI-036331

### 49COI-2010-MI-036332 ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, BADRI MOHAMED BAKAR, on MOHAMED BAKAR, on behalf of the Minors, filled for each Minor a separate Verified Petition For Change Of Name Of Minor, on October 14, 2020, to change the Minors' names from the Minors' names ABDULRAHMAN E ABDULKAHMAN BADRI TAHIR to ABDULRAHMAN BADRI MOHAMED MARYAN BADRI to MARIYAM MOHAMED

SOPHIA BADRI TAHIR to SAPHIYA BADRI MOHAMED The Petition is scheduled for The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on March 30, 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 the petition of the petition

to the written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report for hearing, which will be held remotely. The Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing. So Ordered: January 7, 02/12/21

02/26/21

NAME CHANGE STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION IN TIIE MARION CIRCUIT CASE NO: VASE NO: 49C01-2010-MI-036624 IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR: MALAKHI JANEA WILLOUGHBY TORRE JANEA WILLOUGHBY,

ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER

IN NEWSPAPER
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner TORRE JANEA
WILLOUGHBY, as a selfrepresented litigant, on
behalf ofthe Minor, filed a
Verified Petition For Change
Of Name Of Minor to change
Minor's name from MALAKHI
JANEA WILLOUGHBY
to MALAKHI RASHAAD
WILLOUGHBY.
The Petition is scheduled for
hearing in the Marion Circuit

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 WebeEx/Zoom separate WebeEx/Zoom invitation, with instructions, to join the hearing. Date December 8, 2020

Date December 6, 222 Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/05/21 02/12/21 02/19/21

# NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS: IN RE THE NAME CHANGE

OF
ABIGAIL MATHERS
WODOCK
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT
COURT
CAUSE NO:
49C01-2102-MI-004455

CAUSE NO: 49C01-2102-MI-004455 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Abigail Mathers Wodock, whose residential mailing address is 3224 Hedback Way Undignapolis Indiana whose residential mailing address is 3224 Hedback Way, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220, of Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that she has filed a Petition with the Superior Court of Marion County requesting that her name be changed to Abigail Griffith Mathers. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on the 20th day of April 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Way A. Eldridge, Clerk

# Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21

NAME CHANGE

CAUSE NO:

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Emily Anne Wodock, whose
residential mailing address
is 3224 Hedback Way,
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220,
of Marion County, Indiana,
hereby gives notice that she
has filed a Petition with the
Superior Court of Marion
County requesting that her
name be changed to Emily
Anne Mathers.
Notice is further given that
hearing will be held on said
Petition on the 20th day of
April 2021 at 9:00 AM.
Myla A. Eldridige, Clerk

# Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21 02/19/21 02/26/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION COUNTY OF MORGAN IN THE MORGAN COUNTY SUPERIOR

CASE NO 55D02-2102-EU-000022 IN RE: THE ESTATE O JOSHUA WAYNE DONICA NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that WILLIAM MARK DONICA was (were) on the 9th day of February, 2021 appointed personal representative(s) of the estate of JOSHUA WAYNE DONICA, de-WAYNE DONICA, deceased, and is (are) serving as personal representative of the decedent's contains and was (were) authorized to proceed under unsupervised administration. Dece dent died on December 23,

agairist this estate, whether or not now Due, mnst file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within 3 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within 9 months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred. Dated at Martinsville, Indiana, on this the 10th day of February, 2021. Stephanie Elliott, Clerk

All persons who have claims

**ADMINISTRATION** IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS TRATION OF THE ESTATE CAUSE NO.: 49D08-1912-EU-051368 OF DOLORES ANDERSON,

Deceased.

NOTICE OF
UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana. Notice Deceased

is hereby given that Sharon Woodson on December 26, Woodsoff of December 26, 2019, was appointed as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Dolores Anderson, Who died on September 16, 2017. The estate will be administered without court supervision.
As an heir of the estate (a "distributee"), you are advised of the following infor-

The Personal Representative has the authority to take actions concerning the estate without first consulting you. 2. The Personal Representa-

tive may be serving without posting a bond with the court. You have the right to petition the court to set a bond for your protection.

3. The Personal Representative Will not obtain court approval of any action, includ-ing the amount of attorney fees or Personal Representative fees. 4. Within two (2) months after the appointment of the Personal Representative, Personal Representative, the Personal Representative

must prepare an inventory of the estate's assets. You have the right to request and receive a copy of this inventory from the Personal Representative. However, if you do not participate in the residue of the estate and the residue of the estate and receive only a specific bequest in money or personal property that will be paid, you are entitled only to the information concerning your specific bequest and not to the assets of the estate as a whole. 5. The Personal Representative is required to furnish you

with a copy of the closing statement that will be filed with the court and, if your interests are affected, With a full account in writing of the administration of the estate. You must file an objection to the closing statement within three (3) months after the closing statement is filed with the court if you want the court to consider your obj ection.
7. If an objection to the clos-

ing statement is not filed With the court within three (3) months after the filing of the closing statement, the estate is closed and the court does not have a duty court does not have a duty to audit or make an inquiry. IF, AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE ESTATE IS CLOSED, YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY THE COURT, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE COURT FOR SUPERVISED.

VISED ADMINISTRATION.
IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS NOTICE, YOU
SHOULD ASK YOUR ATTORNEY TO EXPLAIN IT
TO YOU.
The Personal Parameter. The Personal Representative's addresses and telephone number is: The attorney for the Personal Representative is Stefanie R. Crawford, Whose address and tele-

Whose address and telephone number is CRAWFORD LAW LLC, 3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240, telephone (317) This notice is being sent to you in accord With the provisions of IC §29-1-7.5-1.5.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indi-

ana, this day of December Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/26/21

## **NOTICE OF**

**ADMINISTRATION** STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS: IN THE MARION COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION 49008-2101-EU-002274 IN THE MATTER OF THE

DECEASED

NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is herehygl y"en that Jeffery P. Sheets and Michael E. Sheets were Michael E. Sheets were on January 22, 2021, appointed Personal Representatives of Shirley A. Sheets, deceased, All por

deceased,
All persons who have claims
against this Estate, whether
or not now due, must file
the claim in the office of the
Clerk of this Court within
three (3) months from the
date of the first publication
of this notice, or within nine
(9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is
earlier, or the claims will be
forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, January 22, 2021
Wwla A. Eldridge, Clerk

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21 02/19/21

### NOTICE OF **ADMINISTRATION**

ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE
OF SCORCHY E. WOODS,
CAUSE NO:
49D08-2102-EU-004013
DECEASED
NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION TO BE
PUBLISHED
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of Scorchy
E. Woods, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that on February 5, 2021, Phyllia
M. Miller was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Scorchy E. Woods, deceased, who died testate on December 11, 2020.
All persons having claims against said estate, Whether Or not now due, must file a claim in the Office of the Clerk Of this Court Within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or Within (9) months after the decedents death Whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indianapo barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indi-

ana February 5, 2021 Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/19/21 02/26/21



### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division In the Matter of the Estate of Sharon L. Romanek, Deceased.

ceased.
Cause No.
49008-2101-EU-003123
Notice is hereby given that
on February 3, 2021 Michael
Romanek was appointed
Personal Representative of
the estate of Sharon L. Romanek deceased who died manek, deceased, who died on September 18, 2020. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Done and dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on the date

set forth below. bruary 3, 2021 Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
02/12/21
02/19/21

NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION COUNTY COURT ISS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION IN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: 49D08-2102-EU-003610 VEDUS ARLENE MOSBY, Decedent Decedent
TIM DAVIS MOSBY,
Petitioner
NOTICE OF

ESTATE DOCKET 49D08-2101-EU-001508 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS-Petitioner

NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that
on the February 2, 2021,
date, Time Davis Mosby
was appointed personal
representative of the estate
of Vedus Arlene Mosby,
deceased, who died on
December 11, 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 Marjon County, TRATION
OF THE ESTATE OF TONY
M. MOORE, Deceased
NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2021, Trudy Diana White was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Tony M. Moore, deceased, who died on the 24th day of February 2020. 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 five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, Whichever is earlier,

parred.
Dated at Marion County,
Indiana, this February 2,
2021, date.
Clerk of the Court of Marion 5320-915881

### ADMINISTRATION NOTICE OF STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS:

**ADMINISTRATION** STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION COUNTY ROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CAUSE NO. 49D08-2102-EU-003610 VEDUS ARLENE MOSBY,

Notice is hereby given that Donna Mason was, on January 29, 2021 appointed Personal Representative of Decedent TIM DAVIS MOSBY, Petitioner
NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION the Estate of David Lee Ma son, deceased, who died on November 7, 2020. The Personal Representative is ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that
on the February 2, 2021,
date, Time Davis Mosby
was appointed personal
representative of the estate
of Vedus Arlene Mosby,
deceased, who died on December 11, 2020.
All persons having claims authorized to administer the estate Without Court super-All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the 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 against this estate, whether 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 earlier, or the claims Will be forever barred. of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the dece-

dent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this February 2, 2021, Clerk of the Court of Marion

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Administration
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT, PROBATE DIVISION
In the Marion Notice Of Unsupervised

In the Matter of the Estate of BARBARA C. KIMBREL, Deceased. 49008-2101-EU-00319/ Notice IS hereby given that ROY E. KIMBREL was on January 28 2021 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of BARBARA C. KIMBREL, Deceased, who died on or about October 30, 2020. The Personal Rep-resentative was authorized resentative was authorized to administer the Estate without Court supervision. 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 the publication of the first p one nine (9) months after BARBARA C. KIMBREL's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever

barred. DATED at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 28, 2021 Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21 02/12/21 02/19/21

# NOTICE OF

**ADMINISTRATION** CAUSE NO.
49008-2101-EU-001742
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
SHIRLEY T. BROWN-COBBS,
Deceased.
NOTICE OF
UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given tha

ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of January 2021, Debre Travis, the girl-friend of the surviving son and sole heir, Antonio D. Wilburn, was appointed as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Shirley T. Brown-Cobbs, who died intestate on the 13th day of December 2020, and that said Debre Travis is serving as administrator of the Decedent's estate, and was authorized to proceed under unsupervised administration.

under unsupervised admiristration.
Further, any and all persons having claims against the Estate of Shirley T. Brown Cobbs, whether or not now due, must file their claim in the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims shall be forever barred.

ary, 2021. Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21 02/19/21

## NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION COUNTY OF MARION SS: IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION ESTATE NO.: 49D08-2101-EU-003195 IN RE THE ESTATE OF: STACIA ELLEN SORRELL,

DECEASED

NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court MARION County, Indiana Notice is given that Ellen Sue Cook was, on January 29, 2021 appointed personal representative Of Stacia Ellen Sorrell, deceased, who died on December 5, 2020. and is authorized to admin ister the estate without court

supervision. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of the MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, Probate Division within three (3) months from the date of publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months from the date of death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this January 29, 2021

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk

COURTS PROBATE DIVISION

or the claims Will be forever

NOTICE OF

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR

49D08-2101-EU-003375 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID LEE MASON,

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Dated at Indianapolis, Indi-

ana, this January 20, 22 Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21

NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION ss

49D08-2102-EU-003451 IN THE MATTER OF THE

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE

ESTATE OF BRUCE GENE BENNETT,

NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS:

PROBATE DIVISION

CAUSE NO. 49D08-2011-EU-041661

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE
ESTATE OF

DECEASED

PROBATE DIVISION

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk

Indiana, this

02/12/21 02/19/21

barred.
Dated at
Marion County,

CAUSE NO.

DECEASED

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this January 20, 2021 diana, this January 20, 202 Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21 02/19/21

### **NOTICE OF** NOTICE OF

**ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATION** NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COU OF MARION COUNTY STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS IN THE MARION COUNTY INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID J LAW-RENCE, DECEASED. CAUSE NUMBER CAUSE NUMBER 49008-2101-EU-003097 Notice is hereby given that on January 27, 2021 Kath-erine A. Lawrence was ap-pointed Personal Represen-tativa of the Settle of Povide tative of the Estate of David J. Lawrence, deceased, J. Lawrence, deceased, who died on the 21st day of

NOTICE OF

**ADMINISTRATION** 

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT 8
PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE NO:
49D08-2101-EU-001576
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
CLAYTON A. SANDERS III,
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ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given that Glenda
J. Sanders was, on January
20, 2021 appointed personal representative of Clayton
A. Sanders III, deceased,
who died on May 16, 2020,
and is authorized to admin

and is authorized to admin-ister the estate without court

supervision.
All persons who have claims

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of the MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 8, Probate Division within three (3) months from the date of publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months from the date of death, whichever is earlier or the claims will

is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

December, 2020 All persons having claims against this Estate whether or not now due must file 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 one nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, Whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred

Dated at Indianapolis, Indi-Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21 02/19/21

# NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS: IN THE MARION SUPERIOR PROBATE DIVISION

PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.:
49D08-2012-ES-042849
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JAMES BYERS,
DECEASED

JAMES BYERS, DECEASED NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given th at on January 6, 2021, Stacy L McGuyre was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of James Byers, deceased, who died intestate on the 24th day of August, 2020, a 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, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 6, 2021 Myla A. Eldridge, Clark

Dated at manager 6, 202 ana, this January 6, 2

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN TILE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF PATRICIA L. BOUVIER,
DECEASED.
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO:
49008-2101-EU-001781
NOTICE OF

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49008-2101-EU-001781

NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on January 19 2021, Emily
C. Bouvier was appointed personal representative of the estate of Patricia L. Bouvier, deceased, who died on the 10th day of August, 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 claims will be crewer barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 19 2021

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk

BRUCE GENE BENNETT, DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on February 1, 2021, Douglas Nelms was appointed as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Bruce Gene Bennett, who died on the 18th day of December, 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 (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this February 1, 2021 Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of Philip
Scott Meyers, deceased.
Estate Docket
49D08-2101-EU-003390
Notice is hereby given that
Samuel A. Meyers was, on
February 1, 2021, appointed Personal Representative
offthe unsupervised estate
of Philip Scott Meyers, deceased, who died on the
18th day of January, 2021.
All persons who have claims
against this estate, whether
or not now due, must file
the claim in the office offthe
Clerk of this Court within
three (3) months from the
date ofthe first publication of
this notice, or within nine (9)
months after the decedent's
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or the claims Will be forever
barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana February 1, 2021
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk



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ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LORENZA B. SANTELLANA, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on November 24, 2020, Rene Santellana was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of LORENZA B. SANTELLANA who died on the 22nd day of February, 2019.
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 decent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this November 24, 2020

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### NOTICE OF **ADMINISTRATION**

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION ss IN THE MARION SUPERIOR PROBATE DIVISION

49D08-2102-EU-004611 IN THE MATTER OF THE IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF STANLEY CHARLES WARD, DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION NOtice is hereby given that on February 10, 2021, Steven Ward and Scott Ward were appointed as the Co-

were appointed as the Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Stanley Charles the Estate of Stanley Charles Ward, who died on the 18th day of December, 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 regions within (0). of this notice, or within (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated February 10, 2021

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### NOTICE OF **ADMINISTRATION**

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF BOONE SS:
IN THE BOONE SUPERIOR
COURT
ESTATE DOCKET:
06D01-2102-EU-000011
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ESTATE OF BETTY JEAN
CHANEY DECEASED
NOTICE OF
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Notice is hereby given that

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Notice is hereby given that
BOBBIE GUTIERREZ AND/
OR DORIS G. BRAUMAN
MOORE, were on February 8, 2021, appointed as
Personal Representatives of
the Estate of BETTY JEAN
CHANEY, deceased, who
died on the OCTOBER 25,
2020.

2020.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. 2003 DODGE 2003 DODGE 2012 DODGE 2006 DODGE 2004 FORD 1997 FORD 1996 FORD forever barred. DATED at , Indiana, this February 8, 2021. DATED at , February 8, 2021. Jessica Fouts, Clerk 02/19/21 02/26/21

### NOTICE OF **ADMINISTRATION**

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS: IN THE MARION SUPERIOR IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49008-2101-EU-002928
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE
ESTATE OF
BENJAMIN E. DELUCA,
deceased.

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NOTICE OF

ADMINISTRATION

hereby given that Notice is hereby given that Rachel Dallas on January 27, 2021 was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Benjamin E.

the Estate or benjamin.

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All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, January 27, 2021 ana, January 21, 202. Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/12/21 02/19/21

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION ss: IN THE MARJON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DNISION DOCKET NO. 49D08-2101-EU·002272 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF ROBERT E. CROOKE DECEASED.

# NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO: ALL CREDITORS In the Superior Court of Mar-

ion County, Indiana. ion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that
Joseph E. Crooke was on
the January 22, 2021 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Robert

E. Craoke deceased. E. Crooke, deceased. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether

or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the gate of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the dece-dent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indi-

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/19/21 02/26/21

# NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2101-EU-001314
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF ROBERT H. GLOVER
Deceased.

# Deceased. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION To horeby given

Notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2021, Low-ell S. Glover was appointed

ell S. Glover was appointed personal representative of the estate of Robert H. Glover, deceased, who died on the 22nd day of November, 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, on January 14, 2021

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk

Dated at III... ana, on January 14, 202 . Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 02/19/21 02/26/21

### PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA) is seeking responses to its Request for Proposal (RFP) #2021-1 CIRTA Regional Administrative Capacity and Coordinated Technology Initiative. A full copy of the RFP can be found at http://www.cirta.us/pages/procurement, or by contacting CIRTA at 317.327.7433.
All responses are to be submitted via sealed hardcopy and electronic media as per the RFP instructions no later than noon (12:00 pm EST) on Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 to CIRTA's offices at 320 N. Meridian Street, Suite 902, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Proposals submitted after the due date and time will not be considered. All responses must completely follow the instructions found on the RFPs. Questions should be directed to DeAndre Rhodes, Mobility Manager, at 317.327.7433.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

AutoReturn will be having an abandoned vehicle auction 02/25/21 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held online due to COVID-19. Register on the Joyride website (https://joyrideautos.com) to receive updates and browse vehicle auction inventory. All vehicle release prices as of 02/10/21. The following vehicles will be sold: Vear Make Model VIN Body Amount 2001 ACURA TL 19UUA56651A025156 4 DOOR \$ 910.00 2004 ACURA TL 19UUA662X4A056250 4 DOOR \$ 780.00 2004 BUICK CENTURY 2G4WS52J941229581 4 DOOR \$ 780.00 2004 BUICK LUCERNE 1G4HP57296U238204 4 DOOR \$ 780.00 2006 BUICK CENTURY 2G4WS52J9712909870 4 DOOR \$ 785.00 2002 BUICK LESABRE 1G4HP54K724172153 4 DOOR \$ 890.00 2006 BUICK RENDEZVOUS 3G5DA031\_265637372 \$ PORTS UTILITY \$ 830.00 2004 BUICK RENDEZVOUS 3G5DA031\_265637372 \$ PORTS UTILITY \$ 830.00 2004 BUICK RENDEZVOUS 3G5DA031\_265637372 \$ PORTS UTILITY \$ 830.00 2004 BUICK LESABRE 1G4HP54K724172153 4 DOOR \$ 890.00 2004 BUICK LESABRE 1G4HP54K7264109103 4 DOOR \$ 890.00 910.00 780.00 830.00 780.00 785.00 805.00

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### 240 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT 2022-2025 INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is offering the DRAFT 2022-2025 Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (IRTIP) for public review and comment through March 23rd. The IRTIP, which is prepared bi-annually and amended quarterly as needed, documents the federally funded transportation improvements proposed for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Area. The 2045 Long Range Transportation Planning Area. The 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan provides the planning support for the projects programmed in the IRTIP. A key objective of the IRTIP is to assist local governments in providing a coordinated transportation system for citizens in this area by ensuring that the limited federal funds available to the area are spent on projects that provide the greatest benefit consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

The DRAFT IRTIP is available for review now through March 23, 2021 at www.indympo.org or by appointment at the MPO's office located at 200 East Washington Street, City-County Building, Suite 2322 in Indianapolis.

Public comments may be made by mail to Steve Cunningham, Principal Planner, or Kristyn Sanchez, Senior Financial Analyst I, 200 East Washington Street, City-County Building, Suite 2322 Indianapolis, IN 46204. Comments may also be provided via e-mail to Steve Cunningham@IndyMPO.org or Kristyn.Sanchez@IndyMPO.org or by phone at 327-5403 or 327-5137, respectively. All comments should be received by March 23, 2021.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/public

Indianapolis, IN 46231. List of vehicles to be included in			
the sale:			
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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS February 19, 2021 Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 900 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 232-7777 These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by

Inese notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about March 7, 2021 the IHCDA authorizes ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION to submit a request to the HUD for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as:

Cranston-Gonzales 'Afforda'ble Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as: Project title: Providence Place Purpose and Scope of Project. New construction of a single building of 15 apartments and associated parking lot. The building is approximately 11,925 square feet and consists of 3 two bedroom and 12 one bedroom units. IHCDA funding amount: \$1,700.000 Specific project address(es): 4935 E 21rst St Indianapolis Indiana FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT The IHCDA has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at IHCDA, 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 900 Indianapolis, IN 46204 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the IHCDA, 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204. All comments received on or before March 6, 2021 will be considered by the IHCDA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The IHCDA certifies to HUD that Jacob Sipe in his capacity as Executive Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUDs approval of the Certification satisfies its responsibilities un-

and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORA-

der NEFA and rejated iaws and aunorities, and allows the ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION to use Program funds.
OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the IHCDA's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the IHCDA; (b) the IHCDA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be e-mailed to HUD administration at CPD\_COVID-190EE-IND@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the observations. should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Jacob Sipe, IHCDA Executive Director

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT FOR THE

INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that a public review and comment period will be held between February 19, 2021 and April 4, 2021 for the Public Involvement Plan. Public comments on this item may be made through Sunday, April 4, 2021 to Nick Badman at Nicholas Badman@IndyMPO.org, 317-327-5431, or by mail to 200 East Washington Street, Suite 2322, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

Notice is hereby given that at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at the meeting of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO) Transportation Policy Committee, held online via Zoom, the IMPO Policy Committee, held online via Zoom, the IMPO Policy Committee will conduct a public hearing for the proposed updated Indianapolis MPO Public Involvement Plan. Attendees can access the meeting via phone at 312-626-6799, password 975421008. If a member of the public would like to speak during the meeting, please let IMPO staff know in advance. The meeting can also be viewed on YouTube; the link to the IMPO's You Tube channel is www.indympo.org/youtube. The meeting will be held by electronic means only and no members will be physically present. If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting electronically, the meeting will be available using the information above. 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 April 21, 2021 meeting, at the addre

## SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA) MARION SUPERIOR MARION COUNTY ) CAUSE

49D04-2008-MF-029636 SIMPLE QUARTERS, LLC. Plaintiff

JOHN C. ABERNATHY, TAMARA ABERNATHY, FIRSTUNIONHOMEQUITY, MAISON GARDEN APTS f/k/a PINNACLE SOUARE APTS, and UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, Defendants. NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the defendants above named

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: Complaint On Note And To

you is:
Complaint On Note And To
Foreclose Mortgage
Property Address: 3002 E.
34th Street, Indianapolis,
IN 46218
Legal Description:
LOT NUMBER 272 INNORTH
EASTERN PARK HEIGHTS,
AN ADDITION TO THE CITY
OF INDIANAPOLIS, MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER
PLAT THEREOF, RECORED
IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE
163 IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDED OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA.
To the following Defendants
whose where abouts are
known: FIRST UNION HOME
EQUITY, MAISON GARDEN
APTS f/k/a PINNACLE
SQUARE APTS;
To the following Defendants
whose where abouts are not
known: JOHNC. ABERNATHY
TAMARA ABERNATHY
TAMARA ABERNATHY
TAMARA ABERNATHY
TAMARA HORNOWN OCUPANTS
and the unknown husbands,
wives, widows, widowers,
surriving appuages, heirs.

and the unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses ure inmes of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff, In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you ryour attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Published Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. The Name and Address of of persons above named;

for what the plaintiff has demanded.
The Name and Address of the Attorney Representing the Plaintiff is:
Kathleen S. Crebo Available HOCKER & ASSOCIATES, Studio's & LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 6626 E. 75th St., Suite 410 Indianapolis, IN 46250 T: (317) 578-1630 F: (317) 849-1892 1 Bedrooms 3475 Boulevard Kathleen.crebo@ Place hockerlaw.com Marion County Clerk 317-925-0555 Prepared By: Kathleen S. Crebo #29876-

Hocker & Associates, LLC

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# MDK # 19-034461 STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #13 COUNTY OF MARION )

SUMMONS

COUNTY OF MARION )
CAUSE NO.
49D13-2102-MF-003832
US Bank Trust, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Iru Plaintiff, ust

Rhonda Greene, as Possible Heir to the Estate of Barbara A. Coleman, AKA Barbara Coleman, et al.

Coleman, et al. Defendants. NOTICEOFSUITSUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Barbara A. Coleman, AKA Barbara Coleman and their unknown conditions: and, the unknown Gidget Green, as Possible Heir to the Estate of Carol J. Davis, et al. Davis, et al.
Defendants.
NOTICEOFSUITSUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs,
devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Carol J. Davis creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or and their unknown creditors;

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Plaintiff,

MDK # 20-012151 STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR

COUNTY OF MARION )

9D06-2102-ME-004022

Deutsche Bank National

Trust Company, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed

Receivables LLC Trust 2004-

creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estateof BarbaraA. Coleman, AKA Barbara Coleman. BE IT KNOWN, that US Band Frust, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney. Elyssa M. Meade, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #13 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Barbara A. Coleman, AKA Barbara Coleman and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Barbara A. Coleman, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the afficiavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Carol J. Davis: BE IT KNOWN, that Deutsche BEITKNOWN, that Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2004-NC1, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Elyssa M. Meade, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court#6its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legates, heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Carol J. Davis and their unknown creditors: and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Carol J. Davis, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown hairs dovisees legations. of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Barbara A. Coleman, AKA Barbara Coleman and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Barbara A. Coleman, AKA Barbara Coleman, and the state of Barbara A. Coleman, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Lot numbered one-hundred and twenty-eight (128) and heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Carol J. Davis and their unknown creditors: and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Carol J. Davis, upon diligent Carol J. Davis, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Indiana, to wit: The following real property, situated in the City of Indianapolis, County of Marion and the State of and twenty-eight (128) and the North half of Lot numbered Indiana: And being S.K. Fletchers South Brookside Addition Lot 11 Block 7 more commonly known as: 1205 Dearborn

Street. Street. commonly known as 1205 North Dearborn Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201. NOW, THEREFORE, said

the North Alf of Lot numbered one-hundred and twenty-seven (127) in Audubon Gardens, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 131, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. commonly known as 3710 North Layman Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218. NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published judgment by is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #13 Elyssa M. Meade (25352-

within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action

64) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-64) Chris Wiley (26936-10) J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)

15) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI

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Court #6 Elyssa M. Meade (25352-Stephanie A. Reinhart 25071-06) Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-

Chris Wiley (26936-10)
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-

Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI

MANLET DEAS NOUTRALSIN LLC P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-emmeade@ manleydeas.com 5320-916113 02/19/21 LLC P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-emmeade@ manleydeas.com 5320-916189

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MDK # 20-017284 STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT-CIVIL 7 ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D07-2102-MF-004135 U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee for GIFM Holdings Trust Plaintiff, STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS - IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA,

INDIANA,
BELTWAY CAPITAL LLC,
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT SOLELY
AS ADMINISTRATOR OF
WESTERN RUN CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
LEGATEES OF ROSALIE
PRESNOPLES,
Defendant,
Case No.
49D03-2101-MF-001630.
The requisite affidavit for
publication having been
filed, notice is hereby given
to you:

vs.
The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of of Charles O. Speed, Jr. and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Charles O. Speed Jr., et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of of Charles O. Speed, Jr. and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Charles O. Speed, Jr. and their unknown executor, administrative of the Estate of Charles O. Speed Jr.:
Speed Jr.:
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Speed Jr.:
Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Courtion of the State of Charles O. Speed, Jr. and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown creditors; and their unknown creditor UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROSALIE PRESNOPLES, defendant in the above-entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, by the said plaintiff against you, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT NUMBERED 201 IN WINDCOMBE, SECOND ADDITION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOFRECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGE 228, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF WARIONCOUNTY, INDIANA, ALSO: THAT PORTION OF UNIMPROVED WINTHRIP AVENUE, ASSUMED 25' HALF (12.5 FEET) RIGHT-OF-WAY AS PER PLAT OF WINDCOMBE, SECOND SECTION, PLAT BOOK 28, PAGE 228 ALONG AND ADJACENT TO THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 201, AS VACATED PURSUANT TO VACATION DECLARATION NUMBERED 95-VAC-32, DATED JULY 26, 1995, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 1995-0092173 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, SAID VACATED RIGHT-OF-WAY IS SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT AND/OR AGREEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE INDIANAPOLIS WATER COMPANY, THE INDIANAPOLIS WATER COMPAND WATER COMPANY, THE INDIANAPOLIS WATER COMPAND WATER COMP

INDIANAPOLIS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, AND THE AMERITECH TELEPHONE COMPANY, Tax I.D. No. 49-03-24-117-011.000-800 / 8035479 The above real estate is more commonly known as 8201 Kimlough Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240, and which said Mortgage was made by and

was made by and ROSALIE PRESNOPLES ROSALIE PRESNOPLES as Mortgagor(s) to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 201100050055 and the present owner(s) of the property being ROSALIE PRESNOPLES, and for other reliefi: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by

relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO 3, MARIONCOUNTY INDIANA, COUNTY BUILDING, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 on or beforeMarch22, 2021, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Dated, Chicago, ILLINOIS, February 10, 2021. Clerk of the MARION Count THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64) Attorneys for Plaintiff
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Facsimile: 614-220-5613
Email: sef-jdsmith@manleydeas.com
5320-916112

PURPOSE. Last known addresses: 8201 Kimlough Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 Unknown Heirs and Legatees of ROSALIE PRESNOPLES, 8201 Kimlough Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD.

LTD. Attorney ID 35615-45 105 West Adams Street, Suite 1800 Chicago, IL 60603 5320-916204

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS - IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1, MARION COUNTY,

1, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, BELTWAY CAPITAL LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF WESTERN RUN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.

VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BARBARA E. BOSE, Defendant,

Defendant,
Case No.
49C01-2101-MF-001477.
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filled, notice is hereby given to you:
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BARBARA E. BOSE, defendant in the above-entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO.
1 OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, by the said plaintiff against you, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
LOT NUMBER 635 IN

Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

LOT NUMBER 635 IN SCHLOSS HOME PLACE, NINTH SECTION, AN ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF SPEEDWAY, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECONDER IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGES 267 AND 268, IN THE OFFICE OFTIER ECORDER OF DEEDS OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. Tax 1.D. No. 49-05-36-115-078.000-914/9029117 commonly known as 1915 MacArthurLane, Indianapolis, Indiana 46224, and which said Mortgage was made by and BARBARA E. BOSE as Mortgagor(s) to METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE, IN.A. as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 2009-101375 and the present owner(s) of the property being BARBARA E. BOSE and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE OF MARION COUNTY

said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE OF MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, COUNTY BUILDING, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 on or before March 22, 2021, default may be entered against you. beforeMarch 22, 2021, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
Dated, Chicago, ILLINOIS, February 10, 2021.
Clerk of the MARION County SUPERIOR Court.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Last known addresses:

PURPOSE.
Last known addresses:
1915 MACARTHUR LANE,
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46224
Unknown Heirs and Legatees
of BARBARA E. BOSE,
1915 MACARTHUR LANE,
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46224
NOONAN & LIEBERMAN,
LTD.
Attorney ID 20046

LTD. Attorney ID 35615-45 105 West Adams Street, Suite 1800 Chicago, IL 60603 5320-916199

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MDK # 20-017216 STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT #3

) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D03-2101-MF-000222 DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. Plaintiff,

vs. Daniel Strahan, AKA Daniel J. Strahan, AKA Dan Strahan,

set al.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION
TO: Daniel Strahan, AKA
Daniel J. Strahan, AKA Daniel J. Strahan, AKA Daniel J. Strahan, AKA Daniel J. Strahan, AKA Daniel J. Strahan Strahan:
BE IT KNOWN, that DLJ
Mortgage Capital, Inc., the
above-named Plaintiff, by its
attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has
filed in the office of the Clerk
of the Marion Civil Superior
Court #3 its Complaint against
Defendant Daniel Strahan, AKA
Daniel J. Strahan, AKA
Dan Strahan, and the said
Plaintiff having also filed in
said Clerks office the affidavit
of a competent person
showing that the residence
and whereabouts of the
Defendant, Daniel Strahan, AKA
Daniel J. Strahan
D. Strahan, AKA
Daniel J. Strahan
D. Straha

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Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15) Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

LLC P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-jdsmith@manleydeas.com 5320-915745

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MDK # 20-021521 STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT OUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2012-MF-045720 PNC Bank, National

Association Plaintiff, Bessie Burton-Edwards, AKA Bessie Edwards, et al.

Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION
TO: Bessie Burton-Edwards, AKA Bessie Edwards: BEITKNOWN, that PNC Bank, National Association, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Circuit Court its Complaint against Defendant Bessie Burton-Edwards, AKA Bessie Edwards, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant Burton-Edwards, AKA Bessie

Edwards, upon diligentinquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:
Unit #2, in Building #V1, Phase 16, in The Gardens of Westmount and The Villas of Westmount Horizontal Property Ownership, as established by Declaration of Horizontal Property Ownership, in geografied March

Ownership recorded March 15, 1996 as Instrument No. 96-35045, and amended by 96-35045, and amended by Supplemental Declarations recorded June 18, 1996, as Instrument Nos. 96-81803 and 96-81804, and further amended by Supplemental Declaration recorded September 13, 1996 as Instrument No. 96-127103, and further amended by Supplemental Declaration supplemental Declaration recorded October 1, 1996 as Instrument No. 96-127104, and further amended by Supplemental Declaration recorded October 21, 1996 recorded October 21, 1996 as Instrument No. 96-147110, and further amended by Supplemental Declaration recorded October 30, 1996 as Instrument No. 96-153076, and further amended by Supplemental Declaration recorded March 4, 1997 as Instrument No. 97-35146, and further amended by Supplemental Declaration recorded February 4, 1997 as Instrument No. 97-35150, as amended from time to time, amended from time to time together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common areas and Limited Common Areas and facilities as set forth in said

Declaration. commonly known as 939 Prestwick Place, Indianapolis, IN 46214. NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they

appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated Clerk, Marion Circuit Court Dustin Smith (29493-06)

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# Sports



### **By DANNY BRIDGES**

Many of us by now have experienced the excruciating pain that comes with the loss of someone we care about succumbing to COVID-19.

As we attempt the impossible task of reconciling the suddenness and cruelty of pandemic-related deaths throughout our country, it is especially difficult when you learn of someone you haven't seen recently losing their battle against this heinous virus.

On Jan. 26, l experienced firsthand the sorrow and angst that accompanies such a loss when Sekou Smith left this world all too soon at just 48 years young.

The talented and affable sports journalist from Grand Rapids, Michigan, who kept me in stitches when he was the Indiana Pacers beat writer for the Indianapolis Star from 2001 to 2005, always had time to zing you with a one-liner and never failed to take me to task if he felt I was wrong about something that occurred in the world of professional hoops.

We debated everything from Reggie Miller's deficiency on the defensive end of the floor to then-NBA Commissioner David Stern's conservative neckties, always ending the conversation with laughter and telling each other the dialog was "to be continued."

Smith would move on to the Atlanta

Journal Constitution and from there to Turner Sports and NBA TV, where his analysis of the game was both accurate and unfiltered. While he was both well-liked and respected by his peers, that admiration transferred to the locker room as well with the players he chronicled in his brilliant career. He never sugarcoated anything and wasn't afraid to write about how poorly an individual had performed, especially if he had witnessed a lack of effort on their part.

I once witnessed a conversation he had with a particular Pacers center who had grabbed only two rebounds in nearly three quarters of action in a game Indiana won. Without flinching, Sekou asked him if he was saving his energy on the boards for the next game and didn't blink as the player in question gave him the evil eye. Upon recognizing his reluctance to converse about it, he complimented him on his improved free throw shooting and calmly walked away.

He would later file copy that masterfully described the player's performance in his column as just a bit below lackluster, and with a touch of humor when referencing his newly found prowess from the charity stripe. That type of writing alone made him a must read for NBA junkies, and as he rose to the television ranks for a welldeserved opportunity, he delivered the goods in a similar fashion with his razor-sharp wit, and with a knowledge that was second to none in terms of analyzing teams and players.

What I enjoyed most about this

wonderful man was his willingness to mentor others, including this Jimmy Olsen wannabe who would constantly impose his opinions upon him. Smith never tired of my self-proclaimed title of NBA handicapping czar, and took great pleasure when a friendly gentleman's wager led to my having to ship gourmet popcorn to his residence to square up the matter.

Simply put, he was a mountain of a man and left a wonderful family behind way too soon.

I will always remember the last time we spoke, he dressed razor sharp for a television gig and yours truly had on jeans and a sports jacket. We pointed out the vast differences of our fashion choices with a laugh and a handshake, and regretfully l never saw him again. He loved to laugh and he was quick on the draw to bust you verbally when necessary, and what I'd give to hear him tell me one more time that while he appreciated my knowledge of legendary retired players, I needed to retire the shoes I was wearing.

So long to a guy who was both prime time and down to earth. I'm a better man for knowing him, and the world is definitely a lot less funny without him.

Rest easy, Sekou, and thanks for the conversations, and most importantly the direction.

Danny Bridges, who thinks Sekou Smith was actually jealous of his 1970s suede overcoat, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.

# New sports collaboration will provide professional training for aspiring journalists

## By STAFF

The Indianapolis Recorder and The Next Generation Initiative announced a partnership to cover local sports and publish a weekly digital sports page.

The collaboration will provide an opportunity for aspiring writers, photographers and digital content creators to receive the training necessary to develop their skills in the field of sports media communications. The weekly feature will appear on the Recorder's digital platform, with selected content to be published in the print edition.

NextGen will also produce features, interviews, athlete showcases and subscriber engagement events.

"Our staff will be focusing on the story behind the scores and presenting features on the people and programs that make Indianapolis one of the best professional and amateur sport cities in the country," said Dennis Jarrett, Next Generation Initiative program coordinator. "Our objective is to present unique content from the fresh perspective of young, talented sports enthusiasts."

The collaboration will serve as a tool for the next generation of sports media professionals, as well as a platform to local sports fans.

"As a high school student, I can't think of a better way to get real world, professional insight into what it takes to be successful in the area that I will be studying and pursuing a career in," said senior Collin Echols, a member of the NextGen sports team.

The platform is expected to launch the week of Feb. 25. Young people interested in sports coverage or digital media communications — including photography, videography and writing — should contact Dennis Jarrett at info@thenxgen.

"Since its founding well over a century ago, the Recorder has dedicated itself to informing the community on a variety of topics that are of significant importance and interest to readers," said Robert Shegog, president and CEO of the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper. "We are proud to partner with NextGen to enhance sports coverage while also providing up-and-coming media professionals with the necessary training to be successful in the industry."



Crispus Attucks head coach Chris Hawkins celebrates with his team after securing his 100th win with the Tigers after defeating Tindley, 85-44, on Feb. 11. (Photos/David Dixon)

# Chris Hawkins gets 100th win with Attucks



Sophomore Jalen Hooks finished with a game-high 19 points, including two on this dunk.



Hawkins now has a record of 100-28 in his fifth year at Attucks. He led the Tigers to a state title in his first season in 2016-17.