

Legislation could heavily impact Black community

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Several bills that could have a significant impact on Black Hoosiers have made it through one half of the legislative process and are now being heard in the other chamber. From food accessibility to mental health services, many of the bills filed by Indiana lawmakers have the power to improve the lives of the state's Black residents or make their lives more difficult.

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Sibeko Jywanza (center) supports HB1146 during a demonstration at the Statehouse on March 2. The bill would create food incubator programs in food deserts throughout the state. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

Tiny homes: A solution to homelessness or just a fad?



Circle City Village wants to start construction on a tiny home village by the end of the year. (Rendering provided by Circle City Village)

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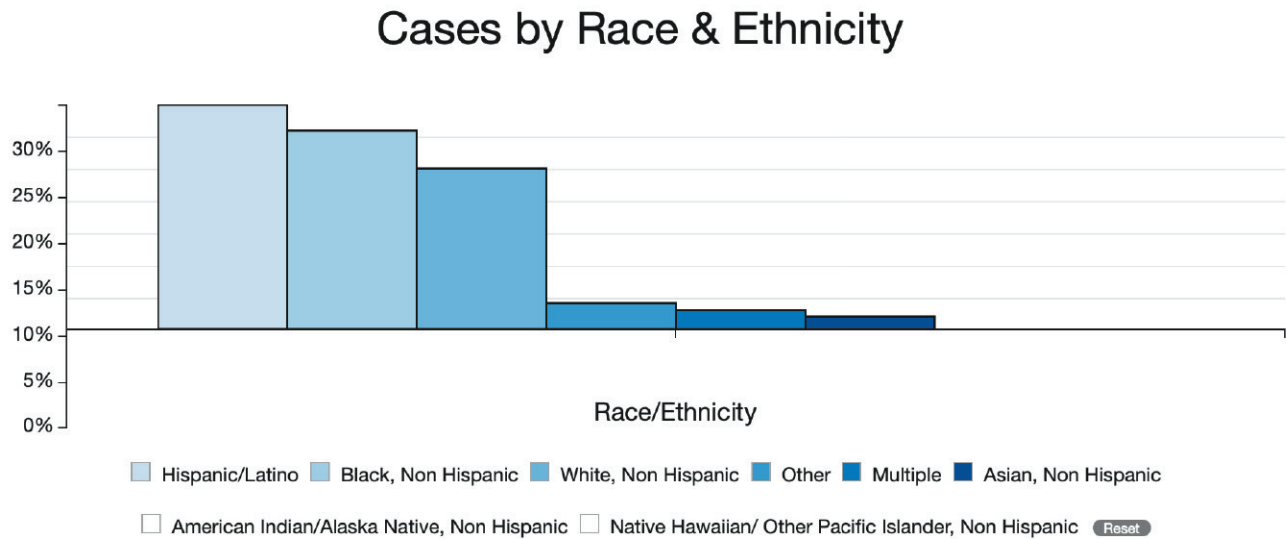
Leon Longard has spent a lot of time over the years working with people who are homeless. He used to be an outreach advocate at Food 4 Souls, a faith-based organization, where he went into homeless camps with food. He was interested in finding housing solutions. "All the time we were doing this, people kept bringing up this tiny house thing," Longard said. "I thought, well, that's interesting." Longard started Circle City Village, a collective of pastors, social workers, architects and other professionals, as well as people who are formerly homeless. The group is trying to build a tiny home community on the northwest side. It recently cleared its biggest hurdle when the city approved a zoning appeal, and construction could start by the end of this year. The community will include 18 homes with a kitchenette, three-quarters bathroom and utilities. There will also be a community center, garden and maybe a park. Longard said he wants people to be able to live there as long as they need to feel stabilized and then move on to other housing. He guessed that means most people will end up living at the community for less than two years. Bryant Smith, a behavioral therapist, is part of Circle City

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Dangerous COVID-related condition hitting Black children

BY FARAH YOUSRY

At Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, Dr. Samina Bhumbra has been receiving calls for help from health centers across the state. Callers describe children with symptoms such as high fever, red eyes, swollen lips and abdominal pain. To Bhumbra, an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics, that can point to a potentially fatal condition known as MIS-C. It's rare but appears to be increasing with every COVID surge. Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children has become all too familiar to Riley's specialists. They've seen dozens of cases. "It's still a very rare phenomenon today," Bhumbra said. "There have been about three million COVID cases in children since the beginning of the pandemic. But really, about 2,000 children have been diagnosed with MIS-C."



The condition is characterized by severe inflammation that affects organs such as the heart and lungs. MIS-C can happen during a COVID infection or weeks later — even when a child hasn't shown symptoms of the virus. There are 33 reported deaths nationwide. MIS-C affects every child differently, and doctors are unsure why some develop it and

others don't. But they say it's hitting Black and Latinx children especially hard. "Just like with COVID-19 impacting minority populations, we have seen that pattern with MIS-C as well," Bhumbra said. According to the CDC, 2,617 children got MIS-C nationwide. Nearly 70% are Black or Latinx. Kendrick Moore, a 9-year-old who lives

north of Chicago, got MIS-C last March — one of the nation's first cases. "Since then, I've been pretty famous," he said. Kendrick paid a big price for that fame. When he developed MIS-C, his heart was failing, and so were his kidney, liver and pancreas. He spent 12 days in an intensive care unit at Lutheran General Hospital in Illinois.

Almost a year has passed since he got home. But Samantha Geer, his mom, said he's still battling some lingering effects. "We first noticed the brain fog. ... He doesn't complete a full task," she said. "Almost all of his hair fell out. It was coming out in clumps. And then the headaches started. And then there'll be a random stomach ache here or

there." MIS-C's long-term effects are still unknown, and doctors are especially worried about the impact on the heart. They recommend that patients follow up with various specialists for up to a year or more. Kendrick sees a cardiologist, infectious disease specialist and a neurologist. Doctors also say he needs to see a neuropsychologist to help with the trauma; part of it comes from being poked and stuck over and over. His mom says going to the doctor's office is a trigger for him now. "At any doctor's appointment his first question is, do I need a blood test," Geer said. "He had a central line through his groin. He had an arterial line, and he had all the IVs from that first day that got the veins so sore and blown." But being on a Medicaid plan meant that none of the neuropsychologists

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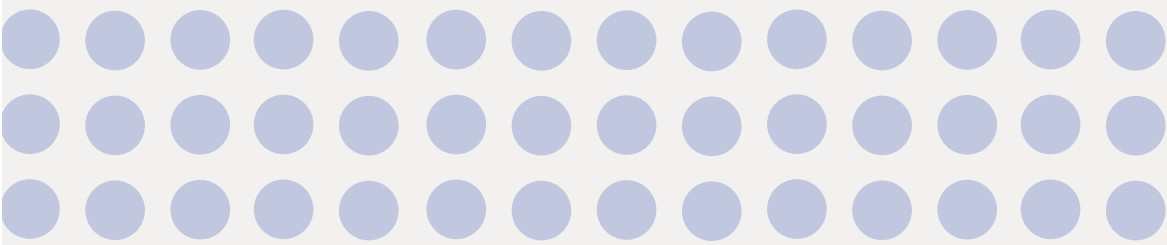


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Culinary arts, cosmetology programs are in jeopardy in Indiana House budget

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When Suzanne Fitts studied cosmetology in high school three decades ago, it was the start of a successful career as a hairdresser. The flexible hours let her raise her two children and assist at her church while making enough money to help support her family, she said.

Now a cosmetology teacher at the Porter County Career & Technical Center in northwest Indiana, Fitts sees the program as a good chance for students to earn affordable qualifications while in high school.

“I’ve also seen kids that it ignited more of a passion within their heart for schooling and for something that they want to do in life,” Fitts said.

But House Republicans don’t see cosmetology as a career worth investing in. Under a proposed budget approved last month by the Indiana House, the state would cut funding for several popular career courses, including cosmetology, culinary arts, and radio and TV. This school year, more than 16,000 students enrolled in courses that could lose aid.

Without that money, schools may shut down programs that require expensive supplies and equipment. Some students may be forced to enroll in costly training programs after graduating. And others may drop out of high school altogether without the incentive of a career that excites them.

House Republicans say they are not aiming to undermine career education, and in fact, the budget projects an increase in money for career training of nearly 8% next year. But it diverts aid from programs in fields that state analysis considers low paying and low demand. That funding would instead go to courses in areas that are typically higher paying, such as nursing, biomedical science, and welding.

“That’s where the money went, and that’s where we are putting our focus,” said House budget leader Tim Brown, R-Crawfordsville, during a debate last month.

When it comes to programs like cosmetology, Brown said, “a school

will still have the option of offering this class, they just won’t get extra money.”

But few observers outside the Statehouse are excited about the current proposal.

Officials from the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce said the cuts would be too abrupt, and any changes to state funding should be part of a broader, ongoing review of which careers to prioritize. At the same time, the potential cuts have ignited fierce opposition from career teachers who say their fields are being denigrated.

“This kind of came from left field,” said Dan Ulrich, executive director of the Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education Districts.

If the state decides to cut funding, Ulrich said, many schools will likely close programs.

The state budget is still taking shape, and the plan to cut funding could change. The Senate will produce its own proposal before the two chambers negotiate a final agreement.

P.J. McGrew, executive director of the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, said the proposal to eliminate support for certain careers is coming at the wrong time.

The state is currently changing career training courses and reviewing the methods it uses to determine the value of courses, he said.

“Prior to going through that process, I don’t know that it is appropriate to change funding levels,” McGrew said. “The timing is a little bit off.”

In recent years, Indiana lawmakers have focused on connecting education and workforce development, part of a national trend that is widely supported by both Republicans and Democrats.

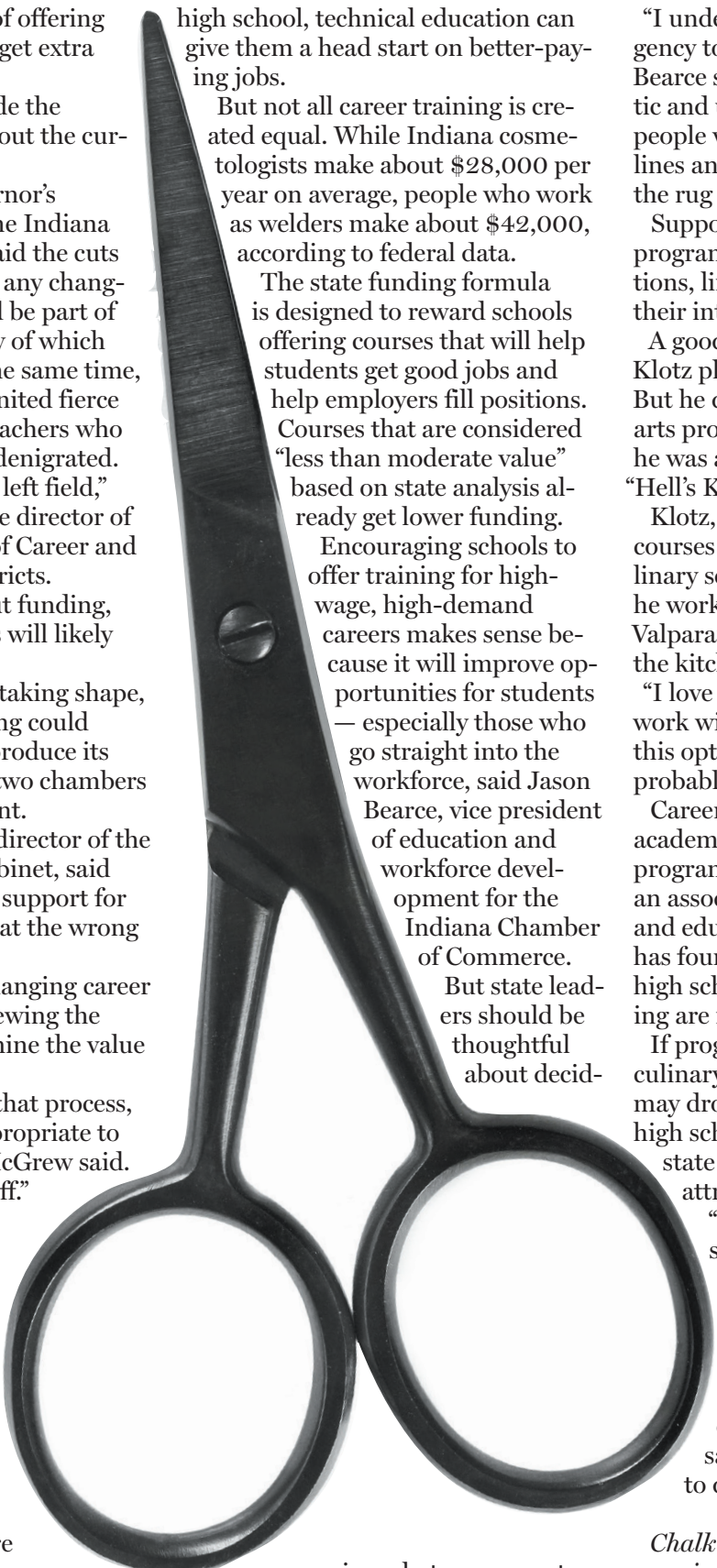
Not all students will make it through four-year colleges, and many in-demand careers require certifications rather than bachelor’s degrees, advocates say. By helping students earn credentials in high school, technical education can give them a head start on better-paying jobs.

But not all career training is created equal. While Indiana cosmetologists make about \$28,000 per year on average, people who work as welders make about \$42,000, according to federal data.

The state funding formula is designed to reward schools offering courses that will help students get good jobs and help employers fill positions. Courses that are considered “less than moderate value” based on state analysis already get lower funding.

Encouraging schools to offer training for high-wage, high-demand careers makes sense because it will improve opportunities for students — especially those who go straight into the workforce, said Jason Bearce, vice president of education and workforce development for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

But state leaders should be thoughtful about deciding what programs to cut funding for, and that process will take time, he said.



“I understand there’s a sense of urgency to make some of these changes,” Bearce said. But “we need to be realistic and understanding of the plight of people who are doing this on the front lines and not just inadvertently pull the rug out from under them.”

Supporters say eliminating popular programs would narrow students’ options, limiting the chance to explore their interests without tuition bills.

A good student in high school, Jacob Klotz planned on pursuing politics. But he decided to enroll in the culinary arts program in Porter County because he was a fan of cooking shows such as “Hell’s Kitchen.”

Klotz, 20, loved his high school courses so much, he enrolled in culinary school after graduation. Now, he works as a cook at a restaurant in Valparaiso, where he largely manages the kitchen.

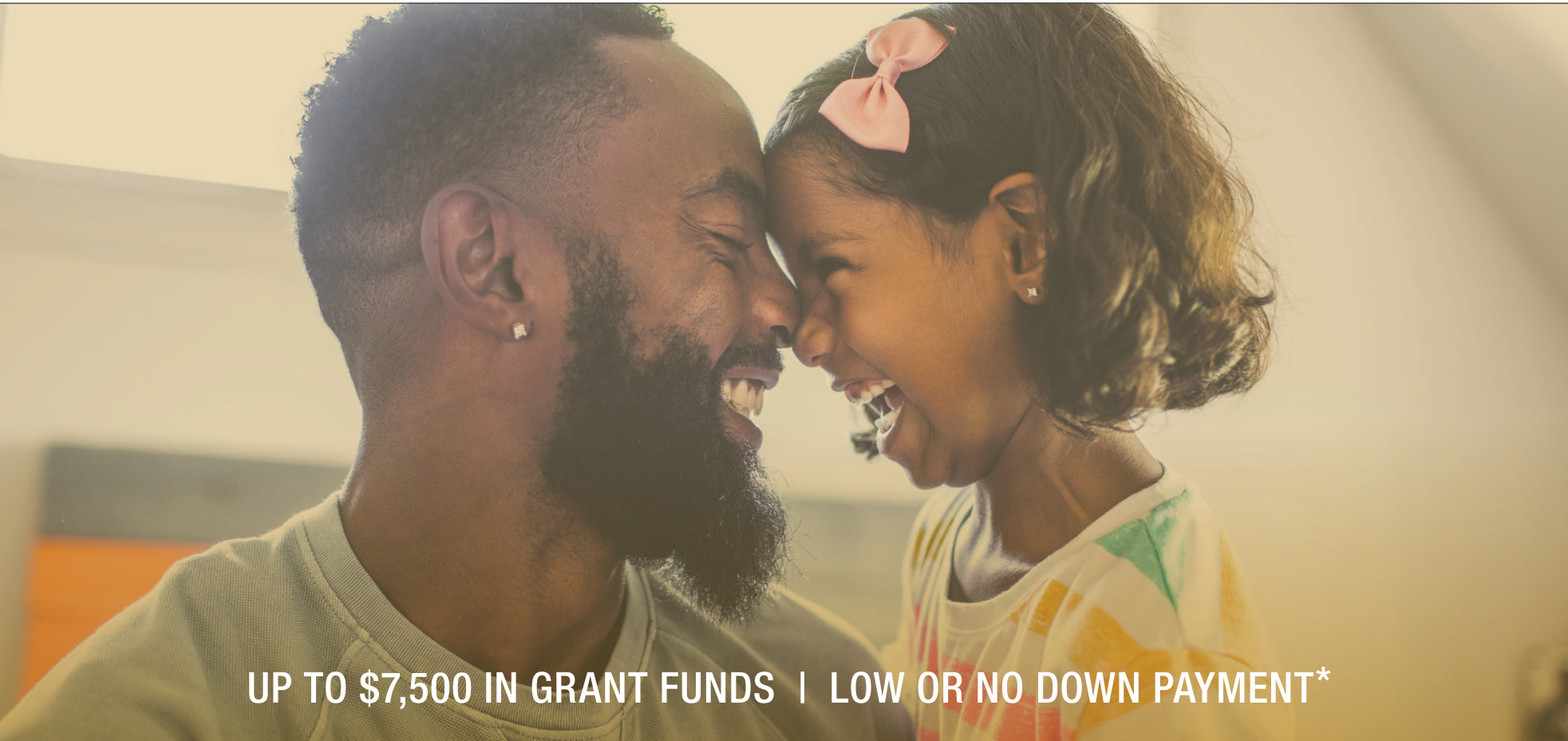
“I love my job. And I love the people I work with,” Klotz said. “If I didn’t have this option of culinary tech center, I probably wouldn’t be in this industry.”

Career education also has potential academic benefits that could be lost if programs are cut. Shaun Dougherty, an associate professor of public policy and education at Vanderbilt University, has found that students who attend high schools dedicated to career training are more likely to graduate.

If programs like cosmetology or culinary arts are cut, some students may drop out, Dougherty said. Even if high schools add other courses that get state funding, they won’t necessarily attract the same students.

“We should not make the assumption that the students who want to do culinary arts or cosmetology are the same ones that will get transferred into these other programs,” Dougherty said. “There aren’t a group of 14-year-olds walking around saying, ‘no matter what, I want to do technical education.’”

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COMING 2 AMERICA

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Nothing wrong with a little nostalgia. But if you're looking for a comedy revelation, this isn't it. It's an '80s throwback with a comic superstar, his merry men/women and a tinge of Wakanda fever. Grab a seat and be prepared to yawn before you laugh hysterically.

If 1988 feels ancient to you, you're young, go sit in a corner. If that era brings back pleasant memories, step up. Things have happened since back in the day. The larger public has learned what the African American community has known all along, being Black is cool and being Black in Africa is mythically awesome. That's what made the original "Coming to America" iconic.

A long, long time ago, Akeem Joffer (Eddie Murphy) was the young prince of Zamunda, a fictional country over in the motherland. Rather than taking part in an arranged marriage, as expected by his father the king (James Earl Jones), Akeem eschewed tradition. He and his wingman/coat-holder Semmi (Arsenio Hall) went to Queens, New York, looking for a wife. He found Lisa (Shari Headley), a commoner, the daughter of Cleo (John Amos), a man who owned a fast-food restaurant named McDowell's. The two lovebirds married and lived happily ever after — until.

That's the old plot. The step off point for screenwriters Kenya Barris, Barry W. Blaustein and David Sheffield. It's like they cheated off an old term paper to write the new formulaic one. Innovation, wild



imagination, uncanny scenes or profound dialogue — nope. Expect, with Barris at the helm, inside culture jokes, bawdiness (an attempted male adult circumcision. Ouch!) and "Black-ish" humor. Prepare for a few surprises (a welcomed touch of female empowerment). There are plenty of laughs, one-liners, sight gags, rivalries and problems to solve. None add up to much more than an excuse to give Eddie Murphy one more run at Akeem before we all go to the elephant burial ground.

Director Craig Brewer, who guided Murphy to a career-redefining performance in "Dolemite Is My Name," helms the project. Comedy is his stomping ground, but not much else. He works in a "Black Panther" angle with a few martial arts warrior fight scenes — none particularly convincing. Romantic moments are shallow at best. Settings in Africa and New York's largest and most diverse borough provided opportunities for stunning exteriors



of African plains or bustling streets, but few exist. That's because the production was largely shot at Tyler Perry Studios. Pageantry, elaborate processions, fancy royal bedrooms, neighborhood barbershops, it all looks fake. What isn't bogus are the comic performances, which Brewer nurtures perfectly.

These days, King Jaffe Joffer is ailing, old, contemplating succession and mortality. He turns to Semmi with certain derision: "I will be dead soon. Why couldn't it be you?"

Old laws dictate that Prince Akeem's successor must be a male heir. That displeases the prince's eldest daughter Meeka (Kiki Layne, "If Beale Street Could Talk") and his two other offspring (Akiley Love and Murphy's real offspring Bella Murphy). Marrying Meeka off to General Izzi's (Wesley Snipes) useless son Idi Izzi (Rotimi Akinsosho) could have two benefits: a future male prince and uniting the two, potentially warring nations of Zamunda and Izzi's country Nexdoria. It's a plan, until Akeem discovers that, due to an old indiscretion, he has a

unremarkable. Campy, garish costumes (Ruth E. Carter, "Black Panther"), extravagant sets (Douglas A. Mowat, "Inception"), a funky musical score (Jermaine Stegall) and a host of cameos (En Vogue and Gladys Knight) fill in the cracks nicely.

The commissary at Tyler Perry's studios must have been packed during the shoot. Hefty main cast. Lots of supporting roles. Extras in abundance. Murphy plays a prince, but he is truly the king of Black comedy — and luminous. The Nigerian sounding accent, wicked smiles, dramatic acting and horsey laughs. He plays a host of other characters too, the most frenetic is rock/soul musician Randy Watson, a Rick James knock off in a powder blue outfit warbling "We Are Family." Equally disarming is Wesley Snipes as the duplicitous snake Izzi. He's wonderfully evil.

Arsenio Hall in drag could give kids nightmares. Whoever hit him with the ugly stick should be properly credited. Also begging for laughs and attention are Jones and Morgan with more nuanced performances by Layne, Headley and Nomzamo Mbatha as Lavelle's love interest.

Tune in looking for the old days, Afrocentric culture and silly comedy and you'll be satiated. Expect something earth-shatteringly new, and you won't. Remember how two African interlopers once changed audiences' perception of Queens, New York? Zamunda forever! Premiered March 5 on Prime Video.



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SPOTLIGHT

Artist showcases community, Black history at Harrison Center

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Looking at the paintings Kaila Austin has in her exhibit, “Saints & Icons” at the Harrison Center, it’s difficult to tell that she had to teach herself how to paint Black people. During her time at Indiana University, she was taught tips and tricks on how to paint white subjects but not people who looked like her.

White professors advised her to not use brown paint because it looked “muddy and ugly.” She said this, along with a lack of diversity among faculty and her class (she was one of two Black students), inspired her to teach herself how to capture Black people in portraits.

“It’s just basic color theory,” Austin said about painting different skin tones. “Professors just got uncomfortable with the topic, and it definitely keeps Black artists from joining programs. You have to fight constantly to be seen and heard.”

Austin, 29, hopes her art will serve as a reminder of Black history and Black excellence. Her take on Marie Guillermine Benoist’s 1800 painting “Portrait of a Negress” is one of Austin’s favorites. She wanted to make the subject, Madeline, a Black woman brought to France to escape slavery, look more like what she might have in life. Benoist’s original painting darkened many

of Madeline’s features, making them difficult to notice.

Portraits of McHale Rose and Dreasjon Reed — two men killed by Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers in 2020 — hit closer to home.

Austin, who is friends with several of Reed’s family members and met Rose’s younger brothers after his death, said she wanted to share their stories and provide audiences a chance to see who they were, beyond the news stories, beyond the police reports.

“You don’t realize how impactful it is until it hits close to home,” Austin said.

Austin contributed her talents to local efforts to promote social change when protests came to Indianapolis, both for Dreasjon Reed and George Floyd.

Austin painted sev-



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eral murals downtown — including one depicting writer Audre Lorde and another depicting James Baldwin — as part of the Arts Council of Indianapolis’ Murals for Racial Justice project. Austin hopes the ongoing push for diversity in the arts and the use of art to effect social change will make an impact for younger generations, including her 10-year-old daughter.

“Art is one of the few mediums that asks you to take a step back and really put yourself in someone else’s shoes,” Austin said. “There’s an emotional impact, and it forces you to step outside of yourself and really think about the world around you.”

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It has been one year since COVID-19, a once unknown virus that causes illnesses similar to the common cold, ravaged the world. Currently, there have been well-over 520,000 deaths in the United States alone. However, Americans’ health isn’t the only thing that’s been impacted by the devastating virus.

Over the past 12 months, COVID-19 has impacted education adversely but also positively. This panel discussion features local education leaders who will explain the good and bad effects of the pandemic as well as what educating students will look like in the future.

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Here is a rundown of three bills, what the bills mean for the community and where the bills stand. The Recorder will focus on more bills in the next edition.

House Bill 1001

The state budget bill determines how tax dollars are spent in Indiana. It would increase Medicaid reimbursements in certain situations and impact funding for charter schools. The budget bill “appropriates money for capital expenditures, the operation of the state, K-12 and higher education, the delivery of Medicaid and other services, and various other distributions and purposes.” The budget also earmarks appropriations for mental health care and addiction services, which are being cut by \$26 million.

“If organizations like ours lose funding, we’ll see an increase in depression, anxiety, alcoholism and suicide in our communities,” Michaelangelo McClendon, executive director of Drug Free Marion County, said. “If we’re not able to provide these services, what happens to the people who depend on our services to learn coping mechanisms when they’re faced with issues that lead to substance abuse? Especially in the middle of a pandemic, we need to provide those in need with help.”

Roughly 6.9% of African Americans report a substance abuse issue, compared with 7.4% of the total population, according to the American Addiction Centers. While Black Americans are more likely, on average, to seek help for an addiction, there have to be resources available to do so.

“Not being able to provide our programming in Marion County, and other resources losing their ability to help, will reduce our ability to fight addictions in the county,” McClendon said.

The bill passed in the House in February and is awaiting a vote in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Senate Bill 141

This bill would require Indianapolis public transportation projects — namely ones by IndyGo — to raise a certain level of revenue themselves before receiving local income tax revenue. Currently, state law requires counties to raise 10% of annual operating expenses for projects and 25% of the project funding must come from fares and charges. This amounts to roughly \$6 million per year. This bill would prohibit the construction of the Purple Line, which would serve the city’s northeast side.

“They’ve [IndyGo] already invested in it,” Ashley Gurvitz, chief executive officer at Alliance for Northeast Unification, said. “Construction of the Purple Line would create sidewalks, better infrastructure and job opportunities with companies moving along the routes. ... I’d hate to see all these efforts go to waste.”

IndyGo raised just over \$96,000 last year through the nonprofit it started

in 2019. The Recorder was unable to reach representatives from IndyGo, but spokespeople previously called the law’s requirement “unrealistic.”

Filed by Republican Sen. Aaron Freeman, the bill passed through the Senate by a vote of 32-17. The bill is now awaiting debate in the House of Representatives.

House Bill 1146

Not every bill proposed will negatively impact Indiana’s Black community. The healthy food incubator program would provide healthy foods to underserved communities in Indiana under the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA). If passed, the bill would create loans and grants to projects that decrease the impact of food deserts throughout the state.

In Indianapolis alone, 23% of residents live in a food desert, meaning a low-income neighborhood more than a mile from a grocery store. According to The Polis Center at IUPUI, Black Hoosiers are more likely than any other demographic to live in a food desert. Lack of access to healthy foods raises a person’s risk for diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiovascular health.

Sibeko Jywanza, manager of Cleo’s Bodega and an advocate for food accessibility, spoke in favor of the bill March 2 during a demonstration at the Statehouse. If more people have access to nutritious foods, they’re more likely to do better in school and break cycles of poverty and violence within communities, Jywanza said.

“When people have healthier foods, it helps their mental and physical health,” Jywanza said.

The bill moved to a hearing in the House’s Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs in January.

House Bill 1006

House Bill 1006, a bipartisan bill authored by Rep. Gregory Steurewald, R-Avon, would increase accountability for police and enact criminal justice reform. After passing through the House, it passed unanimously through the Indiana Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee on March 9. The bill must be reviewed by the Senate Appropriations Committee before it can be heard by the full Senate.

Co-authored by several members of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, the bill would create mandatory de-escalation training for officers, make it a misdemeanor for officers to turn off body cameras and would ban chokeholds in certain situations.

HB 1006 would create procedures to decertify officers for misconduct, make it easier for police departments to find employment records of officers and is in line with policy changes IBLC has called for.

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Village. He was homeless in Indianapolis from the ages of 17 to 22 and knows the plight of extreme poverty and hopelessness.

“Mentally, physically, emotionally, at every point it can be devastating,” he said. “There’s people that I still see on the street that was homeless when I was homeless.”

There were 1,588 people who were homeless in January 2020 when the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) did its annual count. A little more than half were African American.

CHIP conducted its 2021 count in January, but data typically isn’t released until late spring or summer.

Circle City Village, as long as everything goes according to plan, will help some people out of homelessness. The plan is to implement a “community fee” that’s equal to 10% of a resident’s income (but not more than \$150) to help with utilities and maintenance.

The question is whether tiny home villages are a real solution to homelessness and worthwhile venture.

There are already other examples around the country. It’s an especially popular idea in the northwest in states such as Washington and Oregon, and Longard said Circle City Village has considered those models in its own development.

There are also other tiny home projects that are either operational or in the works in Indiana, including in Muncie and Camby.

One of the main reasons the team at Circle City Village believes its tiny home

community is a sustainable, long-term solution to homelessness is it offers stability that goes beyond that of a shelter with other support services.

“I do truly believe in my heart that this tiny house community will provide upward dignity to anyone who’s able to live there and call it home,” said Breana Rothrock, another member of Circle City Village who also leads a program at Wheeler Mission to help women receive training and work experience.

Plus, it’s more cost-effective than traditional housing. The high-end estimate for cost per home is \$32,500, but Longard expects that to decrease after factoring in donations and volunteer labor.

Steve Berg, vice president of programs and policy at the National Alliance to End Homelessness, said the efficacy of a tiny home village depends on how tiny the homes actually are — if you can even call it a home.

When some people talk about tiny homes, they might be referring to what basically amounts to a small shed with a bed. In this case, Circle City Village’s project more closely resembles the traditional tiny home: a smaller living space, but a home nonetheless.

What people usually think of as housing — apartments, single-family homes, etc. — is simply too expensive, Berg said, so any solution needs to include cheaper ways to provide affordable housing.

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Voter suppression efforts continue

By OSEYE BOYD



The right to vote is central to democracy. It's what makes our country so great. One person, one vote. Your vote counts. Your vote matters. At least that's what we've been told. We've moved beyond the time when only white men could vote. Amendments that give other groups the ability to cast their ballot were created. According to the 15th Amendment, people can't be denied the right to vote because of race, color or previous condition of servitude. The 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote in 1920. Based on these amendments, everyone is covered and their right to vote protected, making this country's democratic process the envy of the world (or so we've been told). I remember learning how other countries model their fight for the right to vote after us, and how the ability to vote for the candidate of your choice is a right Americans shouldn't take lightly. And I didn't. I remember how excited and nervous I was the first time I entered a voting booth, the gravity of my actions on my shoulders. I remember pulling the lever and thinking I just did something big. I made a difference. I honored those who came before me and died for my right to vote. I implored friends and relatives to vote. I chastised those who didn't, reminding them that Black people and wom-

en weren't originally included and so it's our duty to exercise it for our ancestors who were prohibited, beaten and killed for this right. But then you start thinking about it. The fact that we had to fight for this right is telling. The fact that only white men who owned property were allowed to vote is telling. It tells us no one else mattered. Only a few voices should be heard, and they have the right to make decision for the masses. While I've been taught poll taxes, the grandfather clause, literacy tests and English-language requirements were a thing of the past and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 ensures our ability to vote, I've learned voter suppression isn't dead. Voter ID laws, limiting the ability to vote by absentee ballot, and reducing polling locations and early voting are just a few suppression tactics used in recent years. We are still fighting for our right to vote. Today these voter suppression tactics are masked as efforts to protect the vote from fraud. Our country is fraught with so much unproven fraud. Politicians, specifically Republicans, are wringing their hands with worry. They must, they say, protect us and protect democracy. It's funny that these protectors want to limit who can vote, not actually protect the vote. Instead of creating laws to make voting more accessible, providing more resources so county clerks can ensure a smooth process by having enough people and equipment, they spend their time making up stories of fraud,

crafting laws and going to court. In Indiana, Senate Bill 353 has passed the Senate and has moved to the Indiana House of Representatives Committee on Elections and Apportionment. SB 353 would prohibit the Indiana Election Commission from making election changes such as increasing or expanding the right to vote by absentee ballot. It also prohibits the governor from "changing, during a declared disaster emergency, the time, place, or manner of holding an election." This bill is a direct result of the primary election when Gov. Eric Holcomb allowed Indiana citizens to vote by absentee ballot because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This "no-excuse" absentee vote-by-mail ballot made residents who wanted to vote but were nervous about this new pandemic feel safe in doing so. However, Sen. Erin Houchin, R-District 47, the author of the bill, could care less. A week ago, the Supreme Court began hearing two cases involving Arizona laws that restrict the right to vote. One case could end anti-discrimination with regard to race when voting. None of this is about protecting the right to vote. It's about protecting power. Republicans don't want to lose the grip they know is slipping. The scramble to limit voters shows how desperate Republicans are to hold onto their power. I have a novel idea: Let's make voting convenient and equitable and see who wins. Isn't that how it's supposed to be?

OPINIONS

Protecting a real Black princess

By LARRY SMITH



I watched Oprah's interview with Prince Harry and Princess Meghan. (I don't know if they still have these official titles, but I don't care about the esoterica regarding how they're bestowed — or rescinded.) I am far from a "royal watcher." However, I recorded the interview because their story is compelling. I was not at all surprised by the racism of the unnamed family member who wondered aloud how "dark" their son, Archie, might become. (I was amused that race is, apparently, more important to this person than the history of incest in the "House of Windsor.") Nor was I surprised by the intra-family intrigue and pettiness. And, of course, I was not surprised by the actions of the vile, gossipy and racist British press. ("Megxit"? Seriously?) I was surprised to learn that there is an omnipotent and omnipresent company, "the Firm," which oversees

the royal family's operations — from quotidian tasks to security. (Given the Firm's responsibility to be gatekeeper of all things royal, it is interesting that no one taught Princess Meghan to curtsy in preparation for her initial meeting with Queen Elizabeth.) One might argue that the Firm is ultimately responsible for the couple's departure. It's fair to say that I'm not a romantic movie guy. So, I was surprised that watching this real-life romantic drama left me somewhat "in my feelings." What resonated most with me is the fact that Prince Harry acted decisively to protect his wife and son. It's not uncommon — in the movies — for chivalrous men to walk away from wealth or even royalty for the woman they love. (Or ... so I'm told.) It was quite moving for Harry to have done so in real life. Of course, it's impossible to ignore the role that race plays in this affair. For example, while it's true that the British press can be monstrous toward any royal or celebrity, the implicitly (and explicitly) racist manner in which they have treated Princess Meghan is beyond the pale — pun intended. Conversely, the love and concern that Harry has for her is genuinely touching.

Specifically, while it's not surprising that he loves his wife, his acknowledgment of how much racism has been a factor in this royal reality show speaks volumes about who Harry is as a man. I'm sure that he would admit how much his eyes have been opened since he started dating Meghan. It's one thing, for example, for white people to go to a couple protest marches and chant "Black Lives Matter." It's another thing to viscerally understand the phrase, "I can't keep calm. I have a Black son." (If Dave Chappelle were to update his "racial draft" for 2021, there are a lot of Black folks I'd trade for Harry.) Of course, I should reference the fact that Meghan — who is biracial — does not have a history of closely identifying with African Americans. She attended an elite, predominately white university, not an HBCU. She joined a white sorority, not one of the Divine Nine. As far as I know, she has only been linked to white men in her dating life and her previous husband is white. For these reasons, her story has not resonated with some Black folks. (That should not be surprising; we're not a monolithic group.) Some have even accused

her of turning to Blackness out of convenience. Meghan Markle, Tiger Woods, Barack Obama, Kamala Harris and others who identify as more than one race eventually are forced to come to terms with being "Black." There is an understandable sensitivity regarding this topic for those who don't have that identity crisis. To fail to understand the sensitivity of this concern is to fail to understand what it means to be Black in America — or any majority-white nation. For me, a Black man who nobody would mistake as biracial, it is important to embrace our brothers and sisters who may not necessarily identify as closely with us as we would like. If they don't explicitly disassociate themselves, we shouldn't disinvite them from the proverbial cookout. Some people use sex, drugs or alcohol to escape the pain of their reality. Some Black folks deny or ignore their heritage to try to avoid the reality of racism. Let's leave a seat at the table for them. And let's protect our princesses and queens. All of them. Larry Smith is a community leader. Contact him at larry@leaf-llc.com

Happy Women's History Month — a salute to othermothers!

By KHALILAH A. SHABAZZ



In this inaugural column and in celebration of Women's History Month, it is only fitting that I dedicate it to my dear great-grandmother Vivian Irene White Marbury (or VIM). She was an Indianapolis activist, educator (as principal of IPS #87 for decades), and one of the founders of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. In the words of Shirley Chisolm, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring in a folding chair." As a Black woman and educator, I know my VIM did just that! Through her legacy and this column, I hope to share wisdom, lessons and insights that reflect the

life of love and service that she lived. I hope you will be enlightened, empowered and encouraged to serve and lead. March is Women's History Month! A month to celebrate all that women have been and done to enrich the lives of our society. There is usually a focus on well-known and deserving historical or contemporary change agents; however, the significant roles that everyday Black women have held in advancing change have often been sidelined or left in the shadows. One important group who deserves to be celebrated are Black women caregivers. In addition to the change agent that my VIM was in the community, she also held a huge role in my life beyond the title of great-grandmother. She was instrumental in raising me for periods of my life — a role that many Black grandmothers have held. Serving as pillars in the community and often as the primary caregiver to their relatives and other children in the neighborhood, many Black children have thrived because of the wisdom, love and rearing of Black women who were not their biological mothers. This is called "othermothering," a practice dating back to tribal and slavery eras where women would mother children not birthed by them for the purpose of racial uplift, collective survival and advocacy. This strategy persisted in the United States and was and is used to improve the educational, economic and social lives of Black Americans. Othermothering comes in the form of people such as our grandmothers, aunts and community women who joined forces to make sure that the children were good. The Black woman teacher, store clerk, church mother, bus driver or lunch lady would quickly get you together if need be. The village of other-

mothers were there wherever you went to help guide and protect Black children. Unfortunately, challenges exist with othermothering today, as many do not rely on or even want the village to help raise and protect their children. Instead, there is a reliance on things such as technology and social media to do so. There are mothers who for whatever reason (perhaps pride or insecurities) do not want other people in their business and have rejected the wise input of elder Black women, but I believe it is time to reactivate the othermother village. We need the Black women in our lives to stand in the gap for our children because we can't do it alone. They need protection and guidance from the wisdom that exists in our community. The propensity of violence against Black bodies and the inequities that exist particularly for our Black children should call for us to rely on each other to do what we can to address and eliminate the barriers that exist. The survival, mental health, safety, education and future of Black children and families is at stake. I offer a salute to the Black othermothers — the women like my great-grandmother who are the gems of the Black community. I know for me, without Vivian Irene White Marbury (RIP — whose birthday was March 11), I would not be the woman and mother that I am today. I will continue to do my part to uplift the Black children in my life and I challenge those who can serve as othermothers to step boldly out of the shadows to do the same. Happy Women's History Month! Dr. Khalilah A. Shabazz shares wisdom, lessons and insights on personal, social and societal issues of today. Contact her at shabazzk@iu.edu.

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within 75 miles would accept Kendrick’s insurance. And the only doctor she found has more than a year’s wait for an appointment. It’s yet another disparity that puts many low-income Black and Latinx children at a disadvantage.

“It’s so beyond frustrating and then again, they’re the kids who are not going to be able to get the follow up care because of the neighborhoods they’re living in,” Geer said. “It’s not fair. He didn’t choose this.”

And it’s not just the post-COVID inflammation that Black and Latinx children struggle with. A nationwide study published in JAMA suggests that if they contract the virus, they are also more likely to suffer from severe COVID symptoms.

Doctors and researchers are trying to figure out why children react differently to COVID.

Dr. Courtney Rowan, an associate professor who works in Riley’s pediatric ICU, participated in the

nationwide study. She and other doctors are trying to understand this disparity by looking at a multitude of factors.

“Is there something in your genetic profile that makes you more predisposed to have bigger inflammatory reactions or to get sick or when you’re exposed to this particular virus?” Rowan says. Or it could be tied to social and economic factors.

Even before the pandemic began, Black children suffered from many health disparities. For example, they are nearly twice as likely to have asthma, even when adjusting for income and family characteristics.

Rowan said getting vaccinated is the only way families can protect their children — especially those in vulnerable populations.

“Our children are not able to be vaccinated right now, there’s not a vaccine that exists ...” she said. “And I think that these racial disparities that we’re

seeing within COVID and COVID-related illnesses really hammer home the need to make sure that we’re providing access to the vaccine across all social and racial populations within the state.”

As doctors search for ways to address these disparities, Kendrick misses some of the normal joys of childhood — such as sledding with friends at the beginning of the year.

“I haven’t gone sledding any time before that. Because of my asthma,” he said. “It was really fun. And I wish I could do it again. All of the snow is melted.”

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IRT CELEBRATES DIVERSE STORYTELLING WITH ‘NO.6’

The Indiana Repertory Theatre (IRT) kicks off the INclusion series, which celebrates diverse storytelling, with T.J. Young’s “NO. 6.”

The virtual production is inspired by the killing of a young Black man in Cincinnati by a white police officer in 2001. The story centers on a Black family who live above their dry cleaning business. As riots break out all over the city, they protect an intoxicated white man. This causes tensions to rise and secrets are revealed.

“Our decision to produce T.J. Young’s intense family drama NO. 6 is a decision to use our art to reflect deeply on the human impact of racial injustice in our country,” said IRT’s Margot Lacy Eccles Artistic Director Janet Allen. “Art can help us see under the surface of the news headlines: past the sensational pictures and footage, past the bylines and statistics, and into the hearts of people who must live through these huge traumas.”

Dwandra Nickole Lampkin, an associate professor of theatre and director of Multicultural Theatre at Western Michigan University, is the director. Lampkin has acted in IRT productions “Doubt” and “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

“NO. 6 provides us the opportunity to acknowledge the black and brown people who have lost their lives to police brutality, while simultaneously creating a space for us to reflect, re-examine, and recalibrate,” Lampkin said. “In light of current events, it is my hope that audiences will allow their anger, frustration, and confusion to shape their experience as they bear witness to this play. You must be willing to go through it to get to it.”

Tickets for the virtual production start at \$30. The production will stream March 11-April 4.

The final shows for the 2020-21 season will be “Mrs. Harrison” and “The House that Jack Built.”

WHERE: Online at irtlive.com.
WHEN: Streaming March 11-April 4. PNC presents “NO. 6” is approximately one hour and 25 minutes, with no intermission. Tickets and information at irtlive.com.
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Changing the Diversity Profile in Tech: Linda Calvin

by Kara Kavensky

Growing up on the east side of Indianapolis, Linda Calvin wanted to be a rock star and an actress. Calvin, who graduated from Warren Central HS, thought she knew everything when she was 18.

“My mom worked at IU-PUI and that was where I was supposed to go, but I quit and got a job working in a warehouse as an office manager,” says Calvin, who is now the Vice President of IT for Ivy Tech Community College statewide. “When my sister asked me what I was going to do with my life when I was 21, and I had no answer, so she helped me get a job at [then] Wishard Hospital performing computer operations.”

Working on VAX/VMS systems at Wishard opened up possibilities for Calvin. She became adept at writing solution-based code. This experience paved the way for an opportunity at Dow where she continued her systems operations support on VAX/VMS, and moved throughout the Dow organization learning more about the intranet and internet.

“It is true that you can kick start a career by working at a help desk,” shares Calvin. “As long as you are hungry to learn more about tech.”

In her last 10 years with Dow, Calvin served as Global Digital Leader. She was responsible for their mobile app, social media development, data privacy, and social media policy. It was during her tenure at Dow that Calvin earned her



undergraduate degree in journalism and she also earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.), too.

Calvin loved what she did at Dow in the digital space. She has worked in many roles in communications, including development of digital properties for businesses to sell advertising, digital marketing strategy, and IT.

Her love of IT led Calvin into her perfect job: Vice President of IT for Ivy Tech Community College (ITCC). The job enables Calvin to incorporate how to speak in tech, work with tech, and to engage in communication strategies to bring people together to work on curriculum. “We bring voices together, this is how we reach out to our community,” states Calvin, who loves her job 95% of every day.

Tech is one of the many solutions to combatting poverty. It is proven that diversity fuels innovation when you have a more diverse team working together. Calvin notes that ITCC is the place to go and that they are not the college of last resort.

“We are the place you can go to get the skills you need to get that job and continue along your learning journey. When someone earns one degree or one credential

at ITCC, they will be encouraged to attend networking events and seminars,” says Calvin. “ITCC is where a learning journey continues to grow — into leadership.”

Currently, Ivy Tech is currently working on a collaboration with Eleven Fifty Academy titled, “Accelerate Your Tech Career”. Both organizations are focused on building a local tech talent ecosystem that benefits the individual, their employer, and their community and their latest endeavor involves Ivy Tech offering credit from Eleven Fifty Academy’s web development bootcamp towards completion of Ivy Tech’s software development certificate.

“We anticipate our collaboration to continue, as this adds additional value for Ivy Tech student experience,” says Calvin.

One of Calvin’s personal goals is to change the diversity profile in tech. “We need more women of color! A mere three percent of the roles in the tech workforce are held by Black women,” shares Calvin. “If you see us, you can be us. Deliberate change is something we need to have more conversations about. We need to flip the script.”

Calvin is a rock star. She even has the hair to prove it!

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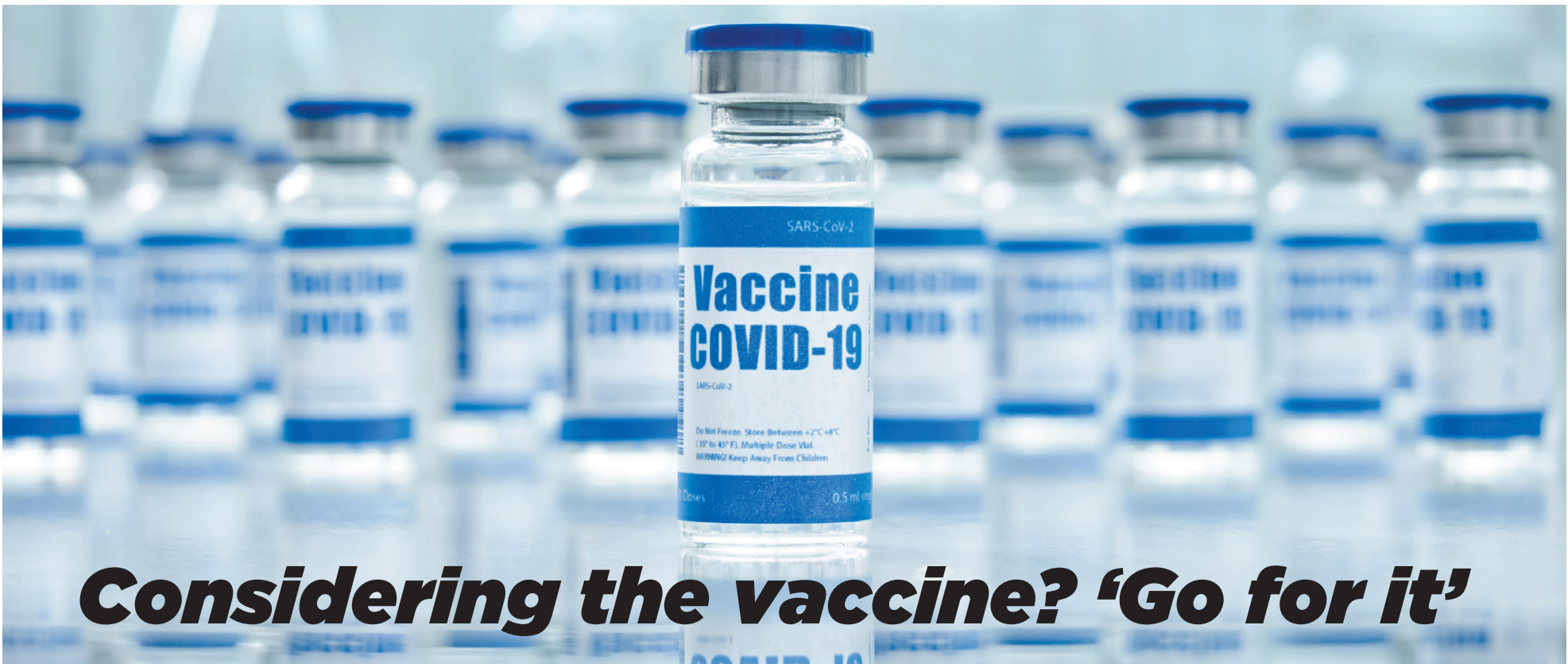
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Considering the vaccine? ‘Go for it’

By **BREANNA COOPER**
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When Emerson Allen got his second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine recently, he said the process was “smooth sailing.”

When Allen, a Vietnam-era veteran, got a call from the Veteran’s Affairs Hospital about registering for a vaccination, he jumped at the chance.

“Oh, heck no! I wasn’t hesitant,” Allen, 67, said. “My neighbor and one of my best friends died of the COVID, and three of my daughters caught the virus and all recovered. So it hit close to home.”

Aspen Clemons, 30, was initially wary of getting vaccinated. After becoming eligible through her work, she decided to get the Pfizer vaccine after hearing it was safe from a Black health care professional she trusted.

After her second dose,



Emerson Allen

Clemons felt soreness at the injection site and flu-like symptoms, including chills, a low-grade fever and exhaustion, all of which lasted 24 hours, she said.

Allen’s symptoms were less severe.

“I worked the day of the shot, and I got a slight headache at work,” Allen said of his second dose. “But I don’t

know if it was from the shot or the fact that I had to go to work. ... I took two Tylenol and that was it.”

Clemons and Allen are part of the roughly 9.6% of Hoosiers fully vaccinated (nearly 17% of Hoosiers have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine). However, neither have any plans to “get back to normal” right away. Both Clemons and Allen say they will continue to wear a mask in public and to socially distance until more Hoosiers are vaccinated.

Kristen Kelly, nursing director of infection prevention at Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital, said she’d like to see vaccination rates reach at least 70% before Indiana begins loosening mask restrictions. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on March 8 announced fully vaccinated people can have small gatherings indoors without masks.

“It’s a really encouraging sign that we’re starting to take down some of the requirements,” Kelly said. “But I don’t think it should be an all-or-nothing approach. We need to keep slowly scaling back some of the interventions that we put forward as vaccines rise. ... You can forgo a mask at small gatherings if everyone is fully vaccinated but continue to wear a mask and socially distance if you’re out in public.”

Despite initial concerns that African Americans may be less likely to get vaccinated due to medical mistrust and mistreatment from the health care industry, Kelly said she has seen a “really high buy-in” from African Americans in Marion County, largely thanks to people sharing their experiences.

“What’s been most effective is people having a great experience at our clinic and sharing that with their loved ones and friends, who have in

To learn more about vaccine eligibility and how to register to be vaccinated, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine.

turn come in and gotten the vaccine,” Kelly said. “One of the most influential factors in getting the vaccine is seeing the people who you trust get vaccinated.”

It’s unknown if COVID-19 vaccinations will need to be an annual occurrence, but Allen said he’s willing to do whatever it takes to curb the virus and keep the community safe.

“I encourage everyone to go and get the shot,” Allen said. “Talk to your doctor and learn what you need to know, and then go for it.”

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SUBSTANCE USE OUTREACH SERVICES IS TEAMING WITH THE ACTION HEALTH CENTER TO PROVIDE STD/STI TREATMENT



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Beginning on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 1-4pm, Dr. Millicent Moye of the ACTION Health Center will be collaborating with SUOS to provide STD/STI treatment.

The Substance Use Outreach Services (SUOS) Program, located at 1650 N. College Ave., currently provides HIV/STD and Hepatitis testing and screening.

This expansion of service will offer the community more accessibility and convenience for not only getting STD/STI testing but getting treatment as well. The clinic is centrally located and on the bus line (16th & N. College) with free on-site parking. In addition to providing treatment for STDs and STIs, Dr. Moye will also offer physical examinations for clients.

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PERSONALIZE YOUR PLATE DURING NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

The Marion County Public Health Department’s Nutrition Services joins the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in celebrating National Nutrition Month in March. During this annual campaign, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

Developing a healthful eating pattern is not a one-size-fits all endeavor. The key is tailoring your favorite foods to meet your individual nutrient needs. In March, the Academy focuses attention on healthful eating through National Nutrition Month®.

This year’s theme, Personalize Your Plate, promotes creating nutritious meals to meet individuals’ cultural and personal food preferences.

“America is a cultural melting pot, so you can’t expect everyone’s food choices to look the same,” said registered dietitian nutritionist Su-Nui Escobar, a national spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Miami, Fla. “Eating is meant to be a joyful experience. As supermarkets increasingly diversify their shelves to meet the needs of their customers, it’s becoming easier to create nutritious meals that align with a variety of cultural preferences.”

During National Nutrition Month®, the Academy encourages everyone to make informed food choices and develop sound eating and physical activity habits they can follow all year long. The Academy encourages seeking the advice of registered dietitian nutritionists – the food and nutrition experts who can help develop individualized eating and activity plans to meet people’s health goals.

It also recommends obtaining nutrients primarily through food, because multivitamin and mineral supplements are not scientifically proven to prevent disease. They can benefit those who are unable to meet vitamin and mineral requirements

through food or have been diagnosed with a deficiency, according to the Academy’s 2018 position paper “Micronutrient Supplementation.”

“Variety is the spice of life and that’s how people should view their meals,” Escobar said. Spice up your menus with the foods and flavors you enjoy and add new flavors to spark excitement in your cooking. “Developing healthful eating habits does not require drastic lifestyle changes. A registered dietitian nutritionist can help you incorporate the foods you enjoy into your life.”

Registered dietitian nutritionists help clients fine-tune traditional recipes, provide alternative cooking methods and other healthful advice for incorporating family-favorite foods into everyday meals.

The Nutrition Services program of the Marion County Public Health Department addresses the nutritional needs of the community through education about healthy eating habits. Registered dietitian nutritionists and educators are available by calling 317-221-7403. Nutrition resources, including recipes and other healthy eating tips, are available at MarionHealth.org under Nutrition Services.

National Nutrition Month® began in 1973 as National Nutrition Week, and it became a month-long observance in 1980 in response to growing interest in nutrition. The second Wednesday of March is Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day, an annual celebration of the dedication of RDNs as the leading advocates for advancing the nutritional status of Americans and people around the world.

As part of National Nutrition Month®, the Academy’s website, EatRight.org, will host resources to spread the message of good nutrition and the importance of an overall healthy lifestyle for all. Follow National Nutrition Month® on the Academy’s social media channels including Facebook and Twitter using #NationalNutritionMonth.

Marriage & divorce amid pandemic: Couples' challenges abound

By **DAVID CRARY**
AP National Writer

For many U.S. couples yearning to be married, the pandemic has wreaked havoc on their wedding plans while bolstering their teamwork and resilience. For couples already married, it has posed a host of new tests, bringing some closer, pulling others apart. Spending more time together — a common result of lockdowns, furloughs and layoffs — has been a blessing for some couples who gain greater appreciation of one another. For other spouses, deprived of opportunities for individual pursuits, the increased time together “may seem more like a house arrest than a fantasy,” suggested Steve Harris, a professor of marriage and family therapy at the University of Minnesota and associate director of a marriage counseling project, Minnesota Couples on the Brink.

Gregory Popcak, a psychotherapist in Steubenville, Ohio, who specializes in marriage counseling for Catholics, says the pandemic has been particularly troublesome for spouses whose coping strategies have been disrupted. “For couples who had a tendency to use their business to avoid problems, the pandemic has made things infinitely worse,” he said. “The lockdown has raised the emotional temperature a few notches. ... Things that were provocative before are now catastrophic.” Overall, people have become more cautious amid the pandemic, said sociologist W. Bradford Wilcox, director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia. “This caution is making them less likely to get divorced, less likely to get married, less likely to have a child,” he said. Comprehensive national statistics on marriage and divorce during the pandemic won’t be compiled for many months,

but the numbers available thus far from a few states suggest there’s a notable decline in each category. In Oregon, divorces in the pandemic months of March through December were down about 24% from those months in 2019; marriages were down 16%. In Florida, for the same months, divorces were down 20% and marriages were down 27%. There also were decreases, though smaller, in Arizona. One reason for fewer divorces: In many states, access to courts for civil cases was severely curtailed during the pandemic’s early stages. Another reason, according to marriage counselors, is that many couples backed off from a possibly imminent divorce for fear it would only worsen pandemic-fueled financial insecurity. The Rev. Russ Berg, who runs a faith-based marriage counseling ministry in Minneapolis, tries to encourage that kind of hesitancy among the couples he advises. “Some come in saying they’re overwhelmed, fighting over finances, their kids’ education,” Berg said. “Without going to work, they don’t have that buffer of being physically gone. They feel they’re on top of each other. “I try to put it in perspective, that everyone is stressed out right now and it’s not a good time to make decisions about the future of your marriage,” he said. “I say, ‘Let’s work on it for six months and make sure you don’t add the pain of regret to the pain of divorce. Explore all your options before you decide.” For countless couples on the brink of marriage, the pandemic plunged fine-tuned wedding plans into disarray due to restrictions on large gatherings and wariness about long-distance travel. In San Diego, Kayleigh and Cody Cousins initially planned

an April wedding, postponed it after the pandemic took hold, rescheduled it for December, then had to shift gears again when a new lockdown was imposed. “That was devastating,” said Kayleigh. “We said, ‘Let’s just do it on Zoom.” So they set up an altar at home, recruited a friend to officiate virtually, and had a wedding ceremony Dec. 27 watched remotely by about 40 of their friends and family. Professionally, Kayleigh helps her husband run a tree-cutting service, so they understand each other’s work demands. For many couples, there’s work-related friction. Danielle Campoamor, a freelance writer in New York City, says she and her partner of seven years find themselves arguing frequently as the pandemic complicates the challenges of raising their two children and earning needed income. She works from home; he commutes to an Amazon fulfillment center. “He goes to work for 12-hour shifts,” said Campoamor, 34. “I’m left alone helping my 6-year-old with online learning, potty-training my 2-year-old, cooking and cleaning. “There are days when I think, ‘Yes, we can do this,’ and other days I say, ‘No way that I can do this,” she said. “We don’t have time to discuss our relationship, to work on improving it, or on separating. Sometimes I don’t have the

capacity to remember what day it is.” Atlanta-based attorney Elizabeth Lindsey, president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, says she and other divorce lawyers generally have kept busy, in some cases grappling with pandemic-related complications regarding child visitation rights. She expects there will be pent-up demand for divorces once the COVID-19 threat eases. “Plenty of people I’ve consulted with were not ready to pull the trigger during the pandemic,” she said. Recent months have been busier than usual for Louise Livesay, a lawyer in St. Paul, Minnesota, who specializes in collaborative divorce — a process in which the spouses are represented by attorneys seeking to negotiate outcomes fair to both parties. Livesay said the stresses of the pandemic exacerbated existing strains in some marriages, pushing couples toward divorce. But she said many of her clients were eager to avoid contentious litigation and were open to equitable financial arrangements. “I found people to be a bit more willing to work toward solutions when things are difficult,” she said. For some couples, a jarring consequence of the pandemic has been the discovery by one spouse that the other was cheating on them.

“It has brought to light a lot of extramarital affairs that people couldn’t hide anymore,” said Harris, at the University of Minnesota. “Maybe they would meet on the way to or from work. Now they’re texting, and the other spouse asks: ‘Who are you texting?’” For other couples, a key problem is loss of their pre-pandemic routines. Harris described one troubled couple who entered marriage counseling a year ago, just before the pandemic took hold. Now, the wife feels pressure to keep working, Harris said, while the husband tries to help their children with online schoolwork even though his teaching skills aren’t great. His beloved adult hockey league has shut down. “They’re in this relationship that’s struggling, and all their coping mechanisms are stripped away,” Harris said. “My heart breaks for them.” In the Catholic diocese of Arlington, Virginia, psychologist Michael Horne, who counsels couples on behalf of Catholic Charities, has observed one heart-warming development that he attributes partly to the pandemic. There are now 20 couples enrolled in the agency’s adoption program, up from seven a year ago. “Having more time together has afforded couples time to have those really important conversations,” he said. “What does it mean to be a family?”

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

The Third Reconstruction: Pan-African women are rising again!

By **ANGELIQUE WALKER-SMITH**



“Her children rise up and bless her ... Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.” Proverbs 31:28 and Isaiah 60:3

In their 2016 book, “The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear,” Rev. Dr. William Barber and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove argue that the first Reconstruction period was in the late 19th century and the second one was the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s. They write that we are in the “embryonic Third Reconstruction in America, where there is a profoundly moral awakening of justice-loving people united in a fusion coalition powerful enough to reclaim the possibility of democracy.” Similarly, Dr. Ibram X. Kendi argues in Time magazine that we are now living dur-

ing a “Black Renaissance.” A key factor in discerning the merits of these claims is the visible rise of Pan-African women, nationally and globally. While Pan-African women have always risen to leadership, the dominant narrative has often overlooked or marginalized this truth. Consider the earliest queens in Egypt and Ethiopia, African women who led dynasties. They are identified in the Bible and by historians — and yet, the church and Christian history has not had equitable regard for these “herstories.” This disregard remains stubbornly entrenched globally and in the United States, even after the Reconstruction periods of the 19th century and the 20th century — and despite the significant contributions of women like Rev. Jarena Lee and Fannie Lou Hammer, who were advocates for food equity and Black gender equity. Women like Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti and Mabel Dove-Danquah had important roles in

Black liberation movements in Africa, but they are also often overlooked. But these narratives of Pan-African women are becoming more visible, in great part because of the demands and victories of women today. I am thinking of the accomplishments of people like Stacy Abrams and the women who fired up the Black Lives Matter movement, Alicia Garza, Opal Tometi and Patrice Cullors. All four of these great women have been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Their leadership demonstrates the power of this transformative moment. They have helped usher in a third Reconstruction moment and a Black Renaissance. Women like these, along with other emerging leaders of all ages, have raised the consciousness of their nation and have contributed to the election of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. The global scene mirrors this moment with the appointment of people like Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, who serves as

the first woman and first African president of the World Trade Organization. People in positions like these can help move the many women who are smallholder farmers in the global South to a stronger position of economic strength — to help them feed their families and their nations. Bread for the World has helped to lead on policies like Feed the Future, the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and the African Women’s Entrepreneurship Program (AWEP), which are important for empowering women. Today, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is vital for women’s empowerment, nationally and globally. During this International Women’s Month, won’t you advocate with Bread for the World to advance this mission?

Angelique Walker-Smith is senior associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement at Bread for the World in Washington, D.C.



God's heavenly gates welcomed beloved son **Hoyt Diamond** on February 28, 2021, age 85 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Mathew & Annie Diamond and siblings Ossie Brown, Bernice Satterfield (James), Josephine Edwards (Theodore), and Wallace Diamond, Sr.

Hoyt was the loving husband of Cynthia Diamond, father to Steven and Lisa Diamond, stepfather to David Owens, DeAna K Owens, and DeNeen Collins, PhD, Dr DeLynn Williams (Kermit), and Derrick Jones (Jennifer). Hoyt was a grandfather, great grandfather, and uncle to many young people.

Hoyt graduated from Richmond High School and joined the Air Force pursuing an interest in Aerospace Control and Warning (AC&W) Systems. He assumed a position as Radar Operations Specialist, earned the rank of Staff Sergeant, and earned the National Defense Service Medal-Occupational Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Following his honorable discharge in 1957, he became an Air Traffic Controller (ATC) in Indianapolis, then earned his bachelor's degree at Marion College,

Indianapolis. He enjoyed a 43-year career and retired as a manager in '97. But then returned as an ATC Trainer for five (5) years.

Hoyt was an active member of Light of the World Christian Church as Deacon, Elder and due to illness was Elder Emeritus. He led numerous Men's groups and Prison Ministries. He also participated in Kairos Prison Ministry, Indianapolis Great Banquets, and other Banquets.

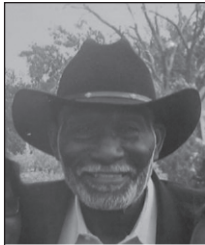
Hoyt's civic service included several positions with Indiana Black Expo, including Chairman of the Board; he was a board member for Children's Bureau of Indianapolis, Inc, served on the Indianapolis Black Adoption Committee, and volunteered for Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He coached for Tab, AAU teams and many others.

Hoyt played Tennis and Racquetball, enjoyed professional tennis, and was a diehard Pacer and Colts fan.

Hoyt loved to serve the Lord, loved his wife, and family.

Funeral Service is private, but a public drive through viewing is Wednesday, March 10, 4p - 8p at Stuart Mortuary, 2201 N. Illinois Street, Indpls, IN 46208. A zoom link will be provided on Stuart's website, and you may join the processional about 12:30p from Stuart's to grave side at Crown Hill Cemetery.






James Wesley Campbell

INDIANAPOLIS – 76 passed away February 16, 2021. On Friday March 12 there will be viewing from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Community Christian Church, and Saturday March 13 a Celebration of Life Service at 11 a.m. at Phillips Temple CME Church 210 East 34th Street. Stuartmortuary.com

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3. Which prophet foretold the ministry of John the Baptist? Levi, Isaiah, Aaron, Mordecai
4. How did Jesus enter Jerusalem during the "Triumphal Entry"? On foot, Carried by slaves, On donkey, In golden chariot
5. From 1 Chronicles 20, Elhanan slew Goliath's ...? Father, Brother, Mule, Oxen
6. In which book is the parable of the Good Samaritan? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John


ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) H; 3) Isaiah; 4) On donkey; 5) Brother; 6) Luke

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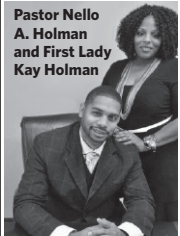


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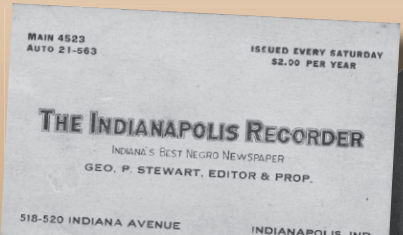
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New Tea's Me Cafe location opens in April

By TYLER FENWICK
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Tea's Me Cafe will open a new location at Tarkington Park on April 1. The cafe's second location will be called Tea's Me Community Cafe.

By moving into the park, which already has a cafe that Tea's Me will operate out of, the company will join the Tarkington Park Partnership, which includes the MLK Center, Midtown Indy and The Parks Alliance of Indianapolis.

"Our goal is to be a place that connects the community," said Tauja Catchings, who is overseeing the opening of the new location, "and not only provide food and beverages but some programming and events and different opportunities for youth and families."

Catchings' sister, Tamika Catchings, is the owner of Tea's Me Cafe and also started the nonprofit, Catch the Stars Foundation, which will also be involved at Tarkington Park.

Catch the Stars Foundation will host a free youth basketball clinic noon-3 p.m. at the park to celebrate the opening. Learn more and register at catchthestars.org.

The foundation, which started in 2004, has



always been involved with Indianapolis parks, Catchings said. That's a big reason it made sense to open a second Tea's Me location at a park.

"It felt like the perfect opportunity and perfect fit," she said.

Jenny Cash, vice president of The Parks Alliance of Indianapolis, said

Tea's Me Community Cafe is another step in bringing Tarkington Park closer to the vision laid out in the park's master plan in 2012.

The space for a cafe already exists at the park, but there has only been a temporary business — an ice cream shop — last year. "It was always intended

to be a community cafe, and Tea's Me really brought that community partnership element to the table," Cash said.

Plus, it's never a bad thing to have four-time Olympic gold medalist and Hall of Famer Tamika Catchings involved.

"She is just such a staple in the Indianapolis com-

munity," Cash said. "She's a wonderful advocate for volunteerism, youth empowerment, equity, all of those things."

The Parks Alliance of Indianapolis (formerly Indianapolis Parks Foundation) oversees programming, maintenance and operations at Tarkington Park, 45 W.

40th St.

The cafe will be open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. A portion of the proceeds will go toward operations and maintenance at the park.

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In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of , (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21
03/26/21

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.
49D02-2011-DN-039187
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
IBILI OSIN ADIGUN
Petitioner,
And
WILLIAM BYRON RENICKS III
Respondent.

SUMMONS

TO RESPONDENT:
WILLIAM BYRON RENICKS III

6112 GEORGETOWN ROAD, APT B
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46254

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

In this summons is accompanied by a Notice to Appear, you should appear in Court on the date and time stated in the Order to Appear. If you do not appear, evidence may be heard in your absence and a determination made by the Court. If a Temporary Restraining Order is attached, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.

If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in this matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated in the Order to Appear. If you take no action in this case after the receipt of this summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of the Marriage and make a determination regarding any of the following: property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and debts.

Dated: 1/14/2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21
03/26/21

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS
IN THE MARION COUNTY COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO:
49D02-2007-DC-023287
IN RE THE MARRIAGE:
ANTONIA MORALES MORALES
Petitioner
Vs
FAUSTINO PENA DELGADO
Respondent

ORDER BY PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit is for Dissolution of Marriage

And, it appearing by affidavit filed that Faustino Pena Delgado, the above-named Respondent, is not a resident of this county, and that a diligent search has been made and the Respondent's residence is unknown.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED that notice be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper authorized by law to publish notices and published in the County of Marion, in Indiana.

February 22, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21
03/26/21

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT 16
CASE #
49D18-2103-DC-001565
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Petitioner: Kelli D. White-Vaughn
Respondent: Derry T. Vaughn

NOTICE OF SUIT

This notice is directed to Derry T. Vaughn who is being sued and whose whereabouts are unknown.

In addition to the above person being served by this summons, there may be others who have an interest in this law suit.

Darrell J. Dolan represents the person seeking service by publication, and can be located at 6525 E. 82nd Street, Suite #102, Indianapolis, IN 46250. The nature of the Suit against you is a Dissolution of Marriage and the property at issue is marital property. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty days after the last notice of action is published. If you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff / Petitioner has demanded.

3/5/2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21
03/26/21

DISSOLUTION

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
CASE NO.
49D14-2102-DC-001256
OMYOEMO OMOWUNMI OJO
Plaintiff
v.
ED SHADOW
Defendant

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: DIVORCE/ DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: NONE

And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: ED SHADOW

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the pla intiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of , (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21
03/26/21

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.
49D02-2011-DN-039187
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
IBILI OSIN ADIGUN
Petitioner,
And
WILLIAM BYRON RENICKS III
Respondent.

SUMMONS

TO RESPONDENT:
WILLIAM BYRON RENICKS III

6112 GEORGETOWN ROAD, APT B
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46254

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

In this summons is accompanied by a Notice to Appear, you should appear in Court on the date and time stated in the Order to Appear. If you do not appear, evidence may be heard in your absence and a determination made by the Court. If a Temporary Restraining Order is attached, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.

If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in this matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated in the Order to Appear. If you take no action in this case after the receipt of this summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of the Marriage and make a determination regarding any of the following: property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and debts.

Dated: 1/14/2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21
03/26/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court
In The Matter of the
Unsupervised Administration
of the Estate of LINDA G. CRAIG
Deceased
Estate docket:
49D08-2102-EU-005705
Notice is hereby given that on February 19, 2021, Joshua W. Truesdell was appointed personal representative of the estate of Linda G. Craig deceased, who died on the 26th day of January 2021.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 19th day of February 2021.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21

GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
CASUE NO.
49D08-2102-GU-006849

In the matter of the Guardianship of the Person of Alexander-Thomas Richardson, a minor

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Erika Rosa Wentworth, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint Guardian over Person and Estate of Daniel Alexander-Thomas Richardson, a minor. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Superior Court No. 8 on April 5, 2021 at 2:30 p.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objection on or before the hearing date.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/05/21
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO.
49C01-2102-MI-004993
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
ANDRE LAMONTE PORTER, an Adult,
Petitioner.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Petitioner, Andre Lamonte Porter, whose mailing address is: 6503 Townsend Way, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226 If different, Petitioner's residence address is: Marion County, Indiana hereby gives notice that on the 12TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021, he filed a petition in the Marion Circuit Court, requesting that his name be Changed to Andre Lamonte Matthews.

Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said petition on the 23RD day of APRIL, 2021, at 9 o'clock a.m. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections.

This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing.

Date: 02/09/2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/05/21
03/12/21
03/19/21

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.
49C01-2102-MI-005029
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
NADIA VALLADARES-CAMACHO,
MINOR CHILD,
BY NEXT FRIEND:
MARIA AURELIA CAMACHO CERVANTES
Co-Petitioners.

ORDER TO APPEAR

Cons now Petitioner, Nadia Valladares-Camacho, by next of friend and biological mother, Maria Aurelia Camacho Cervantes, in person and by counsel, Anthony Zapata, and files her Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor. And, the Court, being duly advised in the premises, now finds that said Petition should be set for hearing and **ORDERS** that said Petition and all collateral matters shall be heard in the Marion County Circuit Court. This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing on the 23rd day of April 2021 at 9:00 A.M. Parties Ordered to Appear.

ORDER TO APPEAR

Cons now Petitioner, Nadia Valladares-Camacho, by next of friend and biological mother, Maria Aurelia Camacho Cervantes, in person and by counsel, Anthony Zapata, and files her Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor. And, the Court, being duly advised in the premises, now finds that said Petition should be set for hearing and **ORDERS** that said Petition and all collateral matters shall be heard in the Marion County Circuit Court. This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing on the 23rd day of April 2021 at 9:00 A.M. Parties Ordered to Appear.

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Cymerlyne John
Petitioner.

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Cymerlyne Subrynna Lynnette John, whose mailing address is: 2909 N. Denny St., Indianapolis, IN 46218, and if different, my residence address is: , in the Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Cymerlyne Subrynna Lynnette John has filed a petition in the Marion Circuit Court, requesting that her name be changed to Princess Subrynna Bandards.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on April 16, 2021 at 9:00 AM

This matter will be held remotely and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing;

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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
JESSIE ALLEN LOY
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2101-MI-000346

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Jessie Allen Loy filed a Petition for Change of Name to change the name from Jessie Allen Loy to Jessie Allen Wilson. The petition is scheduled for hearing on, May 5, 2021 at 9:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/05/21
03/12/21
03/19/21

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
JAMES TRIBLET
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2009-MI-030778

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner James Triblet, filed a verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name James Triblet to James Triblet. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Indiana on April 30, 2021 at 9:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO.
49C01-2102-MI-007105
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
JASON VANCHANIABK MONICA TIALHO IANG
Petitioner
ORDER SETTING HEARING
Comes now Petitioner, Monica Tialho Iang, by counsel, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing on March 2, 2021. This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21
03/26/21

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO.
49C01-0701-JP-003679
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
MINOR:
RAMIAH WILLIAMS
Name of Minor
SHAKREEAH WILLIAMS
Petitioner.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, SHAKREEAH WILLIAMS as a Self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on to change the name of RAMIAH WILLIAMS to RAMIAH HOWARD

The Petition is schedule for hearing in the Court on May 18, 2021 at 4:00 pm which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

Date
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21
03/26/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 8
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.
49D08-2102-EU-006151
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF MARY ELLEN SHEEHAN
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on February 25, 2021, MARY KATHLEEN SHEEHAN was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY ELLEN SHEEHAN, deceased, who died on the 8th day of February, 2021.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 February 25, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE NO. :
49D08-2103-EU-007242
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
JOYCE A. BAKER,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of MARION County, Indiana Notice is given that Anita Layne was, on March 2, 2021 appointed personal representative of Joyce A. Baker, deceased, who died on November 2, 2020, and is authorized to administer the estate Without court supervision.

All persons Who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 day of January 8, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court
In The Matter of the
Unsupervised Administration
of the Estate of LINDA G. CRAIG
Deceased
Estate docket:
49D08-2102-EU-005705
Notice is hereby given that on February 19, 2021, Joshua W. Truesdell was appointed personal representative of the estate of Linda G. Craig deceased, who died on the 26th day of January 2021.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 19th day of February 2021.
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF MARION)
IN THE MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT 8)
PROBATE DIVISION)
CAUSE NO.)
49D08-2102-EU-005792)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
ALLEN M. BORDAS,)
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Rebecca Haynes-Bordas was on February 19, 2021 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Allen M. Bordas, Deceased, who died on September 25, 2020.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 February 19, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21

NAME CHANGE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CHARLES R. FLEE,
deceased
ESTATE NO.
49D08-2103-EU-007591

Notice is hereby given that Reily A. Burrell was on March 3, 2021, appointed personal representative of the estate of Charles R. Flee, deceased, who died on the 27th day of February, 2021.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 March 3, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CHARLES R. FLEE,
deceased
ESTATE NO.
49D08-2103-EU-007591

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE OF CHRISTINA MILLER
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

TO: ALL CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Paula J. Bruion and Bruce D. Miller were on February 12, 2021, appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Christina Miller, deceased.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 8, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE NO. :
49D08-2103-EU-007242
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
JOYCE A. BAKER,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE NO. :
49D08-2103-EU-007242
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
JOYCE A. BAKER,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of MARION County, Indiana Notice is given that Anita Layne was, on March 2, 2021 appointed personal representative of Joyce A. Baker, deceased, who died on November 2, 2020, and is authorized to administer the estate Without court supervision.

All persons Who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 day of January 8, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE NO. :
49D08-2103-EU-007242
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
JOYCE A. BAKER,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of MARION County, Indiana Notice is given that Anita Layne was, on March 2, 2021 appointed personal representative of Joyce A. Baker, deceased, who died on November 2, 2020, and is authorized to administer the estate Without court supervision.

All persons Who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 day of January 8, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION,
COURTROOM NO. 8
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2102-EU-004346
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
MARK ANTHONY SHANNON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2021, Marilyn Hall was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of MARK ANTHONY SHANNON who died on the 28th day of December, 2020.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file 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 this day of January 27, 2021
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
02/26/21
03/05/21

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:
JAMES TRIBLET
Petitioner
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2009-MI-030778

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner James Triblet, filed a verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name James Triblet to James Triblet. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Indiana on April 30, 2021 at 9:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
03/12/21
03/19/21
03/26/21

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION)
IN THE MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT 8)
PROBATE DIVISION)
CAUSE NO.)
49D08-2102-EU-005792)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
ALLEN M. BORDAS,)
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Local Boys and Girls Club students get shoes, socks from NBA player



Students at the Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis received new shoes and socks from NBA player DeAndre' Bembyry and California-based nonprofit Shoes That Fit. (Photo provided by Colli Media)

By TYLER FENWICK
tylerf@indyrecorder.com

Toronto Raptors player DeAndre' Bembyry teamed up with California-based nonprofit Shoes That Fit to give 500 pairs of shoes and socks to children at the Boys and Girls Club of Indianapolis (BGCI).

Bembyry and his AP World Organization distributed shoes and socks at the Wheeler-Dowe and LeGore locations March 5, and the remainder will go to other locations in the coming weeks.

Bembyry spoke over Zoom to some of the students gathered at Wheeler-Dowe.

"Giving back is part of who I am," he said. "I will always use my platform to help those in need. This partnership with Shoes That Fit is part of something I plan on doing to make an impact and help kids in need."

The Toronto Raptors also provided branded bags for students.

"Shoes always make a kid feel good," said Avachino Reeves, director of resource development and marketing at BGCI. "It's nothing that makes a kid smile bigger than new shoes and new clothes."

Roughly 15 million children nationwide live in poverty, and the childhood poverty rate in Marion County is about 19%, according to data compiled by STATS Indiana.

"When families have to choose between putting food on the table or buying new shoes for school, you can imagine that food wins every time," said Amy Fass, executive director and CEO of Shoes That Fit. "The simple gift of a pair of shoes can increase a child's confidence, attendance and performance at school, and we are so thankful that DeAndre' Bembyry is taking the time to make such a positive impact on these kids."

Shoes are one of the most visible signs of poverty. According to Shoes That Fit, 70% of schools the nonprofit works with report an increase in physical activity, and 40% report higher attendance.

Bembyry is in his first season with the Raptors. He played his first four seasons with the Atlanta Hawks and went to college at Saint Joseph's University.

Contact staff writer Tyler Fenwick at 317-762-7853. Follow him on Twitter @Ty_Fenwick.

Beech Grove wins third straight sectional title



Beech Grove defeated Indian Creek, 67-48, for its third straight sectional title. The Hornets also beat Indian Creek last season to win the sectional but didn't get to play in the regional because of COVID-19.



Beech Grove senior point guard Jadyn Curry scored 13 points to go with seven rebounds, six assists and four steals. (Photos/David Dixon)

Wright State beats IUPUI for women's conference title



Jada Roberson, Ashley Barlow (assistant coach), Angel Baker and KK White attended Pike and are now with Wright State.



Wright State defeated IUPUI in the Horizon League conference championship game, 53-41, for an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament. IUPUI won the conference title last season. (Photos/David Dixon)

Cleveland state wins Horizon League men's tournament title



Cleveland State beat Oakland, 80-69, to win the Horizon League men's tournament title.

Above: Oakland forward Daniel Oladipo contests a shot. Oladipo finished with four points and a steal.

Top right: Cleveland State guard D'Moi Hodge goes up for a rebound. Hodge finished with 15 points on 7-of-14 shooting.

Right: Cleveland State guard Torrey Patton and Oakland guard Emmanuel Newsome go after a loose ball. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Cleveland State will make its third NCAA tournament appearance in program history.



LN Sectional Champs

Lawrence North beat North Central, 62-49, to win its second straight sectional title. The Wildcats haven't won a regional title since 2006, which is also the last time they went to the state championship game. (Photo/Walt Thomas)