

Indianapolis' first Black automotive salesman dies at 87

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Longtime Indianapolis businessman Payton R. Wells died May 9.

Wells owned several car dealerships throughout the city. He started his career in the auto dealership industry as the city's only Black salesman — one of a few in the U.S. — in the 1960s.

When an Indianapolis Ford dealership became available during the late 1970s, Wells took the chance to own his first auto dealership. The car market shifted, and he resigned from Ford to take on the responsibility of more dealerships throughout Indiana.



Payton Wells

Services for Payton R. Wells
Visitation for Payton Wells will be 4-8 p.m. May 21 at Stuart Mortuary Chapel, 2201 N. Illinois St. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. May 22 at Eastside Baptist Church, 2845 Baltimore Ave.

He owned Payton Wells Automotive Group, which started as a single dealership and grew to 12 franchises in 20 years. Wells owned Chrysler, Dodge, Ford, Lincoln, Jeep, Kia and Nissan dealerships in Indianapolis, Anderson and Louisville, Kentucky.

As a Black man, he knew what Black people had to

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Breaking the stigma: Mental Health Awareness Month

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For many people, the fear of being judged prevents them from seeking mental health care. For African Americans, that stigma is often heightened. Historical mistreatment by health care professionals, cultural misunderstandings and religious beliefs often combine to make mental health care a daunting experience for many Black Hoosiers.

Across the nation, over 4.8 million African Americans reported having a mental illness, according to a survey from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in 2018. However, the survey found only nearly half of all African Americans reporting mental health disturbances sought care. Many, particularly Black men, cited stigma as a reason for not seeking treatment.

Dr. Danielle Henderson, a clinical psychologist at Indiana University Health, said misconceptions about mental illnesses play a large role in its stigmatization.

“One misconception is that mental health problems are a sign of weakness,” Henderson said. “Or a personality flaw, so for groups like African Americans who have faced prejudice and racism, there’s a stigma associated with reaching out [for help] outside of the African American community.”

Further, for many African Americans, seeking care from medical professionals can be intimidating if they’ve faced dis-



Dr. Danielle Henderson, a clinical psychologist at IU Health. (Photo provided by IU Health)

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‘A friend we never met’:

First African American female graduate of Arsenal Tech finally honored



By **TYLER FENWICK**
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For nearly four decades, Bessie Alethia Anderson Speights lay in anonymity near the southwestern-most corner of Floral Park Cemetery on the city’s west side.

Now, anyone who visits her gravesite will find a proper headstone for Speights, the first African American female graduate of Arsenal Technical High School and an elementary teacher for more than 30 years.

Speights’ headstone came courtesy of the Arsenal Tech class of 1970, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2020. Class members organized a ceremony at the gravesite May 15 to unveil the marker and remember Speights.

“Folks, how can you not be impressed?” said Randall Wilson, a ’70 Arsenal Tech graduate who spent years researching Speights’ life.

Wilson’s research started in 2008 as part of a Black History Month project. He has every Arsenal Tech yearbook from 1915 to 1980 and noticed Speights was the only African American in the class of 1916.

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DID YOU KNOW BESSIE?

If you think you knew or were related to Bessie Alethia Anderson Speights, a longtime elementary teacher who died in 1982, contact staff writer Tyler Fenwick at 317-762-7853 or tylerf@indyrecorder.com.

Parent group unveils three-year education platform

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A group of parent advocates released a four-pronged platform during a virtual event May 18 to advance educational equity in Indianapolis.

The platform, developed by the inaugural cohort of EmpowerED Families fellows, came from six months of talking to Black and Latino parents of Indianapolis students and others in the community to learn what their needs and concerns are.

EmpowerED Families, which has been incubated through education nonprofit The Mind Trust, will spend the next three years working in the areas local families identified as priorities.

The platform

One of the fellows, Alexandra Hall, said one of the main things she learned from



EmpowerED Families released its three-year platform during a virtual event May 18. (Screenshot)

talking to parents is the education system as a whole can be daunting. There’s a lot to learn, and feeling ignorant can also mean feeling disconnected.

“If you don’t know how to navigate it, the system is not likely to work for you,” said Hall, who works in early childhood education.

The fellows’ platform falls into four buckets: funding, racial equity, life skills coaching

and education coaching.

What fellows heard about school funding: There is a concern about a lack of funding for schools that primarily serve Black and Latino students, which could contribute to a knowledge and achievement gap.

What EmpowerED Families will do: The organization will work with legislators, funders and schools to make

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‘It makes our jobs harder’: police in emergency rooms

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Two African American custodial workers at Indiana University Health Indianapolis were arrested last year by IU Health police on suspicion of a drug deal.

They were exchanging keys.

Court documents allege Lt. Robert Dycus, officer Michael Murphy and Sgt. Kenneth White confronted William Pendleton and Antione Banks on Jan. 10, 2020, after seeing image stills from the security cameras stationed throughout the hospital. Pendleton alleges Murphy searched him without cause and without consent.

Pendleton and Banks filed a lawsuit against IU Health and the three arresting police officers. According to court documents, Murphy allegedly told Pendleton and Banks that “[drug dealing] is what you people do.” Court documents say the two men

believed “you people” to mean African Americans. Pendleton and Banks, who worked for a company contracted by IU Health, no longer work in the hospital, and neither could be reached for comment.

In a statement of defense, attorneys argue the officers had “reasonable suspicion to stop, detain and question the plaintiffs.”

A representative for IU Health said the officers were investigated and allowed to return to work.

According to IU Health public relations manager Jeff Swiatek, each IU hospital has its own police force. This is consistent with several hospitals throughout the state and is cause for concern for a group of anonymous health care workers, known as the Indianapolis Health Care Workers for Justice (IHCW4J). The group formed shortly after the 2020 civil rights protests. The goal of the group — whose roughly 20 members remain anonymous to

protect their employment — is to bring attention to systemic racism in the health care field.

Their biggest cause to date? A push to get police officers out of emergency rooms.

AJ, a staff member of several local hospitals and spokesperson for IHCW4J, said police presence in hospitals scares patients — predominately Black and homeless patients — from seeking care. AJ’s full name was withheld to protect his employment.

“Having cops in emergency rooms is a major manifestation of the systemic racism that Black and marginalized folks experience,” AJ said. “Cops kill 1,000 people a year. And it’s not just that people are being killed; Black scholars suggest that violent policing targeting Black folks is a cause of bad health, like high blood pressure. ... If the violent policing regime is a reason for poor health in Black folks, then inviting them into health care spaces is a bad idea.”

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Three degrees for \$45,000: New program aims to diversify teaching

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Students could earn three degrees for a total of \$45,000 on their way to becoming a teacher through a new partnership between Marian University and Ivy Tech Community College. The program is designed to address a teacher shortage and lack of diversity. The initiative will begin as a pilot program of 100 students this fall with a goal of 50% of the participants being students of color. The goal is to enroll 500 students by 2025. Through the program, high school students can begin earning an associate degree at Ivy Tech before transitioning to the Klipsch Educators College at Marian, where they will earn a bachelor’s degree with a teacher certification. Students will then pursue a master’s degree at no cost and participate in a one-year paid clinical residency in an Indiana classroom. The total cost of \$45,000 is before any potential student aid. “This partnership will provide the opportunity for many more students to earn an affordable, high quality teaching degree to fill the critical teacher shortage Indiana is facing,” Ivy Tech President Sue Ellspermann said. Teresa Lubbers, the state’s commissioner for higher edu-



Thousands of teachers gathered at the Indiana Statehouse on Nov. 18, 2019, for a “Red for Ed” rally. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

cation, said the most recent data shows only about 15% of educators graduating from college come from a “minority population.” About 4% of teachers in Indiana are Black, according to data from The Education Trust. “There’s a clear disconnect between the classroom need

and our current pipeline of educators coming out of college,” Lubbers said. The partnership can create a more straightforward, affordable path for future teachers, but one of the main contributing factors to Indiana’s teacher shortage is pay. The National Education

Association reported the average teacher pay in Indiana for the 2018-19 school year was \$51,119, a little more than \$10,000 under the national average and one of the lowest in the Midwest. Average starting salary was \$37,573. A recent state commis-

sion to increase teacher pay set a goal for average starting salary statewide to be \$40,000 and average pay to be \$60,000. Contact staff writer Tyler Fenwick at 317-762-7853. Follow him on Twitter @Ty_Fenwick.

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But when Wilson went to the cemetery to take a picture of her grave, there was nothing but a blank headstone in the ground. That spawned more than a decade of work, culminating in the school’s class of 1970 adopting the revival of Speights’ memory as its 50th anniversary project. Speights was born in 1898 in Garrard County, Kentucky, Wilson found. Her father was a sharecropper until he died in the first decade of the 1900s, and the family moved to Indianapolis. Wilson is confident Speights attended Teachers College of Indianapolis after graduating. She would have been qualified as an elementary teacher after two years at the college, and Wilson found she was a

teacher at Indianapolis Public Schools 37 by 1918 (the school was later named Hazel Hart Hendrick School). She taught sixth grade from then until the early 1950s. The Recorder wrote about Speights in 1953 when she retired after 35 years in teaching. She was an “admired and respected teacher,” according to the article, which also noted she earned a bachelor’s degree from Butler University in 1938. Speights was quoted in the article with advice for teachers: “Go in with the feeling of a child — your mind open and susceptible to education.” Speights took her last name in 1935, when she married Lafayette Speights, a postal worker. They spent most of their marriage on West 25th Street and moved to a suburban

area in Pike Township. Lafayette died in 1967, and the obituary didn’t list any children as survivors. Speights died in 1982 at the age of 84. Her obituary said she was a member of New Era Northside Missionary Baptist Church and didn’t list any surviving relatives, though Wilson learned through cemetery records than a niece was involved in getting her burial site. Wilson said records from the funeral home where Speights’ funeral was were lost in a fire. For many years, it’s possible the only visits to Speights’ grave were the shadows cast by overhead airplanes when the sun was in the right position, as it was during the ceremony. Cindy Lewis Hartsorn, co-chair of the reunion committee, called Speights “a

friend we never met” and said it’s likely her story would have remained in the dark without the research and effort to make her legacy known. “No one would know,” she said. “That grave would remain unmarked forever.” Mayor Joe Hogsett, who helped Wilson pull back a banner to unveil the new headstone, talked about the significance of Speights’ accomplishments in the early 1900s and through much of the rest of the century. She did so much and was nearly lost to history. “I wonder how many of these stories exist,” Hogsett said, “and have gone like Bessie’s: unheralded.” Contact staff writer Tyler Fenwick at 317-762-7853. Follow him on Twitter @Ty_Fenwick.

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go through to buy a car, so he made it easier for Black people to get approved for car loans after banks discriminated against them. Wells had a major influence on many throughout the Indianapolis area, including Fred Medley. Medley’s father died during his senior year of high school and Wells became a father figure. “He was there during the birth of my first son,” Medley said. “He stood in as my father at my wedding and attended every holiday that followed.” Kevin Kimbrough, who was mentored by Wells, followed in his footsteps and learned the ins and outs of the auto dealership industry. He became operational controller of many of Wells’ dealerships. “He grew up during an era where opportunities weren’t always granted to him,” Kimbrough said. In addition to being an auto dealer, Wells cared about the community and believed in taking action to help others. If you were in need of food,

shelter or clothes, he provided it for you. Wells didn’t believe anyone in America should be homeless, Medley said. Friends of Wells want him to be remembered for his tenacious spirit, perseverance and his willingness to go above and beyond for you. “Payton was friendly and never saw a stranger,” Kimbrough said. “He had this twinkle in his eye when he spoke to you.” Wells attended Crispus Attucks High School and later took courses at Butler University and Purdue University. Before owning car dealerships, Wells owned Payton’s Place, a restaurant located downtown. Wells is survived by his lifelong companion Joan Johnson, brother Joe Wells, and other family and friends. Contact intern Terrence Lambert at 317-924-5243. Follow him on Twitter @TerrenceL_.

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- Environmental Reporter is responsible for writing news, and feature articles and news briefs focused on environmental issues. Environmental Reporter must understand the process of gathering news by conducting interviews with sources and thorough research; must be proficient in AP Style and understand the importance of digital platforms in media.
- Work with newsroom management to determine an article’s angle, length and format.
- Arrange and conduct interviews with sources.
- Research and analyze background information prior to conducting interviews.
- Check reference materials, such as books, news files, or public records, to obtain relevant facts.
- Be able to cover breaking news and quickly turn around copy for digital publication as well as possible follow-up articles for print.
- Receive assignments and pitch article ideas based on leads or tips.
- Discuss issues with the editor to establish priorities.
- Proofread copy and correct grammar and punctuation errors in content, following prescribed editorial style and formatting guidelines.
- Understand the editorial process and be prepared to revise work to meet editorial standards.
- Coordinate with production staff on locating art for stories.
- Work with additional newsroom staff to maintain social media accounts and websites.
- Keep up to date on the latest news developments by attending events, studying different papers, opinion pieces, and social media.
- Other duties as assigned.

Education and Qualifications:

- BA or BS in journalism, mass communication, or related field.
 - Ability to meet deadlines and accurately fact-check information.
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- Report and write content as assigned for the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper and Indiana Minority Business Magazine.
- Work with newsroom management to determine an article’s angle, length and format.
- Arrange and conduct interviews with sources.
- Research and analyze background information prior to conducting interviews.
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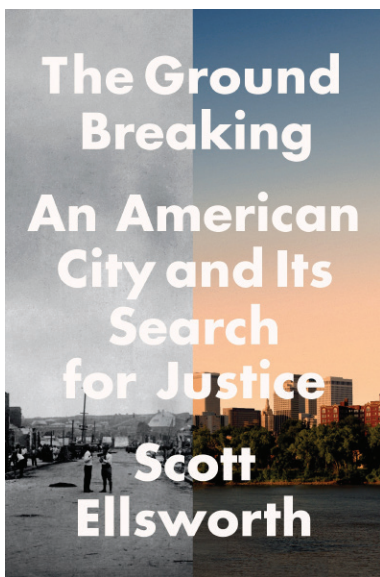
‘The Ground Breaking:An American City and Its Search for Justice’ by Scott Ellsworth

By **TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER**

Your legs felt as though they were made of rubber.

It was like walking on a bed of marbles, like wearing roller skates on a waterbed. Your arms flailed for something steady but whether this was an inner event or something outside, you wonder if you’ll ever feel stable again. As in the new book “The Ground Breaking” by Scott Ellsworth, you’re rattled.

In their last season without responsibility, 12-year-old Scott Ellsworth and his buddies spent the summer of 1966 exploring their hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and visiting the library. There, Ellsworth discovered hints that the whispers he’d overheard his entire life were true: There really was a “race riot” in Tulsa decades before his birth.



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He tucked the information away in his head. Later,

while researching the riot for a possible college thesis, he was confounded by missing or destroyed documents and reluctant witnesses.

It had started with a scream.

On May 30, 1921, Dick Rowland, a shoeshiner at a white-owned business, was heading to a designated “colored” restroom at the Drexel Building; minutes after he left, Sarah Page, the 17-year-old white elevator operator there, screamed. The reason was never determined, Dick was blamed, Sarah declined to press charges, and the matter seemed to be settled.

But it wasn’t.

The incident festered in the white community until, two mornings later, after Dick’s attempted lynching and just before dawn, some of Tulsa’s white citizens marched into Greenwood, a suburb, and began shooting. Thirty-six hours

later, more than a thousand homes and businesses were destroyed and a still-unconfirmed number of people, mostly Black, lay dead.

And then, the story all but disappeared. White Tulsans wanted to forget. Black Greenwoodians couldn’t, but they didn’t discuss it — until Ellsworth found a man who’d been waiting decades to talk.

Reading “The Ground Breaking” is going to leave you wrung out.

But first, what may be a surprise to readers is what this book is not: It’s not a hugely detailed account of the Tulsa race massacre. It’s part of the story here, of course, but it’s not the focus. You’ll learn bits and snips of those 36 hours from a century ago, but only in support of the rest of the tale.

Instead, what’ll keep your nose in this book is multi-

pronged. It’s partly a memoir, in which author Scott Ellsworth shares the difficulty of sleuthing out the truth, why he was so tenacious, why many people helped him and why others tried hard to stop him. Together, this all reads like a true-life mystery-thriller, a feeling that’s bolstered by Ellsworth’s totally exhaustive pursuit of information and documentation (which is still unnervingly unavailable) and his relentlessly dogged search for the bodies of the dead. On this latter, readers may still feel a sense of the unfinished, and closure is elusive here.

This is the kind of book that, once you start it, makes the hours disappear. It’s an emotional one that’ll make you skip dinner and lock the door so you can just read. For sure, “The Ground Breaking” will shake you up.

POLICE

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Members of IHCSWJ say it isn’t uncommon for police in emergency rooms to look up patients to check for outstanding warrants, citing a “very close” relationship between emergency room doctors and police. While research on policing in hospitals is limited, there are patients who delay medical care to avoid being arrested. For example, AJ had one patient with outstanding warrants who waited for an illness to become life threatening before seeking care.

“It makes our jobs much harder when people have advanced diseases when they show up,” AJ said. “... We’re told to counsel our patients to try to change mindsets, but in my mind, it’s often a justifiable decision for patients to not want to go to the hospital. Especially for Black, homeless and other criminalized folks. I think a lot of doctors and hos-

pitals have good intentions, but good intentions aren’t enough. You have to show it, and I think one way to show it would be to get cops out of hospitals.”

However, Lee Blue, chief nursing officer, and Dr. Clark Simons, chief of surgical services at Eskenazi Health, said hospital staff don’t investigate patients and are under no obligation to inform hospital police if a patient has an outstanding warrant.

“When patients come to us, we are not aware that there is a warrant until after they’ve been admitted, managed and treated,” Simons said. “[A warrant] does not make a difference for us. We work with the officers under some circumstances, and they allow us to administer care first and then do whatever is needed after we have managed to make sure the patient is safe.”

While hospital staff say patient care

is the priority, a police presence in the hospital, especially the emergency room, makes them feel safe. Further, Blue said she would have difficulty finding nurses to work if police were not present in the hospital.

“Our security are trained sheriffs and are a part of our team,” Blue said. “They do a lot of other things besides policing. They are there to help guide people, support people, and I feel very blessed to have that support in our hospital. I truly believe that if we did not have that kind of support, I would have a hard time finding nursing staff that would want to work.”

IHCW4J isn’t opposed to having security in hospitals but said they shouldn’t be armed police officers. Indiana statute gives hospital police the same authority as city officers, but it does not require the former to report crime data

and details on when officers use force.

While IHCW4J has spoken out on several issues — including the December 2020 death of Dr. Susan Moore — AJ said their main goal right now is to get police out of emergency rooms. While he admits it’s a lofty goal, he said it should be a priority for any health care worker wanting to best serve their patients.

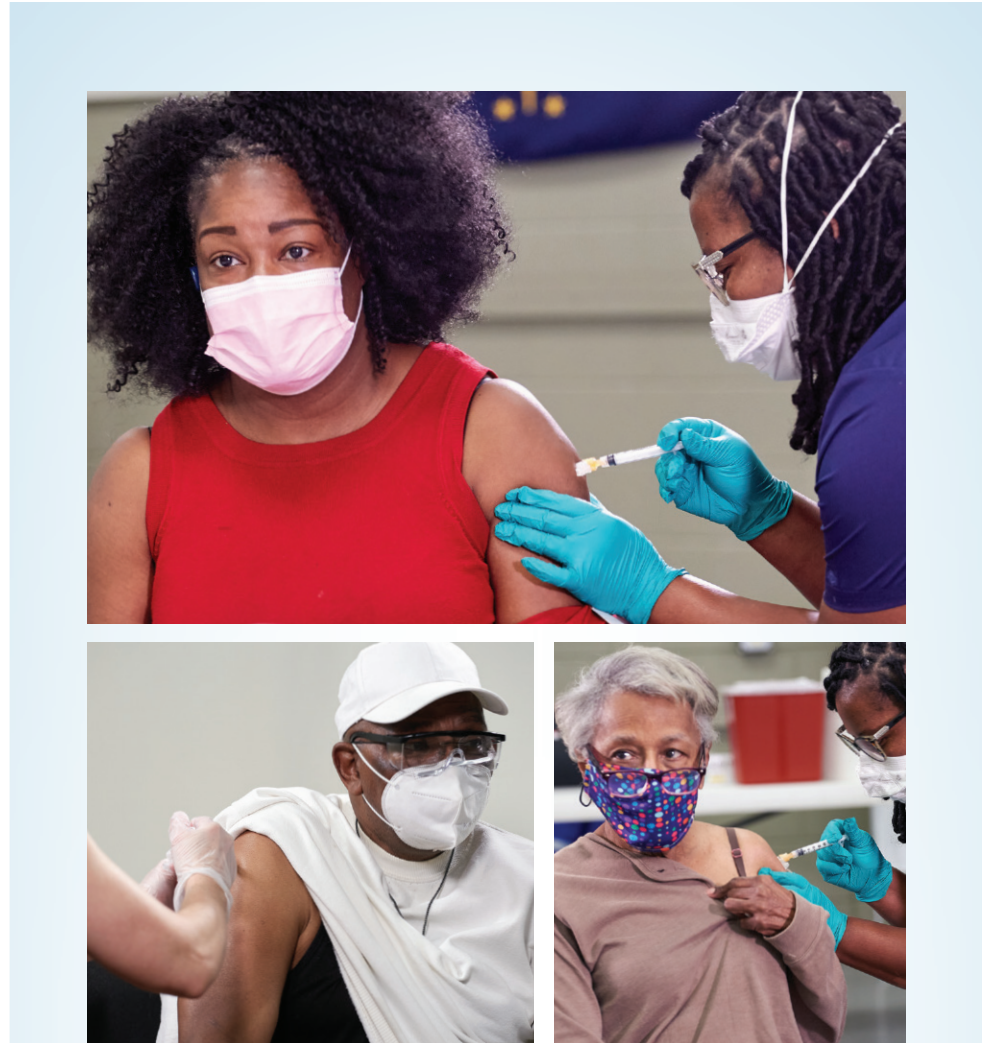
“We could be leaders in combating systemic racism, but it’s going to take more than diversity, equity and inclusion classes,” AJ said. “It’s making sure that Black people aren’t going to get mauled by cops in the emergency room.”

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EDITORIAL

Smokescreens and mirrors

By OSEYE BOYD



I recently received an email. It’s not unusual for me to receive emails as I receive a large amount every day. However, this email was a little different than the norm. It started innocuously enough. The subject line was simple: “Hello” it read. I suppose the writer thought if he opened with something harmless, I’d take the bait and open the email. Or maybe I’m giving this person too much credit in making him seem like an intelligent being. Judging from his email, he clearly is not. Either way, I opened it.

I won’t go into details about what the email said, but just know I was called everything except a child of God. I was also told if I didn’t like America to leave — a tired old cliché if I ever heard one. From that email I learned Al Sharpton is my hero. I’m so glad someone told me this information because I never knew Sharpton was my hero. It’s funny how people who don’t know you, never met you or had any contact with you, know so much about you.

I got such a kick out of this email, I shared it on social media. Many of my friends and family members didn’t think it as funny as I. A few of my people were ready to go see this person, and by go see, I don’t mean chat. However, I assured them none of that

was necessary. Plus, some of the sleuths on my team did a little investigating and discovered the sender lives in Maryland.

The reason I found this email to be so hilarious is because it’s so unoriginal, and it’s not the first time as a journalist I experienced a bigot. I fully expect I will encounter a racist or two working for a newspaper specifically for the Black community. Heck, I experienced it when I worked for a mainstream newspaper. If I don’t agitate a few racists, I’m not doing my job.

I need some originality if I’m going to get worked up. I grew up watching episodes of “The Phil Donahue Show” and other daytime talk shows where you have the Black “hate group” and white “hate group” square off, or the Black people come on and try to change the minds of white supremacists by making them see our humanity. Talk about theatrics! This stuff made for great TV. The ‘80s and ‘90s were fun times!

I remember thinking of ways I would counter some of the arguments with undisputed facts so they would have to shut up and listen to me. My goal was (and still is) to make racists look dumb, and I figured I could do it — and do it well. However, watching those shows I realized nothing is getting resolved and no one is listening. Inevitably, a fight broke out. Again, such great TV in the ‘80s and ‘90s. I understood the fighting because it seemed to me you expect a right hook if you’re comfortable call-

ing someone a racial slur. That just seemed like the logical consequence. Now, I wasn’t the mature adult I am today, so I was down with this foolishness. I wouldn’t even pay this nonsense any attention today. I avoid subjecting myself to this level of frustration.

Watching those shows over the years, reading books and documentaries about race, I learned the same sentiments are continually expressed. It’s so lazy. I mean so lazy. I can’t even allow myself to get upset at such laziness. It’s all so laughable. I usually can tell we’re about to take a trip into cliché-ville when a person starts off saying “if you don’t like it here, go back to Africa (leave).” Does the person who uttered this trite phrase think he or she really said something? And is this lame phrase supposed to hurt my feelings? I just can’t.

That’s where I am with so much of this nonsense. It’s hilarious. People who don’t have anything intelligent to say receive none of my energy. There’s real work out here to be done, and I don’t have time to focus on emotional and intellectual dummies. That’s the low-hanging fruit. It’s easy to make them look stupid. I’d rather focus my energy on those who use their intelligence to keep systemic racism in place and are smart enough to mask their anti-Black views with euphemisms. These are the people with power. They’re the ones who appreciate the low-hanging fruit racists because that’s who we focus on and miss what the racists with the power are doing. So, to those guys I say: I see you.

OPINIONS

The nuances of ‘Uncle Tom’

By LARRY SMITH



For nearly as far back as I can recall, I have been familiar with “Uncle Tom.” Of course, that is the name of the titular (and still well-known) character in Harriet Beecher Stowe’s classic anti-slavery novel, “Uncle Tom’s Cabin.”

It is very difficult to overstate the historical, cultural and even psychological significance of that book. Indeed, many historians argue that it played a substantial role in galvanizing the anti-slavery sentiment that ultimately led to the Civil War. (An apocryphal story says that, upon meeting Stowe, President Lincoln said, “So this is the little lady who started this great war.”)

For those who have not read the book, Uncle Tom is a Christ-like figure who positively influences nearly everyone with whom he comes in contact — children and adults. While he never accepts slavery, he tries to comfort his fellow enslaved human beings even as he attempts to mitigate the violence of the human traffickers who wield such control over their lives. Ultimately,

Tom is murdered because he is unwilling to divulge the location of two enslaved women who have escaped to freedom. He forgives his murderers as he dies. (This is an example of the messianic persona with which Stowe imbues her protagonist.)

Given this backdrop, many people view as ironic the fact that the book’s namesake has become such a controversial figure among African Americans. Specifically, calling someone an “Uncle Tom” (or various female equivalents) is perhaps the most hurtful and derogatory epithet that one Black person can hurl at another. We generally view Uncle Tom as a subservient, “shuffling” negro — the stereotypical “happy dorkie” of the so-called “Old South.” In short, calling someone an “Uncle Tom” is intended to convey that one is not a proud Black man, one who has been socially and psychologically castrated.

Historically, the title “uncle” was applied to older Black men in the South. (Black males were “boys” until they became middle-aged or older; they became “uncles” after that.) Whites considered it to be an “honorific” moniker — which they employed to keep from referring to Black men as “Mr.”

In short, the traits that Stowe un-

doubtedly viewed as Tom’s greatest strengths (e.g., his unwavering faith, his humility, his ability to forgive) cause most modern African Americans to view him as weak and docile. As Black folks became more “militant” over the years (i.e., demanded to be treated as fully human), Tom increasingly became viewed as the antithesis of Black pride and masculinity.

I have witnessed many people, especially African Americans, argue that viewing Uncle Tom in a negative light reflects an ignorance (or, perhaps, a willful ignoring) of Tom’s inner strength and morality. They say that he should be viewed as a heroic figure rather than one who is to be derided. Such views align with what Stowe intended. To that extent, the arguments are historically accurate. They also completely miss the point.

Authors don’t control how their characters are received. Literary figures’ place in culture (whether the characters are real or fictional) is determined via a collective social exercise in which the public is the ultimate arbiter. In the same way that professional literary and movie critics very rarely determine whether characters become loved (or hated), amateur critics who stick to the “facts” of the text have limited utility.

Only rarely does the minority control the narrative, such as the way in which the Daughters of the Confederacy began to peddle the “Lost Cause” mythology immediately after the Civil War ended. Generally, the perspective of the majority rules.

(As an aside, I can’t decide whether it’s tragic or comical that the people who are perpetuating the “Big Lie” about the 2020 election are so concerned about portraying a fictional character accurately.)

Uncle Tom is, quite literally, one dimensional. He is a phantom that appears in block letters on a page. He has no feelings that can be hurt, no emotions that can be affected, no tears that can be shed. Conversely, real-life African Americans are three dimensional. In the words of Apostle Paul (and Danish theologian Søren Kierkegaard), we are working out our spiritual and social salvation “with fear and trembling.” Let us allow ourselves the grace to embrace that which genuinely gives us succor, sustenance and strength. Let us reject that which steals the same.

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Juneteenth is coming. Habari Gani?

By KHALILAH A. SHABAZZ



Habari Gani? The Swahili words that mean “What’s the news?” are often associated with the Kwanzaa holiday. However, this month, as we near the celebration of Juneteenth, I invite you to join me in contemplating another perspective on this question.

Spring is here — a season of renewal, growth and preparation. This time last year as we welcomed in the spring, not only were we dealing with the uncertainties of COVID-19, but we were nearing the day when we witnessed the untimely and unexplainable murder

of George Floyd. His death rocked our nation and was the catalyst of another season — one of activism, demands for change, Black unity and pride.

The unity and pride that was strengthened was palpable and as we neared Juneteenth in 2020. It was indeed a renewed and enhanced celebration of Black culture. People all over celebrated by tweeting, posting and talking about Juneteenth. The energy surrounding the celebration prompted even me to get my Juneteenth T-shirts made by a local Black woman vendor.

So why the newfound or elevated energy around Juneteenth? Well, many people were just now hearing the news! What news? The news that our ancestors have been trying to tell us for centuries, the news that the oppressor doesn’t want us to understand — that indeed Black Lives Matter and that we are amazingly resilient, royal and free! Let’s take a quick walk back into the history of Juneteenth.

June 19, 1865, is the day celebrated around the United States by Black Americans as Freedom or Emancipation Day. While only 14 states observe it as a public holiday, it is a day that I now pause and commit to reflect on one simple question: What freedom am I waiting for that I already have?

The fight for liberation shifted on April 9, 1865. I say shifted because we are still fighting a different type of enslavement these days, such as the disproportionate number of Black people imprisoned and the school-to-prison pipeline largely impacting Black youth. While the Civil War ended in April 1865, our enslaved people in Southern states such as Louisiana and Texas didn’t hear the news until two months later — news of their freedom that was purposely kept from them to keep them enslaved.

They had to wait for the news to arrive, and when

it did on June 19, the already freed but still enslaved people were freed again. I can only imagine what it must have felt like to learn that for 60 additional days they endured the pain and trauma of being enslaved. I can only imagine how many died within those 60 days, not knowing they were actually free.

So, when I think back to June 2020, it felt almost like a revelation of Black pride, liberation and like a cultural celebration was occurring. The news had finally reached them, you, me!

As we approach the Juneteenth holiday this year, I challenge you to ask yourself what freedom you are waiting for that you already have. Do you boldly walk in your Black pride and freedom or are you operating from an enslaved mentality?

“No people to whom liberty is given can hold it as firmly and wear it as grandly as those who wrench their liberty from the iron hand of the tyrant.” -Friedrich Douglass.

Our ancestors sacrificed, endured struggles, enslavement and death so that we might hold firm to our current liberation. We owe it to them to strengthen our grip through our activism and unity. Let Juneteenth 2021 be more than a celebration; let it be a recommitment to the movement to advance Black people, a reflective opportunity to honor your ancestors and a time to act on goals and dreams that you are already equipped to handle.

Habari Gani? What’s the news? You are the news, so take it forward and share it so that everyone you encounter gets the message of our liberation. Happy Juneteenth!

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sure Black and Latino students are prioritized when it comes to allocating resources.

What fellows heard about racial equity: Schools should be better equipped to celebrate the “culture and genius” of Black and Latino students.

What EmpowerED Families will do: The organization will work with schools to improve racial equity and make sure teachers are culturally competent.

What fellows heard about life skills coaching: There should be more opportunities for families to learn life skills such as financial management.

What EmpowerED Families will do: The organization will host monthly sessions to cover topics such as how to search for a job, budgeting and living a healthy lifestyle.

What fellows heard about education and community coaching: Families don’t know what resources are available to them and get confused when trying to figure it out.

What EmpowerED Families will do: The organization will help connect families to resources, and an outreach coordinator will help families understand the school system.

What’s next?

EmpowerED Families will become independent of The Mind Trust and launch as its own organization this summer.

Executive Director Ontay Johnson said the organization will add staff and continue talking to parents to figure out what issues in education should be a priority. EmpowerED Families will also work with school boards, as well as local and state lawmakers on policy change, he said.

Over the next three years, the organization’s goals include reaching 5,000 people, helping 500 families resolve an issue or learn a new skill, and doing at least 10 campaigns on specific issues.

One of the fellows, Clare Pope, said it would be nice to have more advocates who could be assigned to certain schools or districts so the organization can connect them to families. Other fellows see a similar future, where parent advocates don’t just learn from the

community but do more to help where needed.

The bottom line, as the name implies, is empowering parents, grandparents, anyone with a stake in Indianapolis education.

“We want parents and families to know they have power within them to make a difference,” Johnson said.

‘You don’t just turn that off at the end of the day’

Parent advocates had 215 meetings with families over the last six months, a pace of a little more than one every day. That was all during a pandemic, too, making the project even more challenging.

One of the advocates, Wendy Williams, said she had to learn how to erase preconceived ideas of the challenges parents face and how they deal with those challenges.

“I was able to understand that everybody loves their child, but everybody’s different,” she said. “Every household has different needs.”

Pope said she sees education differently now and sometimes goes to sleep thinking of issues that still need addressed. There’s the big stuff — families need wraparound supports, schools need more resources — but also the smaller stuff such as early start times for students.

“You don’t just turn that off at the end of the day,” said Pope, who added finding ways to help families has made it worthwhile.

Delma Suber said the last six months made her realize she’s tired of just talking about problems and wants real action. It’s also easy to ignore a problem that doesn’t directly affect you, she said.

“If I got my bills paid, if I live in a decent house, if my belly is full, why should I care about somebody else? I feel like part of our humanity has gotten that way,” she said, “and I feel like we can no longer operate in that space.”

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HEALTH

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crimination or racism. Henderson said it’s important that people find a therapist they feel comfortable with, and that includes having a mutual cultural understanding.

“Culture plays a big role in feeling seen, heard and understood,” Henderson said. “Particularly when you’re talking about difficulties in certain environments that you have to navigate, if your therapist has a foundational understanding, you don’t have to offer a lengthy explanation as to why you feel unsafe ... and that’s so important, especially given the climate in the country right now.”

Another reason someone might delay or forgo mental health treatment is because they don’t feel “sick enough.” However, Henderson said that many of her clients don’t necessarily have a lifelong mental health issue, but instead just need help navigating a tough time.

“We try to fill their tool kit to help [patients] fly out on their own,” Henderson said. “I always say, ‘You can always come back if you need a refresher.’ My job is to help you figure out the tools you need to be successful, give you space to fly away and do this on your own.”

One issue often ignored as a side effect of mental illness is substance abuse. Charlotte Crabtree, program director of the nonprofit Overdose Lifeline, however, said we must discuss the link to help those suffering from substance abuse disorder.

“If a person is trying to overcome substance abuse, there’s usually an underlying issue,” Crabtree said. “A lot of people have drowned their problems, whether it’s depression or trauma, with whatever substance they’re using. If those issues aren’t addressed, they’re fighting a losing battle.”

Gina Fears, assistant director of recovery and community services at Public Advocates in Community Re-Entry (PACE), said PACE is working to educate the community

about opioid use and the possible link between substance abuse and mental health.

“Discomfort from a mental health issue can sometimes lend itself to substance abuse,” Fears said. “It could be a form of release. If an individual is suffering from [multiple illnesses], they may view substance use as a release from what they’re going through.”

Fears and Crabtree said the pandemic caused an increase in substance abuse, as well as overdose deaths. Indianapolis, she said, is matching a nationwide trend: The use of opioids among African Americans has increased.

A report from the Department of Public Health found opioid-related overdose deaths among Black men rose 69% — from 32.6 in 2019 to 55.1 per 100,000 people in 2020. This was the highest increase of any ethnic or racial group.

One reason for this increase may be a disparity in recovery assistance. After receiving a grant last summer, Overdose Lifeline offers naloxone, an overdose reversal drug, to those who apply for it. Part of the registration asks for racial demographic. Between June and October 2020, Overdose Lifeline gave out over 10,000 doses of naloxone. According to racial demographic information, only one of those doses went to an African American.

“That’s more than a disparity,” Crabtree said. “We need to be focusing on community involvement. As far as the nonprofit groups, we need to join together and work with law enforcement, mental health and addiction professionals, and we need to put boots on the ground. We’re not going to beat this with commercials on TV. We have to go out and personally touch the community.”

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Advertorial

Uplifting Communities Through Education Collaboration

by Kara Kavensky

The best outcomes happen through collaboration. No one person, nor a single organization, can go it alone. Martin Univeristy looks for synergies with its partners, which includes Eleven Fifty Academy, as it accomplishes its mission to provide excellence in educating and developing traditional and non-traditional students in an inclusive, and supportive environment.



Originally named Martin Center College, Martin university has always been independent institutionally but grew organizationally out of the Martin Center, a nonprofit human services agency. The idea of a “human services agency” is appealing, and quite an accurate description of this servant leadership-minded institution.

Eleven Fifty Academy is honored to partner with Martin University by providing access to accelerated tech bootcamps that compliment their existing pathways towards successful careers for students. Their partnership focuses on transformational change through one of the fastest methods, which is via technology. Tech is a high demand area which lacks a significant amount of diversity. The community surrounding Martin University is untapped and they, along with its partners, are working hard to open up an accessible funnel into careers in tech for its students, who may be looking to change

their career.

“Martin University exists to help people to achieve greater things in their lives and work towards achieving generational wealth and to eradicate any barriers by being the first generation in their family to go to college,” says Dr. Huddleston, President of Martin University. “Being a first generation college student and graduate uplifts entire communities.”

Martin University feels it is their job to support those disregarded and disadvantaged by traditional bias of higher education. Many individuals have not always felt accepted or valued, yet potential students who posses goals of high achievement should not feel marginalized. Martin University works hard to help individuals believe in themselves and fill in the picture for their future goals.

“Those who may not have thought that a higher education could change their lives feel the ripple effect that goes

beyond the degree,” states Dr. Huddleston. “The goal is not to walk across the stage at graduation, as that’s a milestone, not a goal, but their journey is one without a finish line. Our graduates use their degree as a super power that will ultimate reshape their lives in years to come.”

Referring to Martin University’s approach to education as “transformational work”, their efforts are equity work at its finest. The reverbera-

tions of transformational change that an education can have to an individual and their community can be a literal game changer. The word “transformational” is the key impact word for Eleven Fifty Academy as well for Martin University. The community is quickly attracting in other like-minded organizations to lift their vulnerable community. Dr. Huddleston believes that students simply need an opportunity to show the world who they are and what

they can do. He added, “They all possess these beautiful internal lights and we help them to shine brighter than they already are.”

“We are delighted to work with our partners: the ROCK [Eastern Star church], InnoPower, Eleven Fifty Academy, and Goodwill Industries,” says Dr. Huddleston. “To quote a lyric from Ne-Yo, ‘you can be a movement by yourself, but you can be a force when we are together’.”





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City recommends loosening COVID-19 restrictions

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Starting June 7, Marion County will loosen COVID-19 restrictions, including capacity limitations and the mask requirement for fully vaccinated individuals. The move follows recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that state it's safe for vaccinated people to not wear a mask or social distance.

In a press conference May 19, Mayor Joe Hogsett said he's confident vaccination rates will rise over the next two and half weeks. Roughly 31% of Marion County residents are fully vaccinated, meaning they got their last dose two weeks ago or more. Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Public Health Department, said she wants to see the county reach a 50% vaccination rate. She's confident Indianapolis can reach that goal by July 4, at which time restrictions could loosen more.

The city and county health department will recommend the city-county council approve to increase capacity at funerals and religious services to 100%, restaurants and bars to 75%, indoor sporting events to 50% and entertainment venues to 75%. Personal service businesses, such as barbershops, will no

longer have to be by appointment only, but Caine said business owners should ensure there's enough space for non-vaccinated people to socially distance. Following recent legislation from the Indiana General Assembly, Hogsett now must receive approval of the city-county council to enact public health recommendations.

Fully vaccinated Marion County residents will no longer have to wear masks, unless asked to by businesses, or if they're in a health care facility or using public transportation,

including airports. However, Caine said Indianapolis will go by the "honor system," and will not require residents to provide proof of vaccination to forgo a mask. "This welcomed news does not mean the end of the pandemic is here yet," Caine said. "But this progress gives us hope there's light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, but we can't be blindsided by the light. If we continue to get vaccinated, washing our hands and continue to social distance and wear masks for now, the full reopening of

our community is within our reach." Previously, Caine said she wanted at least a 75% vaccination rate before relaxing mask restrictions. However, she said the 31% vaccination rate mixed with the roughly 30% of Marion County residents temporarily immune to COVID-19 due to testing positive within the last three months, gets the county to (temporary) herd immunity. Both Caine and Hogsett urge more Marion County residents to get vaccinated in the coming days.

"The new CDC guidance made clear what we have said throughout the past several months," Hogsett said. "It is the vaccine that is getting us back to normal. ... The more people who choose that option, the stronger and faster will be our recovery."

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On June 7, the Health Department will recommend to Council:

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Religious services and funerals	75%	100%
Indoor service in bars and restaurants	50%/75%	75%
Personal services businesses	By appointment	6 feet social distancing
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Additionally, the Health Department will recommend lifting Marion County's mask mandate for fully vaccinated individuals.



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“No Tobacco Day” Seeks to Curb Tobacco Use Globally, including in the U.S.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), tobacco causes 8 million deaths every year. The organization released a report earlier this year that showed smokers were more likely to develop severe disease with COVID-19 compared to non-smokers, resulting in millions of smokers seeking to quit tobacco. The report also said that tobacco is a major risk factor for other diseases like cardiovascular disease, cancer, respiratory disease and diabetes. People living with these conditions are more vulnerable to severe COVID-19. Quitting is a challenge, especially with the added social and economic stress caused by the pandemic; but there are many reasons to quit. Worldwide, an estimated 780 million people say they want to quit, but only 30% of them have access to the tools that can help. Together with partners, WHO will provide people with the tools and resources they need to make a successful quit attempt. WHO is promoting the benefits of quitting tobacco as part of World No Tobacco Day on May 31. The effort is part of a year-long global campaign in 2021 – “Commit to Quit.” The campaign will support at least 100 million people in several countries around the world, including the United States, as they try to give up tobacco through communities of quitters. “Commit to Quit” will help create healthier environments that are more favorable to quitting tobacco by advocating for strong tobacco cessation (quit) policies, increasing access to cessation services, raising awareness of tobacco industry tactics, and empowering tobacco users to make successful quit attempts through “quit & win” initiatives. Together with partners, WHO will create and build-up digital communities where people can find

the social support they need to quit. To create environments conducive to quitting tobacco, WHO has worked with partners and countries around the globe to implement tobacco control measures that effectively reduce the demand for tobacco. WHO calls on all governments of these focus countries to ensure their citizens have access to brief advice, toll-free quit lines, mobile and digital cessation services, nicotine replacement therapies, and other tools that are proven to help people quit. Strong cessation services improve health, save lives and save money. The benefits of quitting tobacco are almost immediate. After just 20 minutes of quitting smoking, the heart rate drops. Within 12 hours, the carbon monoxide level in blood drops to normal. Within 2-12 weeks, circulation improves and lung function increases. Here in Indiana, resources are available through Quit Now Indiana and the Indiana Tobacco Quitline. Quit Now Indiana provides free services and a built-in community of people who want to quit tobacco for life. To get started, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit quitnowindiana.com. In Marion County, Smoke Free Indy's work includes taking part in a statewide youth network that helps spread the word about the dangers of tobacco. VOICE is a youth empowerment brand in Indiana whose initiative is to engage, educate and empower teens to promote and celebrate tobacco-free lifestyles. The VOICE action squad is a core group of teen leaders who help ensure that the message is culturally relevant to today's teen audience, and helps spread tobacco-free messages through social media. More information about VOICE and its efforts is available at voiceindiana.org.

Muslim women are using Sharia to push for gender equality

By MARK FATHI MASSOUD
Associated Press

Sharia is often portrayed as barbaric and particularly regressive in terms of women’s rights. Citing Sharia, lawmakers in some Muslim-majority countries have punished theft with amputation, and sex outside of marriage with stoning. Women have been also forced to stay in abusive marriages and flogged for defying Sharia because they were wearing trousers.

Commonly translated as Islamic law, Sharia is a broad set of ethical principles found in the Quran, Islam’s holy book, and in the teachings and actions of the Prophet Muhammad. It is not a strict legal code, leaving it open to varying interpretations by governments and religious leaders.

Public outcry over Sharia has led to more than 200 anti-Sharia bills being introduced across the United States. The European Court of Human Rights has twice ruled Sharia incompatible with human rights. Conservative analysts have called Sharia the world’s “other pandemic,” a comparison to COVID-19.

However, many Muslim women do not regard Sharia as being incompatible with their rights. My research shows how women — typically small activist groups in many countries — are using Sharia to fight against oppressive practices.

Sharia and women’s rights

I interviewed nearly 150 women’s rights activists, reli-

gious leaders, officials and aid workers over the past decade in Somalia and Somaliland, where more than 99% of the population is Muslim.

The region has suffered cycles of famine and drought, as well as a brutal dictatorship and civil war that led to the collapse of Somalia’s government 30 years ago and the split between Somalia and Somaliland.

I wanted to learn why women were demanding Sharia and whether Sharia could help rebuild societies after war. My book, “Shari’a, Inshallah: Finding God in Somali Legal Politics,” tells the story of peace builders and peacemakers oriented toward, rather than away from, Sharia.

Because Sharia encourages a diversity of interpretations, there is no right or wrong way to interpret it.

Women activists I met saw an inherent feminism in Sharia. Muslims “can find support for almost everything” in Sharia, a Somali activist reminded me. It’s just that women “have to know their rights in the Quran,” she added.

These activists help their local communities understand women’s rights in Islam. For example, one activist fighting for girls’ education explained to local parents how Sharia demands that both “boys and girls have the right to education.” Billboards put up by human rights groups referred to the Islamic teaching that to educate a girl is to educate a nation. They emphasized that Prophet Muhammad himself taught women and men and

encouraged his followers to do the same.

Another activist I talked with invoked Sharia to explain that girls should be allowed to play sports. She explained to parents that not allowing their daughters to play goes against Sharia, which “gives rights to human beings.”

Yet another called the Quran — one of the sources of Sharia — her guide to persuade women to run for public office. Allowing women to stand for election, she publicly insisted, “is Islamic.”

Patriarchy and interpretations

Part of the problem with the often brutal interpretation of Sharia has been that men have been aligning it with their political views. “The custodians of law are men,” an aid worker told me.

Indeed, some religious leaders insist that Sharia allows child marriage and female genital mutilation to preserve women’s premarital virginity and prevent women from experiencing sexual pleasure.

Activists I met tried to put an end to these harmful practices by sharing harrowing stories in workshops with religious leaders. One activist told me that in one such

workshop she had related the tragic story of a young girl whose pelvis shattered during childbirth. Another shared the story of a child who drank bleach to avoid a forced marriage.

These women wanted religious leaders to share these stories with others. They argued that Sharia could not be used to permit child marriage and female genital mutilation. Protecting women “is so clearly written in the Quran,” said one activist who added that “Islam always promotes the person, health, and dignity.”

Reclaiming women’s power

Religious leaders in these countries have, however, been reluctant to speak publicly on these issues. But many of the Somali women I met were reviving a centuries-old tradition — of women teaching and interpreting Sharia. In the seventh century, Aisha, the Prophet Muhammad’s surviving spouse, was among the first Muslim authorities to render decisions on sacred law that men had to follow.

Not just in Somalia and Somaliland, but in many parts of the world, Muslim women are reclaiming their rights by studying and sharing Quranic

verses and prophetic teachings. In Malaysia, for example, groups like Sisters in Islam and Musawah have been publicly putting forward feminist interpretations of Quranic verses to teach women about gender equality and inheritance rights.

In Egypt, women have invoked Sharia to expand access to divorce.

In my research in Sudan, I saw women lawyers teach women displaced by civil war that their rights come from God. On the Day of Judgment, these women said to one another, God will judge those who tried to take away women’s God-given rights.

And in Los Angeles, California, a women’s mosque offers women-led sermons, classes and events.

By interpreting theological and legal texts in less patriarchal ways, these women, as I found, are shattering age-old sexist interpretations of Sharia.

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

By SHEILA P. SPENCER

“The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, ‘Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’ So, they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.” (Mark 6:30-32)



Our original freedom fighter and justice advocate, Jesus Christ, took time to step away and rest.

Jesus modeled rest and took naps.

Jesus. Took. Time. To. Rest.

Repeat it again.

The spiritual practice of rest

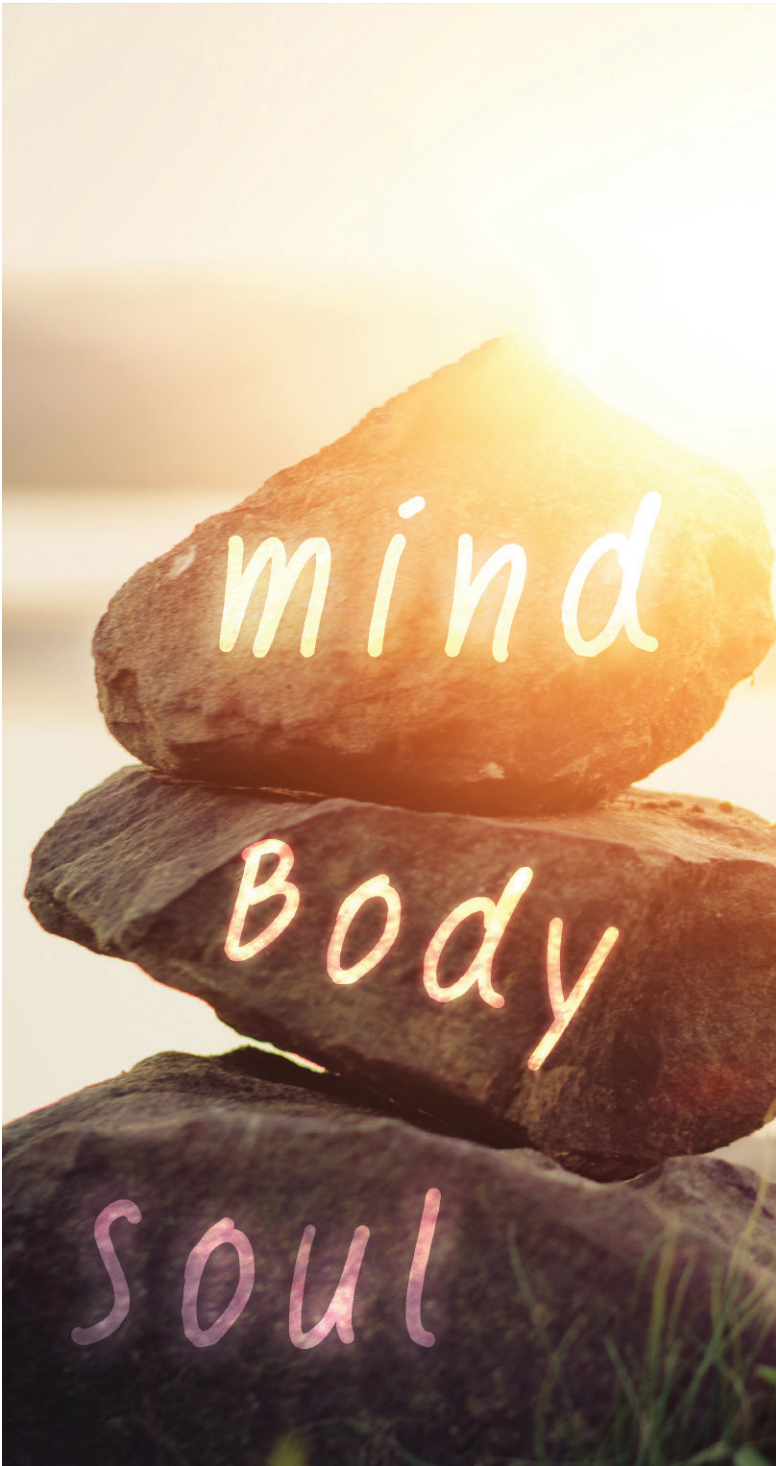
I received a card that said even the woke need to rest. Rest is resistance in a culture and society that doesn’t take time to pause. We are called to reinvent how we view rest. We often view rest as a visitor, a reward or occasional part our life. However, rest should take up residence and be part of our regular rhythm. We can unwind from the grind. In fact, it is necessary.

Rest is liberation

And I repeat: Jesus took time to rest.

Did you get that? Jesus took time to rest.

Rev. Tricia Hersey, the creator of the Nap Ministry, reminds us that exhaustion does not create liberation. Rest is not a luxury; it is essential. It is not unselfish to fill my cup before pouring into someone else. I cannot pour from an empty vessel. Rest allows you to wake up — energy and spirit is restored.



Self-care steps

- Make yourself a priority: “We get so caught up in trying to do things for God that we forget that that all God wants is for us to spend time together. What good is service to God if we have lost the Lord in our purpose for serving?” -Kirk Byron Jones

- Meditate on scriptures and remind yourself that Jesus took the time to step away and rest. He set the standard.

- Small steps: give yourself 5-minute breaks. Do not disturb, including social media.

- Accountability partners: pray for God to send you a Jethro (see Exodus 18:17-19). Jethro was Moses’ father-in-law. After he observed Moses during his workday from sunup to sundown, he told him that he was going to wear himself out. Ask for friends to keep you accountable and do the same for them. True friends will speak the truth to you in love.

Lord, lift me up for Your blessings today. I pray that you will anoint me with strength and self-care today, tomorrow and always. I pray that You will grace me with patience and wisdom. I pray that You will encourage me throughout the day with reminders to take moments to care for myself.

Rest is not a luxury; it is essential. It is not unselfish to fill my cup before pouring into someone else. I cannot pour from an empty vessel.

Rest is liberation.

Take time to rest.

Jesus took time to rest.

What would Jesus do?

Rest.

Rest and Repeat,

Rev. Sheila P. Spencer

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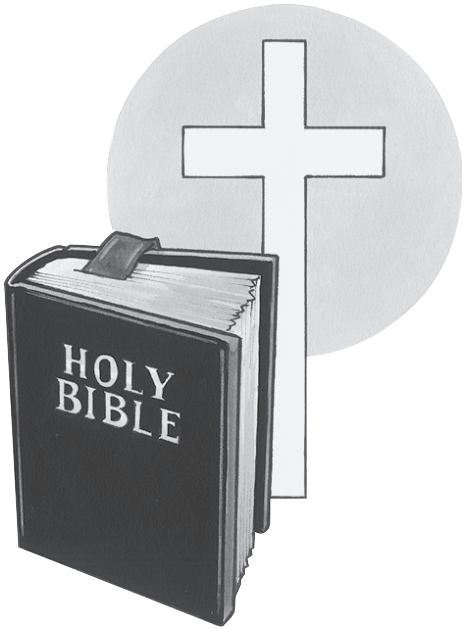
by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Damascus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Who did the people of Malta think was a god when he was unaffected by the viper's bite? Job, Paul, Timothy, Stephen
- 3. To whom did Naaman the Syrian ask forgiveness after worshipping the god Rimmon? Saul, Christ, Elisha, Darius
- 4. From John 3, who was a Pharisee and ruler among the Jews? Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, Judas, Peter
- 5. Who was known as the "Supplanter"? Aaron, Moses, Jacob, Hosea
- 6. What was the name of David's first wife? Rachel, Priscilla, Michal, Ruth

ANSWERS:
1) Neither; 2) Paul; 3) Elisha;
4) Nicodemus; 5) Jacob; 6) Michal

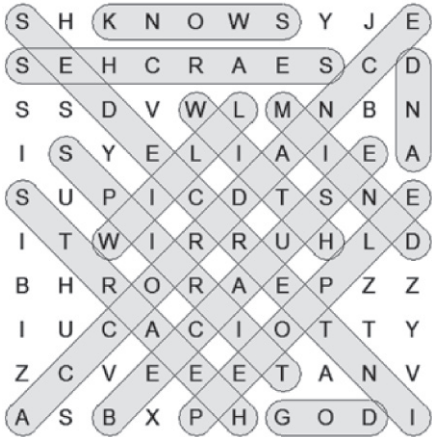
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Indianapolis man grows lettuce, herbs in shipping containers

By LONDON GIBSON
The Indianapolis Star

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An unassuming plot of land sits on the east side of Indianapolis on 30th Street. From the outside, it looks like an empty lot with a couple of shipping containers on it. But inside those containers is an entire garden.

And among the plants, you can find DeMario Vitalis.

Vitalis was the first in Indiana to own this type of hydroponic farm inside of a shipping container. The unique method involves planting seedlings of plants such as herbs and lettuces on vertical panels and feeding them controlled levels of water, nutrients and light — no soil required.

It's a mode of farming uniquely suited for urban environments. Vitalis is able to produce almost 5 acres of food a year from two 40-foot shipping containers. It also uses 99% less water than traditional farming, according to the company that makes the containers.

Vitalis sells his fresh herbs, lettuces and more to people in the community through online platforms such as Market Wagon.

The climate control is a huge advantage for Vitalis, who set up his farm, called New Age Provisions, in the latter half of last year. Regardless of the outside weather, he can grow anything he wants.

"It can be 30 degrees outside and raining," he said, "but inside it's 65 degrees. In here I'm watching Netflix and planting seeds."

Vitalis wasn't a farmer when he started all of this. He was just an entrepreneur looking for his next project, and farming — which connected to his history as a descendent of enslaved people and Southern sharecroppers — felt like the right choice.

"It was just a way to become an entrepreneur," he said, "and also get back into the type of occupation my ancestors once had."

At first, he thought he would set up some modular tiny homes built out of containers. But then he came across Freight Farms, a Boston-based company that could cram 2.5 acres of production into one shipping container, and the decision was made.

Vitalis' mother, Barbara Johnson, is a cook, so food has always been important to the family. And the herbs and vegetables grown by her son, she said,



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are "absolutely wonderful."
"I just believe that you can always inspire a person with a good meal," she said.

Vitalis was one of the first Black owners using a Freight Farms shipping container to start a small business in the country, said Caroline Katsiroubas, marketing and communications director for the company.

Despite two degrees from Purdue University and a master's degree from Wayne State University, Vitalis doesn't have a background in farming, and had to put himself through some education before diving into his urban farm. He took online classes and even visited Freight Farms in Boston to learn about the equipment and process.

"It does take a learning curve," he said. "It's not easy to learn how to farm; you have to learn how to react to the plants."

Funding was another obstacle. The farms cost \$100,000 each.

After some research, Vitalis found that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will supply loans for these types of businesses, so he requested \$50,000 to help him pay for one container and

was promptly denied.
The people evaluating the profitability of these containers simply didn't understand how it worked or how much it could produce, he said. But instead of giving up, he pushed back. Black farmers have historically been discriminated against when trying to obtain USDA loans, and he was motivated to make sure his business plan was being fairly evaluated.
"There's a history behind that," he said. "I was just one of many."
Vitalis appealed the decision and won. Then, he turned around and asked for \$200,000 instead — and got it.

In a hydroponic farm, everything is vertical — and everything is controlled.

At first, the plants start as seedlings or seeds and are placed on shelves under LED lights, and water flushed with nutrients is dispensed to them with attached machines.

After a few weeks, the plants are large enough to transfer to a series of vertical panels that roll along tracks. These panels are also connected to machines for dosing water and nutrients, and placed in between LED

lights. The water circulating through the plants is saved and re-cycled through the system, conserving water and nutrients.

And throughout the whole process, Vitalis controls the light, temperature, nutrients and water.

David Bosley, Vitalis' former boss at Cummins, Inc., used Vitalis' greens for his Thanksgiving meal and said he was impressed by the packaging and freshness. At first, he said, the idea of a hydroponics farm was surprising.

"I thought it was rather novel," he said, "but I also thought, well that's just like DeMario."

Nobody was surprised that Vitalis made New Age Provisions happen.

He's always been one to tackle a project without giving up, Bosley said. And he's always been a trailblazer and hard worker, his mother said. She thinks it's something he may have picked up from her, since she worked multiple jobs and attended school while caring for him and his siblings.

"I'm even more amazed with my son," Johnson said. "He's satisfying a need in the community and following a dream. It was his vision and he brought it to fruition."

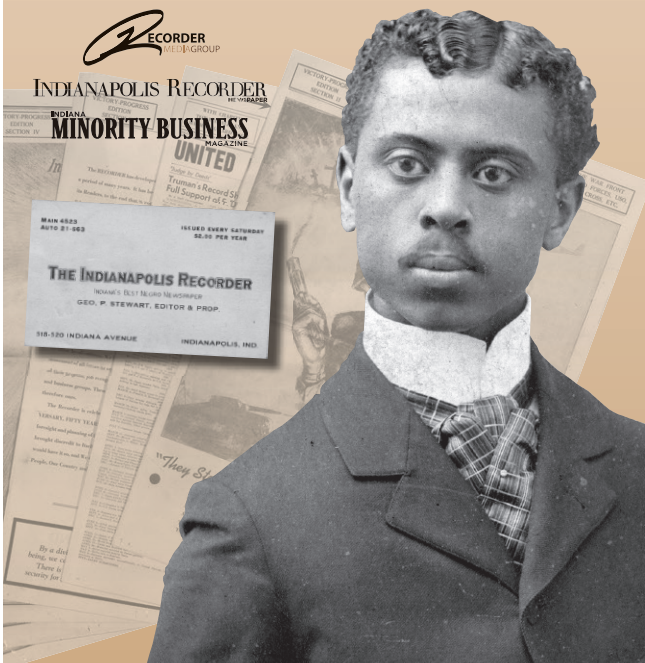
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Attorney for Petitioner
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION CIRCUIT
COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2104-MI-013965
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE
OF:)
CALEB NATHANIEL
DAVIS,)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
COMES NOW the Petitioner,
Caleb Nathaniel Davis,
whose mailing address is
7283 Lake Side Drive,
Indianapolis, Indiana,
in the County of Marion,
Indiana, hereby gives notice
that CALEB NATHANIEL
DAVIS has filed a Petition
in the Marion Circuit Court
requesting that his name
be changed to CALEB
NATHANIEL BARNEY.
Notice is further given that
the hearing will be held on
said Petition on the 3rd day
of August, 2021, at 9:00
a.m., in the Marion County
Circuit Court, located at
200 E. Washington Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
5320-920751

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D03-2104-MF-013592
U.S. Bank National
Association, Plaintiff,
vs. Tina L. Shields, et al.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
TO: Bowman & Heintz;
BE IT KNOWN, that U.S.
Bank National Association,
as trustee, on behalf of
the holders of the Home
Equity Asset Trust 2006-4
Home Equity Pass-Through
Certificates, Series 2006-4,
the above-named Plaintiff,
by its attorney, J. Dustin
Smith, has filed in this court,
on behalf of the Clerk of the
Marion Civil Superior Court
#3 its Complaint against
Defendant Bowman &
Heintz, and the said Plaintiff
having also filed in said
Court, a Contract and
Evict Occupants Upon
Foreclosure.
Property Address: 1161 W
34th St., Indianapolis, IN
46208
Legal Description:
LOT 387 IN WM. L.
ELDER AND ALFRED F.
POTTS' ARMSTRONG
PARK ADDITION TO THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
AS PER PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK
12, PAGES 60 AND 61,
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA.
To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are
known: NONE.
To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are
not known: RONALD
J. HERNDON, JILL M.
HERNDON, CITY OF
INDIANAPOLIS and
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS;
and the unknown husbands,
wives, widows, widowers,
survivors, heirs, legatees,
devisees, children,
descendants, mortgagees,
creditors, administrators,
executors, trustees,
successors, assigns, if
deceased, of all persons
above named, all persons,
associations, partnerships,
partners, trustees,
assigns, representatives,
successors, corporations,
or claimants, who assert any
title to claim upon or interest
in the real estate herein
described, all women once
known by any of the names
or designations above
stated, whose names may
have been changed and
the names of all the spouses
of persons above named,
being designated as
defendants to this action
who are married and whose
names are unknown to
Plaintiff. In addition to the
above named defendants
being served by this
summons there may be
other defendants who have
an interest in this law suit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the Plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
it in your written answer.
You must answer the
Complaint in writing, by
your attorney, on or
before thirty (30) days after
the Third Published Notice
of Suit, and if you fail to
do so a judgment will be
entered against you for what
the Plaintiff has demanded.
The Name and Address of
the Attorney Representing
the Plaintiff is:
Kathleen S. Crebo
HOOKER & ASSOCIATES,
LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
6626 E. 75th St., Suite 410
Indianapolis, IN 46250
T: (317) 578-1630
F: (317) 849-1892
E: Kathleen.crebo@
hookerlaw.com
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
5320-921038

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D04-0807-DR-032597
IN RE: MARRIAGE OF
LAURA AMADOR
vs. MANUEL AMADOR III
Respondent
SUMMONS AND NOTICE
OF SUIT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
TO MANUEL AMADOR III,
whose whereabouts are
unknown, that the Petitioner
has filed a Petition for
Permission to Travel and
Issuance of Passport
without Consent of the Non-
custodial parent, and that
an adjudication hearing has
been scheduled with the
Court.
YOU ARE HEREBY
COMMANDED to appear
before the Judge of the
Marion County Circuit Court,
on check mycase.in.gov,
to answer the Petition, and
be further notified that if
the allegations in said petition
are true, and/or if you fail
to appear at the hearing,
the Court may grant the

will issue a WebEx/Zoom
invitation for attendance at
the hearing. The Petitioner
is ordered to initiate
publication within five (5)
days of this Order Setting
Hearing.
Date: 3/2/2021
So Ordered: 3/4/2021
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
04/16/21
05/07/21
05/21/21

MDK # 21-004618
STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION CIVIL
SUPERIOR COURT #3)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D03-2104-MF-013592
U.S. Bank National
Association, Plaintiff,
vs. Tina L. Shields, et al.
Defendants.
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PUBLICATION
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Equity Asset Trust 2006-4
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To the following Defendants
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UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS;
and the unknown husbands,
wives, widows, widowers,
survivors, heirs, legatees,
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executors, trustees,
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have been changed and
the names of all the spouses
of persons above named,
being designated as
defendants to this action
who are married and whose
names are unknown to
Plaintiff. In addition to the
above named defendants
being served by this
summons there may be
other defendants who have
an interest in this law suit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the Plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
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You must answer the
Complaint in writing, by
your attorney, on or
before thirty (30) days after
the Third Published Notice
of Suit, and if you fail to
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entered against you for what
the Plaintiff has demanded.
The Name and Address of
the Attorney Representing
the Plaintiff is:
Kathleen S. Crebo
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5320-921038

Dated Clerk, Marion Civil
Superior Court #3
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhardt
(25071-06)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-
15)
Sarah E. Barngrover
(28840-64)
Chris Wyle (26936-10)
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manylea.com
5320-920776

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT 3)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D03-2105-CT-014891
XAVIER HARDIMAN,
Plaintiff
vs.
THE MUCKY DUCK PUB
BANK, Defendant
GROVE LLC,
JOHNSON HOSPITALITY
GROUP LLC,
and UNKNOWN
Defendants
SUMMONS
This summons is to the
defendants above named,
and to any other person who
may be concerned. You
are notified that you have
been sued in the Marion
Superior Court 3, 200 W506
E. Washington Street, Suite
2141, Indianapolis, Indiana,
46204. (317) 327-4010, in
an action entitled "XAVIER
HARDIMAN VS. THE
MUCKY DUCK PUB LLC,
MUCKY DUCK CENTER
GROVE LLC, JOHNSON
HOSPITALITY GROUP
LLC, AND UNKNOWN
ASSAILANT." Cause No.
49D03-2105-CT-014891,
by the person named above
as plaintiff. This summons
is publication is specifically
directed to defendant,
UNKNOWN ASSAILANT,
whose address and
whereabouts are unknown.
The named plaintiff is
represented by: Burton
A. Padove, Attorney No.
13893-45, 2546 45th
Street, Highland, IN, 46332.
Telephone: (219) 836-2200,
Facsimile: (219) 836-9388
and Computer address:
Burtonap@aol.com.
The nature of this suit
against you is that you
suddenly and without
warning assaulted the
Plaintiff at The Mucky Duck
Pub LLC, on May 5, 2019.
Plaintiff claims damages
against each defendant
in an amount to exceed
\$50,000.
An answer or other response
in writing to the complaint
must be filed either by you
or your attorney on or before
July 6, 2021, (within 30
days after the third notice
of suit), and if you fail to
do so, judgment by default
may be rendered against you
for the relief demanded by
the plaintiff.
Dated: 5/5/2021
By: Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk [Seal]
5320-920801

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D04-0807-DR-032597
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vs. MANUEL AMADOR III
Respondent
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without Consent of the Non-
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YOU ARE HEREBY
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to answer the Petition, and
be further notified that if
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are true, and/or if you fail
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the Court may grant the

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D05-2102-CC-004665
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
KEYBANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs. CWS DESIGN
ENTERPRISES, INC. and
CHRISTOPHER S.
WILLIAMS, Respondent.
YOU MUST RESPOND
within thirty (30) days after
the last publication of this
notice, and in the event you
fail to do so, adjudication
on said petition may be
entered against you, in your
absence, without further
notice.
Attest: /s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County
Courts
KAREN K. HUELSKAMP
Attorney for Petitioner
1809 Prospect Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46203
(317) 423-1989
5320-920888

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D05-2102-CC-004665
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
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Courts
KAREN K. HUELSKAMP
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D04-2104-MF-011487
MARION COUNTY)
BRENON SMITH
Plaintiff,
vs. RONALD J. HERNDON,
JILL M. HERNDON,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
and UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS
Plaintiffs,
vs. PER PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK
12, PAGES 60 AND 61,
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA.
To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are
known: NONE.
To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are
not known: RONALD
J. HERNDON, JILL M.
HERNDON, CITY OF
INDIANAPOLIS and
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS;
and the unknown husbands,
wives, widows, widowers,
survivors, heirs, legatees,
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executors, trustees,
successors, assigns, if
deceased, of all persons
above named, all persons,
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successors, corporations,
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in the real estate herein
described, all women once
known by any of the names
or designations above
stated, whose names may
have been changed and
the names of all the spouses
of persons above named,
being designated as
defendants to this action
who are married and whose
names are unknown to
Plaintiff. In addition to the
above named defendants
being served by this
summons there may be
other defendants who have
an interest in this law suit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the Plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
it in your written answer.
You must answer the
Complaint in writing, by
your attorney, on or
before thirty (30) days after
the Third Published Notice
of Suit, and if you fail to
do so a judgment will be
entered against you for what
the Plaintiff has demanded.
The Name and Address of
the Attorney Representing
the Plaintiff is:
Kathleen Y. Willitzer aka
Kathleen Willitzer aka
Kathleen Yvonne Willitzer,
et al.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the
Defendants above named,
and any other persons who
may be concerned: You
are notified that you have
been sued on the Court
above named. The nature
of the suit against you is a
Complaint for Foreclosure
of Note and Mortgage on
the following described real
estate:
LOT NUMBERED 11 IN
STEINMEIER'S MARION
HIGHLANDS, AN
ADDITION TO THE CITY
OF INDIANAPOLIS,
AS PER PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 21, PAGE 88, IN
THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA.
More commonly known
as: 3107 East 48th Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205
This Summons by
Publication is specifically
directed to the following
named defendants whose
whereabouts are known to
me:
Dylan Willitzer
Biggest Spears
The Summons by
Publication is also
specifically directed to the
following named Defendants
whose whereabouts are
unknown to Plaintiff:
Unknown Heirs, Legatees,
Representatives, Devisees
and Beneficiaries of
Kathleen Y. Willitzer aka
Kathleen Willitzer aka
Kathleen Yvonne Willitzer,
et al.
In addition to the above-
named Defendants being
served by this Summons,
there may be other
Defendants who have an
interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the Plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
it in your written answer.
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Complaint in writing, by
your attorney, within thirty
(30) days after the Third
Notice of Suit, and if you fail
to do so, a judgment may be
entered against you for what
the Plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST:
Clerk of MARION County
Superior Court
Diaz Anselmo & Associates,
LLC
By: Kathryn Johnson (23332-15)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC
1771 W. Diehl Rd., Suite 120
Naperville, Illinois 60563
Phone: (630) 435-6960
Fax: (630) 428-4620
Email: MidwestPleadings@
dialleg.com
Pursuant to the Fair Debt
Collection Practices Act,
you are advised that Diaz
Anselmo & Associates LLC
is deemed to be a debt
collector for its respective
clients and any information
obtained may be used for
that purpose.
5320-920932

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D06-2102-MF-008179
Fifth Third Bank, National
Association
Plaintiff
vs. Unknown Heirs, Legatees,
Devisees and Beneficiaries
of Kathleen Y. Willitzer aka
Kathleen Willitzer aka
Kathleen Yvonne Willitzer,
et al.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
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Representatives, Devisees
and Beneficiaries of
Kathleen Y. Willitzer aka
Kathleen Willitzer aka
Kathleen Yvonne Willitzer,
et al.
In addition to the above-
named Defendants being
served by this Summons,
there may be other
Defendants who have an
interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the Plaintiff arising
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it in your written answer.
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Notice of Suit, and if you fail
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the Plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST:
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Superior Court
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-014364
IN THE MATTER OF
THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
OF THE ESTATE OF L.B.
LAMBERT JR., Deceased
ORDER FOR
APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND FOR UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
Comes now L.B. Lambert
III, Petitioner, having
been duly Verified Petition
for Appointment of a
Personal Representative
and for Unsupervised
Administration in the
estate of the decedent L.B.
Lambert III, to wit:
AND THE COURT having
examined said petition and
begin duly advised in the
premises, now finds that
the averments therein are
true, and the L.B. Lambert
III be appointed personal
representative of the estate
of L.B. Lambert Jr. and that
L.B. Lambert III serve upon
taking an oath of trust and
fidelity to the Court.
The Court hereby appoints
L.B. Lambert III as the
personal representative of
the estate of L.B. Lambert
Jr., pursuant to the
provisions of the Indiana
Code for unsupervised
administration, as Intestate
Trustee
Said L.B. Lambert III is
hereby appointed personal
representative of the
estate of L.B. Lambert Jr.,
and is hereby authorized,
in and to the extent of the
statutory provisions of
the Indiana Code governing
unsupervised
administration.
Dated: May 10, 2021
JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT,
PROBATE DIVISION
5320-920848

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT 6)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D06-2103-CT-008285
DERRICK WILEY,
Plaintiff,
vs. ATHENA REAL ESTATE
SERVICES, LLC,
Defendant.
SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION -- NOTICE
OF SUIT
1. Athena Real Estate
Services, LLC has been
sued in the Court identified
above.
2. This notice is being
directed to Defendant
Athena Real Estate Services,
LLC, whose whereabouts
are currently unknown, and
any other individuals who
may have an interest in the
above-captioned Derick
Wiley v. Athena Real Estate
Services, LLC, Cause No.
49D06-2103-CT-008285,
by Plaintiff, Derrick Wiley,
against Defendant, Athena
Real Estate Services, LLC.
Defendants are being served
directly and proximately
caused an incident that
occurred on July 25, 2019,
in Marion County, Indiana,
and resulted in the Plaintiff
suffering injuries of a
personal and pecuniary
nature.
4. Athena Real Estate
Services, LLC, you must
respond to the Complaint,
in writing, within thirty (30)
days after the last notice
of the action is published.
To: Wit: Schiller Law Offices,
LLC, 210 East Main Street,
Carmel, IN 46032; If you
fail to do so, judgment by
default may be entered
against you for the relief
demanded in Plaintiffs
Complaint for Damages.
Date:
By: Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County
Courts
5320-920923

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT 6)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D06-2103-CT-008285
DERRICK WILEY,
Plaintiff,
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SERVICES, LLC,
Defendant.
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Services, LLC, Cause No.
49D06-2103-CT-008285,
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Date:
By: Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County
Courts
5320-920923

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D05-2102-CC-004665
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
KEYBANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs. CWS DESIGN
ENTERPRISES, INC. and

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(CIVIL DIVISION 7)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NUMBER 49D07-
2010-DN-037391
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
ELMER BANEGAS,
Petitioner
And
STEPHANIE BANEGAS,
Respondent.
CRITICIZED PETITION FOR
DISSOLUTION
Comes now the Petitioner,
Elmer Banegas, by Counsel,
Angela D. Coe, and
having filed his Decree for
Dissolution and states the
following:
1. That there has been an
irretrievable breakdown of
the marriage of the parties
and that said marriage
should be dissolved.
2. That the parties have
been for more than 6
months prior to the filing
of the Petition for Dissolution
of Marriage residents of the
State of Indiana.
3. That the Petitioner/Mother
is not now pregnant.
4. That the parties were
married on July 1, 2003, and
separated in 2008.
5. That the parties have
no children born as a result
of the marriage.
6. That there is no property
in dispute in this case.
7. That the Petitioner's
last residence, whereabouts
is in Indianapolis, IN, but
Respondent lives in Decatur,
Alabama, but unaware of
the address.
8. That Petitioner will file
Notice by Publication in this
matter.
VERIFICATION
I hereby swear and
affirm that the foregoing
statements are true and
accurate.
/s/ Elmer Banegas,
Petitioner
/s/ Angela D. Coe, #23905-
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23 East 39th Street
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Indianapolis, IN 46220
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D06-2102-MF-008179
Fifth Third Bank, National
Association
Plaintiff
vs. Unknown Heirs, Legatees,
Devisees and Beneficiaries
of Kathleen Y. Willitzer aka
Kathleen Willitzer aka
Kathleen Yvonne Willitzer,
et al.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the
Defendants above named,
and any other persons who
may be concerned: You
are notified that you have
been sued on the Court
above named. The nature
of the suit against you is a
Complaint for Foreclosure
of Note and Mortgage on
the following described real
estate:
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appointment, in Room 2322 of the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please call 317-327-7587 to arrange a time for in-person viewing of materials, as most staff are working remotely. Written objection to a proposal may be filed with the Secretary of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Commission, before the June 2, 2021 meeting, at the address above (by appointment), or sent to Jen. Higginbotham@IndyMPO.org and such objections must be considered. Public hearings may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. The public participation process described above is used to satisfy the public participation process for the Program of Projects (POP) for the following Federal grantee: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo). The public participation process described above is consistent with the policies and procedures involving public participation that have been formally adopted by CIRTA, and meets all applicable public participation requirements pertaining to grants associated with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). For accommodation needs for persons with disabilities, please call 317-327-5136. 5320-920802 05/21/21

Notice of Coming Work Attention: MBE, WBE, DBE, Subcontractors, and Suppliers and Low and Very Low Income residents and business concerns that meet Section 3 area residents and business concerns requirements. If you are interested in possible employment or bidding any portion of the work for the Providence Place Apartments in Indianapolis, Indiana, please contact Tyler Sizelove at 317-842-8040. Bids are due by June 1st and can be mailed to: 10053 N. Hague Rd., IN 46008-2104-ES-011392 to 317-842-5861. C.P.M., Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and encourages minority and women owned business participation on construction projects. 5320-920982 05/21/21

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION (STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY) SS: COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D05-2104-MF-021049) Plaintiff, vs. Deena Fahim, Plaintiff, vs. Mohamed Mohamed Mohamed Morsi, Defendant. The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Order to Appear. The summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: unknown. And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Mohamed Mohamed Morsi. In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your or your attorney, on or before the 27th day of June, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit) and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. 05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF MARION CASE NUMBER: 49C01-2104-MI-011555) IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME OF KEAIRA LAWRENCE, Plaintiff) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME) Notice is hereby given that Plaintiff, Keaira Lawrence, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name from Keaira Lawrence to Ma'Siya Lawrence. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on July 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report for the hearing to: 200 East Washington Street, City Council Building, Room W-504, Indianapolis, IN 46204; or it may be heard remotely. If so, the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing. May 6, 2021 Date /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of Marion Circuit Court 05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2104-MI-012710) IN RE THE PETITION OF: DOROTHY MAE HAYES, An Adult, For Change of Name) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME) Notice is hereby given that I have filed in the Office of the Clerk of Marion County Circuit Court my Petition for change of name from Dorothy Mae Summers to Dorothy Mae Hayes and that said Petition will be heard by the Court on the date of July 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Any person has the right to appear at this hearing and file an objection. Plaintiff, Dorothy Mae Hayes, Petitioner /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the CIRCUIT COURT OF MARION COUNTY Emily Browning, #14230-49 INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. 615 North Alabama Street, #122 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Tel. (317) 635-9538 Fax: (317) 527-4277 emilyb@indyols.org Attorney for Petitioner 5320-920671 05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21

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Clerk of the Court of Marion County 5320-920427 05/14/21, 05/21/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2104-MI-013768) IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: RENAY MOSHON HOWELL, An Adult, For Change of Name) NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME) Notice is hereby given that I have filed in the Office of the Clerk of Marion Superior Circuit Court my Petition for change of my name from Renay MoShon Howell to Renaea MoShan Howell and that said Petition will be heard by the Court on the 20th day of July, 2021, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient with the Court, at 9 a.m. Any person has the right to appear at this hearing and file an objection. Plaintiff, Renay MoShon Howell, Petitioner /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the CIRCUIT COURT OF MARION COUNTY Jonathan Stewart, #17572-2023-9533 INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. 615 North Alabama Street, #122 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Tel. (317) 635-9538 Fax: (317) 527-4277 jonahst@indyols.org Attorney for Petitioner 5320-920516 05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21

MDK # 21-005506 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #6) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D06-2104-MF-013792) Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Bank Minnesota, National Association as Trustee for Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-2 Plaintiff, vs. Christine Stewart, AKA Christine G. Stewart, et al. Defendants. NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION (STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-ES-011914) IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CAROL GILBERT, DECEASED) NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION) Notice is hereby given that Yvonna K. Steadman, on April 20, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Keith Alden Taylor, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of April 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 20th day of April, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, CLERK of the Marion County Superior Court 5320-920599 05/14/21, 05/21/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-ES-011914) IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CAROL GILBERT, DECEASED) NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION) Notice is hereby given that Yvonna K. Steadman, on April 20, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Keith Alden Taylor, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of April 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 20th day of April, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, CLERK of the Marion County Superior Court 5320-920599 05/14/21, 05/21/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-013501) Notice is hereby given that Linda L. Hartsalla was, on the 22nd day of April, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Clifton F. White, deceased, who died on the 16th day of March, 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 22nd day of April, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Marion Superior Court 5320-920515 05/14/21, 05/21/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-013625) IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF DALE CONRAD SMITH. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION) Notice is hereby given that on April 15, 2021, Betty J. Smith was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of DALE CONRAD SMITH who died on the 11th day of December, 2020. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court, within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this April 15, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Probate Division 5320-920672 05/14/21, 05/21/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-012672) IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF BIAGIO JAMES PERRELLO, DECEASED. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION) Notice is hereby given that Mark Perrello was on this day, April 15, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Biagio James Perrello, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the said claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this day, April 15, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Probate Division 5320-920517 05/14/21, 05/21/21

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-013098) IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF KATHY F. TUSSEY, DECEASED) Notice is hereby given that Kathryn Kuehn, #21506-49 Kuehn Law, LLC, 45 West Clinton Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46122 Publisher: Indianapolis Recorder 2901 North Tacoma Indianapolis, Indiana 46218 PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ESTATE OPENING) Notice is hereby given that on May 7, 2021, Kimberly Storm was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Kathy F. Tussey (1/k/a Kathy Andrews), who died on the 5th day of April, 2021. All persons who have claims against the Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this May 7, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, CLERK of the Marion County Superior Court 5320-920683 05/14/21, 05/21/21

ATTORNEY: TROIANI 5330 Madison Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46227 (317) 783-9204 AMENDED) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION) In the Probate Court of Marion County, Indiana IN the matter of the Estate of KEITH ALDEN TAYLOR, Deceased. Cause Number: 49D08-2104-EU-013324) Notice is hereby given that Yvonna K. Steadman, on April 20, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Keith Alden Taylor, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of April 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 20th day of April, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, CLERK of the Marion County Superior Court 5320-920599 05/14/21, 05/21/21

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) PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-014126) IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF AVA MASON HENNEY, DECEASED) Notice is hereby given that Joshua Andrew Henney was, on April 27, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ava Mason Henney, Deceased, who died on February 5, 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this April 27, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 5320-920673 05/14/21, 05/21/21, 05/28/21

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‘If you want your kid to be anti-racist, you need to be anti-racist’: Q&A with Uju Asika

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When blogger and writer Uju Asika grew up in London, many parents raised their children to be “colorblind,” pretending to not notice race and how it plays into everyone’s lives. Asika, who was born in Nigeria, said she grew up with mixed messages on race. Her parents were, as she described, pro-Africa and pro-Black, but she experienced racism in her all-white school.

Family members encouraged Asika, now a mother of two boys who writes about parenting and family on the blog site Babes About Town, to write a book.



Uju Asika

start to show signs of unconscious bias and separate themselves into in-groups and out-groups. There’s so much subconscious messaging around race that they can pick up, even if you’ve said nothing about race and raise your kid to be colorblind. They’re picking up information, so it’s really important for parents to be proactive.

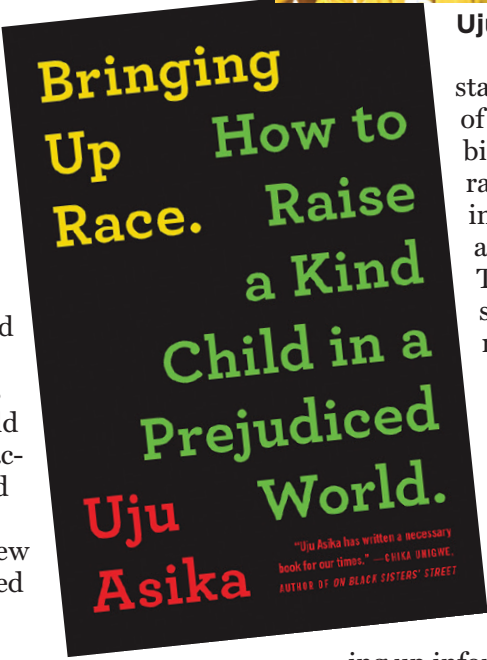
IR: If you’re not having conversations with your kids about race, how should you start?

UA: I would say be proactive and don’t wait until you feel like, “Oh, no, my kid is learning something wrong.” Don’t assume that the predominate message your child is getting around race is positive, because, unfortunately, we live in a racist society. I recommend using books that celebrate diversity, and not just celebrate diversity, but books that include Black protagonists or Latino protagonists; people who aren’t necessarily the typical figure in mainstream books. It’s important to use those books to talk about differences in hair, color, language and keep those conversations going.

IR: After you’ve had conversations within your own home about race, what’s the next step?

UA: If you’ve read a book that has given you some tools, use those tools. If you read a book that transformed your conversations, take it into a school and ask about getting it put in the library, or start a book club. It’s not just about reading a book. Move these things into your community, and definitely keep the conversations going and evolving in your home. If you want your kid to be anti-racist, you need to be anti-racist.

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“Bringing Up Race: How to Raise a Kind Child in a Prejudiced World” dives into the problem with “color blindness” and how to start conversations with your child about race, racism and world events.

This interview has been edited for brevity.

Indianapolis Recorder: Why doesn’t the “colorblind” method of raising children work?

Uju Asika: I think that the main problem with color blindness was a sense of erasure. Like if you’re a person of African descent or Asian descent, you should feel proud of where you come from and be proud to express that without people pretending that skin tone doesn’t exist and it doesn’t affect how you’re treated in society. It’s so important for parents to teach their kids that diversity is something to be celebrated. You wouldn’t go out into the world and act like every tree or flower is the same color. It’s important to make these conversations a part of your child’s world, to normalize the conversation.

IR: Through your research, you found babies as young as 3 months old can recognize race. Is this just as simple as recognizing a difference in complexion?

UA: They’re just observing. It was surprising to me, as well, that babies that young can acknowledge race, but you can notice in the way they take in faces. You can see them concentrating on someone who looks like their primary caregiver, or someone who looks different. It’s just curiosity. It’s learning about the world and people, and there are no signs of a negative reaction to race at that age.

IR: So, around what age do children start to associate negative connotations to different races?

UA: Around 2 to 3 years old. It’s around that age that children can



Mayor Joe Hogsett announced a \$25 million project to improve residential streets throughout Marion County during a press conference May 13. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

Fixing the roads cautiously traveled

By **BREANNA COOPER**
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The good news: The city will spend \$25 million to fix roughly 60 miles worth of residential streets throughout Marion County. Mayor Joe Hogsett announced the plans at a press conference May 13.

The bad news is if approved, construction won’t begin until spring 2022.

“This won’t be just throwing asphalt on top of potholes,” said Dan Parker, director of the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW), which will oversee the project. Some of the roads haven’t been touched in over 40 years. “It’s reconstruction not repaving.”

Indianapolis roads deemed to be in the poorest conditions will be prioritized in the project. DPW will use the Pavement Condition Index, which spans from 0-100, to determine what roads need the most reconstruction. Roads rated between 0-15 will be repaired, and Hogsett said there are roughly 600 miles of Indianapolis roads that fall between that range. According to Parker, the funding will allow DPW to fix 10% of those roads.

“Every year, the Department of Public Works takes aim at our most traveled thoroughfares, stretching a limited budget to cover repairs and rehabilitation of those main roads that are in most desperate need of improvement,” Hogsett said at the press conference at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. “Now we can bring more road crews into those less-traveled roadways right outside residents’ front doors.”

The project is the second phase of the Circle City Forward initiative, which began in February to address infrastruc-

ture needs in the community. The budget is about 50% more than DPW has had to spend on residential streets in the previous five years.

The money comes from a surplus in the city budget and must be approved by the city-county council before the project can move forward. The city-county council will vote at 5:30 p.m. May 13.

While DPW examines every road in the city every few years, a limited budget often means the department has to prioritize fixing main roads. According to city-county council President Vop Osili, this leaves many neighborhoods, especially in low-income communities, behind.

Osili said council leadership made equity a priority when deciding what roads will be fixed and said listening to constituents played a large role in funding decisions.

“Our neighborhoods have been asking for these projects, and we are proud to deliver them better infrastructure for the future,” Osili said.

Ashley Gurvitz, chief executive officer for the Alliance for Northeast Unification, said this is a step in the right director for many communities which have been largely overlooked.

“I think this is another example of leaders and residents working together to make a plan and make communities better for everyone,” Gurvitz said. “Neighborhood residents have worked together to make a plan, and worked together to be listened to, and that leads to liberation.”

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Martin University celebrates grads

The 52nd commencement ceremony for Martin University was held May 15 at The Father Boniface Hardin Gathertorium. Mayor Joe Hogsett attended and Indiana Fever star Tamika Catchings and local media owner DuJuan McCoy received honorary doctorates. (Photos/John Girton)

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'It's an honor':

The Hall of Fame's class of 2020 enshrined

By TIM REYNOLDS

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Vanessa Bryant took Michael Jordan's hand and walked down from the stage, a familiar chant breaking out throughout the arena as she made her way back to her seat.

"Kobe! Kobe! Kobe!" the crowd shouted.

With that, he was — officially, finally — a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Kobe Bryant is in the Hall now, along with contemporaries Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett, headliners of a group of nine who got their delayed and long-awaited enshrinement May 15, more than a year after being announced as the Hall's Class of 2020.

"Right now, I'm sure he's laughing in heaven, because I'm about to praise him in public," Vanessa Bryant said.

And she did, her purple dress matching the traditional Los Angeles Lakers color, capping the night by giving the speech that her husband was not here to deliver.

"There will never be anyone like Kobe," Vanessa Bryant said. "Kobe was one of a kind. He was special. He was humble — off the court — but bigger than life."

Bryant, Duncan and Garnett were joined in the class by three-time NCAA champion coach



A mural shows Kobe Bryant carrying his daughter Gianna on his shoulders. (Photo/Janine Robinson)

Kim Mulkey, two-time NBA champion coach Rudy Tomjanovich, four-time Olympic gold medalist Tamika Catchings, three-time Final Four coach Eddie Sutton, 1,000-game winner Barbara Stevens and longtime FIBA secretary general Patrick Baumann.

"I appreciate you," Garnett said to Duncan from the stage. "It's an honor to go into the hall with you, bro. You and Kob."

Duncan stayed true to who he is: modest and humble, on a day where

his Spurs coach, Gregg Popovich, missed a game to see his enshrinement.

"This is the most nervous I've ever been in my life," Duncan said as he began his speech. "Been through finals, Game 7's, this is officially the most nervous I've ever been in my life. I've been pacing in my room all day, so let's see what we get."

As usual, he delivered in the clutch.

And the other speeches didn't disappoint.

The Hall of Fame has a 10-minute countdown clock on the prompter that speakers used to

assist with their remarks. Catchings blew past that with ease, going several minutes past in an emotional address that covered her many challenges.

"Basketball chose me, an awkward, lanky, introverted tomboy, born with a hearing disability, a speech impediment, and a will to overcome obstacles, dream big and to change the world," Catchings said.

Mulkey talked about her roots, coming from a small town in Louisiana and getting to the Hall of Fame — marveling that she was presented for induction by Jordan, who held the same role for Bryant.

"Michael, I'm incredibly honored," Mulkey said. "I guess the last time we stood this close we were walking out of the '84 Olympics and we were a hell of a lot younger lookin' and probably a lot skinnier. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

The totality of the accomplishments of the Hall class are staggering.

Bryant, Garnett, Duncan and Catchings combined for 58 All-Star appearances. Mulkey, Tomjanovich, Sutton and Stevens combined for more than 3,000 coaching wins. Baumann is widely lauded for his efforts in getting 3x3 basketball added to the Olympic program.

"My life turned out better than my wildest

dreams," Tomjanovich said, his voice cracking.

NBA championships, WNBA championships, national championships, Olympic gold medals, MVP awards, the class had some of everything.

"We're Hall of Famers, guys," Mulkey shouted. "WE'RE HALL OF FAMERS."

And while it was a celebration, it was also a remembrance for Hall of Famers lost since the last enshrinement in 2019. Three-time Grammy Award winner Ne-Yo performed "Incredible" in their memories, the video clips playing behind him including a message from former NBA Commissioner David Stern, who died Jan. 1, 2020, and Bryant — who died Jan. 26 of that year in a helicopter crash that also killed his daughter Gianna and seven others.

"I've always said that I wanted to be remembered as a player that didn't waste a moment, didn't waste a day, and lived every day as if he was the 12th guy on the bench," Bryant said in the video.

Bryant wasn't the only member to be inducted posthumously; so were Sutton and Baumann. Sutton's son Sean Sutton delivered a recorded message on his father's behalf; Baumann's son, Paul, and daughter, Bianca, did the same for their father.

"Thank you so much

for this honor and for the opportunity to continue carrying his legacy forward," Bianca Baumann said.

Garnett spoke of legacy as well, the one he has in Minnesota and the one he still wants to have there. When he left the Timberwolves in 2007, they started a huge rebuild as a franchise. Now, with Minneapolis in need after a trying year following the 2020 death of George Floyd, Garnett wants to be part of another rebuild.

"My only regret with Minnesota is that I didn't get to bring a championship," Garnett said. "But like I said, I look forward to rebuilding Minneapolis."

Stevens — who spent most of her career at Division II's Bentley University — was presented by Hall of Famers Geno Auriemma and Muffet McGraw, longtime rivals from so many Connecticut-Notre Dame battles.

"You guys good over there?" Stevens asked.

All was well. Auriemma and McGraw had jumped at the chance to be together with Stevens, who, like all the other honorees who were present, had countless people to thank.

"To my former players, many of whom are present: Simply put, you are the reason I stand here tonight," Stevens said. "My greatest honor was to be called your coach."



The road to Indy

Myles Rowe, an African American driver with the Force Indy racing team, finished 24th in the Cooper Tires USF2000 at the Indy Grand Prix on May 15. Force Indy, led by businessman Rod Reid, is an African American racing team that works in conjunction with Team Penske. (Photo/Walt Thomas)



Davis takes flight

Lakers big man Anthony Davis rises for a two-handed dunk May 15 against the Pacers. (Photo/David Dixon)



Pacers beat Hornets

Pacers guard Oshae Brissett hits a 3-pointer in Indiana's 144-117 win over the Hornets on May 18 in the first NBA play-in game. (Photo/David Dixon)



Teague returns

Bucks guard Jeff Teague returned to Indianapolis on May 13 when Milwaukee lost to the Pacers, 142-133. (Photo/David Dixon)



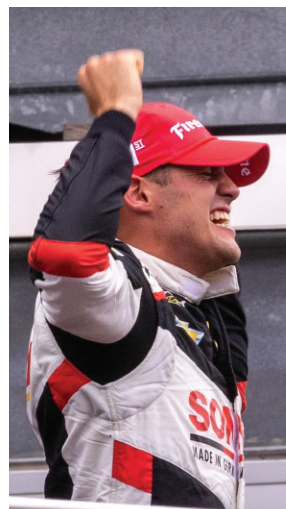
Fever drop 2 straight

The Indiana Fever lost their first two games of the season to the New York Liberty. Indiana lost the second game, 73-65, at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Guard Kelsey Mitchell had a team-high 16 points. (Photo/Walt Thomas)



No competition for Garrett

Lawrence Central's Kamyren Garrett is the country's highest-jumping teen, clearing the 7-foot-1-inch mark during the 2021 Boys' Marion County track and field championship May 12 at Lawrence Central High School. (Photos/David Dixon)



Indy 500 Grand Prix

Rinus Veekey won the 2021 GMR Grand Prix on May 15 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. (Photos/Walt Thomas)