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especially as business partners. After all, they are the future managers and owners of Indy Fresh Market, a \$2.5 million grocery store being planned at 38th Street and Sheridan Avenue.

Terry Coleman, Williams’ neighbor, has lived in the area for over 34 years. He says the energy that Williams and McFarland bring are exactly what this neighborhood needs.

“We have a new generation that has new ideas, and they have new tactics. And we just listened to them and said, ‘Hey, you know what, we stand behind your idea,’” Coleman said. “And we’re going to support you 100%.”

That’s the sentiment that drives both McFarland and Williams every day.

But Indy Fresh Market is not their first venture. Growing up on the northeast side of Indianapolis, they have seen things change over time.

The area around 38th Street has had its fair share of social and economic distress. Access to fresh food is a challenge for many in the community — including McFarland’s grandmother.

“She’s relying on family members right now,” he said. “And you know, sometimes she might want to go to the grocery store, but it is 10-15 miles away, which isn’t feasible for an elderly lady of her age, you know, to go by herself.”

As many as five major supermarket chains have shut down and exited this predominantly Black neighborhood over the past few years, leaving thousands of residents struggling.

As the two friends were looking to start a business together, they thought of opening a variety shop selling T-shirts among other things.

“But then I heard on the news, they were talking about food deserts, food deserts for a few days straight,” Williams said. “And so, I was like, ‘Let’s open a convenience store.’”

They founded Wall Street Grocery in a 38th Street strip mall to try to tackle the issue of food access. Things were not easy. They ran on small profit margins with only two other employees. And they came across supply chain roadblocks — like being able to get certain fresh fruits on certain days only and vegetables on others.

Williams describes it as more than just a job: “It’s a lifestyle.”

Fast forward a few years, and the two friends did not stop thinking of ways to better the community and alleviate food access issues. They had been actively in touch with many local organizations, community leaders and health departments.

Earlier this year, an opportunity arose. It came from Cook Group, a family-owned, multi-billion dollar company that makes needles, catheters and other medical devices used in hospitals all over the world.

Cook planned to open a manufacturing facility at 38th Street and Sheridan Avenue. And next to it, they decided to spend as much as \$2.5 million to build a 15,000-square-foot grocery store that would serve the community’s needs.

“We don’t know anything about a grocery store,” Pete Yonkman, president of Cook Group, said. But he visited the two friends’ convenience store and felt their contagious passion.

“Here were two guys who were passionate about this, they grew up in the neighborhood, they wanted

to do this for their community. So when you have opportunity and expertise come together, it just sounded like something we could do,” Yonkman said.

On May 7, Cook Medical announced in a ceremony that McFarland and Williams will be the managers of Indy Fresh Market when it breaks ground in mid-2022. They will operate it through a rent-to-own model,

“So with our projected sales, we should be able to pay it off in two to four years. So that’s not bad to own your own grocery store,” McFarland said.

Now, they are shutting down their convenience store. They are packing up and giving away the remaining food to homeless shelters and local residents in need.

They stress that they are closing Wall Street Grocery but not abandoning the community.

“We have a personal vested interest to make sure that this store stays open,” McFarland said. “This isn’t like ... a big box chain where they have hundreds of stores, you know, that they can just dispose of. This is our neighborhood, and nobody else is going to come in here and fix it. So we’ll make sure that it’s successful.”

Williams agrees, He hopes to help his community and provide a good role model for youth in the neighborhood.

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GOODALL

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complishments, which included serving in Japan as a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and receiving an honorary doctorate from Ball State University.

Goodall had times where he wasn’t “treated quite as well” because he was African American, Anderson said, and that was one of the reasons he wanted to start the caucus.

“I don’t think he wanted other people to be treated like that,” she said.

Anderson said the family will remember Goodall

in two ways: as someone who cared about his community and, in a more intimate way, “just as Uncle Hurley.”

“He would sit around and just watch everyone and see how we interact with each other,” she said. “Always a smile on his face. Just being a part of the family.”

Goodall was born on May 23, 1927, and graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1945. He married his high school sweetheart, Fredine, who died in 2009.

Together, they estab-

lished a scholarship program to help students continue their education at Ivy Tech Community College, and Goodall was known to help with resumes and cover letters.

“He has the patience and the skills and discipline to make every person he meets feel they’re important,” Belinda Anderson’s husband, Julius, said.

Julius was one of the people who helped drive Goodall anywhere he needed to go over the last 20 years of his life — to the Statehouse, meetings, galas, all of it — which

gave them a lot of time to talk about life and how to make things better.

“I really, really loved this man,” Julius said. “This man really loved me. We had a great relationship.”

A private burial is planned because of COVID-19 restrictions. There was a memorial May 23 at Cornerstone Park in Muncie.

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How Indiana plans to boost pre-K enrollment without increasing state funding

By BARB BERGGOETZ
Chalkbeat Indiana

Indiana will not increase state funding for its youngest learners in the next two years, but thanks to federal stimulus funds, has already ramped up vouchers for prekindergarten and child care.

The state’s budget for pre-K will remain steady in the next two years — \$21 million annually — funds that residents with the lowest incomes may use for state-approved programs for 4-year-olds.

Advocates of prekindergarten are taking that as good news.

“We were completely pleased to see the state continue the investment at the same level,” said Anne Valentine, vice president of government relations for the United Way of Central Indiana. The nonprofit organized an advocacy push for early childhood education in 2016.

Advocates felt it would be difficult to make the case this year for expanding Indiana’s pre-K voucher program, known as On My Way Pre-K, after enrollment plummeted during the pandemic by 40%. Only 2,000 students statewide are participating in that program now.

Indiana has forecasted an unexpected \$2 billion revenue windfall over the next two years, but Democratic proposals to spend more on preschools failed to win support from Republicans who control the state-house.

Still, Indiana expects to expand early education access through about \$1.1 billion in federal funds for pre-school and for programs focusing on children from birth to 12 years, said Maureen Weber, president and CEO of the Early Learning Indiana, which offers help to child care providers statewide.

The state will provide up to 50,000 pre-K and child care vouchers to low-income Hoosier families working in essential jobs for each child age 12 and younger. Families may use funds for costs incurred through October for their children’s early care and education, summer learning, or out-of-school care.

“It’s really important to do everything we can to put children back on track as soon as we can,” Weber said.

One study has shown stronger school readiness and academic skills among children who have attended preschool through On My Way Pre-K.

But the program has struggled to attract students.

Some families avoided preschool because of the pandemic, Weber said. On My Way Pre-K has also been slow to grow in the six years since its start, particularly in rural areas with fewer state-approved programs.

Whatever the reason, Republicans in the legislature balked at dedicating more money to pre-K — even though they recently approved an expansion of private school vouchers that could



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increase costs by 50% and increased K-12 funding by an unprecedented \$1.9 billion over two years.

A Democratic amendment to add \$100 million in the two-year budget for pre-K failed to win Republican support.

Rep. Robert Behning, R-Indianapolis, House Education Committee chairman, said he worked closely with pre-K advocates but that the uncertainty about enrollment and available federal funds “made it difficult to advocate for significant increases when not all of the funds that were available were utilized.”

Behning said, though, that the state will make more pre-K vouchers available by leveraging federal funds. The move aims to expand voucher access to more families earning from 127% to 185% of the poverty level — about \$33,500 to \$49,000 for a family of four. However, Behning did not say how many more vouchers would be funded.

At a minimum, Valentine said, she hopes the state will fund 4,100 children through On My Way Pre-K next school year, but thinks the number probably will be greater. The state can roll over unused funds to the next year, she said.

“We’re hoping that as people go back to work and begin enrolling their kids in child care and high-quality pre-K, we will see an increase in demand,” Valentine said. “Hopefully, we’ll be able to meet that demand in the next two years and more state funds could be added in the next biennium.”

Behning said he has a “significant

commitment” to pre-K education but expects funding will need to grow over several two-year budgets, as happened to funding for full-time kindergarten.

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Indianapolis Symphonic Choir expanding access, education

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Throughout the civil rights protests of 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic, more businesses and organizations began addressing racism and exclusion within. While the protests have waned and the end of the pandemic is near, the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir (ISC) wants to keep the conversation going.

Two virtual events — “In-Choir-Ing Minds” and “Virtual Sacred Masterworks” — will immerse audiences into music spanning centuries, languages and national borders.

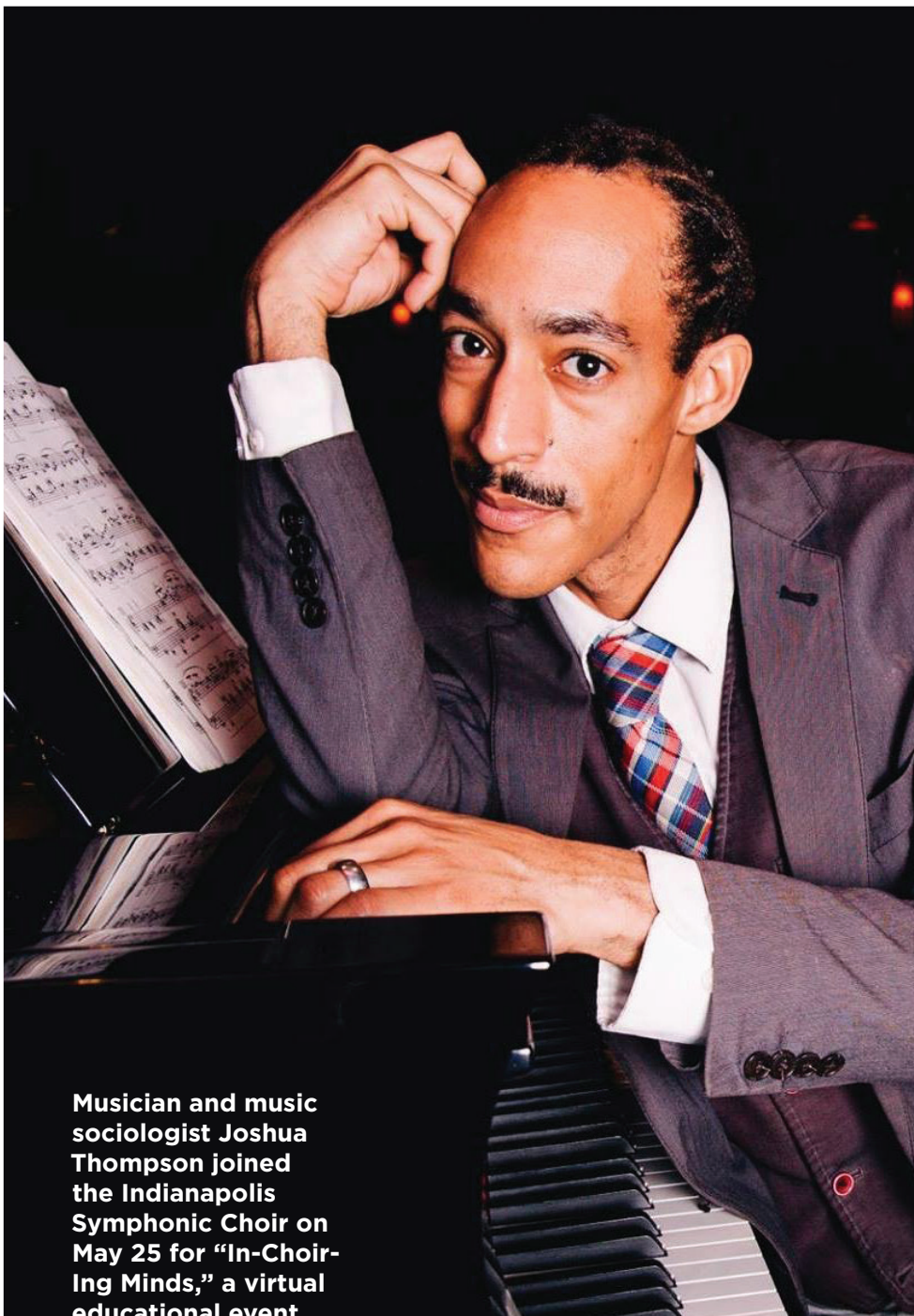
While some of the music included in the programming comes from household names such as Beethoven and Mozart, ISC artistic director Eric Stark wanted to celebrate composers who have largely gone unrecognized.

Virtual Sacred Masterpiece, which will be streamed at 7 p.m. June 3, will feature 11 songs from a diverse group of composers.

“We wanted to do some familiar things, like Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony,” Stark said. “But, especially in this time of pandemic and our society really trying to examine how we treat each other, we wanted to find music that doesn’t get performed as much as it should.”

The concert will include pieces written by people of color, composers of various nationalities and religious backgrounds. Indianapolis composer David Baker’s piece, “Five Vignettes,” will be included in the concert, with bits of Hoosier writer Mari Evans’ poetry included with the piece.

Local musician and music sociologist Joshua Thompson joined Stark and the ISC on May 25 for “In-Choir-Ing Minds” event, which gave audiences a deep dive into classical music. Intended for people who haven’t had a musical



Musician and music sociologist Joshua Thompson joined the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir on May 25 for “In-Choir-Ing Minds,” a virtual educational event. (Photo provided by Indianapolis Symphonic Choir)

education, Thompson hoped viewers walked away with a deeper appreciation for the genre.

“When we think of education, we take a professional approach to that,” Thompson said. “It doesn’t have to be that serious. People are smarter than we give them credit for, and it’s a great thing for people to have access to and experience different types of music. If they don’t walk away loving a piece, at least they respect it.”

One disparity COVID-19 made clear was the socioeconomic divide. What’s more, the recession that came with the pandemic forced many arts organizations to reimagine accessibility. These programs are the first in a year that have an admission fee, but Stark said patrons have the option of getting a free access code if they’ve been financially impacted by the pandemic. Further, Thompson envisions many arts organizations continuing virtual components for future events to maximize accessibility.

“It makes the arts accessible to so many people,” Thompson said. “You can have closed captioning for the deaf and hard of hearing community and make it easier for people who may be physically disabled. ... Virtual components make art accessible; it makes it human.”

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For more information on Indianapolis Symphonic Choir events and tickets, visit indychoir.org.

SPOTLIGHT

Grace College student raises awareness for diversity in outdoor sports



Eddie Gill IV, founder of Journey for a Cause. (Photo provided by Eddie Gill IV)

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Eddie Gill IV began boating and fishing with his grandfather in Utah at 3 years old. From that moment, what started as a hobby became the passion that is now “Journey for a Cause.”

“Journey for a Cause” is a 10-day trip starting June 1 to June 10 from the Ohio River in Evansville to the Gulf of Mexico in Navarre Beach, Florida, to promote the idea that the color of your skin should not keep you from doing what you love.

Gill began this journey when he saw there was a lack of diversity in an activity he loves so much. Growing up, he noticed a stigma surrounding African Americans who shared a passion for boating and fishing. He often heard statements such as “That’s not very Black of you” whenever he told others about his interest in outdoor activities.

A lack of exposure and accessibility is the main reason for the African American community’s overall disinterest with outdoor adventure activities, he said. Gill is using his awareness of outdoor activities to bridge the gap.

As the Black Lives Matter protests heightened during the summer of 2020, Gill realized this initiative can add a layer of topics about diversity

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and inclusion that might not have been brought up before, as well as provide a space for those who do not realize the importance of getting outdoors.

“This will be a great opportunity to explore an avenue outside of the norm,” Gill said. “With all the tension that is going on around the country, this is something that is outside the realm of many talking points.”

Gill will use a Parker 2520 XLD Offshore Sport Cabin fishing boat. His school, Grace College, helped him secure the sponsorship from Parker Boats.

He will be joined by longtime friend Justin Shupe, who he has fished with since he was 10 years old, as well as seasoned boat captain John Easley.

“It was hectic, chaotic, but an overall great experience,” Gill said a week before he embarks on his journey.

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Porching offers safe way to re-socialize following COVID-19



The Holbert family poses for a photo in front of their home in the Woodruff Place neighborhood. (Photo/Emily Schwank)

By MADISON SMALSTIG
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Last year, the Harrison Center encouraged community members to participate in #SocialDistancePorching due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the nonprofit, which has been promoting porch parties since 2014, is urging residents to use porching to readjust to normal social life.

“Porching can be a step for some people to get back into community,” said Joanna Taft, executive director of the Harrison Center. “It’s a great way of connecting again and loving your neighbors and starting to rebuild physical interaction in the safety of the front porch with fresh air.”

In order to encourage more post-pandemic interactions, the Harrison Center is conducting porching 101 classes to teach people how to porch in an inviting way that promotes a deeper connection between neighbors. Attendees will be given tips on how to make guests feel comfortable, how to do your “hey, neighbor” wave and how to encourage conversations, such as by using family dishes that have been passed down or cooking unexpected appetizers.

The last two classes are noon to 12:45 p.m. June 3 and 5:15 to 6 p.m. June 4 at the City Gallery Porch at the Harrison Center. Tickets are \$20 and include snacks and one drink at the lesson and a gift bag with a candle, a rack card explaining how to porch in 10 steps and a QR code to a porch party playlist.

Shirley Webster, who has been intentionally porching for about four years, said one of the lessons she hopes people learned during the COVID-19 pandemic is the importance of neighbors. Webster, 82, said it’s especially important for older community members to pass along lessons to younger neighbors, and porching provides an opportunity to connect and share those stories.

“The most that we have to offer as seniors is our history,” she said. “I think that’s really a part of how things work with humans, the younger learning from the older.”

Next week, Webster is planning to host a porch party with food, music, games and good conversation.

While Shirley has one, a front porch is not needed to participate in porch-

ing, Taft said. People can “porch” just by sitting in the area in front of their house, whether that includes a porch, front yard, driveway, balcony or stoop.

“It can be as simple as grabbing a chair and putting it on your front lawn and sitting there,” she said.

Taft, 57, said Indianapolis residents can also step up their porch parties by inviting neighbors over, munching on snacks or playing music.

By taking time away from TV and air conditioning to porch, community members can become more acquainted with their neighbors and create a neighborhood in which residents know and help each other, Taft said. Getting outside and developing a strong sense of community is especially important now because of the social isolation many people experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, she said.

Gina Fears, 61, said porch parties are important today because they are opportunities for neighbors to get together to share their COVID-19 pandemic experiences and recreate that feeling of togetherness that has been lost over the years.

Eugene Jones, 64, has been porching for about five years. He said participating in porching, and seeing others do so, reminds him of the community he grew up in, where there weren’t connected garages, TVs and other inventions to prevent chit-chatting.

The Harrison Center also partnered with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to create the 500 Spectacle of Homes, in which residents decorated their homes like the floats featured in the traditional AES 500 Festival Parade. Participants were able to register their homes for the chance to be a part of the “reverse parade,” which is replacing the traditional parade this year. In the “reverse parade,” the 33 Indy 500 starting drivers will drive through downtown Indianapolis and surrounding neighborhoods with the decorated homes May 29.

“Porching is once again the solution,” Taft said. “To have an Indy 500 driver drive down your street and celebrate with your neighbors is just a really fun thing we can do to celebrate Indianapolis as we come out of COVID.”

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The pool of potential jurors is larger in Indiana than it used to be. In the past, potential jurors were called using voter registration lists, but a collaboration between the Indiana Supreme Court, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and other departments in 2005 widened the pool. Jury administrators draw randomly from that pool of jurors.

There are some basic requirements to serving on a jury — being at least 18, living in the county that summoned you, etc. — but you also have to be able to read, speak and understand English, and you can’t currently have your right to vote revoked because of a felony conviction. (Voting rights in Indiana are restored upon release from jail or prison.)

Marion County also doesn’t provide child care for jurors, and jurors who are selected receive \$40 for each day they serve. Employers have to allow workers time off for jury duty, but state law doesn’t require employers to pay workers for the days they miss.

Alexis Hoag, a professor at Brooklyn Law School who has researched the history of jury exclusion laws, said such policies aren’t far removed from the country’s original concept of juries that was tied to citizenship and voting.

“When you have a system set up where low-income people don’t have the ability to serve, that cuts off a population of the community,” she said.

Hoag said policies today — low pay, no child care, etc. — are an extension of what she calls de facto exclusion.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1880 states couldn’t exclude potential jurors based on race, giving rise to de facto exclusion. Jury laws before then, much like other laws, were explicitly racist.

But the Supreme Court’s decision led to vague standards — jurors had to be

“honest and intelligent,” for example — that didn’t mention race but still led to all-white juries.

Melba Pearson, a civil rights and criminal law attorney in Florida, said attorneys sometimes look at jurors and worry their client won’t get a fair trial.

The trial of Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis officer who killed George Floyd, is a good example of why it’s important to have a representative jury, Pearson said. The defense attorneys spent a lot of time talking about Floyd’s drug use, an unflattering part of a person’s life that might sway the jury.

Juries appear to be another facet of the criminal justice system where the scale is off balance, a factor Pearson believes has contributed to the exponential rise in plea deals. (Pew Research found only 2% of federal criminal defendants go to trial.)

Still, she said, it would be difficult to make significant change without better response rates.

“You can only pull from a jury pool of people that show up,” she said.

The unattractiveness of jury duty hasn’t dissuaded Lisa Williams from showing up if she’s called.

Williams, 42, has been on disability for about a year but said she still wouldn’t have had a problem doing jury duty when she worked as a housekeeper. It would be inconvenient, sure, but Williams said she feels the weight of helping determine if someone is guilty or innocent.

“I feel that it’s my responsibility to help out,” she said as she waited for a bus near Meridian and 38th streets.

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Indy Parks and Fishers Parks host summer concerts for friends and family

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As the weather begins to get warmer, Indy Parks and Fishers Parks begin to host free outdoor events for friends and families to enjoy. These events range from live performances of local bands, such as Toy Factory, to watching movies such as “Moana” with the family.

“There’s something for everyone, and I’m just really excited to kick off the season,” said Fishers Parks director Sarah Sandquist.

Indy Parks will have 60 concerts and four movies and Fishers Parks will have free live outdoor concerts. Both series will run throughout the summer.

Indy Parks’ Summer Concerts and Movies Series began May 22 with Huckleberry Funk and Allison Victoria performing at Holliday Park. Each park has a different music theme. For instance, Holliday Park’s theme is “Rock the Ruins.”

Indy Parks’ movie nights at Garfield Park Art Center are a good way to get children out of the house and enjoy a family activity. The four movies are held on select Fridays, with show times at 9 p.m. The Fishers’ Summer Concert Series begins June 1 and will be held at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in downtown Fishers. Concerts will be 7 p.m. every Tuesday, and 8 p.m. every Friday. Lunchtime concerts will be noon every Wednesday and feature entertainment for children. The series will conclude with a two-day Blues Fest on Labor Day.

Sandquist said Fishers Parks made sure to book different music genres in the series to create opportunities for everyone in the community to hear music they appreciate. Included in these performances is the well-known band, Toy Factory, as well as tributes to



Purple Veins – The Essential Prince Tribute Band will perform July 16 at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in downtown Fishers. Brandon Beebe, the band’s front man, re-creates Prince’s signature look while playing the electric guitar. (Photo provided)

Indy Parks concerts:
7/22 — Huckleberry Funk at Martin Luther King Jr. Park
8/06 — Smokin’ James & the Blues Machine at Garfield Park, MacAllister Amphitheater

Indy Parks movies at Garfield Park, Arts Center (West Field)
6/11 — Sister Act 2:Back in the Habit
7/02 — Moana
7/23 — Aladdin (2019)
8/13 — Wall-E

Fishers Parks Concerts at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater
7/16 — Purple Veins – The Essential Prince Tribute Band
7/27 — Toy Factory
8/13 — The Soul Pocket Band – A night of R&B and Dance classics
8/27 — Uptown Funk – Tribute to Bruno Mars

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Prince and Bruno Mars.

Whether you want to sit outside and listen to jazz music with friends or watch “Wall-E” with your family, Indy and Fishers parks has some-

thing for you.

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HARRIS

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a chuckle.

Harris retired in 2018 after 32 years of federal service, including six years of active duty in the Army and 15 years as director of the Indianapolis Vet Center.

These days, you can find Harris volunteering at Gleaners Food Bank and Second Helpings. And if she’s not there, check her yard, where she enjoys flower gardening.

Harris puts in nine hours a week over three days — two at Gleaners and one at Second Helpings.

“It’s a privilege to serve,” she said.

“That’s my motto. I’m privileged. I get to serve people.”

Christina Basey, manager of individ-

ual volunteers at Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, said Harris has done about 800 hours of volunteer service dating back to 2015.

Harris is known at Gleaners for helping people get comfortable with vegetables they might not be familiar with and training other volunteers.

“Anyone who comes back requests to work with Mel,” Basey said.

Kathy Jones, the chef at Second Helpings, said Harris has an “upbeat spirit and personality” that helps the organization fulfill its mission.

“She’s phenomenal, great at what she does,” Jones said.

Michelle Woodruff, the organization’s

manager of volunteer services, said Harris takes a weight off of her shoulders because of how dependable and consistent she is.

“If I can get more Mels, I would be so happy,” she said.

Harris joined the Army in 1980. She was a 23-year-old student at IUPUI and enlisted for the same reason many still do: It’s a path toward an education. She attended classes while on active duty and got a master’s degree in clinical social work.

Traveling the world was another perk. Harris was in South Carolina and Virginia in the states and spent three years stationed in Germany.

Being in Europe was especially influential, she said, because being around so many people with different cultural backgrounds helped lead her to social work.

Though there are obviously differences, Harris said her mindset when it comes to volunteering is similar to what it was in the military. There’s “always something to do and someone to help,” she said.

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EDITORIAL

Yes, we can we recreate the U.S.A.

By OSEYE BOYD



We live in a made-up world. I don't mean it's not real because it certainly is. Our society, however, is constructed based on the thoughts of men — literally and figuratively. We know race is a social construct. Gender is, too, by the way, but I digress. We know race was created for a purpose. The “science” behind it supported the idea that Africans were inferior to Europeans, making it OK to enslave a group of people. Back in the 18th century scientists were busy determining how to categorize people. One of the premier scientists of the day, Johann Friedrich Blumenbach, measured human skulls and from there created five racial classifications: Caucasian, Mongolian, Malayan, Ethiopian and American. These classifications remained for centuries. I remember learning Caucoid, Mongoloid and Negroid in the 20th century — which wasn't so long ago. Humans love to classify, categorize and label, so it makes sense that the idea of race stuck. Race, however, is manmade. I know that concept is hard for some to grasp because race is so ingrained in our culture. If race is not real then white people aren't superior, and this country was built on the idea that white people are the superior race, hence, white supremacy. It's all

gobbledygook. Racism does exist, though. That is as real as you or I. But it doesn't have to be. We can reimagine and recreate our world. A better world. A world built on truth and where equality and equity exist. A world that actually embodies Dr. King's dream (since white conservatives love Dr. King, his words and his dream so much). I mean, isn't that part of the allure of America: anything is possible. You dream it, you can be it. This idealism and creativity goes out the window when it comes to dismantling racism and ridding the country of anti-Black sentiments. This is the country that sent a man to the moon, developed the Macintosh computer and created the Big Mac for goodness' sake. You can't tell me we aren't capable of dismantling systemic racism. We are the United States of America. We invented American exceptionalism, so why are we so mediocre when it comes to issues of race? We often talk about our Founding Fathers and the world they envisioned. I'm pretty sure the Founding Fathers didn't envision automobiles, airplanes, the internet and cell phones. I'm willing to bet money on it. There are so many things that exist today that didn't exist when the Founding Fathers walked this Earth. Heck, there are things that exist today that didn't exist when I was born. I remember when

call-waiting and three-way calling became a thing. I remember when cordless phones were all the rage, and I remember the first cell phones, nostalgically referred to now as bricks. I realize what I'm saying may sound crazy and way too difficult for some to comprehend, but this is a country that invented itself from ideals and ideas. We spend an incredible amount of energy on creating things, so why can't we create a new society? We do this now but on a much smaller scale. Our culture continuously evolves. Thoughts that prevailed years ago no longer do. At one time, Black people and women couldn't vote. At one time, miscegenation was not only taboo but also illegal. Lynchings were commonplace. We are a country that prides itself on progress while at the same time being nostalgic for days long gone. I'll take traveling by car or plane over traveling by horse any day. We're all about improvement — except when it comes to systemic racism. Why can't we use that same ingenuity we exhibit in so many other areas of American life and figure out how to remove it for once and for all? I firmly believe it hasn't happened because we don't want to. Too many people benefit from white supremacy, and too many people are willfully ignorant. When it comes to ending racism in America, we're lazy. Plain and simple.

OPINIONS

The eternal fight

By LARRY SMITH



Thank God, there is a ceasefire. It's tenuous at best, but at least it has come to pass. At first glance, the latest in the deja vu cycle of Israeli and Palestinian violence appears to have started with Hamas — which the United States considers to be a terrorist organization — firing rockets indiscriminately into Israel. And it is not quite accurate to say that the battle began with the recent eviction of Palestinians in East Jerusalem, though that was the immediate precipitator. This conflict is thousands of years in the making, existing long before the 400-year grip that the Ottoman Empire had on the Middle East. (Importantly, there have been long stretches in history in which Jews and Muslims have had peaceful relations.) Obviously, all countries have the right to defend themselves against attack from enemies — foreign or domestic. Israel is a tiny nation that is surrounded by hostile actors. To be clear, I support the United States' historic

position of being Israel's ally and protector. However, the military battles between Israel and the Palestinians are utterly asymmetric, with Israel having near complete superiority. Further, it is Israel's treatment of Palestinians during “peaceful” times that leads to such conflagrations. The seemingly never-ending conflict is among the world's oldest and most contentious. For many, there aren't “two sides” to this story — and little or no room for compromise. Jewish people, even ones who are not expressly Zionist, often react vehemently to the suggestion that Israel is at fault. On the other hand, many Palestinians cannot fathom how their side could be seen as the primary aggressor. They see themselves as merely trying to defend against a nation that is, in effect, infinitely more powerful. And around we go. I don't know what it's like to be Jewish or Palestinian. I didn't grow up hearing stories of how my people were almost wiped off the face of the Earth, having to carry around the mental trauma that must attach to that knowledge. I also didn't grow up having to survive soldiers who repeatedly, forcefully evicted me and my family from

our home. As a devout Christian, I believe that God gave Israel to the Jewish people as an everlasting possession. As a person of color — and a person of conscience — I am deeply troubled by the ways in which Israel has treated the Palestinians during the past 73 years. “Apartheid” is the word Human Rights Watch has applied to the status of Palestinians in Israel. So has B'Tselem, an Israeli human rights organization. Further, Peter Beinart, author of “Teshuvah: A Jewish Case for Palestinian Refugee Return,” has been very vocal in supporting Palestinian rights. This is despite the fact that Beinart says that he “was raised in a very Zionist home.” He has noted that Israel has long expelled Palestinians from their homes — and their homeland — since the nation's founding. (That first purge was of roughly 700,000 Palestinians; another major one followed the 1967 Six-Day War.) As I have written previously, “... if we remove empathy from our heads and our hearts we will be much less likely to view others as our brothers and our sisters.” Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem are not citizens of Israel — which is often hailed as a rare democracy in the Middle East.

Mentally and emotionally switch the conditions of Palestinians with that of Israelis, and it will be clear that this is not about ethnicity, religion or nationality; it is about humanity. I understand that this is a very sensitive topic. Yet, no person — or government — is above reproach. I criticize my own government when I think it is warranted. I also criticize governments of Black-majority countries, whether in this hemisphere or in Africa. Thus, Israel's government is fair game. Being opposed to certain policies and practices of the Israeli government is not inherently anti-Israel, and it's a far cry from being anti-Semitic. I am pro-life. I am pro-human. I am pro-human rights. This conflict demands a two-state solution. That is the political issue. But for that solution to become reality, the Israeli government must recognize that Palestinians were also created in God's image — and that means that they must be treated as God's children.

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Child Advocates' dedication to Marion County's children

By GREGG ELLIS



Every child deserves to be well-loved, protected and secure in his or her home. But unfortunately, that is not the reality for 7,000 to 8,000 children who are abused and/or neglected in Marion County each year. And for 23 years, I was proud to be part of an agency that served as the CASA (court-appointed special advocate) in Marion County representing each child's best interests in court. I am the recently retired chief program officer for Child Advocates, the county's CASA agency for 39 impressive years. And I am profoundly saddened and concerned about the city's recent decision not to renew Child Advocates' contract — not just because Child Advocates was an experienced, effective and

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award-winning voice for vulnerable children — but because Child Advocates ventured into an area where few CASA or child advocacy agencies nationwide dare to tread. It confronted the systemic racism and biases that pervade the child welfare system. Several studies nationally and locally have shown that if you are a Black or brown child, you have a disproportionate chance of being removed from your home, being placed in foster care and facing poorer outcomes. Around 2008, Marion County's Juvenile Court created a committee to address this disproportionality as part of a Model Courts program. And Child Advocates rose to the challenge by helping launch groundbreaking anti-racism and race equity workshops in 2009. Child Advocates and partners sponsored the workshops to train child welfare staff and the courts, including judges in the juvenile justice system, to recognize racism and address its' impact on children. But over the years, Child Advocates expanded the race equity workshops to reach and teach the whole community. Countless businesses, schools, nonprofits, and community leaders have taken the Undoing Racism workshops conducted by an outside facilitator, the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond. Or they took the more recently formed Interrupting Racism for Children workshops with Child Advocates' staff as experienced race equity facilitators. Child Advocates' goal is to ensure that no child's race is a predictor of his or her life outcomes. It also wants to create a better community and a better future for all children. Child Advocates' CEO, Cindy Booth, helped lead the movement to build race equity programming as a critical part of the agency, diligently working to help acquire the funding it needed to succeed. She was spurred to act after learning that Black children represented around 70% of children in the child welfare system in 2008. As a white woman taking the

lead in anti-racism programming, Cindy faced many hurdles. I admire her passion, fortitude and devotion to this consequential work. But Cindy did not stop there. She also took on the mantle of hiring diverse staff to best represent the children and improve their outcomes. When she started leading Child Advocates in 1996, there was no staff of color but, under her direction, African American staff who were directly engaged with children, totaled more than 60% by 2021. And leadership and management staff were more than 50% African American and Hispanic. Child Advocates has received national and state recognition for its work, winning diversity in leadership awards from both the National CASA/GAL organization and Mayor Joseph Hogsett's office. But Child Advocates' story is not about the agency. It is about the children it serves. And today, I worry that since Child Advocates is no longer the CASA agency for Marion County, some of its vital and urgent work to represent every child equally, regardless of race, might get lost in transition. Child Advocates helped put the issue of race front and center in the child welfare system. And with diverse staff, we had firsthand experience in addressing issues that might negatively impact each child's case. The new agency the city hired was much smaller in size, had little staff diversity and no race equity programming. I would urge the executive committee for the court to continue addressing the disproportionality in the child welfare system. And I would urge Mayor Hogsett not to lose sight of the life-changing work Child Advocates has conducted — and will continue to lead. It would be a setback that would reverberate throughout the community and impact the most innocent victims — our children.

Gregg Ellis recently retired as chief program officer for Child Advocates.

DAY'SHAWN
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“As a community, we have got to take a different approach,” Taylor said during a press conference May 20. “We have a problem. What keeps me awake at night is trying to figure out what’s going on. ... We’re all potential victims.”

Bills was a student at Arlington Middle School in Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS).

“The Indianapolis Public Schools community extends our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Day’Shawn Bills, a 7th grade student at Arlington Middle School,” IPS officials said in a statement. “This is a tragedy that our families and communities should never have to experience, and we are saddened by the gun violence that continues to impact us all.”

Taylor urges anyone with information in this shooting, or any other homicides in the city, to contact IMPD’s homicide unit or Marion County Crime Stoppers at 317-262-8477.

So far this year, Indianapolis has had 103 homicides, the majority of which were committed with a firearm. This time last year, there were 75 homicides in Indianapolis. As summer nears — the Department of Justice notes crime rates peak nationwide in the warm months — IMPD, local leaders and community groups are looking to curb violence in the city before it happens. This task, Mayor Joe Hogsett said during the press conference, will require residents to work together.

“This cannot be the lived experience of families in this city,” Hogsett said. “... We have an unprecedented amount of resources addressing the root causes of violence, but it still hasn’t been enough.”

Hogsett said he supports “common sense” gun legislation — including closing gun show loopholes and expanding background checks — on both a national and local level. Despite what he perceives to be a lack of action on gun control, Hogsett cited several city groups, including the Peacemakers and the Office of Community Violence Reduction, as effective efforts in tackling gun violence.

Kendra Nowell, chief programs officer at the Community Alliance of the Far Eastside, said her organization

will offer various summer programs for youth to keep them busy and out of trouble. 2021 high school graduates can join a program that provides career readiness to prepare them for the workforce, and younger children will have remedial and enrichment programs.

Beyond education, though, Nowell said we have to focus on getting residents’ needs met before we can tackle homicides.

“There’s a direct correlation between crime and a lack of basic needs,” Nowell said. “If we start from that standpoint, if we come together and make sure those needs are met and offer programs and services starting from an early age, we can help.”

Nowell said community organizations need to work closely with one another and with law enforcement and city officials to educate the community on the impacts of poverty and how that can lead to crime.

While Nowell and Hogsett seem cautiously optimistic that programs planned over the next several months can curb violence, they and others in the community know no amount of progress will undo the damage caused by gun violence in the city.

“I’m sick and tired of these babies being snatched from us,” community member and activist Antonio Patton said. “A kid can’t sit and play video games without being shot? I’ve got a 15-year-old son, and I don’t want to bury him.”

Patton spoke with the victim’s family shortly after the shooting and said their lives have been changed forever. The victim’s grandmother, he said, doesn’t want vengeance for her grandson’s shooter, but justice.

“She just wants to make sure that no other grandmother has to go through this,” Patton said. “That no other grandmother has to feel like this. ... I’m tired of this violence. I don’t want to go to any more memorials.”

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Eleven Fifty Academy
Supports Entrepreneurship

by Kara Kavensky

Entrepreneurship is a huge component of technology. In fact, innovation and entrepreneurship are so tightly intertwined, there could not be one without the other, especially when it comes to technology. Eleven Fifty Academy founder Scott Jones understands this better than nearly anyone from his experiences in building tech companies, which inspired him to turn towards educating a tech workforce to support these innovative entrepreneurs.

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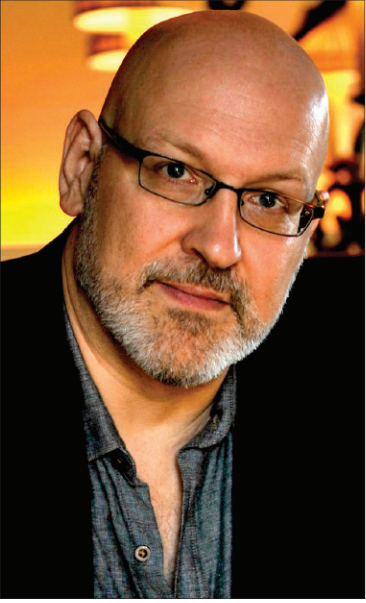
“Some students walk in the door with an idea for a platform that they want to create themselves and it can be overwhelming to discover how much there is to learn,” says Jones. “The worst case is that they learn valuable tech skills and life skills that will serve them well, no matter what they do next in life.”

Early stage companies under five years old are responsibility for creating an abundance of new jobs. Many of the companies that hire Eleven Fifty Academy graduates are newer to the market, and most are run by people with vast tech experience. It is not surprising that the fastest growing sector of entrepreneurs is within the Black community, with 60% of these companies owned by women.

Creating an ecosystem conducive to growing companies has been a priority for many local economic development organizations, but the dispersement of funding has not been equitable. Many organizations are working to change these practices to provide fairness and blind lending designed to remove inherent bias. In regards to tech companies, entrepreneurs Scott Jones and Emil Ekiyor have teamed up to leverage technology to lift the most vulnerable populations.

Ekiyor founded the InnoPower organization, which hosts its annual Minority Business Week in June. The event draws in dozens of speakers and hundreds of attendees to fortify a supportive ecosystem around entrepreneurship. Eleven Fifty Academy is a lead sponsor for this event.

Many of the founders of the largest tech companies dropped out of college to pursue their idea for their company. It was at once visionary and pragmatic for the United States government and many tech companies to declare, starting in 2020, that “abilities” were vastly more important than “degrees” when hiring for the 2 million jobs within our federal government and beyond. Skills-based hiring breaks down barriers for many, especially in the area of technology. The barrier that is removed is the two- or four-year degree requirement, which kept many capable individuals, especially those in the lower socioeconomic layers, from fully realizing their potential. This is also excellent news for earlier stage entrepreneurs who can hire amazing talent without a college degree requirement. Recent announcements by Google and Salesforce eliminating the college requirement provides incredible



opportunity for all individuals, especially those of color and other underserved populations. At Eleven Fifty Academy, the student population is 25% students of color and 36% women, and they are working hard to increase these numbers.

Eleven Fifty meets the unique needs of their students and sets them on a successful path for a sustainable career in tech. Tech is a trade, and those who don’t know the “tech” language will be considered effectively illiterate in future decades. The Academy has designed its curriculum to help break through barriers into sustainable careers without absorbing heavy student debt.

Eleven Fifty’s advisory board is made up of hundreds of entrepreneurial employers who actively hire its graduates. These members drive the constantly-tuned curriculum, help with mock

interviews that prepare students for real-world interviews, teach in our classrooms, host field trips, and mentor students. When companies share their employment requirements, communities can work together to connect the dots from early education to workforce. This is one of the strongest ways to support entrepreneurship, by supporting a tech workforce to help these companies grow.



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Retired Black players say NFL brain-injury payouts show bias

By MARYCLAIRE DALE and
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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Thousands of retired Black professional football players, their families and supporters are demanding an end to the controversial use of “race-norming” to determine which players are eligible for payouts in the NFL’s \$1 billion settlement of brain injury claims, a system experts say is discriminatory.

Former Washington running back Ken Jenkins, 60, and his wife Amy Lewis delivered 50,000 petitions demanding equal treatment for Black players to Senior U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody in Philadelphia, who is overseeing the massive settlement. Former players who suffer dementia or other diagnoses can be eligible for a payout.

Under the settlement, however, the NFL has insisted on using a scoring algorithm on the dementia testing that assumes Black men start with lower cognitive skills. They must therefore score much lower than whites to show enough mental decline to win an award. The practice, which went unnoticed until 2018, has made it harder for Black former players to get awards.

In March, Brody threw out a civil rights lawsuit that claimed the practice is discriminatory. But she later said in a filing that the practice raised “a very important issue” and asked a magistrate judge to compile a report on the problem.

NFL spokesman Brian



Fans wave flags for the Los Angeles Chargers. (Photo/Anders Krøgh Jørgensen)

McCarthy has declined to comment on the issue in the past and did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

Lawyers for Black players have asked for details on how the \$800 million in settlement payouts so far have broken along racial lines but have yet to receive them.

Race norming is sometimes used in medicine as a rough proxy for socioeconomic factors that can affect someone’s health. Experts in neurology said the way it’s used in the NFL settlement is too simplistic and restrictive and has the effect of systematically discriminating against Black players.

The first lawsuits accusing the NFL of hiding what it

knew about the link between concussions and brain damage were filed in 2011. A trickle soon became a deluge, and the NFL, rather than risk a trial, agreed in 2013 to pay \$765 million over 65 years for certain diagnoses, including Alzheimer’s disease and dementia. But as the claims poured in, Brody feared the fund would run out early and ordered the cap removed.

The NFL, which foots the bill, began challenging claims by the hundreds, according to the claims website.

In appealing one filed by Najeh Davenport, the NFL complained that his doctor had not used “full demographic norms” in the cognitive scoring. That meant factoring in age, education, gender — and race.

Ultimately, the appeal was reviewed by a pair of University of Pennsylvania legal scholars serving as special masters for Brody. They rejected the original reviewer’s finding that race norms were mandatory under the settlement.

Days later, Davenport and another former Pittsburgh Steeler, Kevin Henry, filed the civil rights lawsuit, calling public attention to the issue for the first time. Their lawyers hoped to learn through the litigation how often Black players are denied payouts.

Instead, Brody dismissed the suit, saying they were bound by the settlement because they had not opted out years ago. But as concerns about race-norming grew — and with the racial unrest of 2020 still

simmering — Brody in April opened the door to changing the practice when she ordered lawyers for the league and the players back to the table to work out an agreement.

Race-based adjustments for neurology — known as “Heaton norms” — were designed to estimate how socioeconomic factors affect someone’s health. They are widely used, but in recent years, scientists in the field have begun to recognize the limitations of the normative comparison groups they have used for years.

The NFL’s dementia testing evaluates a person’s function in two dozen skills. A player must show a marked decline in at least two of them to get an award.

In an example shared with The Associated Press, one player’s raw score of 19 for “letter-number sequencing” in the processing section was adjusted using “race-norming” and became 42 for whites and 46 for Blacks.

“Norming by race is not the stance that the NFL ought to take,” said Dr. Art Caplan, a New York University medical ethicist. “It continues to look as if it’s trying to exclude people rather than trying to do what’s right, which is to help people that, clinically, have obvious and severe disability.” He noted that the long history of racial bias in medicine includes the long-held myth that Black people feel less pain.

“There’s always been this race-norming in medicine,” he said, “that has been problematic because it’s tied in too closely to racism.”

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“Now is the perfect time for our community to spread the word and tell people how important it is for children to be vaccinated,” said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. “It is important to follow the recommended immunization schedule to protect infants and children by providing immunity early in life, before they encounter potentially life-threatening diseases.”

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Panel says faith community must lead slavery reparations

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO
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The faith community should guide the way on reparations for America's history of slavery and racial discrimination and help the nation's process of reconciliation and healing, religious leaders said during a panel held to discuss the issue.

U.S. religious groups have seen widespread interest in reparations, especially among Protestant churches that were active in the era of slavery. Many are starting or now considering how to make amends through financial investments and long-term programs benefiting Black Americans.

"The faith community not only can lead but should lead, and is in a unique position to lead," Rev. Iva E. Carruthers, general secretary of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, said during the May 19 panel organized by The Associated Press, The Religion News Service and The Conversation.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland voted last year to create a \$1 million reparations fund, likely to finance programs supporting Black students, nursing home residents, small-business owners and others. The vote followed years of research into how the diocese had benefited from racial inequality and slavery.

"If not the faith community, who? And if not now, when?" said the Right Rev. Eugene Sutton, the first Black cleric to hold the post of bishop of the diocese.

"Perhaps one of the reasons why so many in our society are saying, 'Well, I can be spiritual, but I don't have to belong to any religious organization,' is because religious faith communities have failed to live up to their scriptures and to our words," Sutton said. "We need to put our money where our mouth is. And reparations is one way to do that."

Panelists were asked what they tell those who oppose reparations on the grounds that they're not guilty of slaveholding or racism and shouldn't be asked to pay for those crimes. Sutton said it's not about guilt but a responsibility to repair the damage caused.

"Reparations is not a transfer of money from white people to Black people," Sutton said. "It's rather what this generation will do to correct the wrongs that previous generations have started."

University of South Carolina history professor Nicole Maskiell, who has worked with congregations involved in reparations initiatives, praised faith communities for being first and leading by example.

"That takes courage," she said. "It takes commitment, and it also takes a willingness to tell the truth."

The Minnesota Council of Churches has cited a host of injustices — from mid-19th century atrocities against Native Americans to police killings of Black people — in launching a first-of-its kind "truth and reparations" initiative.

The initiative engages a diverse collection of 25 Christian member denominations, including some that are predominantly Black, and will model some of its efforts on South Africa's post-apartheid Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It is based in Minneapolis, where the police killing of George Floyd last May sparked global protests over racial injustice.

"When I was growing up, white su-

premacy was a problem of the South. ... Within the last five years, just here in Minneapolis, we've had the killing of Jamar Clark, Philando Castile, George Floyd, Daunte Wright," said the Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs, the council's director of racial justice. "All of this within 7 miles of each other, each one of those young men all at the hands of police, all unwarranted killings."

"How did we, as a city of Minneapolis, how did we get to this point? And the only answer one can arrive at is white supremacy."

Jacobs, who belongs to a Wisconsin-based Mohican tribe but was born in Minnesota, said the initiative seeks to address social justice concerns of African Americans and Native Americans in a unified way: "We are so much stronger together than we are doing our justice work in silos."

Panelists said they're hopeful that the latest attempts to address reparations will turn into meaningful action because the country is in the midst of a historic reckoning on racism, because young people are engaged and seeking justice and because faith communities have come together to demonstrate.

"Every night over the roar of the

cries for justice, you could hear the indigenous drumbeat. ... We're there," Jacobs said. "I have linked arm-in-arm with rabbis and imams and bishops and pastors."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, who has sponsored a bill that would create a commission to study slavery and discrimination in the United States from 1619 to the present, said she hopes it will be passed by the House in late June.

The commission would also recommend ways to educate Americans about its findings and appropriate remedies, including how the government would offer a formal apology and what form of compensation should be awarded.

Support from the faith community, she said, is crucial: "It can help people, Americans, grapple with, understand and feel comfortable with doing the right thing."

"We've come this far by faith, our beliefs, whether or not we're reading from the Quran or the Torah, we're reading from the Bible or any other faith book somewhere in there about love and charity and somewhere in there about restoration. I know there's something in there about redemption," Jackson Lee said. "That's what America has to do."



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Sagamore of the Wabash Award

Burnice Head, a senior member of Puritan Missionary Baptist Church, received the Sagamore of the Wabash award. Marion County Sheriff Kerry Joseph Forestal presented the award, which is given by the governor of Indiana and is the highest civilian honor in the state. Head retired from the Marion County Sheriff's Department. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

Left: Bishop Larry D. Grinstead and Forestal greet each other during the award presentation.

Right: Head gave a speech after receiving the Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest civilian honor.

Bottom: Forestal, Head and Grinstead stand next to the Sagamore of the Wabash award.



SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Audacious action

By **RAE KARIM**



There’s an adage that says, “If you give the devil an inch, he’ll take a yard.” Notice how it says if you give, then he’ll take. That’s pretty audacious of him.

It leads me to ask a couple of questions: What have you been given and where is your audacity?

I’m not saying be so audacious you take more than what you’ve been given.

I am saying lean into that audacity to use what you’ve been given.

Consider the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30. Here we see audacity show up in two ways. The first way is in verses 16-17 (ESV):

"He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made

two talents more." These two servants were audacious, by way of being daring. They used what was given and put it to good use by investing it. Did someone say stocks? Cryptocurrency? Real estate? As a result of their audacious action, they doubled what they had. This pleased the master, who entrusted them with the talents. His response to both of them in verse 21 and verse 23: *"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'"*

We also see audacity in another way. This form of audacity was disrespectful. There was audacious action to go along with it in verse 18: *"But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money."* He was given one talent. One. Instead of investing it, he buried it. And we wonder why God hasn’t given us more? What have we done or what are we doing with what we currently have?

Nevertheless, the master was greatly displeased with this servant. Not only was there verbal response but there was also action taken in verses 28, 29b and 30: *"So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ... But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

The servant probably wished he’d been daringly instead of disrespectfully audacious. Even if he didn’t know how to invest, there were two others he could have asked for help. The master suggested depositing it at bank instead of burying it. There were options, but the servant didn’t recognize them. Where there is a will, there is a way. That goes for good, bad and ugly. This goes to show that excuses don’t hold much weight.

No matter how much we do have or don’t have, we can use it.

No matter who has more or less than we do, we can use it.

No matter what we do or don’t know about what we have, there’s someone we can ask, so we can use it.

You see where this going, right? So, don’t be the one who has a woulda, coulda or shoulda afterthought about what you’ve been given. *"I woulda but I didn't. I coulda but I didn't. I shoulda but I didn't."* Do it for the sake of your present and future.

So I rephrase the questions and ask you to strongly consider:

What have you been given and what kind of audacity will you use with what you’ve been given?

As always, the choice is yours.

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By JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration recently gave a bit of simple advice to businesses that are unable to find workers: Offer them more money.

This recommendation, included in a White House memo about the state of the economy, gets at a fundamental tension in an economy that is returning to full health after the coronavirus pandemic. Businesses are coping with spiking prices for goods such as steel, plywood, plastics and asphalt. Yet workers, after enduring a year of job losses, business closures and social distancing, are no longer interested in accepting low wages.

Administration officials say the White House is not trying to target a specific wage level for workers. But officials say higher wages are a goal of President Joe Biden and a byproduct of his \$1.9 trillion relief package and at least \$3.5 trillion in additional spending being proposed for infrastructure and education.

Republicans say that Biden's policies have already let loose a torrent of inflation that will hurt the economy. The outcome of these competing forces could decide the trajectory of the U.S. economy as well as the factors weighing on voters in next year's elections.

White House economic adviser Jared Bernstein said the goal is "to pull forward a robust, inclusive recovery that provides good employment opportunities to people who have been the heroes of this pandemic, folks who are in the bottom half, who went to work, often in unsafe conditions, or had to stay home to take care of their families and deal with school closures and childcare constraints."

The New York Federal Reserve reported this month that there has been a 26% increase over the past year in wage expectations by noncollege graduates. The lowest average salary they expect for a new job is \$61,483, up more than \$12,700 from a year ago.

The wage pressures feed into some anxiety about inflation. The Biden team sees the 0.8% month-over-month jump in consumer prices in April as temporary, a sign of consumer demand and the bottlenecks that naturally occur when an economy restarts. But newly released minutes from the Fed's April meeting suggest the U.S. central bank could possibly raise interest rates earlier than previously indicated to stamp down inflation and potentially limit economic growth.

Biden betting on wage growth, while GOP warns of inflation



The Senate's Republican leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, says he has seen enough from the data so far. He has told voters that Biden's decision to provide an additional \$300 a week in unemployment benefits and the spending in his relief package are hurting the economy.

What makes the current situation unique is that wage pressures generally build when the unemployment rate is low. But the rate is 6.1% and the country is 8.2 million jobs below its pre-pandemic levels, historically the kind of numbers that might lead workers to settle for lower earnings.

The difference this time is that the government spent a combined \$6 trillion over the past year, including relief packages passed under President Donald Trump, to minimize the economic damage from the pandemic.

"We're in uncharted waters across the board," said Tyler Goodspeed, an economic adviser for Trump who is now a fellow at the Hoover Institution. "We've never had a recession like this. We've never had a recovery like this."

Part of the dispute between Biden and Republicans is a more fundamental one on how economies grow. The administration has embraced a philosophy of investing in workers and providing them with benefits to make

it easier for them to juggle life responsibilities and jobs.

By contrast, Republicans believe the key is to minimize taxes and other barriers for employers so that lower operating costs lead them to invest and hire.

An analysis by economists at the San Francisco Fed found that "each month in early 2021, about seven out of 28 unemployed individuals receive job offers that they would normally accept, but one of the seven decides to decline the offer due to the availability of the extra \$300 per week" in unemployment benefits.

There are 23 states — all with Republican governors and GOP-controlled legislatures — that plan to block the enhanced federal benefits in June, under the belief that the loss of income will cause people to take jobs.

Aaron Sojourner, a labor economist at the University of Minnesota, warned that scrapping the benefits could reduce families' incomes and possibly encourage employers to pay less such that workers' incomes might be depressed.

"Lower wages is exactly the premise of the Republican position," Sojourner said.

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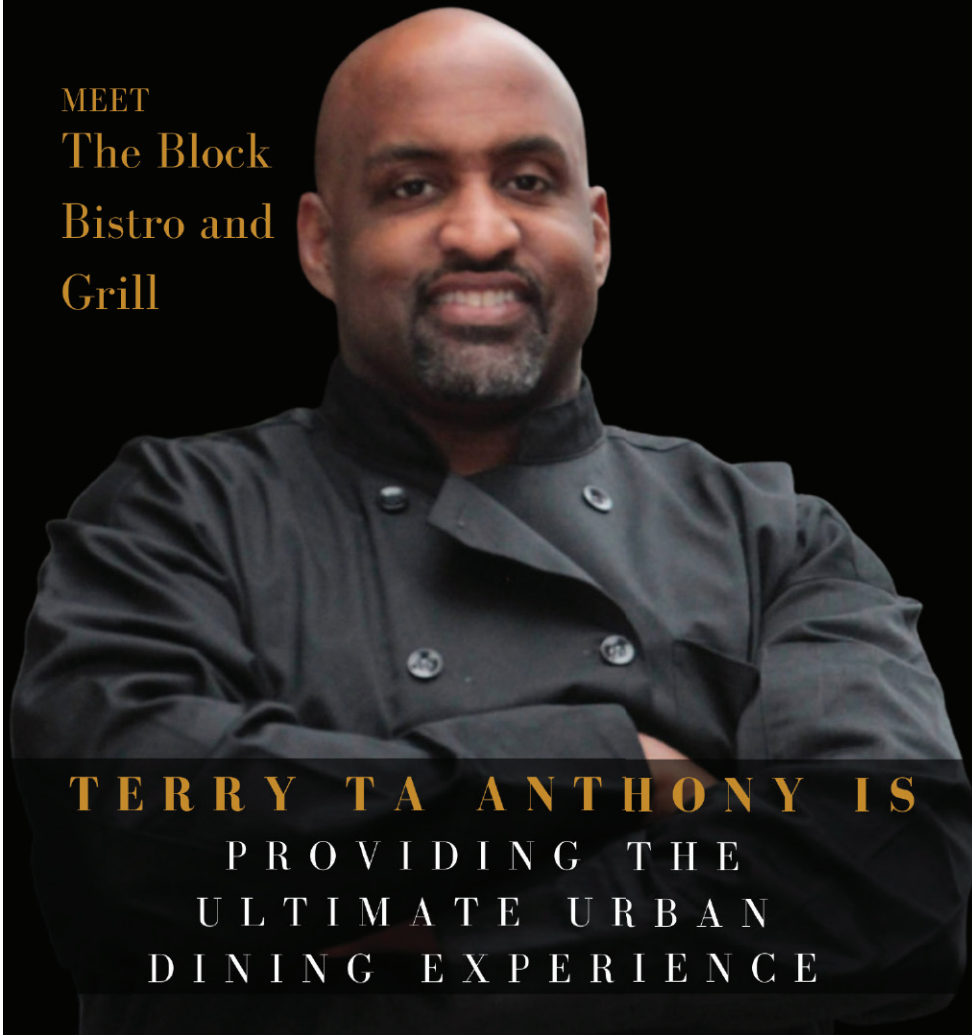
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residence address is: 610
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Marion County Court
requesting that her name be
changed to Karen M. Jenks.
Notice is further given that
the hearing will be held on said
Petition on June 9, 2021, at
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/s/ Karen M. Scrougham
Petitioner
3/11/21
Date
5320-921184

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ATTEST: May 19, 2021
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
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that he may use the name
Eloy B. Lucero from forth.
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the hearing will be held on said
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MICHAEL GONZALEZ,
Defendant.
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COUNTY OF MARION)
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SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2102-ES-006282
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
BEVERLY WOJTKOWSKI,
DECEASED
Attorney
Timothy Carroll
Notice is hereby given that on
February 23, 2021, Timothy
Carroll was appointed
personal representative of the

Runyan, and "The World".
PARCEL 3:
LOT 80 IN FOREST MANOR
ADDITION #1085149. Alt Parcel
#49-07-21-139-297-000-101
More commonly known as:
3511 North Grant Ave.,
Indianapolis, IN 46218 (the
"Real Estate").
This summons by publication
is specifically directed to the
following persons who may
have an interest in the
described real estate located
in Marion County, Indiana,
that is the subject of this
proceeding, and whose
whereabouts are unknown to
Plaintiff as follows:
Jerome L. Miller, Jr., Carrie
Chapman Miller, and "The
World".
And any and all other persons
claiming any right, title or
interest in any of the described
real estate herein, through
under them or any other
person or entity, the names
of all whom are unknown to
the Plaintiff.
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.
This Publication of Notice
is given pursuant to Indiana
Code 32-20-3-14 and Indiana
Code 32-21-1.
You must answer the
Complaint to Quiet Title to
Real Estate in writing, by you
or your attorney, on or before
the 11th day of July, 2021, (the
date being within thirty (30)
days after the Third Notice of
Suit), and if you fail to do so,
a judgment will be entered
against you for what the
Plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST: May 19, 2021
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of Court
BY: /s/ Grover B. Davis
Grover B. Davis, #4408-49
MCCLURE MCCLURE &
DAVIS
251 E. Ohio Street, Suite 915
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: (317) 221-0800
gdavis@gbdlaw
Counsel for Plaintiff
5320-921168

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-
EU-010953
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
WALTER LESLIE,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
on March 10, 2021, Eleus
Perrell was appointed
personal representative of the
Estate of Walter Leslie,
deceased, who died on the
4th day of January, 2021.
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 10th of March, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921053

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-
EU-008655
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
REGINALD THIRKIELD,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
on May 6, 2021, Darrell Thirkield
was appointed personal
representative of the Estate of
Reginald Thirkield, deceased,
who died on the 29th day of
June, 2021.
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 6th day of May, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921051

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D06-2104-
CT-013808
ALEANYA MOORE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL GONZALEZ,
Defendant.
SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION -- NOTICE
OF SUIT
Michael Gonzalez has been
sued in the Court identified
above.
2. This notice is being
directed to Defendant,
Michael Gonzalez, whose
whereabouts are currently
unknown, and any other
individuals who may have
an interest in the lawsuit
captioned Aleanya Moore v.
Michael Gonzalez, Cause No.
49D06-2104-CT-013808, in
the Marion County Superior
Court Civil Division 6.
3. A Complaint for Damages
was filed on April 23, 2021,
by Plaintiff, Aleanya Moore,
against Defendant, Michael
Gonzalez. Defendant's
negligence directly and
proximately caused a collision
that occurred on July 9, 2020,
in Marion County, Indiana,
resulting in 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
cost of this proceeding, and
relief demanded in Plaintiff's
Complaint for Damages.
5/20/2021
Date
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County
Courts
5320-921196

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE
MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: ROOM 8, PROBATE
DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-1909-
ES-039596
IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
PECOLIA J. WALKER,
DECEASED
Attorney
Kathryn Kuehn, #21506-49
Kuehn Law, LLC
45 West Clinton Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46122
Phone: (317) 221-0800
The Indianapolis Recorder
2901 North Tacoma
Indianapolis, Indiana 46218
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF
ESTATE OPENING
Notice is hereby given that
on September 29, 2019,
Yvette Walker-Stratton
was appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate
of Pecolia J. Walker, who died
on August 2, 2019, in Marion
County, Indiana. 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 12th day of March, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court
5320-921182

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: ROOM 8, PROBATE
DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-
EU-010712
IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
ELIZABETH A. DISON,
DECEASED
Attorney
Jesse M. Smith III, #21468-30
Jesse for Kenneth Heady
Personal Representative of
the Estate of Steven Ray Heady,
deceased.
Tom Scott & Associates, P.C.
4036 Madison Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46227
Telephone: (317) 667-6113
Facsimile: (317) 5059-
Email: jsmith@tomscottlaw.com
5320-921162

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2102-ES-006282
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
BEVERLY WOJTKOWSKI,
DECEASED
Attorney
Timothy Carroll
Notice is hereby given that on
February 23, 2021, Timothy
Carroll was appointed
personal representative of the

Estate of Beverly Wojtkowski,
deceased, who died on the
23rd day of October, 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 23rd of February, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921052

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2102-EU-006938
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF
LAURA GEORGE,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
on February 26, 2021, Brian
George was appointed
personal representative of the
Estate of Laura George,
deceased, who died on the
27th day of September, 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 26th of February, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921053

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-
EU-010953
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
WALTER LESLIE,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
on March 10, 2021, Eleus
Perrell was appointed
personal representative of the
Estate of Walter Leslie,
deceased, who died on the
4th day of January, 2021.
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 10th of March, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921053

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-
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IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
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Estate of Walter Leslie,
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4th day of January, 2021.
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or not now due, must file the
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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,
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claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana,
this 10th of March, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921053

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-008655
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
REGINALD THIRKIELD,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
on May 6, 2021, Darrell Thirkield
was appointed personal
representative of the Estate of
Reginald Thirkield, deceased,
who died on the 29th day of
June, 2021.
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 11th day of May, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921056

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
ES-015632
IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
STEVEN RAY HEADY,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
on May 18, 2021, the
Estate without court
supervision.
All persons who have claims
against this Estate, whether
or not now due, must file the
claim in the office of the Clerk
of this Court within three (3)
months from the date of the
first publication of this notice,
or within nine (9) months
after the decedent's death,
whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana,
this May 18, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court, Probate Division
5320-921172

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
ES-015632
IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
STEVEN RAY HEADY,
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Notice is hereby given that
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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 18, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court, Probate Division
5320-921172

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
ES-015632
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DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
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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 24th 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 7th day of

06/04/21
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE
MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-012785
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
JACQUELYN JEFFERSON,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that on
the 20th of April, 2021, Philip
Jefferson was appointed
personal representative of the
estate of Jacquelyn Jefferson,
deceased, who died on the
29th day of January, 2021.
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 20, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921147

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT)
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-013871
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
MICHAEL P. DAWSON,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
on the 26th of April, 2021,
Deborah Dawson was
appointed personal
representative of the Estate
of Michael P. Dawson,
deceased, who died on the
28th day of March, 2021.
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 26th of April, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921054

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-
EU-010953
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
WALTER LESLIE,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
on March 10, 2021, Eleus
Perrell was appointed
personal representative of the
Estate of Walter Leslie,
deceased, who died on the
4th day of January, 2021.
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 10th of March, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921054

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
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Attorney
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of this Court within three (3)
months from the date of the
first publication of this notice,
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after the decedent's death,
whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana,
this 10th of March, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921054

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
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IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE
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months from the date of the
first publication of this notice,
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after the decedent's death,
whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana,
this 10th of March, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of
Marion County
5320-921054

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
ES-015632
IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF
STEVEN RAY HEADY,
DECEASED
Attorney
Notice is hereby given that
on May 18, 2021, the
Estate without court
supervision.
All persons who have claims
against this Estate, whether
or not now due, must file the
claim in the office of the Clerk
of this Court within three (3)
months from the date of the
first publication of this notice,
or within nine (9) months
after the decedent's death,
whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana,
this May 18, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court, Probate Division
5320-921172

Calendar invite. The IND Parking Garage is open to the public and can be visited at the Bidder's convenience. Please note that masks and social distancing practices will be enforced during the site visit. Should special assistance or accommodations be needed for an individual's participation in this meeting, please contact: Nelay Indigo at 800.743.3333 (TDD compatible) and have them connect you to 317.487.8578. For general information or questions, please contact Katie Adams directly at 317.487.8578.

gives notice that CALEB NATHANIEL DAVIS has filed a Petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that his name be changed to CALEB NATHANIEL DAVIS. 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

05/21/21
05/28/21
06/04/21

**STATE OF INDIANA)
MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
(CAUSE NO. 49D04-2104-
MF-011487)
MARION COUNTY)
BRENON SMITH)
Plaintiff,)**

Courts
Karen K. Huelskamp,
Attorney for Petitioner
1809 Prospect Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46203
(317) 423-1989
5320-920888

05/21/21
05/28/21
06/04/21

**STATE OF INDIANA)
MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
(CAUSE NO. 49D04-2104-
MF-011487)
MARION COUNTY)
BRENON SMITH)
Plaintiff,)**

days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a Judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST: 5/7/21
Clerk of the Marion County Court
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Tasha R. Roberts
Attorney for Plaintiff
WILLIAM FLEMING
118 North Delaware Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Telephone: (317) 631-0172
5320-920870

05/21/21
05/28/21
06/04/21

**STATE OF INDIANA)
MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
(CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
SS-039091)
MARION COUNTY)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
SS-039091)
Plaintiff,)**

the foregoing statements are true and accurate.
/s/ Elmer Banegas, Petitioner
/s/ Angela D. Coe, #23905-49
Attorney at Law
Angela D. Coe
Attorney at Law
111 E. 54th Street, Suite 103
Indianapolis, IN 46220
5320-920868

05/21/21
05/28/21
06/04/21

**STATE OF INDIANA)
MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
(CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
SS-039091)
MARION COUNTY)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
SS-039091)
Plaintiff,)**

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rachel@aplegate-dillman.com
5320-920812

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**STATE OF INDIANA)
MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
(CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
SS-039091)
MARION COUNTY)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
SS-039091)
Plaintiff,)**

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
CAUSE NO. 29D05-2104-DC-002409
Deena Fahim, Plaintiff,
Mohamed Mohamed Mohamed Morsi, Respondent.
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

05/21/21
05/28/21
06/04/21

**STATE OF INDIANA)
MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
(CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
SS-039091)
MARION COUNTY)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-
SS-039091)
Plaintiff,)**

MDK # 21-005056
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D06-2104-MF-013792
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for Agilis Asset Management Securities Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-2 Plaintiff,
vs.
Christine Stewart, AKA Christine G. Stewart, et al.

is in Indianapolis, IN. The respondent lived in Decatur, Alabama, and then returned to Indianapolis, IN, and lived in the 6800 block of Stuebaker Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46214, but the exact address is unknown.
8. That Petitioner will file Notice by Publication in this matter.
VERIFICATION
/s/ Elmer Banegas, Petitioner
/s/ Angela D. Coe, #23905-49
Attorney at Law
Angela D. Coe, Attorney at Law
111 E. 54th Street, Suite 103
Indianapolis, IN 46220.

is in Indianapolis, IN. The respondent lived in Decatur, Alabama, and then returned to Indianapolis, IN, and lived in the 6800 block of Studebaker Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46214 but the exact address is unknown.

8. That Petitioner will file Notice by Publication in this matter.

VERIFICATION

/s/ Elmer Banegas, Petitioner
/s/ Angela D. Coe, #23905-49
Attorney at Law
Angela D. Coe,
Attorney at Law
1111 E. 54th Street, Suite 103
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Overview:
IPTC requests quotes from qualified Vendors for destruction/recycle services starting date of accepted bid/ executed Service Agreement Contract for all, Fixed Route Buses, estimate volume 15 to 30 and Open-Door Buses (Paratransit) estimate volume 10 to 20 and supervisor vehicles.
IndyGo's Director of Fleet Services and Warehouse

work with selected vendor on scheduling pick up and destruction/recycling of each vehicle.

Solicitation Release Monday 05/12/2021 / EQ online at www.indygo.net/pages/bid-opportunities

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT)
COURT SS:)
COUNTY OF MARION))
VS.)
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE)
OF: BERNARD DOYLE)
BERTRAM)
Petitioner:)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)
Bernard Doyle Bertram,)
whose mailing address is,)
6354 Whitaker Farms Dr.,)
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46237,)
Address if different, my residence)
address is:)
Marion County, Indiana,)
hereby gives notice that)
she/he has filed a petition)
in the Marion Circuit Court)
requesting that his/her name)
be changed to Doyle Bernard)
Bertram.)
Notice is further given that)
hearing will be held on said)
Petition on the 17th day of)
July, 2021 at 9 o'clock, A.M.)
Bernard Doyle Bertram)
Petitioner)
Date)
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK)
5320-921304)
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Young boy comes full circle with Andretti behind the wheel

By DANNY BRIDGES

While it's now been a mind-boggling 52 years, I can still recall it as if it was yesterday. I was immediately hooked on IndyCar racing after my father loaded up that big ol' Chrysler we had with a cooler full of sandwiches and sodas and took his 10-year-old skinny, gregarious son to watch the 1969 Indianapolis 500 through his glasses that were so thick they resembled Coke bottles.

As the cars would whisk by the grandstands we were seated in, I would ask who that guy was in the red No. 2 car that was clearly the class of the field that day. My father simply said "Mario" and plugged his earphone back into his transistor radio. After watching him win the race that day, I spent the entire time it took to drive back home to quiz him about this Mr. Andretti guy and why he was so much faster than all the other drivers.

Two days later, I made the decision to visit the little hardware store in our community and attempted to explain to the gentlemen behind the counter what color Mario's car was and finally came up with a suitable can of spray paint and began the process of cosmetically transforming my trusty stingray into the Ford-powered Brawner Hawk that Mario had driven to victory just 48 hours earlier.

Over the years, I fol-

lowed him religiously from sprint cars to stock cars and then Formula One. While IndyCar was my favorite I probably would've watched my idol race shopping carts or even skateboards as it didn't matter as long he was the driver. Clearly I was infatuated with him and if you said something bad about "my driver" you better be ready to put your dukes up against a guy who couldn't fight, but wouldn't allow anyone to say anything disparaging about this phenomenal racer.

As I continued to follow his epic career, a fork in the road led to some television production work, and I got closer to him through those endeavors as opposed to simply living vicariously through him.

A few years later I convinced Shannon Williams at the Recorder that I was just the guy to cover the Indianapolis 500 for her paper, and the rest is truly history and a labor of love combined.

Suddenly I am interviewing the greatest, most versatile driver in the history of motorsports and somehow I didn't faint.

Over the past 15 years we've discussed the changes in open-wheel racing and he's always been polite and helpful to this Jimmy Olsen wannabe, so when the chance came up to travel around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a two-seater car with him earlier this week, it

was both overwhelming and a trip back into the days of my youth.

I will admit that while I have grown to be comfortable in his presence, I was more than a bit nervous with the fact that we'd be barreling almost 200 mph down the back stretch of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. When he exited the blend lane onto the racing surface, I suddenly realized it was not on my stingray racing around the cul-de-sac of the neighborhood elementary school and I was experiencing the G-forces that accompany the turns at IMS under those speeds.

As we flashed down the front stretch where he took the checkered flag in 1969, just for a brief moment I pretended to be him, and why not?

He was in the front seat chauffeuring one of his biggest fans around the most famous race course in the world, who was both holding on for dear life while reminiscing the salad days of his childhood to boot.

This was actually happening and I couldn't get enough.

After we came to a stop, I got out and pointed to him as to signify he had fulfilled my dreams and he looked at me and smiled.

The next "passenger" hopped in and off they went, but I stuck around afterwards and we talked about the recent pole qualifications for the upcoming Indianapolis 500 and what we might see this weekend in the race.

His face glowed when I asked him about his grandson Marco and his attempt to win the coveted event in his only appearance in an IndyCar this year, and what a daunting challenge it will be for him.

After telling him I hoped there would be an Andretti family reunion in Victory Lane, I proposed a question to him. After winning everything there is in motorsports, how did transporting me around the hallowed grounds at 16th and Georgetown

stack up in terms of his storied career? With a straight face he said it was the top of his list. After we both laughed uncontrollably, I walked away, still the 10-year-old boy who had fulfilled his dream.

Thanks, Mario, for allowing me numerous opportunities to be in your company and for treating our conversations about racing with so much interest and respect. I've learned so much about motorsports from you over the years, but today I realized one can turn back the clock to the simple days of their upbringing and experience the joy of what once was and will always be.

Notes: You, too, can experience the adrenaline that one derives from riding at high speeds with the likes of Mario Andretti by contacting the Indy Racing Experience. Go to indyracingexperience.com to schedule your ride at numerous tracks across the country.

Special thanks to Scott Jasek and Shonda Kennedy of the Indy Racing Experience for making it all happen. Their program makes a perfect gift or corporate outing, so let them create the memory of a lifetime for your favorite race fan.

Danny Bridges, who still wants to be Mario Andretti when he grows up, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.



(Photo/ Indy Racing Experience)



Dixon wins Indy 500 pole

Scott Dixon won the pole position for the Indianapolis 500 on May 30 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. (Photo/Walt Thomas)

Indy Eleven beat Sporting KC

Indy Eleven goalkeeper Jordan Farr (1) punches the ball away during the club's 2-0 win over Sporting Kansas City on May 22. (Photos/Jeff Brown)



Indy Eleven midfielder Gershon Koffie (28) battles with Sporting Kansas City II forward Ropapa Mensah (70) for control of the ball. (Photo/Jeff Brown)



Hackshaw hits header

Indy Eleven midfielder Neveal Hackshaw (15) hits a header over a Sporting KC defender.



Fever come up short vs. Dream

Indiana Fever center Teaira McCowan (15) becomes the fastest in franchise history to reach 500 career rebounds during the Fever's 83-79 loss to the Atlanta Dream on May 21. (Photo/Walt Thomas)

Fever 89, Mystics 77

The Indiana Fever got their first win of the season with an 89-77 victory over the Washington Mystics May 23 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Kelsey Mitchell (0) led the team with 18 points. (Photo/Walt Thomas)

