

## Former library board member: City-county council was aware of allegations

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Several members of the city-county council were aware of the alleged racism within Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL), according to former and current board members.

Dr. Terri Jett, who was appointed to the library board of trustees by the council in 2016, said councilors never asked about her experiences on the board, nor was it requested that she report back to the council on the work the library was doing.

Further, when Jett said she told some councilors about her experiences on the board, including mistreatment involving racism and sexism from IndyPL leadership, nothing happened. “There could have been some pressure from their end to take a closer look at what’s going on in the library,” Jett said.

“If they had paid closer attention, they could assess if the public is really being served in the best way possible, and to make sure public employees — who they also serve and should care about — are being treated fairly.” Jett and others have accused IndyPL



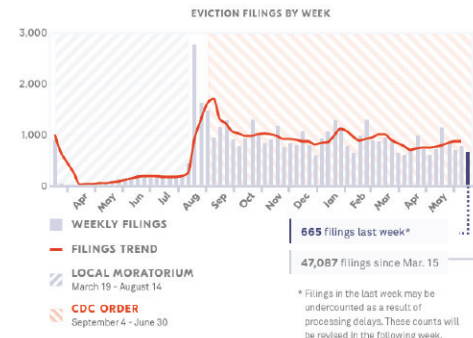
leadership of racism, including punishing Black workers disproportionately.

Jett said she told city-county council President Vop Osili, as well as councilors Zach Adamson and Leroy Robinson, about what was going on. She said the

conversations happened in late 2020 and earlier this year. Jett said the councilors told her they would look into the situation but that many of her follow-up emails went unanswered.

In April 2020, Jett was informed she

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**This graph from Eviction Lab indicates how many eviction filings were made each week from when the Indiana eviction moratorium started to the week of June 13-20. (Screenshot)**

Federal eviction, foreclosure moratorium could cause increase in COVID-19, homelessness

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Since March 15, 2020, Indiana has had 47,087 eviction filings, even with two eviction moratoria, according to Eviction Lab. Starting in July, following the end of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) federal eviction moratorium, Indiana experts and social workers expect that number to spike.

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## ‘Do your research. Celebrate it’: Juneteenth continues to grow

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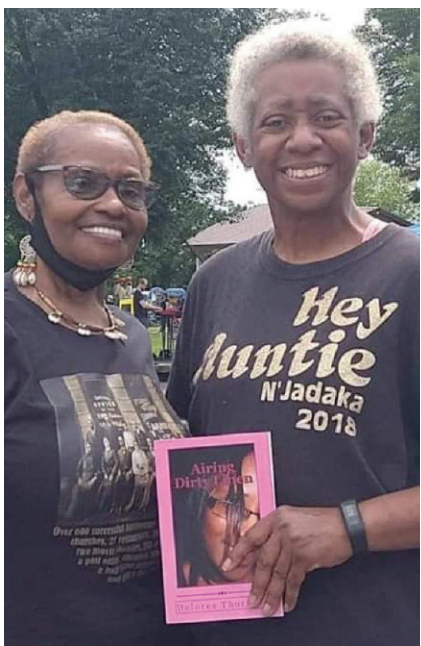
Shelley Covington found out about Juneteenth five years ago when she was working with students doing research on Black history. One of her students was from Texas and introduced her to the holiday. Since then, celebrating Juneteenth has been a part of her annual routine.

This Juneteenth, Covington stopped at Flanner House to check out the Ujamaa Community Bookstore, visited some friends she hadn’t seen since the start of the pandemic at Bethel Park, said hi to folks at the H.E.R. Living Campus and finished her day supporting Black business booths in the Pan Am Plaza.

As many continue to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa race massacre, Covington, 58, said “it is imperative to rebuild what our ancestors built.”

“We do that by supporting, celebrating and encouraging our own,” she said.

The weekend of Juneteenth was



**Shelley Covington poses with Delores Thornton, author of “Airing Dirty Linen,” at a Juneteenth event. (Photo provided by Shelley Covington)**

a time for many in Indianapolis to celebrate the day enslaved people in Texas were notified of their freedom in 1865. What started as an intimate celebration with family, friends and neighbors is now celebrated nationwide.

Events such as the Juneteenth Virtual 5K Walk/Run/Bike, BikeTeenth and Juneteenth Jamboree were also popular destinations for those celebrating the holiday weekend.

BikeTeenth is an initiative specifically for the Black community to connect with their history and

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## IPS gets feedback on how to spend emergency relief funds

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Indianapolis Public Schools hosted a series of town halls recently, where parents and other education advocates shared what they think the district should do with emergency COVID-19 relief funds.

Answers at one of the virtual town halls June 16 focused on social and emotional learning resources for staff and students, as well as support for teachers as they help students make up for learning loss.

IPS has received \$213.5 million from the federal government for schools managed

by the district. Innovation schools, which are part of the district but managed by charter or other outside operators, have received \$78.1 million.

The money for K-12 schools — called Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, or ESSER — has come over the course of three funding rounds, starting with the first coronavirus relief package passed in March 2020, and has spending deadlines. The last of the money must be used by September 2024.

“Right now we have ESSER, but ESSER will only be around for a certain amount of time,” the district’s chief academic of-

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**Indianapolis Public Schools hosted a virtual town hall June 16 to discuss how the district should spent federal emergency pandemic funds. (Screenshot)**

## Study: Obesity increases breast cancer risk in Black women

By **FARAH YOUSRY**

New research suggests that obesity in Black women increases their risk of recurrence of breast cancer or even dying — more so than in white women.

“We did find that women of African ancestry who were obese were much more likely to have a recurrence of their breast cancer, or to die than Black women who were not obese,” said Dr. Tarah Ballinger, breast oncologist at Indiana University Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center and the lead author of the study.

“But in European Americans, if they were obese, it didn’t make them do worse.”

An estimated 43,000 women in the U.S. will die from breast cancer this year. And the disease hits Black women especially hard. From

From 2014 to 2018, the cancer death rate for Black women was 27.3 per 100,000 cases, compared to 19.6 per 100,000 cases for white women and 20.1 for women of all races.

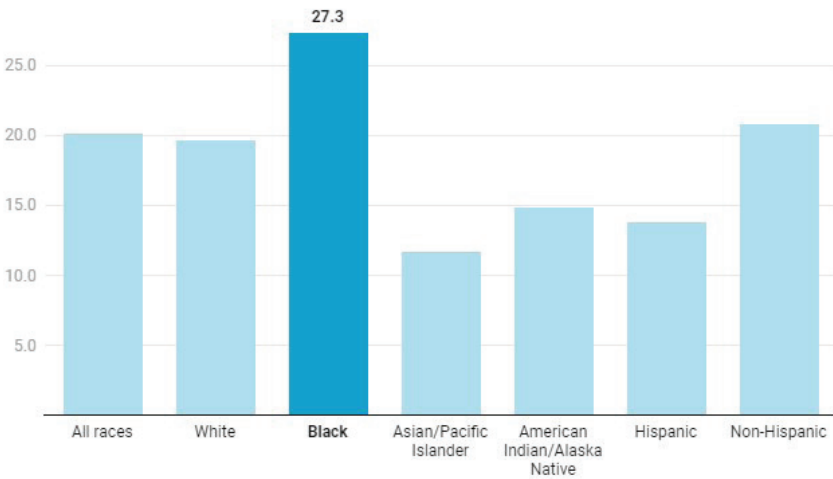


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**The cancer death rate for Black women from 2014 to 2018 was 27.3 per 100,000 cases, compared to 19.6 per 100,000 for white women, according to data from the National Cancer Institute. (Chart/Lindsey Erbody/WFYI)**

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2014 to 2018, the death rate for Black women was 27.3 per 100,000 cases, compared to 19.6 per 100,000 cases for white women.

The study does not pinpoint why this disparity exists — or why obesity impacts Black women differently than white women. Ballinger says genetics is only one piece of the puzzle.

“The racial disparities are certainly not just biological. There’s so much that has to do with socioeconomic status and culture, and other ways that the health care system makes things more difficult for disadvantaged populations,” she said.

The study’s findings are particularly helpful to researchers and doctors because they show that a factor that can be changed — such as weight — is one way to reduce the disparity between Black and white women, Ballinger said.

But doctors are looking to move beyond just defining the problem. She hopes they can now design trials tailored to Black women, using culturally sensitive motivators and methods to help them lose weight.

Obesity is a problem affecting many African American women — with 56% of non-Hispanic Black women classified as obese, compared to 38% of non-Hispanic white women.

Black women are less likely to get breast cancer. But when they do, they are more likely to die from it. And five-year breast cancer survival rates for Black women are significantly lower than for white women.

Not including enough Black women in studies and clinical trials is one reason behind this disparity. In most studies, research-

ers such as Ballinger can recruit less than half of the representative sample of Black women.

“Over recent decades, the cure rates and survival rates for early-stage breast cancer continue to improve,” she said. “But as they continue to improve, the race disparity gets larger actually.

“We’ve never done a trial until now where we just enroll Black women and try to figure out what works for them specifically. So trying to personalize therapy, I think will eliminate some of those disparities.”

A new trial led by a Simon Cancer Center colleague, Dr. Bryan Schneider, is recruiting only Black women to figure out how to tailor treatment to them and reduce the side effects of some of the most commonly used treatments. This is the first study nationwide to exclusively recruit Black women.

Still, changing the chemotherapy regimen for Black patients will only go so far. Ballinger says other factors — including socioeconomic, cultural and systemic disparities in the health care system — must be addressed for Black women to see greater improvements.

If you are a Black woman diagnosed with breast cancer and are planning to start chemotherapy, you might be eligible for Dr. Schneider’s study. To learn more about it and how to take part, visit cancer.iu.edu.

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Study: Indiana more gerrymandered than 95% of country

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Indiana’s electoral maps are more partisan than 95% of the country, according to a study released by Women4Change Indiana.

The nonpartisan advocacy group commissioned a study on the issue from Dr. Christopher Warshaw, associate professor of political science at George Washington University who is a national expert on gerrymandering — the political process of manipulating voting districts to gain an advantage or put the opposing political party at a disadvantage.

Using data and maps from the past 50 years, Warshaw found Indiana maps were “relatively balanced” up until about 2000, after which state Republicans have had a larger advantage over Democrats.

Electoral maps were redrawn in 2011 following the 2010 census. As Republicans controlled Indiana following the 2010 midterms, Warshaw said the maps were drawn to benefit the Republican Party. In the past, Republican candidates may have gotten about 53% of the vote in statewide elections, but in recent years, Warshaw said Republicans have won around 78% of congressional seats and 80% of state Senate seats due to Democratic voters being “packed” into fewer districts.

Warshaw said it’s important to note members of both major political parties have historically used gerrymandering to their benefit.

“We should demand that elected officials pass fair maps and hold them accountable if they don’t,” Warshaw said. “If you’re a Democrat in a Democratic state like Massachusetts, you have to be willing to vote Democrats out of office if they make [unfair] maps. Likewise if you’re a Republican in Indiana. You’ve got to be willing to



Map of U.S. House districts in Indiana from PlanScore.org

hold officials accountable.”

Rima Shahid, executive director for Women4Change Indiana, said gerrymandering makes it impossible for Hoosiers to truly be represented.

“We live in a nation in which we have a government that is for the people, by the people,” Shahid said. “The folks we have elected to represent us and the interests of our families and communities, whether that’s in the Indiana Statehouse or Washington, D.C. With gerrymandering ... the way they’re drawing the map, the person in office may not represent you and what you want to see happen.”

Jay Yeager, a lawyer and volunteer with Women4Change, said this lack of representation paints a flawed picture of the political makeup of the state.

“We see these effects in our polarized General Assembly today,” Yeager said. “One party holds supermajorities in the Indiana House and Senate that exceed by wide margins the share of votes that party earned on election day. As a result, moderates are squeezed out, our legislature can and often does ignore the views of over 40% of voters, public

confidence suffers, and Indiana’s rank in voter turnout among states continues to languish in the bottom 10.”

Women4Change Indiana will host an event in September for Hoosiers to learn more about gerrymandering and how the maps are made. Shahid wants more transparency from state legislators who make the maps, including having their meetings open to the public. The district maps will be updated in September, using information from the 2020 census.

Shahid hopes getting more voters — particularly women — involved in the process will help create a local government more representative of the Hoosier state.

“Women represent 51% of the state’s population,” Shahid said. “We make up a majority of the population, we are your largest voting bloc, and traditionally, we are responsible for bringing up the next generation of Hoosiers.”

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## Washington Township students to intern at construction, architecture firms for workforce development program

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Washington Township buildings have been under construction since 2017 and will be until about 2026. Over these 10 years, about \$470 million will be spent on projects such as knocking down two elementary schools, building two new schools and making technological upgrades across the township.

Now, some of the township's students will be able to work for and earn money from the construction crews working on their campus.

After the 2016 and 2020 referendums for the construction projects were passed, Washington Township leaders wanted some of that money to go directly to students, school board chair Bill Turner said. So, the township, in partnership with the Winston/Terrell Group and the construction companies involved in referendum-related projects, created a workforce development program.

In this program, Washington Township juniors, seniors and recent graduates can apply for an internship at one of six companies working on referendum construction projects. The companies involved are Smoot Construction, Shiel Sexton, Powers & Sons Construction, Skillman Corporation, CSO Architects and Schmidt Associates.

"It's a career investigation tool," Turner said. "It's a good way for them to get their feet wet and see if it's something they really want to do."

Students interested in the program first need to contact



**Eastwood Middle School is one of the Washington Township buildings being renovated as part of the referendum. (Photo provided Washington Township schools)**

the Winston/Terrell Group, President Robin Winston said. Then, the group will connect the student to either a construction or architecture firm where they will interview for a paid internship.

The length and start date of the internships and the role the intern will have are determined by each company. Shiel Sexton plans to have one intern for one year, said Adrian Russell, the company's director of diversity, equity and inclusion/procurement. During their time at the company, the intern will try multiple jobs and look at different departments, such as accounting, scheduling and building information modeling, he said.

"It would give them numerous

opportunities to ... see how vast a company like Shiel Sexton is and furthermore how vast the world of construction is," Russell said.

Shiel Sexton's intern will also have a mentor who will answer the intern's questions and help them figure out what construction careers they are interested in.

For the internships that extend into the school year, North Central High School administration will attempt to award school credit for participating in this workforce development program and possibly allow students to spend part of their school day at their internship, said Jim Boots, Washington Township capital projects manager.

Boots said the school also plans to assemble a support system to provide financial assistance to students who need to purchase supplies related to the internship, such as steel-toed boots.

While the current focus of the program is the student internships, the program is expected to expand in the fall to include construction education in some Washington Township classrooms, Turner said.

Chrystal Stowe, Smoot Construction director of business development, said the company plans to present lessons about working in construction to elementary schools and possibly allow field trips to construction sites. This will allow them to see the benefits of a construc-

tion career early on, she said.

Some of the benefits of pursuing a construction job are the ability to go to school while working and the opportunities for advancement, said David Yancey, assistant account executive for the Skillman Corporation. People can start as a laborer and work their way up the ladder to be a project manager or even an owner of a company, he said.

"There's no ceilings," he said. "The opportunity for growth is always there in construction."

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## Freetown Village Black history moment: Gold and glory sweepstakes highlighted Black racing

By FREETOWN VILLAGE

The roar and excitement of cars racing around the track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway was alluring to many.

But Blacks were barred from participating. After being told no by the American Automobile Association — the sport's governing body — multiple times, Black Americans created their own auto racing event.

It was called the Gold and Glory Sweepstakes, and it was held annually by the Colored Speedway Association on the dirt oval track at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

It was an event that drew Black elites from throughout the country. From 1924 to 1936, as many as 15,000



Charlie Wiggins

spectators attended the race each summer.

The 100-mile race included a grand prize of \$2,500 and drew dozens of Black drivers to compete. But only 20 would participate in each race.

Indianapolis native Charlie Wiggins became the star of the race. He earned the nickname "Speed King" for winning the Gold and Glory Sweepstakes four times, driving a car he built from junk parts. The car ran on a special mixture of airplane fuel and castor oil.

Wiggins became known as "The Negro Speed King" — more than six decades before Willie T. Ribbs would become the first Black driver to qualify for the Indianapolis 500 in 1991.

Wiggins lived to see one of his pro-

teges, Sumner "Red" Oliver, become the first African American official mechanic in Indy 500 history as a member of the 1973 Patrick Racing Team.

Wiggins' racing career ended in 1936 after a 13-car crash that resulted in the loss of his right leg and eye. Despite his injuries and constant pain, he continued to mentor promising young drivers, including some 500-Mile Race winners, and campaigned against segregation in the auto racing industry.

The Colored Speedway Association ceased to exist in 1936 with its biggest star gone as a result of the crippling accident and the onset of the Great Depression.

### MOVIE REVIEW

## 'The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard'

By DWIGHT BROWN  
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On a moment's notice, these three eccentric actors can bring the crazy. Toss in cursing, car chases, gun fights, con games, whining, denying and betrayals and Ryan Reynolds, Salma Hayek and Samuel L. Jackson are in their glory.

The vehicle for their sardonic deceptions is this sequel to 2017's "The Hitman's Bodyguard." In that violent tale the world's top bodyguard, Michael Bryce (Reynolds), was hired to protect Darius Kincaid (Jackson), an equally smarmy hitman who was testifying at an International Criminal Court. Fast forward a few years and the hitman needs protection again. But this time he sends his con artist wife Sonia (Hayek) to round up Bryce, who has since lost his AAA rating, feels like a failure and is angling for a comeback. At stake is the EU's destruction, as plotted by the diabolical Greek billionaire Aristotle Papadopoulos (Antonio Banderas).

Original director Patrick Hughes and screenwriter Tom O'Connor are back on board for this act/com crime spree that takes the scenic route around Croatia, Italy, the U.K. and Slovenia. The locations (U.K.'s Natural History Museum, Trieste, Portofino), environs (countryside, coastal towns, cities), architecture, streets, waterways and crowd scenes are well shot (DP Terry Stacey), staged (production designer Russell De Rozario) and art directed (Jack Berk).

There isn't a wrinkle in anyone's well-styled little black jumpsuit or yacht attire (costume designer Stephanie Collie, Peaky Blinders) and the pacing (editors Michael J. Duthie, Jack Hutchings) of the go-big-or-go-home action scenes (supervising stunt coordinator Greg Powell) produces an explosive verve (Hiram Bleetman special effects). There are some telltale instances when debris from blowups look too fake and expose the film's flaws and nothing on view is as polished or innovative as the footage from a "Mission Impossible" or "Bond" movie. Still, the behind-the-scenes crew deserves as much credit for the film's incessant mania as the above marquee cast.

Reynolds hasn't been this much fun to watch since the even more depraved

"Deadpool." Through therapy and discipline, Bryce promises to put his artillery down. Reynolds plays this reluctant restraint like a kid determined not to stick his hand in the cookie jar, though you know any resolve will fade. As he grouses, it's a perfect counterpart to Jackson's crass, bombastic, menacing hitman persona.

You hire Samuel L. Jackson, and his s—t is in your face nonstop. It's like you're being attacked by a rabid pit bull that's all mouth, teeth and bulging eyes. Hayek releases her inner-witch-devil self with glee. Sonia, a working woman and wife pining for motherhood, multitasks as a go-between, instigator and trigger-happy killer. Banderas as the villain is having a campy old time, like he's acting in a Pedro Almodóvar movie. His Aristotle is completely oblivious when Bryce derides his flamboyant attire. Bryce: "It's like Liberace banged a set of curtains!" Frank Grillo as an Interpol agent, Morgan Freeman as a duplicitous dad and the army of stunt doubles are all on top of their game.

Hughes knows how to make a moderately priced film look like it had a mega-million-dollar budget. You're pulled into the excessive action sequences. You laugh at the depraved verbal and physical humor. You wince at the relentless violence, which is not as graphic as that in "John Wick" movies, but respectable for the genre. Even though "THWB" stretches reality beyond its limits, it's fun to watch on a big screen and will likely be better received and have a longer life on streaming services and late-night cable.

O'Connor's storyline (co-written with Phillip Murphy and Brandon Murphy) is never more than serviceable. It sets up the characters' predicaments, sends them on their way and lines them up for sequels. It's as if he left space and the heavy lifting up to the three leads, who often seem to be joyously adlibbing as Reynolds is unapologetically snarky and Hayek and Jackson hurl F and MF bombs like hand grenades.

This is pure "R" rated escapism meant for act/com fans. Park your snooty intellect at the door. Ditch your skepticism for 99 minutes and give the tech crew, Reynolds, Hayek and Jackson a round of applause. This kind of senseless comic debauchery and mayhem can put a smirk on your face.



Darius Kincaid (Samuel L. Jackson)

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would not be reappointed to the board, as Jett said Osili “promised my seat” to current board member Hope Tribble.

In a statement, Osili said Jett “raised important concerns about the library” and credited Tribble for her work as the former director of the Office of Audit and Performance.

“Ms. Tribble’s extensive experience in local government, policy making and fiscal matters, will ensure these critical issues are addressed,” he said. “I am grateful to Dr. Jett for giving voice to these concerns and for her years of service to the library.”

Current board of trustees member Dr. Patricia Payne said the work Jett did on the board was a good reason to reappoint her and that she told Osili she wanted Jett to remain in her position.

“I wanted Terri to stay on the board, because we were doing some important work that was challenging what was going on in the library,” Payne said.

Payne confirmed in a previous interview she believed much of the alleged mistreatment of Jett stemmed from racism and sexism.

Adamson said he doesn’t recall everything he spoke with Jett about but doesn’t believe racism was a factor.

“I don’t know that I recall racism,” Adamson wrote in an email to the Recorder. “I think the bigger issue is that Terri is a persistent advocate for the issues she believes in and I think it was probably more sexism and trying to muzzle ‘trouble makers.’ She was very vocal and I think power structures

resist change makers. I do think they treated her badly and unprofessionally but not sure I’d say it was because she was Black but probably more because she was female and assertive.”

IndyPL CEO Jackie Nytes, who has previously been accused of racism by Jett and others, said while she has passed on names of people who expressed interest in serving on the board over the years, she has no say in who gets appointed.

Nytes’ former work as a councilor has raised some concerns about the link between the council and the public library. From 2000 to 2011, Nytes represented the city’s 9th district. Former board president Joanne Sanders served as an at-large councilor in the same time frame, and Cory O’Dell — who was censured by the council in 1999 for entering votes for an absent councilor — works in the library’s human resources department. O’Dell was unavailable for comment.

“In the executive leadership positions, there are people who do not deserve and who do not have the background nor the education to be in those positions,” Jett said. “I think there are many instances of people, even without political ties, getting some favoritism from [Nytes,] for their loyalty. They’re being rewarded for their loyalty, which is a traditional political operation.”

Payne said current councilors are often afraid to address the allegations brought before them for fear of hurting their political aspirations. Nytes, she

said, has the influence to help — or hinder — the careers of local lawmakers.

“That’s the way things work in this city,” Payne said. “When you want to further your career, there are people who you believe can help you do that. ... I would certainly make a great assumption that Jackie does have power in this city, and there are some people who fear standing up to her, and in many cases, she gets her way.”

Nytes said the accusations of favoritism and influence are untrue.

“I finished my three terms on the council at the end of 2011,” Nytes wrote in an email. “Any suggestion that I had that much influence after that doesn’t fit with how the council operates. Since I have been at the library, I have focused on serving underserved neighborhoods, increasing access to libraries and answering questions when appearing before the council committees. I am not a player in those political circles.”

**IndyPL in ‘crisis mode’**

Michael Torres, president of the Library Workers Union, said IndyPL leadership has been in “crisis mode” since the Recorder began reporting on accusations of racism in May. Leaders are working to repair the library’s standing in the community.

The Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) — a large donor for IndyPL — shared a Facebook post June 21 with its concern about the allegations.

“We are disheartened and concerned by recent testimony from [IndyPL] staff and board members, particularly Black women, about experiences of inequity and bias,” the post read. “... The Indianapolis Foundation is committed to equity and anti-racism and we are committed to doing our part in working with [IndyPL] leadership and staff to ensure that libraries in our community live up to those values externally and internally.”

Tamara Winfrey-Harris, vice president of community leadership and effective philanthropy at CICF, said it’s too early to know what the organization’s relationship with the library will look like in the future but that the organization is working with library leadership — including Nytes and Payne — to better support the community and hold leadership accountable.

Despite the problems, Payne is confident the upcoming internal climate study, led by board member Dr. Khaula Murthadha, will give the board valuable insight into how staff members are feeling.

“I’m absolutely confident in the study,” Payne said. “This time, we aren’t going to let them move this to some other kind of study that doesn’t really get to the heart of the problem. We’ve got work to do.”

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health. BikeTeenth co-founder Cassie Smith-Johnson celebrated the second straight year of taking to downtown streets as over 250 participants biked the nearly 8-mile Indianapolis Cultural Trail.

The event is supposed to bring a positive outlook on the African American community.

Smith-Johnson said this year’s event was focused on benefiting underprivileged youth, and the money raised from the event went to the Boys and Girls Club at Riverside.

Bree Harris, founder of the Juneteenth Virtual 5K Walk/Run, had last year off for Juneteenth and decided to make her own event, which sold out this year and had participants from 23 different states.

“It was truly just a labor of love,” Harris said.

Harris learned about Juneteenth in an African American studies class in high school but didn’t celebrate it until last year. Next year, she wants to open the event to more people and create a route that starts and ends at the Madam Walker Legacy Center.

With Juneteenth now a federal holiday, Smith-Johnson said she hopes it will help grow her event in the future and urges people to take time to learn more about the history of Juneteenth.

“I don’t recall learning about Juneteenth in school,” Smith-Johnson said. “Do your research. Celebrate it.”

Harris called making Juneteenth a federal holiday a “very small step in a very long journey.”

“On one hand, it’s awesome that we are acknowledging the holiday,” she said. “But on the other side there are other things happening like voter suppression and not teaching racism in school.”

Covington said it is good to see advocates such as Opal Lee — a leader in the movement to make Juneteenth a federally recognized holiday — live long enough to see her work come to pass.

“This will allow community elders and activists to build on her work for future generations,” she said.

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Congressional Democrats must grow a spine

By LARRY SMITH



The insurrectionists who tried to topple the United States government on Jan. 6 did so at the behest of a man who had repeatedly lied about their votes not counting. Subsequently, hundreds of them have been arrested. Several have now come forward to say they were duped into believing they were fighting for their country. Some of their attorneys are openly blaming Donald Trump. In so doing, they are making arguments that essentially borrow from Denzel Washington (as Malcolm X): “Ya been hoodwinked! Bamboozled! Led astray! Run amok!”

I am struck by the stark irony that these same individuals have no sympathy for African Americans who — unlike them — actually are being disenfranchised. The Republican Party, which is acting as an accessory after the fact to the insurrection, is engaged in a national effort to battle fictitious election fraud by erecting barriers to voting that will overwhelmingly affect Black folks.

Today, even as I celebrate Juneteenth becoming a federal holiday, my excitement is tempered by the reality that it is infinitely easier to acknowledge the racial struggles of yesterday than it is to combat the racism of today. Mitch McConnell, who is the Senate minority leader, has the gall to suggest the federal government should not ensure voting rights for African Americans, thereby echoing his fellow Southern

politicians of yesteryear. Dr. Christopher Browning, a professor emeritus of history at the University of North Carolina, has (appropriately) called McConnell “the gravedigger of American democracy.”

The plain fact is that African Americans have no permanent political allies. For example, the Republican Party was founded in 1854 specifically to oppose the spread of slavery. This fact, plus its initial support for our political and economic rights, led most of us to be members of the “Party of Lincoln” for more than a century. Yet, the Republicans aborted Reconstruction in the “corrupt bargain” of 1877. Thirteen years later they abandoned the Federal Elections Bill, which sought to restore voting protections for African Americans.

The modern Republican Party goes even further by actively promoting racially discriminatory voting restrictions. I gave up hope long ago that they would ever support voting rights. (Indeed, the verdict from the Supreme Court’s Republican appointees in *Shelby v. Holder* was inevitable.) The fact is that the GOP is incapable — at a molecular level — of protecting Black folks’ right to vote. Doing so would alienate their base, which is roughly 90% white.

Indeed, the Arizona Republican Party — in a voting rights case that is pending before the Supreme Court — literally argued that its party would be harmed if the state’s racially odious voting restrictions aren’t upheld. Sadly, we can’t even rely on Mitt Romney, Susan Collins and other “moderate” Republicans to stand in support of racial equity at the ballot box. (They failed to do so just this week.) In fact, I don’t

know what a “Republican moderate” is, at least in regards to protecting the most fundamental American right.

Consequently, my focus is squarely on the Democratic Party. A few weeks ago, I wrote that the time has come for Senate Democrats to abandon the filibuster, at least when it comes to passing voting rights legislation. Former Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, suspended the Senate’s filibuster rules to allow a simple majority vote to advance several of then-President Obama’s nominees, whom Republicans had held in political purgatory. A few years later, then-Senate Majority Leader McConnell took the same action in advancing the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court.

The bottom line is that Democrats in the House of Representatives, and especially in the Senate, must employ every tool at their disposal to protect the voting rights of their most important constituency. Were it not for us, they would not occupy the White House, a majority in the House of Representatives or (effectively) a majority in the Senate.

On the issue of equal voting rights, there can be no compromise, no placation of our enemies, no excuses. If McConnell has buried democracy, it is incumbent upon the Democrats to resurrect it. We’ll be watching with our ballots in hand.

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Juneteenth is an opportunity to confront the nation’s ‘hard history’

By MARC H. MORIAL



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — “Slavery is hard history. It is hard to comprehend the inhumanity that defined it. It is hard to discuss the violence that sustained it. It is hard to teach the ideology of white supremacy that justified it. And it is hard to learn about those who abided it. We the people have a deep-seated aversion to hard history because we are uncomfortable with the implications it raises about the past as well as the present ... We enjoy thinking about Thomas Jefferson proclaiming, ‘All men are created equal.’ But we are deeply troubled by the prospect of the enslaved woman Sally Hemings, who bore him six children, declaring, ‘Me too.’” -Hasan Kwame Jeffries

When I was a senior at the University of Pennsylvania, I accompanied my parents on a trip to the West African nation of Senegal. As part of our journey, we took a ferry to Gorée, a tiny island about a mile from Dakar’s main harbor.

The haunting images of the slave trade we encountered there left a lifetime impression.

“Soon, we came upon a large stone structure,” My mother, Sybil Haydel Morial, wrote in her memoir, “Witness to Change.” “The remains of what appeared to be shackles were embedded in the floor. For nearly three centuries, men, women and children were brought forcibly to this island and sold to European and American slave traders. The tour guide explained that the slaves were corralled and held until the next slave ship arrives. On the far side of the building, was a large opening onto the Atlantic. The slaves were taken along a short gangplank into the hold of the ship. The guide called it ‘the Door of No Return,’ as those African people would never see their homeland again.”

As the nation observes Juneteenth, the celebration of the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States, we are engaged in a bitter battle over the teaching of history, particularly the acknowledgment of white supremacy’s role in shaping our laws and institutions.

My great-great-grandparents, Victor Theophile Haydel and Marie Celeste Becnel, were born on the Whitney Plantation, 50 miles east of New Orleans. Victor’s mother, Anna, arrived on the plantation sometime between 1820 and 1853. She was “purchased to be the

‘pet’ of her infertile owner,” journalist Daja Henry wrote in the New Orleans Tribune. “After she got too big to play with, she was tossed among the other enslaved; and like many other enslaved women, she was raped by white men. In Anna’s case, it was the plantation owner’s brother, Antoine Haydel.”

Marie Celeste’s mother, Francoise, also had been raped by a member of the owner’s family, Florestan Becnel.

When the last Haydel family member to own the plantation died in 1860, Anna and Victor were listed as part of an inventory of her estate. Victor was valued at 800 piastres — the Cajun word for dollars — and Anna at 100 piastres.

I am reminded of the words of Dr. Ibrahima Seck, a Senegalese historian who traced the Haydel family’s history: “The best way to honor the memories of Anna, Victor and Celeste, is to let the world know the hardship they went through and the injustice of being considered chattel for many years with a price imposed on each of them. In doing so, much respect would also be paid to those who sacrificed their lives in the defense of freedom and civil rights in this country and beyond.”

Unfortunately, stories like Anna’s are rarely taught in American schools. Slavery is treated “like a dot on a time-

line,” according to Maureen Costello, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center’s Teaching Tolerance program. An investigation by the SPLC, Teaching Hard History, revealed an alarming ignorance among high school seniors. Only 8% could identify slavery as the central cause of the Civil War. Two-thirds didn’t know that it took a constitutional amendment to formally end slavery. Fewer than 1 in 4 could correctly identify how provisions in the Constitution gave advantages to slaveholders.

This is no way to honor the memories of Anna, Victor and Celeste, or the millions who were kidnapped, enslaved, brutalized and oppressed. We cannot build a stable home on a broken foundation.

As the SPLC study’s authors concluded, “Teaching about slavery is hard. It requires often-difficult conversations about race and a deep understanding of American history. Learning about slavery is essential if we are ever to come to grips with the racial differences that continue to divide our nation.”

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Black churches have moral authority to defend the Black vote

By BEN JEALOUS



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — During the Civil Rights Movement’s struggle against discrimination and voter suppression in Jim Crow America, the Black church was a source of refuge and resolve. Today, a new wave of voter suppression laws is targeting Black voters, and new generations of Black clergy are bringing their moral authority to a campaign to defend the Black vote.

We need these prophetic voices. The new Jim Crow doesn’t look exactly like the old Jim Crow, but it is grounded in the same assault on the dignity, humanity and citizenship rights of Black Americans. We need our communities’ truth-tellers to speak out. Because the new Jim Crow is grounded in layers of lies.

The “big lie” told by former President Donald Trump and his supporters is that he won the 2020 election but had his victory stolen by corrupt election officials and Black and brown people casting fraudulent

votes.

The existence of widespread voter fraud is itself a lie. It has been debunked over and over again. But Republicans in dozens of states are using that lie to justify new restrictive voting rules. They claim to be protecting election integrity, but they are really trying to make it harder for some Black and brown people to cast a ballot and have it counted.

Right-wing lawmakers feel free to impose discriminatory voting rules thanks to another lie — this one told by John Roberts, the chief justice of the United States. He justified the decision of a conservative majority of the court in 2013 to abolish a key enforcement mechanism of the Voting Rights Act by saying in effect that racial discrimination in voting was a thing of the past.

States from across the old Confederacy proved him wrong by acting to impose new restrictions on registration and voting. Some went into effect just hours after the Supreme Court gave them the green light.

That was bad enough. But the right-wing’s voter suppression machinery really kicked into high gear after the 2020 election. Republican lawmakers saw that Black voter turnout helped President Joe Biden win key battleground states. And they vowed not to let that happen again.

Republican lawmakers’ strategy for holding onto power is not to reach out to Black voters, but to shut them out. But we won’t be shut out. We will push Congress to pass the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, two laws that are needed to overturn the new Jim Crow laws and prevent future restrictions on voting.

The late Rep. John Lewis told us in his farewell message last year that if we don’t use our right to vote, it can be taken from us. This year we are seeing new efforts to take the vote from us because we voted.

We can’t let politicians turn us around. At People For the American Way, we are investing more resources in our Defend the Black Vote project. We are sounding the alarm about disenfranchisement. And

we are building our capacity to reach, educate and mobilize even more Black voters than we did in 2020 through digital media, paid advertising and an ambitious peer-to-peer texting program.

And we will continue to be inspired by the vision and leadership of Black clergy like the Rev. Timothy McDonald, who launched the African American Ministers Leadership Council and its Souls to the Polls movement more than 20 years ago. When Georgia Republicans tried to shut down Souls to the Polls by banning early voting on Sundays, Rev. McDonald called them out as “the Klan in three-piece suits.”

Rev. McDonald’s righteous truth-telling shamed Georgia Republicans into dropping that part of their voter suppression plan. But the rest of it became law — including the infamous ban on groups providing water to people forced to wait in long voting lines. Voting rights activists have gone to court to challenge the Georgia law and others like it. Organizers will do everything possible to help Black voters overcome any new obstacles that have been put between them and the ballot box.

And the Black church will once again give voice to the aspirations of our people, drawing on a long tradition of prophetic witness against injustice combined with strategic organizing on behalf of freedom and equality.

“We endured slavery, Jim Crow and lynching by being creative and strategic,” Rev. McDonald told CNN. “We’re going to use their own tools and throw them back at them. We have to beat them at their own game.”

Preach!

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ficer, Warren Morgan, said during the town hall. “We wanted to make sure that whatever we choose, we can think about the sustainability.”

Many of the suggestions for how to use the funding centered on social and emotional learning, or SEL, which helps students understand their emotions, as well as set goals and develop positive relationships. The idea is SEL would benefit students and staff after a year of unpredictable circumstances.

Other potential funding uses mentioned during the town hall:

- Each school could get a block of funds that staff (not just teachers) could apply for as a grant for projects.
- Improve audio in classrooms so students who sit near the back or don’t hear well can still follow along with instruction.
- Create a program for teachers and families to get to know each other better.
- Use tutors and other partners to help with catch-up work, especially

in math.

Schools and districts can use ESSER funding to help with reopening and learning acceleration. Weston Young, chief financial officer for IPS, said the district has used the funding to expand summer school, but emergency funds don’t address problems related to long-term financial health.

IPS has had to find cuts, including in transportation, to make up for an \$18 million shortfall that’s in part due to lower enrollment.

A little more than 100 people registered for the four town halls, two of which were virtual and two of which were in-person, Superintendent Aleesia Johnson said.

Those who couldn’t attend but would like to provide feedback can complete a form at [myips.org](https://myips.org) through June 30. The district will also have an ESSER tracker online soon.

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by Scott A. Jones, Founder and President of Eleven Fifty Academy

The driving force behind InnoPower is a former Defensive End in the NFL, Emil Ekiyor.

Celebrating victories is a big part of the culture within InnoPower and that’s why they launched the Minority Business Week Conference a few years ago. Over 400 people were in attendance for the Inaugural conference, and this year’s event drew over 1200 attendees. The success of the InnoPower conference proved that people of color were yearning for a shared platform to support others. Eleven Fifty Academy strongly supports InnoPower and was honored to be a title sponsor for this year’s conference.

Strong leadership is what drives InnoPower’s Minority Business Week. Emil makes it look easy to accomplish Herculean tasks. Emil left Nigeria at the age of 15 to attend school in the United States. Switching from soccer to football, Ekiyor’s leadership skills were quickly identified by his teammates and coaches. He was Team Captain for two years at the University of Central Florida, the only school to offer him a scholarship. He was picked up in the NFL draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who were then coached by Tony Dungy, Lovie Smith, and Herman Edwards. Playing for Dungy during those years was an education for Emil. Dungy and his coaching staff were rebuilding the Bucs and Ekiyor paid close attention to their planning and preparation efforts. The NFL served as a vehicle for Ekiyor’s dream, which was to be an entrepreneur.

After settling in Indianapolis with his family (Ekiyor’s wife, Andrea Sims, is a fellow alum of mine from North Central HS), Emil’s first local community engagement was coaching football at Warren Central High School. He witnessed so many young people that were not engaged so Emil created a proposal to draw in students and create a better experience. Superintendent Eugene White, then

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superintendent of the Indianapolis Public Schools, embraced Emil’s plan to leverage sports. Graduation rates improved.

Emil is committed to creating opportunities for youth so they discover their potential — this is key to sparking possibilities within individuals, providing the jet fuel for creating leaders of tomorrow. What is incredible about utilizing sports for leveraging personal development, Emil realized as a coach that some students were being told for the first time they were good at something.

To fill some gaps in the talent funnel, Emil organized and created the Indy Youth Sports Foundation to leverage organized youth football as a tool to inspire young players. Every Saturday morning in the fall, over a thousand kids across Marion County do more than play football: they are building community and learning critical life skills. However, what Emil is truly providing is leadership roles for many young Black males via coaching.

Creating talent funnels is critical to helping lift our most vulnerable populations in many areas outside of sports and Emil knows this better than anyone. He works tirelessly to provide opportunities for any individual to compete for equitable ownership of the American Dream of prosperity. To further his mission, he launched InnoPower, an organization that focuses on leveraging the power

of innovation to elevate Black communities. Locally, InnoPower worked with The Indianapolis Recorder, the third oldest Black newspaper in the U.S., to bolster them. The Recorder is a key partner with InnoPower. Also, Eleven Fifty Academy and Ivy Tech Community College are working

alongside InnoPower with Rooted School. These organizations are creating talent funnels for people of color by reverse engineering the process. Through Emil’s efforts, he builds up communities, and creates leaders in the process.

We have a long way to go to level the playing field and supporting minority businesses is common sense for the betterment of our communities across the U.S. Emil knows that we must work simultaneously to dismantle and correct systems while we communicate a more targeted and positive message to people of color, who are drastically underrepresented both as entrepreneurs and within “new economy” tech companies.

The ripple effect of InnoPower’s Minority Business Week will be felt far beyond its final keynote speaker. Every speaker at the conference is a leader, and Minority Business Week is a celebration of those individuals who are doing amazing things. It’s up to all of us to make the path smoother for next generations.

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## New program provides scales to families with NICU babies

By BREANNA COOPER  
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CareSource, a nonprofit health plan, started a program to provide families of neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) babies with free scales to monitor their child's weight. The program is available to all CareSource Indiana Medicaid members.

Dr. Camueal Wright, market chief medical officer for CareSource, said the program helps families stay safe from COVID-19 by reducing the number of times they have to go into the doctor's office. Advocates say the program will also help working families long after the pandemic is over.

"Families with new babies have a lot on their plate between feedings, diaper changes and laundry," Emily Scott, assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at Indiana University Health, said in a press release. "It can be difficult for families of infants to get to doctor's appointments, especially if the baby needs to be seen frequently due to problems gaining weight. When we are able to provide infant scales for families to use at home, medical teams can monitor weight gain easily through virtual visits without the family having to travel in for an appointment."

Wright recommends weighing a premature infant at least once a week, if not more. Weight is a clear indicator of a baby's health and ability to adapt to their environment. Wright said if an infant isn't gaining weight or is losing weight, parents should contact their health care provider immediately to assess whether dietary changes need to be made or if the baby needs to be taken in for evaluation.

Being able to monitor an infant's weight from home, Wright said, will help keep babies healthy. And, in Indiana — where roughly 600 babies die before their first birthday every year — reducing infant mortality is top of mind for many health care providers.

"What I'm hoping is that we will be



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able to track the weight of babies very closely, and that will help us know how the baby is doing in its environment," Wright said. "Doctors can use that information to determine if the baby is having digestive problems or other issues affecting growth, and they can help offset serious consequences, including death of infants in

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### Health Department Offers Incentives in 'Vaccinate Indy' Effort

The Marion County Public Health Department kicked-off a two-week Vaccinate Indy 'tour' this week to meet residents where they are with COVID-19 vaccines and is offering a host of incentives to encourage vaccination.

From now through July 2, any Marion County resident who gets vaccinated at one of the health department's two COVID-19 clinics or other pop-up locations will get entered to win a selection of prizes donated by generous community partners. Daily drawings will be held for smaller items, with the winners of the larger items to be randomly selected after July 2.

A schedule of pop-up clinics is available at [MarionHealth.org/vaccinateindy](https://MarionHealth.org/vaccinateindy). "We are continuing to step up our efforts to deliver COVID-19 vaccines in our neighborhoods and provide education on the benefits of the vaccine," said Virginia Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. "The data is clear: nearly every person hospitalized or dying from COVID-19 is unvaccinated. Come to a pop-up clinic near you to get your shot, win some prizes from our generous community partners, and protect yourself and those you love from COVID-19."

Prizes being offered as part of this outreach include:

- A package of two Indianapolis Colts Season tickets with a signed Peyton Manning rookie jersey
- Two half-Season Indiana Pacers ticket packages, each including a signed Domantas Sabonis 2020 All-Star jersey
- Indianapolis Indians clubhouse tickets and a jersey
- Tickets to the Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- A gift basket from the Indianapolis Zoo that includes a free membership
- Fun cards for pool admission at Indy Parks

COVID-19 vaccine is free to everyone, and no social security number is required to receive a vaccine. Free transportation to a vaccination appointment is available through IU Health by calling 1-888-IUHEALTH and choosing option 9.

Free childcare is also available to help parents and caregivers get vaccinated and recuperate from any short-term side effects. More information can be found at [vaccines.gov/incentives.html](https://vaccines.gov/incentives.html).

COVID-19 vaccines greatly reducing the risk of serious illness due to the virus if a person is exposed. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved these vaccines through an Emergency Use Authorization process that requires clinical trials involving tens of thousands of people, rigorous evaluation of these trials, and resulting evidence that the vaccine is safe and effective.

The COVID-19 vaccine is the most strictly safety-monitored vaccine process in United States history. Serious long-term health problems or fertility issues have not been linked to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Residents with unanswered questions or concerns about the vaccine can call the Marion County Public Health department vaccine hotline at 317-221-2100 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or visit [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://CDC.gov/coronavirus).

It is important to get both doses and not skip the second dose if receiving the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Those who previously tested positive for COVID-19 are still encouraged by medical professionals to receive the vaccine, as contracting the virus may only provide limited protection.

Feeling side effects after receiving the vaccine is normal, which can include a fever, chills, tiredness, headache, or aching at the injection site. These side effects are signs that your body is building protection and typically go away in 24-48 hours.

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Dressing in their Sunday best

By ABRIANA HERRON  
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With each step along the royal purple carpet at Christ Church Apostolic Inc., you can feel and hear the vibrations from the band’s music and the shouts of "Amen" throughout the sanctuary.

Filling every other wooden bench are people in colorful hats and outfits, and in the middle of the congregation sits member Barbara Bowers.

Bowers wears a matching grass-green blazer, skirt and shoes. Silver rhinestones are embroidered on the blazer. Glistening in the sunlight is a silver hat with a matching face mask. She has on a silver necklace and two silver rings on the ring finger of her left hand. In the same hand she holds a clutch purse covered in photographs of Michelle Obama.

While members sway to the distinct sound of the organ piano, others dance, clap and run throughout the church in praise of God. Bowers said she worships God by attending church, listening to the sermon and wearing her Sunday best fashion.

“I like to honor God in every way,” Bowers said.

The pandemic halted many in-person worship services, but with vaccines being administered and restrictions lifted, many churches are opening their doors for Sunday worship. This not only allows members to be able to worship God in person again, but also to show off their style.

In the Black church community, dressing up for Sunday church service is not just an important depiction of one’s love and devotion toward God; it has historical significance.

The tradition dates back to the Jim Crow era. Domestic workers were usually allowed one day off a week, and for many that day was Sunday. They would use their hats and clothing to express themselves as individuals at Sunday church service. This tradition is seen today through people, especially women, continuing to dress up for church.

Christ Church started in-person service April 4, which was Easter Sunday. Since then, there have been online and in-person services for members like Katherine Brown, who has been a member since 1974.

“It’s a blessing to put on your clothes and look good,” said Brown, who had COVID-19 in December 2020.

She leaves the church in an all-Black



The light catches on the matching silver hat and mask of Barbara Bowers as she walks out of Christ Church Apostolic Inc. on June 13. (Photos/Abriana Herron)

dress suit, a matching hat, mask and shoes. Holding a travel-size oxygen machine, Brown catches up with old church friends as they compliment each other on their outfits.

There’s also a social component as to why people, especially older women, enjoy dressing up for church. Not only does wearing bright and flashy clothing express individuality, but it allows people to connect with one another and talk about their style.

Yvonne Milton stands alone with her hand pointed toward heaven. She wears a blush-pink blazer, a white skirt and a white hat. She has been a member of Christ Church for over 40 years.

Although she believes dressing up for church is important, she said the intent behind why people dress up holds more significance.

“It’s about your heart more than your clothes,” Milton said.

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Yvonne Milton stands in her blush pink blazer, white skirt and white hat during Sunday worship service. She has been a member of the church for more than 40 years.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

The resilience, removal and return of Black fathers

By ANGELIQUE WALKER-SMITH



“Finally, be strong in the Lord, relying on his mighty strength. Put on the whole armor of God.” Ephesians 6:10a

Recently, I spoke on behalf of a man of African descent at his parole board hearing. He had been incarcerated for more than 41 years. As a juvenile, he was arrested and sent to prison. His resilience and self-determination over the ensuing years were evident in his accomplishments, despite incarceration. We hoped that this would lead to his return to his family. The parole board decided to release him to a halfway house. While his return was welcomed news, he and I both knew that he would still face many of the same historic inequities that contributed to his sentencing more than 41 years ago.

The historic and continuing structural inequities of race, caste, wealth and income have led to the disproportionate numbers of people of African descent living in hunger and poverty. Black fathers are being removed from their families and communities through mass incarceration, unjustified police killings and COVID-19.

The Economic Policy Institute reports that 1 in every 3 Black men will be incarcerated and that the mental and physical health of their children will be diminished as a result. Statista reports that this year the rate of fatal police shootings of Black Americans was much higher than for any other ethnicity. COVID-19 has killed 1 out



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of every 800 African Americans. ProPublica cites a 2020 study that finds Black people ages 35 to 44 die at nine times the rate of white people the same age.

Even in the face of their public removals from their families and communities, fathers of African descent demonstrate resilience. African descendants of enslavement pioneered their way to the northern regions of the United States during the period of Jim Crow laws and have continued to fight for life. Just like families coming from countries south of the U.S. fight to overcome historic inequities.

This month, as we celebrate Father’s Day and the anniversary of June-teenth, which celebrates the Emancipation Proclamation. All of us are called to stop the removal of African American fathers and their children. We are called to build up personal and communal resilience with them and return our fathers and our children back to their families.

In the case of the man I met at his parole hearing, the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018 contributed to his return to his family and community. The 2019 passage of the First Step Act was a critical win in the fight to

reduce mass incarceration. The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan is combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Today the George Floyd Policing Act is being debated.

Advocacy matters! You are invited to partner with Bread for the World to advocate for Black men at bread.org.

Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is senior associate for Pan-African and Orthodox church engagement at Bread for the World in Washington, D.C.



BIBLE TRIVIA  
by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Amos in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Mosaic law, what would happen to the person who cursed his father or mother? Imprisonment, Outcast, 10 lashings, Death
- 3. In Daniel 2, who had a dream about a statue composed of different materials? Jezebel, Abednego, Rezin, Nebuchadnezzar
- 4. From Acts 7, who said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"? Philip, Stephen, Luke, David
- 5. In Genesis 14:3, what "lake" is called the Salt Sea? Galilee, Lake Pison, Dead Sea, Euphrates
- 6. Whose biblical name means "salvation"? Jude, Ahaz, Hosea, Ruth

ANSWERS:  
1) Old;  
2) Death;  
3) Nebuchadnezzar;  
4) Stephen;  
5) Dead Sea;  
6) Hosea

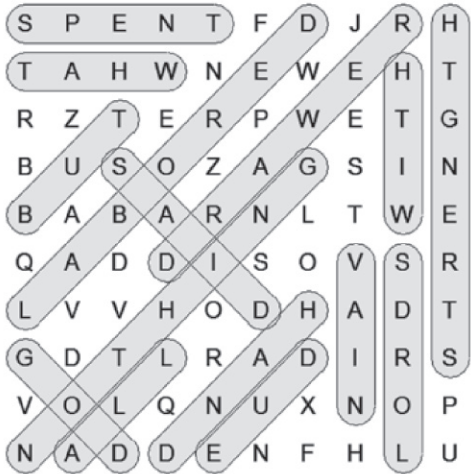
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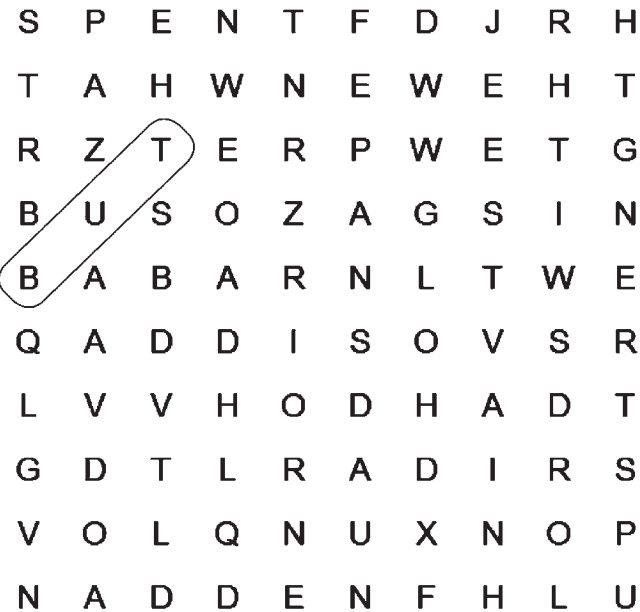
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## Want a job? Employers say: Talk to the computer

By MATT O'BRIEN  
AP Technology Writer

A day after her interview for a part-time job at Target last year, Dana Anthony got an email informing her she didn't make the cut.

Anthony didn't know why — a situation common to most job seekers at one point or another. But she also had no sense at all of how the interview had gone, because her interviewer was a computer.

More job-seekers, including some professionals, may soon have to accept impersonal online interviews where they never talk to another human being, or know if behind-the-scenes artificial-intelligence systems are influencing hiring decisions. Demand for online hiring services, which interview job applicants remotely via laptop or phone, mushroomed during the COVID-19 pandemic and remains high amid a perceived worker shortage as the economy opens back up.

But experts question whether machines can accurately and fairly judge a person's character traits and emotional signals. Algorithms tasked to learn who's the best fit for a job can entrench bias if they're taking cues from industries where racial and gender disparities are already prevalent.

And when a computer screens out some candidates and elevates others without explanation, it's harder to know if it's making fair assessments. Anthony, for instance, couldn't help wondering if her identity as a Black woman affected the decision.

"If you apply for a job and are rejected because of a biased algorithm, you certainly won't know," said Oxford University researcher Aislinn Kelly-Lyth.

New rules proposed by the European Union would subject such AI hiring systems to tighter regulation. Advocates have pushed for similar measures in the U.S.

One of the leading companies in the field, Utah-based HireVue, gained notoriety in recent years by using AI technology to assess personality and job skills from an applicant's facial expressions during the interview. After heated criticism centered on the scientific validity of those claims and the potential for bias, the company announced earlier this year it would end the practice.

But its AI-based assessments still consider speech and word choices in its decisions.

The privately owned company helped create a market for "on-demand" video interviews. Its known customers have included retailers like Target and Ikea, major tech companies like Amazon, banks like JP Morgan and Goldman Sachs, oil giants, restaurant chains, supermarkets, airlines, cruise lines and school districts. The Associated Press reached out to numerous brand-name employers that use the technology; most declined to discuss it.



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HireVue CEO Kevin Parker says the company has worked hard to ensure its technology won't discriminate based on factors such as race, gender or regional accents. Its systems, which translate speech to text and sift for clues about team orientation, adaptability, dependability and other job skills, can outperform human interviewers, he said.

"What we're trying to replace is people's gut instinct," he said in — naturally — a video interview.

Governments across the U.S. and Europe are looking at possible checks on these hiring tools, including requirements for outside audits to ensure they don't discriminate against women, minorities or people with disabilities. The proposed EU rules, unveiled in April, would force providers of AI systems that screen or evaluate job candidates to meet new requirements for accuracy, transparency and accountability.

HireVue has begun phasing out its face-scanning tool, which analyzed expressions and eye movements and faced derision by academics as "pseudoscience" reminiscent of the discredited and racist 19th century theory of phrenology. The Electronic Privacy Information Center filed a complaint in 2019 with the Federal Trade Commission, citing a HireVue executive who had said 10% to 30% of a candidate's score was based on facial expressions.

HireVue also released portions of a third-party audit that examined fairness and bias issues around its automated tools. A published summary recommended minor changes such as modifying the weight given to the especially short answers disproportionately provided by minority candidates.

Critics welcomed the audit but said it was merely a start.

"I don't think the science really sup-

ports the idea that speech patterns would be a meaningful assessment of someone's personality," said Sarah Myers West of New York University's AI Now Institute, which studies the social implications of AI. For instance, she said, such systems have historically had trouble understanding women's voices.

Kian Betancourt, a 26-year-old who is pursuing a doctorate in organizational psychology at Hofstra University, also failed a remote HireVue interview for a consulting position earlier this year. He acknowledged he might have tried too hard to predict

how the system would evaluate him for a consultancy job, tailoring his diction to include keywords he thought might boost his score.

While Betancourt is supportive of "structured interviews" involving a standard set of questions, he's bothered by the opacity of automated systems.

"Tell people exactly how we're being evaluated, even if it's something as simple as, 'This is an AI interview,'" he said. That basic information can affect how people present themselves, he said.

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2012-MI-044753 IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:**  
Xochitl Francisco-Nolazco Petitioner  
ORDER ON VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

On \_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner Xochitl Francisco-Nolazco, Appeared for Change of Name Hearing. Witnesses sworn and evidence presented. Comes now, the Court and having reviewed the Verified Petition for Change of Name, Notice of Proof of Publication, and the evidence presented at the hearing and now finds as follows:

1. That Petitioner's current name is: Xochitl Francisco-Nolazco.
2. That Petitioner's date of birth is: 5/9/2002
3. That Petitioner's Indiana driver's license number/Indiana identification card number was filed with the Court and is preserved in the Court's records.
4. That Petitioner's mailing address is: 3525 Kebil Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46624 And if different, Petitioner's residence address is: N/A
5. That Petitioner has no other previous names, or Petitioner's previous names are as follows: N/A.
6. That Petitioner does/does not hold a United States passport.
7. That Petitioner has presented proof of United States Citizenship.
8. That if Petitioner has a felony conviction within the last ten years, the required notice to the appropriate agencies has been provided.
9. That Petitioner is not a sex or violent offender who is required to register under Indiana Code 11-8-8.
10. That Petitioner has presented proof of publication of notice to the Court.
11. That pursuant to Indiana Code 34-28-2-1, Petitioner wishes to change his/her name.
12. That Petitioner wishes to change his/her name to be Xochitl Miguel-Nolazco.
13. That Petitioner Wishes to change his/her name on his/her birth certificate to Xochitl Miguel-Nolazco.

**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** That Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name is GRANTED, and Petitioner's name is hereby legally changed to Xochitl Miguel-Nolazco. The name on Petitioner's birth certificate should be changed to Xochitl Miguel-Nolazco.

**SO ORDERED**  
Judicial Officer  
**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2012-MI-044753 IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:**  
Xochitl Francisco-Nolazco Petitioner  
VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Petitioner, Xochitl Francisco-Nolazco, pro se, respectfully petitions the court to change name. In support of this Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. That my current name is Xochitl Francisco-Nolazco.
2. That my date of birth is 5/9/2002.
3. That my Indiana driver's license number/Indiana identification card number is 9370-11-5669; and I will bring my Indiana driver's license or identification card to my Change of Name Hearing for verification.

4. That my mailing address is: 3525 Kebil Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46624 And, if different, my residence address is: N/A.

5. The following is a list of all of my previous names: N/A.

6. That I do not hold a valid United States passport. My proof that I am a United States citizen is Birth Certificate. I will bring this document to my change of name hearing for verification.

7. That the following judgements of criminal conviction of a felony under the law of any state or the United States have been entered against me, or I have stated immediately below that I have no felony convictions: N/A.

8. That I am not seek to defraud creditors by changing my name.

9. That I have published notice of my request for change of name in a local publication as required by law, and will bring proof of publication to the hearing.

10. That I am not a sex or violent offender who is required to register under Indiana Code 11-8-8.

11. That I wish to change my name to: Xochitl Miguel-Nolazco.

12. That I request that (select one of the following): The name on my birth certificate be changed to my new changed name. Specifically, Xochitl Miguel-Nolazco.

**WHEREFORE, I respectfully request** that this Court grant my petition for Name Change, and for all other just and proper relief. I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

/s/ Xochitl Francisco-Nolazco 3525 Kebil Drive Indianapolis, IN 46624

**STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF MARION ) Before me, Mireya Altman, a notary public, Marion County, State of Indiana, personally appeared Xochitl Francisco-Nolazco, and being first duly sworn upon his/her oath, says that the facts alleged in the foregoing instrument are true.**  
Date: 12/17/2020  
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**STATE OF INDIANA ) MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2101-PL-003090 ROBERT NORTON, Plaintiff, vs.**

JOHNNIE MOLLISON, MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT d/b/a THE HEALTH AND HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF MARION COUNTY, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, SCS CREDIT CORP., INDIANA FINANCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, RH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT, HOMELESS & RE-ENTRY HELPERS, INC., UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVEISES OF NATHAN W. HEAD, UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVEISES OF MILDRED H. HEAD, KATHERYN B. HEAD, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION f/k/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK TRUST COMPANY OF INDIANAPOLIS, JPMORGAN CHASE CO. f/k/a INB NATIONAL BANK, INC., and FLAGSTAFF INVESTMENTS, INC., Defendants.

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/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court 5320-922839

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2105-MI-016348 IN THE MATTER OF: THE PETITION OF: MARY ALICE GANT, An Adult, For Declaratory Judgment.**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT**  
Notice is hereby given that I have filed in the Office of the Clerk of Marion County Circuit Court my Petition for Declaratory Judgement to demonstrate my legal "chain of names" and assert that Mary Alice Grimes and Mary Alice Gant are one and the same person, and that said Petition will be heard by the Court on August 27, 2021, at 9:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient with the Court. Any person has the right to appear at this hearing and file an objection.

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

/s/ Mary Alice Gant, Petitioner /s/ Myla A. Eldridge CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARION COUNTY Emily Browning, #14230-49 INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC. 615 North Alabama Street, #122 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Tel: (317) 635-9538 Fax: (317) 527-4277 [emilyb@indyias.org](mailto:emilyb@indyias.org) Attorney for Petitioner 5320-922681

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CASE NO. 49C01-2106-MI-018924 IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF:**  
Teresa Renee Clark (A.K.A. Imani Yaa Ansantewaa Sanko) Petitioner.

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Teresa Renee Clark (A.K.A. Imani Yaa Ansantewaa Sanko), whose mailing address is 12624 Teacup Way, Indianapolis, IN 46235. And, if different, my residence address is: N/A

MARION County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that she/he has filed a petition in the MARION Circuit Court requesting that Imani Yaa Ansantewaa Sankofa.

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/s/ Teresa Renee Clark (A.K.A. Imani Yaa Ansantewaa Sanko) Petitioner Date: June 4, 2021 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge MARION, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO.: 49D01-2105-CT-016400 MELISSA HUMMEL, Plaintiff, v. HORACE ROGERS, Defendant.**

**SUMMONS SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF SUIT**  
1. Horace Rogers has been sued in the Court identified above.

2. This notice is being directed to Defendant, Horace Rogers, whose whereabouts are currently unknown, and any other individuals who may have an interest in the lawsuit captioned Melissa Hummel v. Horace Rogers, Cause No. 49D01-2105-CT-016400, in the Marion County Superior Court Civil Division 1.

3. A Complaint for Damages was filed on May 14, 2021, by Plaintiff, Melissa Hummel, against Defendant, Horace Rogers. Defendant's negligence directly and proximately caused a collision that occurred on June 11, 2019, in Marion County, Indiana, and resulted in the Plaintiff sustaining injuries of personal and pecuniary nature.

4. Horace Rogers, you must respond to the Complaint, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the last notice of the action is published. To Wit: Schiller Law Offices, LLC, 210 East Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages.

6/15/2021 Date /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Courts 5320-922660

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**SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
**STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT**  
**COUNTY OF MARION**  
**CAUSE NO: 49D02-2105-MF-017442**  
WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR BANKING CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTRY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-HE1 Plaintiff -vs- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISES OF LESTER L. RUSSELL, SOUTHRUST MORTGAGE CORPORATION Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SUIT**  
To the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows: Lot Numbered One Thousand-Thirteen (1,013) in Mars Hill Addition to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as per plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 16, pages 147 through 150, inclusive, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana Commonly known as: 2841 South Collier Street, Indianapolis, IN 46241

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Unknown Heirs and Devises of Lester L. Russell and SouthTrust Mortgage Corporation

In addition, to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Marion County at: Marion County Clerk 200 East Washington Street Ste. W122 Indianapolis, IN 46204 on or before the 8th day of August, 2021, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Philip A. Norman, P.C. Phillip A. Norman #13734-64 Attorney for Plaintiff Phillip A. Norman, P.C. 2110 Calumet Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46383 Telephone: 219-462-5104 21-00031 ATTEST: Clerk, Marion Superior Court 5320-922455

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO.: 49D03-2104-CT-014106 TAMMY PORTER, Plaintiff, v. DANIEL QUIGLEY, Defendant.**

**SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION - NOTICE OF SUIT**  
1. Daniel Quigley has been sued in the Court identified above.

2. This notice is being directed to Defendant, Daniel Quigley, whose whereabouts are currently unknown, and any other individuals who may have an interest in the lawsuit captioned Tammy Porter v. Daniel Quigley, Cause No. 49D03-2104-CT-014106, in the Marion County Superior Court Civil Division 3.

3. An Amended Complaint for Damages was filed on May 13, 2021, by Plaintiff, Tammy Porter, against Defendant, Daniel Quigley. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant's negligence directly and proximately caused a collision that occurred on September

4, 2020, in Marion County, Indiana, and resulted in the Plaintiff sustaining injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.

4. Daniel Quigley, you must respond to the Complaint, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the last notice of the action is published. To Wit: Schiller Law Offices, LLC, 210 East Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages.

6/8/2021 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Date Clerk of the Marion County Court 5320-922836

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2104-ES-011914 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CAROL GILBERT, DECEASED**

**NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

In the matter of the Estate of Carol Gilbert, deceased. Estate Docket: 49D08-2104-ES-011914

Notice is hereby given that, on May 3, 2021, Stacy L. McGuyre was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Carol Gilbert, deceased, who died intestate on the 7th day of January, 2021, a resident of Marion County, Indiana.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this May 3, 2021.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court Probate Division Stacy L. McGuyre, I.D. #31064-32 Attorney at Law 2028 N. Park Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46202 Tel No.: (317) 965-0407 [stacycmguyre@gmail.com](mailto:stacycmguyre@gmail.com) 5320-922511

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-013504 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HECTOR R. BANEGAS**

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Manuel Alejandro Banegas Martinez was, on the 22nd day of April, 2021, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Hector R. Banegas, deceased, who died on the 5th day of January, 2021.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 22nd day of April, 2021.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, INDIANA 5320-922513

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**ATTORNEY: Crystal D. Pulley, #31781-02 McClure McClure & Davis 251 E. Ohio St., Ste. 915 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2133 Telephone: (317) 221-0800 Facsimile: (317) 221-0900 crystal@gbdlaw.com**

**STATE OF INDIANA ) MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D01-2105-CT-014106 REBECCA ANN HUFF, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**  
The State of Indiana to the Respondent, Mine Hnin Shwe, above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is: Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent(s) whose addresses are: None.

and to the following Respondent(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Mine Hnin Shwe.

In addition to the above-named Respondent being served by this summons there may have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your or your attorney, on or before the 8th day of August, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit) and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Petitioner has demanded.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Marion County, Indiana 5320-922714

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2106-EU-018584 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF KAREN R. THOMPSON**

**ESTATE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Kay R. Panatoni was, on June 15, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen R. Thompson, deceased, who died on February 16, 2021, and was authorized to administer said 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 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 the 19th of May, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Marion County, Indiana 5320-922714

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NUMBER: 49D10-2102-DN-001258 IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: BIAK ZA LIAN AND MINE HNIN SHWE**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**  
The State of Indiana to the Respondent, Mine Hnin Shwe, above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is: Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent(s) whose addresses are: None.

and to the following Respondent(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Mine Hnin Shwe.

In addition to the above-named Respondent being served by this summons there may have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your or your attorney, on or before the 8th day of August, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit) and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Petitioner has demanded.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court MARK D. SHAVER Attorney for Petitioner ATTEST: Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court MARK D. SHAVER Attorney at Law 5330 Madison Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46227 (317) 783-9204 269-49 5320-922683

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D12-2103-MF-007761 Lima One Capital LLC Plaintiff vs. Neo Arcadia LLC, et al. Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**  
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other persons who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued on the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint for Foreclosure of Note and Mortgage on the following described real estate: PART OF LOT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (367) IN OSGOOD'S FOREST PARK, 5TH SECTION, IN THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGES 14 AND 15, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 367; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHEAST END OF LOT, 48.90 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY TO A POINT IN THE NORTHWEST END OF SAID LOT 367, WHICH POINT IS 1.14 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 49.46 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF SAID LOT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

More commonly known as: 1135 Fairfield Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205 Thismons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me: Neo Arcadia LLC Alex Kang aka Alex E. Kang aka Alex Eun Jung Kang Russell. Smith. The Georgetown Apartments Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 636-8000 (317) 636-8027 (Fax) [tjost@rbelaw.com](mailto:tjost@rbelaw.com) [kriles@rbelaw.com](mailto:kriles@rbelaw.com) 5320-922298

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against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 15, 2021.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DEFUR VORAN LLP By: Gregory J. Cagnassola, #16669-49 8409 Fishers Center Drive Fishers, IN 46038 Telephone: (317) 585-8085 Fax: (317) 585-8858 5320-922545

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2106-EU-019398 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF EDWARD THOMAS CAMPBELL**

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that, on June 8, 2021, Cheryl Campbell was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Edward Thomas Campbell, deceased, who died on November 17, 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, June 8, 2021.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court Anthony R. Jost Katie S. Riles RILEY BENNETT EGLOFF LLP 500 N. Meridian St., Suite 550 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 636-8000 (317) 636-8027 (Fax) [tjost@rbelaw.com](mailto:tjost@rbelaw.com) [kriles@rbelaw.com](mailto:kriles@rbelaw.com) 5320-922298

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**IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DIVISION**  
**STATE OF INDIANA**  
**IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF VATANPREET SINGH**  
Petitioner, CAUSE NO. 49D09-2106-DC



**HEALTH LAB FACILITIES**  
**DESIGN MANAGEMENT**  
 -- Pursue the use of alternative products, technologies, etc., that might be appropriate (e.g. sustainable design)  
 -- Assist in evaluation of best practices for physical security, bio-security, and cybersecurity  
 -- Monitor the progress of the architect and other design consultants  
 -- Coordinate and attend regularly scheduled design review and project coordination meetings  
 -- Participate as a representative of Owner in the review of all design and construction documents, and coordinate the Project's consultants responsible for reviewing and commenting on construction documents  
 -- Manage, if requested, Project document and data libraries  
 -- Review all requests for payment (including required documentation and lien or bond claim waivers) submitted by the design team  
 -- Review and evaluate all requests submitted by design

Enterprises and Veteran Owned Businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts. HHC encourages all firms to meet HHC's MBE/WBE/VBE goals of 15%/8%/3% respectively.

5.3 Each firm shall include with its submittal the listing and percentage breakdown of MBE/WBE/VBE subcontractors, and if needed, an explanation as to the reason the goals may be unable to be met. Failure to provide this information may result in a firm not being selected. Further, firms shall:

5.3.1 Ensure MBE/WBE/VBE's are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities; including placing MBE/WBE/VBE's on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.

5.3.2 Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to MBE/WBE/VBE's and arrange time frame's

The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint to Quiet Title to the following Real Estate in Marion County, Indiana, to-wit:

TRACT 1, PARCELS I & II LOT NOS. 74 AND 75 IN MARS HILL ADDITION IN MARIONCOUNTY, INDIANA, AS PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGES 147-150, INCLUSIVE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARIONCOUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly known as: 3021 S Taft Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46241

AND

TRACT II LOT NO. 73 IN MARS HILL ADDITION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGES 147-150, INCLUSIVE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly known as: 3023 S Taft Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46241

AND

Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)  
 Gregory A. Stout (29517-15)  
 Amanda L. Krenson (28999-61)  
 David W. Cliffe (36402-15)  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 Reisenfeld & Associates LLC  
 3962 Red Bank Road  
 Cincinnati, OH 45227  
 Voice: 1-513-322-7000  
 Facsimile: (513) 322-7099

ATTEST:

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge  
 Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court  
 5320-922000

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT )**  
**SS: PROBATE DIVISION )**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D08-2102-EU-00445 )**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE )**  
**UNSUPERVISED )**  
**ADMINISTRATION OF THE )**  
**ESTATE OF )**  
**LINDA KAY BROOKS )**  
**PARKER, DECEASED )**

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**NOTICE OF )**  
**ADMINISTRATION )**  
 In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Rosalee Owens Arnett, deceased.  
 Cause No. 49D08-2105-EU-017045  
 Notice is hereby given that Annie Mae Arnett was, on the 20th day of May, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosalee Owens Arnett, deceased, who died on the 21st day of February, 2021. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file

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 Indianapolis, IN 46204  
 Telephone: (317) 632-4402  
 FAX: (317) 632-5595  
 gquinn@humesmith.com  
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**Attorney Fay H. Williams**  
**10655-49**  
**249 W. 44th St.**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204-3024**

**NOTICE OF )**  
**ADMINISTRATION )**  
 In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Rosalee Owens Arnett, deceased.  
 Cause No. 49D08-2105-EU-017045  
 Notice is hereby given that Annie Mae Arnett was, on the 20th day of May, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Rosalee Owens Arnett, deceased, who died on the 21st day of February, 2021. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file

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**NOTICE OF )**  
**ADMINISTRATION )**  
 In the Superior Court # 8 of MARION COUNTY, Indiana. Notice is given that Peng Lawm was, on June 7, 2021, appointed personal representative of Guay Lay, deceased, who died on January 7, 2021, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.  
 All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of the MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, Probate Division, within three (3) months from the date of publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months from the date of death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
 Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this June 7, 2021.  
 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge  
 CLERK OF MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT # 8, PROBATE DIVISION  
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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )**  
**SS: )**  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2106-EU-019335 )**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE )**  
**UNSUPERVISED )**  
**ADMINISTRATION OF THE )**  
**ESTATE OF )**  
**BONNIE C. STUART, )**  
**DECEASED. )**

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )**  
**SS: CIVIL DIVISION )**  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D15-2104-DN-003214 )**  
**IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: )**  
**JEFFREY L. WALKER, )**  
**Petitioner, )**  
**and )**  
**CASSANDRA L. WALKER, )**  
**Respondent. )**

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**NOTICE OF )**  
**ADMINISTRATION )**  
 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA,  
 In the matter of the Estate of Bonnie C. Stuart, deceased.  
 Notice is hereby given that

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The action is published. To Writ: Schiller Law Offices, LLC, 210 East Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages.  
 Myla A. Eldridge  
 Date Clerk of the Marion County Courts  
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The State of Indiana to the respondent above named

This action is published to,  
The Honorable Judge  
Hon. Judge 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 full  
amount demanded in Plaintiff's  
Complaint for Damages.  
Myra A. Eldridge  
County Clerk of the Marion  
County Courts  
3320-922205

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN  
THE MARION SUPERIOR  
COURT**

**SS: COUNTRY DIVISION  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CASE NO. 49015-MI-03214  
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:  
JENNIFER L. HAMMOND  
vs.  
AND  
CASSANDRA L. WALKER,Respondent.**

SUMMONS BY  
PUBLICATION

The State of Indiana to the  
Respondent above named,  
and any other person who  
may be concerned,  
You are notified that you have  
been sued in the Court above  
named.

The nature of the suit against  
you is: Dissolution of Marriage  
This summons by publication  
is specifically directed to the  
following named respondent  
whose address is:  
Unknown whereabouts are  
unknown: Cassandra L.  
Walker.

In addition to the above  
respondent being served  
by this summons there may  
be other parties who have  
an interest in this lawsuit. If  
you have a claim for relief  
against the petitioner arising  
from the same transaction or  
occurrence, you must assert  
it in your written answer. You  
must answer the Complaint  
in writing, by you or your  
attorney, on or before the  
first day of August, 2021, (the  
same being within thirty (30)  
days after the Third Notice of  
Suit), and if you fail to do so  
judgment will be entered  
against you for what the  
petitioner was demanded.

INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID  
SOCIAL SERVICE, INC.,  
Attn: Jennifer J. Hammond  
Jennifer J. Hammond,  
33245-29  
Attorney for Petitioner

Name: Jennifer J. Hammond  
INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID  
SOCIAL SERVICE, INC.,  
Address: 615 N. Alabama  
Street, #122  
City and State: Indianapolis,  
Indiana 46204  
Phone No.: (317) 635-9538,  
ext. 104  
jenniferjh@indyias.org  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITTEST:  
ss: Myla A. Eldridge  
County Clerk of the Marion  
Superior Court  
3320-921946

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**Request for Proposals:  
Health Care Market  
Concentration Study**

The Indiana General  
Assembly, through the  
Legislative Services  
Agency (LSA), is seeking  
more information on market  
concentration and its impact  
on prices through the study  
of seven specific health care  
market sectors. The study is  
required by House Enrolled  
act 1405, enacted during  
the 2021 legislative session.  
The LSA is issuing two RFPs,  
separating the industries  
with similar business lines.  
The RFPs be accessed at  
[ga.in.gov](http://ga.in.gov).

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN  
THE MARION CIRCUIT  
COURT**

**SS:**  
**COUNTY OF MARION )  
CASE NO. 49C01-2104-  
MI-011612  
IN RE THE CHANGE OF  
NAME OF MINOR:  
KY'REE SENCERE  
ALEXANDER  
BORRETTO ROBERTS,Petitioner.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON PUBLICATION IN  
NEWSPAPER**

Notice is hereby  
given that Petitioner,  
BORRETTO ROBERTS, as  
self-represented litigant,  
on behalf of the Minor, filed a  
Verified Petition For Change  
Of Name Of Minor to change  
Minor's name from KY'REE  
SYNCERE ALEXANDER  
to KY'REE SENCERE  
ROBERTS.

The Petition is scheduled for  
hearing in the Marion Circuit  
Court on September 10, 2021,  
at 9:00 a.m., which is more  
than thirty (30) days after the  
third notice of publication.  
Any person has the right to  
appear at the hearing and  
to file written objections on  
or before the hearing date.  
The parties shall report for  
hearing to:  
200 East Washington Street  
City-County Building, Room  
WS-504  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**THIS MATTER MAY BE  
HEARD REMOTELY**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk of Marion Circuit Court  
So Ordered: June 7, 2021  
ss: Susan Boatright  
Magistrate, Marion Circuit  
Court  
3320-921722

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**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN  
THE MARION CIRCUIT  
COURT**

**COUNTY OF MARION )  
CASE NUMBER: 49C01-  
2105-MI-016305  
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF  
NAME OF:  
Sarah Campbell Haynes,  
Petitioner**

**ORDER SETTING  
HEARING AND  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Notice is given that I have  
filed a Petition for a Change  
of Name in the Marion Circuit  
Court and that said petition  
will be heard by the Court  
on August 27, 2021, at 9:00  
a.m. Any person has the right  
to appear at the hearing and  
file an objection. This matter  
will be held remotely and the  
Court will issue a WebEx  
invitation for attendance at  
the hearing.

So Ordered: 5/19/21  
ss: Susan Boatright  
Magistrate, Marion Circuit  
Court  
3320-921735

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To Respondent: Karina Lopez Rivera  
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STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION CIVIL  
SUPERIOR COURT #3  
) SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D03-2105-  
MF-016221**  
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-RS2 Plaintiff,  
vs.  
The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Patricia Beauchamp AKA Patricia A. Beauchamp and their unknown creditors; and the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Patricia Beauchamp AKA Patricia A. Beauchamp, et al. Defendants.

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TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Patricia Beauchamp AKA Patricia A. Beauchamp and their unknown creditors; and the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Patricia Beauchamp AKA Patricia A. Beauchamp, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:  
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commonly known as 1211 West 79th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260.  
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**STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT,  
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D15-2105-  
AD-018169  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ADOPTION OF:  
Minor Child,  
XANE HAYDEN SURBER,  
NOTICETO NINA ROBERTS,  
MOTHER OF  
MINOR CHILD XANE  
HAYDEN SURBER  
Nina Roberts, mother of  
minor the child, Xane Hayden  
Surber, born in Indiana on  
January 31, 2004, is hereby  
notified that a petition for  
Step-parent adoption of the  
child was filed in the office of  
the clerk of Marion County  
Superior Court, Family  
Division. The petition for  
Step-parent adoption alleges  
that her consent to adoption  
of Xane Hayden Surber is not  
required because the mother  
of Xane Hayden Surber, Nina  
Roberts, has abandoned said  
child, is unfit to parent, and it  
is in the best interest of said  
child that her rights be terminated.  
It alleges that no requirement  
of consents is necessary  
pursuant to IC 31-19.  
If Nina Roberts wishes to  
contest the Step-parent  
adoption of the child, she  
must file a motion to contest  
the adoption in accordance  
with I.C. 31-19-10-1 in the  
above named court within  
thirty (30) days after the date  
of service of this notice.  
If the mother of Xane Hayden  
Surber does not file a motion  
to contest the adoption within  
thirty (30) days after service  
of this notice, the above named  
court will hear an determine  
the petition for adoption. Her  
consent will be unnecessary,  
and she will lose his right to  
contest either the adoption or  
the validity of the termination  
of parental rights.  
No party is relieved of  
obligations under this notice.  
This notice complies with  
IC 31-19 but does not  
exhaustively set forth a  
person's legal obligations  
under the Indiana adoption  
statutes. A person being  
served with this notice should  
consult with Indiana adoption  
statutes.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
/s/ Natalie Chavis  
Natalie Chavis, Esquire  
Attorney for Petitioner,  
Anastacia Surber  
Prepared by:  
Natalie N. Chavis, Esquire  
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# Tokyo Olympics to allow local fans — but with strict limits

By STEPHEN WADE  
AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — A sharply limited number of fans will be allowed to attend the Tokyo Olympics, organizers announced June 21 as they tried to save some of the spirit of the Games where even cheering has been banned.

Organizers set a limit of 50% capacity — up to a maximum of 10,000 fans, all of whom must be Japanese residents — for each Olympic venue, regardless of whether it is indoors or outdoors. Officials said that if coronavirus cases rise again the rules could be changed and fans could still be barred all together. Spectators from abroad were banned several months ago, and now some local fans who have tickets will be forced to give them up.

The decision comes as opposition among Japanese to holding the Games in July remains high, though may be softening, and as new infections in Tokyo have begun to subside.

It's already become clear that these Olympics Games will be unlike any others, but organizers have said they are determined to hold them and billions of dollars in broadcast rights and ticket sales are at stake. Still, much of the fanfare that surrounds them — people from around the world rubbing elbows, a celebratory atmosphere in the host city and the showcasing of the host country's culture — will be off the table or far more muted this year.

Seiko Hashimoto, the president of the Tokyo Olympic organizing committee, called the decision “the last piece for the Olympics” to proceed on July 23.

But as with everything about these Olympics — the first postponed in the history of the Modern Games dating from 1896, though previous ones were canceled during both World Wars — the decision raised many questions.

For one, it is not quite what it seems. Although a maximum of 10,000 fans will be allowed in any given venue, so-called stakeholders — including sponsors and sporting federation officials — will not be counted toward that total, according to organizing committee CEO Toshiro Muto.

Japanese media, for instance, reported that up to 20,000 people might attend the opening ceremony, over and above athletes, though Muto said he thought it would be less than that.

Hashimoto, meanwhile, left the door open for a no-fans Olympics if the conditions worsen around the pandemic.

“We need to be very flexible. If there is any abrupt change in the situation, we will hold five-party meetings again to make other decisions,” Hashimoto said. “If there is an announcement of a state of emergency during the Games, all the options like no-spectator games will be examined.”

Officials say local fans will be under strict rules. They will not be allowed to cheer, must wear masks and are being told to go straight home afterward.

The University of Oxford has said these are the most expensive Olympics on record. The official cost is \$15.4 billion, but several government audits suggest it might be twice that much. All but \$6.7 billion is public money.

The IOC relies on selling broadcast rights for almost 75% of its income. Another 18% is from sponsors. A cancelation would cost the IOC an estimated \$3 billion-\$4 billion in lost broadcast income — an enormous blow especially at a time when its income flow has already been slowed by the pandemic.

The decision comes just as Tokyo has emerged from a state of emergency as the curve of new cases has flattened. The seven-day average for new infections in the city is about 400 daily.

The capital and other areas are now under “quasi-emergency” status until July 11. The new rules will allow restaurants to serve alcohol during limited hours, the main outcome from the reduced restrictions.

Overall, more than 14,000 deaths have been attributed to COVID-19 in Japan, which has managed the pandemic better than many countries but not as well as some others in Asia. Its vaccination campaign remains behind many Western ones, with about 6.5% of Japanese fully vaccinated and 16.5% with at least one shot.

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Indianapolis Indians take on Memphis Redbirds

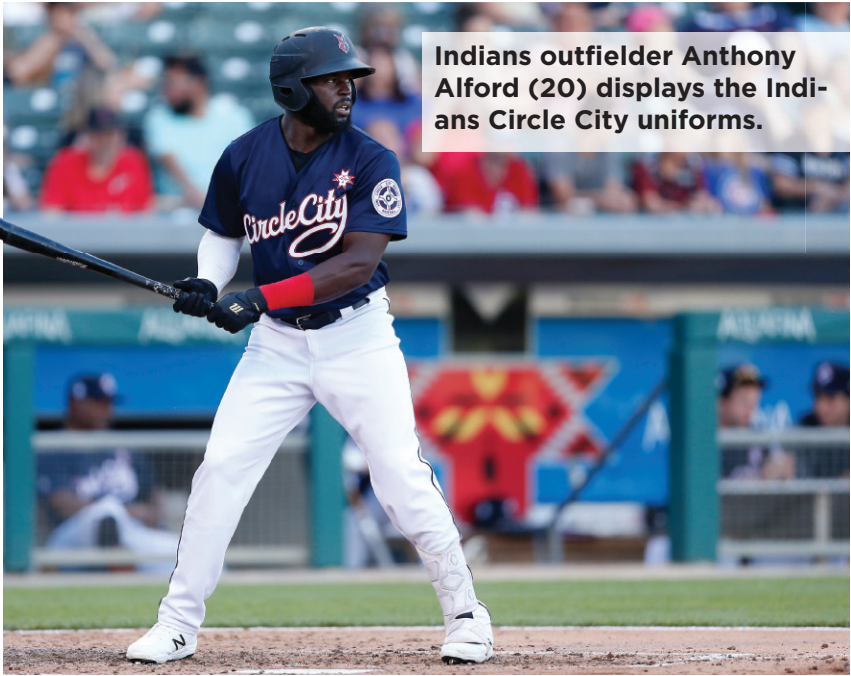


Indianapolis Indians infielder Dylan Busby (6) makes an off-balance throw to first.

Memphis Redbirds pitcher Angel Rondón (41) started on the mound. (Photos/Jeff Brown)



Indians pitcher Jandel Gustave (41) makes the throw to first for an out.



Indians outfielder Anthony Alford (20) displays the Indians Circle City uniforms.



Team Teague second graders won the title. (Photos/David Dixon)

Team Teague Invitational



IndyPremiere, one of the top fifth grade teams in the nation, took home another championship at the Team Teague Invitational.



Indy Express big man Joshua Caldwell throws down a dunk as the Express finished their regular season with a 14-8 record going into the playoffs. (Photo/David Dixon)



The Team Teague Invitational allowed players from second grade through high school to show off their skills.

Things I'd like to tell the next Pacers coach about his salary

By DANNY BRIDGES

The coaching carousel that is the NBA isn't new and really hasn't changed for decades.

The old cliché that "you're hired to be fired" still applies to a great extent, but there are other team-specific variables that apply.

Sure, the owner matters, but with the exception of just a few, most owners really don't know squat about the game, and they certainly can't relate to the various idiosyncrasies of today's generation of players. That's what they pay their general managers for, and that makes perfect sense on paper. After all, they don't make money off of their franchises despite the fact that there's always a number of other gazillionaires willing to buy their team when they decide to liquidate.

The Simons have been great stewards of the franchise, but they know as much about professional basketball as I do the mall business. They entrust the day-to-day basketball operations to the Kevin Pritchards of the world because that's what almost all owners do. After all, they're busy managing their portfolios that made them filthy rich and enabled them to buy into this elite club at outrageous rates.

Every business has operational costs, and player salaries top that list. The binding collective bargaining agreement between the NBA and players' union takes care of a large part of that in terms of who is paid what, but not what a team might spend in terms of other related costs. While I'm quite a few hours short of a certified public accountant designation, I can tell you one fixed budgetary item on the Pacers' balance sheet and that's the head coaching salary number.

Historically, it has been far beneath what the market generally bares for exceptional talent. No one will ever get crazy rich from coaching the Blue

and Gold, and there's a reason the team takes such a bargain basement approach.

It stems from a philosophy that the coach is not as important as he thinks he is to the overall process and we're not going to pay him and foster the impression that he's needed.

We'll just surround him with an equally underpaid number of assistants and see what occurs and not worry too much about the competitive nature of the team as we look to write off the playoffs annually by the All-Star break.

Sound harsh? Not really. The reality is their blue light special mentality that drives their coaching hires has sucked the life out of the franchise for ages. They've never paid a competitive salary, and some of their contractual agreements even contained clauses denoting non-guaranteed compensation in the final year of the deal. (Just ask Nate Bjorkgren.)

Accordingly, the only types of candidates they can get to sign the dotted line are retreads and assistants seeking their first head coaching positions. That's not to say the aforementioned retreads can't be successful if there is talent in the cupboard, but that's not the case with this roster.

As long as the Pacers continue to pinch pennies with their head coach, the position will be a revolving door. If you're not going to offer the level of compensation that will entice a great coach to change his home address, you'll never be a factor in today's NBA.

Look, I get it. Pritchard is smarter than all of us (wink) and the Simons control the purse strings. Just come clean with the fans and admit you won't pay a championship-caliber coach the market value they command and you don't care. As long as tickets in the nosebleed level are cheap and you offer two hot dogs and a soda for a special price, people will come out nightly, right?



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That Capital Improvement Board money you receive shouldn't be earmarked for a capable coach, so maybe you can erect a fountain outside Bankers Life Fieldhouse and people can throw in coins to raise money for the next coach. Perhaps a Go Fund Me page or a telethon could help raise funds. Then again, maybe you could cut the salary of your general manager and reallocate the capital to the head coaching salary.

Pritchard makes more than the coach and has flopped in an embarrassing fashion for some time. It's not his fault the Simons won't pony up the

cash for a coach that can lead this team in the desperately needed rebuilding process that's on the horizon, but his coaching personnel mistakes have exacerbated the overall situation dramatically.

One thing is for certain: The next coach won't stand a chance to win with the current Pacers formula. He also won't create any generational wealth either.

Danny Bridges, who would be willing to sign over a savings bond from his early childhood to assist the funding of the next Pacers coach, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or bridgeshd@aol.com.