

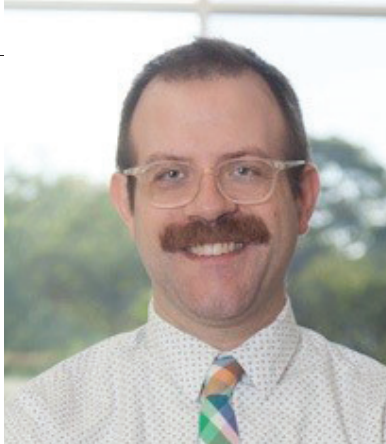
Library board names interim CEO, union wants more change

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The Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) board of trustees named Chief Public Information Officer John Helling as interim CEO during a regular board meeting Aug. 23. Helling will replace Jackie Nytes, who will resign effective Aug. 31. Nytes' resignation came during a special board meeting Aug. 20. Helling said his first goal as interim CEO is to facilitate a smooth transition of power and create an environment where staff feel engaged and supported.

"Structural racism is very real and the library is no exception to that," Helling said during the meeting. "We have a lot of work to do to improve."

Nytes' resignation comes after months of public outcry after allegations of racism and ableism as well as loss of funding. Earlier in August, the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) announced it is withholding \$28 million worth of funding from



John Helling

the library until an improvement is made.

In an internal email to library staff Aug. 21, Nytes said she is confident Helling will move the library in a positive direction.

"I am grateful for John's willingness to assume this role at this time and have total confidence in his ability to provide the leadership that is needed," Nytes wrote. "Please join me in giving John your total support. He is a good listener among other things and has the right experience and insight for the role."

Members of the Library Workers Union told the Recorder, while they're pleased with Nytes' resignation, there is concern Helling's interim position will lead to "more of the same."

Union members are still calling for the resignation of board President Jose Salinas. Salinas, who garnered criticism after muting former employee Bree Flannelly during the May board meeting, has said he doesn't plan to step down. In a previous inter-

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Lourenzo Giple, the new deputy director of preservation, planning and urban design for the city's Department of Metropolitan Development, stands inside City Market on Aug. 19, 2021. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

New DMD deputy director leaning into his many identities

By **TYLER FENWICK**
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Lourenzo Giple has spent his professional life at what was sometimes an awkward three-way intersection between architecture, community and real estate. He didn't fit neatly into any one box, and it

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Steve Jefferson leaving WTHR after 19 years

By **TYLER FENWICK**
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Longtime crime reporter Steve Jefferson will leave WTHR Channel 13 to join the newsroom at WFAA TV in Dallas, he told the Recorder.

Jefferson has worked at WTHR since 2002. His recognitions include two Emmys and a Best Newscast award from the Associated Press. Throughout his career he has reported on events including Hurricane Katrina, the trial of Derek Chauvin and police shooting of Breonna Taylor.

Jefferson's first day at WFAA is Sept. 1.

Jefferson said he'll miss Indianapolis and WTHR. WFAA's reputation as one of the top newsrooms in the country, and Dallas-Fort Worth being a top-five TV market, made the decision fairly easy.

He said he'll miss helping make Indianapolis a better place to live by giving families the information they need. Jefferson said he doesn't take for granted how many people have trusted him over the years to tell their story on the evening news.

"When you meet people in many cases on the worst day of their life, they are turning over a personal incident that has impacted them and will impact their family for the rest of their lives, and you



Steve Jefferson (Photo provided by WTHR)

want to get it right," he said.

WTHR News Director Jeff Rosetti said Jefferson was a good reporter on a tricky beat like crime — where it's easy for journalists to fall in line with whatever police say — because he took the time to make connections with people from law enforcement and in the community.

"Steve just brings emotion and empathy and humanity into what

he's doing," Rosetti said.

WFAA Executive News Director Leslie McCardel said she's been following Jefferson for a while, since both stations are owned by TEGNA, and knew from the first time they spoke he would be a good reporter for North Texans.

"Steve is an excellent reporter with experience in making and breaking news for the communities he serves," McCardel said in an email. "He invests himself in the community and tells meaningful stories that have impact."

Jefferson was also active in the Indianapolis community outside of journalism, serving on boards and volunteering at organizations such as the Center for Leadership Development and 100 Black Men of Indianapolis.

"Steve's been not just a constant professional presence on air," Rosetti said, "but if you know Steve, you know Steve lives and breathes this community."

Jefferson is from Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from Wright State University with a degree in journalism. Jefferson was previously a TV and radio reporter in Ohio, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi and Oregon.

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Jerry Harkness (Photo provided by family from Facebook)

Loyola Chicago basketball pioneer, Indianapolis legend Jerry Harkness dies at 81

By **JOHN MARSHALL**
AP Basketball Writer

Jerry Harkness was inspired by Jackie Robinson to take up the game of basketball. He ended up becoming a civil rights trailblazer in his own right.

Following a path paved by Major League Baseball's first Black player, Harkness led Loyola Chica-

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Already a long shot, clemency process tests families and inmates looking for a break

By **TYLER FENWICK**
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Koby Bluitt stood in front of a small crowd gathered under the hot July sun with a piece of her incarcerated father stamped across the front of her shirt. "TRUTH NEVER DIES," the top says in all caps. "IT'S ONLY REDISCOVERED."

It's a quote from 45-year-old Leon Benson, who has been in prison since 1999. Benson was sentenced to 60

years in prison for the death of Kasey Schoen, and his earliest release date is in 2029. Benson and his family have maintained his innocence.

Bluitt, who calls Benson her father but said she isn't his biological daughter, helped organize a rally July 25 outside of the MLK Center to bring attention to Benson's efforts to be released from the Correctional Industrial Facility near Pendleton.

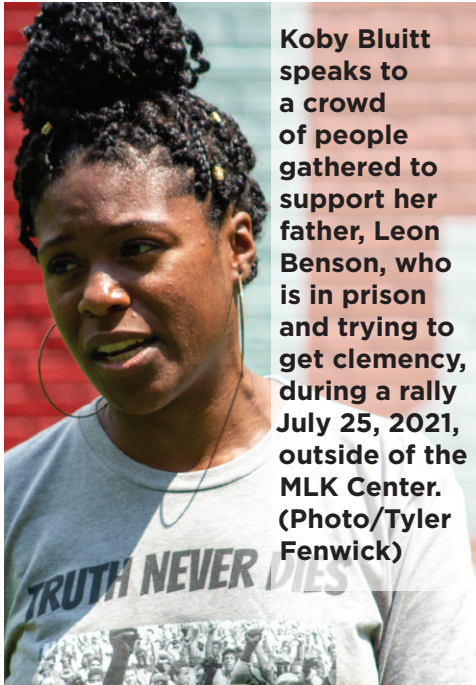
"He taught me how to be left-handed," she said. "He used to sing to me when I

was in my mama's womb."

First up was the good news: Bluitt said the Conviction Integrity Unit within the Marion County Prosecutor's Office agreed to review Benson's case. The unit takes cases that may have resulted in a wrongful conviction.

Then came the more complicated part of Benson's journey: clemency. Benson filed for clemency in late 2020, but it can be an agonizingly slow process for people who are incarcerated and their families.

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Koby Bluitt speaks to a crowd of people gathered to support her father, Leon Benson, who is in prison and trying to get clemency, during a rally July 25, 2021, outside of the MLK Center. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



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‘Things are changing fast’:
More schools requiring masks for all, vaccines for teachers

By MATT BARNUM
Chalkbeat

In just a week, more than a dozen of the country’s large urban school districts have shifted policies to require masks for all students and staff. And on Aug. 23, the country’s largest school district announced it will require all school staff to be vaccinated, joining Chicago and Los Angeles.

New York City’s decision came just as the Food and Drug Administration announced full approval of the Pfizer vaccine, a move that could encourage more school districts to impose vaccine mandates.

The flurry of activity comes as the school year begins for more of the country and millions return to school buildings, many for the first time since the start of the pandemic. With the COVID-19 delta variant pushing case numbers up, schools are trying to calibrate their rules, often ratcheting up safety protocols.

“We’re going to keep these mandates because we’re looking ahead, and without having both I don’t think we’re going to have a strong recovery year,” said Pedro Martinez, the superintendent of San Antonio’s schools, which require masks for all and vaccines for staff. “I think we’re risking having another year with instability, potentially shutting down schools — we’re already seeing examples of this across the country.”

Policies still vary widely, and, like last school year, often correlate with state or local political leanings. But vaccine mandates for school staff are becoming more common. New York City’s rule will apply to 148,000 employees and doesn’t allow staffers to opt for frequent testing instead.

“This is a game-changing moment,” New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said of the FDA’s vaccine approval. “We’ve been waiting for this for a long time.”

A number of other districts, including Chicago and Denver, along with Oregon and Washington state, have already announced vaccine requirements for school staff. Elsewhere, including in California and Hawaii, school staff must choose between the vaccine or weekly COVID tests.

“I wouldn’t be surprised at all if we see at least a few more districts or states put in place measures” around vaccines, said Bree Dusseault, an analyst at the Center on Reinventing Public Education, which has tracked state and district policies.

Still, vaccine rules are far from the norm. At least

a dozen states have banned schools from enforcing vaccine requirements, although some districts like San Antonio have flouted state rules. A CRPE review of 100 large school districts found most are not requiring vaccination for staff and none is requiring it for all eligible students.

Mask mandates, on the other hand, are more prevalent. Two-thirds of the 100 large districts now say everyone must wear a mask, an increase of 14 districts from just a week ago. (The review included both districts that have started the school year and others that are preparing to do so.)

At least some districts outside city centers have also implemented mask mandates after seeing COVID cases rise, particularly among children.

“It tripped alarm bells,” said Don Kite, the school board president of Indiana’s Washington Township, which adopted a mask requirement a week into the school year. “We started talking about how we might have to go even more cautious, with universal masking.”

Although polls show that they are popular among parents and the broader public, masking requirements in schools have drawn criticism from a vocal contingent of parents and conservative politicians.

The masking debate has provoked polarized political responses: The Biden administration is pushing back against Republican governors in Florida, Tennessee and Texas attempting to limit mask requirements, and siding with school districts that have put them in place.

The move toward masking brings more schools in line with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which initially recommended that masks only be required for unvaccinated individuals but shifted to a universal approach at the end of July as COVID cases surged.

But in another respect, many schools are still deviating from the CDC’s recommended approach.

When it updated its schools guidance in early July, the CDC included new exceptions for quarantining students and staff exposed to COVID. Someone who is vaccinated does not need to quarantine, the agency said. A student exposed to a peer with COVID in a classroom does not need to quarantine either — as long as both were masked and they were at least three feet apart.

But this change didn’t get much attention, and

the recommendation isn’t fully spelled out on the main page of the CDC’s school guidance, making it easy to miss.



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go to a barrier-breaking national championship in basketball in 1963 and a was pioneer well after his playing career.

The school announced Harkness died Aug. 24 at 81 after a long life of breaking through boundaries and one big Game of Change.

“All of us at Loyola have heavy hearts today,” Loyola coach Drew Valentine said in a

statement. “Jerry was a true trail blazer not only in basketball, but in so many different walks of life, and the impact he made was immeasurable.”

A two-time All-American at Loyola, Harkness was part of the 1963 team that won a national championship with four Black starters and played in what became known as the Game of Change. State laws prohibited

Mississippi State from playing integrated teams, but the Maroons — now Bulldogs — slipped out of town under cover of darkness to play Loyola in East Lansing, Michigan, in the opening round of the Mid-East regionals. Harkness shook hands with Mississippi State captain Joe Dan Gold before the game in an iconic moment.

“Boy, the flashbulbs. I couldn’t believe,” Harkness recalled in 2018. “I just couldn’t understand. ... I was shocked. I looked him in his eyes. He didn’t smile; I tried to smile at him. I could tell he was there, he was happy to play us and he was happy to be there. He had on his game face. I was shocked with the bulbs and I went back to the huddle in kind of a daze,

a little.
“I thought, boy, this is more than a game. This is history.”
Loyola went to work, winning by 10. Afterward, the Maroons spoke about the basketball, not the moment.
“They were perfect gentlemen — just like any other team we played,” said Gold, the Mississippi State captain who died in 2011. “They beat us on

the offensive backboards. They just had too many big men for us and they won it by taking all those rebounds.”

The Ramblers went on to beat reigning champion Cincinnati in overtime for the school’s only national championship.

Harkness, Ron Miller, Vic Rouse and Les Hunter — white guard John Egan was the other starter — received death threats mailed to their dorm and endured taunts from fans in Houston during their title run. Texas Western won a national championship with five Black starters three years later, beating an all-white Kentucky team coached by Adolph Rupp.

The death threats, Harkness once recalled, came after Loyola opened the NCAA tourney by beating Tennessee Tech by 69 a few miles from their Chicago campus. It put the Ramblers into the matchup against Mississippi State and that led to some ugly letters from Ku Klux Klan members, calling them names and saying they had no right to play, arriving at their dorm on Sheridan Road.

Harkness got two of those letters, some were sent to other teammates. Coach George Ireland wound up taking them, dismissing the threats as junk.

“I was all right about it after we got over that,” Harkness said. “In a couple days, we were on our way to Michigan so I felt all right at that time.”

Harkness played one season with the NBA’s New York Knicks after being drafted in the second round and two more with the ABA’s Indiana Pacers. He went on to a successful career in business and broadcasting, becoming the first Black spokesman for Quaker Oats.

“We are deeply saddened to have lost not only one of Loyola’s all-time great players, but also one of its all-time great human beings,” Loyola athletic director Steve Watson said. “Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, former teammates and countless friends.”

Harkness was Indianapolis’ first Black sportscaster, worked with the United Way of Greater Indianapolis and ran an athletic shoe franchise.

“As soon as I learned the story of the 1963 Ramblers basketball team, Jerry became one of my role models,” current Loyola guard Lucas Williamson said. “He will be deeply missed and forever remembered as one of the best to wear a Loyola jersey.”

A native of the Bronx, he is a member of multiple halls of fame, including the College Basketball Hall of Fame. Harkness is survived by his wife, Sarah, and two children, Jerald Harkness and Julie Harkness-Arnold.

Jerald posted a heartfelt statement on his Facebook page after his father’s death.

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created a bit of an identity crisis. “For the longest time it drove me crazy,” he said, “and in the last five years I’ve started to lean more heavily into it.” Embracing his various interests and areas of expertise brought Giple to a place where they all come together, as the new deputy director of preservation, planning and urban design for the city’s Department of Metropolitan Development. He is the first Black person to hold that title. Giple will help oversee long-range planning, current planning, historic preservation, transportation planning and urban design. He’ll also be involved with the Metropolitan Development Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, among other boards and commissions. That’s all to say Giple will have his hand in a little bit of everything — just the way he prefers. One of the most pressing issues Giple will be tasked with is gentrification. It’s a big topic that requires a lot of context, he said, and he slows his speaking pace when he talks about it, choosing words carefully. On one hand, neighborhoods can’t be stagnant, he said. Without investment, a neighborhood that’s in decline will continue to decline. The challenge is investing in neighborhoods without tearing apart the

cultural fabric. This is where Giple sees himself making contributions that are too rare when it comes to city planning. What do the people in Martindale-Brightwood want? What about Haughville? Giple has no problem admitting he doesn’t know everything about each pocket of Indianapolis, but odds are he knows someone who does. That’s why his layered background — from architecture to working with communities — is important. “I know the No. 1 piece for me is figuring out a way to preserve historically Black and brown communities,” he said. Before joining the Department of Metropolitan Development, Giple was a project director at Blackline Studio, an architecture firm. He has a bachelor’s degree in architecture and two master’s degrees, one in urban design and another in architecture, from Ball State University. Giple interned at the department during college and helped collect data that he’ll likely use now as a deputy director. “Lourenzo really stuck out for his qualifications, for his experience in the field, what he brings in terms of perspective to this position,” DMD Director Scarlett Martin said.

Giple prefers the 30,000-feet view of his job, but go even higher, above the day-to-day responsibilities, and there are other aspects of being a Black man involved in city planning, preservation and design that he wants to take advantage of. Giple, who came to America from Liberia as a child, wants kids who look him to see themselves projected up there — as an architect, a planner, a leader — which he hopes then leads to a more equitable city. It wasn’t until his junior year of college that Giple was exposed to Black architects. Not that he didn’t know they existed; there was just so little exposure. Giple went to a conference with other Ball State students in San Francisco and learned about the National Organization of Minority Architects, which he’s a part of now. “There are more of us here,” he said of that experience. “And not only that, but we’re doing cool stuff.” Now 36 years old, Giple hasn’t stopped doing the cool stuff — even when he struggled to figure out exactly where he fit in before finally just embracing what he loved doing. Contact staff writer Tyler Fenwick at 317-762-7853. Follow him on Twitter @Ty_Fenwick.

New program aims for more Black women to be certified problem solvers

By TYLER FENWICK
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Joy Mason knows it’s not right to jump ahead to solutions before clearly defining what the problem is. That’s why when Mason found it difficult to expand her team at the consulting firm she started, she had to take a step back and figure out where the issue was. Mason didn’t want just anyone joining her at Optimist Business Solutions. She wanted people — Black women specifically — who are certified problem solvers through Six Sigma, as she is. Mason said one of the most common barriers for Black women to get certified through Six Sigma and other similar programs is the process usually goes through whatever corporate office they work for, meaning it’s typically a white male supervisor deciding who’s worthy of the training. Mason wanted to remove the “gatekeeper,” so she started the Six Sigma Racial Equity Initiative, a program for Black female professionals to earn a green belt certification. The program includes six classes — one each day for six weeks — and ends with a test and project. The first cohort includes 12 women and will end in December. Mason said the next cohort will start in April 2022 because she has to do more fundraising to offset the cost for participants. The program usually costs \$2,200 per person, but members in the first cohort paid \$299. Mason said part of her motivation to start the initiative was a commit-

ment she made at the beginning of the year to speak up more for equity wherever she’s involved. “If I’ve got influence, you’re gonna hear me talk about equity,” she said. Sponsors for the program include Cummins, Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership and Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF). Pamela Ross, vice president of opportunity, equity and inclusion at CICF, said it was important for the foundation to support Mason because she’s helping Black women reach their full potential. “That’s how you create access,” she said. Contact staff writer Tyler Fenwick at 317-762-7853. Follow him on Twitter @Ty_Fenwick.

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France-based blues musician Bernard Allison returns to the Fishers Blues Fest Sept. 4. (Photos provided)

Fishers Blues Fest returns

By STAFF

The ninth annual (free!) Fishers Blues Fest returns to Fishers Parks on Labor Day weekend.

From Sept. 3 to Sept. 4, audiences will have the chance to watch legends of the craft — including Bobby Rush and Joanna Connor — as well as local artists Doug Henthorn and Agents of Redemption. The event is free of charge, but admission is first come, first served.

For many of the artists, the Fishers Blues Fest is one of their first live performances in nearly two years. The festival was canceled last year due to the pandemic.

Members of the Agents of Redemption — a blues-rock band that formed in Indianapolis in 2018, said they’re “honored” to be a part of Blues Fest’s return. The band has played in past festivals. This time around, session musician Dave Murray is filling in for

bassist Justin Deckert. On social media, the band thanked Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (where the concert will be held) as well as Blues Fest organizers for “a safe and altogether fantastic Fishers Blues Fest.”

Joanna Connor, who frequently tours the Midwest, has been vocal about the need for people to get vaccinated and wear masks to help live music safely return.

If not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, guests are encouraged to wear face masks to the family-friendly event. Hand washing and hand sanitizing stations will be available in the park, as well as vendors for food and drinks, including alcohol. No outside alcohol is allowed in the park.

Guests are allowed to bring coolers, chairs and blankets.

For more information, visit npdamp.com.

Lineup for the 2021 Fishers Blues Fest:

Sept. 3

5:20 p.m. — Agents of Redemption
6:50 p.m. — Lil’ Red & The Rooster
8:30 p.m. — Bobby Rush

Sept. 4

3 p.m. — Doug Henthorn
4 p.m. — Mr. Kinetik
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SPOTLIGHT

G2G conference focuses on collective solutions

By STAFF

The Generation to Generation Conference, also known as G2G, will return Aug. 27-29 at Scott United Methodist Church, 2153 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave.

This year's theme, "Rebuilding the Village II" emphasizes collective, self-help strategies for solving problems in the Black community.

Conference events will be inside the church as well as outdoors. Masks are required for indoor activities. Health screenings will be available. Vendors will also be on site.

Programming for youth and teens will focus on life lessons and skill building. TikTok teen celebrity Drip Two Times will make an appearance as well as the Black Cowboys and eight-time Golden Gloves champion Malcolm Jones.

Aug. 27

2 p.m. — "Council of Elders: State of the Black Church and Its Role Today," leaders of the largest Black ministerial organizations come together to discuss the role the Black church must take in Indianapolis.

2 p.m.-6:30 p.m. — Blood drive, Word Chapel

4 p.m. — Black Leadership Roundtable. Leaders of various African American institutions discuss the issues and seek to reach agreement on solutions.

6 p.m. — Opening address by Bishop Julius C. Trimble, Indiana United Methodist Church.

6 p.m. — Art exhibit opens, showcasing local artists, fellowship hall

6:30 p.m. — Talent showcase

Aug. 28

9 a.m. — "State of Health of the Indianapolis Black Community," Dr. Virginia Caine, director of Marion County Public Health Department.

10 a.m. — "Empowering Strong Black Women to Rediscover Self-Love," symposium by the Association of Black Social Workers, fellowship hall

10 a.m. — "About Your Money," strategies for financial well-being

10 a.m. — Basic sewing, teaching basic sewing skills, nursery

10 a.m. — Understanding tech, teaching basic tech skills, Zoom room

11 a.m. — PraiseStage, performance about life issues, sanctuary

11 a.m. — Basic gardening, teaching basic

gardening skills, tent

1-5 p.m. — Project WINGS presents: "Let's Talk About It," four sessions focused on mental and emotional challenges within the African American community, Zoom room. The 45-minute sessions will focus on domestic violence, sexual abuse, mental and spiritual health for LGBTQ individuals and other issues.

1 p.m. — Black Political Leaders' Report to the Village, several elected officials provide an update on what they are doing to address community challenges, sanctuary.

2 p.m. — Healthy eating, basic instruction in healthy eating, fellowship hall

2:30 p.m. — Wonderfully Made Designs fashion show, tent

3 p.m. — "Stop Killing in the Name of Love - A Forum About Gun Violence," IMPD Chief Randal Taylor and others will dissect this issue and offer solutions.

5 p.m. — "Building Bridges," discussion to close divides between the American Black community and continental African communities now residing in Indianapolis.

6:30 p.m. — Village Chat, an array of talent performs until dusk

Sunday, Aug. 29

11 a.m. — Church service and gospel concert, Rev. Clyde Posley, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, speaker

2 p.m. — Volunteer recognition dinner, fellowship hall

Youth activities for ages 5-18

Aug. 28

10-11 a.m. — Crafts, Brightwood Community Center

11 a.m. — Workshop on mental health and bullying, Brightwood Community Center

Noon-1 p.m. — Workshop on overcoming adversities, Brightwood Community Center

Noon-1 p.m. — My Journey: Indiana Golden Gloves Champion Malcolm Jones, main tent

1-2 p.m. — Crafts

1-2 p.m. — Virtual Reality Scholars

1:30-2:30 p.m. — Black Cowboys, east side of main tent

2-3 p.m. — Drone Scholars, annex/small tent

4-6 p.m. — Crafts, annex

Gospel Music Festival



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EDITORIAL

The anger over masks ... why?

By OSEYE BOYD



In recent weeks, parents in districts surrounding Indianapolis have gone to school board meetings in droves to voice their opposition or support of masks in schools. School board meetings usually aren't well attended. I've gone to a lot of school board meetings. Most of the time, depending on the district, it was just me (the reporter), the school board, an administrator or two and a couple of teachers. Parents came when their children were recognized by the board and then promptly left when the recognition was over. A packed room would return to empty in a matter of minutes.

School boards only have a large audience when people are fired up about an issue. Currently, that issue is masks.

For the life of me I can't understand what has people so angry about mask wearing. If I had my druthers, I wouldn't wear a mask.

However, we're in a pandemic — a pandemic that keeps evolving but people are still denying it — so, I'm OK with following certain protocols to stay healthy and stay alive. I'm OK with exchanging a little comfort for life. Mandating masks isn't crossing a line too far for me.

Again, it's the fervor and fury of these parents and community members (everyone attending the

board meetings isn't even a parent) that I don't understand. Like, your life must be pretty darn good if the only thing you have to get fired up about is a mask mandate. Yet, these are some of the same people who have a problem with Black people non-violently protesting police brutality. Can you imagine what would happen if Black parents came out en masse and stormed school board meetings in the same way? If a Black man's gun accidentally fell out of his pocket during a school board meeting? That's not what this column is about, but I couldn't resist pointing out the double standard.

I'm reminded of the New York Times podcast "Nice White Parents." Parents who act like their child or children are the only ones who matter and expect school boards to acquiesce their demands (which they often do out of fear of losing students). However, public schools are about more than your children. Public schools accept all children, and children come with different needs. These parents aren't considering the children who have underlying conditions and need protection. While your child may be healthy, the student on his right may have an autoimmune disorder or be in remission from cancer.

Are these parents mad because they don't believe their children have COVID-19 so there's no need to wear a mask? Are they mad that schools are trying to protect their children? Do these parents demand doctors remove their masks during surgery or dental hygienists? What exactly has them so mad that

they've lost all sense of civility?

These nice white parents aren't modeling good behavior for the children. They certainly aren't acting like adults. In fact, they're acting like bullies. I've read about or watched parents harass doctors and others who say masks should be worn to protect their children's safety. These parents boo, follow people to their cars or scream in their faces. Intimidating people who disagree isn't nice. It's appalling and downright disgusting. They should be embarrassed and ashamed of their behavior.

What makes their yelling and screaming (during a pandemic that is spread this way) even more appalling is we're in the midst of an increase in coronavirus cases. School boards aren't requiring students to wear a mask just for fun. They're doing so in an effort to keep children safe. They're following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They're trying to mitigate harm not exacerbate it, but you wouldn't know by the way these parents are performing.

I'm a parent with a child in school. She has to wear a mask. Is she excited about it? No. Does she complain? Sometimes. Does she get over it? Yes.

If we want to end mask mandates, then it's real simple. Let's do our best to stop the transmission of COVID-19. Masks may not be 100% effective, but we know coupled with social distancing masks reduce the transmission of coronavirus.

At the rate we're going, this thing is going to be with us forever.

OPINIONS

The most important right

By LARRY SMITH



For the last several years, it has been common to hear or read some version of the following argument: "Education is the main civil rights issue of our day." As an article in U.S. News & World Report pointed out in 2016, this is one of the few major issues about which most Republicans and Democrats seem to agree. Barack Obama affirmed this view while he was president, as did George W. Bush. While I don't see or hear this argument as frequently today as I have in the recent past, I'm aware that many well-known individuals and organizations still use it.

To the extent that it is important to designate one societal problem as "the" civil rights issue of any given era — which is a notion about which I'm skeptical — I do not agree that education is the one that should hold such a status. (This is despite my belief that a high-quality education for all young people is exceedingly important to them and to our nation.) If any issue should be considered *primus inter*

pares, it is the right to vote.

Before he was elevated to the Supreme Court, current Chief Justice John Roberts had to sit through Senate confirmation hearings. The late Sen. Ted Kennedy, a civil rights giant, asked Roberts about his views regarding the Voting Rights Act. Kennedy did so because Roberts was well known in political circles for being hostile to the act ever since he joined the Reagan administration as a young attorney. In responding to Kennedy, Roberts said, "(The right to vote) is preservative of ... all other rights. Without access to the ballot box, people are not in the position to protect any other rights that are important to them." (Roberts managed not to giggle as he uttered those words.)

I agree with the sentiment that Roberts expressed during the hearings, even though his rulings do not reflect his rhetoric. Further, as I've pointed out previously, Republican legislatures throughout the nation are engaging in Jim Crow 2.0 by passing laws that severely curtail African Americans' right to vote. (Predictably, the Roberts-led Supreme Court is intent on upholding these discriminatory laws.)

For the last two decades, Republicans

have continually perpetuated an earlier version of the Big Lie of 2020, namely that they want to prevent "voter fraud." The problem with that assertion is that it is fraudulent. Republicans' own studies have shown that, out of more than a billion votes cast in the last couple of decades, there are only a few dozen examples of fraud. In many instances, the "violators" were unaware that they had engaged in fraud. Or, there were clerical errors or problems with data matching. The Brennan Center for Justice found that intentional voter fraud is between 0.0003 percent and 0.0025 percent of votes cast — bamboo splinters notwithstanding.

In short, Republicans understand that the danger is not that people (including undocumented immigrants) are going to vote illegally; the real problem is that more Americans tend to vote for the Democratic Party than for the Republican Party. For example, consider the 2018 mid-term elections. Overall, Americans cast 12 million more votes for Democrats than for Republicans, yet the latter held the Senate until the 2020 election. And even though Democrats re-took the House in 2018, they likely would have had won more seats were it not for Re-

publicans' gerrymandering and voter suppression tactics.

Further, given the results of the 2020 census, Republicans have vowed to continue egregious gerrymandering across the states. (I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge that Democrats have engaged in gerrymandering in years past. Still, the scope, scale and precision of Republican efforts are unprecedented.) In the powerful words of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: "... the core principle of republican government ... (is) that the voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around."

Fortunately, in a hopeful sign, the House of Representatives just passed legislation to strengthen the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which the Supreme Court has effectively gutted in the last decade. Now, it is up to the Democrats in the Senate to join them — even if that means shedding the filibuster. (Many Democrats are loath to do that.) If they fail to do so, African Americans should shed the Democratic Party.

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All-hands-on-deck effort to improve Indianapolis

By JOE HOGSETT



The city of Indianapolis is putting more investment toward public safety than ever before. It's not hard to guess why. Despite a decline in overall crime, we continue to suffer the effects of a nationwide spike in homicides. While there are many causes, the incredible stress and strain brought on by the ongoing pandemic is certainly a factor.

That's why on Aug. 9, I stood before the city-county council and presented a sweeping three-year anti-violence plan with more than \$150 million of investment. This massive deployment of funding includes American Rescue Plan dollars and will

focus on the safety of our community.

It will do this in three ways: 1) by investing in grassroots organizations; 2) by addressing the root causes of crime; and 3) by increasing staffing and technology updates for police.

The largest piece is funding for grassroots violence prevention. As I have said in the past, nobody knows a neighborhood like the neighbors themselves. That's why this plan will invest \$15 million every year, for the next three years, into the neighborhood groups already working to reduce violence in our community. I also proposed to add additional resources to combat the threat of domestic violence, which has also grown during the pandemic.

As part of an investment into grassroots organizations, this fiscal plan will significantly expand what is known as group violence intervention. This nationally and locally proven method to reduce homicides connects community members with at-risk individuals to help put them on a better path to a brighter future. This approach has dramatically lowered homicides in the past in our city. I know it can work again.

The second part of our three-year plan is focused on the root causes of crime. For starters, too many residents lack access to mental health resources. With residents facing so many challenges in these difficult times, that must change. This proposal utilizes \$30 million to build up mental health resources in our schools and our juvenile centers, while also growing a more diverse pool of therapists who can serve a diverse city.

But mental health is just one of a variety of root causes we seek to address. We will also expand our investment in services for ex-offenders (\$5.5 million), workforce development (\$5 million), and hunger relief (\$6 million). Focusing on what drives

violence to begin with can stop it before it starts.

The third piece of our three-year public safety strategy invests in resources for law enforcement. This includes funding for 100 new police officers expressly dedicated to community patrols, as well as a civilian team that works on non-emergencies, freeing up existing officers to focus on violent crime. And it includes a \$9 million package for modern policing technology, which will be introduced after conversations and input with the community.

This three-year proposal follows in the footsteps of earlier investments — things like equipping IMPD patrol officers with body-worn cameras, among other reforms; or the establishment of Mobile Crisis Assistance Teams to better respond to residents suffering from addiction or mental health crises; or even the opening of the Assessment and Intervention Center, a new facility designed to direct those same individuals toward treatment, rather than jail.

But it hasn't been enough. That is why this three-year proposal is so broad, using every resource we have into meeting the challenge of this era.

However, the Mayor's Office, IMPD and the city-county council cannot do it without you.

Neighbors, faith leaders, business owners, teachers, students — we all have a part to play in reducing violence. That can be anything from volunteering your time, to donating to anti-violence organizations, to hiring ex-offenders at your business. Even getting our COVID-19 vaccine can help ease the stress in neighborhoods that are experiencing more violence due to the pandemic.

No matter what role you play, though, know that you are part of a larger effort that is dynamic, comprehensive and better funded than ever before.

Joe Hogsett is mayor of Indianapolis.

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view with the Recorder, Salinas said he muted Flannelly because he was concerned she would share personnel information, and said he’s “disheartened” by allegations of racism.

Internal climate process debate wages on

Since May, board members have discussed an internal climate process to gauge how workers and patrons feel about library conditions. However, they have yet to reach an agreement about how it should be handled. Dr. Khaula Murtadha, who proposed the climate study, wants to create a task force of members of the library’s equity council and members of the community to gather information. Salinas argues having a board member overseeing the task force could be a conflict of interest and could make workers uncomfortable. He previously proposed bringing in an outside organization to conduct

the study. Murtadha and Dr. Patricia Payne argued that has been done in the past and yielded few results. During the board meeting, Andrea Copeland, a postdoctoral research associate at IU-PUI and Murtadha’s colleague, spoke in support of Murtadha leading the task force. “Her plan centers on the staff ... and is a community-based plan,” Copeland said. “It increases the chance that all staff will feel comfortable ... and is needed to heal the organization at no cost to the library.” Board member Hope Tribble, chair of the Diversity, Policy and Human Resources Committee, requested more information on Murtadha’s plan and invited Murtadha to a committee meeting before making a recommendation to the board. Salinas expects the process to be finished by the end of this year. Further, librarian Stephen Lane — who has been vocal about racism within the library — said Nytes’ resignation will

help the board move forward with the process in an effort to retain some of the funding lost during the controversy. “We take very seriously this opportunity to listen ... and learn,” Murtadha said following public comments at the board meeting. Tribble said the national search for a new CEO will begin soon. Former board member Dr. Terri Jett — who often had disagreements with Nytes during her time on the board — said the next CEO ought to have expertise in equity, diversity and inclusion. “I think a CEO of color would be preferable,” Jett said. “A librarian who has been in this world and really understands all of the challenges that confront a system such as ours that is very extensive and unique.”

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DeShawne Wilcox grew up on the near west side off of Tibbs and Michigan. He went to IPS Washington HS where he played basketball, which is a strong passion of his. So much so, that after graduating from Indiana University with a degree in recreational sports management, he started Fortitude Sports & Development, a nonprofit.

During college, DeShawne had an internship with Girls, Inc. where he ran the junior sports basketball league. He was the one in charge on game days and oversaw the volunteers and the fundraising. DeShawne enjoyed developing the skills of the girls in the league and received a lot of positive compliments from parents confirming that the girls were learning from him. He appreciated working in the nonprofit sector and enjoyed giving back to the community. Working with these young athletes had its challenges, such as the adversity that many faced at home. Once he fully launched his own nonprofit, he found it difficult to incorporate the necessary wraparound services needed to help the girls overcome adversity.

“It’s challenging when you need to focus on everything but learning because of things going on at home,” says DeShawne, who enjoys giving back to his community.

Continuing his search for something he is passionate about, but also needing to support himself, DeShawne worked as a site supervisor with a commercial construction company. While the job was not fulfilling, a serendipitous meeting with the electrician on his team opened DeShawne’s eyes to the value of skilled labor and its essential place in the workforce. The electrician explained why he earned more money than DeShawne and emphasized the importance of increasing your value. DeShawne knew he needed to find a path towards a sustainable, successful career.

Since DeShawne was a kid, he had been interested in tech. With the nudge from the electrician, DeShawne searched for a coding bootcamp and found Eleven Fifty Academy. The cost felt like a barrier, so he started to teach himself how to code, and the pandemic hit. DeShawne was furloughed, further casting a light on how expendable he was as a manager. This served as a major wakeup call.

“I thought about what the electrician told me — a skill is something that no one can take away from you,” states DeShawne. “So I was scrolling Instagram and saw a post from Eleven Fifty advertising CARES Act funding and I was enrolled within a week.”

The virtual learning style was initially a challenge for DeShawne, but he quickly realized that he had resources to help him throughout the course to make sure he was on the right track. Before the course began, DeShawne felt really good because the pre-work was dense and he understood it all, which made

him feel confident.

“The instructors say that there are ebbs and flows, peaks and valleys,” says DeShawne. “So hang on, you might feel lost at times and until that last peak when it all clicks.”

For DeShawne, that time happened about two thirds into his web development course after “blue badge”. His final project was his moment of truth, “Your confidence waivers, but it is temporary. If you constantly practice, you will keep your skills sharp. It is the most rewarding thing when you know you can do this.”

After graduation, job seeking became a full-time job. When things aligned for DeShawne, he had five recruiters reaching out to him and he landed his new job with the company that interviewed him first. It took him a few months to get there, but he landed where he wanted to be. DeShawne really likes where he is working and enjoys the teamwork. He finds solace in his contributions to the company, Wunderkind, and enjoys making a tangible impact on the company.

“No matter where you started, where you come from or what your circumstances are, you can always pivot and grow,” shares DeShawne, a Product Integrity Analyst with Wunderkind. “I found a successful path, proving what is possible in real time.”







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The importance of breastfeeding for both mothers and infants

By CAMEUAL WRIGHT



August is recognized as National Breastfeeding Month to help raise awareness about the importance of breastfeeding for both mother and infant. Due to its many benefits, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends exclusively breastfeeding for the first six months of a baby's life, but many still question if it is right for them, especially due to concerns with COVID-19. Dr. Cameual Wright, the market chief medical officer at CareSource, a nonprofit health plan, offers tips and information about breastfeeding to mitigate some of these concerns and answers questions mothers may have.

Breastfeeding benefits both mother and baby

Breastfeeding can help form an incredible bond between mother and baby in addition to numerous health benefits, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As the infant grows, breast milk changes to best fit the baby's nutritional needs and protects both mother and baby from certain illnesses and diseases. Mothers who choose to breastfeed have a reduced risk of ovarian and breast cancer, type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure. Additionally, infants who are breastfed have a lower risk of asthma, type 1 diabetes and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). Breast milk also carries antibodies from the mother which helps offer immunity to babies before they are able to receive vaccinations and are still building a strong immune system.

Due to an infant's changing routine, many find breastfeeding to be the most convenient feeding option due to the ability to breastfeed anytime, anywhere. Breastfeeding can help lift financial burdens associated with feeding as it offers a free, nutritional food source for babies.

COVID-19's impact on breastfeeding

The COVID-19 pandemic has raised many questions for mothers and expecting mothers. If you test positive for COVID-19, talk to your physician about breastfeeding your baby. Mothers who choose to get vaccinated can pass COVID-19 antibodies to the infant through breast milk.

Ethnic and racial disparities of breastfeeding

Despite the CDC recommending breastfeeding, national rates remain low, especially among those in minority groups. There are many reasons for this, including historical trauma, access to care, provider bias and promotion of formula by manufacturers. Culturally appropriate education, increased breastfeeding support and diverse representation within health care should be encouraged and implemented in order to increase awareness of the importance of breastfeeding and help remove these barriers.

CareSource encourages mothers and expecting mothers to learn more about the benefits of breastfeeding

and can provide access to case management workers who can connect them to resources in their community including lactation consultants. Lactation consultants are covered by CareSource and can provide mothers with prenatal education and postnatal assistance with breastfeeding. Mothers can also utilize CareSource24, our 24-hour Nurse Helpline, to ask questions and get advice. Visit caresource.com for more information about our services for mothers and expecting mothers.

Dr. Cameual Wright is CareSource market chief medical officer.



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Health Coalition Urges Hoosiers to Rethink Their Drink

Imagine filling a bathtub with 2-liter bottles of soda. If that sounds like a large amount of soda, it is. Yet the typical Hoosier child consumes enough sugary drinks each year to fill the average 30-gallon bathtub, equal to 56 2-liter bottles.

Top 10 is a local coalition, including the Marion County Public Health Department, which is committed to improving the health of Indianapolis residents, is launching a "Rethink Your Drink" campaign this month to encourage people to choose drinks without added sugars.

The campaign will place a special emphasis on reaching Black and Hispanic parents and teens, who see twice as much advertising for sugary drinks as whites and, therefore, consume more of those drinks.

"Indy's kids are sweet enough," said Rhonda Bayless, executive director of Center for Wellness and Urban Women, a member of Top 10. "None of us would encourage our kids to drink that much sugar, but many of us do so without realizing how much sugar is hidden in many popular drinks."

Sugary drinks include not only sodas but also sports drinks, energy drinks, fruit juices and sweetened teas and coffees.

"Most of us know that sodas contain sugar," Bayless said, "but most of us don't realize how much sugar. Just one 12-ounce can of soda often contains as much as nine teaspoons of sugar. That's like eating four glazed donuts."

Other drinks – some even marketed as good for you – are also loaded with sugar.

A 20-ounce sports drink also contains approximately 9 teaspoons of sugar, and many fruit drinks are loaded with added sugars.

"The American Heart Association recommends that kids limit added sugars to 25 grams per day, and almost all sugary drinks are over this daily limit," said Julie Pike, a registered dietitian with Riley Children's Health, also a Top 10 member. "In fact, sugary drinks are the largest source of calories and added sugar in kids' diets. Even drinking one sugary drink a day significantly increases the risk for obesity and Type-2 diabetes."

"In Marion County, 40 percent of our youth are either overweight or obese," Pike said. "Certainly, the amount of added sugars, especially liquid sugar, in their diet plays a large role in that."

Too much sugar leads to other problems as well, including higher risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, Type-2 diabetes and tooth decay.

So, if you don't fill your bathtub – or children – with sugary drinks, what do you fill them with?

Water is the number one option, but the "Rethink Your Drink" campaign highlights others as well.

"Healthier drink options include water and low-fat milk," Pike said. "When you're at the grocery store, take a look at the nutrition facts label on the back of the package. You want the 'added sugar' to be zero."

"And if you're out at a restaurant, opt for water, low-fat milk or unsweetened tea."

The Top 10 coalition's education campaign will run throughout 2021, reaching out to people through community programs as well as social media.

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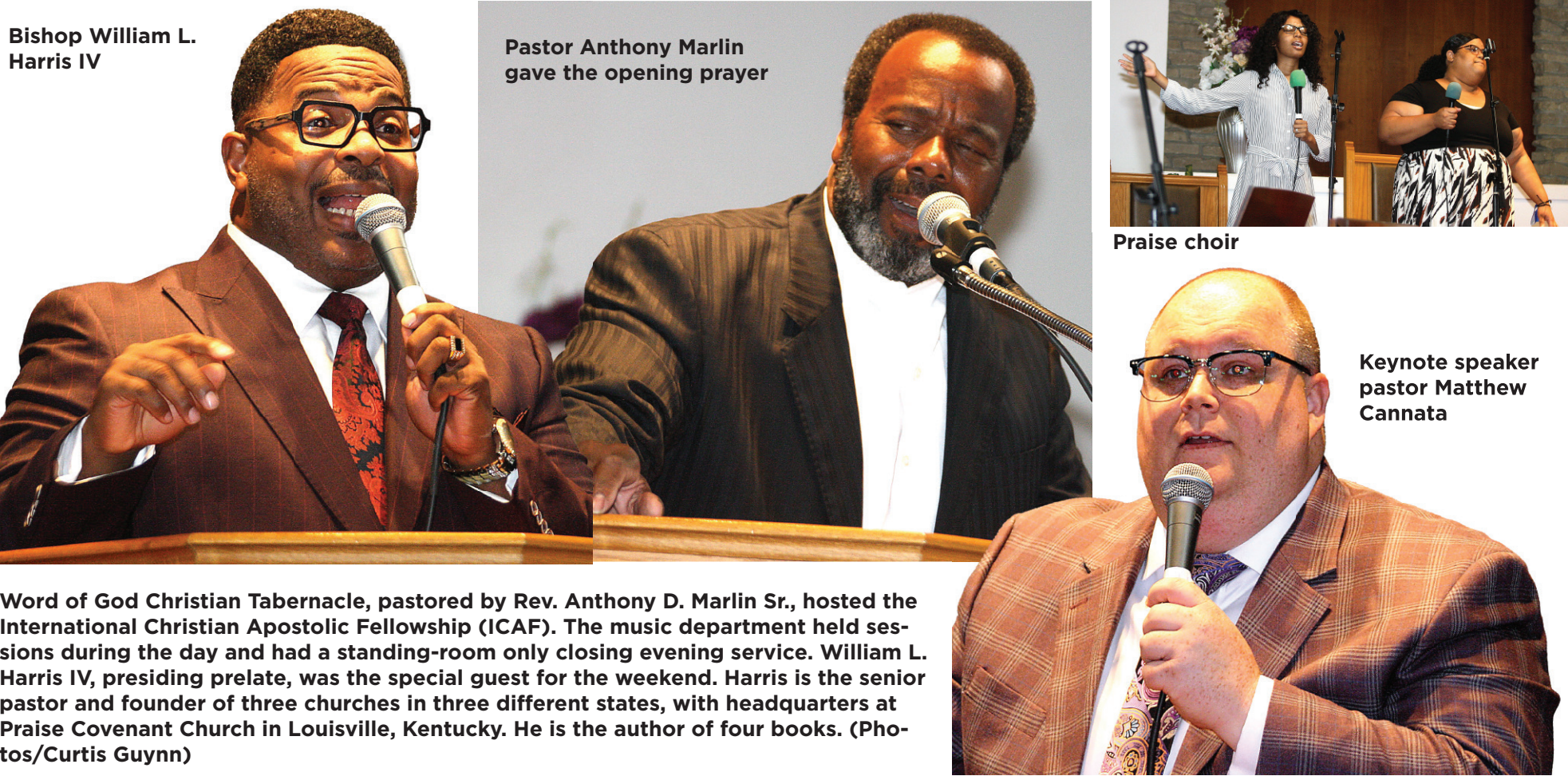
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The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Indianapolis inauguration of officers



The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Indianapolis recently held the inauguration of officers at Grace Apostolic Church. Rev. Lionel T. Rush was elected president of the alliance. Bishop Donald Golder, Temple of Praise Assembly, was the master of ceremonies. The Very Rev. Bishop David Hall Sr. was chief celebrant and homilist. Bishop Anne Henning Byfield, presiding bishop 13th Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal (AME) and president of the Council of Bishops AME Church, was the co-celebrant. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

International Christian Apostolic Fellowship



Word of God Christian Tabernacle, pastored by Rev. Anthony D. Marlin Sr., hosted the International Christian Apostolic Fellowship (ICAF). The music department held sessions during the day and had a standing-room only closing evening service. William L. Harris IV, presiding prelate, was the special guest for the weekend. Harris is the senior pastor and founder of three churches in three different states, with headquarters at Praise Covenant Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He is the author of four books. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

Some praise, some doubts as Facebook rolls out a prayer tool

By HOLLY MEYER and DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

Facebook already asks for your thoughts. Now it wants your prayers.

The social media giant has rolled out a new prayer request feature, a tool embraced by some religious leaders as a cutting-edge way to engage the faithful online. Others are eyeing it warily as they weigh its usefulness against the privacy and security concerns they have with Facebook.

In Facebook Groups employing the feature, members can use it to rally prayer power for upcoming job interviews, illnesses and other personal challenges big and small. After they create a post, other users can tap an "I prayed" button, respond with a "like" or other reaction, leave a comment or send a direct message.

Facebook began testing it in the U.S. in December as part of an ongoing effort to support faith communities, according to a statement attributed to a company spokesperson.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic we've seen many faith and spirituality communities using our services to connect, so we're starting to explore new tools to support them," it said.

The Rev. Robert Jeffress of First Baptist Church in Dallas, a Southern Baptist megachurch, was among the pastors enthusiastically welcoming of



the prayer feature.

"Facebook and other social media platforms continue to be tremendous tools to spread the Gospel of Christ and connect believers with one another — especially during this pandemic," he said. "While any tool can be misused, I support any effort like this that encourages people to turn to the one true God in our time of need."

Adeel Zeb, a Muslim chaplain at The Claremont Colleges in California, also was upbeat.

"As long as these companies initiate proper precautions and protocols to ensure the safety of religiously marginalized communities, people of faith should jump on board supporting this vital initiative," he said.

Under its data policy, Facebook uses the information it gathers in a variety of ways, including to personalize advertisements. But the company says advertisers are not able to use a person's prayer posts to target ads.

The Rev. Bob Stec, pastor of St. Ambrose Catholic Parish in Brunswick, Ohio, said via email that on one hand, he sees the new feature as a positive affirmation of people's need for an "authentic community" of prayer, support and worship.

But "even while this is a 'good thing,' it is not necessary the deeply authentic community that we need," he said. "We need to join our voices and

hands in prayer. We need to stand shoulder to shoulder with each other and walk through great moments and challenges together."

Stec also worried about privacy concerns surrounding the sharing of deeply personal traumas.

"Is it wise to post everything about everyone for the whole world to see?" he said. "On a good day we would all be reflective and make wise choices. When we are under stress or distress or in a difficult moment, it's almost too easy to reach out on Facebook to everyone."

However, Jacki King, the minister to women at Second Baptist Conway, a Southern Baptist congregation in Conway, Arkansas, sees a potential benefit for people who are isolated amid the pandemic and struggling with mental health, finances and other issues.

"They're much more likely to get on and make a comment than they are to walk into a church right now," King said. "It opens a line of communication."

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union of Reform Judaism, said he understood why some people would view the initiative skeptically.

"But in the moment we're in, I don't know many people who don't have a big part of their prayer life online," he said. "We've all been using the chat function for something like this — sharing who we are praying for."

Crossroads Community Church, a nondenominational congregation in Vancouver, Washington, saw the function go live about 10 weeks ago in its Facebook Group, which has roughly 2,500 members.

About 20 to 30 prayer requests are posted each day, eliciting 30 to 40 responses apiece, according to Gabe Moreno, executive pastor of ministries. Each time someone responds, the initial poster gets a notification.

Deniece Flippin, a moderator for the group, turns off the alerts for her posts, knowing that when she checks back she will be greeted with a flood of support.

Flippin said that unlike with in-person group prayer, she doesn't feel the Holy Spirit or the physical manifestations she calls the "holy goosebumps." But the virtual experience is fulfilling nonetheless.

"It's comforting to see that they're always there for me and we're always there for each other," Flippin said.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Treasure yourself



By SHEILA P. SPENCER




“On the day of your birth, the Creator filled countless storehouses, set aside for your use and yours alone.” Maya Angelou
 “What you say can mean life or death. Those who speak with care will be rewarded.” Proverbs 18:21
 “Speak over yourself, encourage yourself in the Lord.” “Encourage Yourself” Donald Lawrence
 If you are reading this, this message is designed directly and specifically for you,
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 Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and that is true.
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selves, too.
 It’s a blessing to receive encouragement from someone else,
 But it should never replace encouraging yourself
 It’s a blessing to encourage and lift up someone else.
 But it should never replace encouraging and lifting up yourself.
 It’s a blessing to celebrate the God given gifts you see in your friends
 But it should never replace celebrating your own God given gifts within
 It’s a blessing to acknowledge the gifts of others that shine bright
 But it doesn’t mean that you diminish or dim your own light
 This is a reminder that I am sharing with myself
 My prayer is that it is a reminder to someone else.

There’s nothing wrong with feeling yourself, You weren’t created to have your gifts collect dust on a shelf.
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 They were given to us and created to shine. Treasure yourself!
 Encouraging and cheering for myself, Rev. Sheila P. Spencer
 P.S. Bless yourself and listen to Donald Lawrence’s anthem “Encourage Yourself.”

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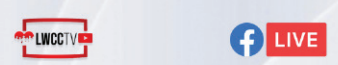
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Support Black businesses in August — and year round

By BREANNA COOPER
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Since 2004, August has been recognized as National Black Business Month — a time to support the roughly 2 million Black-owned businesses in the United States. In Indianapolis, Black entrepreneurs have added their talents to the food, beauty and health care industry, among others.

When many business owners were closing their doors in the early days of the pandemic, Tynnetta Muhammad was just opening hers. Tynnetta Sells – Healthy Eats, a catering and meal prep company, opened in the summer of 2020. Though difficult at first, Muhammad depended on her family — especially her husband, Van — and friends to spread the word about her business. Now, she’s providing various sports teams at Butler University with healthy, home-cooked meals, and her client list keeps growing.

While the former Indianapolis Public Schools teacher has always been passionate about cooking, the pandemic and working from home gave her the opportunity to spend more time in the kitchen. There, she realized she could help others have a balanced, healthy diet. “Many of my customers have a full work schedule, and they found themselves eating out a lot, gaining weight and not really paying attention to what they were putting in their bodies,” Muhammad said. “With my website, they can order food that’s prepared ahead of time and customize what they want.”

Muhammad doesn’t fry any of her food and avoids



Tynnetta Muhammad, owner of Tynnetta Sells – Healthy Eats, mans a table at a local event. (Photo provided by Tynnetta Muhammad)

serving foods high in fat or preservatives, and she makes most of it from scratch.

“Food can either heal you or kill you,” Muhammad said. “The purpose of my food, and my business, is to keep you healthy.”

Health and wellness are a focus of many Black-owned businesses in Indianapolis. Black entrepreneurs such as Victoria Davis are leading the way in health care.

Faith Healthcare Training, founded by Davis, offers aspiring nursing assistants a five-week program to achieve their goals. Davis said the program instills the value

of service, compassion and accountability to help future certified nursing assistants prioritize the wellness of their patients.

The wellness of her customers is also top of mind for Mia White, who owns So FIYAH LLC. The inspiration for the skin care company stemmed from White’s daughter’s struggle with eczema. No products White tried gave her daughter any relief, so she started researching and experimenting with making products of her own. She began making body butters and creams and said she found her passion.

“It changed my whole world,” White said. “And in our household, it dramatically changed my daughter’s skin. She would get rashes and sores, and she doesn’t get any of that anymore, and there’s a lot of people with similar testimonies to my soap and body butter.”

White ships anywhere from 300 to 500 products a month, and her artisan soaps and creams have been sent all over the United States and various countries. The full-time entrepreneur hopes to expand her business to include employees.

Support within the Black

community for Black-owned businesses is strong, White said. However, more needs to be done to help Black entrepreneurs thrive in the business world at large.

“As my business has grown, I’ve come into contact with a lot of other Black business owners,” White said. “There’s a lot of support within. A lot. But it’s a little harder to break into the outside community. We need that support.”

Contact staff writer Breanna Cooper at 317-762-7848. Follow her on Twitter @BreannaN-Cooper.

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Notice is hereby given that a Board meeting of the Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. The meeting is noticed and will be held via electronic means due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Public Health Emergency in accordance with Indiana Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 21-16 and IC 5-14-1.5-3.7. Attendees may join by phone using the following information:

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Sexton's Plan Room at 902 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN, 46204. Plans & specifications can be viewed online at Integrity One Technologies or iSqFt.com. For questions regarding the bid documents contact Zac Shelton at zshelton@shiels Sexton.com, or 317-423-6093.
A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held and attendance is strongly encouraged.
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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF MARION CASE NUMBER: 49C01-2105-MI-015081
IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: BROOKS EDWARD VERNON, Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Brooks Edward Vernon, by counsel, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name from Brooks Edward Vernon to Buddy Vernon.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Circuit Court on October 26, 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:

The hearing will be held virtually. Use the information below to join through www. webex.com and selecting "Join a Meeting" or by using the toll-free number to call in. Meeting number (access code): 173 867 9021. Meeting password: cqN6fqPb853 (27663772 from phones). Join by phone: 1-844-992-4726 toll-free.
7/21/2021 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Date Clerk of Marion Circuit Court
5320-926003

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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49C01-2107-MI-024695
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR: Alexander Timothy Jordan-Woods
Name of Minor: Michaela Woods
Petitioner
ORDER SETTING HEARING
Comes now Michaela Woods, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on October 26, 2021, at 9:00 AM.
This matter will be heard remotely/virtually, and the Court will issue a WebEx invitation for attendance at the hearing.
So ORDERED July 26, 2021.
This hearing will be held virtually. Use the information below to join through www. webex.com and selecting "Join a Meeting" or by using the toll-free number to call in. Meeting number (access code): 173 867 9021. Meeting password: CqN6fqPb853 (27663772 from phones)
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Notice of an Unregistered Claim by EBONY DEVONN WILSON, a private living man, sovereign by the grace of God, their name written in the Book of the Tree of Life, beneficiary in original jurisdiction now coming as Grantor/Settler with NOTICE of Unregistered Claim, and priority equitable right, title and interest in the EBONY DEVONN WILSON Estate, Indiana state file number 2440045-011221, including all assets, attributes, derivatives and transmutations thereof. To respond to this notice, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: 5830 W 38th ST, SUITE 6, Indianapolis, Indiana 46254 5320-926210

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Notice of an Unregistered Claim by ANDREW ANTHONY EDWARDS, a private living man, sovereign by the grace of God, their name written in the Book of the Tree of Life, beneficiary in original jurisdiction now coming as Grantor/Settler with NOTICE of Unregistered Claim, and priority equitable right, title and interest in the EBONY DEVONN WILSON Estate, Indiana state file number 2936473 012084, including all assets, attributes, derivatives and transmutations thereof. To respond to this notice, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: 5830 W 38th

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
SS: CIVIL DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO: 49C01-2108-MI-026316)
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF: KELSEY NICOLE GREEN, PETITIONER
NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING HEARING
Notice is hereby given to the Petitioner, Kelsey Nicole Green, who filed her Verified Petition for a Name Change on August 4, 2021, to change Petitioner's name from Kelsey Nicole Green to Kelsey Nicole Spencer. The Court now sets this matter for a hearing on November 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
This hearing will be held virtually. Use the information below to join through www. webex.com and selecting "Join a Meeting" or by using the toll-free number to call in. Meeting number (access code): 173 867 9021. Meeting password: cqN6fqPb853 (27663772 from phones)
Join by phone 1-844-992-4726 -- toll free
The Petition is scheduled for a hearing on the above-referenced date, which is more than 30 days after the last date of publication in the newspaper of general circulation.
Any party or agency has the right to appear at the hearing, and file written objections to the Petition on or before the hearing date. This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court issues a WebEx invitation for attendance at the hearing. SO ORDERED August 10, 2021
/s/ Susan Boatright Magistrate, Marion Circuit Court
Distribution: Airted For Petitioner Kelsey Green (317) 447-7253
5320-926146

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO: 49C01-2108-PL-026705)
MERCEDES O. PEÑA RIVERA DE MATUTE Plaintiff,
v.
FIRST FRANKLIN A DIVISION OF NAT. CITY BANK OF IN, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, and unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiffs.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is: Complaint to Quiet Title to the following Real Estate in Marion County, Indiana, to-wit: LOT NUMBERED FOUR (4) IN HUNT'S SOUTH EAST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 166, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly known as: 1714-1716 Thaddeus Street, Indianapolis, IN 46203
To the following Defendants whose whereabouts are not known: CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, MORTGAGE EXPRESS, INC., FRED BUTLER INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC., the unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiffs.
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To the following Defendants whose whereabouts are not known: FIRST FRANKLIN A DIVISION OF NAT. CITY BANK OF IN, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, the unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2107-MI-024706)
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR: Gwendene Antoinette Jordan Woods
Name of Minor: Michaela Woods
Petitioner
ORDER SETTING HEARING
Comes now Michaela Woods, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on October 26, 2021, at 9:00 AM.
This matter will be heard remotely/virtually, and the Court will issue a WebEx invitation for attendance at the hearing.
So ORDERED July 26, 2021.
This hearing will be held virtually. Use the information below to join through www. webex.com and selecting "Join a Meeting" or by using the toll-free number to call in. Meeting number (access code): 173 867 9021. Meeting password: CqN6fqPb853 (27663772 from phones)
Join by phone: 1-844-992-4726 -- toll free /s/ Susan Boatright Judicial Officer
Distribution: Michaela Woods 623 N. Dearborn St. Indianapolis, IN 46201 5320-926090

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO: 49D08-2107-EU-025889)
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JANINE F. HOLMES, DECEASED
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of the Estate of Janine F. Holmes, deceased. Estate Docket: 49D08-21-05-ES-01 7988
Notice is hereby given that on June 14, 2021, Stacy L. McGuyre was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Janine F. Holmes, deceased, who died intestate on the 8th day of May, 2021, 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 June 14, 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
5320-926147

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above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff. In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Published Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. The Name and Address of the Attorney Representing the Plaintiff is: Kathleen S. Crebo HOCKER & ASSOCIATES, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
6626 E. 75th St., Suite 410 Indianapolis, IN 46250
T: (317) 578-1630
F: (317) 849-1892
E: Kathleen.Crebo@hockerlaw.com
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Marion County Clerk
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Prepared By: Kathleen S. Crebo #29876-49 Hocker & Associates, LLC
5320-925899

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO: 49C01-2108-PL-026993)
MARK MCDERMITT Plaintiff,
v.
CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, MORTGAGE EXPRESS, INC., and FRED BUTLER INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC., and unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiffs.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is: Complaint to Quiet Title to the following Real Estate in Marion County, Indiana, to-wit: LOT NUMBERED FOUR (4) IN HUNT'S SOUTH EAST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 166, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly known as: 1714-1716 Thaddeus Street, Indianapolis, IN 46203
To the following Defendants whose whereabouts are not known: CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, MORTGAGE EXPRESS, INC., FRED BUTLER INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC., the unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiffs.
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2107-EU-023628)
ESTATE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Angela J. Pogue was, on July 14, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marilyn Jane Cox, Deceased, who died on May 29, 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 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 July 14, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge CLERK, Marion Superior Court
DEFUR VORAN LLP
By: /s/ Michael D. Wilhelm, #25224-49
8409 Fishers Centre Dr., Fishers, IN 46038
Telephone: (317) 585-8085
Fax: (317) 585-8085
5320-925945

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2107-EU-023705)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF DONALD R. WELLS, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
TO: ALL CREDITORS
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Radonna J. Doan was, on July 15, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald R. Wells, deceased.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, July 15, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
5320-925888

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2107-EU-023705)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF DONALD R. WELLS, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
TO: ALL CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF MARION)
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Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, July 15, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
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IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF DONALD R. WELLS, DECEASED.
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IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) CIVIL DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D14-2012-DC--042864

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: JUAL LEAL, Petitioner/Husband, and MARICELA VELAZQUEZ, Respondent/Wife.

To Respondent: Maricela Velazquez

This Summons is to the above-named Respondent, and to any other person who may be concerned.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Marion County, Indiana Superior Court in an action entitled: In Re The Marriage Of Juan Leal and Maricela Velazquez by the person named above as Petitioner. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the Respondent above whose current address and whereabouts are unknown.

The named Petitioner is represented by Vanessa Lopez Aguilera, LOPEZ LAW OFFICE, P.C., 3502 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46208. Telephone: (317)634-9484.

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

An answer or other response in writing to the petition must be filed either by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the third notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief requested by the Petitioner. If you have claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert in your written answer or response.

Dated: 5/ 24/ 2021 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Myla Eldridge Clerk of Marion County 5320-925742

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Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/public sale on September 6th, 2021 at 8AM.

7576 W Washington St Indianapolis, IN 46231

List of vehicles to be included in the sale:

Year	Make	VIN Sale	Price
2002	JEEP	1J4GL58K42W302278	\$1,500.00
2007	FORD	3FAHP07Z97R258276	\$1,500.00
2002	SATURN	1G8JW54R92Y533570	\$1,500.00
2001	HONDA	2HKRL18781H530579	\$1,500.00
2006	CHEVROLET	1G1AK55F367818968	\$1,500.00
2011	FORD	1FMCU4K39BKAA88209	\$1,500.00
2004	CHEVROLET	1GNDT13SX42130560	\$1,500.00
2007	DODGE	2D4FV47V07H756621	\$1,500.00
2004	HONDA	5J6YH28584L037240	\$1,500.00
1999	BUICK	1G4HP52K1XH467087	\$1,500.00
2006	BMW	WBANE73526CM31502	\$1,500.00
2006	NISSAN	1N4BA41E46C834793	\$1,500.00
2008	MAZDA	JM1BK32F581821526	\$1,500.00
2010	CHEVROLET	2CNFLDEY5A6311869	\$1,500.00
2001	TOYOTA	2T1BR12E51C433818	\$1,500.00
1974	Chevrolet	1H57R4K20456	\$1,500.00
2009	NISSAN	JN8AZ18W99W158487	\$1,500.00
2002	TOYOTA	2T1BR12E62C559722	\$1,500.00
2012	TOYOTA	4T1BF1FK8CU544776	\$1,500.00
2005	MAZDA	4F2CZ961X5KM26913	\$1,500.00
2000	CHEVROLET	3G1JC1248Y5103438	\$1,500.00
2010	FORD	2FMDK3J3CXA8A78822	\$1,500.00
2009	CHEVROLET	2G1WB57N891139032	\$1,500.00
2004	FORD	1FAFP38Z44W153080	\$1,500.00
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2002	BUICK	3G5DB03E72S516409	\$1,500.00
1994	OLDSMOBILE	1G3HN52L6R4819187	\$1,500.00
2006	CHEVROLET	2CNDL23F666158374	\$1,500.00
2017	KIA	3KPF14A75HE074070	\$1,500.00
1996	FORD	2FTEF15Y7TCA00349	\$1,500.00
2003	CHEVROLET	1GNDT13S532217524	\$1,500.00
1999	JEEP	1J4FF68SXXL608905	\$1,500.00
2005	LEXUS	2T2GA31U15C026601	\$1,500.00
2017	CHEVROLET	2GNALCEK6H6296157	\$1,500.00
2001	CHEVROLET	1G1ND52J716200698	\$1,500.00
2008	NISSAN	1N4AL21E78N510965	\$1,500.00
2004	BUICK	1G4HR54K844137988	\$1,500.00
2011	FORD	3FAHP0HA7BR104067	\$1,500.00
2000	TOYOTA	4T1BG22K3YU961609	\$1,500.00
2004	DODGE	1D4GP45R84B508657	\$1,500.00
2002	HONDA	2HKRL18562H568750	\$1,500.00
2010	MERCEDES-BENZ	WDDGF8BB5AR121524	\$1,500.00
1999	HONDA	2HGEJ6612XH530029	\$1,500.00
2000	TOYOTA	4T1BF22K6YU112500	\$1,500.00
2015	CHRYSLER	1C3CCC8B5FN716395	\$1,500.00
2002	TOYOTA	JT3HNN86R220380216	\$1,500.00
2017	HYUNDAI	5NPD84LF3H117541	\$1,500.00
2021	FORD	1FDNF6CN4MDF51413	\$1,500.00
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It is the responsibility of the Airport Maintenance Worker (Building) to perform general and skilled trades maintenance on the buildings, facilities, and grounds at all airports owned or operated by the IAA. Maintenance tasks include, but not limited to, doors, locksmith, plumbing, installation and repair, painting, drywall finishing, basic electrical, and carpentry. Must participate in snow removal activities. Perform any and all other tasks as required.

Airport Maintenance Technician/\$22 an hour

The Airport Maintenance Technician is responsible for the installation, maintenance, repair, and continuous operation of all equipment on airport property which is powered by electricity including but not limited to all airfield electrical and electronic systems, radios, loading bridges, baggage conveyor systems, HVAC systems, building electrical and electronic systems, and parking garage revenue systems, and Airport security systems.

Airfield Maintenance Worker/\$18.07

It is the responsibility of the Airport Maintenance Worker (Airfield) to perform general maintenance on the airfield, roads, grounds, and buildings at all facilities owned or operated by the IAA. Maintenance tasks include, but not limited to, pavement repair, fence repair, and general upkeep of grounds or buildings. Must participate in snow removal activities. Perform any and all other tasks as required.

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CLEMENCY

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“It is extremely difficult and can be very traumatizing,” said Nick Greven, a member of Indiana Department of Corrections Watch, which helped organize the event.

What is clemency?

Clemency is an umbrella term that refers to reducing or altering a sentence for a criminal conviction, though it doesn’t affect the conviction. The last time Gov. Eric Holcomb granted clemency was in November 2019, when he commuted the sentence of Berto Dooley, who was in prison for cocaine possession.

The five-member Indiana Parole Board conducts monthly clemency hearings — virtual for now because of the pandemic — and makes a recommendation to the governor, the only person with the power to grant clemency. The board’s recommendation is non-binding.

The board typically receives about 50 petitions each year, Vice Chair Charles Miller said. The number of people who get a hearing every month varies — the high this year is five — and Miller said that’s in part because the board has other responsibilities outside of clemency.

Clemency is not supposed to be a quick process, Miller said, because it’s not as simple as reweighing the evidence of a case and telling the governor what they think. If the recommendation is to grant clemency, that also means going to the victim or victim’s family and telling them the sentence was wrong or that the person responsible for the crime has been reformed.

Plus, the board has to locate and reach out to victims, judges and prosecutors to make sure they have a right to express their opinion.

“Clemency is an executive check on the judicial branch,” Miller said. “It is designed to be used sparingly and after great consideration. If you are going to say someone else got it wrong,

you better be right.”

‘He has paid his debt to society’

While the Indiana Parole Board goes through the methodical process of determining if someone deserves clemency, family, friends and supporters have no choice but to wait on the outside.

Patricia Shelton-Trotter, whose husband is serving a 122-year sentence for his involvement in a prison riot in 1985, stays hopeful that something will work in their favor. Christopher Trotter had his clemency hearing in May, and Shelton-Trotter said they haven’t heard anything back yet. It typically takes about six to eight months for a decision.

Trotter, 59, was in the middle of a four-year sentence for theft when a riot broke out. Inmates, including Trotter, stabbed seven corrections officers. Trotter said he acted in defense of another inmate, who was allegedly beaten by guards. His convictions include attempted murder and criminal confinement.

“He has remained strong, faithful to the lord,” Shelton-Trotter said. “He’s done everything possible to get out.

“He has paid his debt to society.”

The waiting game is also difficult for Bluitt, who has the added layer of the Conviction Integrity Unit. The parole board won’t put Benson on the hearing schedule until the CIU makes its decision, according to Miller.

Bluitt said she understands things are more difficult now because of the pandemic, but she also can’t shake the feeling that Benson and others in prison just aren’t valued.

“It lets me know how much the system don’t give a damn,” she said.

Inside a clemency hearing

Thomas Anderson sat at a round table surrounded by white, blank walls as he took questions from the parole board

and made his case for why he deserves clemency.

“I have thought I’ve done a good time in prison,” he said. “I’d like to get out of prison as soon as possible.”

Anderson was sentenced to 60 years for murder in 1996, but he told the board it was a “frame job” and that the person he killed isn’t even dead.

“I gotta tell you, Mr. Anderson, this has taken a turn I didn’t see coming,” Miller told him.

Miller later said in an email that was a unique hearing. He estimated the majority of people express guilt of some sort — though they may argue they should have been convicted of manslaughter instead of murder, for example — and at most only 20% say they are completely innocent.

The board asked Anderson about his physical and mental health and if he takes any medications. Anderson said he has diabetes and takes medicine to help him sleep. They asked where he would go if he received clemency (a halfway house) and his education level (dropped out in ninth grade).

“I wasn’t that smart in school,” he told the board.

Anderson had his mask under his chin to talk and spent most of the time leaning on his right hand with his left crossed underneath and shaking.

The board also reminded Anderson about a past diagnosis for schizophrenia, to which Anderson responded the doctor was “full of s--t.”

The board finished the hearing by telling Anderson he had until the end of the month to give them anything else, such as evidence or letters of support, and that they would send their recommendation to the governor after that.

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

X I B U E P Z P V G J O E B U U I F

FOE PG B S B J O C P X ?

U I F M F U U F S "X."

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Take to the altar	___ A ___	Jolly	___ E ___
2. Peace pack	___ ___ Y	Halloween goodies	___ ___ S
3. Indigenous	___ C ___	Faithful	___ Y ___
4. Herd of sheep	___ L ___	Gown	___ R ___
5. Negotiate	___ T ___	Figaro's occupation	___ B ___
6. Cookbook entry	___ P ___	Narrate a poem	___ T ___
7. Illusionary feat	___ G ___	Overexcited	___ N ___
8. Bush	___ B ___	Shoulder movement	___ G ___
9. Talk turkey	G ___	Waver	W ___
10. Meghan's husband	___ A ___	Rush	___ U ___

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Girl's dress is different. 2. Wheel is missing. 3. Limb is removed. 4. Color is different. 5. Buttons are added. 6. Hair is different.

FINISH LINE

A BUMPY RIDE! Which route will take this trail biker to the finish line? You're a winner if your first or second guess is correct.

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend

A FILL-IN PUZZLE!

Pictured at left is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are the words that you'll need to complete the puzzle, using the trial-and-error method. Keep an eraser handy!

THICK AS A BRICK! Barney, a local bricklayer, asks the following question: "If a brick weighs 9 pounds and half a brick, what does a brick and a half weigh?"

27 pounds. One brick weighs 18 pounds, and half a brick weighs 9 pounds.

A COOL PROBLEM! Don't slip up on this one. In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all end in ICE. Use the following definitions:

- ICE (in place).
- Fruit drink.
- Ornamental molding.
- Mickey and Minnie.
- Place of business.
- A candy flavor.

4-letter words

CHIN
DASH
ECHO
HALO
ICON
KNEE
PLOT

5-letter words

ABASH
EARTH
KHAKI
LATHE
RADAR
TANGO

Answers: (Across) 2. Earth, 4. Plot, 9. (Down) 1. Kneel, 3. Radar, 5. Lathe, 6. Tango, 7. Halo, 8. Chin.

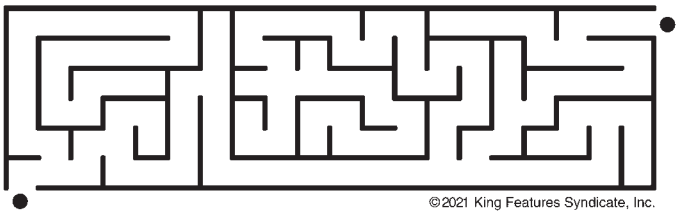
Kids' Maze Solution

1. Mary, Mary
2. Tricky, Tricky
3. Local, Local
4. Puck, Puck
5. Baiter, Baiter
6. Rachel, Rachel
7. Magic, Magic
8. Snub, Snub
9. Gobble, Wobble
10. Harry, Harry

Puzzles4Kids

What do you find at the end of a rainbow?
Answer: A pot of gold.

Kids' Maze



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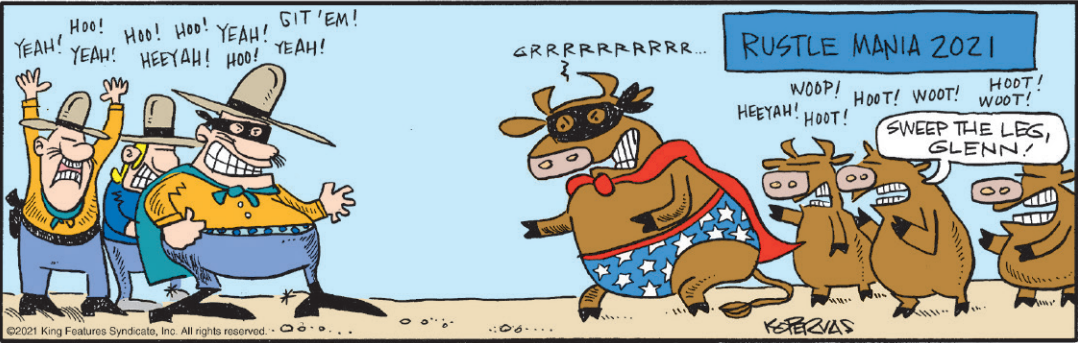
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by Dave T. Phipps



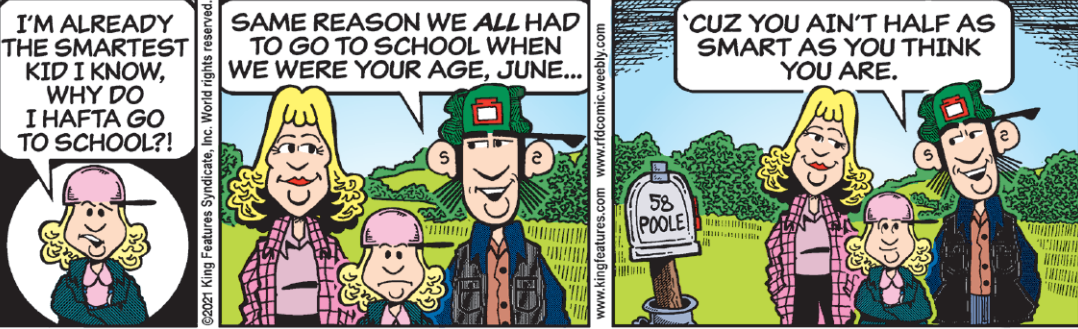
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by Gary Kopervas



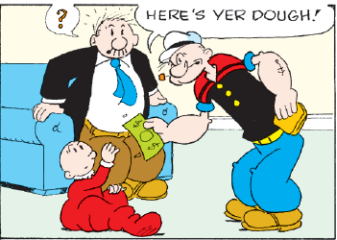
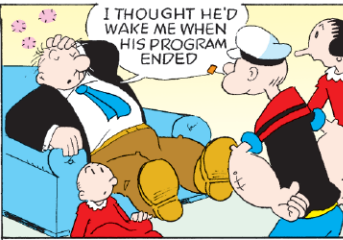
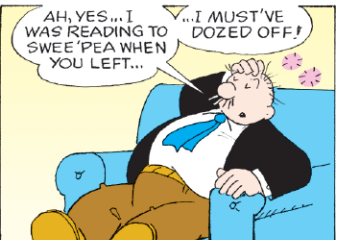
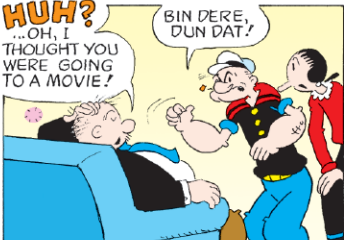
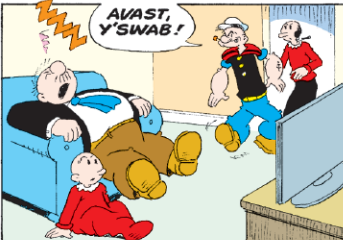
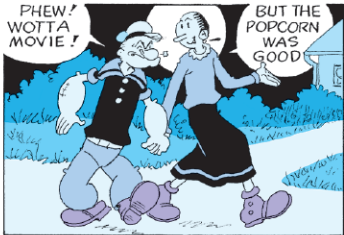
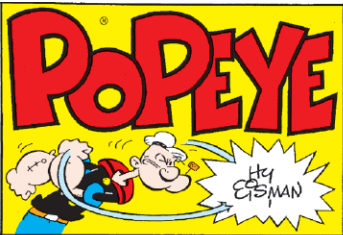
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

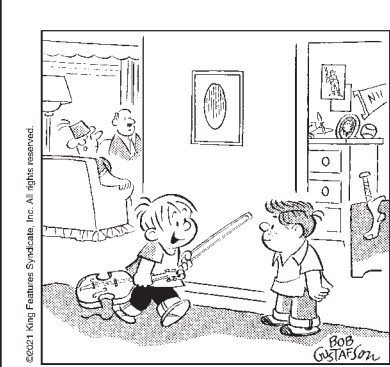
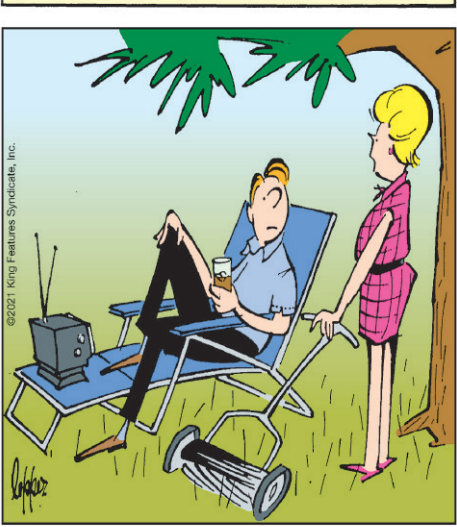


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

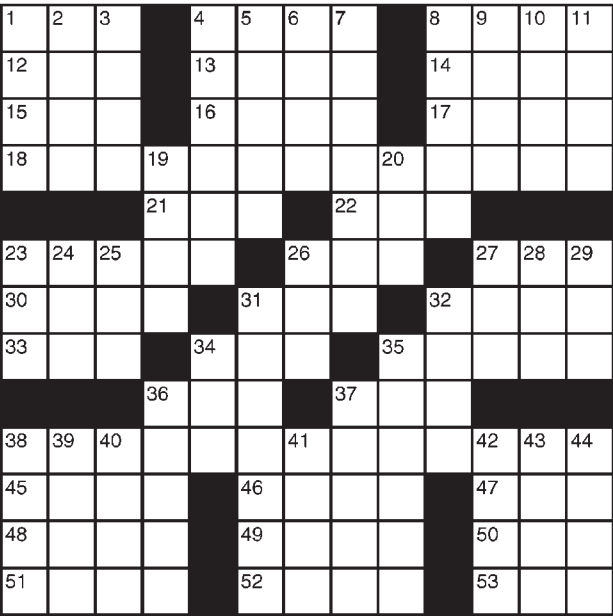
Fiend
TUBER
Collect
GREAH
Rush
SLEUTH
Outcome
LUSTER

TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Wee dollop
- 4 "I smell —!"
- 8 Lose it
- 12 Single
- 13 Only
- 14 Chantilly, e.g.
- 15 Vitamin stat
- 16 Frost
- 17 "— Misbehavin'"
- 18 Improbable, unexpected wonders
- 21 Existed
- 22 Squid squirt
- 23 Song of praise
- 26 Frequently
- 27 "Lion" actor Patel
- 30 Intends
- 31 Dinner for Dobbin
- 32 Seethe
- 33 Sample
- 34 "Shoo!"
- 35 Crazy Horse, for one
- 36 Mountain pass
- 37 Hot tub
- 38 Insignificant sum
- 45 Car
- 46 "Who —?"
- 47 Ultimate
- 48 Leisurely
- 49 Fashion magazine

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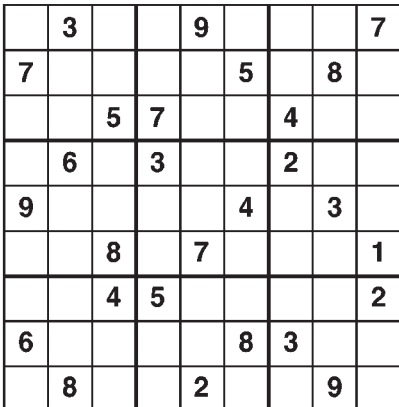


- 50 Multipurpose truck
- 51 Bottom lines?
- 52 Lushes
- 53 Melancholy
- 10 Teen's woe
- 11 Favorites
- 19 They give a hoot
- 20 Busy insect
- 23 Bit of butter
- 24 Knightly address
- 25 Actress Adams
- 26 Feedbag morsel
- 27 Pair with an air
- 28 Outback bird
- 29 Irritate
- 31 Many Woodstock
- 32 Edict
- 34 Guy's date
- 35 Sudden bursts
- 36 Radiates
- 37 Long-legged shorebird
- 38 Obi
- 39 Stubborn beast
- 40 Molecule part
- 41 Norway's capital
- 42 Burden
- 43 Jazz singer James
- 44 Molt

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

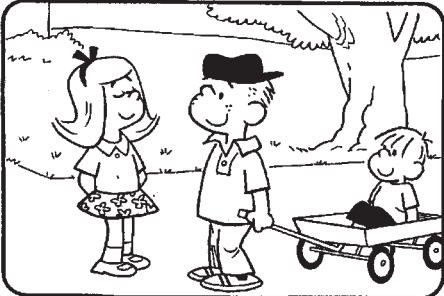
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- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

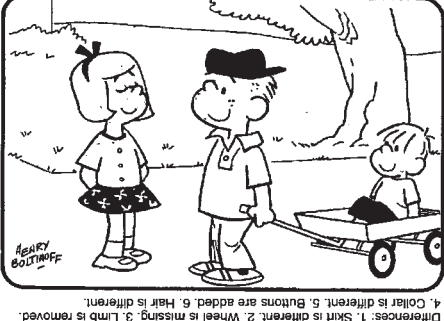
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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GUESTS

Today's Word

- 1. Brute
- 2. Gather
- 3. Hustle
- 4. Result

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

- 1. Brute
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- 3. Hustle
- 4. Result

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals L

HDO RXEVXR HK YHYBDZE

UGVDOEXJ'R AHNR FGZF ZEX JHS

NJHSJ FH AX KZN UHYVXR:

RYBEVHBR QXHEQX.

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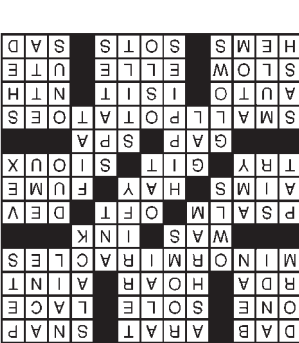
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: What is the name of the trouble-making fraternity in "National Lampoon's Animal House"?
- 2. LITERATURE: What kind of pet does Neville have in the Harry Potter book series?
- 3. MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter is nicknamed the Queen of Soul?
- 4. GAMES: In the NFL, how long is the halftime?
- 5. TELEVISION: What is the name of Mork's planet on "Mork & Mindy"?
- 6. GEOGRAPHY: Tokyo is located on which of Japan's four main islands?
- 7. MEDICAL: What is the common name for deglutition?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of tigers called?
- 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What word represents the letter "U" in the NATO phonetic alphabet code?
- 10. SCIENCE: What is the "power-house" of the cell called?

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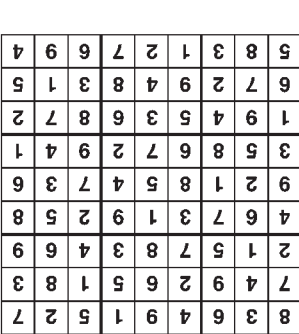
- 10. Mitochondria, the organelle responsible for energy production
- 9. Uniform
- 8. A streak or ambush
- 7. Swallowing
- 6. Honshu
- 5. Ork
- 4. 12-15 minutes, except for the Super Bowl
- 3. Aretha Franklin
- 2. A road named Trevor
- 1. Delta Tau Chi or Delta House



Solution time: 21 mins.

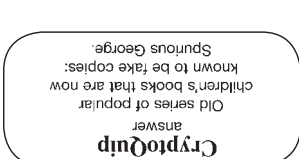
Answers

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Answer

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Ohio St, Badgers Big Ten favorites; Indiana looking for more

By ERIC OLSON
AP College Football Writer

Tom Allen strung together four words not usually associated with his Indiana football program.

“A lot of expectations,” he said.

Hoosier hype is well-founded this year, though it’s hard to imagine anyone dethroning preseason No. 4 Ohio State as king of the Big Ten. The Buckeyes have won four straight conference titles, played in the national championship game last season and are expected to keep rolling even with an inexperienced quarterback.

But if anyone is poised to challenge Ohio State in the Big Ten East, 17th-ranked Indiana is a trendy pick with the return of quarterback Michael Penix Jr.

The Hoosiers were a revelation last season, going 6-1 before their Outback Bowl loss to Mississippi and being ranked in the top 10 for six weeks. That one regular-season loss was at home to Ohio State, 42-35, after Indiana was down 35-7 in the third quarter.

Indiana brings back the core of a defense that led the Big Ten with 25 sacks and had 17 interceptions. The key for the offense is keeping the dynamic, injury prone Penix healthy. He missed the last two games with a torn ACL. He’s among eight returning offensive starters, a group that includes Big Ten receiver of

the year Ty Fryfogle.

Allen said his hope is that success can breed success. Remember, this is a program that hasn’t had three straight winning seasons — overall or in conference play — since the mid-1940s.

“That’s been the challenge, to go from believing — and I believe we have a team that believes — to now expecting a certain outcome on game day,” he said.

The biggest question for Ohio State is at quarterback, where redshirt freshman C.J. Stroud has won the job to replace Justin Fields. Stroud, who has never thrown a pass in a college game, will be surrounded by best-in-the-nation talent at receiver and on the line. The defense will have new starters at linebacker but is experienced up front and in the secondary.

No. 19 Penn State and Michigan are looking to bounce back after disappointing seasons; Maryland and Rutgers appear to be teams on the rise, and Michigan State is looking to find traction under second-year coach Mel Tucker.

Wisconsin is the favorite in the West after going 4-3 and finishing third in the division last year. The No. 12 Badgers had two games canceled because of COVID-19 issues and were plagued by injuries. They return quarterback Graham Mertz and plenty of experience at other positions.

No. 18 Iowa enters the season on a

six-game win streak, has a second-year starting quarterback in Spencer Petras and should have another strong defense if it can restock its line.

Northwestern, which made a surprise run to the Big Ten championship game last year, had two players taken in the first round of the NFL draft and ranks near the bottom of the FBS in returning production.

Minnesota and Nebraska have fourth-year starting quarterbacks in Tanner Morgan and Adrian Martinez, respectively, and are looking to move up.

Purdue and Illinois will battle to stay out of the West basement. Jeff Brohm’s Boilermakers showed promise his first two years and not so much the last two. Illinois is looking for a fresh start with Bret Bielema.

TOP PLAYERS

Offense: Minnesota RB Mohamed Ibrahim averaged a school-record 153.7 yards per game and is the nation’s top returning rusher. Indiana QB Penix passed for a Big Ten-leading 274.2 yards per game. Purdue WR David Bell and Ohio State WR Chris Olave each averaged 104 yards per game.

Defense: Northwestern S Brandon Joseph intercepted five passes and was an AP first-team All-American. Indiana LB Micah McFadden led the Big Ten with six sacks. Rutgers LB Olakunle Fatukasi’s

11.2 tackles per game led conference and were most by a Scarlet Knight since 1999.

MAKE OR BREAK SEASONS

The pressure is cranked up another notch on Michigan’s Jim Harbaugh and Nebraska’s Scott Frost.

Harbaugh signed a contract extension through 2025, but the new deal cuts his base pay and promises more only if he reaches benchmarks like the Big Ten championship game. He’s 49-22 in six years at Michigan but he’s yet to win the East and has lost four games each of the last two seasons.

Frost is 12-20 in three years and under contract through 2026. He goes into this season under the cloud of an NCAA investigation into an allegation he used analysts as on-field coaches. He also is suspected of conducting improper workouts last year at a time they weren’t allowed because of the pandemic.

PICKS

East: Ohio State, Indiana, Penn State, Michigan, Rutgers, Maryland, Michigan State.

West: Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern, Nebraska, Illinois, Purdue.

Champion: Ohio State.

High school football back in action



Shortridge running back Kyrell Allison. Shortridge wide receiver Anthony Russell (left) and Park Tudor linebacker Aaron Roach. Park Tudor wide receiver Cj Thompson.

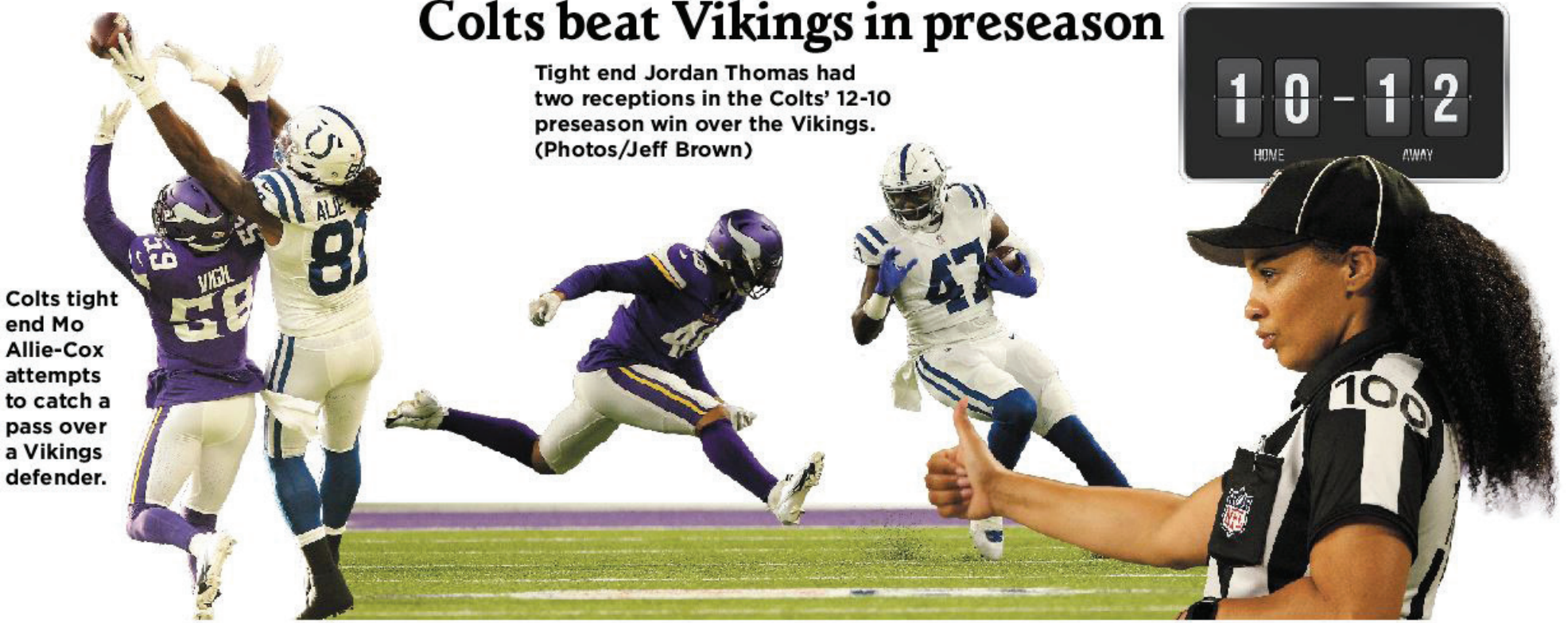
Warren Central vs Center Grove



Warren Central kicker Jaci Grafton kicks an extra point. (Photos/Darnell Scott) Center Grove defeated Warren Central, 38-14, with help from running back Daniel Weems, who rushed for 100 yards. Warren Central wide receiver Kenneth Hacker stands over a defender after his TD catch.

Colts beat Vikings in preseason

Tight end Jordan Thomas had two receptions in the Colts’ 12-10 preseason win over the Vikings. (Photos/Jeff Brown)



Colts tight end Mo Allie-Cox attempts to catch a pass over a Vikings defender.

