

Eviction moratoria change court process and tenant-landlord communication, culture

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Eloundis Daniel, 43, would have been homeless about a year ago, if not for the eviction moratoria that prevented her from being removed from her home for nonpayment of rent.

However, on Aug. 2, two days after a moratorium established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expired, there was nothing stopping the judge at Center Township Small Claims Court from telling her she must move out of her current residence by Aug. 10, or she would be evicted. In fact, she could have been given less time, but she got lucky and received a little over a week.

Without a place to go, Daniel faced the possibility of living on the streets — along with her 2-year-old grandson. She said as soon as she got some money, she was going to buy a tent so they could have some shelter while sleeping by abandoned buildings and garbage cans.

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A group of protesters at the Indiana Statehouse on Feb. 8, 2021, held diapers, children's toys, clothes and other items to show what families can lose during an eviction. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



Attendees walk through the vendors at the Black Owned Business Block Party in 2018. Some of the businesses featured at this year's event include The Doll Way Boutique and Ujamaa Community Bookstore. (Photo provided by DONT SLEEP)

Black Owned Business Block Party to have shopping, music, vaccine clinic

By **MADISON SMALSTIG**
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As a mobile vendor, April Dalton said it means everything to her to be able to set up shop at a physical location, even if it's for one day. Black Owned Business Block Party provides the opportunity for hundreds of businesses like Dalton's — April's Jewelry & Etc. — to earn new customers and connect with the community.

This block party, hosted by Indianapolis civil rights group DONT SLEEP, will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 7 at Flanner House.

The event will feature more than 140 businesses offering products and services in areas such as health, clothing, insurance and beauty. In addition to shopping, the block party will also have a Kidz Zone, back-to-school giveaway, vaccine clinic and the Sound Check Connect Experience, which includes activities and presentations such as a scavenger hunt, business panel and musical and dance performances.

Some of the Black-owned businesses people can purchase products from are The Doll Way Boutique, Treats By Fee LLC, Ujamaa Community Bookstore and April's Jewelry & Etc. At the event, Dalton will sell accessories from West Africa such as earrings, shoes, hats and waist beads, which are worn to accentuate someone's hips.

Dalton has been a vendor at every block party and said she returns each year because she loves coming together with other business owners and community members to support each other, especially after not having many community gatherings in the past year due to COVID-19.

"It shows that we can get together and do something positive," she said.

Dominic Dorsey II, DONT SLEEP founder and president, said the block party is an opportunity to highlight and support Black businesses, which historically do not have access to as many resources and therefore have fewer brick and mortar establishments. Dorsey said the fee for a booth at the event, which is \$25, is much lower compared

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COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT: WHAT TO KNOW

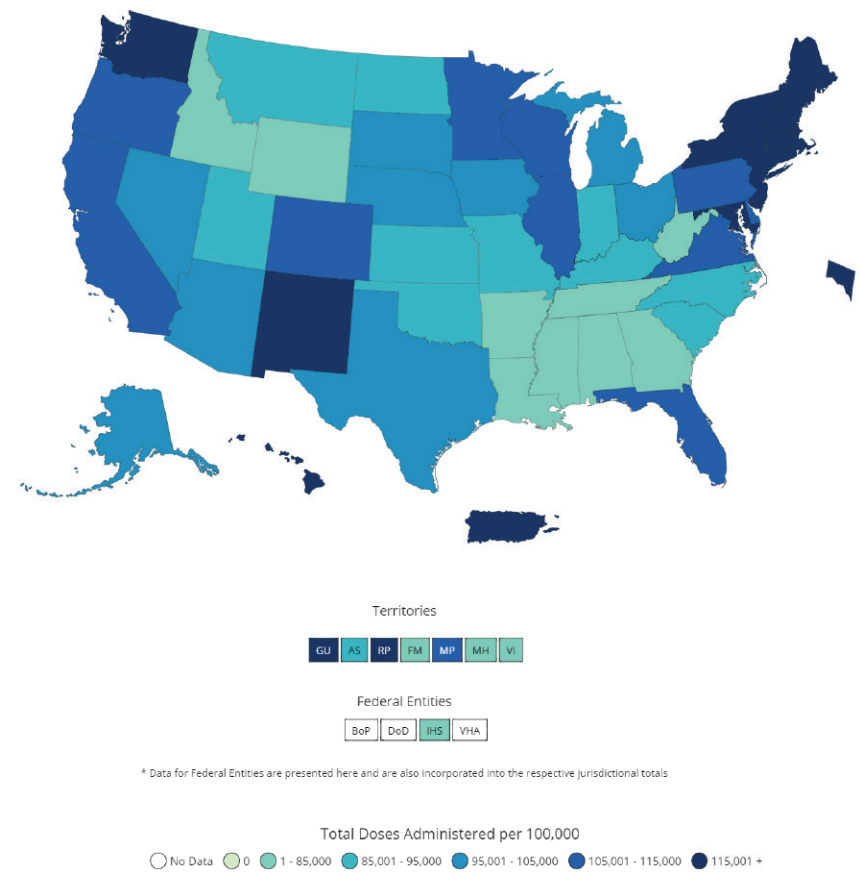
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The delta variant of COVID-19 now accounts for almost all new cases in Indiana and across the country, prompting renewed calls for masking and social distancing — even for those who have been vaccinated.

Gov. Eric Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said there won't be a new mask mandate from the state. Box said at a recent press conference she is "strongly urging" people to follow updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which says people who are fully vaccinated should wear a mask indoors if they are in an area with substantial or high transmission of the virus.

According to CDC metrics, most of Indiana, including Marion County, is experiencing substantial or high transmission, meaning there have been at least 50 new cases per 100,000 people in the

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IPS scales back number of IndyGo riders for 2021-22 school year

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Roughly 200 students in grades 10 through 12 started the 2021-22 school year as part of the first cohort to use IndyGo as their transportation provider, as opposed to traditional yellow bus service. That's a third of the number the district approved for the transition in April.

IPS cut back on the number of IndyGo riders to accommodate capacity limits on some routes and stops during drop-off and pick-up times. The district also cited a shortage of IndyGo bus drivers.

The district's original criteria for choosing students who would transition to IndyGo — including having no bus transfers and

a total travel time of less than 50 minutes — are still the same. IPS spokesperson Alpha Garrett said the district worked with IndyGo to determine the final list of students for the first cohort.

Other students can also opt in to using IndyGo, meaning they would give up yellow bus service. Students who are part of the first cohort to transition will have unlimited access to IndyGo's bus network at no direct cost to them or their families through the summer of 2022.

The goal is to increase the number of high school students assigned to IndyGo each year.

IPS started school Aug. 2.

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Inside the John Morton-Finney Center for Educational Services, where the Indianapolis Public Schools board meets. (Recorder file photo)



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Marian University, partners breaking barriers for leaders of color



The first cohort of the Diversity in Leadership Program. (Photo provided by Leon Jackson.)

By **BREANNA COOPER**
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When Leon Jackson was a student at Notre Dame University, he was one of just a handful of Black students in his program. Luckily, he said, entrepreneur Bill Mays took him under his wing and helped Jackson forge relationships and connections that helped him in his future career. Now, as director of strategic initiatives at Marian University, Jackson is spearheading the Diversity in Leadership (DIL) Program.

Along with Notre Dame, Purdue University, IUPUI and Butler University, the DIL Program provides minority and female students with skills they need to advance in corporate jobs. The first cohort of 25 students will take five classes — data analytics, accounting and financing, leading change, communications and strategy — to gain skills that will help them be successful in business. Jackson's

goal is for 50% of participants to go to graduate school after completing the five-month program. "We also understand that graduate school isn't the path for everybody," Jackson said. "We're hoping that about 10% of them go on to start their own businesses, and that 75% go on to serve on a board, because that's another way to gain leadership experience and understand fiscal management." Jackson, who organized the coalition of colleges, said getting the institutions on board was a non-issue. "Everyone acknowledges the challenge," Jackson said. "If there wasn't a challenge, there would be no need for programs like this. After the death of George Floyd, it was apparent that universities and individuals wanted to do more and be intentional about it. ... We're really focused on helping people break through that glass ceiling." Jackson compared the experience of

a person of color in business as "being asked to drive a car that's on fire and doesn't have a steering wheel and get it to Chicago." Oftentimes, he said, white workers have safety nets that aren't afforded to workers of color. "White, male workers are given a brand new car and can drive it to Chicago, and when they do it, the boss says, 'See how easy that was for him? Why can't you do that?'" he said. "And you start to question yourself and your worth." Another concern for Jackson is Indiana's "brain drain," those who get their graduate degrees in Indiana but leave to seek opportunities elsewhere. He said the issue is prominent for African Americans, who often feel they won't be able to thrive in the state. He and other partners hope the DIL Program will help change that. "The DIL Program is a bold cooperative effort providing new pathways for underserved student populations to advance their graduate business

education while addressing critical talent needs in the state of Indiana," Robert Hummels, dean of the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University, said. "Purdue and the Krannert School are thrilled to join with our colleagues in great universities across the state, and we thank Dr. Jackson for leading the way." Jackson hopes the program revitalizes Indianapolis to what the city was in the 1990s: a top destination for young people to start their careers in business. "We have to make Indianapolis a little more welcoming and be intentional about equity," Jackson said. "We have the brains here to do it, and certainly the need. ... We're really excited for what's coming."

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON: Black Documentary Film Festival returns after COVID

By **BREANNA COOPER**
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The inaugural Black Documentary Film Festival was scheduled for April 10-11, 2020, at Central Library. A grand opening ceremony and fashion show were scheduled to celebrate the feature film, “Versailles ’73: American Runway Revolution,” and 20 films celebrating Black life and culture were on the lineup.

And then COVID hit.

After a year of social distancing and virtual events, the Black Documentary Film Festival is gearing up to finally celebrate in person. For two days starting Aug. 13, attendees can choose from 31 films celebrating art, parenthood and exploring the effects of racism across the globe.

Organized by Eric Winston, filmmaker and former vice president for Institutional Advancement at Columbia College Chicago, the festival kicks off at 6 p.m. with a reception ahead of a screening of Paul Saltzman’s 2009 documentary “Prom Night in Mississippi.”

The documentary follows a Mississippi high school’s first integrated prom — in 2008. Featuring Academy Award-winning actor Morgan Freeman, who paid for the prom, the movie highlights the racial tension in the town as a result of the prom, including a student who worried

he would be kicked out of his house for attending.

After the screening Saltzman and IUPUI professor Leslie Etienne will answer questions from the audience.

At 8 p.m. Aug. 14, audiences can watch a screening of Deborah Riley Draper’s 2012 documentary “Versailles ’73: American Runway Revolution.”

The movie depicts the 1973 battle between American fashion designers and

members of the French haute couture establishment, which Draper said she was inspired by.

“It’s Paris, it’s New York, it’s beautiful clothes,” Draper said. “There were 12 Black women in the middle of this incredible moment in the ‘70s when the world was changing culturally, and they brought that change. I wanted to tell those stories.”

Each of the films will be screened for free at Indianapolis Public Library’s Cen-

tral Library location starting at 10 a.m. Aug. 14. Winston, who lives in Xenia, Ohio, said he chose Indianapolis because of the size of the city and its sizeable African American population.

“I hope to have this festival be on the minds of the citizens of Indianapolis and that they welcome the festival,” Winston said in a previous interview. “I hope they feel very good about what the festival is bringing to them in terms of timely and thought-



For more information on the Black Documentary Film Festival and to get tickets, visit filmfreeway.com.

ful films about the African American experience.”

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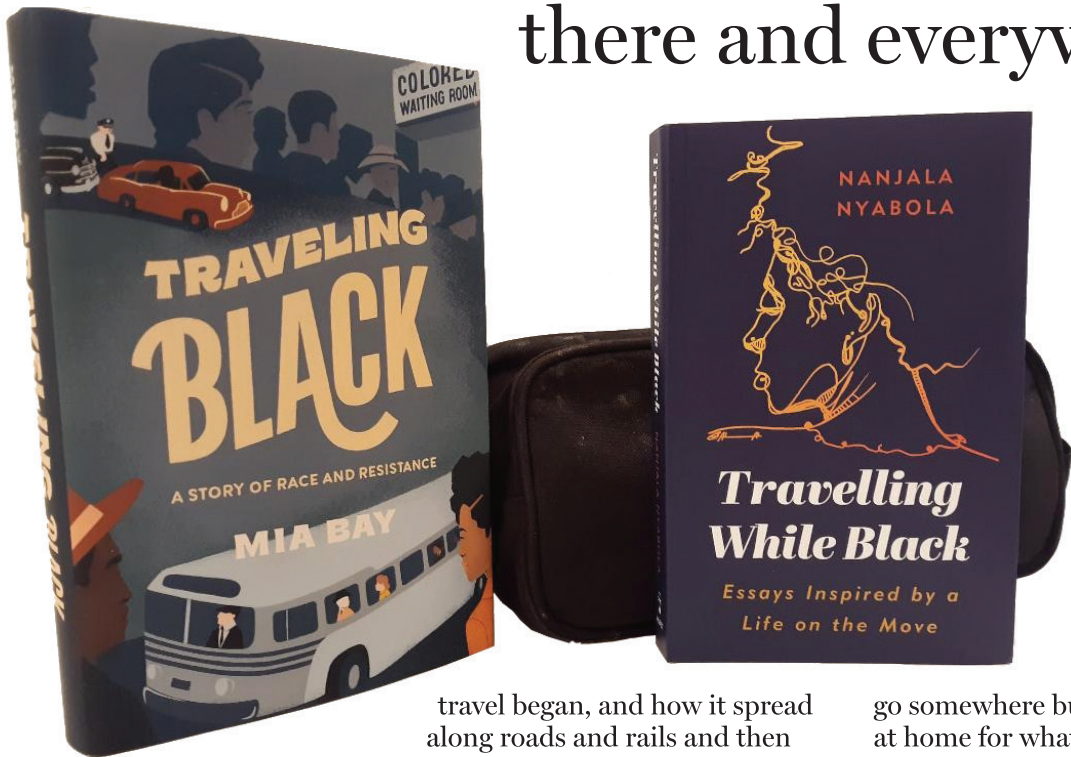
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By TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

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First, the history: it had to start somewhere — but where? You can imagine how Black mobility was affected by slavery but how and why did it continue? Surely, it wasn’t arbitrary, not just “no, you can’t travel here,” so how did restrictions on Black mobility happen? How did African Americans fight the system, and why does it matter now? In “Traveling Black,” (Belknap, Harvard University Press, \$35), author Mia Bay answers these questions, starting back when travel was largely of the horse-and-wagon type.

Starting with Plessy v. Ferguson, Bay explains how segregation in

travel began, and how it spread along roads and rails and then spread to accommodations, and the uncertainty of what might await a traveler along the journey. Bay separates each mode of travel to examine how Jim Crow laws affected a Black traveler in different manners, and she looks at the ways in which travel was sometimes used as activism.

Now, though, you’re free to travel — not just in the U.S., but around the world, if you want. In “Travelling While Black” (Hurst, \$19.95), author Nanjala Nyabola shares some stories of her travels, and how her skin color matters when she’s on the move.

Indeed, what’s it like to travel as a Black woman, when guidebooks are not written with a Black woman in mind? How can you draw a line from African Americans on the road in the Old Days, to travel now? And now that you can travel, what does it tell you about yourself?

These are just a few things Nyabola ponders as she takes readers from Haiti to the Far East, Mexico, Africa, Europe and the American South. She muses about suffering, the need for literature in Black culture, identity, asylum and the meaning of home.

This is the kind of book you’ll want to read when you want to

go somewhere but you’re stuck at home for whatever reason. Nyabola goes to the popular places but she also travels to spots that are generally sought by adventurers. This gives readers a sense of travelogue with a hint of the unusual; her musings on the places she goes make this a book you won’t want to put down. Her observations will make you glad she took you along with her.

If these don’t quite fit what you’re looking for, there are lots of other books you’ll find at your local library or bookstore. As always, be sure to ask your librarian or bookseller for help; they’re pros at finding what you’re looking for. Do it today. Just go.

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Executive director
of White River State
Park Development
Commission steps down

By STAFF

Carolene Mays-Medley, executive director of the White River State Park Development Commission, is stepping down from her post in order to pursue a lifelong goal of being an inspirational public speaker and to create a mentorship program for Black leaders.

Her departure was announced by Gov. Eric Holcomb on Aug. 3.

“Carolene has served her community as a state representative, as commissioner of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and in her current position at the White River State Park Development commission,” Holcomb said in a statement. “Her legacy is the TCU amphitheater at White River State Park. From design to construction to opening day, Carolene was there every step of the way, and the result is a beautiful space that elevated the park, the city and our state. It will forever be a destination for Hoosiers and visitors to our state the very best we offer. We can all be proud of Carolene’s leadership and what came from it.”

During her time as executive director at White River State Park Development Commission, Mays-Medley improved the safety of the park through infrastructure and garage improvements, an updated security system and improved training for staff. She also forged partnerships and sponsorships that allowed for free events at the park to increase access for all Hoosiers. Mays-Medley served as publisher and president of the Recorder from 1998 to 2010.

Her last day is Oct. 15.

“I have been extremely blessed and honored to serve under Gov. Holcomb,” Mays-Medley said. “He has been very encouraging and supportive, which has allowed me to not only successfully accomplish and complete a lot of endeavors in White River State Park, but also to flourish and soar as a leader. I am grateful for his trust, consideration and leadership.”



Carolene Mays-Medley

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to other similar events because they want to make sure more organizations can be involved.

“We are being very explicit about supporting entities that may not have opportunity to get into some of those other festivals,” he said.

The block party will also have a COVID-19 vaccine clinic monitored by the Indiana State Department of Health that will offer about 500 doses of Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer vaccines. Dorsey said he wanted to provide attendees with the option to receive the vaccine because of the low vaccination rate in Indianapolis and the Black community.

In addition to the clinic, the Centers of Wellness for Urban Women, Inc. (CWUW) will pass out information regarding the vaccine. CWUW Executive Director Rhonda Bayless said she and other volunteers will be talking about how COVID-19 has disproportionately affected Black people, the safety of the vaccine and how vaccines work — including how they don’t completely protect an individual from contracting COVID-19 but do prevent serious cases of it.

Bayless said it is especially important to disseminate this information to the Black community because of the deeply-rooted distrust of the medical field in the African American community.

“Historically our health institutions have been institutionally biased and racist, so it absolutely makes sense,” she said. “But we have seen that that

is not the case with this vaccine.”

Bayless said in addition to providing education on the vaccine, the organization will distribute personal protective equipment such as masks and offer a \$10 gift card to Cleo’s Bodega, located at Flanner House, to the first 50 attendees who get vaccinated.

The Sound Check Connect Experience will happen throughout the entirety of the block party at the stage, which will be at the entrance of Watkins Park. At the stage, there will be guided meditation, live music from DJ DJ, a panel of entrepreneurs discussing topics such as how to turn a hustle into a steady paycheck, a mini pitch contest and musical and dance performances. Attendees can also participate in a scavenger hunt that involves the block party vendors.

Attendees 12 and under can also enjoy the Kidz Zone which will have a chess tournament hosted by Indy’s Inner-city Chess Club and two inflatables provided by Rec Zone Indy. One inflatable is a 40-yard obstacle course and the other is soft play area with a bounce house, toddler slide and ball pit for children ages 0-5.

About 300 children and parents can also pick up backpacks filled with school supplies, such as crayons, glue sticks and hand sanitizing wipes, as part of the back-to-school giveaway at the block party.

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The Indianapolis Urban League will have a backpack giveaway 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 7 at 777 Indiana Ave. Free backpacks filled with school supplies will be given away until supplies last. Children must be present.

Town hall addresses underage drinking

The Marion County Prevention Alliance presents the 2021 Communities Talk Panel. The discussion will focus on ways to prevent underage drinking 5:30-7 p.m. Aug. 12 at Pathway Resource Center, 10119 John Marshall Drive. Face masks are required.

Free Paddle Days

The White River Alliance and White River Canoe Co. will offer Free Paddle Days on Aug. 8, Aug. 13, Aug. 22 and Aug. 27. A deposit of \$15 is required with registration and will be returned upon arrival. Two River Clean-Up Days are Aug. 13 and Aug. 27 in conjunction with Free Paddle Days. Cleanup will be along the river from Conner Prairie to 116th Street on Aug. 13, and from Claire Dam to White River Canoe Co. on Aug. 27. For more information on Free Paddle Days or to register, visit whiteriveralliance.org.

Bike to the fair

The Mayor’s Bike to the Fair Day, a 3-mile ride, will start at Barton Park, 2344 N. Capitol Ave., and follow the Fall Creek Greenway and Monon Trail on Aug. 7. The ride will showcase the new Monon Trail bridge above 38th Street. The ride will start at 10 a.m. Those who partici-

pate in the Mayor’s Bike to the Fair Day will receive one ticket per rider upon arrival at the Gate 18. Bikes may be parked for free at secured bike racks.

Bike riders who ride their bicycles from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays and 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays can save \$1 on admission. Bike riders must enter through Gate 18. Parking racks are available at the Monon Trail and 38th Street and Fall Creek Parkway and 39th Street.

Asian Fest

The Asian American Alliance will celebrate Asian heritage during Asian Fest from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 7 at Global Village Welcome Center, 4233 Lafayette Road. The event will feature live performances, cultural and arts exhibits, food, activities and free health screenings. Admission is free. For more information, visit aaalliance.org or the Asian American Alliance Facebook page.

Steward Speakers announces lineup for upcoming season

Steward Speakers continues its 35-year tradition of holding relevant and impactful discussions with the lineup for the 2021-2022 season. Oct. 29 — “Black Activism Across America” with Roland Martin, Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr. and Brittany Packnett Cunningham. Nov. 5 — The Poor People’s Campaign, Dr. William Barber Feb. 22, 2022 — The Manhood Tour, Dondré Whitfield, actor and Emmy Award nominee March 24, 2022 — Celebration of Women’s History Month, Melissa

Harris-Perry, academic, TV host and author

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Leadership Indianapolis discussion series

Leadership Indianapolis will facilitate a “Public Safety and Criminal Justice Discussion Series” to focus the conversation on citizens with lived experiences and who are working to create change in India-

napolis. For more information or to register, visit leadershipindianapolis.org.

Part 1: Freedom and Re-entry Noon-1 p.m. Sept. 7 Virtual Cost: \$10 Speakers will be Carlette Duffy, director of Re-entry, Office of Public Health and Safety; Devi Davis, The Bail Project; and Antonio Lipscomb, Indiana Re-Entry.

Part 2: Public Grief and Community Healing Noon-1 p.m. Sept. 14 Virtual Cost: \$10 Speakers will be Shonna Majors, director of Community Violence Reduction, Office of Public Health and Safety; and DeAndra Yates, Purpose 4 My Pain.

Part 3: Repairing the Breach Noon-1 p.m. Virtual Cost: \$10 Speakers will be Ryan Mears, Marion County prosecutor; Kia Wright, founder and executive director, VOICES Corp.; and Commander Catherine Cummings, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

CIREF awards grants to organizations

Central Indiana Racial Equity Fund awarded \$860,000 to Black-led nonprofit organizations that work to advance racial equity in Indianapolis and surrounding counties to support capacity building and scaling up strategies for career training, mentorship and justice-focused programs. CIREF supports organizations in efforts to improve interactions between the Black community and

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Educational Destinations, \$75,000 — Programs to ensure African American post-incarcerated male veterans equal access to resources supporting their return to the community.

Indianapolis Freedom School Partnership, \$25,000 — Educational support programming during summer and out-of-school time for children in low-income families from primarily Black communities.

Stop the Violence Indianapolis, \$75,000 — Violence, drug and alcohol prevention programming for justice-involved youth.

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Edna Martin Christian Center/Martindale-Brightwood Community Development Corp./Stop the Violence, \$300,000 — Training, counseling and other support services to help individuals become competitive in the career and college sectors.

Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek, \$210,000 — Workforce development programming and career coaching.

Charles L. Whistler Award

The Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (GIPC) is accepting nominations until 5 p.m. Sept. 3 for the 36th annual Charles L. Whistler Award, which recognizes an individual who has brought together the public and private sectors toward civic improvement in Indianapolis. Mayor Joe Hogsett will present the award, the highest honor for civic leadership, at a breakfast ceremony at the end of the year. Charles L. Whistler supported and was involved in the creation of UniGov, the City Center on Monument Circle and the modernization of White River State Park. Community members can nominate individuals who reflect the leadership of Whistler. Current government-appointed employees and elected officials may be nominated. Candidates should exemplify the passion and skill Whistler displayed by going above and beyond what is expected to foster public-private partnerships working toward the overall betterment of the community. For more information on past winners and to learn more about Whistler, visit GIPC's website, indygipc.org. Electronic applications are available and additional letters of support can be emailed to info@indygipc.org or mailed to 200 E. Washington St., Suite 1901, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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“Just a small one. Just for us,” she said the day of her eviction hearing. “Nothing too big.”

However, because of cases like Daniel’s and the rise in COVID-19 infections, the CDC installed a new moratorium on Aug. 3 that will end Oct. 3. Separate from the moratorium that expired on July 31, this 60-day eviction ban covers counties that have substantial and high levels of COVID-19 spread, which is approximately 90% of the U.S. population and 80% of U.S. counties. Marion County is one of those.

However, the latest order could face legal challenges with the Supreme Court, which determined the Biden administration could not use executive action to extend the previous moratorium.

Now, Daniel is excited but confused. She enjoyed the protections she was given under the previous CDC moratorium and some of the additional changes that resulted from it, such as an elongated court process and the disruption of the systematic eviction process. But she doesn’t know if she is evicted or not and, if she isn’t, how long she will be protected.

Changing the transactional process

Indianapolis historically has a high eviction rate. According to a study released by Princeton University in 2019, the Circle City had more evictions than Chicago and Los Angeles combined despite having only a third of Chicago’s population.

This is in part because the evictions court process is transactional, said Brandon Beeler, Housing Law Center director at Indiana Legal Services. The tenant misses a payment, gets a warning — and possibly a fee — and then, if the payment is not made up by a certain date, the landlord files an eviction with the court. In court, there are not civil public defenders in Indiana, leaving many tenants without legal representation and a lower chance of winning their case. Many cases are given about five minutes apiece if the defendant shows up, Beeler said. If they don’t appear, the plaintiff is immediately granted possession of the property, which takes about 30 seconds.

Also, Indiana state legislation favors property owners over renters, said Amy Nelson, executive director for the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana.

At least some of this changed with the two moratoria — a state one that went from March 19, 2020, to Aug. 14, 2020, and the federal eviction moratorium that started in September 2020 and expired July 31, 2021.

The main change was the disruption of the unemotional, systematic process of eviction — meaning tenants who missed rent payments did not have to worry about immediately being evicted.

In many ways this was a good thing. Judges issued fewer evictions. Tenants, such as Kristyn Jackson, had more time to get their money together and search for rental assistance, which increased in availability because of COVID-19, without also moving out or finding new housing. Landlords had to be more open to creating payment plans with tenants.

More people had housing. Jackson had housing and a payment plan. Daniel had housing for her and her grandbaby.

Landlord-tenant relationships

The previous moratoria also changed communication between landlords and tenants. Before, both suffered when tenants didn’t pay rent because property owners and managers didn’t get paid, and tenants were evicted. However, during the moratoria, qualified tenants kept their housing if they didn’t pay rent, but landlords and owners didn’t get a pay day.

So, landlords had to reach out more to tenants because, for the first time, property managers had more to lose. They also were required to provide tenants written notice about the moratorium if they planned to evict.

While some larger companies could afford the loss, owners with fewer properties who relied on rent payments for income didn’t have that luxury. Paul Rees, founder of Dawn ’till Dusk Property Management and property manager, said over the past year he has set up more payment plans with renters and provided information to tenants regarding rental assistance.

Rees is willing to negotiate and work with people so they can get to the end together, but it is time consuming. He went from working eight-hour days to 14-hour days.

“I don’t know if I woke up and felt my age, or I woke up and I realized I am doing a hell of a lot,” he said.

As of now, he only plans on filing one eviction for properties he manages. He said he feels lucky to have so few and he knows others have not fared so well.

Joseph Atha, president of Property Management Inc. Indianapolis, said he has many “mom and pop” property owners who have not been paid by multiple tenants for the past year but still must pay property taxes, insurance and maintenance fees.

Atha said the disruption of the systematic approach to paying rent is harmful because now the process is emotional and not standardized. Under the normal system, all tenants are given the same specific instructions in their lease agreement on how to operate in their housing unit, leaving little room for favoritism and a resulting Fair Housing Act violation. It also holds tenants accountable for paying to stay in housing, which, in the system that currently exists, is a commodity and not a right.

In a way the system in place before the moratorium allowed landlords to operate like doctors in a hospital, keeping them from constantly dealing with the emotions so they can get through their daily tasks.

Also, not sticking to the system allows tenants to rack up more debt, whether they are paying that to landlords before the final moratorium expires or in the damages hearing following an eviction hearing. If tenants can barely afford rent and then have more time to hang on to that money, it can be hard to hold out for rent when other emergencies and necessary purchases pop up, leaving that debt to grow. Marion County tenants currently owe more \$83 million in back rent, according to Surgo Ventures, a nonprofit tracking back rent and evictions during the pandemic.

Changes in the courts

Even though qualified tenants could not be evicted for nonpayment of rent under the recently terminated CDC moratorium, landlords were still able to file evictions and the courts could evict tenants for other reasons, such as damage to property. So, evictions court continued, although the process was different.

During the past year, courts in the nine townships went virtual to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Lawrence Township Small Claims Court Judge Kimberly Bacon said more tenants showed up and continue to show up for online court, but this virtual platform also prevented those tenants from communicating with landlords or attorneys before or after the case, which they could have done in normal court. She and Warren Township Small Claims Court Judge Garland Graves said many people, especially tenants, were unaware of the moratorium. To prevent people from being unnecessarily evicted under moratorium guidelines, Graves read those guidelines and requirements before evictions court began.

In virtual and in-person court, the dockets were less full. Also, many court cases, though they increased over the course of the previous CDC moratorium, were continued to another date, and then another and another and another.

What comes next?

Now, after the new moratorium has been established people don’t know what is coming next. Although it is more or less a continuation of what has been going on for the past year, landlords, property owners, courtrooms, judges and tenants were prepping for July 31 to be the last stand.

The situation is different than when the CDC established the first federal moratorium in September 2020, so it’s hard to tell if the current patterns under the previous moratoria will continue or change rapidly.

Daniel was praying for a miracle to happen within the week she had to move out. As of now, she is unsure if her prayers were answered.

But if the moratorium applies to her, it will be, and she will be thankful for the help. But, just like a lot of people, she is still confused.

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Indianapolis to expand program to help renters facing eviction

By TYLER FENWICK
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The city of Indianapolis will expand a pilot program meant to help tenants facing eviction, even as a new federal eviction moratorium is in place through early October.

The Tenant Advocate Project (TAP) — a partnership with Indiana Legal Services, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic and the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society — will place a tenant advocate in participating Marion County township small claims courts.

Advocates will work with tenants who are facing eviction and go to court without legal representation by connecting them to the city’s rent assistance program, providing legal advice and/or representation, and offer to negotiate with landlords on tenants’ behalf.

The program — currently in a pilot stage in Warren and Lawrence townships — will initially be in six of the county’s nine townships, city officials said July 29. Officials are still working with Center, Perry and Franklin townships on final details, but the expectation is the program will be in every township.

Tenants who need help paying rent can still use the city’s rent assistance program at indyrent.org.

City officials announced the program in anticipation of the federal eviction moratorium expiring at the end of July. It did expire, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced a new mora-

torium Aug. 3 that will prevent evictions in counties with “substantial or high levels” of transmission. That is expected to cover about 90% of the population, including Indianapolis. The new moratorium ends Oct. 3.

According to Princeton University’s Eviction Lab, which tracks evictions in various cities, there were 251 eviction filings in Indianapolis in the week of July 11-18. The most since the start of the federal eviction moratorium went into place in September 2020 was 541 during a week in February.

Some evictions have still been allowed since the moratorium had certain qualifiers, such as making less than \$99,000 a year.

In a statement, Brandon Beeler, housing law center director of Indiana Legal Services, said the organization had received more than 3,900 requests statewide for legal assistance related to evictions since April 2020.

“We think this is an indication of the pent-up need that will come after July 31, and we’re preparing to defend as many people as possible in court,” he said.

The city will fund TAP with \$800,000 to \$900,000 from the most recent federal COVID-19 relief package. That will fund the program for one year.

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EDITORIAL

The fallacy of it all

By OSEYE BOYD



On Jan. 6, about 20 people called Harry Dunn the n-word. Who is Dunn and why is his being called a racial slur important? Dunn is a Capitol Police officer who was present at the attempted coup d'état on Jan. 6. Dunn testified before the Jan. 6 commission, a committee of nine House of Representatives members (seven Democrats, two Republicans), investigating the events of that day. During his testimony, Dunn recounted an exchange after someone yelled no one voted for Biden and Dunn acknowledged the current president got his vote. “You hear that guys? This n***** vote for Biden,” Dunn recalled a woman yelled. The crowd joined in, “Boo, f***** n*****!” I’m sure Dunn was stunned. “No one had ever, ever called me a n***** while wearing the uniform of a Capitol Police officer,” he testified. Since his testimony, Dunn has received more racist messages through social media and email. Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department officer Michael Fanone received a voicemail

from a man saying, “I wish they would’ve killed all you scumbags.” During the insurrection, Fanone was attacked, beaten, tased and called a traitor. If you recall, his assault only stopped when he said he had children, but it didn’t stop soon enough because the incident caused Fanone to have a heart attack. If you’ve seen Fanone’s testimony, his anger is palpable. As he testified, Fanone hit the table and shouted, “The indifference shown to my colleagues is disgraceful! Nothing, truly nothing has prepared me to address those elected members of our government who continue to deny the events of that day. And in doing so betray their oath of office.” Fanone’s words are ironic. Especially so when you realize the elected officials he’s referencing are members of the Republican Party, the law-and-order party, the Blue Lives Matter party. Now that it’s time to actually show support, real support, not that performative crap, the blue lives aren’t getting support. They don’t seem to matter. That’s because it was never about actually supporting police officers. It was always about anti-Blackness. Blue Lives Matter was a direct result of Black people and our allies shouting Black lives matter. If Blue lives truly mattered, Blue Lives Matter would’ve come into existence long before Black Lives Matter. But it didn’t because, again, it was just part of the

continued anti-Black sentiment of this country. When Black people want to say our lives matter, someone has to counter to let us know they don’t. The All Lives Matter crowd is also a part of the anti-Black belief. Again, why did it take the creation of Black Lives Matter before people started yelling All lives matter? For the record — and because we have to continuously repeat this for the purposely obtuse — in saying Black lives matter, no one ever said those are the only lives that matter. No one ever said all lives don’t matter. No one ever said police officers’ lives don’t matter. First, no one is blue so blue lives don’t exist, and second, Black people are police officers! Their lives are included in Black Lives Matter. This is why you have to actually think. If you only go to oft-repeated talking points, never parse the details or think about if something makes sense, you look foolish — much like these lawmakers who are willing to turn against Capitol Police officers in support of Donald Trump. How about these lawmakers get honest and create a new movement: My Political Career Matters? Clearly, that’s all that really matters to them. It isn’t the Capitol Police. It isn’t the truth.

OPINIONS

Black Philanthropy Month

By LARRY SMITH



Black Philanthropy Month is an annual celebration of the giving of time, talent, treasure and testimony across the African diaspora. Established in 2011, BPM is a “concerted campaign to elevate African-descent” traditions of philanthropy. (Not to be pedantic, but every person who is alive now, and anyone who has ever lived, is a person of African descent.) For African Americans, BPM is a reminder — or perhaps a revelation — that our history began long before our enslavement. Black Philanthropy Month is the brain child, and the heart child, of Dr. Jackie Bouvier Copeland, who is a co-founder of the Pan-African Women’s Philanthropy Network, or PAWPNet. (Everyone who is surprised that a Black woman came up with this commemoration, please raise your hand.) PAWPNet is an international collective of Black women and their allies. The organization strongly promotes eco-health solutions to climate change and also advances the social and economic well-being of underserved communi-

ties in Africa, America, Australia and Brazil. Copeland is also the founder and chairperson of the WISE Fund, which supports women technologists who are Black and/or Indigenous. Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to share that Dr. Copeland is a former member of the advisory board for the initiative that I led several years ago at what is now the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at IUPUI. In 2013, Copeland connected with Valaida Fullwood and Tracey Webb, who have extensively studied Black philanthropy. Fullwood is a nationally known writer, speaker and project strategist. She authored the award-winning book “Giving Back: A Tribute to Generations of African American Philanthropists.” In 2014, Fullwood was selected to be the Lake Distinguished Visitor by the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. She is also a founding member of the New Generation of African American Philanthropists, which is a giving circle that launched the Giving Back Project. The Giving Back Project “is a civic engagement initiative that reframes portraits of philanthropy through the arts, stories, culture and conversation.” Its latest project is a touring museum exhibit called “The Soul of Philanthropy.”

Webb is the founder of Black Benefactors, a giving circle that is based in Washington, D.C. Black Benefactors provides grants and in-kind support to Black-led nonprofit organizations. Webb, who created BlackGivesBack.com, is believed to be the first online chronicler of Black philanthropy. This pioneering blog features stories about Black giving. Webb has been featured in national media and has received several honors and awards, including the Association for the Study of African American Life and History’s (ASALH) Living Legacy Award and the Trailblazer Award from the Association of Black Foundation Executives (ABFE). The partnership among these women has paid major dividends for all who support Black philanthropy. Their brilliance is made obvious by the fact that BPM has grown in scope and scale each year. Notably, BPM offers a new campaign theme annually. For 2021, it is “TENacity: Making Equity Real.” This 10th anniversary celebration features an online conference that has convened a global “who’s who” of scholars and practitioners. There are also in-person events, stories in traditional and social media, proclamations and service projects. BPM is not just about celebrating; it is also about doing. BPM illuminates the ingenuity and

transformative impact of generosity among Black folks. Its primary objective is “informing, involving, inspiring and investing in Black philanthropic leadership to strengthen African-American and African-descent giving in all its forms.” Further, its celebrants have avoided the trap of parochialism and myopia. In at least this regard, we’re all members of the same tribe. BPM has reached roughly 18 million people (and counting). It has gone viral, not just online; BPM has taken up residence in our minds and in our hearts. It has harnessed the hopes and dreams — not to mention the financial resources — of a people whose generosity often goes unheralded. When nobody is singing your song or telling your story, you have a responsibility to open your mouth. We must not only practice what we preach; we must preach what we practice. Like the powerful women founders of BPM, all of us should seek to heal and preserve our planet, to build (or rebuild) our communities, to enhance and equip our organizations, and to educate all people. As the saying goes, “Service is the price we pay for the space that we occupy.” *Larry Smith is a community leader. Contact him at larry@leaf-llc.com.*

Unmasked: remembering a lynching

By ALEX LICHTENSTEIN



The postcard of two mutilated Black bodies hanging from a tree remains difficult to look at to this day. The photographer’s eye on Aug. 7, 1930, and thus that of the viewer, focus on the victims of the lynching, Thomas Shipp and Abram Smith. This infamous photograph, snapped by a local studio photographer who happened to be on the scene, is the only visible reminder we have of this all too typical instance of brutal mob violence against Black people. What grabs my attention every time I look at this horrific image is the bottom of the photograph, the natural place one’s gaze settles when averted from the stomach-churning dangling corpses above. Filling the entire lower third of the frame, one sees the crowd of white spectators, from teenagers to grandmothers. I say “spectators” deliberately. Most of them are likely not the direct perpetrators, the lynch mob itself. While complicit in some fashion, they are not all murderers. Many of the men still wear their hats;

some look up at the bodies calmly, in curiosity, with cigars in their hand; one, wearing a tie, grins ghoulishly while looking straight into the camera; another looks back at the photographer while pointing up at the corpses, seemingly directing his attention to what should be his real subject. It was a warm August night, and no one in the crowd seems to be sweating. The women — five of them clumped together, perhaps a multigenerational family — do not look directly at the lynched bodies, and they wear a range of expressions, from indifference to surprise. None look unduly troubled over what they may have just witnessed or the ghoulish display just above them. For all its banality, the white crowd in this widely circulated lynching photograph is perhaps just as disturbing as the disfigured bodies. Given that the image first circulated as a postcard, it clearly began its life as a raw form of racist propaganda and pornography, rather than as a condemnation of the carnivalesque and lawless pleasure white people can take in the collective torture and murder of their fellow Black citizens. But it remains the only visual record we have of this particular lynching, and despite its tainted original purpose it speaks volumes. The most representative figure, surely, is the man pointing toward the corpses as if to say, without shame, “see, this is what we do.” Taken by an alert, not to say opportunistic local photographer, Lawrence Beitler, the image was almost immediately repurposed and widely disseminated by others as an iconic illustration of the horror of lynching and used to mount campaigns — local, national and international — against the practice. Alerted by local activist Flossie Bailey, NAACP executive secretary Walter White made this lynching — so visually arresting — a centerpiece of the organization’s anti-lynching campaign during the 1930s, and ran the photograph in the NAACP’s magazine, The Crisis. Songwriter Abel Meeropol claimed the photo as his inspiration when he penned the words to Billie Holiday’s immortal song about lynching, “Strange Fruit.” Barely a week after the lynching, the Communist Party newspaper The Daily Worker ran the photograph on its front page, as did the national edition of Chicago’s Black newspaper, The Chicago De-

fender. Soviet artist Nikolai Sedelnikov subsequently incorporated the hanging corpses (he cropped out the crowd) into his 1935 photomontage “Lynching in front of the U.S. Capitol,” though it is impossible to know if he first saw the photograph in the Daily Worker or elsewhere. In many ways, this lynching was like the thousands of others we know about. Wild charges of the rape of a young white woman were thrown around with abandon (a charge later to be proved untrue). The alleged victim’s father demanded immediate justice for his wronged daughter (could that be the pointing man in the photo?). A mob of thousands broke into the local jail and removed two of the young men arrested for the alleged crime (a third, James Cameron, escaped), tortured and murdered them and hung them from a tree in public view, unmolested by local authorities. The mob’s work was photographed and proudly circulated on a souvenir postcard — for many whites, this was a night to remember and to celebrate. The bodies were left to hang on the courthouse square overnight, as a message to the entire surrounding Black community: We can do this to you with impunity. And so it proved; although two men were eventually charged with leading the mob, both were acquitted by all-white juries. But in another sense, this history unsettles the American narrative of racial brutality. It did not occur in Mississippi or Alabama or South Carolina, but in Marion, Indiana. This was, as Indiana historian James Madison says, “a lynching in the heartland.” Walter White and others understood that the Marion lynching challenged the national bad habit of imagining that all of the nation’s racism and the depth of its commitment to white supremacy were confined to the region below the Mason-Dixon line. To read the rest of this column, visit indianapolisrecorder.com.

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Why are scientists worried about the delta variant?

The delta variant is more contagious than other known strands of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and it's more likely to break through the barriers set up by vaccines, hence the term "breakthrough" cases or infections.

An internal CDC document, obtained by The Washington Post after the agency issued its new guidance, shows the delta variant is more transmissible than Ebola and smallpox. Studies have shown people infected with the variant have as much as a thousandfold more of the amount of virus than people infected with the original version.

Viruses, like all other living things, mutate when they reproduce. Many times, mutations are inconsequential, but sometimes they create a genetic advantage for the virus.

The extent to which the delta variant is able to break through vaccine barriers is becoming clearer. In Indiana, where 94% of new COVID-19 cases are of the delta variant, the likelihood of someone who's fully vaccinated contracting COVID-19 is still low: There have been about 3,700 cases, or 0.126% of everyone fully vaccinated, according to the state.

CDC data has shown vaccinated people can carry just as much of the virus in their nose and throat as unvaccinated people and may spread it just as easily, although less often.

Did we miss an opportunity to get ahead?

Dr. Curtis Wright, president and CEO of Eskenazi Medical Group, felt this coming. Many states still haven't fully vaccinated half of their adult population, which has allowed the virus to continue to spread while mutating and causing illness and death.

"I think that there was an opportunity lost," Wright said.

He doesn't think it's impossible to get back on track, but that will take more time. Short of renewed mask mandates — or vaccine mandates — from local and state governments, Wright said the short-term solution could be businesses setting those requirements.

Dr. Nico Barros, who specializes in infectious disease at IU Health, said official data has likely captured a small portion of the actual number of breakthrough cases, since people are only likely to get tested if they've had a close contact or are symptomatic.

It's clear vaccines work, Barros said. For example, more than 99.99% of people who are fully vaccinated haven't had a breakthrough case that resulted in death or hospitalization, according to the CDC. Still, he agrees with the CDC's new mask guidance.

"If a big group of the society doesn't do what they're supposed to do, then we'll all struggle," Barros said.

Where is Indiana with vaccinations?

About 2.9 million people have been fully vaccinated in Indiana. That's about 55% of the adult population and just over half of the population that's 12 and older (the youngest Americans eligible for a vaccine). About 58% of the entire U.S. population has been fully vaccinated.

Marion County is ahead of many other counties with a vaccination rate of 52,226 per 100,000 people, although that's still behind most neighboring doughnut counties.

Box warned that if Indiana doesn't increase its rate of vaccinations — preferably to 80%, where most scientists agree is the mark for herd immunity — the virus will continue to mutate.

"What I hope is that we all share a personal responsibility to do no harm," she said.

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Eskenazi Health Offers Back to School Advice to Parents

Broderick Rhyant, M.D., chief physician executive, Eskenazi Health Center Forest Manor



As more people have access to COVID-19 vaccines, there's hope that everyday life, including students returning to their schools, may someday

soon get back to normal. In fact, by the time you read this your kids may have already returned to their classrooms.

New guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state that students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction is a priority.

This academic year will require schools and families to work together even more than before, and if your child resumes in-person learning at school, it is important to prepare for the possibility of virtual learning if school closes or if your child becomes exposed to COVID-19 and needs to stay home.

The CDC also states that everyone 12 years of age and older should be vaccinated for COVID-19 and that students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their health care provider for testing and care.

Whether in-person classes for your children have begun or not, it's incumbent upon parents to stay current with their local school systems in regards to COVID-19 precautions and procedures.

In preparing for kids to return to school, it's a good idea for parents to get their children to a child's health-care provider shortly before school starts for a check-up to ensure that their vaccinations and all medical records are current. If applicable, this is also the time to arrange for your child's sports physical.

During the summer break, many kids go to bed later than during the school year, so it's a good idea for parents to start sending them to bed earlier as the first day of school draws closer.

These days the bright illuminations from television, computer, tablet and cell phone screens has become a detriment to youngsters falling asleep on schedule. I know this may be a difficult struggle, but parents should do all they can to separate their children from those bright illuminations well before bedtime.

Parents should also be on the lookout for backpacks that can easily become way too heavy, and if that's ever the case with your child, work with them and perhaps their teacher(s) to see how the load may become lighter to avoid injuries.

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Health department gives away school supplies



The Marion County Public Health Department held a back-to-school event to give away backpacks and school supplies at its location near 39th & Rural streets. Because of the pandemic, it was a drive-through event with several volunteers helping distribute supplies. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

Veteran Hoosier living with mental illness wins NAMI national board seat, plans to focus on law enforcement training

BY FARAH YOUSRY

Ray Lay, a 66-year-old Black veteran Hoosier, was recently elected to the national board of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). His election gives hope that some of the most underrepresented groups will have an advocate on a national level.

"I am elated, humbled and ready to go," Lay said. "I never imagined I would win but when this opportunity presented itself, I said I am not true to myself if I don't at least try."

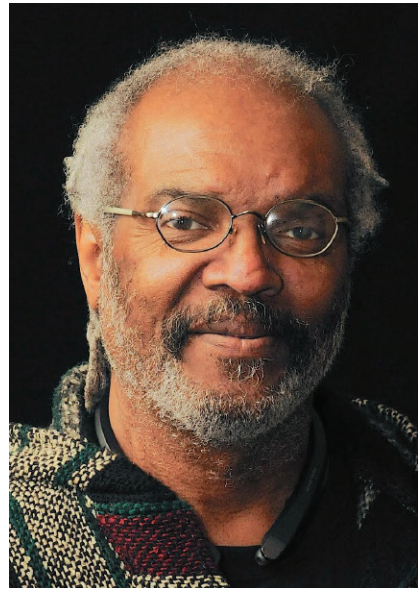
NAMI is a grassroots mental health organization working on education, advocacy, public awareness and support for people living with mental illness across the country. The NAMI national board is made up of 16 members. It sets the strategic direction of the alliance and spotlights major issues that can be addressed on a national scale.

Among those running for elections were physicians, academics and mental health experts. While Lay does not have the medical and public health background some of the other nominees and board members have, he brings a wealth of real-life experience.

"Ray is the epitome of an advocate," Barbara Thompson, executive director of NAMI Indiana, said. "He is truly a voice for so many people — veterans, the homeless population, people living with a mental illness, justice involved individuals, people impacted by racism, people with disabilities."

Lay has been living with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder — two of the most severe mental illnesses. He was formerly homeless and spent time in a mental institution and in prison. For years, he self-medicated with alcohol and drugs. He started his recovery journey more than a decade ago and is now a business owner and a mental health recovery specialist in Indianapolis.

"Ray lends his experiences to help others, and



Ray Lay

we will never be able to quantify the number of people his advocacy has impacted," Thompson said.

As a NAMI national board member, Lay plans to focus on improving the training of law enforcement officers on how to interact with people with mental illness.

He can recount incidents where family members call the police on loved ones going through a mental health crisis. Some incidents end up with the police fatally shooting the person with a mental illness. Lay said with better training these incidents could be prevented.

"Police are tasked with responding [to mental health crises], but they need to be trained a little bit more and have more compassion," Lay said.

He previously provided training to officers at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and wishes to widen the scope of such training around the country.

He said de-stigmatization of mental illness is also at the core of the problem where people like him may be judged by their own family members and close social circle.

"People may be less likely to show up for treatment because of being judged," Lay said. "But recovery is possible. I am a living example of that."

In a virtual speech Lay gave to NAMI members ahead of the elections, he said his lived experiences of homelessness and incarceration will guide him through his work and advocacy as he strives to "not be bitter but better." He also hopes that his being elected can provide hope for those living with mental illness that they can thrive and have real positive impact on the community.

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New website features local resource directory for substance use disorder

In an effort to better help those suffering from substance use disorder, the Marion County Public Health Department announces the launch of a website that is a directory of local support services and resources. Primarily developed for agencies to make referrals to other agencies, this website can also be used by the public to learn about and access services.

The website, www.RecoveryAssistPlatform.com, is part of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Referral Assessment and Plan (RAP) project, which has been taking a closer look at care coordination and improving communication and referrals between agencies that support persons with substance use disorder.

What makes the website unique is its focus on agencies in the area with a mission to serve people with substance use disorder. The site includes relevant details about the agency that might not be available in a browser search or on the agency's own website. The searchable site allows the visitor to search by agency, type of service, specific interventions, population, and ages served.

"Until now, a website did not exist in Marion County or the surrounding areas that provided detailed information about agencies that are helping to fight this public health crisis," said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. "Anything we can do to make the path to recovery easier and more accessible, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, is a tremendous benefit for the health of individuals and for the community."

RecoveryAssistPlatform.com is a project of the Marion County Public Health Department with funding from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) through a grant called Implementing Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level (IOPSLL).

"We have to do everything

possible to save lives, and this directory is much-needed for people seeking help," said Brandon George, vice president of the Mental Health America of Indiana and director of the Indiana Addiction Issues Coalition. "The number of overdoses were going up before COVID-19, and we are just now learning the negative impact the pandemic had on substance use disorder. This is a great tool for all."

Health and Hospital Corp. to require COVID-19 vaccine for employees

The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County (HHC) announced the decision to require COVID-19 vaccines for all employees, including those who work for the Marion County Public Health Department, Eskenazi Health, Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services, and Long-Term Care.

Similar to HHC's existing flu vaccination program, a process to request exemptions for health or religious reasons is available.

"While we know the majority of our employees have already received the COVID-19 vaccine, ensuring that all staff and providers get their shot is a critical step toward protecting the safety of our workforce, our patients, and our community," said Paul Babcock, HHC's president and CEO.

"Health care providers recognize the special duty we have to protect patients and our communities," said Dr. Lisa Harris, CEO of Eskenazi Health. "By requiring the vaccine, we are demonstrating our commitment to ensuring our health care facilities are safe spaces for everyone, and that our staff is healthy and available to care for our community."

Black church documentary teaches cultural significance of gospel music, wins 3 awards

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The racially diverse choir's rich, energetic sound could be heard over the audience's synchronized hand claps. The vibrant red and black robes of Indiana University's African American Choral Ensemble (AACE) swayed back and forth during their performance at Second Baptist Church in Bloomington, a performance that would be recorded and nationally broadcasted.

The documentary "Amen! Music of the Black Church," produced by WTIU, explains the history and culture behind Black church music, while demonstrating these traditions through the choir's live harmonic performance. The ensemble was led by AACE director Dr. Raymond Wise, and since the documentary premiered April 2020, it has won three awards.

- A silver Telly Award in the Religious/Spiritual category.
- First place in the Society of Professional Journalists Documentary/Special category.
- A Regional Emmy Award in the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Lower Great Lakes Chapter's for Best Historical/Cultural Content.

"It's come a long way, and this has been my dream for over 40 years," Wise said. "Now there is a documented artifact that can live on forever."

The roots of gospel music derive from a blend of African and European cultures that enslaved Africans used to not only create a common understanding between each other, but to create a sense of hope within their community. Since slavery was a tumultuous time for Black enslaved people, being able to generate a sense of hope became a powerful tool to use to persevere through their day-to-day labor.



Gabriele Rasdall sings a solo in "Amen! Music of the Black Church," a WTIU-produced documentary that premiered in April 2020.

Today, through the prevalence of the Black church and the use of gospel music as a form of worship, Black church music has become an academic topic of choice for Wise.

As a fourth-generation gospel singer, Wise's background with gospel music began at age 3 when he and his siblings sang in "The Wise Singers." Since then, he has dedicated over 40 years of his life to teaching and creating gospel music as well as assisting in academia's embracing of gospel as a musical genre.

Through the audience's reaction, the documentary created an authentic Black church experience, and for Gabriele Rasdall, that authenticity makes the documentary, performance and song selection powerful.

"The undeniable thing about the Black church is the power," she said. "You can literally feel God's presence in the song."

Rasdall has been a part of AACE since her sophomore year of college, and the now rising senior performed a solo in the concert film.

"Amen! Music of the Black Church"
View the documentary, "Amen! Music of the Black Church," for free at [pbs.org](https://www.pbs.org). It's also available for purchase on Blu-Ray and DVD on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

As a young child Rasdall was involved in the Black church, but not everyone who joins AACE has to be. What sets AACE apart is that anyone can learn the history behind the music and in turn, learn how to sing the music as if they've been singing gospel since childhood, according to Wise.

As a biracial child living with her single white mother in a majority white area, Briana Lander felt disconnected to her Black culture. Through AACE and the documentary, she learned more about her cultural background, something that she sought to understand for a while. By attending college and joining AACE she was able to learn more about Black culture and reconnect with her Black heritage. Through her contribution to the documentary, she can teach others the historical significance of gospel music, she said.

"I had no idea how enslaved persons took that [gospel music] and made it into their own," she said.



Dr. Raymond Wise, AACE director, explains the origins of gospel music to the audience. Wise's background with gospel music began at 3 when he and his siblings sang in "The Wise Singers." (Photos provided by Indiana University African American Art Institute)

Mary Mary at the Indiana State Fair



Gospel duo Mary Mary performed at the Indiana State Fair on Aug. 1. (Photos/Michael Patton)



Fasting may have become a health fad, but religious communities have been doing it for millennia

By **Iqbal Akhtar**
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(THE CONVERSATION) The practice of fasting has entered popular culture in recent years as a way to lose extra pounds. Featured in the bestselling book "The Fast Diet," it advocates eating normally on select days of the week while drastically reducing calories on the remaining days.

Fasting has been shown to improve metabolism, prevent or slow disease and possibly increase life span.

But the practice is far from new. Around the world the pious have been fasting for millennia. As a scholar of religion, I argue that there is much to be learned from religious fasting, an embodied practice, meaning that it connects the body and soul.

Fasting in Islam and Jainism

Fasting is intrinsic to the two traditions that I study – Islam and Jainism. Jainism is an ancient religion from India that espouses, among other things, nonviolence, nonpossessiveness and pluralism.

In Islam, fasting is one of the five pillars that constitute the main belief and actions of a practicing Muslim. As part of this practice, Muslims abstain from food, water, smoking, sex and all sensory pleasures from dawn to dusk during Ramadan, the ninth month of

the Islamic lunar calendar. This is a divine commandment in the Quran and exemplified in the life of the Prophet Muhammad.

At its core, fasting is about conquering human pride to connect with God. Indeed, the term Islam itself means submission to God in Arabic. Muslims believe that fasting develops submission to God, empathy with the poor and repentance and gives time for spiritual introspection. According to the 12th-century theologian al-Ghazali, fasting can allow the believer to better perceive the ultimate reality of God as it involves all five senses — touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste.

The Jain tradition provides a different perspective on fasting from the one in Islam. Fasting falls under tapas or asceticism, which also varies by degree between the laity and monastics.

Jain fasting includes complete avoidance of food or eating only a partial meal, eliminating rare or expensive foods and avoiding sexual temptations. The holiday of Paryushan, observed annually around August to September, is the time when Jains connect communally on the core tenets of the faith through fasting and studying.

For eight to 10 days, Jains focus on the values of forgiveness, humility, straightforwardness, truth, contentment, self-restraint, penance, renunciation, nonattachment and celibacy.

Fasting is also possible throughout the year by individuals, but this celebration is the common communal embracing of fasting across sects.

Fasting as faith

Religious fasting is meant to shock the body from its routines. The individual physically enters sacred time. According to the 20th-century Romanian historian of religion Mircea Eliade, sacred time lies outside of ordinary time and fasting is one way to step into it. During this time, normal activities are disrupted, so an individual's thoughts become more attuned to the metaphysical. The physical needs and desires give way to spiritual reflection and contemplation on the world to come.

In most religions, fasting is associated with an introspection of one's life — the past, present and future. This reflection can make one more conscious of one's own actions internally and externally, the impact on oneself and on society.

Traditionally, fasting is coupled with prayer and meditation to further develop these goals. The annual cycles of fasting in most faith traditions are meant also to be cumulative over a lifetime; the hope is that each year, one's character becomes a little better and wiser than the year before.

This refining of an individual's

characters over a lifetime is most easily visualized through the Chinese religious traditions, which include Buddhism, Confucianism and Daoism. The spiritual benefits of fasting are said to accrue over time, leading to a type of wisdom that the Confucians call ren, loosely translating as humanity, humaneness, goodness, benevolence or love.

Daoism also adds another dimension to the understanding of fasting in the Jain and Islamic traditions through the idea of "fasting of the heart-mind." This means it's not just the body that goes through the detoxing, but it also detoxes the soul, as people learn to control their five senses during fasting.

As religions show, fasting is much more than denying the body. Physical deprivation of food — up to a healthy point — can allow the mind to enter new states of awareness and understanding. By acknowledging this, secular fasters, I argue, can tap into its joy, uncover new ways of being and sustain this physical discipline over a lifetime as their religious brethren have for millennia.

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Free backpacks and school supplies

The Principle of the Doctrine of Christ Church held a free backpack and school supplies event recently in the parking lot of the East 38th Street public library. Hundreds of people came to receive the items. In addition to the main event, there were prayer stations scattered in the parking lot for anyone needing to pray or meditate. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



Clinton Davis passes backpacks to one of the visitors.



Nedra Moore hands out backpacks.



Pastor Rob Cooley directs traffic into the drive-thru.



New Direction Church senior pastor Kenneth Sullivan gave away the first bike to 4-year-old Mason Lee.

New Direction Church back-to-school festival



New Direction Church senior pastor Kenneth Sullivan opened the church's annual back-to-school celebration recently with nearly 100 vendor booths and free bicycles to many of the children. Several school supplies were distributed along with free entertainment on stage. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)

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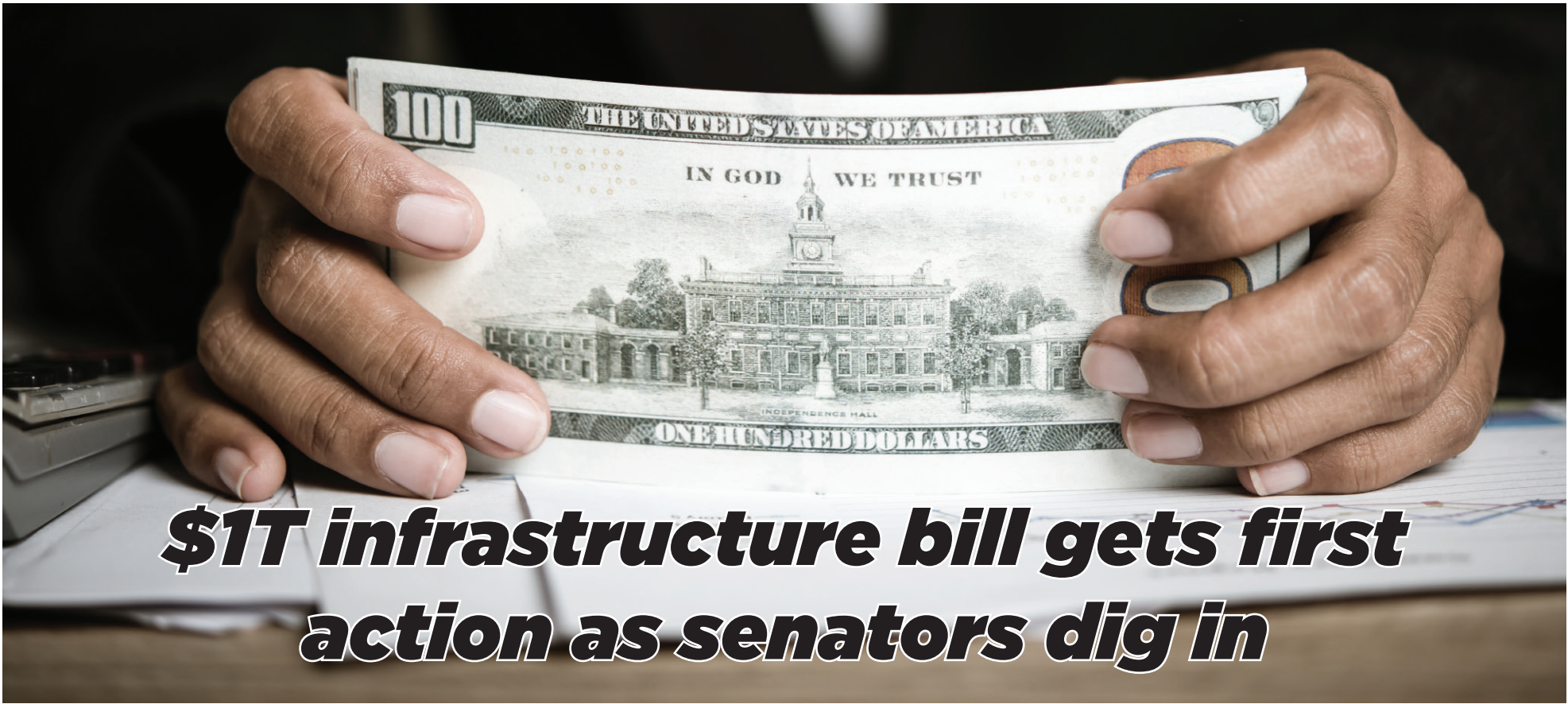
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\$1T infrastructure bill gets first action as senators dig in

By **KEVIN FREKING**
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer sought to speed up consideration of a nearly \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package, promising that Democrats would work with Republicans to put together amendments for consideration this week. GOP senators cautioned that they need time to digest the massive bill.

Formally called the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the proposal clocked in at some 2,700 pages after a hurry-up-and-wait rare weekend session. The final product, unveiled Aug. 1, was intended to follow the broad outline a bipartisan group of senators had negotiated for weeks with the White House. Schumer has said a final vote could be held “in a matter of days.”

“Let’s start voting on amendments,” Schumer said as the Senate opened work Aug. 2. “The longer it takes to finish the bill, the longer we will be here.”

A key part of President Joe Biden’s agenda, the bipartisan bill is the first phase of the president’s infrastructure plan. It calls for \$550 billion in new spending over five years above projected federal levels — one of the most sub-

stantial expenditures on the nation’s roads, bridges, waterworks, broadband and the electric grid in years.

The Senate’s Republican leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, has sided with those voting to allow debate to proceed, but he has not signaled how he will ultimately vote. He described the bill as a “good and important jumping off point” for a robust, bipartisan amendment process. He warned Democrats against setting “any artificial timetable.”

The Senate overwhelmingly approved the first two amendments to the bill Aug. 2. Each was noncontroversial and received far more than the 60 votes necessary to be added to the legislation. Other amendment votes, particularly on the issue of how to pay for the new spending, are expected to be more spirited affairs.

“We know that this has been a long and sometimes difficult process, but we are proud this evening to announce this legislation,” said Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., a lead negotiator.

Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, a Republican negotiator, framed the legislation as something that would help the U.S. better compete with China and would make the “economy more efficient, more productive” after years of struggle getting a public works bill off the

ground.

“People have talked about infrastructure in this city forever,” Portman said.

As the amendment process gets underway, senators are weighing how much to try to change the package and how hard to try, knowing it will be difficult to reach the 60-vote threshold to approve any substantial changes.

Time is not limitless. Schumer has repeatedly warned that he was prepared to keep lawmakers in Washington for as long as it took to complete votes on both the bipartisan infrastructure plan and a budget blueprint that would allow the Senate to begin work later this year on a massive, \$3.5 trillion social, health and environmental bill.

Republicans counter that they just had a chance to begin fully reviewing the bill.

“We shouldn’t sacrifice adequate time on this bill merely because the Democratic leader would like to spend next week jamming a 100% partisan piece of legislation through the United States Senate,” said Sen. John Thune of South Dakota.

Among the major new investments, the bipartisan package is expected to provide \$110 billion for roads and bridges, \$39 billion for public transit and \$66 billion for rail. There’s also to be \$55 billion for water and wastewa-

ter infrastructure as well as billions for airports, ports, broadband internet and electric vehicle charging stations.

Paying for the package has been a challenge after senators rejected ideas to raise revenue from a new gas tax or other streams. Instead, it is being financed from funding sources that might not pass muster with deficit hawks, including repurposing some \$205 billion in untapped COVID-19 relief aid, as well as unemployment assistance that was turned back by some states and relying on projected future economic growth.

Bipartisan support from Republican and Democratic senators pushed the process along, and Schumer wanted the voting to be wrapped up before senators left for their August recess.

Last week, 17 GOP senators joined all Democrats in voting to start work on the bill. That support largely held, with McConnell voting yes in another procedural vote to nudge the process along in the 50-50 Senate, where 60 votes are needed to overcome a filibuster and advance legislation.

Whether the number of Republican senators willing to pass the bill grows or shrinks in the days ahead will determine if the president’s signature issue can make it across the finish line.

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Marion County Clerk
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5320-924947

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY

SS: COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO.: 49C16-2012-DC-042873
Kudirat A. Williams, Plaintiff
-v- Oladipo Williams, Defendant
ORDER
The court, having considered Petitioner's Praecipe for Service by Publication in Marion County, Indiana, and being duly advised hereby Grants said request. Respondent may be served for Notice of these proceedings by publication in Marion County, IN. SO ORDERED this May 12, 2021.
Judge, Marion County Superior Court
Distribution: Plaintiff/Petitioner: Kudirat A. Williams 3407 Glen Arm West Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46224 Defendant/Respondent: Oladipo Williams Unknown
5320-924963

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 6
COUNTY OF MARION) SS: CAUSE NO.: 49D06-2103-CT-008210
ROBERT PERKINS, Plaintiff,

v. JASON JACKSON, Defendant.
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION - NOTICE OF SUIT
1. Jason Jackson has been sued in the Court identified above.
2. This notice is being directed to Defendant, Jason Jackson, whose whereabouts are currently unknown, and any other individuals who may have an interest in the lawsuit captioned Robert Perkins v. Jason Jackson, Cause No. 49D06-2103-CT-008210, in the Marion County Superior Court Civil Division 6.
3. A Complaint for Damages was filed on March 9, 2021, by Plaintiff, Robert Perkins, against Defendant, Jason Jackson. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant's negligence directly and proximately caused a collision that occurred on September 11, 2019, in Marion County, Indiana, and resulted in the Plaintiff sustaining injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.
4. Jason Jackson, you must respond to the Complaint, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the last notice of the action is published. To Wit: Schiller Law Offices, LLC, 210 East Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages.
7/15/2021 Date
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Courts
5320-924728

State of Indiana) In the Marion County Superior Court) SS: Probate Division Room 8
County of Marion) Cause No.: 49D08-2012-ES-044800

IN RE: The Unsupervised Administration)
Of The Estate of Charles W. Ellis,)
Deceased.)
Notice of Administration
Notice is hereby given that Charna Ellis was on the 21st day of December, 2020 appointed Executor of the Estate of Charles W. Ellis, 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 this first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever BARRED.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
Adam Lenkowski Roberts Litigation Group 118 North Delaware Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 Telephone: (317) 631-0172 Facsimile: (317)-6731-0178 Email: alenkowski@robertslitigation.com
5320-924644

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
SS: PROBATE DIVISION
DOCKET NO: 49D08-2106-EU-020141

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANGEL CASTRO CARDONA, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
In the matter of the Estate of Angel Castro Cardona, Deceased
Notice is hereby given that Maria de Jesus Lugo Rodriguez was on the 21st day of June, 2021 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Angel Castro Cardona, deceased, who died on the 9th day of April, 2021.
All persons having claims against said 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 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge CLERK, MARION SUPERIOR COURT
Aaron M. Pitt Indiana Supreme Court No. 30806-49
Huelskamp and Rivas P.C. 1809 Prospect Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46203
317.423.1989
5320-924879

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COUNTY OF MARION) ss: SUPERIOR COURT
MARION COUNTY) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2107-EU-023134

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE)
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
WILLIAM ALLEN BURNETT JR.,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on July 9, 2021, Erica Lauderdale was appointed personal representative of the estate of William Allen Burnett Jr. deceased, who died on the 19th day of April 2021.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this July 9, 2021.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
5320-924722

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COUNTY OF MARION) ss: SUPERIOR COURT
MARION COUNTY) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2107-EU-023433

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE)
SUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
JOHNNIE HAMMONS,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 13 of July 2021, Darlene Combs was appointed personal representative of the estate of Johnnie Hammons deceased, who died on the 26th day of May 2021.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this July 13, 2021.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
5320-924723

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #8
PROBATE DIVISION--2021 TERM
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO:49D08-2107-EU-024342

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF GARY LUISE GILBERT, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court #8, Probate Division, of Marion County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Stanley L. Gilbert and Curtis E. Gilbert were, on July 21, 2021, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Gary Louise Gilbert, deceased, who died on December 7, 2020.
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 July 21, 2021.
Myla A. Eldridge CLERK, Marion County Probate Court
Attorney for the Estate: Charles E. Hostetter & ASSOCIATES 515 North Green Street, Suite 200 Brownsburg, Indiana 46112 (317) 852-2422
5320-924955

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
SS: PROBATE DIVISION, COURTROOM NO. 8
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2107-EU-022801

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS MAPPES, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that, on July 8, 2021, Sharon Mappes Swihart and Dianne Sue Williams were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of LOIS MAPPES who died on the 12th day of May, 2021.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court, within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this July 8, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Probate Division
5320-924792

Brett A. Carille Frank & Kraft, A Professional Corporation

BMO Plaza, Suite 1100 135 North Pennsylvania Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 684--1100
Notice of Unsupervised Administration
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of RICHARD L. MORGAN III, Deceased.
Cause No. 49D08-2107-EU-023158
07/30/21, 08/06/21
Notice is hereby given that PHYLLIS A. PARKER was on, July 12, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of RICHARD L. MORGAN III, deceased, Who died on or about April 13, 2021. The Personal Representative was authorized to administer the Estate without Court supervision.
All persons Who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one nine (9) months after RICHARD L. MORGAN III's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
DATED at Indianapolis, Indiana, this July 12, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
5320-924602

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2107-EU-023650

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS M. BRANNING, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the matter of the Estate of Thomas M. Branning, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Thomas N. Branning was, on July 20, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas M. Branning, deceased, who died on the 27th day of May, 2021.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this July 20, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County
Claire E. Lewis, 115 North Girls School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214, (317) 484-8115
5320-925069

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION) DOCKET NO: 49D08-2107-EU-023949

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES CALVIN RICHMOND, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF CHARLES CALVIN RICHMOND, DECEASED.
ESTATE DOCKET NO. 49D08-2107-EU-023949
Notice is hereby given that ROGER P. RALPH was, on July 16, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES CALVIN RICHMOND, who died on July 12, 2020.
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 on July 16, 2021, at Indianapolis, Indiana.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Superior Court Marion County
5320-924951

Summons - Service by Publication
State of Indiana) In the Marion County Superior Court) SS: County of Marion) Cause No.: 49D09-2105-DC-003815

IN RE: The Marriage of:)
Maria De La Luz Perez Perez,)
Petitioner,)
and)
Valentin Sanchez Castaneda,)
Respondent,)
Notice of Suit
The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Dissolution of Marriage.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are unknown. And the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Sunday Aluko.
In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your Attorney, and If you fail to do so a Judgment will be

entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County Court
Tasha R. Roberts Attorney for Petitioner
Roberts Litigation Group 118 North Delaware Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 Telephone: (317) 631-0172
5320-924642

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY

SS: COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO.: 49D09-2105-DM-003794
Kudirat Williams, Plaintiff
-v- Andrew Ireland Defendant.
AFFIDAVIT
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS: I, Kudirat Williams, being of lawful age and being first duly sworn, states:
1. That he is plaintiff in the above entitled action.
2. That the names and residences of all defendants known to me are as follows: Kudirat Williams.
3. That the names of all know defendants whose residences are unknown are as follows: Andrew Ireland.
4. That the affiant does not know and with reasonable inquiry and diligence is unable to ascertain the residence of those defendants, who are or may be concerned with the subject of this litigation, and who he desires to serve by publication.
5. That this action is one of those mentioned in Rule 4.4 of the Indiana Rules of Civil Procedure.
/s/ K. Williams Affiant
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Indiana and County of Marion this 23rd day of July, 2021
/s/ Abayomi D. Ogunwale Notary Public
My Commission expires: Jan. 6, 2028
5320-925023

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D10-2105-DN-004353

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: MONIQUE L. HILL
Petitioner,
V
ANDRE R. PHILLIPS SR Respondent,
SUMMONS
The State of Indiana to the Respondent Andre R. Phillips Sr.
You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above.
If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing.
If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal), and other distribution assets and debts, attorney fees and costs
Ryan Gardner County Judge, Marion Superior Court
5320-924878

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D16-2106-DC-005218

Folake Aluko Plaintiff
V
Sunday Aluko Defendant
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Dissolution of Marriage.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are unknown. And the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Sunday Aluko.
In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your Attorney, and If you fail to do so a Judgment will be

STATE OF INDIANA) IN

THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 11) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D11-2003-MF-009798

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE SECURITY NATIONAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-1 PLAINTIFF,
v. NORMA CARROLL (DECEASED) AKA NORMA J. WHEELER (DECEASED), CONTINGENT HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA CARROLL AKA NORMA J. WHEELER AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OCCUPANTS OF 1059 N. ELDER AVE., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46222 DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant 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 FORECLOSE MORTGAGE IN REM , on certain real estate located in Marion County, Indiana, described more particularly as follows: The following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana; Lot Numbered 732 in Shout's Tenth's Street Addition, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 12, page 52, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. More commonly known as: 1059 NIDN ELDER AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS IN 46222
Parcel No. OR State Map ID No. 49-06-34-105-052-000-101
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendants whose whereabouts are unknown: Norma Carroll (Deceased) Aka Norma J. Wheeler (Deceased), Contingent mortgage Corporation, Unknown Heirs, Devisees And Legatees Of The Estate Of Norma Carroll AKA Norma J. Wheeler And Unknown Tenants/Occupants Of 1059 N. Elder Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46222.
There may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.
You or your attorney must answer the Complaint in writing, within thirty (30) after the last notice of the action is published, and in case you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
BLEECKER BRODEY & ANDREWS
By: /s/ Dennis V. Ferguson
Dennis V. Ferguson, 8474-49 Attorney for Plaintiff
BLEECKER, BRODEY & ANDREWS 9247 N. Meridian Street, Suite 101 Indianapolis, IN 46260 Phone: (888) 574-0700 ATTEST: (SEAL)
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
5320-924573

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: CIVIL DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D14-2106-DN-005171

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF MAYOKUN EVELYN McNEAL, Petitioner, and REGINALD COURTNEY McNEAL, Respondent.
ORDER VACATING DOMESTIC CASE M A N A G E M E N T CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15, 2021
Comes now Petitioner, Mayokun Evelyn McNeal ("Wife"), by counsel; and, having filed her Status Report and Motion to Vacate Domestic Case Management Conference Scheduled for July 15, 2021; and
The Court, having examined the same and being duly advised, now grants Wife's Motion to Vacate Domestic Case Management Status Conference; and
It IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the remote Domestic Case Management Conference, which is currently scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., is hereby vacated.
SO ORDERED 6/30/21
Court advises Petitioner that prior to proceeding with a final hearing, the Court will hear testimony regarding the sufficiency of efforts to locate the Respondent. Court notes the Publication was initiated without order on the Praecipe filed by Petitioner. If the Court determines that efforts to locate the Respondent were insufficient, the Court may order Petitioner to make additional efforts, re-publish, or reset the final hearing.
Court sets Final Dissolution Hearing 8/30/21 at 9 a.m.
JUDGE, Marion Superior Court 14
Civil Division
5320-924953

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D14-2107-DN-005568

Marleeta Wilcox Plaintiff,
V
Alonzo Erie Wilcox Defendant,
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Divorce.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: Alonzo Erie Wilcox - N/A
And the the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Alonzo Erie Wilcox.
In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your or your attorney, on or before the 13th day of September, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County Court
5320-924954

V Alonzo Erie Wilcox Defendant,

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Divorce.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: Alonzo Erie Wilcox - N/A
And the the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Alonzo Erie Wilcox.
In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your or your attorney, on or before the 13th day of September, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST:
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Court
5320-924919

ADVERTISEMENT TO PRE-QUALIFY TO BID
Project: Purdue University -- Hypersonic and Applied Research Facility located on Purdue University's main campus, in West Lafayette, Indiana.

F.A. Wilhelm Construction Company will receive pre-qualification statements for the following trade scopes included in Bid Event #1 until 12:00 P.M. August 6th, 2021 for the Purdue University -- Hypersonic and Applied Research Facility.
• BE #1 -- Excavation & Site Utilities, Auger Cast Piles, Concrete, Structural Steel, Roofing & Precast
All interested bidders must contact Matt McCullough at mattmccullough@fawilhelm.com to gain access to the Pre-qualification form. Pre-qualified bidders will receive an invitation to bid on the above referenced project. Please direct all questions to Matt McCullough at (317) 359-5411 or mattmccullough@fawilhelm.com.
F.A. Wilhelm is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V
All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their protected veteran status and will not be discriminated against on the basis of disability.
F.A. WILHELM C O N S T R U C T I O N COMPANY
Matt McCullough -- Preconstruction Manager
Tom Kerker -- Project Executive
5320-924956

NOTIFICATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Trustees of Purdue University will solicit and interview prospective CMc firms for the Wade Utility Plant Chiller 7 Replacement and System Improvements project.
The RFP process will consist of two stages. The first stage (RFP-A/B) will be a qualifications based review. From these responses, firms will be shortlisted to proceed to the next stage. The second stage (RFP-C) will consist of interviews, which Purdue expects the interview to be face-to-face, but a virtual interview may occur due to the current CDC Covid-19 and Protect Purdue guidelines.
The Trustees of Purdue University will receive RFP-A responses until 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on the 18th day of August, 2021 at: Capital Asset Management Purdue University 2550 Northwestern Ave., Suite 1100 West Lafayette, IN 47906
To obtain Request for Proposal documents, please email: Ron Reehling Construction Project rereehling@purdue.edu
THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY James K. Keefe Senior Director of Capital Asset Management
Date: 7/22/2021
5320-924958

STATE OF INDIANA) IN HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 2) SS: COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D02-2101-AD-000030

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF KING ROYAL ROBERT PATTON, Minor Child
NOTICE OF ADOPTION TO: Timothy Patton
Via Publication - Indianapolis Recorder
Timothy Patton is notified that a Petition for Adoption of the minor Child, named King Royal Robert Patton, who was born on the 6th day of December, 2018, and is the Child of Sarah Orton and Timothy Patton, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court No. 1, One Hamilton Square, Noblesville, Indiana, under the title: In the Matter of the Adoption of King Royal Robert Patton. The Petition alleges that Timothy Patton is the Biological Father of the minor Child; however, his consent is not required and/or are irrevocably implied. Timothy Patton abandoned or deserted King Royal Robert Patton at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of filing of this Petition; or has failed without justifiable cause to communicate significantly with King Royal Robert Patton when able to do so for at least one year while King Royal Robert Patton

has been in the custody of another person; or has knowingly failed to provide for the care and support of King Royal Robert Patton when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree for at least one year while King Royal Robert Patton has been in the custody of another person. Further, the consent of Timothy Patton is not required because he is too unfit to be a parent to King Royal Robert Patton and the child's best interests would be served by dispensing with their consents.
If Timothy Patton seeks to contest the adoption of the Child, then he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above-named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this Notice.
If Timothy Patton files a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption. The consent to the adoption of King Royal Robert Patton will be irrevocably implied Timothy Patton will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of Timothy Patton's implied consent to the adoption.
No oral statement made by the Petitioners relieve Timothy Patton of their obligations under this notice. This notice complies with IC 31-19-4.5-3, but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.
Dated: 7/13/2021 /s/ Kathy Kragg Williams
Kathy Williams, Clerk of Hamilton County
Attorney Information: Shelley Haymaker, Attorney, 124 N. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060, (317) 776-0480
5320-924252

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION) CASE NO.: 49C01-2101-MI-003031

IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: ELIZABETH FREDONIA WILLIAMS, Also known as FREDONIA ELIZABETH WILLIAMS Also known as ELIZABETH FREDONIA HUMPHREY, Petitioner.
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner ELIZABETH FREDONIA HUMPHREY, Also known as FREDONIA ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, Also known as ELIZABETH FREDONIA WILLIAMS, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change Petitioner's name from ELIZABETH FREDONIA HUMPHREY/ELIZABETH FREDONIA WILLIAMS to FREDONIA ELIZABETH HUMPHREY.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on September 28, 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. Petitioner is ordered to report for hearing remotely/ virtually, and the Court will issue a WebEx invitation for attendance at the hearing.
Date Clerk of the Marion Circuit Court
SO Ordered: June 29, 2021 /s/ Susan Boatright
Magistrate, Marion Circuit Court
5320-924249

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.:49D05-2105-CT-015451

CLAUDIA SAGRERO PEREZ, Plaintiff, v. SILVANO CORDOVA CORTINA and AMERICAN ACCESS CASUALTY COMPANY, Defendants.
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION - NOTICE OF SUIT
1. Silvano Cordova Cortina has been sued in the Court identified above.
2. This notice is being directed to Defendant, Silvano Cordova Cortina, whose whereabouts are currently unknown, and any other individuals who may have an interest in the lawsuit captioned Claudia Sagrero Perez v. Silvano Cordova Cortina and American Access Casualty Company, Cause No. 49D05-2105-CT-015451, in the Marion County Superior Court Civil Division 5.
3. Complaint for Damages was filed on May 7, 2021, by Plaintiff, Claudia Sagrero Perez, against Defendants, Silvano Cordova Cortina and American Access Casualty Company. Defendant's negligence directly and proximately caused a collision that occurred on August 20, 2019, in Marion County, Indiana, and resulted in the Plaintiff sustaining injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature.
4. Silvano Cordova Cortina, you must respond to the Complaint, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the last notice of the action is published. To Wit: Schiller Law Offices, LLC, 210 East Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages.
7/6/2021 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Date Clerk Of the Marion County Courts
5320-924138

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 5

COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NUMBER: 49D05-2107-MF-022499
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-SSL, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-SSL, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND CREDITORS OF JULIA A. WILLIS (DECEASED), et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
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 a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as: Lot Number 368 in Oak Trace, Section Two, a subdivision in Marion County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded February 9, 2004 as Instrument No. 2004-0036353 in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.
Parcel Number (s) 49-13-13-100-024.000-200
This property is commonly known as 5809 Minden Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46221
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendants whose addresses are known: Unknown Occupant, if any 5809 Minden Drive Indianapolis, IN 46221 Oak Trace Section II Homeowner's Association, Inc. Serve Highest Officer Found 9202 North Meridian Street, Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46260 State of Indiana Department of Revenue
Serve Highest Executive Officer Present, 100 North Senate North 105 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as indenture trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-1, Asset-Backed Notes
Serve Highest Officer Found 3217 South Decker Lake Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84119 And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown: Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and personal representatives, and creditors of Julia A. Willis (deceased)
In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your attorney, on or before the 5th day of September, 2021 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.
Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49) Gregory A. Stout (29517-15) Amanda L. Krenson (28999-61) David W. Cliffe (36402-15) Attorneys for Plaintiff Reisenfeld & Associates LLC 3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227 Voice: 1-513-322-7000 Facsimile: (513) 322-7099 ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County Circuit/Superior Court
5320-924132

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 11) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D11-2107-PL-023996

HOOSIER COLLINS COMMERCIAL STRATEGIES, LLC Plaintiff, v. HELP THE WORLD FOUNDATION, INC., SECURE CORE INDIANAPOLIS LLC, UNKNOWN PERSONS OCCUPYING THE REAL ESTATE AT 105 S. DENNY STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, AND UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN MACHINERY STORED AT 105 S. DENNY STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to Defendant, any unknown persons occupying the real estate at 105 S. Denny Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and any unknown persons claiming an interest in machinery stored at 105 S. Denny Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following persons who may have an interest in the machinery stored at 105 S. Denny Street, Indianapolis, Indiana and any persons occupying the real estate at 105 S. Denny Street, that is the subject of this proceeding, and whose whereabouts and names are unknown to Plaintiff. 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 the 5th day of September, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.
/s/ Grover B. Davis Grover B. Davis Attorney for Plaintiff ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County

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Superior Court
200 East Washington Street
Room No. T-1441
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone Number: (317)
327-4160
5320-924546

07/23/21,
07/30/21,
08/06/21

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D16-2104-DN-003306
Courtney Strahan Plaintiff
V
Temidayo Olanipekum Defendant
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is divorce to Temidayo Olanipekum from Courtney Strahan. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are Temidayo Olanipekum, 6119 Beachview Dr., Apt. 187, Indianapolis, IN 46224. And the the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Temidayo Olanipekum.

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your our attorney, on or before the 5th day of September, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County Court
5320-924329
07/23/21,
07/30/21,
08/06/21

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC)
Invitation for Bid (IFB) 21-07-409 IndyGo East Campus Administration Construction Project.
IndyGo is seeking bids from qualified General Contractors!!
Project is an interior renovation consisting of minimal existing office demolition, build-out of approx. 40 offices & 10 meeting spaces with updated finishes. Includes corresponding revisions to HVAC, electrical/data, & limited plumbing alterations.
Solicitation Release July 15, 2021
Pre-Bid Meeting July 19, 2021 at 3:00pm
Site location 9503 E. 33rd St. Indianapolis, IN. 46235 / Only Site Visit date/time offered!
Questions Due July 22, 2021 by 3:00 p.m. (EST).
Answers Provided July 29,2021 (Posted on IndyGoWebsite)
Bids Due August 10, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (EST) / See Bidding documents.
Bid Opening August 10, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. (EST)
Teams Public Meeting.
IPTC Board Meeting August 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. / Public Meeting.
No late Bids accepted and proposals must be hard copies.
To access Solicitation / Bid Documents please email request to Dave Adamson at dadamson@indygo.net, at that time bidding documents will be emailed, also available on IndyGo website: https://www.indygo.net/procurement/bid-opportunities/___
5320-924392
07/23/21,
07/30/21,
08/06/21

Ordinance Number: 2021-01

Be it ordained/resolved by the Board of Directors that for the expenses of INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION for the year ending December 31, 2022, the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors: 8/26/2021

Name of Adopting Entity/Fiscal Body

Type of Adopting Entity/Fiscal Body

Date of Adoption

Funds

Fund Code

Fund Name

Adopted Budget

Adopted Tax Levy

Adopted Tax Rate

8001 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION GEN

\$88,309,718

\$42,143,711

0.0981

8090 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION

CUMULATIVE

\$10,000,000

0.0100

Total

\$98,309,718

\$46,443,711

0.1081

Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)

Fund ID

Fund Code

Fund Name

Adopted Budget

1023 9500 Capital Grants Projects

\$106,705,850

1024 9501 Federal Pass Through

\$3,400,000

1025 9502 Income Tax Revenue Fund

\$70,474,703

1026 9503 Income Tax Debt Service Fund

\$11,620,183

2021D Bond Fund

\$24,566,266

Total

\$216,767,002

Special Notes: The proposed tax levies listed included in column 3 include a special tax levy under IC 36-9-4-49 in the amount of \$14,800,000. Said proposed special tax for 2022 will be in addition to the Maximum Levy set under IC 6-1.1-18.5-1.

Name

Signature

Greg Hahn, Chair
Adairius Gardner, Vice-Chair
Mark Fisher, Secretary
Richard Wilson, Treasurer
Lacy Johnson
Pat Rios
Lise Pace

ATTEST

Jill D. Russell Secretary/General Counsel

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Notice to Taxpayers is available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888) 739-9826.

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at 1501 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46222.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, Marion County, Indiana that the proper officers of Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2022 budget. Due to Covid-19, the hearing will be held remotely and will be streamed live via the IndyGo Facebook page. If an in-person hearing is held, federal masking and social distancing directives will be followed. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation will meet to adopt the following budget:

Public Hearing Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021

Public Hearing Time: 5:00 PM

Public Hearing Location: 1501 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46222

Adoption Meeting Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021

Adoption Meeting Time: 5:00 PM

Adoption Meeting Location: 1501 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46222

Estimated Civil Max Levy: \$43,139,309

Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate: \$6,470,896

Special Notes:

The proposed tax levies listed included in column 3 include a special tax levy under IC 36-9-4-49 in the amount of \$14,800,000. Said proposed special tax for 2022 will be in addition to the Maximum Levy set under IC 6-1.1-18.5-1.

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (Including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals	5 Current Tax Levy	6 Levy Percentage Difference
8001-SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION GEN	\$88,309,718	\$42,143,711	\$0	\$37,936,704	11.09%
8090-SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION CUMULATIVE	\$10,000,000	\$4,300,000	\$0	\$3,995,598	7.62%
9500-Capital Grants Projects	\$106,705,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9501-Federal Pass Through	\$3,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9502-Income Tax Revenue Fund	\$70,474,703	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9503-Income Tax Debt Service Fund	\$11,620,183	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2021D Bond Fund	\$24,566,266	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Totals	\$315,076,720	\$46,443,711	\$0	\$41,932,302	

AVISO PARA CONTRIBUYENTES

El aviso para contribuyentes está disponible en www.budgetnotices.in.gov o llamando al (888) 739-9826.

Usted puede obtener detalles de las estimaciones presupuestarias por fondo y/o departamento visitando la oficina de esta unidad de gobierno en 1501 W Washington St., Indianapolis IN 46222.

Por este medio, se notifica a los contribuyentes del Transporte Público de Indianapolis, Condado de Marion, Indiana, que los funcionarios correspondientes de la Corporación de Transporte Público de Indianapolis convocarán a una audiencia pública sobre el presupuesto del año 2022. Debido al Covid-19, la audiencia se llevará a cabo de forma remota y se transmitirá en vivo a través de la página de Facebook de IndyGo. Si se lleva a cabo una audiencia en persona, se seguirán los protocolos federales de usar mascarara y mantener distanciamiento social. Después de esta reunión, diez o más contribuyentes podrán objetar a un presupuesto, tasa impositiva o gravamen impositivo presentando una petición de objeción ante los oficiales competentes de la Corporación de Transporte Público de Indianapolis a más tardar siete días después de la audiencia. La petición de objeción debe identificar las disposiciones del presupuesto, tasa impositiva o gravamen fiscal objetadas por el contribuyente. Si se presenta una petición, la Corporación de Transporte Público de Indianapolis deberá adoptar con el presupuesto una resolución relacionada con las objeciones contenidas en la petición y la declaración presentadas. Después de dicha audiencia, los funcionarios competentes de la Corporación de Transporte Público de Indianapolis se reunirán para adoptar el siguiente presupuesto:

Fecha de audiencia pública: Jueves, 12 de Agosto de 2021

Hora de audiencia pública: 5:00:00 PM

Lugar de audiencia pública: 1501 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46222

Fecha de reunión de adopción: Jueves, 26 de Agosto de 2021

Hora de reunión de adopción: 5:00 PM

Lugar de reunión de adopción: 1501 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46222

Gravamen Máx. Civil Estimado: \$43,139,309

Crédito del tope para el impuesto de propiedad Estimado: \$6,470,896

Notas especiales:

Los gravámenes fiscales propuestos enumerados que se incluyen en la columna 3 comprenden un gravamen fiscal especial de conformidad con la Sección 36-9-4-49 del CI por el monto de \$14,800,000. Dicho impuesto especial propuesto para el 2022 será adicional al Gravamen Máximo establecido de conformidad con la Sección 6-1.1-18.5-1 del CI.

1 Nombre del fondo	2 Estimación de presupuesto	3 Fondos máximos estimados a ser recolectados (Incluidas apelaciones y gravámenes exentos de las limitaciones del gravamen máximo)	4 Apelaciones por gravámenes excesivos (Incluidos en la Column 3)	5 Gravamen fiscal actual	6 Porcentaje de recaudación (Column 3/ (Colmn 5)
8001-TRANSPORTE ESPECIAL		From maximum levy Limitations			
GEN	\$88,309,718	\$42,143,711	\$0	\$37,936,704	11.09%
8090-TRANSPORTE ESPECIAL	\$10,000,000	\$4,300,000	\$0	\$3,995,598	7.62%
TOTAL ACUMULADO	\$106,705,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9500-PROYECTOS DE DONACIONES DE CAPITAL	\$3,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9501-TRANSPERENCIA FEDERAL	\$70,474,703	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9502-FONDO DE INGRESO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA RENTA	\$11,620,183	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9503-FONDO DE SERVICIO DE LA DEUDO PARA IMPUESTO SOBRE LA RENTA	\$24,566,266	\$0	\$0	\$0	
2021D FONDO DE LOS BONOS	\$315,076,720	\$46,443,711	\$0	\$41,932,302	
Totals					

INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

RESOLUTION 2021-08

Resolution for Levy of Special Tax Under Indiana Code § 36-9-4-49 and

For a Temporary Increase to the Maximum Levy

WHEREAS, the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation has determined that the funds that the Corporation will be able to raise through all sources will be insufficient to defray the expenses incurred by the Corporation to provide necessary transportation services within the boundaries of the Corporation's district for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation has determined that it cannot carry out its governmental functions for 2022 under the levy limitations imposed by IC 6-1.1-18.5-3; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation is authorized by law, IC 36-9-4-49, to levy a special tax upon all of the property within the taxing district of the corporation at the rate required to defray such expenses and to fund the budget formulated by the Board pursuant to law; and

WHEREAS, notice to taxpayers has been provided of the intention of the Board of Directors to levy a Special Tax in the amount of \$14,800,000 and for a temporary increase to the Maximum Levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation of Marion County, Indiana, that a need now exists for the establishment of a special tax and an increase in the Maximum Levy for the following purposes:

For services necessary to enable the system to provide adequate service within the municipality, and all other purposes as set forth in IC 36-9-4-1 et seq.

The proposed special tax shall not exceed \$0.034 (to raise the sum of \$14,800,000) on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation. Said tax rate will be in addition to the Maximum Levy tax rate set under IC 6-1.1-18.5-1 and shall be levied in 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the City County Council as provided by law and that the Corporation shall petition to the City-County Council for authority to levy the special tax and for a temporary increase in its pay 2022 property tax levy above the maximum levy limits set under IC 6-1.1-18.5-1 et seq.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2021.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ATTEST:

Director, Technical Services (Indianapolis, IN). Responsible for scientific aspects of POLARIS Laboratories including Research & Development and Testing Procedures for specific fluids within a quality controlled lab setting. Manage ISO 17025 quality system, research and development, maintenance, calibration and data analysis departments. Provide & ensure overall quality of testing results & methodology used in obtaining such results. Utilize experience in analysis of in-service lubricants used in equipment. Must have experience in analysis, calibration, maintenance and trouble-shooting of organic and aqueous Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Spectroscopy, kinematic viscosity, gas chromatography, particle quantifier, particle counting, titrations, and other specific oil analysis methods. Team members total 6 chemists and specialist. Must have a multi-discipline experience with other types of laboratories of a QA/QC type and experience in formulation of new lubricants. Must have 5 years' experience managing a Condition Monitoring laboratory. Travel required 5 -25% domestically and limited international travel. Requires: Associate's degree or foreign equivalent in Chemistry, Tribology or related and 6 years of relevant work experience. In the alternative will accept, 1 year of post-secondary study or foreign equivalent in Chemistry/Tribology and 10 years of relevant experience. ***Will accept any combination of education, experience or training to meet requirements. Please apply to: Neekol Dalton, POLARIS Laboratories, LLC, 7451 Winton Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46268 or https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=4ab3e3d1-69cf-4274-ac53-d6d46d014373&cclid=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US&selectedMenuKey=CurrentOpenings

Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/public sale on August 16th, 2021, at 8 AM.

7576 W Washington St Indianapolis, IN 46231
List of vehicles to be included in the sale:

Year	Make	VIN	Sale Price
2010	VOLKS	WVWMN7AN5AE547274	\$1,500.00
2003	HONDA	5FNRL18043B052908	\$1,500.00
2006	SATURN	5GZCZ253476S882293	\$1,500.00
2003	FORD	1FTZRA5E93PA92178	\$1,500.00
2007	HONDA	1HGM56167A111348	\$1,500.00
2007	NISSAN	1N4AL21E77C175135	\$1,500.00
1996	TOYOTA	4T1BG12K3TU929973	\$1,500.00
2010	DODGE	2B3CA3CV9AH169175	\$1,500.00
2004	PONTIAC	2G2WR524841156735	\$1,500.00
2018	ALFA ROMEO	ZARFAE8N0J7568194	\$1,500.00
2015	HONDA	1HGCRT2F59FA264789	\$1,500.00
2005	SUBARU	JP1SG67615H750426	\$1,500.00
2004	MITSUBISHI	4A3AB36S54E097646	\$1,500.00
2021	NISSAN	3N1CN8DV7ML822633	\$1,500.00
2005	NISSAN	1N4BL11E05C095359	\$1,500.00
1999	HONDA	JHLRD1862XC048556	\$1,500.00
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5320-925240			

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The Eason era is here and that’s not a bad thing

By DANNY BRIDGES

I’ve never been one of those “I told you so” individuals. There’s no real reason to point at someone and remind them of your prediction and their procrastination. It’s anything but professional and certainly can be construed as arrogant and perhaps even rude, so I won’t mention my previous column about the Colts’ quarterback debacle. (Wink.)

All those observations aside, the sudden and unfortunate injury Carson Wentz recently experienced at training camp brings all of this into a rather clear perspective if one were inclined to query me.

First, let’s frame the Wentz injury properly and refrain from the mantra that screams the guy can’t stay healthy long enough to lead a team to a deep playoff run.

His latest setback could easily be categorized as both untimely and freakish considering the medical report that indicated the problem that led to his foot injury has probably existed since high school but never reared its head until now, but that’s



Jacob Eason could be the Colts’ starting quarterback to open the season after Carson Wentz suffered a foot injury. (Photo provided by Indianapolis Colts)

not really the point of my — shall we say — observations. The Colts were convinced that not only could they revive Wentz’s career by virtue of his history with head coach Frank Reich, but they

were also rolling the dice on him remaining healthy. All of this was predicated on the misguided assessment of this being a Super Bowl-quality roster that lacked a seasoned quarterback.

Now that plan B has been forced down their throat, it’s time for General Manager Chris Ballard and company to hand the signal calling to Jacob Eason. I mean, there are worse things than a 23-year-old, 6-foot-6, 230-pound guy with both a strong arm and good mobility lining up to take the snaps this season. Many of you will point to the fact that he hasn’t taken a snap in an NFL game before as a concern, but I will not.

This team had deficiencies on both sides of the ball when it reported to camp, and while the quarterback position was the biggest question, honestly, what has really changed with Wentz now injured?

This team, while optimistic about their chances for improvement, isn’t even in the conversation to win the AFC, so what’s wrong with seeing what Eason can do with a roster that’s riddled with more injuries beyond the coveted quarterback position?

Perhaps a page from the Los Angeles Chargers’ playbook might come in handy.

Facing a similar situation last year after game two of the regular season, which saw starter Tyrod Taylor go down, they handed the keys to an inexperienced Justin Herbert, who went on to throw for over 4,300 yards with 31 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

The Colts need to discard the conventional wisdom of bringing in another experienced veteran who can hold things down until a possible return by Wentz and just throw Eason in the fire. Find out what he can do and take the lumps that

come with developing him. Look away from the adversity that many are citing and embrace the possibilities of what might be.

Eason sounds confident when he speaks about the opportunity before him and states he’s ready to lead the offense. This season is far from being written off, and while there may be a number of players banged up early in training camp, Eason isn’t one of them. His time is now and he wants the ball. The question is: Will the Colts push all their chips to the middle of the table and proclaim him to be the guy come opening day?

Notes: Speaking of discarding traditional wisdom and resisting the urge of signing a veteran quarterback, Philip Rivers released a statement saying he won’t rule out a return to the NFL. The Colts wasted both a ton of money and time with him last season and will hopefully be smart enough to let his agent’s call go to voicemail and not return it.

If one foot injury isn’t enough, the Colts suffered another major blow when All-Pro guard Quenton Nelson sustained a foot injury similar to Wentz’s. While the early predictions for recovery are optimistic, more than likely both Wentz and Nelson will miss the first eight games of the regular season.

Danny Bridges, who for the second time in a year is sounding more like Eason’s agent than a Jimmy Olsen wannabe, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.

No team gold, but U.S. women show depth during Tokyo stay

By WILL GRAVES
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TOKYO (AP) — Simone Biles is taking a break. Maybe a permanent one. Sunisa Lee, Jade Carey, Jordan Chiles and Grace McCallum are all basically sprinting to college. MyKayla Skinner is ready to start a family.

The six American women who are bringing home six medals from the Tokyo Olympics may never compete internationally again. Biles is heading home to Texas to focus on her mental and physical well-being before headlining a fall tour. Lee wants to move into her dorm room at Auburn next week with her Olympic all-around gold in tow, eager for a respite from an elite environment she described as “crazy.”

Not exactly the most glowing endorsement of what’s happening both inside and outside the top level of the sport. Lee pointed to heightened attention surrounding the Olympics — particularly by the media, social or otherwise — as contributing to a level of stress that became problematic.

“The more pressure you put on yourself, the harder it’s going to get,” said Lee, who won three medals in all. “And it just takes the fun out of gymnastics, which really sucks because I started gymnastics because I loved it. So that kind of like takes it all away from us.”

It’s a level of attention, however, brought about by the dominance the U.S. women have displayed over the last decade, a standard the Americans did little to distance themselves from in the run-up to the Games.

The U.S. arrived in Japan as heavy favorites to extend a winning streak that dated to the 2011 world championships. It’s one of the reasons U.S. high-performance director Tom Forster said the Olympic selection committee opted for rank order from Trials when putting the four-woman team together instead of taking one that could potentially score a tenth or two higher.

Forster said he wanted to protect the “integrity of the process” and believed a tenth or two wouldn’t mat-

ter. And he was right. A resurgent Russian team topped the U.S. by more than a point during qualifying and earned its first team gold since 1992 in the finals while the Americans held on for silver after Biles opted out of the competition following one rotation while dealing with a phenomenon called “the twisties.”

While Biles’ stunning admission shifted the discussion from her pursuit of a second straight Olympic title to the importance of athletes making their mental health a priority, it also in a way showcased just how deep the group the U.S. brought to Tokyo was even with Biles spending most of the meet watching from the stands.

The U.S. women medaled in every final, the only program — men’s or women’s — in the meet to do that at the Ariake Gymnastics Centre. Yet USA Gymnastics is making an effort to get away from using Olympic bling as the only metric that defines success.

While president Li Li Leung emphasizes progress is being made in creating a more athlete-centric culture and some gymnasts — Skinner in particular — have praised the changes they’ve seen, work remains to be done.

The messaging from leadership remains an issue. So do optics.

Both Skinner and McCallum admitted they didn’t have any real clarity on the team selection process. Allan Bower, an alternate on the men’s team, spoke out after the organization didn’t offer him funding or insurance. Friends put together a GoFundMe to help him train through the world championships selection process later this year. Mediation with athletes abused by former national team doctor Larry Nassar drags nearly three years after USA Gymnastics filed for bankruptcy in an effort to get all of the cases put under one umbrella.

Perhaps the most symbolic moment for the organization came not on the medal stand but after Biles realized she wasn’t quite right when she bailed out of her first vault during the team final. Shaken, she consulted with Dr. Marcia Faustin

before exiting the competition. She later praised Faustin’s support for helping her navigate such a difficult ordeal.

For a national governing body trying to re-establish trust, it’s a very small but potentially very important start.

U.S. and IOC officials then made sure Biles had everything she needed from a medical and physical standpoint to clear the way for her return to the floor during the final day of competition, where she won a seventh Olympic medal by claiming bronze on balance beam.

Afterward she expressed relief and gratitude about everything else. It’s far too early to make any firm decisions about 2024, though Biles is keeping the door open.

So is Lee, who is intent on becoming the first American Olympic all-around champion to compete collegiately. Her five predecessors — Biles included — all turned professional to cash in on their success rather than accept a college scholarship. Lee doesn’t have to choose thanks to recently passed legislation that will allow her to profit by having businesses use her name, image and likeness.

As her sport’s newest star, she will likely be in demand the second her plane lands back home in Minnesota. That will likely follow her to Auburn, where she’ll have to juggle her newfound fame, a course load and attempting to maintain most of her elite skills while abiding by NCAA rules that will limit her to 20 hours of training a week.

It’s a lot to take on. Not just for Lee but Chiles (UCLA), McCallum (Utah) and Carey (Oregon State), too. Skinner, who starred at Utah for three years before returning to elite competition in 2019, can’t say for certain what’s going to happen at the top level of USA Gymnastics.

The college game? Skinner expects it to be lit.

“So I think it’s going to be really cool to see kind of how this changes, you know, college gymnastics and seeing all these Olympians go out,” Skinner said. “I think it’s frickin awesome.”



SPORTS QUIZ

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. In a 2004 ESPN special called “Utility-man: The Quest for Cooperstown,” comedians Randy and Jason Sklar campaigned to get what player into the National Baseball Hall of Fame?
2. Pro Football Hall of Famer Steve Atwater was a hard-hitting safety for the Denver Broncos from 1989-98, but he played his final season in 1999 with what team?
3. In November 2014, what 47-year-old goaltending coach for the Buffalo Sabres suited up as an emergency backup netminder?
4. What Ohio State Buckeyes men’s basketball player was named Big Ten Co-Player of the Year in 1999 and won the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award (for the best shorter-than-average player)?
5. In 2001, the Baltimore Ravens were featured in the first season of what long-running HBO documentary series?
6. In roller derby, the players who score points and wear stars on their helmets are known as what?
7. “You got a beat-up glove, a homemade bat and a brand-new pair of shoes” are lyrics to what 1985 song by John Fogerty?

- Answers
1. Jose Oquendo.
 2. The New York Jets.
 3. Arturs Irbe.
 4. Scoonie Penn.
 5. “Hard Knocks.”
 6. The jammers.
 7. “Centerfield.”