



Vicki Buchanan

Legendary WTLC personality Vicki Buchanan dies

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Vicki Buchanan, the first female on-air personality at WTLC, died Oct. 4. The radio station confirmed her death online. She was 67. Buchanan was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died unexpectedly. Affectionately called the original First Lady of WTLC, Buchanan hosted mornings and middays for then-105.7 WTLC. She also held the title of program director. Karen Vaughn, operations manager for Radio One, said in a post on Facebook she'll remember Buchanan as

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Indiana officially has new legislative, congressional district maps for next decade

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The redistricting process in Indiana is over. Gov. Eric Holcomb signed redistricting legislation into law Oct. 4, making Indiana one of the first states in the country to pass new congressional and legislative maps that will determine what districts people live in for the next 10 years. State lawmakers wrapped up their redistricting duties Oct. 1, when the Senate gave its final approval and the House of Representatives voted to concur with a Senate amendment. The legislation virtually guarantees Republicans will keep their supermajorities in both chambers and seven of the state's nine congressional districts. The bill passed 36-12 in the Senate. Two senators were excused. The House passed legislation the previous week and voted 65-25 to approve an amendment from the Senate that changes Senate districts in Marion County.

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Inside the Indiana Statehouse, where lawmakers were gathered Oct. 1, 2021, to pass redistricting legislation. Gov. Eric Holcomb later signed the bill into law, making Indiana one of the first states in the country to draw new legislative and congressional districts where Hoosiers will live for the next 10 years. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

The people's champion for diversity, equity and inclusion



Jimmy Beard

By **DEBORAH WHITE**

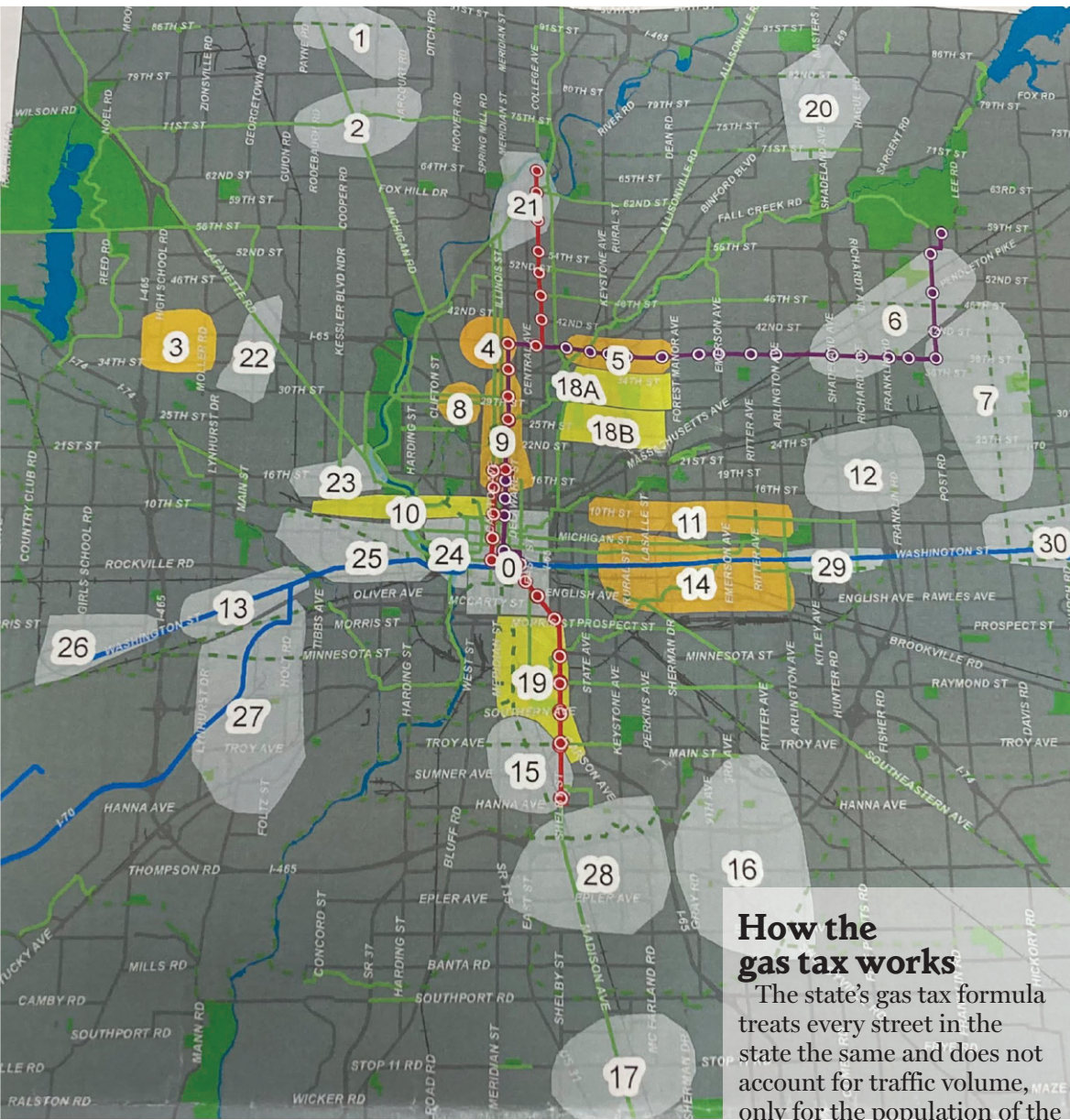
Jimmy Beard has been advocating for diverse businesses, especially Black contractors, for his entire professional career. From 1977 until 1988, he ran a self-performing roofing and general contracting company. At the beginning of his contracting career 100% of the business was in the Jewish community. The foundation of the business was built on quality work and referrals throughout the Jewish community. "After over 40 years in the business I have only had 17 Black customers," Beard said. "My interest in construction began in a woodshop class at Washington High School. Our class would work on projects for homeowners who lived

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Indianapolis infrastructure impacts pedestrian safety

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Lower income neighborhoods in Indianapolis are more likely to face the brunt of road issues, including a lack of sidewalks, drainage problems and degraded road conditions. However, these neighborhoods are often underrepresented in Indianapolis infrastructure projects. Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Parker said his office wants to make streets safer for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. In May, Mayor Joe Hogsett announced \$25 million would be allocated to DPW for residential street reconstruction throughout Indianapolis as part of the city's Circle City Forward initiative. Some Indianapolis roads haven't been touched in nearly five decades. However, Parker said the \$25 million will only cover the cost of 10% of the residential streets that need repaired. To prioritize which roads to fix in each of the city's 25 districts, DPW used the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) as well as median household income, known as equity index, for each district to determine what roads need the most reconstruction. This was the first time DPW used an equity index to allocate project funds. "Not every district needed \$1 million, so we didn't think it was fair that each district got the same amount of money," Parker said. Based on PCI scores, Dis-



Low-income neighborhoods often face infrastructure issues including a lack of safe roads, sidewalks and drainage problems. The Circle City forward initiative will prioritize roads in those communities by using median household income as well as the Pavement Condition Index. Circled pods indicate areas the Department of Public Works is prioritizing for projects to enhance pedestrian safety. Pods in yellow are areas that are already under construction. (Map provided by DPW)

How the gas tax works

The state's gas tax formula treats every street in the state the same and does not account for traffic volume, only for the population of the county the road is in. Based on vehicle miles traveled, for example, a one-way road in Ohio County — which has a population of 5,875 — would earn the county \$20 per vehicle mile traveled. Meanwhile, roads in Indianapolis average around \$3 per vehicle mile traveled, due largely to the number of lanes on each road.

trict 2, which includes 86th Street and College Avenue, had the most need. However, after factoring in median income, the city's 9th and 13th districts received a larger allocation of funds. "The Circle City Forward project was the first time we looked at median household income," Parker said. "I don't know that councilors will want to do that with each [project] moving forward, but with this special money being released to us, we thought it should be done in an equitable fashion. A lot of times, wealthier neighborhoods are the ones to have been taken care of, so this tilted the needle back the other way so middle- and lower-income neighborhoods got their fair share."

The problem, historically

Much of the city's road and sidewalk issues began with Unigov, the consolidation of the governments of the city of Indianapolis and Marion County in 1970. When the unification happened, Parker said the city never had enough money to maintain the roads it acquired. Roads in Marion County are paid for by the state's gas tax. The tax formula treats every street the same, regardless of how many lanes it has. Indianapolis now has 8,400 lane miles of streets, but only gets money for 3,300 of them. "People are frustrated. They say, 'I pay my taxes, how come my street hasn't been done?'"

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Democrats continued to object to the redistricting process and specific parts of the maps.

“It doesn’t have to be this way,” Sen. Jean Breaux, D-Indianapolis, said, accusing Republicans of using a process that is “really more about the preservation of power.”

Democrats tried but failed to pass amendments that would have changed specific parts of the maps and create an independent redistricting commission.

State law only requires districts to be contiguous. Sen. Eric Koch, R-Bedford, said Republicans had other “aspirational goals,” including compactness and maintaining communities of interest. Democrats spent most of the redistricting process arguing Republicans did not honor communities of interest, especially in urban areas, by splitting minorities into multiple districts and

diluting their voting power.

Rep. Cherrish Pryor, D-Indianapolis, said before the House concurrence vote the Senate map represents “voter suppression at its fullest” and accused Republicans of drawing maps that allow lawmakers to ignore Black voters.

Republicans did not consider competition when drawing districts, Koch said.

Analyses from PlanScore, a free mapping project from the nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center, show the new maps will heavily favor Republicans, especially in congressional and Senate races. The efficiency gap, which measures the number of votes each party “wastes” in an election, is 14.4% and 12.1% in favor of Republicans for the congressional and Senate maps, respectively.

Sen. J.D. Ford, D-Indianapolis, called the maps “mean-spirited”

and asked Koch if a person of color was involved in drawing the maps.

“I don’t categorize people by their race,” Koch said.

Democrats’ last stand falls short

At the heart of the redistricting debate is what Democrats have called an unfair, secretive process. Since Republicans have supermajorities in the House and Senate, they didn’t need to include Democrats, who say there’s an inherent conflict of interest when lawmakers draw the maps that determine which districts voters live in.

Democrats introduced a variety of amendments to the full Senate on Sept. 30. All were voted down along party lines.

Some amendments addressed specific urban areas around the state: Fort Wayne, Evansville, Indianapo-

lis and Tippecanoe County, home to Lafayette and West Lafayette. Democrats and people who spoke at committee hearings said Republicans’ maps dilute the voice of minority voters in those areas by splitting them into multiple districts.

“How long is it gonna take to recognize that power is not absolute?” said Sen. Greg Taylor, D-Indianapolis. “One day you might lose it.”

Republicans also voted against amendments that would have replaced the congressional and Senate maps with ones drawn by citizens, created an independent redistricting commission and outlined more standards for how to draw maps.

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kind-hearted and one of a kind.

“The wisdom bestowed on me I will never forget! Rest In Peace my Sister. U will be missed,” she wrote.

Buchanan was from Louisville and last lived in Las Vegas. She moved to Indianapolis in the 1970s, which is when Chrystal King met her at WTLC. King didn’t work at the station but knew people who did. The two became lifelong friends.

“She was very low key,” King said. “Extremely great sense of humor.”

Former station DJ Thomas Griffin worked with Buchanan and described her as someone who was laid back with a good spirit and good business sense.

“She was a young lady with one of the best voices, a sultry voice,” he said. “She always wanted to climb the ladder to enhance her stance as a radio announcer.”

Kelly Vaughn, host of “Inside Indy” at WHMB TV, said Buchanan was a mentor to her coming out of college during a time when there weren’t many women in radio.

“What I remember most is her encouraging me and telling me not to be afraid,” Vaughn said.

Buchanan graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in communications, according to the station. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and was most recently a success coach.

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Hoosiers Can't Afford Three Times More

By Sarah Waddle

People of all ages are skipping pills because they can't afford their medication. That's because Americans are paying three times what people in other countries pay for the same medicine. People are sick and tired of being price-gouged for the medicine they need. So, they are calling on the President and Congress to take action.

At AARP, we have tracked the prices of the most commonly used prescription drugs for well over a decade. Every year, the prices of the most commonly used prescriptions have risen faster – often much faster – than the prices of other goods and services. Our most recent Rx Price Watch Report, which looked at 260 widely used brand-name medications, found that their prices rose more than twice as fast as general inflation in 2020 – and that's in the middle of a global pandemic and financial downturn!

Prices are rising so fast that some Hoosiers are forced to choose between the medications they need and other necessities, like rent and groceries. The average senior takes four or five prescriptions each month, usually on a chronic basis. With an average annual price tag of \$6,600 for just one brand-name drug, that quickly adds up to more than the median annual income for people on Medicare. To give one example, here in Indiana, we know there are thousands of people living with cancer. One common cancer medication, Revlimid, jumped from an annual price of \$186,234 in 2015 to \$268,319 in 2020. These price increases are unsustainable.

So, what can the President and Congress do that will actually bring down the outrageous price tags for prescription drugs?

Allow Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices.

Right now, Congress is considering allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices through a measure in the upcoming budget resolution to

address prescription drug prices and other issues.

An AARP survey shows that 87% of registered voters 50 plus support allowing Medicare to negotiate with drug companies. Right now, the program is largely stuck paying whatever price pharmaceutical companies demand – leaving the government on the hook for sky-high costs that increase every year. Medicare already spends \$129 billion annually on prescription drugs for seniors. These skyrocketing drug prices increase overall taxpayer costs by billions of dollars for programs like Medicare.

By allowing the program to use its considerable buying power to negotiate, both seniors and taxpayers could see significantly lower costs.

We are fighting for positive change on behalf of our members in Indiana – and for all Hoosiers. You pay for the high prices for prescription drugs, regardless of whether you're taking them yourself. In addition to co-pays at the pharmacy counter, we pay for medication costs through our insurance premiums and taxes that fund government programs like the Veterans Administration (VA), Medicare, and Medicaid.

It's not fair that Americans are stuck paying the highest prices in the world for our prescription drugs. These prescription drugs don't work if people can't afford to take them. The President and Congress agree we need to lower drug prices – now it's time for them to get it done.

About Sarah Waddle
Over the past 16 years, Sarah has served in a variety of roles with AARP Indiana, including the past five years as State Director. In this position, she has led Indiana's team efforts to enhance the quality of life for all Hoosiers as we age. Sarah has worked alongside volunteers and community partners in various capacities expanding awareness and engagement around AARP's issues, programs and activities, building relationships with community and policy leaders, and positioning AARP to be relevant across Indiana.

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Teachers may get 3% raise in Indianapolis Public Schools

By SHARON NOGUCHI
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Teachers could get an average 3% raise this school year and another 3% in 2022-23, based on a tentative agreement their union has reached with Indianapolis Public Schools.

The district board heard a summary Sept. 30 of the proposed pact with the teachers union.

Later in the evening the board approved a separate agreement that will award support staff a 2% raise this year.

Both agreements are retroactive to July and signal an end to two years of more significant pay increases intended to make up for years of frozen salaries.

If the board approves and members of the Indianapolis Education Association ratify the agreement, this school year teacher salaries would range from \$49,100 to \$91,300, and next year would bump up to \$50,400 to \$92,600. The agreement also improves some health and welfare benefits.

No one spoke at the public hearing, and board members did not offer any comment.

“We’ve worked very hard on compensation,” board member Diane Arnold said before the meeting, noting that the district has lost veteran teachers to other districts offering higher pay. “We’ve made great progress.”

The two-year contract for support staff, represented by Local 661 of AFSCME Council 962, awards an across-the-board increase plus will raise pay for instructional assistants by roughly 6% by allowing them to jump up three levels on the salary scale in an attempt to adjust wages to market level, according to a district presentation.

For example, a non-teaching assistant currently earning \$10.58 an hour would rise to \$11.23 an hour this school year.



In a file photo from 2019, a teacher works with a student. Indianapolis Public Schools and its employee unions have reached tentative agreements that award raises for this school year. (Photo/Nathan W. Armes for Chalkbeat)

Three years ago, Indianapolis’ largest school district reached a pact with the city’s Chamber of Commerce to finance teacher raises. Before placing a referendum on the ballot to raise school taxes, the district agreed to scale back its ask and trim spending in return for chamber endorsement and advice.

That formal agreement just ended. The district will reap referendum

funds until 2026 but is on track to fall 20% short of its chamber-designed goals to cut costs. While the district recently erased an \$18 million deficit this year, it must make similar-size cuts in each of the next several years, Superintendent Aleesia Johnson warned this month.

Indiana teacher salaries have ranked the lowest in the nation, spurring mass protests in 2019. The

district pledged \$31.2 million in staff raises over two years, giving teachers 9% in 2019 and 5% last year.

Teacher and district negotiators met three times this month and reached the tentative agreement Sept. 23.

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Director of Equal Justice Initiative calls for proximity

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Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of Equal Justice Initiative — a nonprofit providing legal aid for prisoners around the country — called for people of faith to practice proximity for those condemned by society during a speech at Butler University’s Clowes Hall on Oct. 5.

Stevenson was brought to Butler by Faith and Action, a multi-faith group advocating for issues including criminal justice reform and gun violence. Lindsay Rabinowitch, who organized the event, “American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity, and Making a Difference,” said she wanted Stevenson to speak at the annual event to explain the link between poverty and crime.

“We wanted to bring in a speaker who can connect the dots about the causes of poverty and the barriers that hold people back from moving out of it,” Rabinowitch said before the event. “There are so many links between slavery and Jim Crow and mass incarceration, and it really describes the brokenness of human-

ity. ... Stevenson connected those dots so well in his book ‘Just Mercy.’”

Stevenson started the Equal Justice Initiative in 1989, inspired by an interaction he had as a law student with a man on death row in Georgia. While Stevenson was unsuccessful in his attempt to save the man, who had an intellectual disability, Stevenson said the experience ingrained in him a dedication to the truth and the justice that comes with it.

“That’s when things changed for me. I knew I wanted to help condemned people get to higher ground,” Stevenson said. “I understand that my journey is tied to his journey, that’s the power of proximity. ... Faith has to empower us to stand with the condemned. There is no beauty or justice in the world if we are not responding to the needs of the poor and the excluded.”

It’s difficult to discuss America’s criminal justice system without discussing the country’s history of racial terror. While Stevenson encouraged the audience to remain hopeful, his speech hit on the role that racism continues to play in America.

“We are not free in America,” Stevenson said. “Our atmosphere is polluted

Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, delivered a lecture at “American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity, and Making a Difference” sponsored by Faith and Action at Clowes Hall on Oct. 5. (Screenshot)

by these narratives of injustice, whether you’re in Indianapolis or Montgomery or California. ... It infects us. Our vision is impaired by its contaminants.”

Stevenson said having difficult conversations about race, poverty and crime can help move the needle for future generations. That’s his goal with the Equal Justice Initiative, and the Legacy Museum. Focused on the journey from enslavement to mass incarceration, the Alabama-based museum also houses a memorial to the roughly 4,400 African Americans who were lynched between 1877 to 1950. Talking

about the horrors of history, Stevenson said, can create a more just society.









“This is the beginning of what I hope will be an era of truth and justice, an era of hope, and era of people doing the difficult things that must be done to create justice on this Earth,” Stevenson said. “What does God require from us? What God wants is for us to love mercy, do justice and walk humbly. Let’s do it together.”

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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

By **TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER**

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While growing up in Spanish Harlem years ago, Walker noticed how much diseases like heart disease, diabetes and kidney failure affected the people in his neighborhood. It made him "angry," he says, and it spurred him to study medicine as a profession.

It still dismays him that "poor health among our Black population" is almost epidemic but there is a solution. Walker says if you take an "approach to wellness" and take steps to remain healthier, you could lower your chances of developing the more-common but most-serious diseases that plague a higher number of African American people.

First of all, he says, be aware of your "gut-microbiome-brain" connection and know what foods are best for you. Know what not to eat, too, and how probiotics can help your "GMB." Then, especially if you could stand to lose a few pounds, understand obesity, why it matters, and how you became overweight. Did you know culture has something to do with it? Yes, and though he only briefly touches on "food deserts," Walker addresses these issues.

Walker says that Black adults are 40% more apt to have high blood pressure than their white neighbors. Hypertension is a killer; knowing more about it — how to read a BP monitor, how smoking and salt intake figure in — will help you keep it under control.

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And yet, there's one important thing to remember once you get this book: It shouldn't take the place of a physician with your medical chart in hand. That's a reminder that author Richard W. Walker Jr., MD, offers, but caution and prudence don't seem to be stressed here quite enough. Then again, readers will want to bear in mind that this book is about proactive and preventive wellness, not fixing what's already broke.

The best use of this book, perhaps, is in the basics it offers: overviews, learning to read charts, understanding numbers and making easy health changes. That's all in here, it's doable, and it could make "Black Health Matters" a patient-empowering tool for understanding major health-issues, recognizing them, and keeping ahead.

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EDITORIAL

Fear and desperation are apparent

By OSEYE BOYD



Last week was a busy week for me, so I didn’t know the Wisconsin Assembly passed legislation banning critical race theory (CRT) Sept. 28 until Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative mentioned it during his recent lecture at Clowes Hall. As Stevenson answered questions about CRT posed by Leah Gunning Francis, vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of the faculty at Christian Theological Seminary, I listened intently. I wanted to know what Stevenson, a man who embodies Christian principles, had to say. Well, Stevenson basically said the frenzy about CRT is not based in reality. I call it ridiculous. After listening to the lecture, I went on a hunt to find articles about Wisconsin and the legislation. The bills still must have Senate approval as well as approval from the governor, who is a Democrat and former schools superintendent, before becoming law. Gov. Tony Evers is expected to veto the legislation. The legislation bans teaching the concepts: one race or sex is superior to another; a person is inherently racist by virtue of his or her race or sex; a person’s moral character is necessarily determined by race or sex; and systems based on meritocracy are racist or sexist or designed to oppress people of another race. Other banned concepts include social emotional learning, diversity, equity and inclusion, culturally responsive teaching, anti-racism, conscious and

unconscious bias, culturally responsive practices, microaggressions, multiculturalism, patriarchy, restorative justice, social justice, systemic racism, white privilege, white supremacy and woke (that one made me chuckle, sigh, shake my head and roll my eyes). This proves 2020 scared the heck out of a lot of people — a lot of white men in power. These are the moves of desperate, afraid people. There’s no other way to explain the idea of wanting to remove any concepts or words that allude to fairness and equity. At one point, it was perfectly OK to teach the superiority of the male gender over the female gender for generations, but now it’s not OK. It’s clear the men who are pushing this agenda are afraid women will be catapulted to the superior gender. Patriarchy was fine until people decided it was time to teach that it’s not fine. Somehow teaching about systemic racism is more harmful than supporting a system of racism. These desperate moves are designed to keep the current system of racism and sexism in place. Many of those in power know they’re mediocre at best and without a racial and gender hierarchy that places white men at the top, they wouldn’t be there. It’s hard to admit that you’re only in a position of power because of years of oppression, and because we’ve lied to people for so long in this country, many are delusional about how things work. As much as we’d like to believe we live in a meritocracy, and if you work hard, you’ll rise to the top, that’s not the whole truth. “It’s not what you know, it’s who you know,” is closer to the truth for many. We’ve all known someone or seen someone who used connections to get a position for which he or she is unqualified. So we can

stop with the content of our character, colorblind society mumbo jumbo. America’s system is based on keeping white men in power, and as soon as a full-fledged effort to change that system occurs, people come out to stop that movement. I’ll also add it’s not only white people who are happy with the status quo. There are plenty of Black people “who’ve made it” and now think since the system worked for them, the system isn’t failing, Black people are. That couldn’t be further from the truth. There shouldn’t be exceptions to the rules or the first Black this or first Black that in 2021. Black excellence isn’t new. It’s something that’s been ingrained in us for generations, yet we’re still on the lower rung of society. I also have a hard time believing everyone’s heart changed when the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed. The people who sprayed marchers with hoses, screamed at and spit on The Little Rock Nine or who wouldn’t let their children sit in the classroom with Ruby Bridges didn’t magically change their views on Black people. The lawmakers who are so vehemently against CRT are their progeny. If hearts and minds changed that easily because of laws, the Civil Rights Bill of 1866 would’ve been enough. Even though CRT isn’t for schoolchildren or even most college students, the fact that so many are shaken up by it and concepts that call for equity is a clear indication of the “good trouble,” as former Congressman John Lewis would say, being made.

OPINIONS

Paying the price

By LARRY SMITH



I was a pretty serious athlete when I was growing up, especially when it came to track and field. By the time I was in college, I won nearly all my races and even set some records. Still, I wasn’t satisfied. My ultimate goal was to qualify for the 400-meter race at the U.S. Olympic trials. In pursuit of that goal, I practiced diligently. I analyzed how I ran in order to improve my technique. I read articles about running, such as the biomechanics of the great Edwin Moses. I examined the styles of the great sprinters of the day. I was a senior in 1992. The Olympics would take place in Barcelona just a couple months after I graduated. This was a watershed year as the Dream Team — the greatest collection of basketball players in history — would destroy their competition in every game. I didn’t aspire to join them in Spain; I was focused on having the opportunity merely to compete against the men who would represent our nation in my

event (i.e., Quincy Watts, Steve Lewis and Danny Everett). Unfortunately, I missed qualifying for the trials by a few tenths of a second. In retrospect, there were at least three major problems with my approach. One was that I didn’t do everything that I knew I should do to prepare. For example, my diet was (and remains) subpar. My sprint coach once told me, in his Southern drawl: “Larry, you’re educated like a prince, but you eat like a pauper.” Second, I didn’t always listen to my coaches — who knew more than I did about running. There’s a fine line between confidence and arrogance. Third, and perhaps most importantly, I didn’t set my goal high enough. I shouldn’t have merely aspired to be a literal “also-ran”; I should have aspired to be an Olympian. My track experience is a fitting metaphor regarding the dismantling of systemic racism in America. Yes, we have made substantial racial progress as compared to where we were 150 years ago — and, in some ways, even 50 years ago. Yet, we still have far to go. (Consider that the phrase “first African American” is still far too common.) We lack the will, and even the desire, to do everything that we should do to create

a more equitable society. In fact, too many people still actively work against that goal. For example, I have previously written about the roughly 250 current pieces of legislation that are being debated (and even passed) in the wake of the “big lie” about the 2020 election. Most of those proposals would reduce access to the ballot box, especially for African Americans. Further, whenever we make major progress with regard to racial equality, there has always been a backlash among white Americans. (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote and spoke extensively about this phenomenon.) For example, as Van Jones has pointed out, the election of Donald Trump in 2016 was in large measure a reaction to the two terms of Barack Obama. Jones, using the term “whitelash,” has spoken eloquently about the anxiety that many white Americans have about the growing number — and influence — of people of color in America. Finally, this nation has set its sights far too low when it comes to racial equality. For example, per my earlier point, white Americans are quick to point out how much “progress” we have made. (Apparently, African

Americans should be thrilled that we’re no longer enslaved and that there no longer are “Colored” signs — at least physical ones.) It’s impossible to imagine that these people would argue that white America has amassed enough wealth or owns enough guns. The only racial goal to which we should aspire — in fact, the only one that is worth aspiring to — is full equality of opportunity. That would entail the complete destruction of white supremacy. Two areas that are ripe for dismantling and restructuring are our economic and criminal justice systems, which are intimately related. Attorney Bryan Stevenson, who wrote the book “Just Mercy,” correctly argues that the opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is justice. In the words of one of Dr. King’s mentors, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays: “It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim is the sin.”

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NBA players refusing COVID-19 vaccine ahead of season

By DEVON DAVIS



With the start of another NBA season in the midst of a global pandemic, all eyes have shifted to the players. Teams held their media days last week, giving players the opportunity to answer the media’s questions about anything and everything with the vaccine question stealing the spotlight. Roughly

90% of NBA players are vaccinated as training camp approaches, according to reports, but tensions are growing between front offices and players who refuse them. In Brooklyn and San Francisco, where mandates are in place, NBA superstar Kyrie Irving (Nets) remains unvaccinated. Irving was unable to attend Brooklyn’s media day last week because it was held at the Barclays Center. Instead, he joined via a Zoom call from his home, and he asked for privacy. Should Kyrie be unable to participate in home games, he would lose roughly \$380,000 per game, which would become more than \$15 million if he doesn’t get vaccinated at any point this season. It should be noted that Irving has been practicing with the Nets, who opted to hold their training camp in San Diego where a vaccination isn’t mandated in public places. The debate over vaccine mandates in the NBA is starting to run into the larger political battle about them. U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, a well-known Ohio Republican, tweeted: “It doesn’t matter if you’re a nurse, teacher, factory worker, or NBA player. You shouldn’t be forced to get the #COVID19 vaccine. Period.” U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz tweeted his support for several NBA players who reportedly are not vaccinated, stating, “I’m standing with the NBA players and anyone who believes we should respect medical privacy and individual freedom.” The hard take here is like with anything else in the private business world if you don’t want to get the vaccine you don’t have to, but you also have the right

to not play in the NBA. Your employer has the right to mandate vaccinations if they see fit and you have the ability to say no. A vaccine mandate for NBA players would need an agreement with the Players Association, which likely won’t happen, seeing the NBA mandated vaccinations for all team personnel who work near the court, as well as referees, but it declined to require players to get the shot amid uproar from the players union. The Biden administration is currently working on a policy that will require all private employers with more than 100 workers to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations or frequent testing in an effort to boost the nation’s vaccination rate. The requirement won’t change much for the NBA, which already requires regular testing for unvaccinated players. With the season beginning Oct. 19, it will be interesting to see if the players facing the possibility of not playing will get vaccinated or pass on the vaccine. NBA COVID-19 protocols for this season include an especially lengthy warning of how much money is at stake from “exposure and corresponding interruptions” as a result of behavior off the court. Will Kyrie get vaccinated and be available Oct. 24 in the Nets home opener? We will see.

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Eskenazi Health Provides Fall Burning Season Safety Tips

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For many of us in Central Indiana, this time of year when the football season is in full swing, the unique and wonderful smell of burning leaves is in the air, and family and friends gather and enjoy fellowship around bonfires, is one of the best times to be living in Indiana. But along with all the joy the fall season brings to so many of us, there are dangers we need to be aware of and protect against.

The careless use of outdoor fire pits, bonfires, grills and patio heaters too often cause serious injuries and sometimes death to unsuspecting individuals not taking the proper precautions. Doctors with the Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center at Eskenazi Health encourage everyone to be attentive while pursuing traditional fall activities, particularly the one’s where fire is used for any reason.

The first step prior to lighting any fire is check to ensure that outdoor fires are legal in your community. If outdoor fires are permitted, only build them where they can be easily contained.

While starting your fire do not use accelerants such as lighter fluid to grow your fire in a hurry because

they can be extremely unsafe. Not only can accelerants release toxic fumes, but they can start an explosion or cause your fire to grow too quickly and get out of control.

Never leave any fire unattended because a sudden slight gust of wind may blow sparks onto surrounding leaves, dry grass or brush, and the result could be a devastating catastrophe causing personal injuries and damage to valuable property. To prevent that from happening, it’s always wise to have a garden hose and buckets of water nearby whenever you’re dealing with fire.

While outside enjoying fall activities, remember that the COVID-19 virus is still a danger and we recommend everyone observe social distancing and remain six feet apart from other people. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), that’s especially true for older adults who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19, which means they may require hospitalization, intensive care, or a ventilator to help them breathe, or they might even die. The risk increases for people in their 50s and even more so for those in their 60s, 70s and 80s. People 85 and older are the most likely to get very sick.

The Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center wants to decrease the number of burn injuries this fall by educating the community and encouraging everyone to be extra careful this time of year. The burn center has already treated patients burned while involved in multiple activities, such as improperly lighting fireworks, this past summer. For more information on the Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center at Eskenazi Health visit: <https://www.eskenazi-health.edu/health-services/burn-center>

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Parker said. “... Your income taxes and property taxes don’t go into fund road budgets. That’s driven primarily by gas taxes you pay at the pump that go to the state and then come back to us, and excise taxes and wheel taxes.”

Further, because this formula only accounts for county population, it doesn’t account for the roughly 200,000 people who drive into Marion County every day for work.

“For most counties, this [formula] isn’t a big deal,” Parker said. “But for the largest county with nearly 1 million people living in it and another 200,000 that come in every day in their car, we have to build a transportation network to handle all of that, and we don’t get any money for it.”

Before the city and county merger, every Indianapolis street had a sidewalk, while the county didn’t have that standard. A sidewalk moratorium during Mayor Stephen Goldsmith’s administration in the 1990s stopped construction of new sidewalks, which also negatively impacted pedestrians. The moratorium is no longer in effect; however, if DPW were now to add sidewalks to every street that needed one, it would cost around \$7.2 billion.

‘We believe in Vision Zero’

From 2019 to 2020, the number of fatal collisions in Marion County rose 31%, compared to an 8% increase nationwide. So far in 2021, there have been 189 collisions involving pedestrians — eight in October alone — that have resulted in 19 deaths. There have been 58 reported collisions involving cyclists, according to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

Jordan Updike and his wife,

Carly, were hit head-on as they drove on Ohio Street on Sept. 22. Updike said the other driver sped through a red light before colliding with his car. Updike, who typically either walks or bikes to get around town, said Indianapolis roads aren’t safe for drivers or pedestrians.

“I read somewhere that when you design streets like gun barrels, people are going to drive like bullets,” Updike said. “Indianapolis is a very car-centric city, so we paint little areas for bikes to ride in, but it isn’t safe infrastructure. It’s one of many of America’s societal ills, because cycling infrastructure is something that’s been solved in many other countries.”

DPW plans to put several roads “on a diet”: reducing the number of streets and narrowing lanes to force drivers to slow down. However, Parker emphasized the need to focus on pedestrian safety.

DPW is working with construction firms to improve several intersections. DPW chose the intersections — including one on Keystone Avenue and 42nd Street — based on crash data. “There are some tragic situations where crashes weren’t the driver’s fault, something just happens,” Parker said. “But the majority of fatalities have really been about drivers not following laws, and there are tragic consequences to that. ... We want to reduce pedestrian crashes to zero. We believe in Vision Zero, and we’re going to get there. The more you transition your city to a walkable city, the more you have to invest in pedestrian safety.”

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Working to Break the Cycle

by Kara Kavensky

Creating hope for individuals impacted by domestic violence is more important than ever. In the first three months of this year, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department received over 1,300 domestic violence-related calls. Since the start of the pandemic, there has been a dramatic rise in domestic violence incidents and the rate was already alarmingly high before the pandemic. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women—more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.

The Domestic Violence Network (DVN) works with communities to provide education on how to prevent domestic violence and also connects those impacted by domestic violence with the tools and resources they need to break the cycle.

“Once someone is in the program, we ensure that people thrive,” says Danyette Smith, Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Domestic Violence Network.

To educate people on domestic violence, DVN works to organizations and churches to bring training into a community. The three pil-

lars of DVN are: collaboration, prevention, and education.

The importance of education on this topic cannot be overstated, for it is through education and training that help individuals drop the baton of domestic violence. Studies suggest that up to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually and men, who as children, witnessed their parents’ domestic violence were twice as likely to abuse their own wives than sons of nonviolent parents. Education could help curb this.

“For the past three years, we have gone door to door within the 46218 zip code. Domestic violence is a community problem, not just a personal one for an individual,” says Danyette, who is a survivor of domestic violence. “Awareness is critical to making a change for the better in people’s lives.”

Self-sufficiency is the goal for those breaking the cycle from domestic violence. Attainment of a sustainable job is an important component of this strategy. This is where Eleven Fifty Academy comes in. Eleven Fifty is a viable option, as it is through their training that

someone gets on an ac-



celerated path to a career in tech.

The DVN is working with Eleven Fifty staff and instructors to train them on how to identify and how to support individuals impacted by domestic violence.

“We want to assist in any way we can to help break the cycle of violence,” says Chief Learning Officer Jonathan B. Huer, EdD. “Cultural competency training for our instructors will help raise our collective awareness to these concerns and enable us to better facilitate a successful experience for our students.”

The economics of working towards ending domestic violence is heavily favored: those directly impacted by domestic violence lose nearly 8 million days of paid work per year in the US alone—the equivalent of 32,000 full-time jobs. The costs of intimate partner violence in the US alone exceed \$5.8 billion per year: \$4.1 billion are for direct medical and health care services, while productivity losses account for nearly \$1.8 billion.

It’s been rough for individuals to remove themselves from their circumstances during the pandemic, as COVID restrictions have forced shelters, such as The Julian Center, to be at half capacity. Indiana has experienced a 113% increase in domestic violence deaths within the past year. Many organizations are working extra hard to provide other resources due to these limitations.

“I personally know how hard break-

ing the cycle of domestic violence is and I also know the freedom and peace once it’s broken,” says Danyette. “Helping those wrapped in the cycle is my mission, while allowing a light through me to shine so they can see their path ahead while in their darkest moments. DVN brings power to my mission because we not only help victims get the resources needed to break the cycle, but we also help get organizations, communities, and even teens aware and educated on domestic violence for prevention. Together we can help end domestic violence!”

The Domestic Violence Network is partnering with Eleven Fifty Academy and the Advancing Tech in 46218 initiative.

Advancing Tech in 46218 (AT46218) takes a holistic approach to opening the world of tech to people looking for opportunities in one specific zip code in Indianapolis. Eastern Star Church, Eleven Fifty Academy, Martin University, Ivy Tech Community College, Goodwill Industries’ Excel Program, InnoPower, and numerous community partners have developed an entirely novel approach to the important work of skilling people up to meet the demands of employers. And most importantly, AT46218 is providing individuals the opportunity to transform their own lives with high-paying careers in tech.

This collaboration is implementing promising strategies designed to improve the livelihoods of individuals and families facing complex and varied challenges associated with poverty and financial insecurity. On their own, each of these organizations is putting in the hard work to transform lives and empower people towards good jobs and a vibrant life. Together, they’ve created a viable network with the promise of increasing opportunities for an entire community.



J&J seeks US clearance for COVID-19 vaccine booster doses



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By **MATTHEW PERRONE**
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Johnson & Johnson asked the Food and Drug Administration on Oct. 5 to allow extra shots of its COVID-19 vaccine as the U.S. government moves toward expanding its booster campaign to millions more vaccinated Americans. J&J said it filed a request with the FDA to authorize boosters for people 18 and older who previously received the company's one-shot vaccine. While the company said it submitted data on several different booster intervals, ranging from two to six months, it did not formally recommend one to regulators. Last month, the FDA authorized booster shots of Pfizer's vaccine for older Americans and other groups with heightened vulnerability to COVID-19. It's part of a sweeping effort by the Biden administration to shore up protection amid the delta variant and potential waning vaccine immunity. Government advisers backed the

extra Pfizer shots, but they also worried about creating confusion for tens of millions of other Americans who received the Moderna and J&J shots. U.S. officials don't recommend mixing and matching different vaccine brands. The FDA is convening its outside panel of advisers next week to review booster data from both J&J and Moderna. It's the first step in a review process that also includes sign-off from the leadership of both the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If both agencies give the go-ahead, Americans could begin getting J&J and Moderna boosters later this month. J&J previously released data suggesting its vaccine remains highly effective against COVID-19 at least five months after vaccination, demonstrating 81% effectiveness against hospitalizations in the U.S. But company research shows a booster dose at either two or six months revved up immunity even further. Data released last month showed giving a

booster at two months provided 94% protection against moderate-to-severe COVID-19 infection. The company has not yet released clinical data on a six-month booster shot. FDA's advisers will review studies from the company and other researchers next Friday and vote on whether to recommend boosters. The timing of the J&J filing was unusual given that the FDA had already scheduled its meeting on the company's data. Companies normally submit their requests well in advance of meeting announcements. A J&J executive said the company has been working with FDA on the review. "Both J&J and FDA have a sense of urgency because it's COVID and we want good data out there converted into action as soon as possible," said Dr. Mathai Mammen, head of research for J&J's Janssen unit. The vaccine from the New Brunswick, New Jersey, company was considered an important tool in fighting the pandemic because it requires only one shot.

But its rollout was hurt by a series of troubles, including manufacturing problems at a Baltimore factory that forced J&J to import millions of doses from overseas. Additionally, regulators have added warnings of several rare side effects to the shot, including a blood clot disorder and a neurological reaction called Guillain-Barré syndrome. In both cases, regulators decided the benefits of the shot still outweighed those uncommon risks. Rival drugmakers Pfizer and Moderna have provided the vast majority of U.S. COVID-19 vaccines. More than 170 million Americans have been fully vaccinated with the companies' two-dose shots while less than 15 million Americans got the J&J shot.

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Health Department Updates COVID-19 Vaccine Efforts

The Marion County Public Health Department is announcing a change to its COVID-19 vaccination efforts with IndyGo, as well as a new partnership with the Indianapolis Public Library. COVID-19 vaccinations at the IndyGo location on the east side, 9503 E. Post Rd., ended on Oct. 1. At the same time, MCPHD has expanded vaccination efforts at the IndyGo Julia M. Carson Transit Center in downtown Indianapolis, located at 201 E. Washington Street. Beginning Oct. 5, COVID-19 vaccine at the transit center moved indoors from the health department's mobile unit that visited once a week, and is now offered three days a week: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and extended hours on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. MCPHD is also partnering with the Indianapolis Public Library to offer the COVID-19 vaccine at two locations. As of Oct. 5, the health department started giving the COVID-19 vaccine at the Martindale-Brightwood Library Branch, 2435 N. Sherman Drive, and at the College Avenue Library Branch, 4180 N. College Ave. The COVID-19 vaccine sites at these two Indianapolis Public Library branches will operate weekly on the same schedule: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The COVID-19 vaccine is free and no appointment is required at these vaccination sites. MCPHD also offers COVID-19 vaccine by appointment only at four of its District Health Offices: South District, Northeast District, Northwest District, and Eagledale Plaza. Appointments for these and other COVID-19 vaccination sites across Indiana can be made by visiting [OurShot.IN.gov](https://www.ourshot.in.gov). In addition to COVID-19 vaccine, MCPHD offers free COVID-19 testing at a drive-thru clinic in the parking lot across

from its main building at 3838 N. Rural Street. Testing is available weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. COVID-19 testing through MCPHD is free and no appointment or doctor's order is needed. For those who prefer to make a testing appointment and register in advance, please visit [MarionHealth.org/indycovid](https://marionhealth.org/indycovid), or call 317-221-5515. Free Online Diabetes Education Classes in November The ABCs of Diabetes is a free, four-part diabetes education series offered by the Marion County Public Health Department. The program aims to empower individuals with diabetes to achieve and maintain good health, prevent complications that may develop from uncontrolled diabetes, and to increase knowledge and skills for successful diabetes self-management. Classes provide instruction on medications, nutrition, exercise, monitoring, complications, and available community resource to help individuals with pre-diabetes to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes. This program is open to anyone with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Family members and friends are also welcome to attend. Due to COVID-19, classes are held online until it's safe to meet again in-person. Participants don't have to be tech savvy to join. Help is available if needed. Classes in November are on Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Participants should plan on attending all four classes during the month. Registration is required one week before the start of the first class. To register, or to get more information, please visit [MarionHealth.org/diabetes](https://marionhealth.org/diabetes) or call 317-221-2094. The ABCs of Diabetes program is accredited by the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists.

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Missouri man executed for killing 3 workers in '94 robbery

By By JIM SALTER
Associated Press

BONNE TERRE, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri man was put to death Oct. 5 for killing three workers while robbing a convenience store nearly three decades ago, an execution performed over objections from racial justice activists, lawmakers and even the pope.

Ernest Johnson died from an injection of pentobarbital at the state prison in Bonne Terre. He silently mouthed words to relatives as the process began. His breathing became labored, he puffed out his cheeks, then swallowed hard. Within seconds, all movement stopped.

In his written last statement, Johnson said he was sorry "and have remorse for what I do." He said he loved his family and friends and thanked those who prayed for him.

Johnson was pronounced dead at 6:11 p.m., nine minutes after the dose was administered. A corrections department spokeswoman said four relatives representing all three victims were present. Johnson's witnesses included relatives and his lawyer. No relatives spoke after the execution.

Corrections spokeswoman Karen Pommann said 59 demonstrators gathered on the edge of the prison grounds.

It was the first execution in Missouri since May 2020 and just the seventh in the U.S. this year.

The state moved ahead with executing Johnson despite claims by his attorney that doing so would violate the 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits executing intellectually disabled people.

Johnson had a history of scoring extremely low on IQ tests, dating back to childhood. His attorney, Jeremy Weis, said Johnson also was born with fetal alcohol syndrome and lost about one-fifth of his brain tissue when a benign tumor was removed in 2008.

A representative for Pope Francis was among those who urged Republican Gov. Mike Parson to grant clemency, telling Parson in a letter that the pope "wishes to place before you the simple fact of Mr. Johnson's humanity and the sacredness of all human life." Parson announced Oct. 4 that he would not intervene.

It wasn't the first time a pope has sought to intervene in a Missouri execution. In 1999, during his visit to St. Louis, Pope John Paul II persuaded



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Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan to grant clemency to Darrell Mease, weeks before Mease was to be put to death for a triple killing. Carnahan, who died in 2000, was a Baptist, as is Parson.

In 2018, Pope Francis changed church teaching to say capital punishment can never be sanctioned because it constitutes an "attack" on human dignity. Catholic leaders have been outspoken opponents of the death penalty in many states.

Racial justice activists and two Missouri members of congress — Democratic U.S. Reps. Cori Bush of St. Louis and Emmanuel Cleaver of Kansas City — also called on Parson to show mercy to Johnson, who is Black.

But Parson announced he would not grant clemency, and the courts declined to intervene.

Johnson's crime shook the central Missouri city of Columbia nearly 28 years ago.

Johnson was a frequent customer of a Casey's General Store. Court records show that on Feb. 12, 1994, he borrowed a .25-caliber pistol from his girlfriend's 18-year-old son, with plans to rob the store for money to buy drugs.

In a 2004 videotaped interview with a psychologist shown in court, Johnson said he was under the influence of cocaine as he waited for the last customer to leave at closing time. Three workers were in the store: manager Mary Bratcher, 46, and employees Mabel Scruggs, 57, and Fred Jones, 58.

On the video, Johnson said he became angry when Bratcher, who claimed not to have a safe key, tried to flush it down the toilet. He shot the victims with the borrowed gun, then attacked them with a claw hammer. Bratcher also was stabbed in the hand with a screwdriver. Police found two victims in the store's bathroom, and the third in a cooler.

"This was a hideous crime," said Kevin Crane, the Boone County prosecutor at the time. "It was traumatic, and it was intense."

Police officers searching a nearby field found a bloody screwdriver, gloves, jeans and a brown jacket, and questioned Johnson within hours of the killings. At Johnson's girlfriend's house, officers found a bag with \$443, coin wrappers, partially burned checks and tennis shoes matching bloody shoe prints from inside the store.

Johnson had previously asked that his execution be carried out by firing squad. His lawyers argued that Missouri's lethal injection drug, pentobarbital, could trigger seizures due to the loss of the brain tissue when the tumor was removed.

Missouri law does not authorize execution by firing squad.

Johnson was sentenced to death in his first trial and two other times. The second death sentence, in 2003, came after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that executing the mentally ill was unconstitutionally cruel. The Missouri Supreme Court tossed that second death sentence, and Johnson was sentenced a third time in 2006.

Of the six previous U.S. executions this year, three were in Texas and three involved federal prisoners.

The peak year for modern executions was 1999, when there were 98 across the U.S. That number has gradually declined and just 17 people were executed last year — 10 involving federal prisoners, three in Texas and one each in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Missouri, according to a database compiled by the Death Penalty Information Center.

COMMENTARY: Spackling the holes in your soul

By FROSWA BOOKER-DREW
Texas Metro News

My daughter needed my help this weekend. She has some holes in the wall of her apartment and needed to get them covered. When she first moved, it was important for her to decorate her room with pictures and lights. Realizing that she would be charged when she moves out, she had to hide the evidence of puncturing the walls. Spackling paste was a necessity.

As we searched the aisles of a local store, we had to find the correct tools to apply the spackle to the wall. Spackle is a putty that allows you to fill holes and small cracks. What makes it special is that it dries quickly and covers up the damage created.

Spackling does not just apply to walls. Life is messy, complicated and sometimes painful. Life circumstances can create holes in our spirits leaving us exposed and struggling in our hearts and minds. Instead of addressing the root cause of the wound, we often soothe it with temporary coverings. These temporary coverings can start off small.

It is taking a bite of something decent here and there. It is smoking (legal or not) because it calms us down. It is drinking a few glasses of wine before we go to bed to relax. If we are not careful, these small moments of pleasure will increase and become full-blown addictions, but never really addresses the traumas that we endure.

More and more organizations are becoming aware of trauma and its impact on its clients. Instead of focusing on what is wrong with a person, it focuses on what happened to a person.

Yet, I do not think many of us think about all of the traumas we have encountered, especially as Black people



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in America. We experience triggers and are retriggered often without even knowing it. We do not feel safe. Our trust has been broken and transparency is often nonexistent until caught on camera.

As much as the church recognizes the need for healing, it is imperative that we acknowledge the trauma. It also means that many churches must pay attention to the trauma they have also caused through "church hurt."

Trauma is not new. Throughout the Bible, there are examples of Jesus healing those who were blind. Some believed their blindness was just something that happened; others saw it as a sin the person committed or that someone else sinned and their decision impacted the person.

In John 9:3, it states, "As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.'"

When we hide our wounds with our choice of spackle, we are ultimately experiencing a form of blindness. We are unable to really see how the pain is impacting our lives and those around us.

It is important to acknowledge our situation. Instead of covering it up, own it. It isn't about staying focused on the wound. It's about focusing on the healing beyond the emotional or physical.

Real healing begins in recognizing that it is available for you — "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

Realize the trauma, go get your healing, and leave the spackle where it belongs.

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

The sign of the blood

By JOHNSON BEAVEN III

“On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord! But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.” — Exodus 12:13, 14 NLT



Signs are a part and parcel in our everyday living.

In driving a vehicle, it is important to pay attention to the road signs. Not paying attention to what they communicate could result in undesirable consequences, such as an accident damaging our vehicles and possible loss of life.

The practice of the sign of the cross, most prominent in the Roman Catholic Church, is a small gesture that embodies biblical-theological meaning. Using the right hand signifies that Jesus sits at the right hand of the father. Holding three fingers together symbolizes the triune God, while stating “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

God created the heavenly bodies not only as sources of light but also “for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years” to enable humanity to mark time and to make other measurements (Genesis 1:14, 15).

Exodus chapter 12 provides a theological meaning of the sign of the blood.

At this juncture, the Israelites are at the point of making their exodus after some 400-plus years from their ancestors sojourning and the Israelites in Egyptian bondage. They are about to embark upon a new journey to the Promise Land.

Under the leadership of Moses in



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their contest against the pharaoh in expectation of God making good on his promise to deliver them, Israel has witnessed and survived nine plagues that God inflicted on Egypt (Exodus 7:14-11:10). Now in preparation in departing, surviving the 10th and final plague to be unleashed, God instructs Israel and institutes “The Passover,” which becomes significant for Israel.

On the same night the Israelites were to eat this passover meal, God was going to “pass through” Egypt to execute judgment on pharaoh and the Egyptians. God says to Moses, “But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.”

A sign is an indicator or a signal. The

blood is God’s sign bearing special significance. The blood signified a life had been given and sacrificed (Leviticus 17:11). It is by blood that God’s covenant is ratified, making it officially valid (Hebrews 9:11-23).

From verse 13, the blood on the door posts was a sign of three things for the Israelites.

One: the blood was a proof of distinction. It made a distinction between the Egyptians and the Israelites, marking and identifying the Israelites as the separated people of God (Exodus 11:6, 7).

Second: the blood was a pledge of mercy. It was a sign that the Israelites’ firstborn would be spared. The blood was a mark on the house for the destroyer to pass over, not touching anything in that house.

Third: the blood was protection from

judgment. God is not only a promise keeper. In many of his promises we find him also to be a protector. A protector is a guardian, someone who takes charge of the affairs of another. A protector also acts as a shield or defender.

What the blood of the Passover lamb was to the Israelites, so is the blood of Jesus Christ for us today (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood is proof of our distinction being separated from the world, thus belonging to God. Being a God of mercy and promise, the blood is God’s pledge of mercy to spare us. The blood is our protection, shielding us from judgment.

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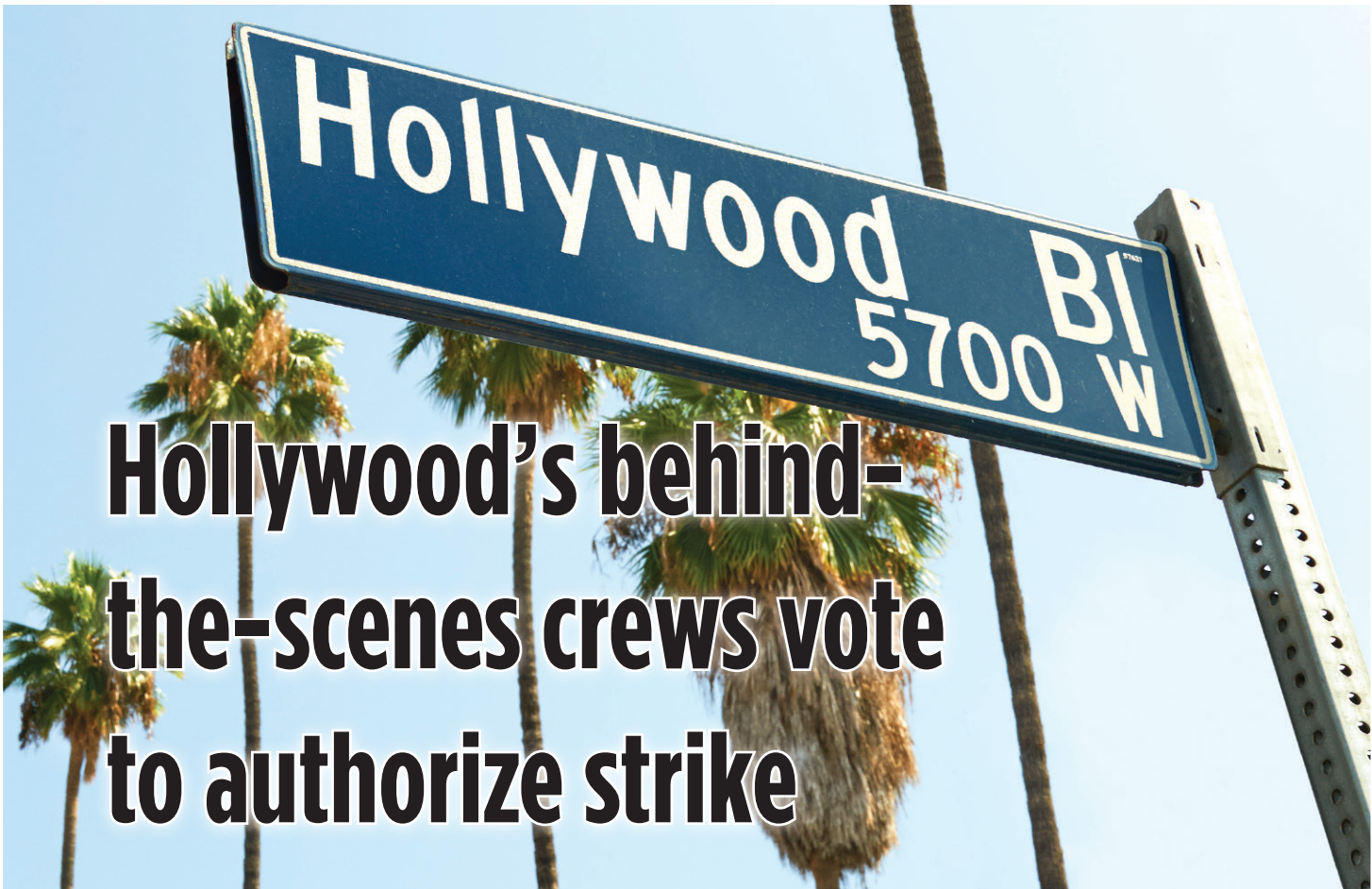
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Hollywood's behind-the-scenes crews vote to authorize strike

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By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Film and television production in North America is in jeopardy of coming to a standstill after its behind-the-scenes workers overwhelmingly voted to authorize a strike for the first time in its 128-year history.

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees said Oct. 4 that nearly 99% of registered members who participated, or 52,706 people, voted in support of a strike over the weekend.

At issue is a contract standstill over requests for more reasonable conditions for the craftspeople, technicians and laborers working for streaming companies like Netflix, Apple and Amazon, including better pay, reasonable rest periods, safer hours and guaranteed meal breaks.

"I hope that the studios will see and understand the resolve of our members," the alliance's president, Matthew Loeb, said in a statement. "The ball is in their court. If they want to avoid a strike, they will return to the bargaining table and make us a reasonable offer."

The most recent three-year contract expired in July, leading to four months of negotiations with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, the group that represents studios and streamers in negotiations. But on Sept. 20, the day after streaming shows like "The Crown," "Ted Lasso" and "The Queen's Gambit" swept the Emmy Awards, conversations came to a halt.

Loeb has said his goal is to reach an agreement, not to "have a dispute," but noted the vote was about the "quality of life as well as the health and safety of those who work in the film and television industry."

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees has said it is "incomprehensible that the AMPTP, an ensemble that includes media mega-cor-

porations collectively worth trillions of dollars, claims it cannot provide behind-the-scenes crews with basic human necessities like adequate sleep, meal breaks, and living wages."

The union added its members worked through the coronavirus pandemic to ensure their business emerged intact. "Now, we cannot and will not accept a deal that leaves us with an unsustainable outcome."

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers said in a statement it remains committed to reaching an agreement that will keep the industry working, particularly since it's still recovering from the economic fallout of the pandemic.

"A deal can be made at the bargaining table, but it will require both parties working together in good faith with a willingness to compromise and to explore new solutions to resolve the open issues," it said.

While unions like the Writers Guild of America have more frequently found themselves on the brink of a strike, and in 2007-08 did indeed go on strike for 100 days, Hollywood crews and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees do not have a significant strike history. The only other previous dispute was when set decorators walked out for six months in 1945, resulting in a riot at the Warner Bros. studio gates that became known as "Bloody Friday." Should the stalemate this time result in a strike, it would be the first nationwide movement in the theatrical stage worker group's history.

Many prominent names in Hollywood have voiced public support for the crews' demands, including actor and producer Octavia Spencer who tweeted her support.

"I hope #AMPTP does the right thing and sits down again," Spencer wrote. "They're not asking for anything unreasonable."

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and unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgages, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff, In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Published Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Prepared By:
Kathleen S. Crebo #29876-49
HOCKER LAW LLC
5320-929085

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ATTORNEY:
Richard A. Cook
Yosha Cook & Tisch
9102 N. Meridian Street,
Suite 535
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of Ronald P. Haase, deceased.
Cause Number 49D08-2106-EU-020905

Notice is hereby given that Aaron S. Haase was appointed on the 22nd day of June, 2021, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ronald P. Haase, deceased, who died on the 25th day of November, 2020

All persons who have claims against the estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated this June 22, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
5320-929266

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2108-ES-028930
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF ANTHONY CRENSHAW, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of September, 2021, ANTOINETTE CRENSHAW was appointed personal representative of the Estate of ANTHONY CRENSHAW, deceased, who died on the 5th 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 September 8, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of Marion County
5320-929253

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2108-EU-028496
IN RE THE ESTATE OF: TOMAS PUGA, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is given that Cleotilde Guerrero was, on August 27, 2021, appointed personal representative of Tomas Puga, deceased, who died on January 22, 2021, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, within three (3) months from the date of publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months from the date of death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this August 27, 2021.
September 27, 2021
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK OF MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,
PROBATE DIVISION
Shane A. Toland (22775-41)
Attorney for Cleotilde Guerrero
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46227
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5320-929062

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-EU-030319
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LYNN B. GREGORY, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that Michelle M. Gregory was, on September 9, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lynn B. Gregory, deceased, who died on the 14th day of August, 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 barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this September 9, 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.
5320-928907

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-EU-030319
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LYNN B. GREGORY, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that Michelle M. Gregory was, on September 9, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lynn B. Gregory, deceased, who died on the 14th day of August, 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 barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this September 9, 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.
5320-928907

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-EU-030319
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LYNN B. GREGORY, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that Michelle M. Gregory was, on September 9, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lynn B. Gregory, deceased, who died on the 14th day of August, 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 barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this September 9, 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.
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-EU-030319
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF LYNN B. GREGORY, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that Michelle M. Gregory was, on September 9, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lynn B. Gregory, deceased, who died on the 14th day of August, 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 barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this September 9, 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.
5320-928907

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-EU-032579
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MOSES KO, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
In the matter of the Estate of MOSES KO, deceased.
Cause No. 49D08-2109-EU-032579

Notice is hereby given that on September 29, 2021, BENNY KO was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MOSES KO, also known as MOSES SALBING KO, deceased, who died on or about the 21st day of September, 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, Marion County, Indiana, this September 29, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
5320-929115

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D16-2107-DC-005956
Staci Clay Plaintiff,
v.
Aaron Chandler Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person whom 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:
And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Aaron Chandler.

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, on or before the 21st day of November, 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/ Staci Clay Pro SE Plaintiff
ATTENT: Clerk of the Marion Superior Court
5320-929251

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
IN CIRCUIT COURT)
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, by and through the Division of Child Support, ex rel. SHELBY ALEXIS BENNING (Oblige), Plaintiff, v. RYAN EUGENE HILL (Obligor), Defendant.

49RC 19-357
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:
You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action, which was filed on August 7, 2019, with the Clerk of Courts of the Second Judicial Circuit, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint on the subscriber at his office at 117 South Pierre Street, Post Office Box 249, Pierre, South Dakota, within thirty (30) days after completion of service by publication of the Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default may be rendered against you as requested in the Complaint, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: 9/15/2021
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County (The following manner of Service of Summons is hereby designated.)
Registered or Certified Mail
Esperanza Alonzo Attorney for Petitioner
Address: P.O. Box 2956
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Telephone Number: (317) 413-5984
5320-929127

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SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE SUPERIOR CIVIL COURT OF MARION COUNTY
SS: ROOM NO. 2 CIVIL COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NO.: 49D09-2109-DN-008258
Anthony Desrosiers Plaintiff(s)
-v.
Araya Pinkston Defendant(s)
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: Araya Pinkston / Unknown.
And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Araya Pinkston.
In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 21st day of November, 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/ Anthony Desrosiers
ATTENT: Clerk of the Marion Court
5320-929051

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D16-1810-DC-043613
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: DAVID J. ROSARIO, Plaintiff, vs. LUZ J. ABREW,

Respondent.
ALIAS ORDER TO APPEAR FOR HEARING
To: David J. Rosario
Service by Publication
You are hereby ordered to personally appear before this Court at 1:30 p.m. on the 28th day of October, 2021, at Marion County Superior Court Civil Division 16, in regards to a Divorce case where you are the Petitioner.
This order is directed to you for the reason that a counterclaim in a Divorce case has been filed against you in the above-entitled matter and to this date remains open.
Failure to appear at the above mentioned time and place may cause you to get a ruling against you and be punished for contempt of this Court.
Dated: September 14, 2021
JUDGE, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
Prepared by: Esperanza Alonzo P.O. Box 2956 Indianapolis, IN 46206 (317) 413-5984 Telephone 5320-929126

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D16-1810-DC-043613
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: DAVID J. ROSARIO, Plaintiff, vs. LUZ J. ABREW,

Pre-Qualify form. Direct all questions to Angela Westerhaus at (317)650-6864 or awesterhaus@tcco.com.
Turner-Davis is an Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity Employer - minorities/females/veterans/individuals with disabilities/sexual orientation/gender identity. VEVRAA Federal Contractor. 5320-929264

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Bid Notice, Eskenazi Grassy Creek
Turner-Davis will receive bids from prequalified contractors for the above referenced project.
Project location, 9443 E 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46235
Project issued for bid October 11, 2021
Bids due 2:00 p.m., November 1, 2021
This project consists of a phased, interior renovation of multiple portions of the building's interior along with roof and canopy work and exterior improvements. Renovations occur in approximately 22,000 SF of the facility and includes new clinic pods, administrative department, dental clinic community room, pharmacy, WIC, lab and lobby and public space.

Diversity goals: 15% MBE, 8% WBE, 3% VBE, 1% DOBE
All interested bidders must go online at <https://forms.office.com/r/hgkLJCdWvh> to access the Request to Pre-Qualify form. Direct all questions to Angela Westerhaus at (317)650-6864 or awesterhaus@tcco.com.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
F.A. Wilhelm Construction is soliciting bids from qualified firms for the IndyGo Purple Line Bus
Rapid Transit Project. The project consist of a new BRP line connecting Lawrence to downtown Indianapolis. This project has the following DBE (as designated by IDOA): Package A- 13%, Package B- 5%, Package A+B- 11.5%. Project bid date is October 28, 2021. Please contact Dan Fetz, Preconstruction Manager, (DanielFetz@fawilhelm.com) for additional information. 5320-928905

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(Public Notice)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2023 INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that a proposed amendment to the 2020-2023 Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is now being offered for public review and comment. Public comments on the proposed RTIP amendment may be made by phone to Cole Jackson at (317) 327-5108 or emailed to cole.jackson@indympo.org. All comments should be received by October 19, 2021.
Notice is hereby given that at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, the Indianapolis Transportation Policy Committee will conduct a public hearing on Resolution Number 21-IMPO-019 considering proposed amendments to the 2020-2023 Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The hearing will be held at the Hornet Park Community Center at 5245 Hornet Ave Beech Grove, IN 46107. Members of the public may make comments in person or send comments in advance to the staff member listed above. Members of the public may also listen to the meeting via Zoom. The call-in number is (312) 626-6799, the meeting ID is 894 6572 7244, and the password is 975421008. For full meeting details and further information, visit <https://www.indympo.org/calendar>. Copies of the items above and all plans and exhibits pertaining thereto are available on the Indianapolis MPO's website: www.indympo.org.

The public participation process described above is used to satisfy the public participation process for the Program of Projects (POP) for the following Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grantee: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo).
The public participation process described above is consistent with the policies and procedures for public involvement that have been formally adopted by CIRTA, and meets all applicable public participation requirements pertaining to grants associated with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
For accommodation needs for persons with disabilities, please call (317) 327-5108. 5320-929250

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Bid Notice, Eskenazi Blackburn
Turner-Davis will receive bids from prequalified contractors for the above referenced project.
Project location, 2700 Dr. M.L.K. St, Indianapolis, IN 46208
Project issued for bid October 11, 2021
Bids due 2:00 p.m., November 1, 2021
This project consists of a phased, interior renovation of multiple portions of the building's interior along with roof and canopy work and exterior improvements. Renovations occur in approximately 15,000 SF of the facility and includes new clinic pods, administrative department, dental clinic, community room, pharmacy, WIC and lobby and public space.

Diversity goals: 15% MBE, 8% WBE, 3% VBE, 1% DOBE
All interested bidders must go online at <https://forms.office.com/r/6F5BceNMXu> to access the Request to Pre-Qualify form. Direct all questions to Angela Westerhaus at (317)650-6864 or awesterhaus@tcco.com.
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-EU-032579
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MOSES KO, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana

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1200 Madison Ave., Ste. 300
Indianapolis, IN 46225
5320-928586

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CASE NO. 49C01-2108-MF-028890

In the Matter of the Name

Change of
Martin Chapman Bowman
ORDER SETTING HEARING AND

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Martin Chapman Bowman, whose mailing and residence address is 911 Fort Wayne Ave., Apt. 2107, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202, in Marion County, Indiana, given notice that he has filed a petition in the Marion Circuit Court on September 1, 2021, requesting that his name be formally changed to Martin Odes Chapman Bowman.

A hearing will be held on his Petition on December 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Any person has a right to appear at the hearing and file objections. This matter will be heard remotely/virtually, and the Court issues a WebEx invitation for attendance at the hearing. Should this matter be held in person, the Court will issue an update for attendance at the hearing.

Dated:
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of Marion Circuit Court

So Ordered: September 1, 2021
/s/ Susan Boatright
Magistrate, Marion Circuit Court

Dennis K. Frick
Attorney for Martin Chapman Bowman
Indiana Legal Services, Inc.

1200 Madison Ave., Ste. 300
Indianapolis, IN 46225
5320-928587

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INTHE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

PROBATE DIVISION STATE OF INDIANA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE RUSHTON, DECEASED. CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2108-EU-027141

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLISHED

In the Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that on September 16, 2021, Laura Stroup was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marjorie Rushton, deceased, who died testate on March 3, 2021.

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

Dated in Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 16, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Court

ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Lisa M. Dillman
Rachael C. Rode
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5320-928754

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ATTORNEY: Randolph Kristel #17738-41

8005 South Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46217
(317) 435-3092

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division, Courtroom Number Eight.

In the matter of the Estate of GREGG DOUGLAS WOOD, deceased.

Cause Number 49D08-2108-EU-028727

Notice is hereby given that Karen Blumke was, on August 27, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of GREGG DOUGLAS WOOD, deceased, who died on the 10th day of June, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this August 27, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court

Probate Division,
Courtroom Number Eight
5320-928826

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10/08/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CASE NO. 49D08-2108-EU-029170

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MAX LEE ROE, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

TO: ALL CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Shannon Kay Murray and Kelli Ann Hoffman were, on August 30, 2021, appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Max Lee Roe, deceased.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 30, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge

Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
5320-928823

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT

) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COURTROOM NO. 8) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-EU-029952

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF CARL TAYLOR JR., DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that, on September 7, 2021, Annelie E. Taylor was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of CARL TAYLOR JR., who died on the 23rd day of July, 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 September 7, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County,

Probate Division
5320-928824

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ATTORNEY: J. David Young, No. 14124-49

2920 East 96th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 580-2582

Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division

In the matter of the Estate of Joseph M. Hodgins, deceased

Cause Number: 49D08-2109-EU-030063

Notice is hereby given that Valerie Hodgins was appointed personal representative of the estate of Joseph M. Hodgins, deceased, who died on the 11th day of June, 2021.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of this 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.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court,

Probate Division
5320-928705

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2109-EU-030379

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF WILLIAM C. BEARD, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

TO: ALL CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Scott M. Beard was, on the September 13, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of William C. Beard, deceased.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 13, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court

5320-928821

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ATTORNEY: J. David Young No. 14124-49

2920 East 96th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 580-2582

Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division

In the matter of the Estate of James F. Schlund, deceased.

Cause Number 49D08-2109-EU-030735

Notice is hereby given that Theresa K. Johnson & Daniel Schlund was on the 13th day of September, 2021, appointed personal representative of the estate of James F. Schlund, deceased, who died on the 28th day of July, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 13th day of September, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court,

Probate Division
5320-928585

10/01/21,
10/08/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2109-EU-030804

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF DEBORAH J. SHOOK, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Nelson Evan Shook was, on September 14, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Deborah J. Shook, Deceased, who died on August 25, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 30, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge

months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this September 14, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court

8 5320-928828

10/01/21,
10/08/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2109-EU-031184

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID ROLAND NAJAR, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

TO: ALL CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Jeff Najar was, on this day, September 15, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of David Roland Najar, deceased.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this day, September 15, 2021.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, Marion County Superior Court

5320-928822

10/01/21,
10/08/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT

) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2109-EU-031188

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA M. DARRAH, deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court,

In the matter of the Estate of Patricia M. Darrah, deceased.

Estate Docket No.: 49D08-2109-EU-031188

Notice is hereby given that Leslie Batdorf, on the 16th day of September, 2021, was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Patricia M. Darrah, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claim will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 16, 2021.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Marion County Clerk

Attorney for Estate:
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Greenwood, IN 46142
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mnhowe@mnhoweattorney.com

5320-928825

10/01/21,
10/08/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

) PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2109-EU-031588

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY L. HOAGLAND SR., DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Debra A. Hoagland was, on September 20, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Jerry L. Hoagland Sr., Deceased, who died on April 1, 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 with months (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this September 20, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court

8 5320-928827

10/01/21,
10/08/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2109-EU-031613

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF JANE E. REGNIER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court #8, Probate Division, Marion County, Indiana

Notice is hereby given that Daniel L. Davis was, on September 20, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Jane E. Regnier, deceased, who died July 7, 2021. Said personal representative was authorized to administer said estate without Court supervision.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this September 20, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court

Probate Division
Attorney for Estate:
Russell M. Webb, Jr.
Attorney at Law

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Plainfield, IN 46168
(317) 797-6337
(317) 272-5798 FAX

Attorney No.: 1144-32
5320-928764

10/01/21,
10/08/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT

) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-EU-032024

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

TRENT L. GARRETT, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Christie L. Gillespie was, on September 23, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Trent L. Garrett, deceased, who died September 2, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 23, 2021
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

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Notice to be published in newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks.

Jennifer Norton
Attorney No. 28709-49
Norton Estate Planning & Elder Law Firm, LLC

3750 N. Meridian Street,
Ste 300
Indianapolis, IN 46208
(317) 572-8696

5320-928805

10/01/21,
10/08/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-GU-030328

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA M. DARRAH, deceased.

In the matter of Guardianship of Helen LaGarde, Adult
Notice of Hearing

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Jason Todd Shackelford, by counsel, filed a Petition to Appoint Guardian over Persona and Estate of Helen LaGarde, an Adult. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion County Superior Court No. 8 on October 27, 2021, at 10:20 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) after the first notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objection on or before the hearing date.

Myla Eldridge
Clerk Marion County
Sherree D. Mullins
Mullins Law, LLC
1903 Crown Plaza Blvd.
Plainfield, IN 46168
(317) 839-9400

5320-928803

10/01/21,
10/08/21,
10/15/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NUMBER: 49D09-2109-DN-007824

IN THE MARRIAGE OF TRACY MICHELLE SIDIBE

AND LUKUMAN O. AKINYEMI

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent, Lukuman O. Akinyemi, above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

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

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

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent(s) whose addresses are:

and to the following Respondent(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Lukuman O. Akinyemi.

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

If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 14th day of November, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit) and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Petitioner has demanded.

/s/ MARK D. SHAVER
Attorney for PETITIONER

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court

MARK D. SHAVER
Attorney at Law
5330 Madison Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 783-9204

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5320-928829

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SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY

SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D10-2108-DN-006587

MARIA ALTAGRACIA PABLO Pena

Plaintiff(s)

-V-
Juan David Garcia Colon

Defendant(s)

ORDER

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against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

SOTTILE & BARILE, LLC
By: s/ Susan B. Klineman
Attorney for Plaintiff
ATTENT:
Clerk of the Marion County
Superior Court
Susan B. Klineman (17405-49)
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5320-928234
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ALIAS SUMMONS
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT
AND SUPERIOR COURTS
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: CIVIL DIVISION,
ROOM 9
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D09-2106-
DC-004968
IN RE THE MARRIAGE
OF:
CHRISTOPHER N.
SCOTT
Petitioner,
v.
COURTNEY A. SCOTT,
Respondent.
TO RESPONDENT:
COURTNEY SCOTT
SERVICE BY PUBLIC-
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You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Petitioner for a Dissolution of Marriage in the Court indicated above.

If this summons is accompanied by an Order to Appear, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated in the Order to Appear. If you do not appear, evidence may be heard in your

absence and a determination made by the Court. If a Temporary Restraining Order is attached effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.

If you wish to retain an attorney to re, it is present you in this matter, it is advisable to do so

before the date stated in the Order to Appear.

If you take no action in this case after receipt of this summons, the Court can grant a Protective Order and or make a determination regarding any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, visitation, property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and allocation of debts.

Dated: 8/25/2021
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County
(The following manner of Service of Summons is hereby designated.)
Registered or Certified Mail

Service on Individual
Publication
Mark A. King
Attorney No. 20962-02
5378 Dollar Run Drive
Filed: 8/25/2021 2:52 PM
Clerk
Marion County, Indiana
8/25/2021
Indianapolis, IN 46221
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT

SS: CIVIL DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION
CASE NO. 49D12-1704-
DC-015798

IN RE THE MARRIAGE
OF:

ROMILOLA ADERONKE
AYINLA N.K.A. ROMILOLA
ADERONKE OLUWASONA
Petitioner,
And

STEPHEN ADEDAYO
AYINLA
Respondent.

ORDER SETTING STA-
TUS CONFERENCE

COMES NOW Romiola
Aderonke Oluwasola ("Pe-
titioner"), and by counsel,
Flora A. Owolabi, having
filed a Verified Petition for
Dissolution of Marriage, and
the Court being advised in the
premises FINDS:

1. That Petition should be
set for a fifteen (15) minute
virtual status conference.

2. Parties to appear virtu-
ally on 11/4/2021 at 9:00 AM.

SO ORDERED this 27th
day of August, 2021.

JUDGE, MARION COUN-
TY SUPERIOR COURT
DISTRIBUTION:

STEPHEN ADEDAYO
AYINLA

UNKNOWN ADDRESSES
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5320-928235

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT 16

SS: CIVIL DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION
CASE NO. 49D16-2107-
DN-005835

IN RE THE MARRIAGE
OF:

ANTHONY OLAJIDE AJI-
BOLA
Petitioner,
(And)

TIFFANY VYETTE CAMP-
BELL

Respondent.

SUMMONS

TO RESPONDENT:
TIFFANY VYETTE CAMP-
BELL

131 HERBERT STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Petitioner in the Court indicated above.

If this summons is accom-
panied by a Notice to Appear,
you should appear in Court
on the date and time stated
in the Order to Appear. If
you do not appear, evidence
may be heard in

your absence and a deter-
mination made by the Court.
If a Temporary Restraining
Order is

attached, it is effective im-
mediately upon your receipt
or knowledge of the Order.

If you wish to retain an at-
torney to represent you in this
matter, it is advisable to do so
before the date stated in the
Notice to Appear.

If you take no action in
this case after the receipt
of this summons, the Court

can grant a

Dissolution of the Marriage
or make a determination re-
garding any of the following:
property

division (real or personal)
and any other distribution of
assets and debts.

Dated: 7/13/2021
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County
Court name: MARION
SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL
DIVISION
Court address: 200
E. WASHINGTON
ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204
5320-928236

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Indianapolis Public
Transportation Corpora-
tion (IPTC)

Request For Proposal 21-
09-422 IndyGo New Facilities
Office Furniture

This procurement is for
new office furniture for (3)
facilities for offices, meeting
rooms, copy areas and break
rooms. The scope of work will
be to provide, assemble and
install all the furnishings in
the areas of New Facilities
during the different facility
locations of work. Provide
furnishings for each Facility
as needed, with coordination
of the IndyGo staff. Work
closely with IndyGo Project
Manager and IndyGo staff
for coordination of activities;
there will be time constraints.
Scheduling enough time for
furniture installation without
impacting the construction
renovations schedule and
causing delay of staff move-
in into the renovated spaces.
The installation will be phased
with an opportunity to bid
on one or all of the phases
of work.

Phase 1 has 15 new
offices, 1 break room, 1

meeting room

Phase 2 has 55 new of-
fices, 2 break rooms, flexible

collaborative use spaces, 1

plan room, 1 large copy area,

1 mailroom, 1 waiting room, 6

built-in pods

Phase 3 has (2) floors:

First floor has 14 offices,

large board room, 4 meeting

rooms, large break room, 2

flexible use spaces, 1 waiting

room. Second floor has 2 large

training rooms, large open

flexible collaborative space, 2

computer labs, 1 breakroom.

Solicitation Release Sep-

tember 17, 2021

Pre-Bid Meeting Sep-

tember 21, 2021 at 1:00

p.m. (EST)

Virtual Teams Meeting /

Please request hyperlink via

procurement@indygo.net

Questions Due September

27, 2021 by 4:00 p.m. (EST).

Answers Provided October

10, 2021 (Posted on IndyGo

Website)

Proposal Due October 14,

2021 at 3:00 p.m. (EST) / See

Bidding documents.

IPTC Board Meeting Oc-

tober 28, 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/procure-

ment/bid-opportunities/___

5320-928451

09/24/21,
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR
BIDS

The Trustees of Purdue

University will receive sealed

bids for the following projects

until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Day-

light Time (EDT) on the 28th

day of October 2021 in the

offices of Capital Asset Man-

agement, 2550 Northwestern

Avenue, Suite 1100, West

Lafayette, IN 47906.

1. West Lafayette Campus

- Animal Science Research

Center Building A302 Roof

Replacement - 2021

2. West Lafayette Camp-

us - Nelson Hall Room 254

Cooler and Rooms B234,

B238, and B238A Freezer

Replacements - 2021

3. West Lafayette Campus

ing for Project No. 1 will be

held on October 12, 2021 at

11:00 a.m. EDT. The meeting

will be held at Animal Science

Research Center (ASRC),

Building A302, located at

5675 W. 600 North, West

Lafayette, IN.

A voluntary pre-bid meet-

ing for Project No. 2 will be

held on October 11, 2021 at

12:30 p.m. EDT. The meeting

will be held in Room 254 of

Nelson Hall (NLSN), located

at 745 Agriculture Mall Dr.,

West Lafayette, IN.

A voluntary pre-bid meet-

ing for Project No.3 will be held

on October 14, 2021 at 9:00

a.m. EDT. The meeting will

be held at the Schwartz Tennis

Center (SCHW), located at

1324 McCormick Road, West

Lafayette, IN.

The architectural/engineer-

ing firms for these proj-

ects are:

Project No. 1

Martin Riley Architects

221 West Baker St.

Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Phone (260) 422-7994

Fax (260) 426-2067

Project No. 2

Henneman Engineering,

Inc.

2803 Research Road

Champaign, IL 61822

Phone (217) 359-1514

Project No. 3

Loftus Engineering, Inc.

201 South Capitol Ave,

Suite 310

Indianapolis, IN 46225

Phone (317) 352-5822

Fax (317) 352-5821

To view or obtain bid docu-

ments online:

Repro Graphix Inc.

437 N. Illinois St

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Web: PurduePlanroom.

com

Phone: 1-800-718-0035

Email: Plans@Re-

prographix.com

A \$300 deposit will be

required for each hardcopy

set of bidding documents. One

compact disk or download

is available at no charge.

Postage and handling fee

may apply.

All orders must be placed

online but bidders may choose

to pick up orders at:

Purdue Print & Digital

Services delivered by Xerox:

698 Ahlers Drive

West Lafayette, IN 47907

Phone: 765-494-2006

Bidding Documents are on

file in the office of:

Senior Vice President for

Administrative Operations

2550 Northwestern Av-

enue, Suite 1100

West Lafayette, IN 47906

Phone (765) 494-0580

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to Bidders or any informality,

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bid, provided that such waiver

shall, in the discretion of the

Board of Trustees, be to the

advantage of The Trustees of

Purdue University.

THE TRUSTEES OF PUR-

DUE UNIVERSITY

By

James K. Keefe

Senior Director of Capital

Asset Management

Date 9 / 9 / 2 1

5320-928021

09/24/21,
10/08/21

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUB-
LIC HEARING

The Indiana Alcohol &

Tobacco Commission will

hold an alcoholic beverage

permit auction at 10:00AM

on November 9, 2021, at the

Indiana Government Center

South Building, 1st Floor,

Conference Room C at 302

W Washington St in the city

of Indianapolis, to auction the

below listed permits.

More information, including

the pre-bid application, can

be found on the Indiana Alcohol

and Tobacco Commission's

website: www.in.gov/atc

Pre-bid applications will

be due no later than Monday

October 25, 2021. Any ap-

plications received after that

date will not be accepted.

ATC Pending Auction Per-

mits by County & Jurisdiction

Boone

BO01 Beer

Wine & Liquor - Restaurant

(210) Zionsville

BO02 Beer

Wine & Liquor - Restaurant

(210) Zionsville

Carroll

CA01 Beer

Wine & Liquor - Restaurant

(210) Delphi

Clark

CL01 Beer

Wine & Liquor - Econ Rede-

velopment Jeffersonville

FUNDING

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Beyond building upgrades, Smothers said Philander Smith College would have used the long-term federal funding to expand programs for its students, 81% of which are low income. That might include launching a public health school that would train students to tackle health disparities affecting racial minorities and help address the state’s nursing shortage.

Democratic Rep. Bobby Scott of Virginia, who leads the U.S. House education committee, said historically Black colleges have received unprecedented levels of federal funding over the past two years, more than they have in the past decade combined. That includes \$1.6 billion under the Democrats’ American Rescue Plan passed earlier this year.

The money has allowed them to pursue initiatives such as cancelling student debt during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scott, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, said the draft bill also includes \$27 billion for student aid at Black colleges and other institutions serving racial minorities. Still, he acknowledged the need for more funding.

“We’d like to do as much as we can,” Scott said. “I’m not satisfied. I’m not satisfied with anything in the budget that’s within our jurisdiction.”

Scott said the Department of Education had committed to ensuring the grant program contained in the current bill would be structured so similar colleges would be competing with each other. It’s a way to prevent larger ones with robust grant-writing departments from edging out smaller schools.

That’s important to address differences between the colleges. The Associated Press analysis of enrollment and endowment data found wide disparities among the 102 historically Black colleges and universities, and a further divide between private and public institutions. Federal data, for example, showed that 11 HBCUs had endowments worth less than \$1,000 per pupil in the 2018-19 school year while nine had endowments worth more than \$50,000 per pupil.

In general, Black colleges have lacked the fundraising ability of other universities. The cumulative endowment for all historical Black colleges through 2019 was a little more than \$3.9 billion, about the same as the endowment for just the University of Minnesota. Advocates said the funding struggles and the role the colleges have played historically is why long-term federal assistance is needed.

Harry L. Williams, president of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, which represents public HBCUs, was surprised and disappointed

by the reduced allocation for Black colleges in the latest Democratic economic plan, which likely will be trimmed to around \$2 trillion. He also said they should not be lumped in with other institutions serving racial minorities, which he said can include many large state universities.

Black colleges have a unique history, needs and financial challenges, Williams said.

Kevin Cosby, president of Simmons College of Kentucky in Louisville, agrees.

“To mix them with minority-serving institutions, which are not historic institutions that do not have the legacy of historic discrimination, is not right,” he said. “Historically Black colleges and universities should be separated as a protected class of institutions because, like the Black community, our experience in the United States of America is a unique experience.”

Because of historical underfunding, Black colleges often have built up years of deferred maintenance, leaving buildings out of compliance with local codes or otherwise unable to accommodate students. Money from endowment returns is directed to annual operating costs, making it harder to invest in new programs and buildings — a “number one issue” for attracting students, Cosby said.

Last spring, Kentucky’s general assembly passed long-awaited legislation that made it possible for his school to have a certified teacher program. The initiative is especially meaningful to Simmons because of the state’s persistent teacher shortage and the school’s founding mission to train formerly enslaved Kentuckians as teachers. But Cosby said not having longer-term funding from the federal government will make it more difficult for Simmons to get the program off the ground quickly.

“We need facility space, we need infrastructure, we need capital improvements, we need resources to hire teachers,” he said. “We can only thrive as institutions to the degree that we have the resources.”

Hudspeth Blackburn is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a non-profit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on undercovered issues.

Ma covers education and equity for AP’s Race and Ethnicity team.

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Neighborhood gets landmark designation



Indiana Landmarks unveiled a sign at Flanner House Homes Historic District to mark the neighborhood as a National Register of Historic Places designation.

Left: Disa Watson, with Flanner House Homes Neighborhood Association, speaks to people gathered at the event. (Photos/Evan Hale)



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Players-only meeting helped Colts put season back on track

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Colts defensive end Kemoko Turay was flustered and flummoxed after three straight losses.

So last week, Turay suggested to 2020 All-Pro defensive tackle DeForest Buckner that he call a players-only meeting.

Buckner, two-time All-Pro linebacker Darius Leonard and defensive end Al-Quadin Muhammad sent a message to their teammates: Do your job, stay focused and sacrifice a little more. That approach led to more more physical practices and a potentially season-changing victory at Miami.

“It bothered me,” Turay said. “Watching Buck the first two weeks, being out there just pressuring the quarterback, we couldn’t just leave him hanging and stuff like that. So it bothered me last week, and we needed that talk.”

The last time Turay remembered having “that talk” came in 2018 when the Colts were 1-5 in coach Frank Reich’s first season. They responded by winning nine of their final 10 games to make the playoffs.

Whether Indy can replicate that turnaround remains to be seen.

There were encouraging signs on Sunday, albeit against a sputtering Dolphins offense that has the league’s second-lowest points total (62).

Indy’s defense dominated the first 3 1/2 quarters, continually pressuring



Colts wide receiver T.Y. Hilton

former Colts quarterback Jacoby Brissett and forcing Miami miscues.

Carson Wentz had his best game of the season and, not surprisingly, it came on the same day Jonathan Taylor ran for more than 100 yards for the first time this season. Even the special teams unit forced a turnover that led to points.

This was the way Indianapolis envisioned playing.

“You’ve got to make sure you understand what is the problem, understand what it is and understand that you’ve got to take care of it,” Leonard said. “You’ve got to be the professional there. You don’t want people to keep talking trash about you, so you’ve got to find a way to sharpen up.”

They did it once. Now the Colts want to use that same

formula as the blueprint for another midseason turnaround.

“At the end of the day, the goal is to win,” tight end Mo Alie-Cox said. “We were losing, so guys are going to listen with open ears. We’re all professionals. We know what we need to do.”

WHAT’S WORKING

Taylor. Last year’s top rookie rusher had 16 carries, 103 yards, one TD and an average of 6.4 yards. He did it behind an offensive line missing two starters. Indy needs Taylor to perform that way more consistently.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Deep throws. Yes, Wentz’s limited mobility has forced more short throws the past two weeks. And, yes, two strong defenses forced Indy to throw underneath in Weeks 1 and 2. But Indy needs to go deep more often to open up the running game and score more points.

STOCK UP

Alie-Cox. The former college basketball star caught three passes for 42 yards and two TDs. He came up big, too, when Indy needed him most by wrestling the ball away from a defender to give Indy a 17-point lead.

STOCK DOWN

Jack Doyle. Though he hauled in a 24-yard reception Sunday, a back inju-

ry reduced the workload for Indy’s most reliable tight end. His performance should improve as he gets healthier.

INJURIES

Three-time All-Pro guard Quenton Nelson (sprained right ankle) will miss at least two more games after going on injured reserve. Indy hopes right tackle Braden Smith (strained foot) returns after missing three straight and would like to get three defensive starters — end Kwity Paye (hamstring), safety Khari Willis (groin) and cornerback Rock Ya-Sin (ankle) — back. All three sat out at Miami. Reich said four-time Pro Bowl receiver T.Y. Hilton (neck surgery) is getting closer to being activated.

KEY NUMBER

5 — Leonard has made it clear Indy wants 40-plus takeaways this season. The Colts are not on pace for that yet, but after forcing five in the past two games, they’re starting to round into form.

NEXT STEPS

The Colts’ defense did what it needed to do by shutting down the short-handed and struggling Dolphins. Can they do it again, this time against one of the league’s most dynamic offensive players? Indianapolis plays at Baltimore and 2019 MVP Lamar Jackson next Monday night. Offensively, Indy also must demonstrate its latest performance was not an aberration.

Milestone for Bubba Wallace as he earns 1st NASCAR victory

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Bubba Wallace

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — The hard part wasn’t dodging his way around a crash and then driving to the front of the field at Talladega Superspeedway. That was just instinct for Bubba Wallace.

The challenge was the 45 minutes after Wallace took the lead, when the sky opened and he anxiously sat in the rain — hoping, wishing, praying that NASCAR would call off the rescheduled race Oct. 4 and declare him the winner.

With a crowd gathered behind his pit stand chanting its support — one man told his 6-year-old son, clad in a Wallace shirt and jumping up and down along the fence, that he was “witnessing history” — NASCAR pulled the plug and Wallace became just the second Black driver to win a race at the Cup Series level.

“Got some credibility to my name now,” said Wallace, a first-time Cup winner in his 143 starts. “I’m just like, ‘Finally, I’m a winner and I’m a winner in the Cup level,’ and it’s just like ‘Hell yeah!’ It was a huge weight lifted off my shoulders.”

This was so much more than just a first win.

Wallace is the first Black driver to win at the top level of the elite stock car series since Wendell Scott in 1963, a race where he wasn’t declared the victor until long after Buck Baker had already been rewarded the trophy. NASCAR at last presented Scott’s family with his trophy from that race two months ago.

The Wallace victory earned praise from rapper Big Sean, the University of Tennessee football team and Bill Lester, a Black driver who raced intermittently in NASCAR from 1999 through a Trucks Series start this season, among others.

The race was spotlighted on NBC’s “Nightly News” at the top of the broadcast Oct. 4, illustrating how culturally important Wallace’s win was for NASCAR, a predominately white sport with deep Southern roots and a longtime

embrace of Confederate symbols.

As much as Wallace wanted the moment to be solely about his first career win, he couldn’t ignore the significance.

“It’s definitely been tough going to some of the tracks this year, we get some of the most boos now,” Wallace said. “Everybody says as long as they’re making noise that’s fine, but you know, I get booed for different reasons and that’s the tough thing to swallow.”

In June 2020 at Talladega, NASCAR discovered a noose in the garage stall assigned to Wallace. The finding came just a week after NASCAR had banned the Confederate flag at its events at Wallace’s urging.

The FBI investigated and found that the noose was tied at the end of the garage door pull and had been there for months, meaning Wallace was not a victim of a hate crime. Still, the series rallied around him and stood in solidarity with Wallace at the front of the grid before the race.

The flag ban continues to be an issue at Talladega, where a convoy of vehicles has paraded up and down Speedway Boulevard outside the main entrance of the speedway during all four race week-

ends since NASCAR announced the ban. The convoy was back this weekend and included one car pulling a trailer that contained a Civil War-era cannon.

When the race was halted with Wallace as the leader, social media was ablaze with comments attacking the 27-year-old Alabama native.

Wallace had driven through a crash and to the front of the field five laps before the second rain stoppage of the race. When he surged to the front, and with the entire field realizing that rain could halt the race at any time, runner-up Brad Keselowski recognized Wallace had likely just won the race with his pass.

“I was thinking, ‘Oh, geez. I wish I would have made that move,’” Keselowski said.

Wallace broke down in tears after he returned to his parked No. 23 Toyota, the car number picked for Jordan, who wore 23 in the NBA.

“This is for all the kids out there that want to have an opportunity and whatever they want to achieve, and be the best at what they want to do,” Wallace said as he choked back tears.

Michigan State, Penn State getting big boost from transfers

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From its first snap of the season, Michigan State showed that coach Mel Tucker’s rebuilding project wouldn’t take nearly as long as expected.

Wake Forest transfer Kenneth Walker took a handoff, made a move around a defender and raced down the left sideline for a 75-yard touchdown against Northwestern.

Walker and Co. have shown how the relaxed NCAA guidelines allowing players to transfer without sitting out a season can make it easier to revitalize slumping programs.

“I knew coach (Tucker) had a plan, and I believed in his plan,” said Walker, who added that he wrote down his goal of winning the Heisman Trophy back in March.

Walker has rushed for 680 yards to lead all Football Bowl Subdivision players and help the 11th-ranked Spartans win their first five games, a dramatic rise from their 2-5 finish last year in the pandemic-delayed debut season for Tucker.

He isn’t the only transfer making a difference for the Spartans. And Michigan State isn’t the sole unbeaten Big Ten team to bounce back from a losing season while getting big contributions from players who began their college careers elsewhere.

The impact of the new transfer policy just happens to be most apparent in East Lansing. Michigan State is off to

its fastest start since 2015, when it won its first eight games and reached the College Football Playoff.

Tucker overhauled his team during the offseason by adding 20 transfers, with 14 of them coming from other Power Five schools. He said before the season that his roster was stronger and more competitive and it would lead to better football.

The Spartans’ defense features three starters who were playing for Southeastern Conference schools last season in linebacker Quavaris Crouch (Tennessee) and cornerbacks Chester Kimbrough (Florida) and Ronald Williams (Alabama).

No. 4 Penn State also has benefited from transfers while winning its first five games after going 4-5 a year ago.

Former Temple defensive end Arnold Ebiketie leads the Nittany Lions with three sacks. Other transfers playing major roles for Penn State include defensive tackle Derrick Tangelo (Duke), running back John Lovett (Baylor) and guard Eric Wilson (Harvard).

“I felt like leaving Duke would give me more exposure,” Tangelo said. “I just felt like I needed a fresh start.”

No. 9 Michigan has turned things around after going 2-4 last year thanks in part to former Jackson State receiver Daylen Baldwin, who has touchdown catches of 56 and 69 yards.

It’s not uncommon for a Big Ten contender to benefit from transfers. Just last year, Ohio State won its fourth straight conference title and advanced

to the national championship game with a backfield featuring former Georgia quarterback Justin Fields and ex-Oklahoma running back Trey Sermon.

Fields needed a waiver to play for Ohio State without sitting out a season, and Sermon could play immediately for the Buckeyes only because he was a graduate transfer. Those steps are no longer necessary now that the NCAA has ruled all athletes can transfer once without having to wait a year to play for their new teams.

“Everybody gets a hall pass,” Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. “Some people were getting them anyway before. Now everybody’s got one. At least they get one mulligan card in their pocket. We’ve played against a lot of transfers over the last four or five weeks, and we’ll see more this year.”

The policy change makes it much more tempting for schools to dip into the transfer portal when they need to restock their rosters.

Big Ten Network analyst and former Indiana coach Gerry DiNardo could see the trend continuing, with teams making sure someone on their support staff has the specific role of viewing video to see which potential transfers could be ideal fits.

“There’s no rule against having as big a back room as you want,” said DiNardo, who also coached LSU and Vanderbilt. “As long as the athletic directors are willing to give coaches unlimited resources when it comes to personnel, this is going to keep going.”

The impact of transfers was evident from the first game of the season, when former North Carolina State linebacker Calvin Hart and former Rutgers quarterback Artur Sitkowski played key roles in Illinois’ victory over Nebraska.

That set the tone for the rest of the season. The Big Ten is getting plenty of big performances from guys who were playing at other programs just last year.

Indiana’s Stephen Carr (Southern California) and Wisconsin’s Chez Mellusi (Clemson) are the top rushers for their respective teams. Nebraska’s Samori Toure (Montana) and Minnesota’s Dylan Wright (Texas A&M) lead their teams in yards receiving.

Minnesota linebacker Jack Gibbens (Abilene Christian) is the Gophers’ most prolific tackler. Purdue’s Jamari Brown, a cornerback for Kentucky last season, is tied for the team lead in pass breakups.

Of course, these new transfer policies can work both ways.

The Southeastern Conference’s third-leading receiver is Kentucky’s Wan’Dale Robinson, who played for Nebraska last year. Indiana has lost two backup running backs to the transfer portal since August. Michigan State had three players enter the transfer portal less than two weeks ago.

But that’s a tradeoff Big Ten programs are willing to make. They only need to look at the league standings to understand how this era of widespread transfers can benefit them.
