



A video shows Purdue Police Department officer Jon Selke holding student Adonis Tuggle on the ground Feb. 4. The university is investigating. (Screenshot)

Purdue investigating officer's use of force against Black student

By STAFF

Purdue University is investigating a university police officer's use of force against a Black student after video of the incident went viral online Feb. 9. The minute-long video, shared on social media, shows Purdue Police Department officer Jon

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New medical manufacturing facility gets nearly 100% minority-owned contractors

By TYLER FENWICK
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The new Cook Medical manufacturing facility at the corner of 38th Street and Sheridan Street is nearly complete. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

A new manufacturing facility that will produce medical equipment on the northeast side of Indianapolis is nearly complete with most contracts going to Black-owned businesses. When Cook Medical and Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana announced their partnership to build the facility in November 2020, they set a goal to have all contractors be minority-owned. To date, 97% have been minority-owned, and the other 3% have come from woman-, veteran- or disability-owned contractors, according to Goodwill. Ask anyone involved with the project how it got nearly all minority-owned contractors, and Akilah Darden's name will come up. Cook Medical brought on Darden to recruit a general contractor and make sure subcontractors were diverse. There are a total of 20 contractors, and 16 are Black-owned, Darden said. The general contractor is Har-

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FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Teen dating violence includes digital abuse

By CARTER BARRETT
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Teens and young people can be victims of intimate partner violence and abuse, and some advocates suspect teen dating violence has increased during the pandemic. Indianapolis Recorder editor Oseye Boyd discussed the issue with Danyette Smith, founder of Silent No More and director of domestic violence programs for the city; and Lindsay Hill Stawick, associate director of the Domestic Violence Network, during a Facebook Live event Feb. 10. Kamella

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Catchings steps down as Fever VP of basketball operations and GM



Tamika Catchings

By STAFF

Tamika Catchings will step down as vice president of basketball operations and general manager of the Indiana Fever, the team announced Feb. 14. In a statement, Catchings said basketball has been central to everything she's done and helped her become the person she is. "First as a player and then as an executive, I have been committed to the challenge of finding ways to improve, ways to succeed, and ultimately ways to put my teams in winning positions," she said. Catchings' storied basketball career includes 15 years in the WNBA career with the Indiana Fever, four Olympic gold medals, a WNBA championship in 2012, an MVP award in 2011 and five defensive player of the year awards. Catchings, who was drafted No. 3 overall in 2001, retired in 2016. She

was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2021. Pacers Sports and Entertainment owner Herb Simon said in a statement Catchings has a way of inspiring people both on and off the court. "As the leader of our championship franchise for two decades and one of the most recognizable players in women's basketball history, Tamika has been instrumental in making the dream of professional sports a reality for future generations of female athletes," he said. Outside of basketball, Catchings owns Tea's Me Cafe — which recently expanded to a second location — and founded Catch the Stars Foundation to empower youth with fitness, literacy and character development programs. Catchings will continue in her volunteer role as co-chair for the 2024 NBA All-Star Board of Directors.

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GOP pushes US schools to post all class materials online

By JULIE CARR SMYTH and CASEY SMITH
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Republican state lawmakers across the U.S. are trying to require schools to post all course materials online so parents can review them, part of a broader national push by the GOP for a sweeping parents bill of rights ahead of the midterm congressional elections.

At least one proposal would give parents with no expertise power over curriculum choices. Parents also could file complaints about certain lessons and in some cases sue school districts.

Teachers say parents already have easy access to what their children learn. They worry that the mandates would create an unnecessary burden and potentially threaten their professional independence — all while dragging them into a culture war.

The bill “insinuates there’s some hiding happening,” said Katie Peters, a high school English teacher in Toledo. “It makes me a little defensive, because I’m like — no, wait a minute, we’re not hiding anything. The transparency is always there, and the parents who have cared to look have always had access.”

The bills arose from last year’s debate over the teaching of race, diversity and sexuality. The GOP insists the changes are



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needed to give parents a measure of control over what their children see and hear in class.

“I don’t think anybody disagrees that more information is better for parents,” said Brett Hillyer, a Republican state representative in Ohio who is co-sponsoring such a bill. He said the proposal could quell disagreements between parents, teachers and school boards before they get too far.

Other state considering some version of the idea include Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina and West Virginia.

A panel of three Ohio teachers recently sat down with The Associated Press to discuss the

proposal. They said they already post syllabuses, textbook information, course materials and sometimes notes for parents and students — at least at the middle- and high-school levels.

None of them could recall ever denying a parent’s request for additional information.

Juliet Tissot, a mother of two from the Cincinnati suburb of Madeira, said elementary classrooms are a different story. The nonprofit worker and volunteer said schools stopped sending home textbooks years ago and often fail to provide curriculum details when asked. That leaves parents groping for information when helping kids with home-

work.

Tissot also supports policing teachers’ behavior more closely, including requiring them to wear body cameras.

In places where the bills are moving forward, some sponsors of the legislation have had to backtrack following criticism.

During debate on a Republican-backed package of education reforms in Indiana, Republican state Sen. Scott Baldwin said maintaining neutrality on contentious issues required teachers to be “impartial” when discussing Nazism and other political ideologies.

After widespread criticism, Baldwin walked back the comments, saying in a statement that

he “unequivocally” condemns Nazism, fascism and Marxism and agrees that teachers should do the same.

Indiana conservatives regrouped and added provisions ensuring that educators can still discuss “social injustices” and “teach that Nazism is bad.” But the legislation gives local parent committees with no expertise power over which curriculum teachers use, and parents could file complaints and lawsuits if they believe teachers have violated a ban on certain “divisive concepts.”

Teachers describe the Indiana legislation as so cumbersome that it would probably force some to leave the profes-

sion.

“I’m struggling to see how I’m going to put some of the language that is currently in these bills into my classroom and still be able to teach kids to be critical thinkers,” said Suzanne Holcomb, who teaches fifth grade in Elkhart. Lawmakers should understand “just how much this is asking of a lot of people who are already on the verge of walking out and being done.”

Smith reported from Indianapolis. Associated Press writers Scott Bauer in Madison, Wisconsin; Mike Melia in Hartford, Connecticut; and Gary Robertson in Raleigh, North Carolina, contributed to this report.

Tic toc, tic toc, tic toc is the rhythm of our heart and let us keep the rhythm going. You will be shocked to learn that more women die from heart disease every year than men. And women of color are disproportionately affected by many of the risk factors for heart disease and stroke.

February is American Heart Month, and this month the American Heart Association is encouraging people to Reclaim Their Rhythm to help everyone live longer, healthier lives.

One way they hope to do that is by inspiring us with stories of women whose lives have been impacted by heart disease or stroke. I’m honored to be one of the AHA’s five nominees for this year’s Woman of Impact program that includes three women of color. Over the next two months, we’ll profile each of these women in The Recorder as we shine a light on the fact that heart disease and strokes can happen to anyone.

I was inspired to start advocating for women’s heart health nearly a decade ago when my beloved sister Chandrika suffered a stroke at age 54. My family didn’t have a history of heart disease, and my sister lived a healthy lifestyle. She was particular about her diet and walked every day. And yet she wasn’t immune, and she lost her fight with heart disease in 2020. Shortly after my sister’s stroke several other family members were diagnosed with diabetes and high blood pressure, putting them at higher risk of stroke and heart attack, too.

Sadly, my family’s story is not an isolated case. Among African Americans and Asian Americans, there is diabetes or high blood pressure in practically every home. In fact, African Americans have some of the highest blood pressure in the world. When something is as prevalent in our lives as high blood pressure it’s easy to normalize that. We often think that it’s either OK or that

there is nothing we can do about it. But the truth is, there are things we can do about it.

First and foremost, we need to know our numbers. Keep a close eye on your blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, and weight. Obesity is one of the risk factors of heart disease so maintaining weight is important but also maintain desired weight in healthy manner. Get into a habit of eating healthy and work out at least 3 times a week.

It is time for all of us to do a better job of prioritizing our own health. I know how hard it to do have a work life balance and that often results in us neglecting our health - physical and emotional. It’s time for us to Reclaim Our Rhythm. Make time to move more and make time to relax and destress.

Woman of Impact runs for the next nine weeks. And during that time, I look forward to introducing you to everyday women from Indianapolis whose lives have been impacted by heart disease and stroke:

Lindsey Bartley
Holli Harrington
Trisha Shumate
LaShelle Marie Bilal

The five of us will be building networks and leveraging those networks to raise awareness about heart disease and stroke by sharing our personal stories.

Every week, I’ll be posting educational information as well as activities on my social media channels. Join my team at Woman of Impact and follow me on Facebook and LinkedIn for weekly educational tips. You will learn about risk factors, healthy food tips, signs of stroke, CPR training and much more.

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‘Marry Me’

By Dwight Brown
NNPA News Wire Film Critic

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Nothing is drastically wrong with this rom/com. Nothing is drastically right. That’s the problem. This Valentine’s Day offering feels like a present that’s been regifted and passed along.

Jennifer Lopez took big chances in her last movie “Hustlers.” She played a streetwise stripper and that paid off, winning her accolades for that unlikely role and very gritty performance. In this synthetic tale, she’s an over-hyped singer/dancer who mugs for the cameras, never misses out on a press relations event and lives her love life in public. Sound familiar? With a script by John Rogers (“Transformers”), Tami Sagher (“Inside Amy Schumer”) and Harper Dill (“The Mindy Project”), based on a book by Bobby Crosby, the filmmakers have decided not to veer too far off her path. It’s a simple and safe decision. A feeble choice for audiences hooked on romance and looking for something fresh.

Superstar Latina singer Kat Valdez (Lopez) has arranged an unimaginable publicity stunt. She plans to wed her equally popular boyfriend, Colombian vocalist heartthrob Bastian (Maluma), onstage at a concert in front of her throngs of fans. Cameras will stream the event to millions. She’s been primed with hair and makeup. She’s donning a white wedding dress that would shame Princess Di’s. All is well until the internet blows up with these choice words: “Bastian caught cheating with [Kat’s] assistant.” Clips of her man planting a kiss on that underling’s face are all over social media. It’s out there.

In a fit of desperation and revenge, Kat spontaneously decides to put all those cameras to good use and show Bastian that she won’t be humiliated on her wedding day. She asks a member of the audience to marry her. Who does she pick? Charlie (Owen Wilson, “The Royal Tenenbaums”), a nondescript math teacher. Everyone’s shocked. It doesn’t add up.

Lopez is in her comfort zone. She sings in English and Spanish. Dances feverishly with a troop of hoofers. Smiles for the lens and is about as deep emotionally as any megastar trying to hog the spotlight. Unfortunately, because she doesn’t stretch as an artist, that lack of innovation may make her fans yawn, while others who admired her “Hustlers” work may now consider that just an anomaly. Lopez’s talent as an entertainer is unquestionable. Her “Superbowl LIV Halftime Show” put her in a category all her own. But don’t blame audiences if they want more



Jennifer Lopez and Maluma in “Marry Me”

than this.

The production crew’s work isn’t extraordinary. The cinematography (Florian Ballhaus, “The Devil Wears Prada”), production design (Jane Musky, “Hustlers”) and editing (Michael Berenbaum) are efficient. The ornate costumes (Caroline Ducan) and dazzling choreography (Tabitha Dumo) a bit better. And the score’s songs and performances are the film’s most compelling attributes. The sweet pop song “Marry Me,” written and sung by Maluma and Lopez, finds both singers in good voice and rare form. The very catchy and previously released reggaeton hit “Pa Ti,” also written by the very sexy pair, was popular last year and sets down a nice Latinx vibe.

Speaking of sexy pairs. Why does the movie focus on Kat and Charlie and not on Kat and Bastian? The latter coupling has real chemistry. An attraction that’s lacking between Lopez and Wilson. Yes, that’s the point of the story, two disparate souls coming together. But the singer and teacher are about as comfortable as distant cousins. What if the script had tipped the storyline in the opposite direction? What if Kat was getting ready to marry Charlie who was a wealthy record

mogul (a la Mariah Carey and Tommy Mottola), when a young, poor up-an-coming singer named Bastian decided to pursue her? For Lopez and Maluma fans, that scenario would be far more appealing and romantic than what’s on view.

Director Kat Coiro neither adds nor subtracts from the tone, pacing or performances. Plot pieces fit together OK. The supporting cast does their jobs: John Bradley (“Moonfall”) as Kat’s manager, Michelle Buteau as an assistant and Khalil Middleton as her photographer. Chloe Coleman (“My Spy”) as Charlie’s daughter and Sarah Silverman as Charlie’s fellow teacher. And you can’t deny Lopez and Maluma are fun to watch. That said, it still feels like something is lacking.

Hardcore rom/com fans who hold “Love Actually” or Julia Roberts’ “My Best Friend’s Wedding” in high esteem, may say to themselves: “They don’t make romantic movies like they used to.” Other lovers of love may ignore the film’s paint-by-numbers formula and enjoy the Lopez/Maluma pairing for what it is: two Latin music stars in their glory but not in a glorious film.

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‘Didn’t We Almost Have It All? In Defense of Whitney Houston’



By **TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER**

That song. It always makes you want to dance with somebody. It gets your feet shuffling and your behind bouncing and the lyrics pour out of your mouth. And that singer who first sang it to you ...? You know what happened to her, but in “Didn’t We Almost Have It All?” by Gerrick Kennedy, you’ll get a few more pieces of the puzzle.

She died two days after he met her “in a room inside the Beverly Hilton ...”

Gerrick Kennedy fell in love with Whitney Houston in a movie theater when he was just five years old. He purchased her music as a teen, followed her career closely, he met her once, and even now, his partner knows whose music is blasting when he sees Kennedy “floating away” with “earbuds poking out of my ears.” Now, nearly 10 years since her death, Kennedy believes it’s time for a reckoning.

“We missed so much the first time around,” he says, and we need to look at Houston’s contribution to “our dialogue around celebrity, addiction ... mental illness, and Blackness in America ...

“To fully appreciate the anointing that graced Whitney’s voice, it’s essential to understand the almighty power of Cissy Houston.”

Indeed, Houston learned at her mother’s knee about God and gospel music — knowledge that came from a far-back source: Cissy’s parents put church and choir center in her life. God was a beacon to Whitney, and other musical talents — cousins Dee Dee and Dionne Warwick and “auntie” Aretha — further guided the young Houston.

Her first album rose to No. 1 on the charts; “She was on fire out the gate ...” says Kennedy. Most people remember the power of her biggest hit, that “BOOM,” he says, before Houston’s voice soars, but a combination of drugs, bad decisions and a bad relationship plagued her toward the end of her life. We watched “in horror” as she slid and “By the early aughts we were all watching, waiting ... for the worst to happen ...”

In his introduction, author Gerrick Kennedy indicates that he wanted his book about Houston to be different from all the others, more meaning, less

“Didn’t We Almost Have It All? In Defense of Whitney Houston” by Gerrick Kennedy, foreword by Brandy
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trouble.

He succeeded. To a point.

It’s difficult to extricate Houston the icon from Houston the megastar — they are mostly one in the same — and stepping back two generations or profiling other singers and music executives doesn’t help as much as Kennedy

asserts. That stuff is all fluff; interesting but covered elsewhere.

The best part of “Didn’t We Almost Have It All?” comes in the latter third of the book. It’s there that Kennedy examines the depth of Houston’s contributions and the “meaning” of her decline and death to the Black community. There’s a lot of introspection in it, as well as a shift in how we think about our celebrities.

Tackle “Didn’t We Almost Have It All?” therefore, and you can expect to see things you already know, but you can also expect to be delighted. It’s a fan’s book, for sure, and reading it might be the greatest love of all.

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mon Construction, which is Black-owned.

“This is unheard of,” Darden said. “I don’t think it’s been done in the country, not to this level.”

Darden called the process exhausting and said a lot of people thought it wouldn’t be possible to get that many minority-owned contractors on a \$16 million project. Darden worked with community development corporations, economic development groups and organizations that work with people coming out of jail and prison.

“It just went on and on and on,” she said.

Darden’s advantage is she can talk construction, having been in the business for 23 years. She worked with subcontractors to see where the best fit might be on the project and even helped them recruit workers at job fairs and on social media. Darden guessed she helped about 20 people land jobs, including some who messaged her after seeing videos she posted on Instagram.

Bill Harmon, CEO of Harmon Construction, said it’s challenging to find as many minority-owned contractors as they needed and credited Darden for her work. Harmon said he can remember one other project that had this level of participation from minority-owned contractors, about 30 years with Eli Lilly.

“We don’t get opportunities like this every day,” Harmon said. “This is big.”

The 40,000-square-foot facility will manufacture medical devices such as drainage catheters and needles for Cook and is expected to create 100 jobs initially. Workers will be employed by Goodwill, and the goal is to hire from the community around where the facility will be at 38th Street and Sheridan Avenue. The Indianapolis Foundation and Alliance for North-east Unification are also part of the project.

Juanita Easterling, who will be the plant manager at the facility, grew up in Detroit but was born in Indianapolis and lived in the neighborhood as a child.

“The project for me is so fulfilling,” she said.

Along with the manufacturing facility, Cook Medical added a grocery store to address food access issues. The store, Indy Fresh Market, will be in front of the new facility. Two men from the Arlington Woods neighborhood will own the store.

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Wolfork, an Indianapolis resident, also joined the conversation to share her personal experience with teen domestic violence.

Nearly 1 in 11 female and 1 in 14 male high school students experienced physical dating violence in the last year, according to a 2015 report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). That comes out to more than a million teenagers.

When the pandemic forced schools to close in 2020, children spent more time

at home. That’s when calls to national and local domestic abuse hotlines skyrocketed, Stawick said.

With the growing use of technology and social media among teens, Stawick said she’s concerned about an emerging kind of abuse that’s becoming more common: digital abuse, which can include controlling passwords, demanding to see text messages, the exploitation of sexual images and location tracking.

“It’s when the other partner is demanding [passwords], like, ‘I have to control who you’re talking to,’” Stawick said.

“That’s when it starts to go down a really rough path.”

Her advice for parents: Watch for signs of withdrawal.

“I hear all the time about partners trying to isolate them from their friends and family,” Stawick said.

Other common signs include: unusual moodiness, nervousness or anxiety.

More than 25% of women and 14% of men first experience intimate partner violence before the age of 18, according to the CDC. For Wolfork, her brush with teen dating violence was from her high school boyfriend.

“It just went from ‘this is so sweet,’ to a slow escalation over time,” Wolfork said.

“It was extremely taxing for me.”

Now, Wolfork, an educator, uses recess activities to educate children on healthy relationships. She said skills like accepting disappointment are valuable as they develop relationships — romantic or otherwise.

Smith emphasized boys can also be victims of intimate partner violence.

“I believe parents are dismissive ... by not understanding that boys can be in an abusive relationship,” Smith said. “Boys can be extra ashamed to come forward.”

The panelists’ advice for teens who may be experiencing intimate partner violence is to reach out to a trusted adult, like a teacher or parent. Also, often the victim’s friends, in addition to family and teachers, can see when something is wrong. So, Smith and Stawick encourage them to speak up.

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PURDUE

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Selke holding Purdue student Adonis Tuggle on the ground. The incident happened Feb. 4.

Selke keeps his forearm across Tuggle’s face and neck, and Tuggle repeatedly says he’s being choked. The video ends when another officer arrives.

Selke is on leave as the police department says it investigates death threats against him.

According to the police department, Selke responded to an “urgent call” from someone who said it appeared a woman was being held against her will. The department said it will make body camera footage and other evidence available after its internal investigation. The Recorder and other media outlets have requested the footage under the state’s Access to Public Records Act.

In a statement Feb. 10, Purdue President Mitch Daniels said the university’s investigation will be “swift and thorough,” and he called for Indiana State Police to investigate the incident following the department’s investigation.

“Should there be a finding of misconduct by the officer, appropriate action will be taken promptly,” Daniels said.

Tuggle is a student in the College of Health and Human Sciences, according to the university directory. He has not responded to an interview request.

Tuggle told the student newspaper, the Purdue Exponent, police were called on him and his girlfriend at about 8 p.m. Feb. 4 during an argument. They were driving home when they pulled over and got out of the car and continued arguing, according to the paper.

Tuggle told the Exponent he had scraped knees and his face was red and puffy after the incident with Selke.





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w/
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w/
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Honoring Black Achievement, and Doubling Down on the Work to be Done, During Black History Month and Beyond

February is Black History Month – an annual commemoration of the achievements of Black Americans and their remarkable impact on history. It’s a time to celebrate the cultural heritage shaped by generations of Black Americans, who for many decades have fought for equity – a fight that continues today.

Though advancements have been made, there is still so much work to be done in our communities in the pursuit of racial equity. For more on how JPMorgan Chase is honoring Black History Month, and how you can too, we sat down with Carletta Clark, local community manager from the Chase branch on Lafayette Road to discuss some impactful ways to celebrate and support the Black community, not just this month – but all year long.

Indianapolis Recorder:

What type of investments is Chase making to bolster the financial health of its Black customers and communities?

Carletta Clark: Let’s first talk about Black History Month. We’re committed to driving real and sustainable change for the Black community here at Chase and around the world. We’re using this time to both reflect on the past, as well as our commitment to build a more equitable future for all people.

From the way we do business to the policies we advocate for, our commitments are part of a continued effort to bring an enhanced equity lens to JPMorgan Chase’s businesses and how we serve all customers, clients, communities and employees.

And so, our work to support the Black community goes beyond banking. By providing growth opportunities for diverse-owned small businesses, increasing homeownership rates, providing better access to affordable housing and more, Chase is committed to helping close the racial wealth gap and driving economic inclusion. We’re also giving underbanked communities better access to the necessary resources to improve financial health.

But the work doesn’t stop there. Every day we collaborate with community partners, policymakers, customers and employees to continue improving the financial health of underrepresented communities.

Indianapolis Recorder: How is Chase helping to accelerate Black-owned businesses?

Carletta Clark: In 2020, Chase announced its \$30 billion racial equity commitment, a five-year plan that includes assisting entrepreneurs in historically underserved areas to access coaching, technical assistance and capital. Chase has also provided 15,000 loans to small businesses in diverse communities.

Additionally, Chase offers a suite of helpful tools for Black and diverse-owned businesses. For example, we offer one-on-one counseling with a business banking professional, access to the Chase for Business Resource Center and membership to the JPMorgan Chase Supplier Diversity Network (SDN).

Indianapolis Recorder: What are some ways people can support the economic growth of the Black community?



Carletta Clark: Black History Month is a great reminder that, while some advancement has been made, there is room for improvement.

In February 2019, JPMorgan Chase launched Advancing Black Pathways (ABP) to strengthen the economic foundation of the Black community. ABP focuses on four key areas where there are racial and economic disparities that can create barriers to long term financial success: careers and skills, business development, financial health and wealth creation, and community development.

These four key areas acknowledge the power and importance that entrepreneurship plays in the Black community. Unfortunately, the racial wealth gap widened during the COVID-19 pandemic, with only 5% of Black Americans holding business equity — a key driver of

wealth — compared to 15% of white Americans.

There are many impactful ways to support economic growth of Black Americans on local and national levels, during Black History Month and all year long. Consider these opportunities:

- Purchase a product from, or solicit the services of, a Black-owned business.
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- Follow a Black business on social media and engage with their posts to help build their online presence.

We know that owning a business represents the best path to the middle class. So, if we are to make meaningful progress in closing the racial wealth divide, entrepreneurship must be a key part of the equation. We can never lose sight of that dream.

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To learn more about how Chase can guide your business to the right resources, please visit the following sites: Chase’s new program to empower diverse small businesses: <https://www.chase.com/businessconsultant> and Advancing Black Pathways: <https://www.jpmorganchase.com/impact/people/advancing-black-pathways>.

INDIANAPOLIS AFRICAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE
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Background
In 2020, Lilly Endowment invested \$100 Million to support the quality of life for African Americans in Indianapolis/Marion County. The Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative (IAAQLI) is a place-based community change project established through a partnership between the National Urban League, the Indianapolis Urban League, and the African American Coalition of Indianapolis. IAAQLI implemented a Comprehensive Opportunities Assessment (COA) and an Issue Prioritization Process (IPP) to engage stakeholders in discussions to help us identify current issues impacting the quality of life of African Americans in Indianapolis/Marion County and potential solutions to resolve the issues. Using findings from the COA and IPP studies, IAAQLI created Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in nine strategy areas to address critical quality of life concerns of African Americans in Indianapolis/ Marion County. IAAQLI is committed to working in five areas: 1) Business Development and Entrepreneurship, 2) Education, 3) Employment, 4) Health and Wellness, and 5) Housing and Home Ownership.

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WORK TO DATE

I. Beginning in August 2021, IAAQLI reviewed a list of 5-6 recommended priorities in each issue area to determine which **strategies** might be used to address community concerns. We also determined which strategies needed to be released first and which ones needed more time for relationships, organizational capacity, potential creative ventures, additional resources, and/or interest to develop.

II. IAAQLI decided to develop RFPs in **all five issue areas** simultaneously rather than staggering them. We then identified 3-to 4 people teams for each issue area to prepare the request for proposals for the first round of grant funding for nine strategies across the five issue areas. It is important to note that strategies from other listed priorities will be addressed in future funding rounds. Potential grantees of IAAQLI must be registered not for profit (501c3) organizations and have liability insurance coverage.

For grantees, we recommended to the National Urban League, grant amount ranges consistent with costs associated with market conditions for project implementation and the timeline to complete them. All first-round grant awards may have up to a maximum of three years to complete funded projects. Please feel free to review the website, which includes several resources, research, and reports related to IAAQLI. The website will continue to be the landing site for important announcements, including future RFPs. The RFPs will be on the IAAQLI website by March 2022.

NEXT STEPS

II. **Timeline:** In March 2022, the first round of RFPs will be announced with the process of review occurring in April 2022. IAAQLI will recommend successful grant applications to the National Urban League by early May 2022. Announcements of grant recipients will occur in June 2022.

III. The specific strategies selected from each issue area for Round 1 Funding are indicated below:

- 1) Funding Equity and Capacity Development for Black Business Development Organizations
- 2) Improving Educational Outcomes for Black Youth
- 3) Technical Skill Development and Employability
- 4) Food Justice and Quality Options
- 5) Racial Equity in Housing Development
- 6) Homeowner Repair and Economic Mobility

IV. IAAQLI will publish the 2nd round of funding in the Fall of 2022

V. Future rounds of funding will be as follows:

- a. Two (2) rounds in 2023
- b. One (1) round in 2024

IAAQLI looks forward to partnering with organizations, foundations, and corporations to collaboratively advance the quality of life for African Americans in Indianapolis/Marion County.

Regards,

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For high court nominees ‘When’s your birthday?’



By **JESSICA GRESKO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Help wanted: Well-respected liberal jurist. Black. Female. Seniors need not apply.

President Joe Biden’s search for a nominee to the Supreme Court isn’t just limited by credentials, race and gender. The reality for the nation’s oldest president — and for any president — is that for a lifetime appointment on the nation’s highest court, youth is particularly prized.

It’s simple math. The younger Biden’s nominee, the longer she is likely to serve as a justice. The longer she serves as a justice, the longer liberals can expect to hold a seat on the court now dominated 6-3 by conservatives.

While a nominee’s experience and academic and work credentials may be most important in the selection, how long the person can serve is clearly significant for the 79-year-old Biden in what may well be his only chance to nominate a justice.

“Younger is considered better, but not so young that you don’t have a track record,” said C. Boyden Gray, White House counsel to former President George H.W. Bush. And the age issue extends to nominating federal judges at all levels, he said.

Age may be most significant at the Supreme Court. It is often said that a president’s picks are among his most lasting legacies, with recent justices serving 25 years or more. Retiring Justice Stephen Breyer, nominated by President Bill Clinton at 55, is retiring at 83.

Balancing age and experience, recent presidents have picked nominees in their late 40s and 50s, with 60 generally seen as the very upper end of the range. All three of Biden’s most talked-about potential nominees are in that age window, but there’s also a decade between the youngest and oldest.

California Supreme Court Justice Leandra Kruger is 45, while South Carolina federal Judge J. Michelle Childs is 55. In between is Washington, D.C., federal appeals court Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, 51.

On Feb. 15 the court transparency group Fix the Court tweeted that Republicans are pushing Childs for the seat “in part because she’s the oldest of the potential nominees & more likely to die sooner.” The group then voiced support for 18-year term limits, which would make age less a factor.

Breyer’s fellow Clinton nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg was nominated at 60 and served until her death in 2020 at 87.

“Some people thought I was too old for the job,” Ginsburg said in 2019 at an event with Clinton. Noting that she was telling her 27th year on the court, she told the former president: “If you worried about my age, it was unnecessary.”

“I did worry about it,” the Democrat acknowledged, describing age as a “serious issue.”

The concern about a nominee’s potential longevity cuts across party lines. In 1991, when Justice Thurgood Marshall announced his retirement at 82, then-President George H.W. Bush said he would look for a nominee who “believes in the Constitution of the United States” and also “somebody who will be able to serve for a while.”

He chose Clarence Thomas, then 43. No nominee since has been younger. Last year, Thomas marked 30 years on the bench. The Supreme Court’s youngest-ever nominee was 32-year-old Joseph Story, who joined the court in 1812 and served for more than 30 years.

Former President Donald Trump also picked young nominees. Neil Gorsuch was the youngest in a quarter century when he was nominated at 49. He was followed by Brett Kavanaugh, then 53, and Amy Coney Barrett, then 48. The remaining members of the court — Chief Justice John Roberts, Justice Elena Kagan, Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Samuel Alito — were nominated at 50, 50, 54 and 55 respectively.

Knowing he was facing an uphill confirmation fight in 2016 to replace conservative Justice Antonin Scalia who died unexpectedly, President Barack Obama picked a moderate who was also older. Merrick Garland was 63. Still, Republicans controlling the Senate refused to hold a hearing for Garland, now Biden’s attorney general.

For Biden, age may be of particular significance. While Trump appointed three justices, Biden is unlikely to be able to leave the same stamp on the court, even if he runs for and wins a second term. After Breyer, the court’s two oldest members — Thomas, 73, and Alito, 71 — are conservatives unlikely to retire during a Democratic administration. The court’s remaining liberals, Sotomayor and Kagan, are 67 and 61 and could still serve at least a decade longer or more.

As Biden decides whom to nominate, he’ll be weighing multiple factors: candidates’ records, Ivy League versus state school educations, prosecutor versus defense attorney backgrounds.

“I think younger ages are definitely a factor, and rightly, but not the only factor,” said Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat on the Judiciary Committee and one of the senators who have met with Biden about the nomination.

Biden himself has acknowledged the role that age can play. In a 2010 interview as vice president, defending Obama’s choice of Kagan, he brushed off criticism that the president had chosen another Harvard graduate and pointed out that she was then the administration’s top Supreme Court lawyer.

He described her as “ready, willing, able” and, adding another key quality: “the right age.”

Associated Press writers Mark Sherman and Mary Clare Jalonick contributed to this report.

DAUGHTER OF MALCOLM X TO SPEAK AT MONSTER MEETING

Ilyasah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, will be the featured speaker at the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis Monster Meeting lecture at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the OrthoIndy Foundation YMCA, 5315 Lafayette Road.

Shabazz is an author, organizer and speaker. Her memoir, “Growing Up X,” tells the story of growing up as a child of Malcolm X, who was assassinated when Shabazz was 2 years old.

Tickets for the meeting are free.

Register to attend in person or virtually at monstermeeting.org.

Monster Meetings, a recurring series that served as a meeting ground for African Americans for more than half a century, received a reboot in October 2021.

The meetings started in 1904 as evangelical events and eventually became a platform for a broader public forum at the Senate Avenue YMCA, which opened in 1913 as the only Y for African Americans in Indianapolis.

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Join us for a night of networking and refreshments on **Wednesday, March 16 from 5:30 - 7:30pm at Tinker House Events (1101 E. 16th Street)**. Appetizers and beverages provided by Sun King Brewery will be served and Mayor Joe Hogsett will be in attendance as a guest speaker.

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EDITORIAL

A master class in the brilliance of James Baldwin

By OSEYE BOYD



I found myself in a James Baldwin rabbit hole the other day. I'm not sure what caused me to watch a video of Baldwin, but I went there and couldn't stop. His words are so relevant today. I was introduced to Baldwin's work in college. I bought my son a biography of Baldwin when he was young and made it required Black History Month reading for him and my daughter when she came of age. I wanted to introduce them to Baldwin's genius much earlier than I was. Genius. That's the only way I can describe Baldwin. His critiques of America were bold, honest and eloquent. Baldwin was fearless. He didn't mince words or try to cater to the feelings of white America. He gave it straight no chaser. As he spoke during a debate with William F. Buckley on the question "Is the American Dream at the Expense of the American Negro?" at the University of Cambridge, the audience stared intently, clearly riveted by his speech. As was I. One of the things I love about this speech is he didn't argue Black people should be treated with humanity because we are perfect. He argued we should be treated as humans because we are human. We get into this habit of trying to prove how worthy we are of acceptance from white America. We play this game of respectability politics that we will never win.

Baldwin knew this and didn't seek approval from white America. Baldwin indicted the American South, calling it out for its riches that could never have been achieved without the free labor of slaves. "The harbors and the ports and the railroads of the country, the economy, especially of the Southern states, could not conceivably be what it has become if they had not had and do not still have indeed and for so long, so many generations, cheap labor. I am stating very seriously, and this is not an over statement that I picked the cotton and I carried it to market. And I built the railroads. Under someone else's whip for nothing. For nothing. "The Southern oligarchy, which has until today, so much power in Washington, and therefore, some power in the world was created by my labor and my sweat and the violation of my women and the murder of my children. This in the land of the free and the home of the brave. And no one can challenge that statement. It is a matter of historical record." At the end of Baldwin's speech, the audience stood and applauded. Baldwin looked surprised. Buckley's arrogance was palpable as he used a lot of big words to demonstrate his "superior scholarly mind." It didn't work. He came off pretentious. The year was 1965, and Baldwin's words still ring true today. I jumped a little over a decade and watched an interview on ABC from 1979. Again, I was struck by Baldwin's honesty, fearlessness and relevancy. "I was 7 years old 47 years ago and nothing has

changed since then," Baldwin said to the interviewer while surrounded by family at his mother's apartment. By the way, Baldwin bought the whole apartment building so his family could live there. "I don't mean it to you personally, I don't even know you. I've got nothing against you," Baldwin continued. "I don't know you personally. I know you historically. You can't have it both ways. You can't swear to the freedom of all mankind and put me in chains." The interviewer said to Baldwin: "It sounds as if you believe that slavery put a curse on us somehow." Baldwin replied matter of factly, "Well, it is a curse. You know, the American sense of reality is dictated by what Americans are trying to avoid. If you're trying to avoid reality, how can you face it?" Baldwin was preaching! It makes sense, though, since he was a preacher as a teenager. I traveled back to 1969 when Baldwin appeared on The Dick Cavette Show. Yale professor and philosopher Paul Weiss came on the show after Baldwin, with the explicit purpose of refuting Baldwin's comments. Weiss told Baldwin every man must take responsibility for himself (Black people included). Baldwin agreed. Indeed, he never argued otherwise. This tired argument is still heard today from white and Black scholars and common folk. Weiss ignored history, Baldwin pointed out. As much as I enjoyed listening to Baldwin, I emerged exhausted from the rabbit hole, wondering when will these conversations be irrelevant.

Dealing with entitled children

By LARRY SMITH



As is the case with most Black children, I grew up poor. Well, "working class" is a more specific description. My parents were divorced when I was very young, and I spent roughly half my childhood in a so-called broken home. At times we were on food stamps — when they were actual stamps. (Feel free to insert your favorite joke about government cheese.) My two younger brothers and I didn't have many extras. We lived in houses that sometimes had uninvited furry guests. I tell my two teens that I had several choices for spring break destinations — the front yard and the backyard. (I like to think of that remark as channeling Chris Rock's old joke about growing up poor: "Allowances? We were 'allowed' to go outside!") I was blessed to have done well in school academically, which led to my becoming a first-generation college student at a renowned institution. In turn, that led to a successful private

sector career and a graduate degree from another renowned institution. By age 32, I was director of corporate strategy for a Fortune 150 company. However, after literal soul searching, I accepted the call to ministry. Shortly thereafter I decided to forego my business career in favor of one in the nonprofit and academic sectors. While I do not earn nearly as much as I would be making in corporate America, I have done fairly well financially. Thus, my now former wife and I decided to send our two younger children to private school from pre-K through eighth grade. (They're now in a public high school and both have grade point averages that are substantially higher than 4.0.) I was a teenager parent. (Apparently, I felt that I wasn't facing enough barriers in life.) My older daughter — who is married and has children of her own — is old enough to remember the leaner financial years. Still, I would argue that she did not want for much materially when she was a child. She reserves the right to disagree (and probably does). Importantly, she insists that I'm "not the same person" I was when she was a child — meaning that I haven't disci-

plined her siblings in the way that I did her. All this leads me to the fact that my two younger children are, in a word, entitled. Their mother and I bear a great deal of responsibility for this reality. We have more than provided for them; we have catered to them. We have indulged them. For example, they have traveled internationally since they were in diapers. In short, we have (inadvertently) spoiled them. Of course, we have always shared with them the financial struggles that we endured as children. Such disclosures are met with shrugs and other displays of indifference. (Their reaction to the news that I'm taking them out of the country for spring break this year caused me to want to cancel those plans.) I have grown increasingly frustrated. Virtually all parents want to do nice things for their children. This impulse transcends race, class, geography and just about any other demographic factor. However, for African Americans, especially those of us who grew up poor, there is a deep sense of urgency to ensure that our children have the gadgets, the clothes, the vacations and

other prizes to which we were not privy. Frankly, we feel that it somehow compensates for the disadvantages of being Black in America. To be clear, I don't think that my children are exactly ungrateful; I think that they simply don't understand that their circumstances aren't normal — especially for Black children. For example, when I point out the sacrifices that their mother and I made to send them to private school (including foregoing financial aid), their response is, "We didn't ask you to send us (there)." They appreciate that experience, but it feels as though they're blaming us for wanting them to have advantages that we lacked. Do I regret blessing my children in the way that I have? Not exactly. Still, I wonder how I/we might have gone about things differently. I hope that I can devise a way to communicate more effectively why they should be more appreciative. Otherwise, I'll need to start a support group. Larry Smith is a community leader. Contact him at larry@leaf-llc.com.

Is reparations possible? Yes!

By NICHELLE HAYES



National Reparations Awareness Day is Feb. 25 and will be commemorated locally at the Center for Black Literature & Culture (virtually) in partnership with the local N'COBRA chapter. This annual observance started several years ago by the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA) to bring additional focus to the cause of reparations beyond the annual N'COBRA conference. Reparations are a program of acknowledgement, redress and closure for a grievous injustice, as defined in "From Here to Equality, Reparations for Black Americans in the 21st Century," by William A. Darity Jr. and A. Kirsten Mullen. Dr. Allen J. Davis created a historical survey of reparations payments by the United States from 1783 through 2022. The first payment spotlighted

in this particular survey occurred in 1783 and was given to Belinda Sutton who was born in Ghana and enslaved as a child by Isaac Royall of Massachusetts. She achieved her freedom by fleeing to Canada. Later Sutton petitioned and was awarded a pension. The payment came from the estate of Isaac Royall. On Jan. 12, 1865, Gen. Sherman met with Black leaders in Savannah, Georgia. Sherman issued a few days later what became known as the "Special Field Order No. 15," which stated that Black people (formerly enslaved) would receive an army mule and not more than 40 acres on coastal plains of South Carolina and Georgia. By June of that same year approximately 40,000 Blacks settled land previously owned by Confederate landowners. This is an incident that many people are familiar with and where the term 40 acres and a mule comes from. Soon after the Confederate (former) landowners in league with the federal government began taking land from the newly free Blacks. Between 1866-1988, there were many incidents of reparations that were given to many individuals and groups. In 1988 the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was signed into law by then-President Ronald Reagan. The bill totaled \$1.2 billion (\$20,000 a person) and an apology to 60,000 living Japanese-Americans who had been interned during World War II. In 1989, Congressman John Conyers (D-Michigan), introduced bill HR 3745, which aimed to create the Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act. The bill was introduced "[to] address the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865 and to establish a commission to study and consider a national apology and proposal for reparations for the institution of slavery, its subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African-Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African-Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes." This bill only asked to study the issue of reparations. Congress studies many things:

air, water, dirt, animals, etc. This particular topic has never been deemed worthy of study. Rep. Conyers, now deceased, brought forth this bill each year that he remained in office. It later became known as the HR 40 (for 40 acres and a mule.) Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) took up the baton when Conyers left office. Rep. Lee's most recent bill asked for not just a study of reparations but for a plan to repair the damage done. According to congress.gov., the bill introduced in the House on Jan. 4, 2021, was the "Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act." "This bill establishes the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans. The commission shall examine slavery and discrimination in the colonies and the United States from 1619 to the present and recommend appropriate remedies. The commission shall identify (1) the role of the federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery, (2) forms of discrimination in the public and private sectors against freed slaves and their descendants, and (3) lingering negative effects of slavery on living African Americans and society." In 2014 Ta-Nehasi Coates wrote an essay for the Atlantic about the necessity of reparations for Black Americans. "Two hundred fifty years of slavery. Ninety years of Jim Crow. Sixty years of separate but equal. Thirty-five years of racist housing policy. Until we reckon with our compounding moral debts, America will never be whole." Five years later Coates testified before Congress regarding the importance of reparations for the nation as a whole, not just Black people. To read the rest of this column, visit indianapolisrecorder.com.

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FBI witness: Defendants in Arbery killing used racial slurs

By RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) — Two of the three white men convicted of murdering Ahmaud Arbery repeatedly used racial slurs in text messages and social media posts, an FBI witness testified Feb. 16 in their federal hate crimes trial.

FBI intelligence analyst Amy Vaughan led the jury through dozens of conversations that Travis McMichael and William “Roddie” Bryan had with others, identified only by their initials, in the months and years before the 25-year-old Black man’s killing. The FBI wasn’t able to access Greg McMichael’s phone because it was encrypted, Vaughan said.

In text and Facebook conversations with friends, Travis McMichael frequently used the N-word to describe Black people. In a Facebook conversation with a friend, he also shared a video of a young Black boy dancing on a TV show with a racist song that included the N-word playing over it. He also said that Black people “ruin everything” and repeatedly said he was glad he wasn’t a Black person, using a racial slur.

In other social media posts, Travis McMichael advocated violence against Black people. In December 2018, he commented on a Facebook video of a Black man playing a prank on a white person: “I’d kill that f---ing n---r.”

And in June 2017, he shared a TV news story about a violent confrontation between two white women and two Black customers upset over cold food at a Georgia restaurant, using a racial slur to comment that he would beat the Black people “to death if they did that to (name redacted by the FBI) or my mother and sister.” He added that he would have no more remorse than putting down a rabid animal.

Bryan also used the N-word, but his preferred slur was one that refers to a derogatory characterization of a Black person's lips, Vaughan said. Over a number of years, Bryan exchanged racist messages on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In messages sent in the days surrounding Arbery's killing, Bryan was clearly upset that his daughter was dating a Black man.

Greg McMichael posted a meme on Facebook in 2016 saying white Irish slaves were treated worse than any race in the U.S. but that the Irish aren't asking for handouts.

"I ain't really shocked," Arbery's father, Marcus Arbery, told reporters outside the courthouse. Still, he said he didn't realize "all that hate was in those three men."

Defense attorneys had few questions for the FBI analysis and didn't dispute the racist posts. They said in their opening statements to the jury Feb. 14 that racist comments by their clients were offensive and indefensible but don't prove that they committed hate crimes.

Travis McMichael's attorney, Amy Lee Copeland, said some of his texts and posts lacked context, and "you can't hear that inflection of voice and see what's going on."

The McMichaels armed themselves and used a pickup truck to chase Arbery as he ran through their coastal Georgia neighborhood on Feb. 23, 2020. A neighbor, Bryan, joined the pursuit in his own truck and recorded cellphone video of Travis McMichael blasting Arbery with a shotgun.

No arrests were made until the video leaked online two months later.

Defense attorneys have insisted the deadly pursuit of Arbery was motivated by an earnest, though erro-

neous, suspicion that Arbery had committed crimes.

Both McMichaels and Bryan were convicted of murder last fall in a Georgia state court and sentenced to life in prison. Racist comments by the men weren't presented as evidence in the murder trial, in which prosecutors downplayed issues of race and focused on proving the three had no justification for pursuing and killing Arbery.

All three pleaded not guilty to federal hate crime charges accusing them of violating Arbery's civil rights and targeting him because he was Black. A jury of eight white members, three Black people and one Hispanic person was sworn in Feb. 14.

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Mental health hovers over Olympics, on its way to mainstream

By SARAH DILORENZO
Associated Press

ZHANGJIAKOU, China (AP) — At the Tokyo Olympics, mental health was the breakout star. Amplified by some of the world’s top athletes, it shook up those Games and made everyone take notice.

Six months later, in Beijing, the conversation has evolved: The subject pops up regularly, but no one is shocked when it does.

Many athletes have spoken about their struggles, but often in a no-biggie, nothing-to-see-here way. A difficulty is mentioned, then the conversation moves on. After star gymnast Simone Biles pulled out of competition in Tokyo because she wasn’t in the right headspace, retired Olympic swimming phenom Michael Phelps memorably said that “It’s OK to not be OK.”

And now, thanks in part to people like Biles, it seems it’s OK to talk about it, too.

“I think the biggest lesson I’ve learned after the last Olympics is being as open as possible,” snowboarding sensation Chloe Kim told reporters after she took the gold medal in the halfpipe competition.

It was Kim’s second gold at an Olympics. She initially threw that first one, earned in Pyeongchang four years ago, in the trash — a story that epitomizes the dissonance between the cheery face many champions show the world and the torments they face behind the scenes.

“After my last Olympics, I put that pressure on myself to be perfect at all times, and that would cause a lot of issues at home. I

would be really sad and depressed all the time when I was home,” Kim told reporters after easily securing the top spot on the podium — but also failing to land a new trick she is working on.

“I’m happy to talk about whatever I’ve been experiencing,” she said. “Honestly, it’s really healthy for me.”

It wasn’t just Kim who was talking about it. After snowboarder Jamie Anderson, who came to Beijing as the two-time defending slopestyle champion, finished ninth, she posted on Instagram that her “mental health and clarity just hasn’t been on par.”

Skier Mikaela Shiffrin was particularly honest after she failed to finish either of her first two races in events that are specialties of hers. She said that she had been feeling pressure, something every elite athlete feels and is distinct from the more complicated mental health challenges many have been talking about.

But Shiffrin also plumbed greater depths, acknowledging that she was angry with her dad, who died in 2020, for not being there to support her.

As several elite athletes stumbled in Beijing, they were often quick to remind the world that they’re human, too. Shiffrin even has a paid post on Instagram, in which the tagline is: “Yeah, I am human.” A far cry from the usual vaunting of athletes as something much more than that.

This is what many hoped for after Tokyo — that as more athletes acknowledged what they face behind the scenes, the stigma around talking about mental health would recede and the issue

would merely become one more challenge in the mix.

“I think that it really has become normalized with so many athletes talking about their mental health, and there has been such a push for parity with mental health and physical health,” said Jess Bartley, director of mental health services for Team USA.

Bartley works with athletes to prepare how they’ll respond to questions about their mental health just as she works with them on preparing their performance. Some feel comfortable revealing those struggles; others don’t.

Louie Vito, a snowboarder who competed for Italy in Beijing, puts himself in the latter camp.

“I think some people would rather deal with their mental battles in their inner circle,” he said. “To me, it’s not a right or a wrong on how you deal with it as long as you’re aware and it doesn’t become detrimental to you. I don’t think you have to talk about in public.”

Yet so many do keep talking — encouraged by a generation of younger athletes determined not only to be heard but to ensure that this subject is no longer something to be dramatically revealed, but simply addressed like anything else important.

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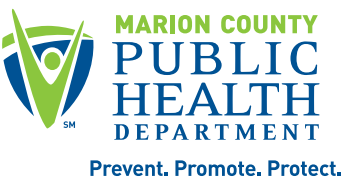
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Acidic Drinks Can Harm Children’s Teeth

In recognition of National Children’s Dental Health Month in February, the Marion County Public Health Department wants to educate teaching children and parents about the harmful effects of acidic drinks on teeth.

“Many drinks aren’t as healthy as you may think,” said Tonya Stewart, D.D.S., director of Dental Services at the Marion County Public Health Department. “Sports drinks and juices contain as much or more enamel-eroding acid as soda.”

Dr. Stewart wants parents to realize that the healthiest drinks their children can consume are water and milk.

When the acid in many popular drinks comes in contact with teeth, it softens the enamel and causes dental erosion.

The increased use of these drinks is causing a rise in the dental problems that 50 years of public health initiatives—such as fluoridated water and dental sealants—were previously guarding against.

Many drinks that are high in acid also contain a lot of sugar. Sugar feeds the bacteria that causes tooth decay and overwhelms the positive effects of fluoride.

There are some things you can do to minimize the effects of sugar and acid when consuming soda and sports drinks:

Drink the beverage in one sitting quickly. Slowly sipping on a soda causes a steady stream of enamel eroding acid. It is much better for one’s teeth to drink a soda quick rather than slow.

Use a straw. This will minimize the drink’s contact with teeth and gums.

Drink water after finishing a soda or sports drink. Doing this rinses the mouth removing some of the acidity and sugars.

Dehydration also plays a role in acid erosion. After working up a sweat, it is always better to reach for water before a sports drink. Acid in sports drinks causes more damage in a dry mouth than a hydrated one.

“Sports drinks have their benefits, but they are harming your teeth,” said Dr. Stewart.

Outreach through dental clinics, the Smile Mobile program, and other education efforts allows the Marion County Public Health Department to help kids develop good dental habits as early as possible.

Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children to get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

For more information, contact the health department’s Dental Services program at 317-221-2329.

ABCs of Diabetes Classes in March

The ABCs of Diabetes is a free, four-part diabetes self-management series offered monthly by the Marion County Public Health Department.

Classes provide instruction on medications, nutrition, exercise, monitoring, complications, and available community resources. This program is open to anyone with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Family members and friends are also welcome.

Classes in March will be offered online on Thursday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 1:30-3 p.m., and in-person at the Martindale-Brightwood Branch Library, 2434 N. Sherman Drive, on Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

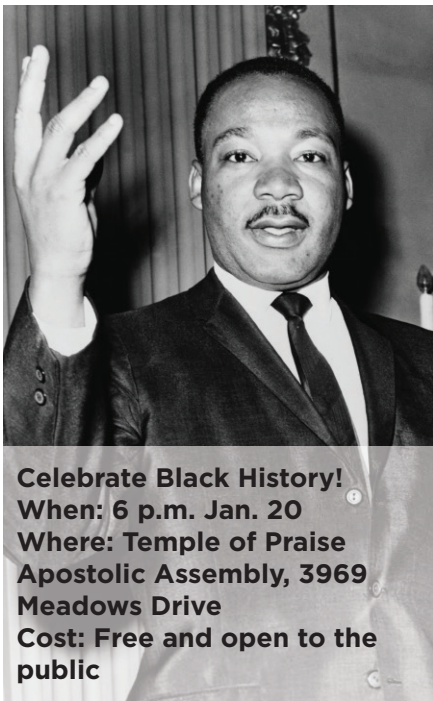
Advance registration is required, and participants should plan on attending all four classes for that month.

To register or for more information about upcoming classes, please visit MarionHealth.org/diabetes or call 317-221-2094

The Marion County Public Health Department has earned accreditation for ABCs of Diabetes through the American Association for Diabetes Educators’ (AACE) Diabetes Education Accreditation Program.

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Postponed Dr. King service to happen in February

By STAFF

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, led by Dr. Lionel T. Rush, will hold the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Black History service at 6 p.m. Jan. 20 at Temple of Praise Apostolic Assembly. The decades-old service was postponed in January due to weather. The service is open to the public.

Rev. Dr. Jamal Bryant, senior pastor of New Birth Baptist Church in Atlanta, will be the keynote speaker. An awards ceremony will follow the service, honoring local leaders and activists. Bryant is a longtime civil rights activist and community organizer. Recently, Bryant was one of many faith leaders who stood in solidarity with the family of

Ahmaud Arbery, who was murdered in Georgia. In November 2021, three men were found guilty, two of whom were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Four awards will be given following the ceremony: the Fannie Lou Hamer Award, Celebrating the Black Family Award, the Amos Brown Speaking Truth to Power Award and the Freedom Award. The recipients — whose names won't be announced until the award ceremony — were selected for their dedication to their communities and resilience in the face of obstacles, Rush said.

The Freedom Award, Rush said, will be given to someone who embodies the unfulfilled promise of America.

"The Freedom Award represents the insistence that America lives up to those words: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal,'" Rush said. "That's the promise that America offers up, but it never quite lived up to."

Tom Brown, son of the late Rev. Andrew J. Brown, will deliver the statement of purpose during the service. Rev. Brown pastored St. John's Missionary Baptist Church for many years and was one of the founders of Indiana Black Expo. Rush said the elder Brown was an integral part of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. annual service, and his son's address will "link past history with what we are doing today."

Many faith leaders wary of religious exemptions for vaccine

By DAVID CRARY and PETER SMITH
Associated Press

By the thousands, Americans have been seeking religious exemptions in order to circumvent COVID-19 vaccine mandates, but generally they are doing so without the encouragement of major denominations and prominent religious leaders.

From the Vatican, Pope Francis has defended the vaccines as "the most reasonable solution to the pandemic." The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America declared categorically that its followers would not be offered religious exemptions. Robert Jeffress, the conservative pastor of a Baptist megachurch in Dallas, voiced similar sentiments.

"Since there is no credible biblical argument against vaccines, we have refused to offer exemptions to the handful of people who have requested them," Jeffress told The Associated Press via email. "People may have strong medical or political objections to government-mandated vaccines, but just because those objections are strongly felt does not elevate them to a religious belief that should be accommodated."



Rabbi Sholom Lipskar of The Shul of Bal Harbour, an Orthodox synagogue in Surfside, Florida, says he tells congregation members that vaccination should be a matter of free choice.

"But I always recommend that they get a medical opinion from a competent professional," he added. "In a serious matter, they should get two concurring medical opinions."

Within the U.S. Catholic Church, there are divisions — even though Pope Francis has been clear in his support for vaccinations. While some bishops have forbidden their priests from assisting in seeking exemptions, other bishops and priests have provided template letters for people claiming conscientious objections from the vaccines on

Catholic grounds.

"We have had many requests and have helped quite a number process their letter/request," the Rev. Bob Stec of St. Ambrose Catholic Parish in Brunswick, Ohio, said via email.

"Vaccination is not a universal obligation and a person must obey the judgment of his or her own informed and certain God-given conscience," says one of the letters provided by Stec. "If a Catholic comes to an informed and sure judgment in conscience that he or she should not receive a vaccine, then the Catholic Church acknowledges that the person ... has the right to refuse the vaccine."

It's different in New Jersey's Archdiocese of Newark, which has advised its

priests not to support religious exemptions for their parishioners.

"I have been asked about six times and have declined," said the Rev. Alexander Santora, pastor of Our Lady of Grace & St. Joseph Parish in Hoboken.

Candice Buchbinder, a spokesperson for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said the denomination is currently studying the question of religious exemptions. She noted that previous ELCA documents opposed broad religious exemptions and viewed medicine as "a gift of God for the good of the community."

Even before the pandemic, the Episcopal Church's Executive Council made clear its stance — adopting a resolution in June 2019 calling for stronger government vaccination mandates.

"The Executive Council recognizes no claim of theological or religious exemption from vaccination for our members," the resolution said.

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Racial unity: Merged Southern congregation sets an example

By ARON RANEN
Associated Press

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. (AP) — Troy Savage says Martin Luther King Jr.'s decades-old criticism of the racial divide in the U.S. church still rings true today.

"It's been said that the most segregated hour in America is Sunday morning at 11 ... it's true," said Savage, adding that people of different races, ethnicities and cultures regularly work and socialize together. "And then on Sunday morning, we do this — we go our separate ways."

But Savage does not think it has to stay that way. He and his family of four, who are African American, attend The Refuge Church just outside of Charlotte, North Carolina. It is one of the churches trying to diversify Sunday mornings in America.

"When we think about racial reconciliation, really our goals should be to do what Jesus wanted us to do, which was to be one — to be unified," said April Savage, his wife. "That's really what The Refuge is trying to do. They want to bring together people ... where we're not just existing in the same church, but we're celebrated in the same church."

In November 2016, The Refuge Church, a mostly white multisite congregation, merged with a predominantly Black church and hired its pastor, the Rev. Derrick Hawkins, to its ministry staff. The Rev. Jay Stewart, the lead pastor of The Refuge Church, and Hawkins, who is now one of the executive pastors, detailed the merger in the book, "Welded: Forming Racial Bonds That Last."

"A part of our purpose is to be a demonstration of unity, a demonstration of racial reconciliation in a nation that has been so divided for way too long. And we get the privilege of walking out this purpose," Stewart said.

Over the last two decades, the ethnic diversity of U.S. congregations has grown, the 2021 National Congregations Study states. Predominantly Black congregations continue to account for about 20%, but the proportion of predominately white congregations in America has shrunk although the minority presence within those has grown, the study states.

About 15% to 20% of those who worship at The Refuge Church's Kannapolis campus are African American, said Stewart, who considers that increase in the congregation's diversity a big success.

"It's a challenge in the South to see what you saw today — that's a huge challenge," Stewart said on a recent Sunday. "Six years ago, you would not have seen that here, but today you saw diversity that's trending in the right direction."

Decades have passed since civil rights activists desegregated lunch counters across the Jim Crow South and a landmark federal voting rights act went into law. Today, race relations in North Carolina continue to be impacted by national policy debates and state



political fights ranging from how police treat Black people to what students are taught about Black history to disputes over gerrymandering and voting rights.

On a recent Sunday at The Refuge Church's Kannapolis campus, a band played contemporary Christian songs, and worshippers — Black and white — grasped their hands in prayer and a steady stream of churchgoers were summoned to the stage for spiritual healings.

Jonathan and Summer Daniel, who are white and joined the congregation before the merger, welcomed the change. "Psalm 133 says that unity is where the Lord commands blessing," said Jonathan, who only heard positive feedback from his friends about the merger.

That wasn't the case for April Savage. "Not everybody understands it," she said.

"Some people they may not say it out of their mouth, but they feel like, oh, like you abandoned your people. Because you're going to this, predominantly white ministry, or whatever, however you want to classify it. But we choose to not look at it that way. We choose to look at it as this is the kingdom of God, and it's the kingdom that brings us together. We all believe the same."

Of Black adults who attend religious services in the U.S., 25% say they go to houses of worship with multiracial congregations and clergy, according to a 2021 Pew Research Center report. Far more — 60% — say they attend religious services where most or all of the congregation and clergy are Black.

The Rev. Abdue Knox, pastor of Greater Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charlotte, cautioned pastors of interracial congregations not to disregard the experiences of their Black members.

"We really have to do what's best for our family, and if it's best for our family to worship in a interracial setup, that's great. But as a pastor to another interracial pastor, don't forget, and don't leave out and don't neglect the struggle, the Black struggle. We have to include that as a part of our faith formation," he said.

Compared to those who attend multiracial or white churches, or houses of worship with other racial makeups, Black adults who go to Black Protestant churches are more likely to say they hear about issues like race relations and criminal justice reform from the pulpit, the Pew report states.

Historically Black churches have long been a core part of the spiritual lives of Black Americans as well as a center of social and cultural support, and the push for racial equality.

"Faith in the African American community has always been all we had. And so we lean to what I knew to do ... seeking the Spirit of God for unity," Stewart said. "We can't do it in our own ability. There's never been a policy created, any speech that's able to unite — it's only the power and the presence of God that unites us."

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SPiritual Outlook

Rejoice in hope

BY MARION J. MILLER



“Through God we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” Romans 5:2-5

Valentine’s Day is the third largest celebration outside of Christmas and Easter. All across these United States — and in other places around the world — candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones on this special day. These traditions find meaning and history among so many people — as they have a way of bringing smiles to so many faces as they rejoice in hope. Hope is such a tiny word — with such a big responsibility. It is something we literally can’t live without. What the world needs these days — is more hope! What does it mean when one has




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hope? It is a belief in a positive outcome,

when related to circumstances or events. Hope gives the feeling in a situation that what we want, it can be had. Hope is knowing that events will turn out for our good, where others meant it for our bad. Many of us know what it means to hope for something, and the devastation that comes when it seems that there is no hope. As Christians, we are to rejoice in hope, as we carry it to our communities that are torn apart by hatred, fear and violence. When we rejoice in hope, a spirit of love springs forth from our hearts for other to see. This is God’s unconditional love that stems from our strong faith. I am not sure what you are going through or what your circumstances might be. But when we put our faith in God, we can rejoice in hope. God wants to raise us up from difficult circumstances or events in our life. So be

encouraged as you rejoice in hope, and put your trust in God. The Scripture tells us to rejoice! Not only to rejoice in the hope of God’s glory, but also in our sufferings. For we know that in our suffering, our rejoicing produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces more hope. It is a hope that does not put us to shame because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. So let’s start making this world a better place by — rejoicing in hope! *Rev. Marion J. Miller is the Senior Pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, 1201 Thomas V. Bryant Drive, Jeffersonville, Indiana. She may also be contacted at 812-283-3747 or via email at wesley1201@sbcglobal.net.*

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Young workers give unions new hope

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Business Writer

After decades of decline, U.S. unions have a new reason for hope: younger workers.

Workers in their 20s — and even in their teens — are leading ongoing efforts to unionize companies large and small, from Starbucks and REI to local cannabis dispensaries. The Alphabet Workers Union, formed last year and now representing 800 Google employees, is run by five people who are under 35.

Multiple polls show union approval is high — and growing — among the youngest workers. And U.S. union membership levels are even ticking upward for workers between 25 and 34, even as they decline among other age groups.

Between 2019 and 2021, the overall percentage of U.S. union members stayed flat. But the percentage of workers ages 25-34 who are union members rose from 8.8% to 9.4%, or around 68,000 workers, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Young workers say they see unions as the best way to combat wage inequality and poor working conditions. For some, personal heroes like Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders — a vocal labor advocate — have piqued their interest in unions. Others say the coronavirus pandemic caused them to rethink what they deserve from their jobs.

“Whatever this isn’t working,” said Adriana Alvarez, 29, a McDonald’s employee in Chicago. “We obviously need change.”

When a union organizer first approached Alvarez in 2014, she was skeptical of his goal to raise her pay to \$15 per hour. At the time, she was making \$8.50 per hour and hadn’t gotten a raise in three years.

But she got involved with the Fight for \$15 labor group, organizing protests and learning about her rights. McDonald’s workers still aren’t unionized, but she says her managers are more



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respectful and have stopped illegal practices, like making workers reimburse the restaurant if they accidentally accept counterfeit money. She now makes \$16.70 per hour.

Like many of her peers, Alvarez didn’t grow up in a union household. U.S. union membership peaked in 1954, when 35% of workers belonged to unions. By last year, that had fallen to 10.3%.

Some of that decline is due to shrinking numbers in sectors with high unionization rates, like the auto industry. But states and courts have also steadily chipped away at unions’ power.

Twenty-seven states now have “right-to-work” laws, which prohibit a company and a union from signing a contract that requires workers to pay dues to the union that represents them.

College student and part-time Starbucks worker Joseph Thompson — who uses they/them pronouns — is trying to unionize their store in Santa Cruz, California. Thompson, 18, had

never heard of “collective bargaining” until a few months ago, but was inspired by colleagues in Buffalo and progressive politicians like Sanders. Thompson says their store is often understaffed despite security problems.

Derrick Pointer, an electrical lineman in Talladega, Alabama, wasn’t convinced he should join the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers when he started working for Halliburton Co. in 2015. At a previous job in food service, his union reps weren’t responsive, he said.

But he joined to take advantage of the union’s training. Pointer now makes \$42.30 per hour and has generous benefits, including COVID-19 sick leave. The \$60 he pays in union dues each month is well worth it, Pointer said.

Sheree Allen was hoping for benefits like that when she joined the food service company Chartwells last August. Chartwells says it offers health care, paid time off and a 401 (k) plan to its workers, but Allen says she has never been given information about those benefits despite asking her superiors. When she tested positive for COVID-19 in January, she had to stay home without pay.

Allen, who lives in Durham, North Carolina, started attending Fight for \$15 meetings with her sister. Now she’s trying to convince her co-workers to organize.

“You have rights, you have a say-so, you don’t have to put up with whatever your manager says to you,” Allen said.

Biden has long-term inflation plan, but voter patience short

By JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden came into office with a plan to fix inflation — just not the particular inflationary problem that the country now faces.

His belief is that a cluster of companies control too many industries, which reduces competition for both customers and workers. That leads to higher prices and lower wages in what the White House says is an average cost of \$5,000 annually for U.S. families. Biden is now trying to remedy the situation with 72 distinct initiatives — everything from new rules for cell phone repairs to regulations on meatpacking to more merger reviews.

“The dynamics of the modern American economy — the increased consolidation and lack of competition — has distorted market incentives in important ways,” said Brian Deese, director of the White House National Economic Council.

But even administration officials acknowledge that the initiatives outlined by the president’s seven-month-old competition council aren’t designed to quickly stop the 7.5% inflation that’s frustrating Americans and damaging Biden’s popularity. Furthermore, business groups dispute the fundamental premise that competition has faded within the U.S. economy and they are prepared to challenge the administration’s new initiatives in court.

Part of Biden’s dilemma is that reorienting a bureaucracy to promote competition takes time, and voters want to see inflation — running at a 40-year peak — start dropping now. Voters feel the bite of inflation with every trip they make to the grocery store or the gas station, yet the president is traveling the country to discuss solutions such as competition and new infrastructure that predate the current predicament and would have a much more gradual

impact.

America’s current inflation woes stem from the pandemic. Supply chains for computer chips, clothes, furniture and other goods are under stress. At the same time, consumer demand has surged after a historical amount of government aid flowed into the economy. Despite efforts to get the kinks out of the supply chain, price increases have stayed high in recent months instead of fading as many initial forecasts suggested. That has the Federal Reserve ready to increase interest rates to lower inflation.

In a January survey by the University of Chicago, two-thirds of leading economists said that the concentrated power of companies does not explain the current rash of inflation.

For proof that more competition can lead to lower prices, administration officials cite the example of eyeglasses. Before 1979, people could only buy eyeglasses from doctors who wrote their prescriptions. The FTC then passed a rule that forced doctors to give out prescriptions, causing the average price of glasses to fall 30.4% to \$178 (in 1979 dollars).

The issue does not break cleanly along partisan lines. Republican Sens. Todd Young of Indiana and Kevin Cramer of North Dakota have sponsored a bill to limit companies from using non-compete agreements, which can keep workers from going to another employer for more money.

But many in the business sector dispute Biden’s core premise that the U.S. economy has become less competitive. They argue that mergers allow companies to operate more efficiently and the resulting gains in productivity benefit consumers.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce says market concentration had waned by 2017 and it intends to challenge some of the administration’s regulatory actions in court.

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Luther Mae Bragg
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Luther Mae Bragg, whose mailing address is 5758 Glass Chimney Lane, Indianapolis, IN, 46235, and if different, my residence address is , in the Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Luther Mae Bragg has filed a petition in the Marion County requesting that her name be changed to Luther Mae Simmons.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on March 11, 2022, at 9 a.m.
/s/ Luther Mae Bragg
Petitioner
Date
Judicial Officer
5320-938816

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2112-MI-042915 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF DANIEL JAMES HERVAS, Petitioner.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Daniel James Hervas, whose mailing address is 302 S. Alabama Street #267, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Daniel James Hervas has filed a petition in the Marion Superior Court requesting that his name be changed to Dani Hervas.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on the Petition on March 31, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
/s/ Daniel James Hervas
1/27/2022
Date
Judge, Marion Superior Court
5320-939316

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT) SS CIVIL DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2201-MI-002569 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:

DWIGHT ALLEN CAMPBELL, Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
COMES NOW the Petitioner, Dwight Allen Campbell, and submits his Verified Petition for Name Change of Adult and hereby gives notice that Petition for Change of Name for an Adult has been filed in the Marion County Circuit Court request that the name of Dwight Allen Campbell be changed to Dwight Allen Johnson. The Court, being fully advised in the matter, now finds that this matter should be and is hereby set for hearing.
WHEREFORE the Court orders that a Name Change Hearing is scheduled for April 19, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third publication of this Notice, for Thirty (30) minutes. This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue/Issues a WebEx invitation for attendance at the hearing. Notice is further given that any person has the right to appear at the hearing on said Petition and/or to file objections on or before the hearing date.
IT IS SO ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED this February 3, 2022.
/s/ Susan Boatright
Magistrate, Marion Circuit Court
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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) CAUSE NO. 49D01-2202-MF-003546

U.S.BANKNA,SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA,NA,SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS AND CERTIFICATE INSURER OF THE BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2004-FR2, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-FR2, Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF REBECCA A. HIGH BUTTE, DECEASED, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SPEEDWAY WOODS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. and ROBERT H. BUTTE, KNOWN HEIR OF REBECCA A. HIGH BUTTE, DECEASED, Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is:
Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate
Against the property commonly known as 820 Charter Woods Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46224-6118 and described as follows: LOT 10 IN SPEEDWAY WOODS, SECTION ONE, A SUBDIVISION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 18, 1994 AS INSTRUMENT NO 94-127600, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
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is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): United States of America
Speedway Woods Community Association, Inc. and Robert H. Butte, known heir of Rebecca A. High Butte, deceased
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Rebecca A. High Butte, Deceased
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 or response.
You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND
Attorney No. 22108-29
Attorney for Plaintiff
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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) CAUSE NO. 49D04-2202-MF-003564

TOWD POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST 2021-PM1, Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NORMA M. MILBURN, DECEASED, Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is:
Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate
Against the property commonly known as 3037 Foltz St, Indianapolis, IN 46241-6309 and described as follows: Lots 1273 and 1274 in Mars Hill, an Addition in Marion County, Indiana, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 16, page 147, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Norma M. Milburn, Deceased
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 or response.
You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ Matthew S. Love
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Attorney No. 18762-29
Attorney for Plaintiff
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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT) CAUSE NO. 49D05-2202-MF-003547

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MELVIN T. WOODS, DECEASED, Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is:
Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate
Against the property commonly known as 3138 Acorn Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46235-2407 and described as follows: Lot Numbered 115 in Eastbrook Meadows, Section 2-A, an Addition in Marion County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded May 12, 1975, as Instrument No. 75-23068, in the office of the recorder of Marion County, Indiana.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Melvin T. Woods, Deceased
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 or response.
You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ Matthew S. Love
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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT) CAUSE NO. 49D05-2202-MF-003547

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MELVIN T. WOODS, DECEASED, Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is:
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This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Melvin T. Woods, Deceased
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 or response.
You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ Matthew S. Love
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IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) PROBATE DIVISION STATE OF INDIANA) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2112-EU-042914 IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES W. MILTON JR., DECEASED

NOTICE OF F
ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLISHED
In the Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that, on December 29, 2021, Monica J. Milton was appointed Personal Representative of the Unsupervised Estate of James W. Milton Jr., deceased, who died intestate on November 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 at Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 29, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Clerk
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) ESTATE DOCKET NO. 49D08-2201-EU-001662

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
OF THE ESTATE OF MARCELLA G. WHITMAN,
NOTICE OF F
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that, on January 18, 2022, Margaret E. Burton was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marcella G. Whitman, deceased, who died on the 4th day of October, 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, IN, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court
Probate Division
5320-939262

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-002288

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD A. CARPENTER, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF F
ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
In the matter of the Estate of Richard A. Carpenter, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Rodney K. Burch was, on January 24, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard A. Carpenter, deceased, who died on the 10th day of December, 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 (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 24, 2022.
/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.
5320-938969

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION MARION COUNTY) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-002475

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ZIEGE, DECEASED
NOTICE OF F
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Scott Gronotte was, on the _____, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Phyllis Ziege, deceased, who died on January 17, 2022, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the

first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this _____
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Courts
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-003012

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
OF THE ESTATE OF PEGGY JO CLINE, DECEASED
NOTICE OF F
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Emily K. Burriss was, on January 28, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Peggy Jo Cline, deceased, who died on January 6, 2022.
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 January 28, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 8
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) ESTATE DOCKET NO. 49D08-2201-EU-003019

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS H. CAMPBELL III, DECEASED
NOTICE OF F
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that, on January 28, 2022, Sheri L. Campbell was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas H. Campbell III, deceased, who died on the 5th day of January, 2022.
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 January 28, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court
Probate Division
5320-939261

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-003163

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MIRIAM D. BIBBS, Deceased.
NOTICE OF F
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that CHRISTOPHER D. BIBBS, was on February 9, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MIRIAM D. BIBBS, deceased, who died October 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 February 9, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
I.C. 29-1-7-7
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
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STATE OF INDIANA) MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-003147

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN C. GILLESPIE
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ADMINISTRATION
IN MARION SUPERIOR COURT 8
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN C. GILLESPIE, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that, on January 31, 2022, JOHN C. GILLESPIE II was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN C. GILLESPIE, deceased, who died on the 28th day of January, 2022.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, on January 31, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, MARIONSUPERIOR COURT 8
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2202-EU-003569

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL A. MITCHELL, Deceased.
NOTICE OF F
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that MARVIN L. MITCHELL was, on February 2, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MICHAEL A. MITCHELL, deceased, who died NOVEMBER 5, 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 February 2, 2022
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
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Notice to be published in newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks.
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STATE OF INDIANA) SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2202-EU-004373

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED MARK ALLEN JUGG, DECEASED
Attorney: Kathryn Kuehn. #21506-49 Kuehn Law, LLC
45 West Clinton Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46122
Publisher: The Indianapolis Recorder
2901 North Tacoma
Indianapolis, Indiana 46218
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ESTATE OPENING
Notice is hereby given that, on February 10, 2022, Brand Spears was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mark Allen Jugg, who died on the 21st day of January, 2022.
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 of the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this February 10, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
MYLA A. ELDRIDGE, Clerk of Marion County
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NUMBER: 49D12-2111-MF-038168

U.S.BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
ASTRUSTEE OF AMERICAN HOMEOWNER PRESERVATION TRUST SERIES 2015A+ Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THE ESTATE OF SUNDAY JUAWN RICHARDSON, CRISTINE RICHARDSON GOYNES, JERIMAH HENDRIX JR, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, FOUNDATION FINANCE COMPANY LLC 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 a foreclosure of agreement for deed and termination of your interest, if any, of the property legally described as:
LOT NUMBERED 57 IN GEORGE H. MCCASLIN TRUSTEE'S FIRST ADDITION TO KEYSTONE PARK, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 39, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.
Parcel Number: 49-06-23-105-049.000-101
Property Address: 721 West 32nd Street, Indianapolis IN 46208
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SUNDAY JUAWN RICHARDSON and all other persons claiming any right, title, or interest in the within described real estate by, through or under them or any other person or entity, the names of all whom are unknown to the Plaintiff.
In addition to the above-named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 3rd day of April, 2022, (the

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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.
ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court
By: /s/ William M. Jonelis
William M. Jonelis, of counsel (5018-45)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Eric Feldman & Associates, PC
9305 Calumet Ave, Ste A-1 Munster, IN 46321
P: 312.344.3529 | F: 312.312.9614
paralegal@efalaw.com
"NOTICE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW"
(I.C. 32-30-10.5-8 Version b) Mortgage Foreclosure is a complex process. People may approach you about "Saving" your home. You should be careful about any such promises. There are government agencies and nonprofit organizations you may contact for helpful information about the foreclosure process.
For the name and telephone number of an organization near you, please call the Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network.
ERIC FELDMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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Prequalification Notice, 6002 East 38th Street Medical Clinic, Turner-Davis will receive bids from prequalified contractors for the above referenced project.
Project issued for bid March 2022, specific day TBD
Bids due April 2022, specific day TBD
Work includes Construction of a 2-story 95,000 square foot building, asphalt parking lots and site improvements.
Diversity goals: 15% MBE, 8% WBE, 3% VBE, 1% DOBE
All interested bidders must go online at <https://forms.office.com/r/OY2L50kMRF> to access the Request to 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.
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IN THE SHELBY CIRCUIT - SUPERIOR COURT) 2022 TERM IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF) ISAIAH B. CARTER NEEB) GU-000005

Pacers rebuild is finally starting, and that’s a good thing

By DANNY BRIDGES

Often in sports there is a reluctance to let go of players and start fresh with new faces. Sometimes it’s ill-advised contracts or maybe a series of second-tier free agency acquisitions that go horribly wrong, but eventually the front office brass comes to the realization that this particular group isn’t working, and the quest to change things begins.

Case and point for your Indiana Pacers, who finally got busy in what they’re calling a reboot, which in reality is the beginning of the end for much of their roster.

Last week the Pacers started the process of exterminating the stench at Gainbridge Fieldhouse by shipping arguably their best player in Domontas Sabonis, along with some dead weight in the form of Justin Holiday, Jeremy Lamb and a second round draft pick to the Sacramento Kings, in exchange for point guard Tyrese Haliburton, shooting guard Buddy Hield and Tristan Thompson, who’s better known as one of the Kardashian family rather than even a serviceable player.

Prior to that, they dealt Caris LeVert to the Cleveland Cavaliers in exchange for Ricky Rubio’s expiring contract and a 2022 first round pick and two

second round picks, one each in the 2022 and 2027 drafts. Not a bad start to the rebuild, but it’s not even remotely close to the total housecleaning that this franchise needs to become competitive.

In a nutshell, while Burton and Hield have some upside, they are both players that one of the worst teams in the NBA gave up on. Sure, they got a blue collar grinder in Sabonis who produces double figures in points and rebounds nightly in return, but is that all he was worth on the open market?

Clearly other teams had interest in him, but apparently the Pacers felt that getting rid of Lamb and Holiday to make the deal work was worth it.

LeVert had his moments here and I thought he was part of the future, but it is hard to argue with the number of draft picks they garnered for him.

All that’s left now is to find what they can for Myles Turner, who was once a promising player. His lack of both physical and mental toughness makes him expendable, and there should be a Senate investigation if he’s not traded in the offseason.

Turner isn’t happy here, and that makes it all the more easy to jettison him out the door.

Same can be said for Malcom Brogdon,

who can’t stay healthy or interested. The acquisition of Burton, coupled with the emergence of Chris Duarte, makes him beyond expendable, and he too is likely gone.

Yes, the Pacers roster will look dramatically different by the time training camp opens this fall, and this is clearly the last stand for Kevin Pritchard.

As this franchise’s last link to Larry Bird, his seat was warm when the season began, and that will intensify if he can’t pull some more strings

in the coming months. What he can get in return for Turner and Brogdon is key, and if he strikes out on that then he needs a new ZIP code quickly. The Pacers continue to make attending their games fun for families and diehard fans despite the poor product on the floor. Sure, injuries have played a part in their demise, but change was imminent, and more of it is on the horizon.

Just call it what it is and publicly admit it’s a rebuild as opposed to a retooling. I’m not

the only one smart enough to see this for what it is, so don’t insult what’s left of your fan base with wordplay. Repeat after me, and say it loudly.

It’s the beginning of a long overdue rebuild, and now that we’re awake now, we intend to keep this thing in motion.

Danny Bridges, who thinks the Pacers can find respectability quicker than you might think, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or bridgeshd@aol.com.

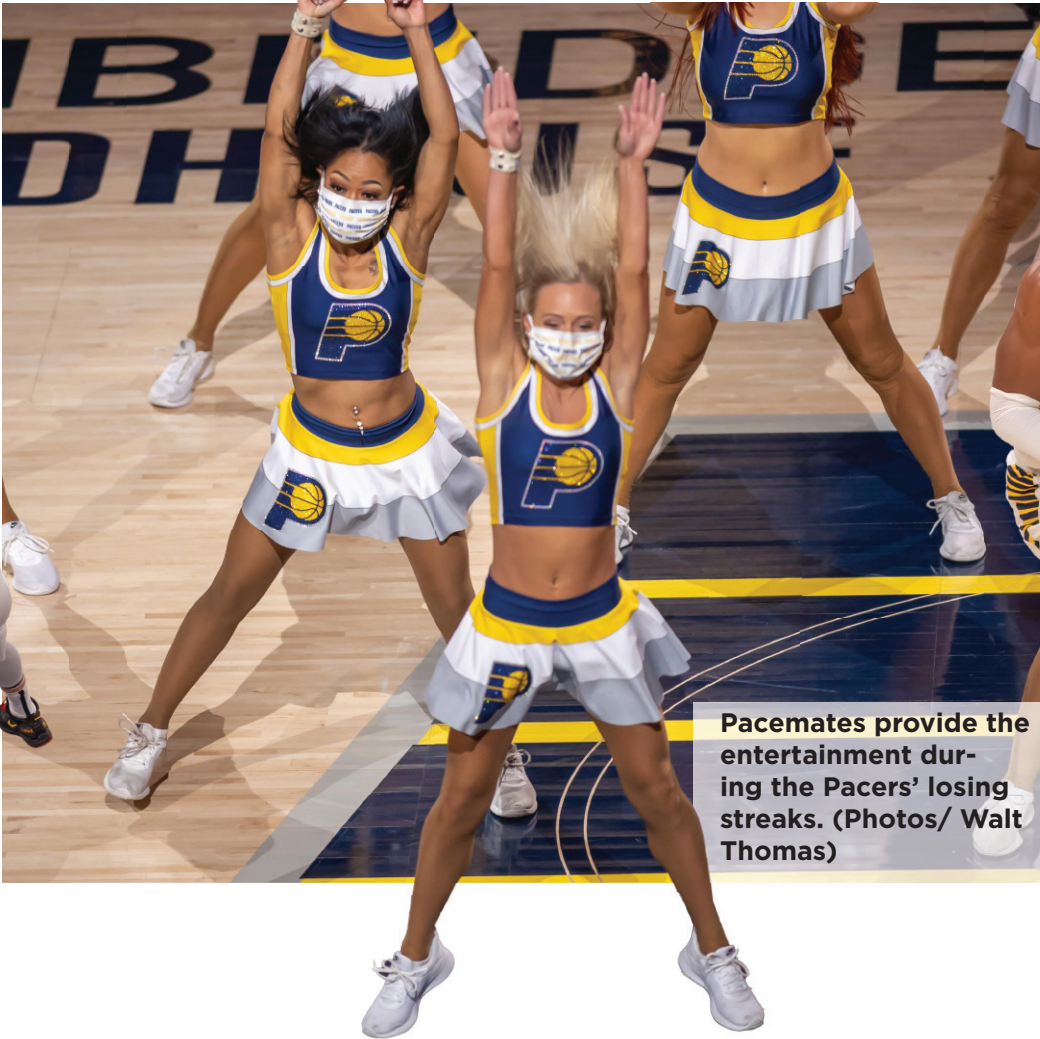


New Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton (Photo/Walt Thomas)

Pacers come up short vs. Timberwolves



New Pacers big man Tristan Thompson scored one point off the bench.



Pacemates provide the entertainment during the Pacers’ losing streaks. (Photos/ Walt Thomas)



New Pacers guard Buddy Hield scored 13 points against the Timberwolves.

Ben Davis loses regional title game to Mooresville



Mooresville’s Kalya Bunch hits two of her game-high 13 points.



Ben Davis’ Taylor Guess played big in the paint with nine points and 10 rebounds. (Photos/David Dixon)