



Renowned Black journalist radio personality Askia Muhammad dies

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Askia Muhammad, a renowned journalist, photographer, poet, and Black Press columnist, died Feb. 17.

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Critical race theory: Panel discusses origins, applications



State Sen. Greg Taylor, D-Indianapolis, speaks at a panel discussion about critical race theory hosted by the NAACP on Feb. 16, 2022, at the McKinney School of Law at IUPUI. (Screenshot)



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Two lawmakers, a psychology professor, a law professor and a senior fellow from the Heritage Foundation talked for nearly two hours about critical race theory on a panel organized by the NAACP. If you're waiting for the punchline, this isn't the setup to a joke.

Everyone got their crack at describing critical race theory and its relevance in America today — whether it's a sinister plot to brainwash fourth graders or a helpful lens through which to see why racial disparities continue to exist in everything from education to life expectancy.

But first, what is everyone talking about? Kevin Brown, a professor at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, described critical race theory, or CRT, as a framework

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A protester holds a sign with Ahmaud Arbery's name. (Photo/Maria Oswalt)

ALL 3 DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF HATE CRIMES IN ARBERY KILLING

By RUSS BYNUM Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) – The three men convicted of murder in Ahmaud Arbery's fatal shooting were found guilty of federal hate crimes and other lesser charges Feb. 22 for violating Arbery's civil rights and targeting him because he was Black. In addition to the federal hate crimes, the jury also found father and son Greg and Travis McMichael and neighbor William "Roddie" Bryan guilty of attempted kidnapping, while the McMichaels were also found guilty of the use of a firearm in the commission of a crime. During the trial, prosecutors showed roughly two dozen text messages and social media posts in which Travis Mc-Michael and Bryan used racist slurs and made derogatory comments about Black people. The FBI wasn't able to access Greg McMichael's phone because it was encrypted. The McMichaels grabbed guns and jumped in a pickup truck to pursue Arbery after seeing him running in their neighborhood outside the Georgia port city of Brunswick in February 2020. Bryan joined the pursuit in his own pickup and recorded cellphone video of Travis McMichael fatally shooting Arbery. The killing became part of a larger national reckoning on racial injustice after the graphic video leaked online two months later. Defense attorneys contended the three didn't chase and kill Arbery because of his race but acted on the earnest, though

Education bill gets a revamp, still not supported by many teachers



EmpowerED Families team parents, students and volunteers were at the Statehouse rallying in opposition to HB 1134. (Photo/Conn Photography)

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through the Senate Education and Career Development Committee on Feb. 23.

Sen. Linda Rogers, R-District 11, proposed a series of amendments to the bill to appease the myriad teachers, parents and high school students who spoke out against this bill. On Feb. 16, over 200 members of the public signed up to speak before the Senate Education

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If you familiarized yourself with House Bill 1134 - acontroversial education bill that would require teachers to publish their curriculum and allow parents to opt their children out of social emotional lessons - you might not recognize it in its current form, which passed

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Howard University Receives \$2M to digitize Black newspaper archive



The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center houses the archive, which dates to the 1970s and includes newspapers from Africa and the Caribbean.

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Howard University has received a \$2 million donation to digitize its Black Press Archives, which contains more than 2,000 newspaper titles including publications such as the New York Amsterdam News, Chicago Defender, Washington Informer, Baltimore AFRO and other historically Black publications.

The university said it hopes to make the archives more broadly available to researchers and the public.

"Once digitalized, Howard's Black Press Archive will be the largest, most diverse, and the world's most accessible Black newspaper database," Benjamin Talton, the director of Howard's

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By ANNE HOUTMAN



The Indiana Commission on Higher Education's annual college readiness report shows a 10-year low in the percentage of students (59%) pursuing postsecondary education after high school. And if you

look closer at these numbers, the equity gap is widening among students from wealthy families and those who have historically been underrepresented in higher education, including low-income students, students of color and those who identify as the first from their family to attend college. Interestingly, men continue to enroll in higher education at lower rates than women. All of this is alarming for today's students, for tomorrow's workforce and for the future of Indiana.

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Programs like INspire Earlham and our Ivy Tech partnership can widen the path for Indiana students, but it's equally important to keep them on that path.

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Anne Houtman is president of Earlham College.



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to explain how race and racism "continue to shape the meaning of racial inequality in our dominant culture, in our concepts of equality laws and in our institutional governmental and private practices."

Brown was at the original critical race theory workshop held in 1989 in Madison, Wisconsin, and he developed the first Race in Law course to be taught at any law school in Indiana.

CRT's origins were high-level, Brown said, concerned mostly with the law. "No one seemed to care

what we did until the last couple years," he said.

Mike Gonzalez, the Heritage Foundation fellow, quoted original theorists to make his point that CRT is "corrosive of American principles and traditions." He called CRT a Marxist construct – Brown said they weren't Marxists – and said it's "another instrument to tear down the narrative of American history and culture." Gonzalez participated virtually; everyone else was at the McKinney School of Law at IUPUI. Republican Sen. Scott Baldwin was scheduled to be part of the panel, but state NAACP President Barbara Bolling-Williams said he canceled at the last minute without explanation. Baldwin, a member of the Senate Education and Career Development Committee, was criticized and apologized earlier this year for saying teachers should be "impartial" when talking about things such as Nazism.

Baldwin's office did not respond to a request for comment about the NAACP panel.

Two other lawmakers — Democratic Sen. Greg Taylor and Republican Rep. Bob Behning were at the panel, which is also available to watch on the Recorder's Facebook page.

Taylor, a lawyer, took a class from Brown at IU. "At 22 years old, I had no idea what he was talking about," Taylor said. "I had no idea, no comprehension. So I'm confident that no child in K-12 will understand this."

Gonzalez said he understands school children aren't reading papers from founding CRT theorists but that programs and curriculum "are very much guided by the tenets of critical race theory."

Behning, chair of the House Education Committee, said Republicans crafted their slate of anti-CRT bills for the current legislative session based on what they heard from parents.

Russ Skiba, a psychology professor at IU, said he doesn't doubt the sincerity of local lawmakers, but he questions the sincerity of national conversative groups including the Heritage Foundation — and pointed out the similarities between the text of bills in Indiana and model legislation from other organizations. "None of those bills have anything to do with critical race theory," he said. Skiba and Gonzalez had a short back-andforth, but the panel was otherwise fairly mild and cordial.

Brown's point about CRT is that he and others in the late 1980s were reacting to the push for colorblindness, not only in personal interaction among people but also in the law. It stood to reason, they thought, that colorblindness would lock racial disparities into place, and Brown showed numerous charts to demonstrate that.

"We were more prophets than fools," he said. One of the consequences of colorblindness, Brown said, is any attempt to account for race now — what he calls "color consciousness" can be portrayed as being racist.

During the closing statements, Brown offered an unprompted observation, saying he doesn't feel like the original CRT movement succeeded because they didn't get their basic points across.

"We never imagined that this was gonna end up as a debate at K-12 education," he said. "Our theories were not for K-12 kids. Our theories were for the people who have the responsibility to administer justice in our society."

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and Career Development Committee. Despite the changes from Rogers' amendments — which removed verbiage that would allow parents to opt children out of certain lessons and sue school districts for potential violations — many teachers still called on members of the committee to nullify the bill.

Christiana Beebe, an elementary school teacher in Brownsburg, testified before the General Assembly earlier in the session about Senate Bill 167 — a bill similar to HB 1134 that never made it out of committee and said she appreciated the amendments Roger made, but still could not support the bill.

"When teachers spend hours reviewing curriculum materials ... we don't only look at materials through an academic lens," Beebe said in her testimony. "Teachers are members of the communities in which we work. We live, we work, we worship, we raise our own children in those communities, and we ensure the materials we approve are representative of the community's interests."

Further, while the amended version of the bill removes language that would potentially prohibit teachers discussing issues such as racial violence and slavery, Beebe is concerned the mere presence of this law would keep teachers from discussing "hard truths" in their classrooms, worried about getting a complaint from a parent.

Authored by Rep. Anthony Cook, R-District 32, the original bill would have prohibited schools from teaching certain concepts about race and ethnicity and would have discouraged teachers from discussing topics that could make students feel "discomfort or guilt." Cook, a former principal at Noblesville High School and former superintendent of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, said he wanted to ensure parents have a say in what their children learn.

One speaker, Dr. Gwen Kelly, said the bill is unnecessary due to rights that parents already have. Kelly is the vice chair of the Children's Policy and Law Initiative of Indiana and works with the local chapter of the NAACP and the Indianapolis Alliance of Black School Educators, among other groups, though she represented herself only when she spoke Feb. 16.

"The African American community does not understand this bill and does not want to see it pass," said Kelly, who is Black. "I remain puzzled by the need for House Bill 1134. As a 50-year veteran educator, I know that parents already have the right to be on committees and meet with teachers in schools ... and there are procedures in place for grievances."

Kelly called the bill "complicated and chaotic," and said as an independent educational research consultant, she's concerned about how the bill could impact African American students, who statistically see less educational achievement compared to their white peers in Indiana.

Despite around 200 members of the public signing up to testify on the bill last week, only a few dozen people got the chance to speak, and the public comments section on HB1134 closed the final two hours of the committee hearing, where multiple bills were discussed. Sen. Jeff Raatz, chair of the committee, said he randomly selected people to speak but said he made sure both sides of the debate were represented. More than 90% of the people signed up to speak, he said, opposed the bill.

The amended bill will now move for a vote before the entire Senate.

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Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, told the Associated Press.

The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center houses the archive, which dates to the 1970s and includes newspapers from Africa and the Caribbean.

The \$2 million grant from the Jonathan Logan Family Foundation should also help increase diversity in the university, officials stated.

Howard University credited its Center "Right now, we really are only getting for Journalism & Democracy for helping to secure the funding from the Logan Family Foundation, which supports power and through the ruling class."

social justice causes in journalism and the arts.

"We will be able to go back and look at these archives and these newspapers and the way the Black press was covering the world and have a greater understanding of who we are as a society, who we were back then and who we are now," Nikole Hannah-Jones told the news service.

a very narrow part of the story, and that is the part of the story told through



The 100 Black Men of Indianapolis Inc. recently partnered with Martin University, the Red Cross of Central Indiana, Indiana Black Expo, Boys and Girls Club and RTV6 to host a blood drive. The drive had a special focus on local individuals with sickle cell. Red Cross nurse Cassidy Myers helps Andre S. Givens, president of 100 Black Men of Indianapolis Inc., prepare to donate blood. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)

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THE 'MOTHER OF BLACK HOLLYWOOD' actress Jenifer Lewis joins the Truth Check Campaign to promote social media literacy

Arts & Culture

By NSENGA K. BURTON NNPA Newswire Culture and Entertainment Editor

Jenifer Lewis is everything you would imagine and more. Known and loved as the "Mother of Black Hollywood," and named a "National Treasure," by TV Guide, Lewis has been bringing her fabulous talents to the stage, small and big screen for decades. Whether putting the names of rogue students "on her list" as Dean Davenport on the iconic television show, "A Different World," telling it like it is as Aunt Helen on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" or serving love and shade as Ruby, the matriarch of the Johnson clan on the ABC hit show "Black-ish," Lewis brings passion, skill and talent to her performances that have made her a household name and a beloved member of Hollywood.

In addition to her screen presence, Lewis is also lauded for using social media to entertain, educate and inform. On Lewis' social media platforms, you are as likely to find the Screen Actors Guild nominee belting out show tunes and improvising "in these streets" hits with R&B royalty like Brandy as you are to see Lewis getting her social media followers information for social justice issues like voting, protesting police brutality, mental health treatment and celebrating Black history and culture like Juneteenth.

Lewis, who is known as much for her activism as her acting, is taking on a new challenge — stopping the spread of misinformation about COVID-19 on social media through a partnership with The Center for Black Health & Equity (The Center). The Center has launched TheTruthCheck.org, an online training resource to provide African Americans with social media literacy and fact-checking skills to avoid the influence of COVID-19 vaccine misinformation.



"I lived through the AIDS pandemic," said the thespian. "I saw how misinformation made a bad situation worse. We survived it and we will survive this. I'm an Alpha female and I'm a leader and you have to know what you're leading and that is why I partnered with the Center for Black Health & Equity on TheTruthCheck.org."

Misinformation and disinformation, the intentional spread of misinformation in order to deceive targeted populations, has resulted in the deaths of nearly 900,000 Americans. Most of those who have died from COVID-19 have been Indigenous, African American and Latinx for a variety of reasons. Black, Indigenous and Latinx populations are more likely to be employed as essential workers, increasing their exposure to the virus. They are more likely to work low-wage jobs which lack insurance and paid time off. Black, Native, and Latinx Americans are more likely to be uninsured than other populations, making them less likely to receive preventive care. Black Americans are more likely to have preexisting conditions that increase the risk of complications from the virus. Black, Native and Latinx Americans are more likely to live in dense, multigenerational housing, making social distancing more difficult, and typically have less access to medical facilities and resources.

This is why Lewis believes we all need to come together to help end the spread of COVID-19 because "if one of us has COVID, we all have COVID," she said. The spread of misinformation through social media has to end because the consequences are dire for our community.

"As Omicron and other variants continue the spread of COVID-19, we are finding that the main sources African Americans rely on for information about the vaccines are also the sources not trusted, with social media being the main culprit," said Delmonte Jefferson, executive director for The Center. "Yet, people repeat what they hear from social media without checking for accuracy first. This practice of receiving and sharing misinformation amplifies health disparities and harms the Black community. Truth Check aims to correct this contagious spread of inaccurate and false narratives."

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Understanding the consequences of misinformation for our community, the "Black-ish" star joined the TheTruthCheck campaign to encourage the African American community to check the facts when it comes to health decisions.

"I believe it is critical to collectively lend our voices to share the truth about COVID-19 and vaccines to empower our people to make sound, informed decisions about what is best to save lives," said Lewis. "We should all be social media savvy and give it the side eye before we believe it and share it."

Misinformation isn't the only reason Lewis joined TheTruthCheck.org campaign. "I joined because I care. I want people to have joy in their lives," she said. "It is time for us to come to the table and to have these conversations about the new reality. It will never be what it was. The world has changed, and we have to change with it. In order to change with it, you have to be educated about it."

Truth Check has been funded by the CDC Foundation to support The Center and effective community outreach initiatives centered on communities of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) to share accurate, culturally appropriate information about the COVID-19 and influenza vaccines and to link adults to vaccine services.

To learn more about the campaign and how to spot misinformation on social media, visit TheTruthCheck.org.

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Black History Month books for children

By TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

The people you love are very special to you.

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If you had a plate full of your favorite thing to eat, would you share it? In "Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott" by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie (Random House, \$18.99), you'll read about Gilmore, whose resourcefulness in the face of racism helped finance a small part of the Civil Rights Movement.

When Rosa Parks was arrested for a quiet act that launched a movement, Gilmore was working as a cook at a restaurant. She participated in the bus boycott, but she also felt she could do more — and so she bravely began to collect money, quietly, right in front of the very people who could arrest her, too. For kids ages 5-7, this is a great introduction to this unsung heroine of the Civil Rights Movement.

For children who want to know more individual stories of slavery, "Seeking Freedom: The Untold Story of Fortress Monroe and the Ending of Slavery in America" by Selene Catrovilla, illustrated by E.B. Lewis (Calkins Creek Books, \$18.99) is a book to find. It's the true story of a man, an escaped slave, who played a silent but important part in the Civil War, the defeat of the Confederacy, and the end of slavery. Also, for children ages 5-7, this is an exciting tale and a great discussion starter.

Slightly older children who have been following along with today's news will enjoy "Evicted! The Struggle for the Right to Vote" by Alice Faye Duncan, art by Charly Palmer (Calkins Creek, \$18.99). It's a story of the early years of Jim Crow, when sharecroppers could kick a family off their farm merely because the adults wished to register to vote. White shopkeepers wouldn't do business with them anymore, either, leaving them with few options. This book explains what those sharecroppers had to do to cast their ballots. Duncan tells individual tales, placing them inside a larger narrative so that kids ages 7-12 will understand why voting is a precious right.

And finally, for the 3-to-5-year-old who loves a good fable, "Mermaid Kenzie, Protector of the Deeps" by Charlotte Watson Sherman, illustrated by Geneva Bowers (Boyds Mills Press, \$17.99) is a book they'll love. Mermaids are a big part of African folklore, and this cute book tells the story of a young girl who loves to swim and to pretend that she protects everything in the sea. Imagine what happens when she learns that she really can help her underwater friends and the home in which they live ...

If your child craves more or different Black history books, or if you've got an older child who needs a good book, be sure to ask your favorite librarian or bookseller for help. They've got millions of ideas at their fingertips, including these special books.

Childhood Friend's Death Inspires Woman To Advocate For Heart Health

It's been more than 40 years since Holli Harrington's childhood friend passed away from a congenital heart defect, but that lingering loss is one of the reasons that Harrington chose to become one of the American Heart Association's five "Woman of Impact" nominees this year.

"Alisa was missing a chamber in her heart and only lived to be 12, but she never let her condition define her," Harrington says. "I often wonder what my life would be like if she were still here, but then I remember that she is here in spirit and forever in my heart. She motivates me to live my life to the fullest and has influenced my outlook that even in difficult conditions life is a blessing."

Blessing others is what Harrington, and the four other nominees hope to do as part of the "Woman of Impact" program, now in its second year. Each have pledged to raise awareness about heart disease and stroke and to raise money to fund research and education.

"In addition to losing my best friend at a young age, I've watched family members manage through heart conditions, and I've seen firsthand that being informed saves lives," Harrington says.

In fact, while nearly one of every three deaths is related to heart disease, the American Heart Association says that most heart disease can be prevented by the lifestyle choices we make.

The AHA's seven keys to ideal heart health are moving more, eating better, managing high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, and weight, and not smoking.

"We need to be conscious and intentional to stay healthy," says Harrington, who felt that promoting women's health through the Go Red for Women campaign would be an impactful



act of service to celebrate her 30th year as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which has physical and mental health as key focus areas. "People are not as active as they have been historically. This can be attributed to convenience and technology, and COVID has played a role in increased inactivity, too. I'm concerned how this is affecting our heart health now and how it will impact future generations. We need to be conscious of 'idle time' and find ways to move more even if it's just walking or pacing while on the phone."

Harrington knows she needs to practice what she preaches.

"I'm on a personal journey to improve my own health, and the Woman of Impact program provides me the opportunity to encourage and inform others, especially those I love."

To learn more about "Woman of Impact" and heart health, you can visit www.heart.org/indygoesred. The Recorder will be profiling all five "Woman of Impact" nominees during the coming weeks.

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"With deep sadness, the family of Askia Muhammad announces his passing of natural causes today at the age of 76," WPFW-Radio in Washington, D.C., said in a statement.

"A private service will be held with a memorial planned for a future date. jazz music. There are no words to express the profound sad- limited collection that ness we feel at the passing there was a recording by of our dear brother."

Officials at the station, where Muhammad, a Final Call editor, said he had given much and was always gracious and smiling.

"Words are inadequate at this moment. So, we just hold onto the vibration of love, truth, perseverance, hope and joy the station continued.

"Let us reflect on the beautiful legacy that Askia left us and how we can collectively carry forth the impeccable vibration of his spirit."

Muhammad had been a fixture on WPFW, the Final Call, and his column appeared regularly in Black-owned newspapers like the Washington Informer.

An author, Muhammad's most recent book, "The Autobiography of Charles 67X," featured

a collection of photos, poetry and personal essays covering his life as a politically and socially engaged journalist.

When interviewed by The Final Call about the book and his start in radio, Muhammad said he didn't have very much

"I discovered in my Charlie Parker. My name given by my mother was Charles, so I had some identification with that," Muhammad stated.

"Then I discovered that he recorded a song, his signature song, 'Yardbird Askia Muhammad, rises," Suite.' The 'Yardbird Suite' tweeted Howard Uniwas recorded on my first birthday.

"So, I said it's a natural. that Askia always exuded," I'll have a yard bird show, cherish the time he spent and that was it, and since here in this form and in I have this one double album with Charlie Parker songs, I have plenty of Bird, 27 songs on that album," the longtime journalist reflected. "Bird" example to light our way." For more than 40 years, and "Yardbird" also were the nicknames of the iconic jazz composer and tribute to Muhammad. saxophonist.

> "I was able to launch a show, and that was the first song, the 'Yardbird Suite.' I call my show 'Sweets' as in candy because I didn't want to be confused with Charlie Parker's Yardbird Suite.

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> So there we went, and that's why," he said.

More than 40 years later, Muhammad's show remained vital, and the Washington, D.C., City Council enacted a resolution commemorating that achievement.

Despite his connections to the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, who appeared on the show on Tuesdays, D.C. City Council recognized Muhammad even though one council member said the Minister was not welcome in D.C.

"The spirit of our beloved new ancestor, versity Professor Greg Carr. "He is #MaaKheru [The Voice is True]. We this place, finding and speaking the truth," Carr continued.

"We will keep him in our memory and lift his

Renowned journalist Roland Martin also paid "I crossed paths with Askia Muhammad many times, including having him as a guest on TV One and News One Now," Martin wrote on Twitter. "Sorry to hear of his transition to ancestor."



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erroneous, suspicion that Arbery had committed crimes in their neighborhood.

The panel of eight white people, three Black people and one Hispanic person received the case Feb. 21 following a weeklong trial in U.S. District Court in the port city of Brunswick. The jurors adjourned for the night after about three hours of deliberations, and resumed deliberations at 9 a.m. the next day.

The trial closed with prosecutors saying 25-year-old Arbery's slaying on a residential street was motivated by "pent-up racial anger," revealed by the defendants' electronic messages as well as by witnesses who testified to hearing them make racist tirades and insults.

"All three defendants told you loud and clear, in their own words, how they feel about African Americans," prosecutor Tara Lyons told the jury.

Defense attorneys insisted that past racist statements by their clients offered no proof they violated Arbery's civil rights and targeted him because he's Black. They urged the jury to set aside their emotions.

"It's natural for you to want retribution or revenge," said Pete Theodocion, representing William "Roddie" Bryan. "But we have to elevate ourselves ... even if it's the tough thing."

The basic facts aren't disputed. The slaving of Arbery nearly two years ago, on Feb. 23, 2020, was captured in a graphic cellphone video that sparked widespread outrage. Father and son Greg and Travis McMichael armed themselves after spotting Arbery running past their home and chased him in a pickup truck. Bryan joined his neighbors in his own truck and recorded the video of Travis McMichael firing at point-blank range.

Police found Arbery had no weapon and no stolen items. Prosecutors said he was merely out jogging.

Travis McMichael's attorney, Amy Lee Copeland, told the jury that prosecutors presented no evidence that he "ever spoke to anyone about Mr. Arbery's death in racial terms." She said her client opened fire in selfdefense after Arbery tried to take away his shotgun.

Greg McMichael's attorney, A.J. Balbo, argued that his client initiated the chase not because Arbery was a Black man, but because he was "THE man" the McMichaels had seen in security camera videos taken from a nearby house under construction.

The McMichaels and Bryan, convicted of murder last fall in a Georgia state court, pleaded not guilty to the federal charges.

FBI agents uncovered roughly two dozen racist text messages and social media posts from the McMichaels and Bryan in the years and months preceding the shooting.

For instance, in 2018, Travis McMichael commented on a Facebook video of a Black man playing a prank on a white person: "I'd kill that f----ing n----r."

Some witnesses testified they heard the McMichaels' racist statements firsthand. A woman who served under Travis McMichael in the U.S. Coast Guard a decade ago said he called her "n—–r lover," after learning she'd dated a Black man. Another woman testified Greg Mc-Michael had ranted angrily in 2015 when she remarked on the death of civil rights activist Julian Bond, saying, "All those Blacks are nothing but trouble."



By Lorenzo Esters

By harnessing our collective power, our community can blaze new trails in equity and opportunity. It was a conversation with a colleague this Black History Month that reminded me of this important point. And I believe we can make that collective impact in the Indianapolis area today by heeding the call to close the racial gaps in the education-to-workforce pipeline.

During a recent meeting in my office, my colleague noticed two pictures on my shelf — one of Frederick Douglass and the other of

Mary McCleod Bethune. We discussed what each of those individuals means to me.

Douglass was born into slavery but fought his way to freedom, becoming a lion among abolitionists, social reformers, writers and speakers. As the first Black U.S. presidential appointment, he strengthened the power of Black governmental leaders and paved the way for the development of Howard University.

Bethune also represents many firsts that have helped to shape the landscape for education and opportunity. The first among her 16 siblings to be born outside of slavery, she went on to become a leader in education, civil and women's rights, and U.S. government. She helped establish what is known today as Bethune-Cookman University.

The pictures of Douglass and Bethune, I told my colleague, remind me of the lasting impact that bold action and community leadership can have.

That's when it struck me. The characteristics that are impactful to me about these two giants in Black history are the attributes we at Ivy Tech Community College Indianapolis are working to display every day in our efforts to promote equity in educational and career opportunities in our community.

Findings from Business Equity for Indy (BEI) tell the story of the work that remains in achieving education and career equity. BEI and its Learning and Talent Opportunities Taskforce, on which I'm proud to serve, have issued reports with findings such as the following:

In 2019 the college-going rate for Marion County high school graduates was 10 percentage points lower for Black students than for white students.

In Indianapolis, of the 3,077 Black students who graduated from high school in 2012-2013, just 442 graduated from an Indiana public postsecondary institution in six years with either a two-year or four-year degree.

Among the 2016 Marion County high school graduation cohort, only 253 Black students graduated from an Indiana four-year institution on time, and only 14 Black students graduated from a two-year institution on time.

There are clear racial and gender gaps in the median wage earned five years after completing certificate, associate degree or bachelor's degree work in Indiana public institutions. Among all demographics tracked for 2010 postsecondary graduates, Black students had the lowest earnings.

We are committed to providing education and training that addresses gaps in both education and career development - to help ensure health and economic security for individuals and families in our service area of Marion, Hendricks and Boone Counties

Our latest effort is this semester's launch of our vision "The Campus Without Walls: Building Pathways to Opportunity by Design". With this overall approach, we aim to take an array of educational and economic opportunities to diverse locations. We are striving to capitalize on the shared strength of Ivy Tech Indianapolis and the communities it serves, taking a two-pronged approach:

Education by Design calls for working with partners in K-12 schools, community-based organizations, faith-based groups, government agencies and local employers. We're working to build a wide variety of education and career pathways that support the efforts of those in the community to earn postsecondary credentials and improve their lives.

Success by Design focuses on ensuring that students are getting the top-quality education and experiences that encourage them to persist, graduate and succeed in the workplace. This internal focus aims to empower, motivate and inspire Ivy Tech Indianapolis faculty and staff by advancing data and accountability systems, engaging in budget-driven planning, and removing barriers to outstanding customer service.

We believe this new vision is in line with efforts like our recently extended tuition freeze and textbook fee waiver as well as our expanded transcript availability for students. Other new initiatives also are targeting persistence and career preparation for all students, including those who are looking to upskill or reskill.

Ivy Tech Indianapolis' Talent Rich initiative is working to enroll 500 or more Black students at Ivy Tech Indianapolis by July. We're partnering with InnoPower, a local nonprofit dedicated to economic development in the Black community, on this effort. And our career development and employer engagement program Career Coaching and Employer Connections (CCEC) aims to match student and alumni competencies with the skills local companies say they need most.

The Campus Without Walls vision represents our continued commitment to leading the way toward educational and economic equality through strong campus and community partnerships. And we know we're not alone. Through the combined efforts of schools, employers and organizations throughout the Indianapolis area, we can work to uphold the tradition of inspiring leadership and community action that Frederick Douglass and Mary McCleod Bethune displayed so long ago.

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EDITORIAL

What was meant to destroy us made us stronger: 'Our painful yet beautiful culture'

By OSEYE BOYD



Over the weekend I watched Women of the Movement," an episodic series about the life and death of Emmett Till and the lifelong struggle for justice for his lynching by his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley. We know how it ends, and yet I still had to watch.

Some say this is Black trauma and don't want to think about it. I can't disagree that these are traumatic events, but I'm compelled to watch and read these real-life accounts. It's imperative that we educate ourselves about history, so we know what has led us to this point, how we avoid repeating history and how we continue to push for a better society.

Yes, it is traumatic. Black people's lives in this country have been traumatic since our ancestors stepped off the first slave ship. As I watched this traumatic story unfold, I couldn't help but shed tears at the pain and fear I imagined Emmett felt. I thought about how heavy the burden has always been on Black children. Youthful transgressions both real and perceived — of Black children could and have resulted in death. Travvon Martin. Tamir Rice, Cornelius Fredericks and Cedric "C.J." Lofton and countless more Black youth, specifically males, have joined Till in dying way too young and for no reason other than white supremacy says their lives are less valuable.

While we know their stories and the stories of others who've been killed in the name of white

supremacy, how many stories are unknown? We know about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers, Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Carol Denise McNair, but how many other little girls and freedom fighters are buried in unmarked graves or in gravesites that no longer exist? How many stories and people have been long forgotten because their families were too afraid to say a word? How much violence have we forgotten about because it's too painful to remember?

I had to reflect on the fear Moses Wright, Emmett's uncle, felt when the white men came looking for Emmett. The fear all Black people in the South before the Civil Rights Movement felt. (I want to note the 1950s weren't that long ago. Someone born the year Emmett was killed, 1955, is 67 years old.) Never looking a white person in the eye, always saying Mr. or sir, Mrs. or ma'am, had to be done just to survive. A Black person could never give the perception that he or she was on equal footing as a white person. (Again, this wasn't too long ago. I'm going to go out on a limb here and say there are some people who still hold these views and some of them held positions of power — and some of them passed those views down to their children, who also hold positions of power. Could that be how systemic racism works and why it's still in effect?) The fear of making one wrong move - whether intentional or accidental - that could result in loss of livelihood or life was always hovering over Black people.

The fear wasn't unfounded. The amount of violence done to Black people and perpetrated by white people is often glossed over or forgotten altogether.

Today, we like to talk about how Black people are violent. White people aren't viewed as violent. I'm not here to argue Black people aren't violent. Instead, I'm here to ask why that stereotype exists for us, but the group that has actually destroyed whole communities, lynched men, women and children, held slaves and done all manner of sadistic, vile acts is somehow viewed as nonviolent or less violent, even peace loving as a whole. Before Ahmaud Arbery there was James Byrd Jr. Byrd was dragged by a pickup truck for miles and murdered by three white men. We've seen countless mass shootings at schools, churches (Mother Emanuel AME Church) and businesses perpetrated by white men. We've seen white mob violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the insurrection of Jan. 6, 2021, yet we pretend white people aren't violent and place violence squarely on the shoulders of Black people, who've been victimized by state-sanctioned and white vigilante violence (also often state sanctioned, by the way).

While our history is definitely traumatic and traumatizing, trauma isn't all we are. I also reflected on that double-edged sword known as strength that Till-Mobley exhibited. We shouldn't have to be so strong, yet we are. We shouldn't have to endure so much, yet we do. Being ridiculously strong shouldn't be a point of pride, yet it is.

My heart hurts and I shed tears for people I've never met, but I know them. They are me. They are my family. Those stories deserve to be heard, which is why I will always listen. It's all a part of our painful yet beautiful culture.

What is it good for?

By LARRY SMITH



Among the pitches that Joe Biden made to the American people when he was running for president was the fact that he had decades of experience to bring to bear in per-

forming the job. Such experience, he argued, would be a distinct advantage when addressing the inevitable challenges that face all those who have occupied the Oval Office. Since being elected, Biden has had to contend with a global pandemic, a struggling economy, racial unrest, seemingly intractable partisan bickering and infighting among Democrats that has stalled his agenda. On top of all that, he has been forced to play high stakes poker with Russian President Vladimir Putin for the past several weeks. We are on the brink of the biggest military conflict in Europe since World War II. The Biden administration has engaged in nonstop diplomacy to avert what would certainly be a humanitarian disaster. Also, as a deterrent, America and our allies have threatened drastic economic and other conse-

quences were Putin to decide to order a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. (I use the phrase "full-scale" because Russia has already breached Ukraine's borders.)

As of this writing, tensions remain exceedingly high. Yet, while the possibility of war is very real, there is still a chance that Putin's calculus will lead him to conclude that the costs of instigating one are more than he is willing to pay. No one knows for sure what Putin ultimately will decide — and that perhaps includes Putin himself.

Even if war ultimately breaks out, it is clear that Biden's long tenure in government has paid dividends in this crisis. As a recent editorial in The Economist points out, Russia loses regardless of whether its president decides to go to war or to send its troops home. Specifically, if he chooses to go forward with an invasion, he will have caused his country (and his cronies) to face potentially crippling sanctions, the end of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline with Germany and millions of dollars being drained from its stagnant economy. Most importantly, images of Russian soldiers coming home in body bags will exacerbate his already difficult domestic situation.

President Biden has done a masterful job of reinforcing NATO countries' commitment to each other, as well as convincing our European allies (including a reluctant Germany) to exact a high cost to Russia if it does invade. Even Republican commentator Peggy Noonan has lauded Biden for playing "a bad hand" as well as could be expected. Speaking of which, one accomplishment that Putin has unwittingly earned is mostly squashing political partisanship in the U.S. – at least on this issue.

Republican politicians have been uncharacteristically supportive of Biden, even if that means (in some cases) simply not voicing criticism. There has even been, in the main, agreement as to reserving the step of leveling sanctions unless Russia goes further. Most Republicans respect the fact that a potential war should not be treated as an opportunity for a sound bite. Only the usual chorus of the most negative naysayers (e.g., Sens. Cotton and Hawley), along with the right-wing media machine, have bitterly complained. President Biden certainly is mindful that American credibility is on the line with our foes — and our friends. President Bush's response to Russia's

invasion of Georgia in 2008 was, to put it mildly, muted. In 2013, months after warning that the use of chemical weapons by President Bashar al-Assad in Syria would be a "red line," President Obama decided against a muscular military response when Assad crossed it. And, most recently, President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of the JCPOA (aka the "Iran nuclear deal") and the Paris Agreement on climate change.

This history must weigh heavily on President Biden as he considers how to respond to a more deadly Russian incursion into Ukraine. But the time has come for the U.S. to again aggressively defend its ideals, as well as to be seen as the only legitimate "leader of the free world." With his domestic

agenda sputtering and an uncertain future for his party in congress, Biden's decision-making during this crisis must be lauded. I'm grateful that I don't sit in his seat, but I'm encouraged that he does.

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Brian Flores files lawsuit challenging NFL hiring practices

By DEVON DAVIS



On the first day of Black History Month, former Miami Dolphins coach Brian Flores decided that enough was enough. He filed a lawsuit against three NFL teams: the Denver Broncos, New York Giants and Miami Dolphins and against the league itself for discrimination in the

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hiring and firing processes of coaches.

Flores is Black, and even though his time spent in Miami resulted in more wins than losses he was still fired. Flores claimed that he was given a sham interview by the New York Giants merely to fulfill the Rooney Rule requirement. His complaint included a screenshot of a text from Bill Belichick congratulating him on getting the Giants job three days before his interview, which led to Coach Belichick realizing he congratulated the wrong Brian. It was announced Jan. 28 that the New York Giants hired the Buffalo Bills' offensive coordinator Brian Daboll for their vacant head coaching position. Once announced, this received a big backlash of complaints deeming the Giants held a fake interview to avoid a fine for violating the Rooney Rule, a 2003 addition to the NFL rulebook.

The Rooney Rule basically allows exposure. It is the model of making sure that the hiring pipeline is diverse and counting on exposure over time to fix the problem. According to the league website, "In 2021, the NFL approved changes requiring every team to interview at least two external minority candidates for open head coaching positions and at least one external minority candidate for a coordinator job. Additionally, at least one minority and/or female candidate must be interviewed for senior level positions (e.g., club president and senior executives)." The Rooney Rule may have been well-intended when enacted in 2003, but it's only

there so that teams can satisfy an interview requirement as they hire the candidate they want. It's a collective ownership group comprised of no Black representation at the table. One could say that the development of the Rooney Rule has no teeth to it at all. It's literally a, "Hey, we checked that box." My position here is that in a league made up of 70% Black athletes, there should absolutely be more people who look like them at top positions. At some point the NFL has to question whether or not the Rooney Rule has helped the actual reason it was put into place or has it only widened inequalities.

The NFL has denied the allegations, stating that the claims are "without merit." However, on Feb. 5, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell sent a memo to all 32 teams saying that the league's lack of diversity is "unacceptable." The quick turnaround has led many, including Flores' lawyers, to believe that Goodell and the NFL are trying to save face. Just last week the NFL hired the nation's first Black woman attorney general Loretta Lynch to defend the league against the racial discrimination lawsuit, in which we must allow the court process to do its job. But in closing, I will say: This is not just the time to create more pipelines; it's simply time to hire more Black coaches and front office executives.

Happy Black History Month!

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Kamau Bell is wrong; we don't need to talk about Cosby, we need to talk about his illegal trials

By STACY M. BROWN **NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent**

Writer Kamau Bell proclaimed Black America's "need to talk about Bill Cosby" in his Showtime documentary that included comedians, educators, journalists and those who have accused the iconic entertainer of sexual assault.

Bell claimed that for the smart, funny and politically aware at dinner parties, the conversation would have to center on Cosby.

But for many others who declined to indulge in exploration and dissemination of another African American that mainstream media proved human, Bell missed the mark. Badly. "He may as well have worn Black face, because the documentary is a minstrel show and as much as you may agree that Cosby is a hypocrite, Bell can't afford to look in the mirror," said Lorenzo Simpkins, an actor who has appeared as an extra in multiple movies and television shows, including Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder's "Stir Crazy. "Bell is as misled and foolish as the knuckleheads who said, 'Cosby admitted to drugging and raping women," Simpkins offered about the tired and wildly misreported civil deposition the entertainer sat for in a lawsuit brought in 2005 by Andrea Constand. During the deposition, Cosby acknowledges that he provided quaaludes to women who would have sex.

"He did not say he slipped them mickeys or gave them the quaaludes to knock them out so he could take advantage of them," Simpkins insisted. But Simpkins said that's not his most significant problem with Bell's onesided documentary that didn't include statements or appearances from anyone on Cosby's team. "The biggest problem is that it's a distraction that Showtime will use to make money and to denigrate a Black man further, and they can say 'look, it's another Black man [Bell] doing the denigrating," he asserted.

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Instead, Simpkins and others said Black Americans – men in particular — should most want to discuss the two trials of Cosby and the way they were handled and reported.

The prosecutor ran for office with ads that promised: "to get Cosby." Juror nullification proved so intense during the first trial that Cosby's attorneys successfully petitioned to select a panel from across the state in Pittsburgh. One petition juror, a Black woman and a former police officer, was disqualified based on a false charge that she altered timecards while working for the department.

Judge Steven O'Neill stacked the deck against Cosby, even refusing to allow him to call a witness who said the alleged victim had confided that she could set Cosby up. The first trial ended with a hung jury.

The second trial began with racial epithets hurled by a prosecutor toward the defense, a juror who proclaimed that Cosby was guilty before the start of the trial, and O'Neill allowed five women to present unproven allegations.

The former district attorney, Bruce Castor, wasn't allowed to testify about a deal he hammered out with Cosby, and O'Neill allowed the use of Cosby's infamous civil deposition.

#Metoo and Metooinspired signs littered the courthouse, and some of the alleged but uncharged victims communicated with prosecution witnesses on the stand.

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Max Baer slammed Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele after the high court freed Cosby last year after spending nearly three years in prison. Justice Baer called Steele's conduct "reprehensible." "[The court] had to protect 13 million Pennsylvanians from that type of illegal conduct," Justice Baer continued. "What we found was that what the state did was inappropriate."

Association, the criminal justice system's pervasive problems with racism start before the first contact and continue through pleas, conviction, vasive and ongoing, it is incarceration, release and beyond.

The net effects of history's injustices are staggering. According to statistics the NAACP examined, although Black people make up 13.4% of the population, they make an African American up 47% of wrongful conviction exonerations and 35% of people executed by the death penalty.

Further, the Bar Associa- funniest slave on the tion noted that African Americans are incarcerated in state prisons at five times the rate of whites. In addition, Black men face disproportionately harsh incarceration experiences than prisoners of other races.

"The evidence of differential treatment and injus-

tice in the 'justice' system is overwhelming," Bar Association officials wrote. "Because the problems are historically rooted, pereven more critical to take action now (and in the future)."

Yet, Bell wants to focus on white media-driven allegations that a group of primarily non-Black individuals made against icon, Simpkins and others demurred.

"Kamau Bell is the kind of guy that would be the plantation. He would never have to work on weekends," deadpanned Dr. Boyce Watkins. Nicole Lewis, the host of the podcast and YouTube program "Nicole's View," called Bell's documentary "smut."

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down his achievements," Nicole stated. "This is what Kamau Bell is pushing for us to converse about?"

Further, in American culture "where sensationalism is what tends to sell, I knew it was only a matter of time before our courtrooms would be inundated with personal opinion, public antics and trial by public in general," said Phoenix Jackson, the chief communications officer at Phoenix Affect.

"The Cosby trial displayed at its peak the type tions on steroids which of sensationalism that perpetuates the classless culture in America," Jackson continued.

"As a communications executive and celebrity publicist, I would never want my clients to experience a public trial. I would fair and impartial trial by want an unbiased, clearto-the-law trial for the best form of objectivity.

No matter the circumstance or who is on trial. Everyone deserves that."

Dean Tong, a nationally known defense expert in sex crimes cases, said it's incumbent upon all parties who are potentially adverse to the African American male accused of the unthinkable to be free from confirmation bias.

"I was not at Bill Cosby's trial, but I was at Michael Jackson's trial in 2005 in Santa Maria, California, and these allegations foster and exacerbate emocan supersede logic," Tong demanded.

"I'm not saying Cosby was or is innocent, although his conviction was reversed. All Black, white, Hispanic, Asian defendants must receive a a jury of their peers. The Constitution has the last say so."



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Why the U.S. is losing the war on diabetes

To Your Health

By TRUDY LIEBERMAN Hoosier Health

It's no secret that diabetes is becoming the scourge of America. It plagues 1 in 10 Americans, and every one of us probably knows someone who struggles with the disease. In 2017 the U.S. mortality rate for diabetes was 42% higher than the average among 10 other industrialized countries. That's a poor showing for America.

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Many of those Americans are taking insulin, a drug discovered a century ago. Sales of drugs to treat diabetes have increased about 212% from \$24 billion in 2011 to \$75 billion in 2020, second in total revenue only to drugs used to treat rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory diseases.

With all that money spent on pharmaceuticals to control the disease, you would think the U.S. was getting a loud bang for its buck. That's not the case. Reporters at Reuters, the global news service, have produced an amazing series about diabetes in America revealing that disease has produced a medical catastrophe.

One of the series' authors, Chad Terhune, told me the U.S. had been making a lot of progress until around 2010-2011 when complications from the disease seem to have rounded a corner in middle-aged adults. "Diabates has followed the

"Diabetes has followed the obesity crisis," Terhune told me. "It has a lot to do with



healthy lifestyles and health disparities. It's a reflection of income inequality." Sedentary lifestyles, unhealthy diets and

lack of consistent medical care for many people also contribute to the halt in progress in improving outcomes for people with the disease.

We also know some patients ration their diabetes medications and skip doctor's appointments because they don't have the money to pay the large deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs. Ironically, it was the insurance industry that pushed those onerous costs onto policyholders to discourage them from seeing doctors. The goal was to impose high cost sharing by their insurance policies in the hope that if people had to pay more out-of-pocket, they'd be less inclined to go to the doctor for every minor ailment. The goal was to lower the overall cost of health care for the country and, of course, benefit insurance companies through fewer claims to be paid out.

Some 20 years after that cost-containment strategy surfaced, the strategy seems has backfired, harming thousands of diabetic patients. Delays in care simply impose higher costs because people don't show up for treatment until they are much sicker. One study of lower-income workers and their family members who had diabetes had 22% more emergency room visits for preventable complications after they had switched to high-deductible plans.

Reuters reporters didn't just interview patients, researchers and experts in diabetes care. They examined the rates of potentially avoidable hospitalizations related to diabetes tracked by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. They found from 2016 to 2017, the most recent year of available data, hospitalization rates increased for shortterm complications, long-term complications and lowerextremity amputations. When reporters asked for more recent state-specific data, only eight states responded.

One was Indiana. Rates of short-term diabetes complications and amputations increased in all responding states, except Indiana. Rates of controlled diabetes without mention of complications decreased nationally from 2011 to 2015 and in six states that responded through 2018. Indiana, however, reported an increase. So Indiana results are mixed – making it hard to judge how well Indiana is doing in preventing diabetes complications.

The Reuters series on diabetes illustrated the three evils in America's health system: underuse, overuse and misuse of medical services. It serves as a warning not just for diabetics but for the rest of us who inevitably will need health care in our lives.

Have you or a family member had trouble paying for diabetes drugs? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.



New Reports on Health, Well-being of Children During COVID-19

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released two new reports in February that provide important insights on the health and well-being of children and adolescents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first report looked at pediatric emergency department visits. The

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study found that overall pediatric emergency department visits decreased in 2020, 2021, and in January 2022 compared with visits in 2019, while COVID-19-related emergency department visits increased across all pandemic years and among pediatric age groups.

There were also increases in the weekly number and proportion of emergency department visits for certain types of injuries, some chronic diseases, and visits related to behavioral health concerns, especially among older children (5–11 years) and adolescents (12–17 years). Factors affecting caregivers during the pandemic, including unavailable or unpredictable childcare, illness, financial hardship, and mental health concerns, might increase a child's vulnerabilities.

Loss of a parent or caregiver increases in other challenges and disruptions in daily routine due to the COVID-19 pandemic might have also increased a child's behavioral health concerns and unhealthy coping behaviors.

The second report examined changes in pediatric emergency department visits for mental health conditions and found that adolescent girls (12–17 years) accounted for the largest increases in the number and proportion of emergency department visits for mental health conditions in 2020, 2021, and in January 2022 compared with 2019. Weekly visits for eating and tic disorders increased for females, and particularly adolescent girls (12–17 years), during 2020, 2021, and in January 2022. The highly complex nature of individual experiences makes it difficult to identify a single reason for changes in mental health conditions during the pandemic.

While extended time at home could increase family support for some youth, it may have increased challenges and stressors among others. These factors, as well as other pandemic-related stressors that impact families – increases in parental mental health problems, parental substance use, financial strain, and loss of a parent or caregiver – could have created or increased the risk for mental health conditions. Early identification and expanded evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies are critical to improving children's mental health, especially among adolescent girls who might have increased need. CDC recommends increased awareness for health concerns among children and adolescents that could arise due to delayed medical care and heightened emotional distress. To learn more, please visit CDC.gov.

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.

Religion

B Section Friday, February 25, 2022

EXPLAINER: Why are thousands of baptisms deemed invalid?

By PETER SMITH and NICOLE WIN-**FIELD Associated Press**

When is a baptism not a baptism? When the cleric presiding at the ceremony alters the ritual language in such a fundamental way that it undercuts its meaning, according to the Vatican.

And even the altering of a single, crucial pronoun can render a baptism invalid, it says.

A Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Andres Arango, resigned Feb. 1 as pastor of his parish in Phoenix, after acknowledging he had been using the incorrect baptismal formula during more than two decades of priestly ministry in Arizona, California and Brazil.

Arango used the formula, "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," instead of the prescribed singular pronoun: "I baptize you ..."

Theologically, that makes all the difference, the Vatican ruled in 2020, because it's not the "we" of the congregation doing the baptizing, but rather the "I" of Jesus Christ, working through the priest.

Now the Diocese of Phoenix is putting out a call to anyone who underwent the ritual under Arango to receive "valid" baptisms — and potentially other rites of initiation. The diocese estimates that thousands were affected.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF **BAPTISM, AND WHY IS IT IMPOR-**TANT FOR IT TO BE "VALID?"

Baptism is the basic rite of initiation into the Christian faith. In Catholic theology, baptism is considered a sacrament — a visible rite conveying spiritual grace - and is "necessary for salvation," according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "The church does not know of any means other than baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude" — that is, heaven.

For a sacrament to be valid, it has to be presided over correctly, the church teaches.

"Baptism for us is for salvation, so it's a big deal. We need to make sure to make it right," said Jay Conzemius, moderator of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's tribunal and past president of the Canon Law Society of America.

HAS THIS COME UP BEFORE?

Yes. Cases have arisen in Michigan

formula to make the baptism more of a communal affair involving parents, godparents and the community in welcoming a new member into the Catholic Church. But in an explanatory note accompanying its decision, it recalled that when a priest baptizes someone, it is actually Christ performing the sacra-

ment, not the community. "Modifying on one's own initiative the form of the celebration of a sacrament does not only constitute a liturgical abuse ... but a wound inflicted upon the ecclesial communion," the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said in the note.

GOING TO HELL?

No, according to church officials and theologians.

"Even if we want to make sure that everything is done as the rite needs to be done, what needs to be emphasized just as loudly is the notion that God isn't constrained by the errors that a priest might make," said Gregory Hillis, professor of theology at Bellarmine University, a Catholic school in Louisville, Kentucky.

"Nobody's assuming God's going to say, 'Well, I'm sorry, you got the first person plural rather than the first person singular," Hillis said. Added Monsignor Stephen Doktorczyk, vicar general for the Diocese of Orange, California: "There's a saying that God works through the sacraments, but with funding from Lilly Endowment he is not limited to the sacraments."

invalid, then subsequent rites such as confirmation and, in the case of priests, ordination are also not valid as sacraments.

A priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit discovered in 2020 that the deacon who baptized him as an infant used "We" rather than "I." He had to receive a valid baptism – and confirmation and ordination, since those hinged on a valid baptism. And the archdiocese also worked to arrange sacramentally valid baptisms for those whose rites he had presided at without knowing he wasn't validly ordained.



and Oklahoma of priests who learned their baptism was invalid.

The Vatican in June 2020 issued guidance declaring that the formula "We baptize you ..." was invalid and that anyone who baptized using it must be re-baptized properly.

The Vatican said then that some unnamed priests were using the "We"

The Vatican clearly knew that its ruling would cause upheaval, but for such a fundamental sacrament which concerns the salvation of a soul, it felt the need to insist that freelance variations were not only unacceptable but invalid.

IS THE CHURCH SAYING THAT **ANYONE INVALIDLY BAPTIZED IS**

WHAT OTHER IMPACT DOES THIS HAVE?

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Black gay priest in NYC challenges Catholicism from within

By KWASI GYAMFI ASIEDU Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Parishioners worshipping at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Harlem are greeted by a framed portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. – a Baptist minister named after a rebellious 16th century German priest excommunicated from the Catholic Church.

The Rev. Bryan Massingale, who sometimes preaches at St. Charles, pursues his ministry in ways that echo both Martin Luthers.

Like King, Massingale decries the scourge of racial inequality in the United States. As a professor at Fordham University, he teaches African American religious approaches to ethics.

Like the German Martin Luther, Massingale is often at odds with official Catholic teaching - he supports the ordination of women and making celibacy optional for Catholic clergy. And, as a gay man, he vocally disagrees with the church's doctrine on samesex relations, instead advocating for full inclusion of LGBTQ Catholics within the church.

The Vatican holds that gays and lesbians should be treated with dignity and respect, but that gay sex is "intrinsically disordered" and sinful.

Massingale was born in 1957 in Milwaukee. His mother was a school secretary and his father a factory worker whose family migrated from Mississippi to escape racial segregation.

But even in Wisconsin, racism was common. Massingale said his father couldn't work as a carpenter because of a color bar preventing African Americans from joining the carpenters' union.

For Massingale, racism within the U.S. Catholic Church is a reason for the exodus of some Black Catholics; he says the church is not doing enough to tackle racism within its ranks and in broader society.

Nearly half of Black U.S. adults who were raised Catholic no longer identify as such, with many becoming Protestants, according to a 2021 survey by the Pew Research Center. About 6% of Black U.S. adults identify as Catholic and close to 80% believe opposing racism is essential to their faith, the survey found.

The U.S. Catholic Church has had a checkered history with race. Some of its institutions, such as Georgetown University, were involved in the slave trade, and it has struggled to recruit African American priests.

Conversely, Catholic schools were among the first to desegregate and some government officials who opposed racial integration were excommunicated.

In 2018, U.S. bishops issued a pastoral letter decrying "the persistence of the evil of racism," but Massingale was disappointed.

"The phrase 'white nationalism' is not stated in that document; it doesn't talk about the Black Lives Matter movement," he said. "The problem with the church's teachings on racism is that they are written in a way that is calculated not to disturb white people."

At Fordham, a Jesuit university, Massingale teaches a class on homosexuality and Christian ethics, using biblical texts to challenge church teaching on samesex relations. He said he came to terms with his own sexuality at 22, upon reflecting on the book of Isaiah.

"I realized that no matter what the church said, God loved me and accepted me as a Black gay man," he said.

His ordination in 1983 came in the early years of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that disproportionately affected gay men and Black Americans. Among his first funerals as a priest was that of a gay man whose family wanted no mention of his sexuality or the disease. Pope Francis has called for compassionate pastoral care for LGBTQ Catholics. However, he has described homosexuality among the clergy as wor-

risome, and Vatican law remains clear: same-sex unions cannot be blessed within the church. Some dioceses have fired openly LGBTQ employees.





where Catholics enjoy the same privileges regardless of sexual orientation.

"I think that one can express one's sexuality in a way that is responsible, committed, life giving and an experience of joy," he said.

Massingale remains optimistic about gradual change in the Catholic Church because of Pope Francis and recent signals from bishops in Europe who expressed a desire for changes, including blessing same-sex unions.

"My dream wedding would be either two men or two women standing before the church; marrying each other as an act of faith and I can be there as the official witness to say: 'Yes, this is of God," he said after a recent class at Fordham. "If they were Black, that would be wonderful."

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Obituary

On Wednesday, February 16, 2022, God sent his Angels to lift Marvis Claudette Wiggins Fulford to join Him in His heavenly home. Marvis was born on July 30,1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Bessie Althea and Luther Wiggins.

Marvis retired from Metropolitan School District of Washington Township in Indianapolis, IN, as a School Social Worker. Throughout her professional career, she dedicated her life to the students, parents, and staff in the Indianapolis school system. Marvis began her early profession as a Social Worker for the State Department of Children Services, Norfolk, VA & Indianapolis, IN.

Marvis graduated from John Bartram High School, Philadelphia, PA in 1964. She matriculated at Norfolk State College where she received a **B.S.** Degree in Social Work in 1970. While attending Norfolk State College, she became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Delta Epsilon Chapter in 1968. In that same year (1968) she married the love of her life, Wilbert H. Fulford, Jr. and to that union 2 children were born, Bryan and Niah Fulford. Marvis also received a Master's degree in Social Work from Indiana University Purdue University at



Indianapolis (IUPUI) in 1994.

Throughout her life, Marvis was known as a warm, loving, caring and compassionate person, devoted to her family, church, sorority and friends who always greeted you with a smile. She welcomed Christ into her life at an early age. As a resident of Norfolk, she attended First Baptist Berkley, Norfolk, Virginia. And for the past 40years, Marvis was a devoted member of New Bethel **Missionary Baptist** Church, Indianapolis, IN. Marvis believed in putting God first and demonstrated this by her walk of faith, until her health began to fail.

Marvis leaves to cherish her memory, husband of 53 years Wilbert H. Fulford, Jr.; son Bryan W. Fulford, Altamonte Springs, FL; daughter, Niah Y. Fulford, Atlanta, GA;

Temple of Believers

sisters Althea Osborne (Jerry), Fort Worth, TX; Darlene Bates (Otis), Fayetteville, NC; brother, Terry Wiggins (Brenda), Woodbridge, VA; sister-in-law, Deborah Crawford, Norfolk, VA; Aunt, Line Briggs, Gates, NC; Lifelong friends Reho Satchell, Philadelphia, PA; Linda Burks, Kingwood, TX; Myrtle Humphrey, Norfolk, VA, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 25th at **Crown Hill Funeral** Home & Cemetery, viewing from 10am to 12pm with homegoing services immediately following. The homegoing service can also be viewed via **Crown Hill's Facebook** page. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www. crownhill.org for the Fulford family.

that temple." 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Recently, I discovered the gravesite of a great auntie with an older cousin. Her gravesite — like so many gravesites of people of African descent in the Black Belt of Alabama - was hidden. A few days later we visited

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Yesteryear and today:

Embracing the sanctity of Black Lives

the family gravesite of my great-great-greatgrandmother, also hidden and buried behind the high hedges of a very well-kept white cemetery with many other descendants. I fell to my knees, prayed and once again gave thanks for my ancestors and for the honor of being their descendent.

By ANGELIQUE WALKER-SMITH

"Do you not know that you are God's temple

and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any-

one destroys God's temple, God will destroy

him. For God's temple is holy, and you are

Black History Month offers a hallowed time for all of us to give thanks to ancestors like these and to actively engage in solidarity with their legacy, which calls us to faith, love, equity and hope. It is a time to not only recognize the public and visible leadership of those most often celebrated, but to also recognize those who have been less visible, invisible and even removed from the mem-



ory of yesteryears. Alabama is not the only place where our gravesites are hidden; they are hidden in locations across the nation and around the world.

Stories, individuals and peoples of Africa and of African descent have been systematically erased from our memories. This erasure includes Black lives who did not survive infancy as well as those who gave life. Black lives have been erased from cradle to grave. This lack of memory desanctifies Black lives and compromises the history and herstory of all of us.

The proper honoring and remembrances of gravesites and the related narratives of Black lives remind us of the policies of enslavement of African peoples, of the Emancipation Proclamation, of the abbreviated period of Reconstruction and of the congressional reversal of these policies that ushered in the Jim Crow laws. It reminds us of periods when Black lives were not properly buried, when they were isolated or even bulldozed over to benefit those who took Black farmlands and built their homes atop Black lives. This legacy informs the system of racism today.

The acts of honoring and remembering helps to avoid repeating past horrors like these and encourages a more sanctified way forward as cited in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. This remembrance also recognizes the hope these ancestors foresaw for their children. Today, their descendants are reclaiming the meta-narratives and common narratives of and by people of Africa and African descent. We ask, "Who do you know who can tell ancestral and descendent stories?"

Students from our historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and related sanctuaries will be sharing their voices during our Black History Month observance at Bread for the World. This month, Bread will also be convening leaders from Black farming communities, addressing the upcoming farm bill while celebrating the sanctity of Black lives. We invite you to join us as we remember and honor Black lives, as we advocate together to end hunger.

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







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In GOP embrace of truckers, some see racist double standard

By COREY WILLIAMS and SARA BURNETT **Associated Press**

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Former President Donald Trump, who repeatedly called Black Lives Matter protesters "thugs" and "anarchists," said there's "a lot of respect" for the overwhelmingly white truckers who blocked streets in the Canadian capital and shut down border crossings with the U.S. to oppose COVID-19 restrictions.

To Republican Sen. Ted Cruz, the truckers who parked bumper to bumper are "heroes" fighting for a righteous cause. Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity sent "solidarity. love and support" to the drivers, who also defied police orders to clear Ottawa's streets and ignored a court order forbidding them from blaring their horns. GOP Sen. Rand Paul encouraged them to head south and "clog" streets in the U.S.

The embrace of the truckers by some of the nation's most prominent conservative voices has drawn new accusations of hypocrisy and allegations that GOP leaders apply a racist double standard to large protests, including the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol involving a mostly white crowd of Trump supporters.

Earlier this month, the **Republican National** Committee called the Jan. 6 attack "legitimate political discourse." But only months before the insurrection, Trump, Cruz and other conservatives excoriated protests against police brutality and racial injustice that were largely peaceful, with some instances of looting and unrest.

"This shows again that

protests and instances of violence during protests over the killing of George Floyd by a white officer in Minneapolis, including buildings set on fire in that city and Portland, Oregon.

"All Americans have the right to peacefully protest. But there's a stark contrast between civil disobedience which has been a timehonored tradition in our down buildings, looting businesses, and violently attacking actual peaceful protesters and innocent bystanders," Paul said. At the Alberta border town of Coutts, across from Montana, where a blockade disrupted trade for more than two weeks, police arrested 13 people and seized guns and ammunition earlier this week. Four men also face a charge of conspiracy alleging that they plotted to kill Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers. The support from conservatives in the U.S. goes beyond the words of politicians. Right-wing activists who oppose

pandemic mandates and Canada's liberal prime minster, Justin Trudeau, have also donated money to the demonstrations, hoping that the protests will help motivate American voters ahead of this year's midterm elections. Mario Morrow, a Black political consultant who has served both GOP and Democratic governors in Michigan, called

ens of demonstrators. "There is no way that the supporters, especially Republicans, can justify the funding support, the moral support and the political statements they are making by support-

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ing these tactics," Morrow said. He also said the protesters would not get the same support if they were "anything other Jill Colvin and Padmathan conservative white individuals."

locked up – day one," he said.

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there is just an unequal right to express dissent in country – and burning the United States," said Karen Pita Loor, a professor at Boston University's School of Law. She called conservatives' support "two-faced," saying that conservatives appear to support a white, conservative rights movement, but "when you have Black Lives Matter protesters on the street that are 'thugs,' they scare you."

Conservatives counter that there's a double standard on the other side – that liberals support the idea of protesting, until they disagree with the cause.

Conservatives say there is a clear distinction between the Canadian

Republicans' support for the Canadian protests "hypocrisy at its highest level."

The protests included a blockade of the Ambassador Bridge, which connects Detroit and Windsor, Canada, and carries 25% of all trade between the two countries. The demonstrations also forced the shutdown of a Canadian Ford plant last week. Shortages due to the blockade forced General Motors to cancel a shift last week at its midsize-SUV factory near Lansing, Michigan.

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2202-FU-000023 whose whereabouts are IN THE MATTER OF THE unknown. In addition to the UNSUPERVISED ESTATE above named Defendants. OF JERALD SWANK, being served this summons, there may be other Defen-NOTICE OF ADMINISdants who have an interest

in this lawsuit. The Plaintiff Estate of Notice is hereby given that VICKY SWANK was, on Yvonne Barker, is represented by Stacy L. McGuyre February 11, 2022, appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of JERALD #31064-32, Attorney at Law, 2028 N Park Ave., India-SWANK deceased who died napolis, IN 46202, who may be contacted at (317) 965-0407. on JANUARY 30, 2022 All persons who have

The nature of this suit against you is a VERIFIED ACTION TO QUIET TITLE, alleging sole interest in the property located at 4525 Vernon Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46226

An answer or other re sponse in writing to the complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after notice of suit published by this newspaper, and if you fail to do so. judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Estate

Attorney for personal repof Yvonne Barker Doris Brauman Moore /s/ Stacy L. McGuvre Brauman Moore Law Of-Stacy L. McGuyre, I.D.

#31064-32 Counsel and Personal Brownsburg, Indiana Representative of the Estate of Yvonne Barker

Telephone: (317) 858-5000 Attest /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Fax: (317) 858-5009 Attorney Num-er: 21958-32 Clerk Mari-

County Courts o n 5320-939865 02/25/22 02/25/22, 03/04/22 03/04/22,

03/11/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE BOONE SUPERIOR STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COURT) SS:

COUNTY OF MARION) COUNTY OF BOONE ESTATE DOCKET: 06D01-CAUSE NO. 49C01-2201-MI-002061 IN THE MATTER OF THE RE THE NAME

CHANGE OF: YENIFER ROJAS JAI-MES.

Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME YENIFER ROJAS JAI-MES, whose mailing address is: 2608 SICKLE ROAD.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, 46219, and, if different my residence address is in the MARION County,

Indiana, hereby gives notice that YENIFER ROJAS JAI-MES has filed a petition in the MARION Court requesting that her name be changed to JENNY ROJAS JAIMES.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on May 5, 2022

at 1:30 p.m. /s/ Yenifer Roias Jaimes Petitione

5320-939949 02/25/22 03/04/22,

03/11/22 Attorney for personal rep-STATE OF INDIANA)

IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COOURT Doris Brauman Moore Brauman Moore Law Of-) SS: COUNTY OF MARION

CASE NO. 49C01-2201-Brownsburg, Indiana MI-002191 IN RE THE NAME Telephone: (317) 858-5000 CHANGE OF:

CANDRA OLIN JONES, Petitioner ORDER SETTING HEAR-

ING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Petitioner, Candra Olin Jones, whose mailing and

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

is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. And to the following respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: Dom-inga Molina Cruz. In addition to the above named respondent being served by this summons there may be other defendants who

have an interest in this law suit If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Com-

plaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 3/25/22 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk 5320-937663 02/25/22,

03/04/22, 03/11/22 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR

COURT)SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2112-EU-040548 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS-TRATION OF THE ESTATE OF MAD-ELINE C. CAWTHORN, DE-

CEASED NOTICE OF ADMINIS-TRATION Notice is hereby given that. January 27, 2022, James D. Cawthorn was appointed ersonal Representative of the Estate of MADELINE C. CAWTHORN who died on the

1st day of September, 2021 All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court, within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death. whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, In-diana, this January 27, 2022.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Division Probate 5320-939946

02/25/22. 03/04/22

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)SS: PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2202-ES-004050 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES

DURIVAGE NOTICE OF ADMINIS-TRATION FOR PUBLICA-TION Notice is hereby given that Shyrelle Durivage was, on the 8th day of February,

2022, appointed Persona Representative of the Estate of James Durivage, who died on December 29, 2020.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the LIS, INDIANA, THIS FEBRU-ARY 8, 2022. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge

dants whose whereabouts CLERK, MARION SUPEare known to me: **RIOR COURT** Evonne Lewis Aaron M. Pitt Capital One Bank (USA), Indiana Supreme Court NA F/K/ A Capital One Bank Citibank (South Dakota),

tion is specifically directed to

the following named defen

Federal Home Loan Mort

The unknown heirs, de-

incompetent heirs of Evonne

In addition to the above

named Defendants being

served by this Summons,

there may be other Defen-

dants who have an interest

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising

from the same transaction or

occurrence, you must assert it

plaint in writing, by you or your

attorney, on or before 30 days

You must answer the Com-

Clerk of MARION County

Diaz Anselmo & Associ-

Jason Duhn (26807-06)

Attornevs for Plaintiff

Voice: (630) 453-6960

you are advised that Diaz

Anselmo & Associates, LLC

is deemed to be a debt col-

lector for its respective clients

and any information obtained

may be used for that purpose.

MDK # 22-000690

STATE OF INDIANA) IN

COUNTY OF MARION)

U.S. Bank National As-

sociation, as Trustee, for

CSFBMortgage-BackedTrust Series 2005-6

The Unknown heirs, devi-

sees, legatees, beneficiaries of Daniel R. Vance AKA Daniel

Vance and their unknown

creditors; the unknown execu-

tor, administrator, or personal

Daniel R. Vance AKA Daniel

resentative of the Estate of

CAUSE NO. 49D12-2202-

THE MARION SUPERIOR

02/25/22,

03/04/22.

03/11/22

5320-939873

COURT #12

) SS:

MF-004447

Plaintiff.

Fax: (630) 428-4620

ings@dallegal.com

Patricia Johnson (23332-

in your written answer.

in this lawsuit.

ATTEST

ates. LLC

ates, LLC

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By:

Bowman and Heintz

Lewis

No. 30806-49 Huelskamp and Rivas P.C. N.A. 1809 Prospect Sureer Indianapolis, Indiana gage, This Summons by Pub-1809 Prospect Street 46203 423-1989 (317)

lication is also specifically directed to the following 5320-939884 02/25/22, named Defendants whose 03/04/22 whereabouts are unknown

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY visees legatee executors SUPERIOR COURT administrators, spouses and)SS: PROBATE DIVISION assigns, and the unknown guardians of minor and or COUNTY OF MARION

ESTATE NO. 49D08-2202-EU-004084 IN RE THE ESTATE OF

TRACY J. FUGATE, DE-CEASED NOTICE OF ADMINIS-TRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana Notice is given that Brian Fugate was, on February 10, 2022, appointed personal representative of Tracy J. Fugate, deceased, who died January 27, 2022, and is authorized to administer the estate without court

supervision. after the Third Publication of All persons who have Notice of this Suit and if you claims against this estate fail to do so, a judgment will be whether or not now due, must entered against you for what file the claim in the office of the Plaintiff has demanded. the clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division within three (3) Clerk

months from the date of publication of this notice, or vithin nine (9) months from the date of death, whichever is earlier

or the claims will be forever 15) barred. Dated at Marion County,

Indiana, this day February 10, 2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court 8, Probate Division Shane A. Toland (22775-

41) Attorney for Brian Fugate TOLAND LAW FIRM 7748 Madison Avenue, Suite C Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

Phone: (317) 921-0094 Fax: (866) 314-6005 shane@shanetoland.com 5320-939459

02/25/22 03/04/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY) SS: CIVIL DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D09-2112-DC-010838 IN RETHE MARRIAGE OF JOYCE CUMMINGS,

Petitioner, MUHAMMAND SHEIKH Respondent NOTICE OF SUIT

dresses are

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

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit

against vou is: Petition for Vance solution of Marriage. Defendants NOTICE OF SUIT SUM-This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named

MONS BY PUBLICATION TO: The Unknown heirs, Respondent(s) whose addevisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Daniel R. Vance AKA and to the following Re-Daniel Vance and their unknown creditors: the unknown executor, administrator, or this notice. personal representative of the Estate of Daniel R. Vance AKA Daniel Vance: BE IT KNOWN, that U.S. person's legal obligations under the In-Bank National Association, as Trustee for CSEB Mortgagediana adoption statutes. You Backed Trust Series 2005-6, have the right to have an the above-named Plaintiff, attorney represent you in this by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office action. A person being served with this notice should consult of the Clerk of the Marion the Indiana Adoption Statutes Respectfully submitted, Superior Court #12 its Com plaint against Defendant The /s/ Michelle Berry Domer Michelle Berry Domer, At-Unknown heirs, devisees torney for Petitioners legatees, beneficiaries of Daniel R. Vance AKA Daniel **BERRY & DOMER** Vance and their unknown Attorneys At Law 1505 W. Arlington Road creditors;the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Bloomington, IN 47404 812-336-8300 Daniel B Vance AKA Daniel michelle@ber Vance, and the said Plaintiff ydomerlaw.com having also filed in said 5320-939537 Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and where abouts of the Defendant, The PUBLIC PROJECT Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON CAMPUS Daniel R. Vance AKA Daniel Vance and their unknown 20200310 - BL237 creditors; the unknown execu-WRIGHT QUAD RENOVAtor, administrator, or personal TION representative of the Estate of Shiel Sexton and Powers & Daniel R. Vance AKA Daniel Sons are seeking subcontrac-Vance, upon diligent inquiry tor bids for the renovation of is unknown, and that said the Wright Quad dormitory cause of action is for default on the Bloomington Campus on the promissory note and of Indiana University for work to foreclose a mortgage on associated with the following described real estate in Marion County, State Contract No.01-Sitework/ Site Utilities Contract No.02-Structural of Indiana, to wit: Lot 183 in Christian Park and Miscellaneous Steel Heights, an Addition to the Contract No. 03 - HVAC City of Indianapolis, the the Systems of which is recorded in Plans & specifications will Plat Book 18, Page 177, in be posted Thursday, March the Office of the Recorder of 3, 2022 and will be available Marion County, Indiana. through Eastern Engineercommonly known as 4706 ing Distribution Department. Farrington Avenue, India-9901 Allisonville Road, Fishnapolis, IN 46201. ers, Indiana 46038, Ph. 317-NOW. THEREFORE, said 598-0661 and electronically Defendant is hereby notified of at www.iuplanroom.com or the filing and pendency of said iSaFt.com. For questions Complaint against them and regarding the bid documents that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend 317-423-6000. thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #12 J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)Chris Wiley (26936-10) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALdocuments. SKI LLC P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 thority Email: sef-jdsmith@ manleydeas.com tional Airport 5320-940062 02/25/22 03/04/22. 03/11/22

) SS: COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO .: 49D16-2111-DC-010158 Bianca L. Bueno

Plaintiff Manuel A. Garcia-Gomez Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the defendants above named and any other person who may be

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

The nature of the suit against you is: divorce This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: 4540 Candletree Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46254 And to the following

defendant(s) whose abouts are unknown: Manuel A. Garcia-Gomez. In addition to the above-

named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction o occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you our your attorney, on or before the 10th day of April, 2022 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgnent will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has required of all contractors, in any contractor tier performing demanded. ATTEST

Clerk of the Marion Court IAA which is estimated to be One Hundred Fifty Thousand 5320-939534 02/25/22 03/04/22

03/11/22

Diaz Anselmo & Associ-1771 W. Diehl Rd., Suite STATE OF INDIANA IN

THE MONROE CIRCUIT Naperville, Illinois 60563 COURT

COUNTY OF MONROE Email: MidwestPlead-CAUSE NO. 53C07-2112-AD-000071 Pursuant to the Fair Debt IN RETHE ADOPTION OF Collection Practices Act, FILANDICE MACKILLE

JAKES a minor NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Shinika Jakes is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named TiLandice Mackille Jakes, born April 27, 2009, to Shinika Jakes, was filed in the office of the clerk 46204-2524 of the Monroe County Circuit Court, 301 N. College Ave., may be obtained from Re-Bloomington, IN 47404. The proGraphix Inc., 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Inpetition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption diana 46204, 317,637,3377, of Shinka Jakes is not required or on-line at https://www reprographix.com. There will

pursuant to 31-19-9-8. If Shinika Jakes seeks to contest the adoption of the child. Shinika Jakes must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date

of service of this notice. must be accompanied by a If Shinika Jakes does not Financial Statement, must file a motion to contest the be properly and completely adoption within thirty (30) executed, and shall be ac days after service of this companied by a properly notice the above named completed non-collusion court will hear and determine affidavit. After opening bids the petition for adoption. The no bid shall be withdrawn fo consent to adoption of Shinika a period of sixty (60) calendar Jakes will be irrevocably imdavs without written consent plied and Shinika Jakes will of the Owner lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of Shinika Jakes's implied bid bond in an amount of not consent to the adoption less than 5% of the contract No oral statement made to amount. Original copy of the

Shinika Jakes relieves Shinika Jakes of her obligations under

tronically and read aloud on March 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m E.T. No bids will be permitted after the designated time. To attend the bid opening online (virtual meeting), please contact P&DAdmins@ind com. Bids are desired as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders, which is part of the specifications.

Fach bid shall include all work, labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the project as required in strict compliance with the drawings and specifications (Plans) prepared by DLZ Indiana, LLC, 138 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

BROWN ENTERPRISE 46204-2524. The Indianapolis Airport SERVICES LLC Send correspondence to: Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of 6101 North Keystone Ste Civil Rights Act of 1964 100 Ste 100 #1300 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Indianapolis, IN. 46220 Regulations, hereby notifies 5320-939296

all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvan taged business enterprises Legal Notice will be afforded full and fair STATE OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ADopportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation MINISTRATION and will not be discriminated NOTICE TO BIDDEBS against on the grounds of

ork under contract to the

nd may be examined at

Cincinnati, OH 45209

www.constructConnect

Dodge Data & Analytics

3315 Central Avenue

DLZ Indiana, LLC

Hot Springs, AR 71913

www.construction.com

138 North Delaware Street

Indianapolis, Indiana

Plans and Bid Documents

be no charge for the first set

of Plans and Bid Documents;

additional sets may be ob-

tained for the cost of printing

All bids shall be on Form

All bids shall be accompa-

ied by a scanned copy of the

bid bond will be requested

from the successful bidder

No. 96 as prescribed by the

State Board of Accounts

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BX Indiana Construction

ON BEHALF OF: Indiana race color or national origin Department of Education SOLICITATION FOR: I AM in consideration for an award. In accordance with Indiana Research; RFP 22-70622 Code Section 5-16-13-1, et seq., prequalification with PROPOSAL DUE DATE April 4, 2022 by 3:00 PM EST https://www the Indiana Department of .gov/idoa/2354.htm Administration (IDOA) or the Indiana Department of 5320-939438 Transportation (INDOT) is

02/25/22 STATE OF INDIANA) IN

THE MARION COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)

of this letter of interest. Our

company currently has access to this property and have

taken all certified measures

to be in great condition upon

your response and/or visit

to the property. All receipts

for voluntary expenses have

been filed, and kept with the

service invoice, and can be

produced upon your written

equest. BROWN ENTER.

PRISE SERVICES LLC will

presume title possession

upon a non-response (15)

days after "issue date" listed

above. We truly appreciate

your immediate attention to

02/25/22.

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this urgent negotiation.

Honorably

Dollars (\$150,000) or greater. CAUSE NO. 49C01-2109-Specifications are on file MI-032339 RE THE NAME IN

CHANGE OF: Luther Mae Bragg Petitioner

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

the hearing will be held on said Petition on March 11,

Notice is further given that

STATE OF INDIANA)

COUNTY OF MARION)

IN RE THE NAME

DANIEL JAMES HERVAS,

NOTICE OF PETITION

Daniel James Hervas.

hose mailing address is

OR CHANGE OF NAME

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

the hearing will be held on the

Petition on March 31, 2022 at

/s/ Daniel James Hervas

Mari-

Notice is further given that

CAUSE NO. 49C01-2112-

IN THE MARION CIRCUIT

Officer

02/18/22

02/25/22

03/04/22

Simmons

2022, at 9 a.m /s/ Luther Mae Bragg

Petitioner

5320-938816

Judicial

Date

COURT

) SS:

MI-042915

CHANGE OF

Petitioner.

Dani Hervas.

9:00 a.m

1/27/2022

Judge

Date

1028 Shelby Street India-NOTICE OF PETITION napolis, IN 46203 www.bxindiana.com FOR CHANGE OF NAME ConstructConnect Luther Mae Bragg, whose mailing address is 5758 Glass 3825 Edwards Road, Ste

) SS: PROBATE DIVISION IN 46468 in Marion County, COUNTY OF JOHNSON Indiana, hereby gives notice ESTATE NO. 41D01-2202that Candra Olin Jones has EU-000058 filed a petition in the Marion IN RE THE ESTATE OF: County Circuit Court request LARRY NILES ELLIS, ing that her name be changed DECEASED to Candra Olin Atobatele Notice is further given that NOTICE OF ADMINISthe hearing will be held on said TRATION In the Superior Court of Petition on April 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. This matter will be Johnson County, Indiana Notice is given that Joshua heard remotely, and the Court Niles Ellis was, on February will issue/issues a WebEx 12, 2022, appointed personal invitation for attendance at representative of Larry Niles the hearing. Ellis, deceased, who died /s/ Candra Olin Jones on November 19, 2021, and Candra Olin Jones is authorized to administe January 19, 2022 Date the estate without court supervision. So Ordered: February All persons who have 3 2022 claims against this estate. /s/ Susan Boatright Officer whether or not now due, must Judicial file the claim in the office of the 5320-939538 clerk of the Johnson County 02/25/22. Superior Court, Probate Div 03/04/22 sion within three (3) months 03/11/22 from the date of publication of STATE OF INDIANA) this notice, or within nine (9) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT months from the date of death. whichever is earlier, or the COURT claims will be forever barred.) SS: Dated at Johnson County COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2201-Indiana, this day February 15. 2022. MI-002918 /s/ Trena McLaughlin RE THE NAME Clerk of the Johnson CHANGE OF: County Superior Court 1, ANGELA PARROTT Probate Division Petitioner Shane A. Toland (22775-ORDER SETTING HEAR-41) ING AND NOTICE OF PETITION Attorney for Joshua Niles FOR CHANGE OF NAME ANGELA PARROTT, Fllis TOLAND LAW FIRM 7748 Madison Avenue, whose mailing address is 8303 SOUTHERN SPRINGS Suite C Indianapolis, Indiana DR., and if different, my resi-46227 dence address is: in the MARION County, Phone: (317) 921-0094 Indiana, hereby gives notice that ANGELA PARROTT has Fax: (866) 314-6005 shane@shanetoland.com 5320-939796 filed a petition in the MARION CIRCUIT Court requesting 02/25/22 03/04/22 that her name be changed to ROXIE SOLLEY. STATE OF INDIANA) Notice is further given that MARION CIRCUIT COURT 1 the hearing will be held on said) SS: Petition on April 26, 2022, at COUNTY OF MARION) 1:30 p.m. This matter will be CAUSE NO. 49C01-2022heard remotely, and the Court PL-004361 will issue/issues a WebEx ESTATE OF YVONNE invitation for attendance at BARKER the hearing. /s/ Angela Parrott Plaintiff, Petitioner HENRY BARKER, and 1/27/22 any HEIRS Date ASSIGNS and ANY So Ordered: 2/11/2022 OTHER /s/ Susan Boatright UNKNOWN POSSIBLE Judicial Öfficer CLAIMANTS, 5320-939958 Defendants 02/25/22, SUMMONS BY PUBLI-03/04/22 CATION 03/11/22 This summons is to HEN-RY BARKER, ANY HEIRS, STATE OF INDIANA IN ASSIGNS, AND ANY OTH-THE MARION SUPERIOR ER UNKNOWN POSSIBLE COURT CLAIMANTS and to any SS: CIVIL DIVISION other person who may be COUNTY OF MARION concerned: CAUSE NO. 49D014-2210-You are notified that you DN-000506 have been sued in Marion Circuit Court 1, 200 E. Wash-Domingo Mejia Portillo 2166 Napoleon St ington Street. Indianapolis. Indianapolis, IN 46203 46204, which may be Plaintiff contacted at (317) 327-4747, Vs in an action entitled: Estate Dominga Molina Cruz of Yvonne Barker v. Henry Address Unknown Barker, et.al. Cause Number Indianapolis, IN 46203 49C01-2022-PL-004361, Defendant NOTICE OF SUIT by the entity named above

residential address is 4819 date of the first publication of Oakwood Trail. Indianapolis this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be foreve barred. Dated at Marion County Indiana, this February 8, 2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court 5320-940037 02/25/22, 03/04/22 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 8) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) ESTATE DOCKET: 49D08-2202-ES-004546 IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF DARRELL TANNER, DECEASED NOTICE OF SUPER-VISED ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that. on the 16th day of February, 2022, Elaine Turner was appointed personal representae of the Supervised Estate of Darrell Tanner, deceased, who died on the 24th day of December, 2021. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this February 16, 2022. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion County Superior Court. No. 8, Probate Division 5320-939915 02/25/22 03/04/22 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 8)SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) DOCKET NO.: 49D08-2202-EU-003981 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE MARGARET BLYTHE POTTS, DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINIS-TRATION IN THE MARION SUPE-RIOR COURT In the matter of the Estate of Margaret Blythe Potts, eceas Notice is hereby given that Jack Potts was, on the 8th day of February, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Margaret Blythe Potts, deceased, who died on the 5th 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, within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. DATED AT INDIANAPO-

Court ian Street COURT Plaintiff Mortgage

spondent whose whereabouts are unknown: MU-HAMMAND SHEIKH. In addition to the above named Respondent being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction o occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Petitioner has demanded. /s/ Stacy L. Kelley Attorney for Petitioner ATTEST: Clerk of the Marion County Attorney for Petitioner: Stacy L. Kelley Address: 845 S. Merid-City and State: Indianapolis IN 46225 Phone No.: (317) 636-5211 Email: skellev@ aserebbs.com 5320-939947 02/25/22 03/04/22, 03/11/22 STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49D11-2102-MF-005204 Park Place Securities. Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-WWF1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee The unknown heirs, devisees, legatee, executors, administrators, spouses and assigns, and the unknown guardians of minor and or incompetent heirs of Evonne Lewis: Capital One Bank (USA), NA f/k/a Capital One Bank; Citibank (South Dakota), N.A.; Bowman and Heintz; Federal Home Loan fendants NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the Defendants above names, and any other persons who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued on the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint Foreclosure of Note and Mortgage on the following described real estate LOT NUMBERED 52 IN ANNIE MILLER' S SUBDIVI-SION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 111, THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. More commonly known as: 53 East Raymond Street. Indianapolis, Indiana 46225 This Summons by Publica-COUNTY

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA) IN

THE COURT OF MARION

immediately following the This notice complies with bid openina IC 31-19-4.5-3 but does Contractors awarded a not exhaustively set forth a contract will be required to

furnish acceptable surety bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract price. Said performance, material and payment bond shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months after the date of the Owner's final acceptance of Contractor's work. Should a successful bidder withdraw their bid or fail to execute a satisfactory contract, the Indianapolis Airport Authority may declare the bid deposit forfeited. The Indianapolis Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held in the Auditorium of 02/25/22 03/04/22, 03/11/22

the IAA's Building No. 280 at 3747 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241, on March 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., E.T. After the meeting, attendees may meet with local sub-contractors and MBE/WBE/VBE firms. If you wish to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting, please contact P&DAdmins@ind.com to be added to the Calendar invite After the meeting, attendees may meet with local subtractors and MBE/WBE/ VBE firms and there will be a tour of the construction site Should special assistance or accommodations be needed for an individual's participation in this meeting, please contact Relay Indiana @ 800.743.3333 (TDD compatible) and have them connect you to 317.487.8578. For general information or questions, nlease contact Katie Adkins directly at 317.487.8578. INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT

AUTHORITY INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA By: Mario Rodriguez Executive Director 5320-939801 02/25/22

contact Doug Adams at dadams@shielsexton.com BROWN ENTERPRISE SERVICES LLC A physical copy of the bid 6101 North Keystone Ste documents will be available for Ste 100 #1301 viewing at Shiel Sexton's main Indianapolis, IN 46220 Parcel No.: (Alt-49-10-17office at 902 N. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204 Pre-Bid Meeting will be 107-050.000-101) held Thursday, March 10, Issue Date: 2/10/2022 2022 at 9:00 AM via Zoom. Letter of Interest Zoom link to be provided in RE: Real property 1302 Sherman Dr, Indianapolis, the Bid Documents. IND. 46203

Bids are due on Thursday Hello SKY STONE PROPERTY MANAGER March 24, at 2:00pm (EST). All bids shall be submitted via electronic bid submission LLC. BROWN ENTERPRISE Details are provided in the bid SERVICES LLC happened to notice a real property vacant and unkept at the public ad-5320-939975 02/25/22, 03/04/22 dress (1302 S Sherman Dr

Indianapolis, IND. 46203). BROWNENTERPRISESER-Indianapolis Airport Au-VICES LLC has taken it Indianapolis Internaupon our company to assist

the property by doing lawn INVITATION TO BIDDERS care, weed treatment and Electronic Bids (E-bids) re-winterization. Furthermore will be received via Planour interest expands along the etBids (IAA's solicitation lines of title possession in the management system) by the event your company's interest Indianapolis Airport Authority, for CEP – Chiller Upgrades at has been dissolved. This letter also serves as NOTICE of the Indianapolis International a real property vacant and unkept that can be lawfully ac-Airport; Project No. I-22-049. quired upon a non-response All bids will be submitted elec-

on Superior Court 5320-939316 02/18/22. 03/04/22 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 CAMP-

BELL, Petitioner NOTICE OF HEARING ON

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME COMES NOW the Petitioner Dwight Allen Campbell and submits his Verified Peti-

tion 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 rders 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 AD-JUDGED AND DECREED this February 3, 2022. /s/ Susan Boatright Magistrate, Marion Circuit Court Distribution

Rachel A. East HOCKER & ASSOCI-ATES, LLC, 6626 East 75th Street, Suite 410 Indianapolis, Indiana 46250 5320-939265 02/18/22, 02/25/22. 03/04/22 SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 1) SS:

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D01-2202-MF-003546

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Defendant

concerned

against you is:

Real Estate

as follows:

This summons by pub-

lication is specifically di-

rected to the following named

defendant(s) whose where-

abouts 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

You must answer the Com-

plaint 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

FEIWELL & HANNOY PC

By /s/ BRYAN K. RED-

BRYAN K. REDMOND

Attorney No. 22108-29

BRYAN K. REDMOND

Indianapolis, IN 46250

(317) 237-2727

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.

8415 Allison Pointe Blvd.,

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.

2/2/2022/s/MylaA.Eldridge

IN THE MARION SUPE-

CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2112-

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

JAMES W. MILTON JR., DECEASED

ISTRATION TO BE PUB-

NOTICE OF ADMIN-

In the Court of Marion

Notice is hereby given

that, on December 29, 2021,

on November 3, 2021.

death, whichever is earlier.

PROBATE DIVISION

STATE OF INDIANA

02/18/22

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Attorney for Plaintiff

response

Plaintiff.

MOND

Suite 400

NOTICE

5320-938829

RIOR COURT 8

EU-042914

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County, Indiana

Court above named.

may be

NOTICE OF SUIT

7576 W Washington St Indianapolis. IN 46231

VIN Sale

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List of vehicles to be included in the sale

Year

2007

2007

2010

200

2009

2011

2012

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Curry III.

5320-939344

Leonard Curry III

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the

You are notified that you

The nature of the suit

This summons by pub-

And to the following

In addition to the above

named defendants being

served by this summons there

my be other defendants who

have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief

against the plaintiff arising

from the same transaction or

occurrence, you must assert

it in your written answer. You

must answer the Complaint

in writing, by you or your at-

torney, on or before the 27th

day of March, 2022, (the same

being within thirty (30) days

after the Third Notice of Suit).

and if you fail to do so a judge

ment will be entered against

you for what the plaintiff has

Clerk of the Marion Court

301-4004

02/11/22.

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6303 Wallard Dr Ant A

NOTICE OF DISSOLU-

Notice is hereby given

that Loma Investment Com-

with its principal office and

corporate address formerly

located at 9801 Fall Creek

46256 (the "Company") has

pursuant to resolution of the

members of the Company.

The Articles of Dissolution of

the Company have been filed

with the Indiana Secretary of

State, Pursuant to IC 23-18-

9-9, in order to make a claim

against the Company, you must mail a written statement

of the amount of your claim

and an explanation of your

claim sufficient to apprise the

Company of the basis therefor

to DeFur Voran LLP, 8409

Fishers Centre Drive, Fishers

IN 46038, Attn: Gregory J.

Cagnassola. You must provide

Indianapolis, IN 46224

demanded.

ATTEST

Plaintiff:

(872)

Defendant

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02/25/22

copies of any documents

which support the amount you

are claiming. Your statement

and supporting documents

should be sent by certified

mail, return receipt requested

Upon receipt by the Company

of such documentation the

Company will make a deter

mination with respect to such

claims. Any claims otherwise

made against the Company

will be barred unless a pro

ceeding to enforce such

claim is commenced within

two (2) years after the date of

the publication of this notice.

ADVERTISEMENT TO

Project: Whistler Hall of

Agricultural Research Me-

chanical Systems Replace-

located on Purdue Univer

F.A. Wilhelm Construction

sitv's main campus, in West

Company will receive pre-qualification statements for

the following trade scopes

included in Bid Event #1 until

12:00 P.M, March 1st, 2022,

for the Whistler Hall of Agri-

cultural Research Mechani

cal Systems Replacement

& Masonry | 05A- Structural

Steel | 7A- Roofing & Sheet Metal | 08A-Doors, Frames,

& Hardware | 09A- Metal

Studs, Drywall & Ceilings

| 09B- Painting | 21A-Fire Protection | 23A- HVAC &

Equipment 23B-Mechanical

26A-Electrical & Systems

contact Jeff Litko at jefflitko@

fawilhelm.com to gain access

to the Pre-gualification form

Pre-qualified bidders will

receive an invitation to bid on

the above referenced project

Please direct all questions to

Jeff Litko at (317) 359-5411

F.A. Wilhelm is an Equal

All qualified applicants

Opportunity Employer M/F/

will receive consideration for

employment without regard to

their protected veteran status

and will not be discriminated

against on the basis of dis-

STRUCTION COMPANY

F.A. WILHELM CON-

Jeff Litko-Preconstruction

Kerkei

Executive

02/04/22.

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ability.

Manager

Tom

Project

5320-938096

or jefflitko@fawilhelm.com.

All interested bidders must

• BE #1 - 03A- Concrete

Project-2022

& Equipment |

PRE-QUALIFY TO BID

ment Project- 2022.

Lafavette. Indiana

02/11/22

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5320-938710

S С S S Ε G Д А G this Court within three months Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/ BANK NA. AS TRUSTEE. Plaintiff. Jennifer Norton the hearing on her Petition for public sale on March 7th, 2022 at 8AM.

COUNTY, INDIANA.

This summons by

publication is specifically directed to the following

named defendant(s) whose

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND

LEGATEES OF SUNDAY

and all other persons claim-ing 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

ve an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief

against the plaintiff arising

from the same transaction or

day of April, 2022, (the same

being within thirty (30) days

after the Third Notice of Suit),

and if you fail to do so a judg-

ment will be entered against

you for what the plaintiff has

Clerk of the Marion Supe

By: /s/ William M. Jonelis

William M. Jonelis, of

Attorney for Plaintiff Eric Feldman & Associ-

9305 Calumet Ave, Ste A-1

P: 312.344.3529 | F:

paralegal@efalaw.com "NOTICE REQUIRED BY

(I.C. 32-30-10.5-8 Ver-

Mortgage Foreclosure is a

complex process. People may

approach you about "Saving"

your home. You should be

careful about any such prom-

ises. There are government

agencies and nonprofit orga-

nizations you may contact for

helpful information about the

For the name and tele-

phone number of an orga-

nization near you, please

call the Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network.

ERIC FELDMAN & AS-

OCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COL-

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DEBT AND ANY INFORMA-

TION OBTAINED WILL BE

USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Pregualification Notice

Turner-Davis will receive

Project issued for bid

Work includes Construc-

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March 2022, specific day TBD Bids due April 2022, spe-

6002 East 38th Street Medi-

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FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS AND CERTIFI-CATE INSURER OF THE BEAR STEARNS ASSET T. WOODS, DECEASED, BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2004-FR2, ASSET BACKED CEBTIFICATES Defendant(s) above named, SERIES 2004-FR2,

Plaintiff, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF RE-

BECCA A. HIGH BUTTE, DECEASED, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SPEEDWAY WOODS COM-MUNITY ASSOCIATION. INC. and ROBERT H

BUTTE, KNOWN HEIR OF REBECCA A. HIGH BUTTE, DECEASED,

Defendants NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named

and any other person who an Addition in Marion County may be concerned You are hereby notified that

you have been sued in the Instrument No. 75-23068, in Court above named. The nature of the suit Marion County, Indiana.

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 MAR-ION 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 This summons by pub-

lication 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 pub-

lication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s)

whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Rebecca A. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR

High Butte, Deceased If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising

from the same transaction of occurrence, you must as

sert it in your written answer or response. You must answer the Com-

plaint 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 fo

the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff. FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ BRYAN K. RED-

MOND BRYAN K. REDMOND Attorney No. 22108-29

Attorney for Plaintiff BRYAN K. REDMOND FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., pointed Personal Represen Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250

(317) 237-2727 NOTICE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.

IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. 2/2/2022/s/MylaA.Eldridge 5320-938830 02/18/22.

02/25/22 03/04/22 SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis Indi-COURT 4

ana, on December 29, 2021.) SS: /s/ Myla A Eldridge COUNTY OF MARION) **REBECCA W. GEYER &** Clerk, Marion County Clerk ATTORNEYS FOR PER-CAUSE NO. 49D04-2202-SSOCIATES, PC 11550 N. Meridian Street, MF-003564 TOWD POINT MASTER SONAL REPRESENTATIVE Ste. 200 FUNDING TRUST 2021-Carmel, IN 46032 Lisa M. Dillman Eliza R. Gordne (317) 973-4555 PM1 (317) 489-5195 fax Plaintiff, APPLEGATE & DILLMAN cchittenden @ ELDER LAW VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS 2344 South Tibbs Avenue geyerlaw.com AND DEVISEES OF NORMA Indianapolis, Indiana 5320-939291 M MILBURN DECEASED 46241 02/18/22 Defendan Telephone No.: (317) 492 02/25/22 NOTICE OF SUIT 9569 The State of Indiana to the lisa@applegate-dillman. STATE OF INDIANA THE MARION COUNTY Defendant(s) above named, com and any other person who eliza@apple-SUPERIOR COURT -dillman.com)SS: PROBATE DIVISION may be concerned. 5320-938852 COUNTY OF MARION You are hereby notified that 02/18/22. ESTATE DOCKET NO. 49D08-2201-EU-003019 you have been sued in the 02/25/22 Court above named. IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY The nature of the suit UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS against you is: TRATION Complaint on Note and SUPERIOR COURT OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS H. CAMPBELL)SS: PROBATE DIVISION to Foreclose Mortgage on III. DECEASED Real Estate COUNTY OF MARION Against the property com ESTATE DOCKET NO. NOTICE OF ADMINISmonly known as 3037 Foltz St. 49D08-2201-EU-001662 TRATION Indianapolis, IN 46241-6309 IN THE MATTER OF THE Notice is hereby given that, UNSUPERVISED ADMINISon January 28, 2022, Sheri and described as follows: L. Campbell was appointed as Personal Representative Lots 1273 and 1274 in Mars TRATION OF THE ESTATE OF MARCELLA G. WHITMAN, Hill, an Addition in Marion of the Estate of Thomas H. County, Indiana, the plat of Campbell III, deceased, who DECEASED which is recorded in Plat Book NOTICE OF ADMINIS-16, page 147, in the Office died on the 5th day of Januof the Recorder of Marion TRATION arv. 2022. County, Indiana Notice is hereby given that, All persons having claims This summons by pubon January 18, 2022, Margaagainst this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk lication is specifically diret E. Burton was appointed as Personal Representative of rected to the following named defendant(s): the Estate of Marcella G. Whitof this Court within three (3) This summons by pubman, deceased, who died on months from the date of the lication is specifically dithe 4th day of October, 2021. first publication of this notice, rected to the following named All persons having claims or within nine (9) months defendant(s) against this estate, whether after the decedent's death whose whereabouts are or not now due, must file the whichever is earlier, or the claim in the office of the Clerk aims will be forever barre unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Norma M. of this Court within three (3) Dated at January 28, 2022. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Milburn. Deceased months from the date of the If you have a claim for relief Clerk of the Marion Supefirst publication of this notice, against the plaintiff arising or within nine (9) months rior Court after the decedent's death, from the same transaction o Probate Division 5320-939261 occurrence, you must assert whichever is earlier, or the it in your written answer or claims will be forever barred 02/18/22. Dated at January 18, 2022 02/25/22 response. You must answer the Com /s/ Mvla A. Eldridge plaint in writing, by you or you Clerk of the Marion Supe-STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR attorney, within thirty (30) rior Court days after the Third Notice of Probate Division COURT)SS: PROBATE DIVISION Suit, and if you fail to do so 5320-939262 a judgment by default may 02/18/22 COUNTY OF MARION) be entered against you CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201-02/25/22 the relief demanded, by the EU-003163 Plaintiff STATE OF INDIANA) IN IN THE MATTER OF THE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. ESTATE THE MARION SUPERIOR Bv /s/ Matthew S. Love COURT OF MIRIAM D. BIBBS. MATTHEW S. LOVE Attorney No. 18762-29 COUNTY OF MARION) NOTICE OF ADMINIS-Attorney for Plaintiff CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201-TRATION MATTHEW S. LOVE EU-002288 Notice is hereby given that FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IN THE MATTER OF THE CHRISTOPHER D. BIBBS. UNSUPERVISED 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., was on February 9, 2022, ap-ADMINISTRATION OF Suite 400 pointed Personal Representa Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727 THE ESTATE tive of the Estate of MIRIAM D. OF RICHARD A. CARPEN-BIBBS, deceased, who died NOTICE TER. DECEASED. October 2, 2021. FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. All persons who have claims against this estate, NOTICE OF ADMINIS-IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. TRATION IN THE SUPERIOR 2/2/2022/s/MylaA.Eldridge whether or not now due, must COURT OF MARION COUNfile the claim in the office of 5320-938833 02/18/22. TY. INDIANA the Clerk of this Court within n the matter of the Estate three (3) months from the 03/04/22 of Richard A. Carpenter, date of the first publication of hased this notice, or within nine (9) SUMMONS-SERVICE BY Notice is hereby given that months after the decedent's PUBLICATION Rodnev K. Burch was, on death, whichever is earlier STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT\ January 24, 2022, appointed or the claims will be forever Personal Representative barred. Dated at Indianapolis SUPERIOR COURT of the Estate of Richard A. Carpenter, deceased, who Indiana, on February 9, 2022.) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) died on the 10th day of De-/s/ Myla A. Eldridge CAUSE NO. 49D05-2202-MF-003547 CLERK, MARION COUNcember, 2021 All persons having claims TY SUPERIOR COURT WILMINGTON SAVINGS against said estate, whether I.C 29-1-7-7 FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH or not now due, must file the Notice to be published in newspaper for two (2) conclaim in MORTGAGELOANTRUSTI the office of the Clerk of secutive weeks

from the date of the first THE UNKNOWN HEIRS publication of this notice, or AND DEVISEES OF MELVIN ithin nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

The State of Indiana to the Dated at Indianapolis, Inana, this January 24, 2022. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge d and any other person who Myla Eldridge, Clerk of the Superior Court

02/18/22,

02/25/22

You are hereby notified that of Marion County you have been sued in the Claire E. Lewis, 115 North Girls School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214, (317) 484-8115. The nature of the suit

Complaint on Note and 5320-938969 Foreclose Mortgage on Against the property

STATE OF INDIANA) IN commonly known as 3138 Acoma Dr Indianapolis IN THE MARION SUPERIOR 46235-2407 and described OURT 8)SS:PROBATE DIVISION

MARION COUNTY) Lot Numbered 115 in East-CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201brook Meadows, Section 2-A, EU-002475 IN THE MATTER OF THE Indiana, as per plat thereof

UNSUPERVISED ESTATE recorded May 12, 1975, as OF PHYLLIS ZIEGE, DEthe office of the recorder of CEASED NOTICE OF UNSUPER-

ISED ADMINISTRATION ν Notice is hereby given that Scott Gronotte was, on the _, appointed personal representative of the Estate of

hyllis 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

Fric M Oliver Attorney No. 27613-32 Oliver & Cline LLP 7 N. Washington Street P.O. Box 223 Danville, Indiana 46122 (317) 563-7400

Attorney for Estate 5320-939290 02/18/22.

02/25/22 STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 8) PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-003012 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS-TRATION OF THE ESTATE OF PEG-GY JO CLINE, DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINIS-TRATION

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 Januarv 6. 2022.

Monica J. Milton was ap-All persons who have claims against this estate, tative of the Unsupervised Estate of James W. Milton Jr. whether or not now due, must deceased, who died intestate file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the All persons who have claims against this estate, date of the first publication of whether or not now due, must this notice, or within nine (9) file the claim in the office of months after the decedent's the clerk of this court within death, whichever is earlier, three (3) months from the

or the claims will be forever date of the first publication of barred. this notice, or within nine (9) Dated at Indianapolis, Inmonths after the decedent's diana, this January 28, 2022. /s/ Mvla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion County Su-

perior Court 8 Cara M. Chittenden Disc. No. 27059-49

Attorney No. 28709-49 Norton Estate Planning & der Law Firm, LLC 3750 N. Meridian Street, Ste 300

Indianapolis, IN 46208 (317)572-8696 5320-939180 02/18/22. 02/25/22

STATE OF INDIANA) MARION COUNTY SUPE-RIOR COURT 8)SS: PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-033147 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN C. GILLESPIE NOTICE OF ADMINIS-

TRATION IN MARION SUPERIOR COURT 8 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN C GIL-LESPIE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that, on January 31, 2022, JOHN C. GILLESPIE II was appointed Personal Representative the Estate of JOHN C. GILLESPIE, deceased, who died on the 26th day of Janu-

ary, 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 INDIANAPO-LIS, INDIANA, on January 31, 2022

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge CLERK, MARION SUPE-**RIOR COURT 8** Robert P.Thomas, #839-49 THOMAS LAW OFFICE

7800 Shelby Street --Suite 7 Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 Telephone: (317) 882-5665 Facsimile: (317) 882-0183 Email. robtho-

as@tstnlaw.com 5320-939292 02/18/22 02/25/22

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. MITCH-ELL, Deceased. NOTICE OF ADMINIS-TRATION Notice is hereby given

that MARVIN L. MITCHELL was, on February 2, 2022, appointed Personal Repentative 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 COUN-

TY 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

Indianapolis, IN 46208

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if any, of the property legally described as: permanent guardianship on

LOT NUMBERED 57 IN all interested parties. GEORGE H. MCCASLIN TRUSTEE'S FIRST AD-8. There is no guardian of the person or of the estate of DITION TO KEYSTONE Isaiah B. Carter Neeb in this PARK, AN ADDITIONTOTHE or in any other state, and CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, there are no other proceed-INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN ings pending other than the Petition for permanent quard-PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 39, IN THE OFFICE OF THE ianship filed by the Petitioner with this Court.

9. The proposed guard-ian is currently serving as RECORDER OF MARION Parcel Number: 49-06-23guardian over the person of Shamika Branson-Orellana Property Address: 721 in Cause No. 73C01-2107-West 32nd Street, Indianapo-GU-000037.

10. Amanda Michelle Davis' address is 1209 Miller Ave., Shelbyville, Indiana 46176. 11.Tony B. Neeb's address

is unknown IT IS THEREFORE OR-DERED:

1. The Petitioner, Kimberly Neeb, is hereby appointed as Temporary Guardian of the child Isaiah B. Carter Neeb. 2. Kimberly Neeb, as the temporary Guardian of Isaiah B. Carter Neeb, is permitted to do the following pending a hearing on the Petition for Appointment of Guardian A. Authorize and admin-

ister any and all necessary medical care and treatment for the child Isaiah B. Carter Neeb B. Permit the child Isaiah

occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You B. Carter Neeb to reside with the Petitione must answer the Complaint C. Enroll the child Isaiah B. in writing, by you or your at-torney, on or before the 3rd

Carter Neeb in school. D. Seek the assistance of law enforcement, if necessary, to assist in locating the child Isaiah B. Carter Neeb and transferring him to the custody of the Petitioner.

3. This Temporary Guard-ianship shall remain in effect for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of this Order and may be renewed once for a period of ninety (90) davs. 4. The Guardian's Petition for Appointment of Guardian over Person and Estate of Minor Child is set for a hearing on the 19th day of April, 2022 in the Shelby Circuit-Superior Court, at 9:15 a.m.

5. The Petitioner/Tempo-rary Guardian is ordered to serve all interested parties with a copy of this Order. So Ordered 2/8/2022 /s/ Trent Meltzer

Judge, Shelby Circuit-Superior Court 5320-939094

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03/04/22 Legal Notice STATE OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF AD-

MINISTRATION NOTICE TO BIDDERS ON BEHALF OF: FSSA,

Division of Mental Health and Addiction SOLICITATION: Fiscal

Agent for Mental Health Funds Recovery Program; RFP-22-69733 PROPOSAL DUE DATE: March 14, 2021 by 3:00 PM ET https://www.in.gov/ idoa/procurement/current business-opportunities/ 5320-939060

02/18/22 02/25/22

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA Civil Action No. SPDR21-02014-J1

v

Robert S. Miller Plaintiff Keyana M. Mann

Defendant. days after the Third Notice of NOTICE OF SUMMONS --Suit), and if you fail to do so, SERVICE BY PUBLICATION a judgment will be entered TO: Kayana M. Mann, against you for what the Defendant Named Above Plaintiff has demanded. You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seek-

point of beginning, containing .267 Acres, more or less. Parcel# 9006033. Alt Parcel #49-11-05-123-038.000-

900 More commonly known as 3939 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46222 (the "Real Estate").

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following persons who may have an interest in the described real estate located in Marion County, Indiana that is the subject of this proceeding, and whose whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff are as follows: Ronald Hamilton, Rashid Dhillon, and The World? PARCEL 2:

defendants above named, Lot No. 370 in Drexel Garand any other person who dens, No. 2, an addition to the may be concerned. City of Indianapolis, according to the plat thereof recorded in have been sued in the Court the Office of the Recorder of above named Marion County, Indiana Parcel#: 9005902, Alt Paragainst you is: Civil.

cel#: 49-11-18-113-159.000-900 lication is specifically di-More commonly known as

rected to the following named 5061 W. Naomi., Indianapolis, defendant(s) whose address-IN 46241 (the "Real Estate"). es are: This summons by publica-tion is specifically directed to defendant(s) whose wherethe following persons who abouts are unknown: Leonard

may have an interest in the described real estate located in Marion County, Indiana that is the

subject of this proceeding, and whose whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff are as follows: Mike Smith and Lisa Nicholas, Vicente Valdes Gregorio and Blanca L. Ramirez Gonzalez, and "The World." PARCEL 3:

Lot numbered 98, 99, 100 in Moses McClain's Golden Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in plat book 6, page 71, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

Parcel#: 5008330 Alt Parcel#: 49-10-30-122-001.199-501

Commonly known as 1136 Bacon St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 (the "Real Estate") 5320-938614 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following persons who may have an interest in the cribed real estate located in Marion County, Indiana that TION

is the subject of this proceeding, and whose whereabouts are pany, L.L.C., an Indiana limited liability company, unknown to Plaintiff are as follows: Juan Miranda Garcia, Tiffany Banks, and The World."

And any and all other Road, #135, Indianapolis, IN persons claiming any right, title of interest in any of the been voluntarily dissolved described real estate herein. through or under them or any other person or entity, the ames of all whom are unknown to the Plaintiff.

In addition to the above

named Defendants being

served by this summons.

there may be other Defen-

dants who have an interest

against the Plaintiff arising

from the same transaction of

occurrence, you must asset it

is given pursuant to Indiana

Code 32-20-3-14 and Indi-

plaint to Quiet Title to Real Estate in writing, by you or

your attorney, on or before the

27th day of March, 2022, (the

same being within thirty (30)

ATTEST: January 31, 2022

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge

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Plaintiff(s)

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against you is: Civil.

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day of March, 2022, (the same

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after the Third Notice of Suit).

and if you fail to do so a judge

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you for what the plaintiff has

Clerk of the Marion Court

5937 Beachview Dr #291

SUMMONS -- SERVICE

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

COUNTY OF MARION)

CAUSE NO. 49D10-2112-

Modupe Y. Eniola

222-0134

02/11/22,

02/18/22, 02/25/22

Indianapolis, IN 46224

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge

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ATTEST

Plaintiff

(470)

5320-938615

BY PUBLICATION

MARION COUNTY

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DN-010594

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This Publication of Notice

You must answer the Com-

in your written answer

If you have a claim for relief

in this lawsuit.

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5320-938869 02/18/22. 02/25/22 STATE OF INDIANA) SUPERIOR COURT 8) 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 irst 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 5320-939289 02/18/22. 02/25/22 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 155 COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NUMBER: 49D12-2111-MF-038168 U.S. BANK TRUST NA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE OF AMERI-CAN HOMEOWNER PRESERVATION TRUST SERIES 2015A+ Plaintiff, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THE ESTATE OF SUNDAY JUAWN

RICHARDSON, CRISTINE RICHARDSON GOYNES, JERMIAH 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,

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/0YZL50kMRF to access the Request to Pre-Qualify form. Direct all guestions to Angela Westerhaus at (317)650-6864 or awesterhaus@tcco.com Turner-Davis is an Af-firmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity Employer - minorities/females/veterans/individuals with disabilities/sexual orientation/gender identity. VEVRAA Federal Contractor. 5320-939297 02/18/22 02/25/22 Court INTHE SHELBY CIRCUIT SUPERIOR COURT ary, 2022. 2022 TERM IN RE: THE GUARDIAN SHIP OF) ISAIAH B. CARTER NEEB CAUSE NO. 73C01-2201-GU-000005 ORDER GRANTING EMERGENCY PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT TEMPOBABY 0 F GUARDIAN OVER PERSON OF MINOR

Kimberly Neeb filed her Emergency Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian Over Person. The Court, being duly advised in the premises, now FINDS: INC 1. The proposed guardian

is Kimberly Neeb. She currently resides at 230 Progress ad, Apt. #63, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Indiana 2. Contemporaneously with this filing, the Petitioner

filed a Petition for Appointment of Guardian over the Person and Estate of Minor, requesting that she be appointed as the guardian of the child Isaiah B. Carter Neeb.

3. Isaiah B. Carter Neeb is a male child, ten (10) years of age, having been born on December 23, 2011, in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Indiana.

4. An emergency exists because the Petitioner is not able to consent to medical treatment for the child while the child is in the care of the Petitioner. Further, after the mother took the child back into her care after a period of two (2) years, she failed to respond about a medical condition with the child, and failed to take him to tutoring.

5. An emergency exists such that there was not ad-equate time to provide notice to Amanda Michelle Davis, the biological mother, or to Tony B. Neeb, the biological father

Therefore. it is necessary that the Petitioner be appointed emergency, temporary guardian of Isaiah B. Carter Neeb and that Isaiah B. Carter Neeb be placed in her care and , tody as soon as possible. The Petitioner shall serve all erested parties a copy of this Court's Order appointing the Temporary Guardian. The Petitioner will serve notice of

ing Legitimation/Joint Custody [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said county on 12/16/2021, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court 915 on 1/27, 2022, you are hereby IN 46204 commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Robert S. Miller, plaintiff, whose address is 76 Al Henderson Blvd, Apt. B8, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Witness the Honorable Judge Karpf, Judge of said This the 27th day of Janu-

/s/ Tammie Mosley DN-009300 Clerk of Superior Court Chatham County 5320-939317 02/18/22 02/25/22 03/04/22

SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA)

IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)

CAUSE NO .: 49C01-2201-PL-003174 WGO INVESTMENTS,

Plaintiff

BONALD HAMILTON RASHID DHILLON, RANJIT DHILLON, MIKE SMITH, LISA NICH-OLAS, VICENTE VALDES GREGORIO.

BLANCA L RAMIREZ GONZALEZ, JUAN MIRAN-DA GARCIA

AND TIFFANY BANKS, and all their spouses, widows/ widowers, heirs, devisees successors, assigns, and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in the described real estate by, through or under them or any other entity, the names of all

of whom are unknown to Plaintiff. and "THE WORLD," Defendants

NOTICE OF SUIT You are notified that you have been sued in the above referenced Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint For Cancellation of Land Contract, To Quiet Title to Real Estate, and For Possession and Damages as to the following described real estate

PARCEL 1: Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Town-

ship 15, Range 3, Part of Lot 7 in Zadock Tomlinson Estates, beginning 480.01 feet North and 1574.5 feet East of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter: thence North 194.08 feet East 60 feet thence South 194 08 feet thence West 60 feet to the

Clerk of Court BY: /s/ Grover B. Davis Grover B. Davis, #4408-MCCLURE MCCLURE & DAVIS 251 E. Ohio Street, Suite

Clerk of Court Indianapolis, Indiana University in Indi oolis. Indiana is seekin Phone: (317) 221-0800 Director of Research an gbdavis@gbd.law ssessment for its Offic Counsel for Plaintiff of Community Engagemer he position will help facilita 02/11/22, nd conduct action-oriente 02/18/22, 02/25/22 esearch: collaborate wit mmunity partners to conduc eighborhood asset and vulne SUMMONS -- SERVICE bility mappings; performin ap analysis to determine go BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ttainment; and performin aluation studies MARION COUNTY Position requires a PhD i ocial Work, Community De COUNTY OF MARION) lopment. Higher Education CAUSE NO. 49D10-2110other related field as well a years of experience working in Damilola Oyedokun with research at an institution f higher education; 5 years xperience with social researc Jefferv Gilbert r program evaluation in highe ucation; experience working Defendant(s) NOTICE OF SUIT address community identifie sues with diverse population The State of Indiana to the d stakeholders, includin defendants above named, and any other person who on-profit leaders, school nd educators, government may be concerned. gencies, and communit You are notified that you rganizations and leaders; ex have been sued in the Court

rience in program desig d implementation as well a The nature of the suite udget and grant managemen nd experience working or rojects that support efforts to This summons by pub-lication is specifically di-Ivance diversity, equity, and rected to the following named clusion defendant(s) whose address

Interested candidate nould apply at https://jobs i.edu/.

And to the following defendant(s) whose where-Indiana University is abouts are unknown: Jeffery qual employment and af native action employer an In addition to the above provider of ADA services. Al named defendants being alified applicants will receiv served by this summons there nsideration for employme may be other defendants who nout regard to age, ethni ave an interest in this law suit /, color, race, religion, sex If you have a claim for relief kual orientation, gende against the plaintiff arising ntity or expression, gener from the same transaction or formation, marital status, na occurrence, you must assert onal origin, disability status it in your written answer. You tected veteran status. must answer the Complaint



Application Developer-Multiple Openings- Based in Indianapolis, IN, but remote work will be considered. Uses open source programming tools to turn use cases & design specifications into fully functional user-facing applications. Responsible for coding, testing & debugging of new applications & enhancements to existing applications. Requires technical skills with a variety of programming languages & tools. Defines database physical structure & functional capabilities, security, back-up & recovery specifications. Uses Python, Django, HTML, Javascript programs & resolves data problems through relational, NOSQL, big data, & graph database technologies. Requires: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information Technology or related field. Please apply to: Kelly Mead, Legislative Services Agency, 200 W Washington Street, Suite 301, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or kelly.mead@iga.in.gov

Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Marion County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021 End Cash								
Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cas & Inv Bal R Jan 1, 2021	eceipt Dist	oursements	& Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2021			
Governmen 00101	tal Activities LIBRARY OPERATING	\$31,372,799.01	\$48,048,487.51	\$43,365,461.99	\$36,055,824.53			
00226	PARKING GARAGE	\$748,155.69	\$106,054.08	\$206,948.91	\$647,260.86			
00230	GRANT	\$487,780.82	\$443,443.23	\$298,816.35	\$632,407.70			
00245	RAINY DAY	\$6,502,287.05	\$1,022,476.26	\$2,217,463.32	\$5,307,299.99			
00270	SHARED SYSTEM	\$197,613.17	\$106,897.16	\$105,015.95	\$199,494.38			
00276	CARES GRANT FUND	\$0.00	\$29,686.47	\$29,686.47	\$0.00			
00277	ARP GRANT FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,409.30	-\$6,409.30			
00301	B&I REDEMPTION	\$3,997,201.26 FUND	\$7,502,672.18	\$9,118,980.01	\$2,380,893.43			
00321	B&I REDEMPTION	\$325,985.31 FUND II	\$8,066,119.92	\$7,736,335.22	\$655,770.01			
00471	LIBRARY IMPROV RESE	\$2,461,259.74 ERVE FUND	\$1,974.20	\$30,990.50	\$2,432,243.44			
00475	2015 BOND - F BOOKS AND M		\$0.00	\$155.33	\$0.00			
00476	2016 BOND - MICHIGNA RC	\$6,820.97 AD	\$0.00	\$6,820.97	\$0.00			
00477	2017A BOND - BRIGHTWOOD	<i>t - , -</i>	\$0.00	\$37,772.43	\$0.00			
00478	2017B BOND - EAGLE	\$546,337.21	\$0.00	\$546,337.21	\$0.00			
00479	2018A BOND AHS/ILS/FACS	\$1,639,569.25 IMPV	\$0.00	\$492,830.47	\$1,146,738.78			
00480	2018B BOND - WEST PERR	\$5,152,672.46 Y BRANC	\$0.00	\$4,586,974.54	\$565,697.92			
00481	2019 BOND – LA WAY RENOVA	w \$151,499.57 ГЮ	\$0.00	\$140,042.61	\$11,456.96			
00482	2020BOND - FAG RENOV EQUP	c \$5,240,454.57 A	\$0.00	\$1,873,671.00	\$3,366,783.57			
00483	2021A BOND - GLENDALE	\$0.00	\$15,497,553.37	\$121,173.15	\$15,376,380.22			
00484	2021B BOND - FORT BEN	\$0.00	\$14,297,517.23	\$220,569.10	\$14,076,948.13			
00485	2021C BOND ENERGY CON	\$0.00 ISERV	\$5,574,116.45	\$55,869.77	\$5,518,246.68			
00800	GIFT	\$1,466,129.49	\$2,372,306.66	\$1,836,604.75	\$2,001,831.40			
00806	PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$69,480.60	\$1,375,206.47	\$1,382,688.07	\$61,999.00			
00812	FOUNDATION AGENCY FUN	\$646.07 D	\$3,962.01	\$4,080.37	\$527.71			
00813	STAFF ASSOCIATION	\$31.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31.00			
00814	SALES TAX	\$24.01	\$7,817.29	\$6,907.76	\$933.54			
00815	PLAC CARD REVENUE	\$8,599.55	\$34,792.25	\$26,650.00	\$16,741.80			
Total A	All Funds	\$60,413,274.56	\$104,491,082.74	\$74,455,255.55	\$90,449,101.75			

Indiana transgender athlete ban on fast track to governor

By CASEY SMITH Associated Press/Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Senate on Feb. 22 refused to amend a Republican-backed bill that would ban transgender women and girls from participating in school sports that match their gender identity, putting it on the fast track to passing.

If the full Senate approves the bill, which could happen as soon as Feb. 24, it would head to the governor for consideration. The Indiana House already passed it. Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb has not publicly said what he thinks of the proposal. A spokesperson for the governor's office did not provide additional comment Feb. 22. "Senators, these are kids that we are actively attacking," Ford said Tuesday. "To me, we can have debate on the LGBTQ-plus community, but we do not and should not have a debate on human existence for these kids."

Rep. Michelle Davis, a Republican from Greenwood who authored the bill, said its purpose is to "maintain fair competition in girls sports."

Opponents maintain that the bill is unconstitutional, sexist and bigoted, emphasizing that it targets already vulnerable transgender Hoosier

Phoenix Suns owner Robert Sarver opens up to Black Press



The NBA's Phoenix Suns have won a Western Conference title and have advanced to the conference finals four times.

By STACY M. BROWN NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

Phoenix Suns owner Robert Sarver says he never had a race conversation with his children.

It wasn't necessary, he said.

"It wasn't even something they thought about," Sarver stated, adding that his three sons have a mix of friends from individuals who are white, Black, Hispanic and of different nationalities and ethnic groups.

But things were different for Sarver when his parents raised him.

"It was natural. When I grew up, my parents did have the conversation with me. They would say 'these words are no good,' 'this is how you behave,' and 'this is how you act," the Tucson, Arizona, native remarked.

Sarver opened up during an exclusive 30-minute interview with National Newspaper Publishers Association President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

"My dad loved politics. Often, he was in Washington calling on senators and congress members even though they didn't have anything in common. My dad said it's important to spend time with people who have other positions, and maybe let them know that those positions aren't right." Skeptics might argue that Sarver's words don't specifically address the nasty allegations leveled against him last year by an anonymous person to ESPN. But there's little doubt that Sarver had that unsubstantiated report in mind when speaking with Chavis, a disciple of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who worked with the slain civil rights champion at a young age.

throughout the organization, including visible roles as head coaches and general managers.

"The two main ingredients for me were my parents. I'm blessed to have had parents with high moral standards," Sarver asserted.

"My dad was a handshake man. His word was his bond, and he wasn't afraid to take a position on things. After my dad died, my mom was extremely philanthropic.

"So, for me, as a businessperson, one of the feelings that I get that makes me most happy is to see other people work their way through the organization and to see other people have success and get to places they maybe didn't think they could."

Sarver noted that he's routinely displayed a willingness to offer chances to a younger generation.

However, he said pro sports teams tend to recycle coaches and general managers, which often negates opportunities for younger ones and minorities.

"For better or worse, I always felt that I could find talent in places people weren't looking, so I didn't have to recycle," Sarver declared.

"I've looked at other areas where I could give people of color a chance."

With critical race theory such a hot button

Lawmakers in the Senate are moving forward with the ban — making no changes to its language — after the House advanced the bill last month, largely along party lines.

Five Republican senators joined the 11 Senate Democrats on Feb. 22 in an unsuccessful effort to prevent the ban from moving forward by sending the issue to a special study committee that would meet after this year's legislative session ends. Those Republicans were Ron Alting of Lafayette, Eric Bassler of Washington, Vaneta Becker of Evansville, Chip Perfect of Lawrenceburg and Kyle Walker of Indianapolis.

Another failed amendment offered by Democratic Sen. J.D. Ford, of Indianapolis, would have required the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) to maintain policies regarding athlete eligibility based on gender.

A separate defeated proposal offered by Ford would have established a scholarship fund for transgender athletes and required the Indiana Attorney General's Office to contribute money equivalent to what is spent annually fighting lawsuits against the potential new law.

Representatives from the American Civil Liberties Union have maintained that the group will file a lawsuit if the "hateful legislation" is signed into law in Indiana.

Corrine Youngs, policy director and legislative counsel to Attorney General Todd Rokita, has testified at the Statehouse in support of the bill, noting that Rokita's office sees the bill as a way of protecting "the amazing progress made for women" in athletics. She added that the bill is "constitutional," and if it's challenged, "we will defend it in court."

Ford said defending such a law would be "terrible" for Indiana's image and a "waste" of taxpayer dollars. youth. They also say it amounts to a solution to a problem that doesn't exist.

Emma Vosicky, executive director of GenderNexus, an Indianapolisbased social service agency for trans and nonbinary people and their families, emphasized that transgender students in Indiana already participate in school sports "without issue."

The proposal would prohibit K-12 students who were born male but who identify as female from participating in a sport or on an athletic team that is designated for women or girls. But it wouldn't prevent students who identify as female or transgender men from playing on men's sports teams. It also would not apply to sports at the collegiate level. Former Indiana Republican Rep. Christy Stutzman proposed similar legislation in 2020, although the bill did not advance from the House

education committee. Democrats have maintained that such bills are "discriminatory" and "harmful to kids." They also contend that the IHSAA already has a policy that requires transgender girls who want to play sports to show they've completed hormone therapy, and that their muscle mass or bone density is typical of other girls the same age.

If the bill passes the Legislature, Indiana could be the 11th Republicandominated state to adopt such a ban on transgender women or girls. Federal judges have halted enforcement of the laws in two of those states, Idaho and West Virginia. The U.S. Department of Justice has challenged bans in other states, slamming them as violations of federal law.

Casey Smith is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a nonprofit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on undercovered issues. Follow Smith on Twitter. "Dr. King was willing to sit down with people who had different views, and we don't do that enough today, and I think it's important," Sarver determined.

"Sometimes, we spend more time looking at other people's faults and why we don't like them versus some of the things we like about them – even our family members."

Sarver strikes as savvy but not cagey, intentional, and honest during his sit-down with Chavis.

He recounted how, as an 8-year-old, he attended his first Phoenix Suns game and how 35 years later, he approached then-NBA Commissioner David Stern about the possibility of buying and starting a pro franchise in Las Vegas.

"He said the league was not ready to expand to Vegas, but that a team had just become available in my own backyard," Sarver recalled.

A lifelong sports fan, Sarver credited University of Arizona basketball coach Lute Olson with referring him to NBA veteran Steve Kerr who assisted him in buying the Suns.

Sarver purchased the team for \$401 million, and his ownership was immediately felt on the court as the Suns won 62 games and advanced to the Western Conference Finals during his first season at the helm.

Under Sarver, the Suns have won a Western Conference title and have advanced to the conference finals four times.

For Sarver, it's been the progress the team has made in diversity, equity and inclusion that he's most proud.

"One of the things I'm proud about is that the Phoenix Suns have been a leader of diversity, equity, and inclusion in terms of hiring practices and things in the community, including standing for racial justice even before it was popular," Sarver stated.

The team has hired African Americans and women in leadership positions issue, Sarver proclaimed the importance of knowing one's history.

"A lot of young people, as they get farther and farther away from the time that [my generation] grew up, don't know," Sarver contemplated.

"It's important that we know our history and learn from our history. In the Jewish community, the farther we get away from people in the Holocaust ... those stories need to be told so younger generations have a greater appreciation.

"The Jewish and Black communities have always been very close; both have been underdogs, and both have fought against prejudice. So, there's a lot of common respect and relationship there."

Sarver called sports the great unifier that brings people together.

"We can use that platform to strive for positive change," Sarver said.

"Society today is difficult in terms of race relations. We can use someone like Dr. King who could bring us together."

The Sarver Foundation works toward that end, he said.

"What we've done is support the basic needs of disenfranchised youth as it relates to education, health care, and low-income housing," Sarver continued.

"We're trying to make a difference in our youth, and we work with medicine at the Sarver Heart Center, which has a specialized unit dedicated to heart disease in Black women and women in general.

"My dad taught me that there are three types of people: talkers, takers, and doers. He said I needed to be a doer," Sarver said.

Finally, Sarver addressed cancel culture, calling it unfortunate.

"We're a melting pot, and when you're leading an organization, you'll see all sorts of different kinds of people," he concluded.

"Your job is to be bring out the best in everybody to help make your organization successful. There's a lot to be said about positivity and trying to be positive with people.

"But through social media, a number of people sometimes don't have all of the facts and believe the cause they are supporting is noble; that the facts aren't as important, and I think that's a mistake. I think accuracy and having facts and respect for people's views and being able to work with different people is a sign of a good leader."

Prosecutor: 3 cops in Floyd killing 'chose to do nothing'

By STEVE KARNOWSKI, TAMMY WEBBER and **AMY FORLITI Associated Press**

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Three former Minneapolis police officers charged with violating George Floyd's civil rights "chose to do nothing" as a fellow officer squeezed the life out of Floyd, a prosecutor said in her closing argument Feb. 22. Defense attorneys countered that the officers were too inexperienced, weren't trained properly and did not willfully violate Floyd's rights.

J. Alexander Kueng, Thomas Lane and Tou Thao are charged with depriving Floyd of his right to medical care when Officer Derek Chauvin pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for 91/2 minutes as the 46-year-old Black man pleaded for air before going silent. Kueng and Thao are also charged with failing to intervene to stop Chauvin during the May 25, 2020, killing captured on a bystander video that triggered protests worldwide and a reexamination of racism and policing.

Prosecutors sought to show during the monthlong trial that the officers violated their training, including when they failed to roll Floyd onto his side or give him CPR. Prosecutors have argued that Floyd's condition was so serious that even bystanders without basic medical training could see he needed help. But the defense said the Minneapolis Police Department's training was inadequate and that the officers deferred to Chauvin as the senior



officer at the scene.

Thao watched bystanders and traffic as the other officers held down Floyd. Kueng knelt on Flovd's back and Lane held his legs. All three officers testified.

During her closing argument, prosecutor Manda Sertich singled out each former officer.

Thao stared directly at Chauvin and ignored bystanders' pleas to help a man who was dying "right before their eyes," Sertich said.

Kueng casually picked gravel from a police SUV's tire as Chauvin "mocked George Floyd's pleas by saying it took a heck of a lot of oxygen to keep talking," she said.

And Lane voiced concerns that showed he knew Floyd was in distress but "did nothing to give Mr. Floyd the medical aid he knew Mr. Floyd so desperately needed," the prosecutor said.

But attorneys for rookies Lane and Kueng urged jurors to question why their clients were charged at all.

Lane's attorney, Earl

Gray, said his client was "very concerned" about Floyd and suggested rolling Flovd on his side so he could breathe, but was rebuffed twice by Chauvin. He noted that Lane tried to help revive Floyd after the ambulance arrived, telling jurors that "any reasonable person should just be disgusted, should be infuriated" that Lane was charged.

Kueng's attorney, Thomas Plunkett, said police weren't adequately trained on the duty to intervene and that Chauvin was in charge. He also said Kueng looked up to Chauvin, his former field training officer, and "relied on this person's experience."

"I'm not trying to say he wasn't trained," Plunkett said. "I'm saying the training was inadequate to help him see, perceive and understand what was happening here."

He told jurors to "apply the law to the facts" and to be "the exact opposite of a mob."

Thao and Chauvin went to the scene to help Kueng and Lane

after they responded to a call that Floyd used a counterfeit \$20 bill at a corner store. Floyd struggled with officers as they tried to put him in a police SUV.

Thao's attorney, Robert Paule, said his client thought the officers were doing what they believed was best for Floyd holding him until paramedics arrived.

The charges include language that the officers "willfully" deprived Flovd of his constitutional rights. That means jurors must find that officers acted "with a bad purpose or improper motive to disobey or disregard the law," Paule said.

He noted that Thao increased the urgency of an ambulance call for Floyd, something he said was clearly "not for a bad purpose." He also said that Thao reasonably believed Floyd was on drugs and needed to be restrained until medical assistance arrived.

On the intervention charge, Sertich said, prosecutors merely had to prove that the officers

In this image from Minneapolis city surveillance video, Minneapolis police are seen attempting to take George Floyd into custody May 25, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minn. The video was shown as Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill presides Monday, March 29, 2021, in the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, in the death of George Floyd at the Hennepin County **Courthouse in Minne**apolis, Minn. (Court TV via AP, Pool)

knew the force Chauvin was using was unreasonable and that they had a duty to stop it but didn't. On the charge that Floyd was denied medical care. the fact that the officers knew Floyd was in distress but did nothing is proof of willfulness, she said.

She pointed to the 2 1/2 "precious minutes" after Floyd became unresponsive and before paramedics got there. "They chose to do nothing, and their choice resulted in Mr. Floyd's death," she said.

Sertich contrasted the officers' inaction with the desperate cries of bystanders pleading with them to get off Floyd and to check for a pulse: "Even though they had no power, no authority, no obligation, they knew they had to do something."

Those bystanders, Sertich said, gave Thao and Kueng "play-byplay commentary" that should have raised their awareness that Flovd was in trouble - shouting that Floyd could not breathe, that he wasn't

responsive and urging the officers to look at him.

Jurors were expected to begin deliberations Feb. 23, after the judge gives them instructions.

At the start of the trial, U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson selected 18 jurors, including six alternates. Fourteen remain: 12 who will deliberate and two alternates. A jury that appears to be all white will consider the case after a juror who appeared to be of Asian descent was dismissed Feb. 22 without explanation. The court did not release demographic information, other than each juror's county of residence.

Chauvin pleaded guilty in the federal case in December, months after he was convicted of state murder and manslaughter charges.

Lane, who is white, Kueng, who is Black, and Thao, who is Hmong American, also face a separate trial in June on state charges alleging that they aided and abetted murder and manslaughter.

The trial was wrapping up just as another major civil rights trial in Georgia resulted in the conviction of three white men on hate crimes charges in the death of Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old Black man who was chased and shot in February 2020.

This story was updated to correct Floyd's age when he died. He was 46, not 45.

Webber reported from Fenton, Michigan.

By ROBERT BURNS and LORNE COOK **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) - When Russian President Vladimir Putin authorized troops to cross Ukraine's border into regions controlled by Russianbacked separatists, the White House initially stopped short of calling it an invasion. That changed Feb. 22, and key allies in Europe joined in saying Putin had crossed a red line.

"This is the beginning of a Russian invasion of Ukraine," President Joe Biden said.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg was equally explicit.

"We saw last night that further Russian troops moved into the Donbas into parts of Donetsk and Luhansk, ' he said Feb. 22, referring to the two areas of Ukraine's eastern Donbas region controlled by Russian-backed separatists. "What we see now is that a country that is already invaded is suffering further invasion."

But not all invasions are viewed as equal.

Asked whether Putin's decision to send in what he called "peacekeepers" amounts to an invasion, the European Union's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, said, "I wouldn't say that's a fully-fledged invasion, but Russian troops are on Ukrainian soil."

Use of the term "invasion" is important in this case because it sets the stage for what Biden said could become multiple waves of economic sanctions, in coordination with NATO allies and other countries who view Putin's aggression as a violation of international law and a threat to order in Europe.

Sanctions are the West's main tool for pushing back because they have ruled out taking on Russia militarily.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE GROUND IN UKRAINE?

The picture is ominous and not entirely clear.

Putin on Feb. 21 said Russia recog-



nized the rebel regions' independence "in borders that existed when they proclaimed" their independence in 2014. That constitutes territory held by the Ukrainian army. Putin also issued a decree authorizing the use of what he termed peacekeepers in that region, although Russian officials had not confirmed that troops had crossed the border in response to the decree.

Separately, Russian lawmakers granted Putin permission to use the military abroad, raising fears of a major invasion, including an operation aimed at toppling the Kyiv government.

IS THIS AN INVASION?

It's difficult to see this as anything other than an invasion, although people can argue over terminology. The disagreements would fade if, as many expect, Putin launches a fullscale offensive to topple Kyiv.

Biden said it defies logic to think Putin has taken such extensive military preparations, including putting more than 150,00 troops on the border and moving blood supplies to those areas, for reasons other than invading his neighbor.

"You don't need blood unless you plan on starting a war," Biden said.

Mary Ellen O'Connell, a Notre Dame law professor and an expert on international law and the use of force, says any crossing of a national border with military forces is unlawful, even if it's called something other than an invasion.

"A lawful response is gauged by the scale and effects of the incursion," she said. "Using force to take control of an entire country, displacing a government and military forces loyal to it is the most extreme form of violation."

WHAT WAS WASHING-TON'S INITIAL RESPONSE?

After Putin outlined his rationale Feb. 21 for recognizing the independence of the Donetsk and Luhansk areas, a White House official tiptoed around the question of whether Putin's action constituted a military invasion.

The official said Russian troops had been operating in the rebel-held areas for eight years without admitting it.

"Now Russia looks like it's going to be operating openly in that region, and we are going to be responding accordingly," the official said.

WHAT WILL WASHINGTON **DO NEXT?**

After stating publicly that Russia has again invaded Ukraine, the question is how far Biden will go in responding. He has made clear that he would not send U.S. troops into Ukraine, but on Feb. 22 said he has ordered a shifting of Europe-based U.S. troops to three NATO members who feel most vulnerable to potential Russian attack: Estonia. Latvia and Lithuania. Those three Baltic states were annexed by Moscow following World War II and regained their independence after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Biden announced heavy financial sanctions against Russian banks and oligarchs and said more would be imposed if Putin extends his invasion.

Global reaction against Putin's moves in Ukraine has been swift, with little argument about the legality.

"Moscow has now moved from covert attempts to destabilize Ukraine to overt military action," Stoltenberg told reporters Feb. 22. "This is a serious escalation by Russia, and a flagrant violation of international law."

WILL RUSSIAN TROOPS **STOP AT INVADING UKRAINE**?

Putin has given no indication he intends to start a war on NATO territory, but the allied nations still worry. That is why the Biden administration sent 4,700 additional troops to Poland this month and set up a more robust military headquarters staff in Germany, while also shifting 1,000 troops from Germany to Romania.

Stoltenberg said that NATO allies have more than 100 jet planes on high alert and more than 120 warships ready at sea from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean Sea.

"Every indication is that Russia continues to plan for a full-scale attack on Ukraine," Stoltenberg said.

Cook reported from Brussels. AP writer Danica Kirka contributed from London.

Sports

NFL scouting combine loosens virus rules after blowback

By ARNIE STAPLETON AP Pro Football Writer

Players attending the NFL's scouting combine won't have to stay in a "bubble" as originally ordered after organizers loosened regulations Feb. 21 after getting blowback for strict COVID-19 rules issued over the weekend.

In a memo sent to all invitees and obtained by The Associated Press, the National Invitational Combine said, "We encourage all players to remain within the secure Combine areas at all times for your safety.

"However, if you would like to leave the secure areas during free time in your schedule, you are now permitted to do so at your own risk," the memo said.

The memo indicated prospects would still be limited to a single support person such as an athletic trainer or massage therapist, although players will be free to meet with others off-site.

"As has been the case throughout the pandemic, we continue to evolve our Combine policies and procedures in consultation with medical experts," the memo said. "While masks continue to be required for air travel and during medical exams at the Combine (players and medical personnel), wearing a mask at other times while on site is recommended, but not required."

The memo said that if players preferred "to remain in the secure areas and have approved medical support personnel (physical therapist, massage therapist, or approved athletic trainer) enter the secure area to provide medical treatments, please follow the previously communicated procedure" in which they would have to register that individual for approval by the NIC.

The changes came 48 hours after



prospects were told in a memo they would be restricted to a "bubble" while at the combine, which rankled players and their agents.

The idea of a boycott was bandied about in response to the rules issued over the weekend, but several agents said they couldn't in good conscience advise their clients to skip the combine, which will take place in Indianapolis March 1-7.

"I understand their grievances," agent Leigh Steinberg said before the rules were eased. He noted that most of the 324 prospects invited to the combine have been training with a team of specialists "and they want to take their trainers with them to the combine, and they might want access to their agent. They might have family members. And they may have an entire support group both for their physical and emotional health — and the NFL regulations

seem unduly restrictive.

"Having said that, we will send our players because this is the Super Bowl of scouting events," Steinberg added. "And you have players who have worked their whole lives to prepare for the NFL all COVID-19 restrictions late in the draft."

Agent Joe Linta concurred, saying, "It's not the time to be guinea pigs for change and use your career" as a bargaining chip.

"It's also in the interests of the NFL to have full participation," Steinberg said.

The organization that oversees the operation of the annual NFL scouting combine informed draft prospects in a memo Feb. 19 that they'd be in a bubble in secure locations, and that any player who violates the policy "at any time will be disgualified from further participation and sent home."

These logistical decisions were made by the National Invitational Camp,

which runs the combine, and not the National Football League itself.

The NFL resisted the idea of a "bubble" even during the height of the pandemic. And the league lifted almost season after dozens of players ended up contracting the Omicron variant in December. For the second year in a row there were no disruptions to the playoffs caused by the pandemic.

Anyone with access to players at the combine must provide proof of vaccination against the coronavirus and proof of a booster shot, if eligible.

Face coverings are recommended for players and attendees at the combine but not required.

AP Sports Writer Michael Marot contributed to this report.

Purdue stays in B1G title race with win over Rutgers

Eric Hunter

Jr. scored 7 points in Pur Jaden Ivey added more highlights to his season with a game-high 25 points.





Sasha Stefanovic had 11 points.



Zach Edey added 15 points and 7 rebounds.

Butler men lose to No. 8 Providence

Head coach LaVall Jordan calls out a play.

> Jayden Taylor had a block and 2 rebounds.

Butler women fall short vs. Xavier



Bo Hodges had 13 points and 8 rebounds in Butler's 71-70 overtime loss to Providence on Feb. 20. (Photos/David Dixon)