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Recorder snags 4 first place wins in journalism contest

By STAFF

The Indianapolis Recorder won 14 awards at the Society of Professional Journalists Best in Indiana Journalism Contest. The awards ceremony was April 22.

Non-Deadline Story or Series
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Tyler Fenwick, Breanna Cooper, Oseye Boyd
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1st place

Education Reporting (Publication circulation below 30,000)

Tyler Fenwick
Incident with district police officer left Black teacher 'stressed and anxious'
3rd place

Coverage of Children's Issues (Publication circulation below 30,000)

Farah Yousry
To raise kids around here, 'It takes a little love, lots of prayer' and a football coach who cares
1st place

Coverage of Children's Issues (Publi-

cation circulation below 30,000)

Tyler Fenwick
'I hate COVID': Younger children roll up their sleeves for vaccine
2nd place

Features Writing (Magazines and non-daily newspapers)

Tyler Fenwick, Breanna Cooper, Oseye Boyd
Diabetes: A crisis in plain sight
3rd place

Features Writing (Magazines and non-daily newspapers)

Breanna Cooper

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Democrats running for county recorder have big goals for little-known office

By TYLER FENWICK
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Vying for the Democratic nomination to become the next Marion County recorder is one candidate who's worked in the office for seven years and another who's experienced firsthand how important the little-known office can be.

Chris Becker, the county's chief deputy recorder since 2015, will face Faith James Kimbrough, a precinct committee person who works in the private sector helping organizations with financial stability.

The winner will face Republican Barcia Miller Alejos, who is unopposed in her party's primary.

Early voting has started at nine locations in Marion County, including the City-County Building. Election Day is May 3. Learn more at vote.indy.gov.

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Faith James Kimbrough



Chris Becker

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Rev. David Greene, president of Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis, speaks at a press conference April 19, 2022, at the City-County Building to ask for Democrats' support in getting Marion County Democratic Party Chair Kate Sweeney Bell to resign. (Facebook video screenshot)

'This will continue to linger': What if Black legislators, clergy don't get help they're looking for in local Democratic Party fight?

By TYLER FENWICK
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A group of local Black legislators and clergy have been vocal about wanting the Marion County Democratic Party chair to resign, but they're not finding top-level Democrats who are willing to take up their cause.

Groups including the Marion County Black Elected Officials and Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis have led the

effort to get Kate Sweeney Bell to resign, saying it's a conflict of interest for her to be both party chair and hold elected office. Sweeney Bell is currently Marion County recorder and is running for county clerk.

At a press conference April 19, they doubled down on their calls for Sweeney Bell to resign, saying they'd like Rep. Andre Carson, Mayor Joe Hogsett and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to get involved.

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Martin Center's conference lays out how sickle cell disease awareness gaps affect patient outcomes

Sickle cell disease is a serious genetic condition that can cause severe pain, strokes and organ failure, affecting mainly people of African descent. Many adults don't know if they are carrying the sickle cell trait, which can be passed on to children, so medical providers want to raise awareness about the importance of genetic testing.

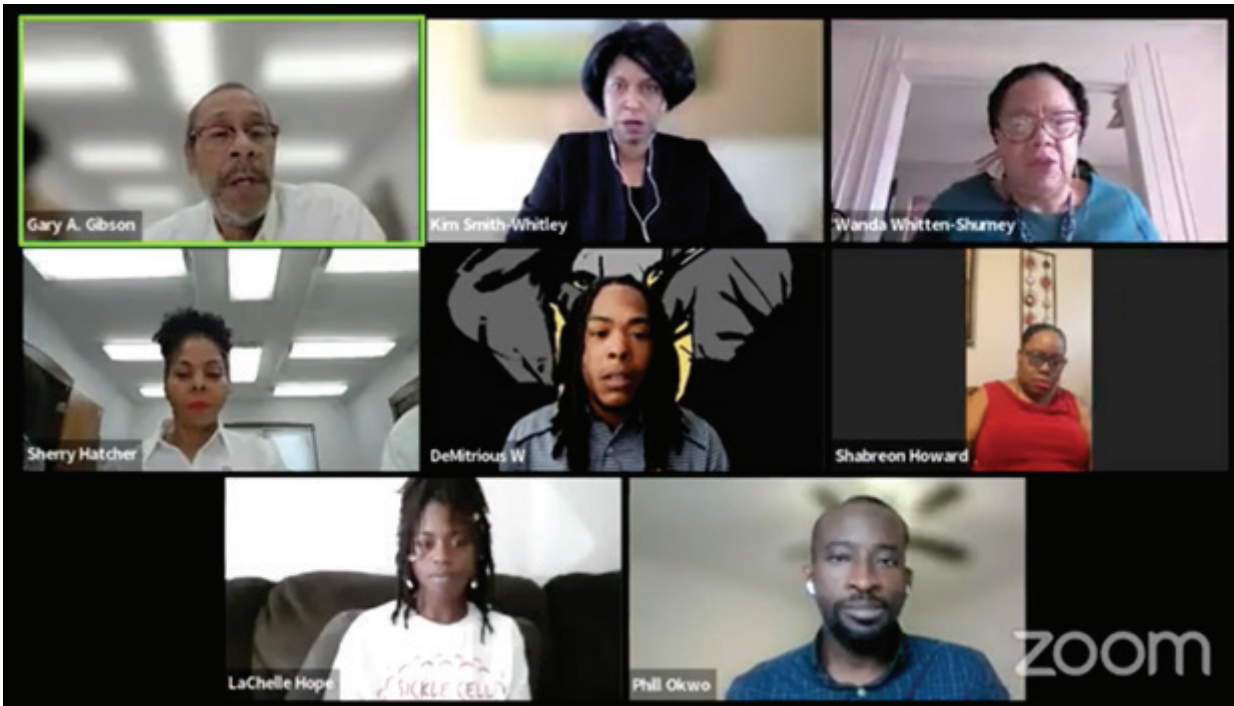
By FARAH YOUSRY

LaChelle Hope's parents did not know they both carried a genetic mutation that, if inherited, could cause their baby to be born with a serious condition called sickle cell disease. It was only after they had their first-born child — Hope's older sister — that they found they both carry the trait.

Her sister was born and was found to have the sickle cell trait, which means she carried the mutation but it did not manifest into sickle cell disease. A baby has a 25% chance of being born with the disease if both parents have the trait. Luck was on the Hope family's side and, based on the math, they thought it would remain this way.

"[My mom] was told it was a one in four chance. And she thought, 'OK,

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The 2022 Indiana Sickle Cell Disease Conference, organized by The Martin Center Sickle Cell Initiative, was held virtually April 22, 2022. Speakers included sickle cell disease patients and treatment providers. (Screenshot from the Zoom meeting)



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AWARDS

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Possible son of Thomas Jefferson called Indiana home
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Arts and Entertainment Writing
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Breanna Cooper
Film review: ‘Mass’ a haunting, powerful slow burn
1st place

Editorial writing (All publications and digital media)

Oseye Boyd
It’s on you, white America
2nd place

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Breanna Cooper
Civic Theatre production features first all-Black ensemble in 30 years
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Sports Reporting (Publication circulation below 30,000)

Tyler Fenwick
‘I still had stuff to achieve’: Indianapolis sprinter readies for Paralympics
3rd place

Coverage of Social Justice Issues
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Breanna Cooper
‘The library is run like a plantation,’ Indianapolis Public Library leadership accused of racism
2nd place

Coverage of Social Justice Issues
(Publication circulation below 30,000)

Breanna Cooper
‘It makes our jobs harder’: police in emergency rooms
3rd place

Sports Photography (Publication circulation below 30,000)

Jeff Brown
Colts pour it on 49ers
1st place

Best Newsletter

Breanna Cooper
Indianapolis Recorder newsletter
2nd place

Indiana Black leaders call for ‘urgency’ in addressing student academics

By ERIC WEDDLE
WFYI

Black leaders from across Indiana called on Gov. Eric Holcomb and other state leaders on April 21 to prioritize ways to address the academic achievement gaps between Black students and their white classmates.

They want the state to adopt a plan developed by the Indiana State Conference of the NAACP to end negative outcomes for all Black students. The plan calls for sweeping actions to be taken by all levels of education, including increased efforts to promote culturally responsive learning, hiring more and retaining underrepresented teachers and a requirement for children to attend full day kindergarten.

The report also calls for the creation of a statewide educational equity officer, who would oversee strategies to address achievement gaps, training and other issues.

“Our ultimate goal is to eliminate disproportionalities resulting in inequities and negative outcomes for our Black children as measured by the test the state gives,” said Gwen Kelley of the Greater Indianapolis NAACP, the lead editor of the plan.

Black students score far below white students on Indiana’s standardized exam, which is used as a local and federal benchmark for academic proficiency.

Before the pandemic started, IL-EARN tests showed nearly 15% of Black students passed both the mathematics and English portion, compared to nearly 43% of white students. During the pandemic, 2021 ILEARN test results show 8% of Black students passed both the mathematics and English portion, compared to nearly 35% of white students.

Pandemic disruptions lead to a disproportionate impact on Black families. In Indianapolis they faced an increase in unemployment and housing loss. At the same time, chronic absenteeism doubled among Black students in the 2020-21 academic year.

The NAACP’s plan calls for the Indiana Department of Education to lead the effort to increase Black students’ test scores by double digits over the next six years. This includes



Rep. Robin Shackleford (D-Indianapolis), the chair of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, speaks during a State Conference of the NAACP media briefing April 21, 2022, about a plan to improve academic outcomes for Black students. (Greater Indianapolis NAACP/Facebook)

the department following its own plan to adhere to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. Indiana officials told the U.S. Department of Education in 2018 it would close the achievement gap in English and math for all student groups in high school by 50% by 2023 and by 2026 for elementary and middle school students.

“We hope this plan will be widely shared and used as a foundation to bring about dramatic changes in our educational system across the state,” Kelley said. “As our Black children do better ... all of the strategies in the plan will lead to a wider success for all of our students.”

IDOE spokesperson Holly Lawson said the department is focused on supporting student learning and opportunity and elevating the educator profession, among other primary goals. Katie Jenner is in her second year as the state’s first appointed secretary of education.

“The priorities of the NAACP and other partners across the state continue to shape IDOE’s work alongside Indiana’s schools to help open doors of opportunity to all students through education, including our students who face some of the greatest challenges,” Lawson said in a statement.

The 43-page report offers recommendations for community members, local schools, lawmakers and the state departments.

Rep. Robin Shackleford (D-India-

napolis), the chair of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, said the plan is a start in addressing equity in the state. She said the caucus will make education its top priority in the next session of the General Assembly.

Indianapolis Public Schools Superintendent Aleesia Johnson joined leaders from other organizations such as the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Indianapolis Urban League in endorsing the plan during a media briefing April 21. Around 75% of IPS students are Black and brown.

“We should not accept as normal the data that overwhelmingly demonstrates we must act with boldness and with urgency to support all students in our state, particularly our African American students,” Johnson said.

Other organizations are also raising the alarm on academic outcomes of the state’s Black students last year. Last year, the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation released a report that found Black and Hispanic K-12 students in Marion County are less likely to have access to high-performing schools and teachers with at least four years of experience.

Black students make up 12.5% of the 1.1 million K-12 students in Indiana.

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The importance of building and sustaining strong relationships with youth

By AMAR PATEL

With a shared goal of creating an education system that enables all children to learn, lead and thrive in our world, we must stay connected to those who are directly affected — our youth. There is a rising generation of change-makers and leaders in Indianapolis who know exactly what they want when looking ahead. Each of them has bold dreams, passions and clear visions within their hearts. This signals an even greater need for continued and meaningful relationship building between both youth and adults in our community.

Over the past few months, Teach For America Indianapolis has had the pleasure of hosting two student interns from Victory College Prep Academy — seniors Davionté Thornton and Milaun Huskey. Not only have they been able to utilize this opportunity for their personal leadership and professional development, but their experience has attested to the importance of building these profound connections.

In speaking with them recently, I felt proud of my team in supporting these young people, but I felt even more strongly that young people, when asked, will be clear about their interests in what



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they need to attain those dreams they have set. Their goals included enjoying their careers, retiring early and living a free life. I became deeply moved by their vulnerability and the benefits of being intentional about


forming these bonds with the younger generation. Youth motivation, promotion of learning and stronger social and interpersonal skills are just a few of these benefits, but even greater, these relationships prove

to be symbiotic — interactions that are mutually beneficial in learning for both the youth and the adult. “I think that it’s a positive thing for the younger and the older to learn from each other because

it can give another perspective that adults are not necessarily used to hearing,” Thornton said. “The younger generation can give insight because there are differences in generations and the way people think, and

it’s important to know how another person may think when making decisions.” Youth need love and a space to open up. Together, we have to create conditions for youth to share their plans for the future. But we also have to be ready to listen and open to learn from the younger generations. “The younger voice matters as much as the older voice does,” Huskey said. This is a defining moment for a generation of students and our country. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to put equity and the needs of our children at the center of those spaces that affect them. When we support and uplift the voices of young people, we learn how to better support their futures and they not only feel heard, but they feel prepared to lead lives of choice and opportunity in a changing world.

Amar Patel serves as executive director at Teach For America Indianapolis, an education nonprofit organization that recruits, supports and develops diverse, equity-minded leaders that drive change in our education system, starting in the classroom. Teach For America is working toward increasing student achievement in Indianapolis while advocating for policies and practices that support family and student success.





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Taylor Hall's music career taking off

By STAFF

Taylor Hall's music career started nearly two years ago when she released her debut single, "I Can't Breathe," and performed it in June 2020 at the Indiana Statehouse during a sit-in she helped organize in the wake of George Floyd's death.

Now, Hall is getting ready to release her first EP, "Happy That it Happened," on May 30. "It's honestly been surreal for me to see my career take off the way it has over the last couple of years," Hall said. "I never thought I'd pursue music and work in the entertainment industry full time but I'm blessed to have had everything come together and unfold the way it has."

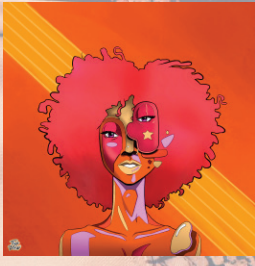
The first single from the album, "Lonely Again," tells a story of fear and desertion over a light beat and guitar. "Thinking of how I got so lost and out of myself/ Thinking of the day when you first came and said you were gonna be my twin flame/ And you said you'd never leave me or desert me/ Now here I am, lonely again."

Up next for Hall:
• April 29 — "Happy That it

Happened" cover drops
• May 2 — "Happy That it Happened" interview drops on TopView
• May 6 — "Happy That it Happened" EP and "Lonely Again" videos drop
• May 7 — Hall performs at ArtViews in Indianapolis, an experience curated by TopView that provides the opportunity to meet local artists, purchase their work, listen to live music by Hall and network.
• May 30 — "Happy That It happened" EP drops
• June 26 — Performance at the Jazz Kitchen
• June 20 — "Moving to LA" single drops
• July 20 — "My Way" single drops

Hall was born and raised in Indianapolis and graduated in 2021 with a communications degree from Ball State University. She moved to Los Angeles to further her music career.

In 2020, Hall founded Artist LLC to inspire activism through art. She currently travels around the U.S. speaking to universities, companies, schools and organizations about the five pillars of Artist LLC: art, activism, diversity and inclusion, education, and self-esteem.



Hall's first EP, "Happy That it Happened," will be released May 30. (Photos provided by Elevate)



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public records of property transactions and makes those documents available to the public. Records include deeds, liens, mortgages, easements and certified survey maps.

Becker said it's common for people to call the office and ask about subscriptions, thinking they're talking to the Indianapolis Recorder newspaper. Kimbrough said people she talks to while campaigning often think she's trying to work for the newspaper.

Becker said part of the reason people aren't familiar with what the office does is because most don't have direct interaction with it.

For example, buying a home will involve the recorder's office, but there are professionals paid to do that. The lender orders a title search to make sure the seller is actually the owner and that there aren't any liens that will affect the mortgage. Then, when it's time to close, the title company files the documents.

Becker said he didn't know much about the office before working there and, as recorder, would try to spread awareness about what the recorder's office can do. That includes everything from property fraud alert to getting a copy of a deed or mortgage release. In some cases, he said companies will take advantage of people's ignorance by selling them services that the recorder's office can do.

Kimbrough said she decided to run for recorder because she realized about five years ago how important the office is. Her father was dying, and he wanted to will her his home. He still owed on the house, though, so Kimbrough went to the office and got a quitclaim deed, which allows a seller to transfer real estate to a buyer.

Her father died two weeks after that, and Kimbrough said she's been telling

people what the recorder's office does ever since.

"I didn't know the importance until I was that customer," she said.

Kimbrough said one thing she would like to do as recorder is help veterans record their release papers, which determines eligibility for benefits, including funeral and burial reimbursements. It's a service too many veterans aren't aware of, she said.

How the recorder race fits into party drama

The next Marion County recorder will replace Kate Sweeney Bell, the Marion County Democratic Party chair who is also running for county clerk. Some legislators and ministers have called for her to resign, saying it's a conflict of interest to be party chair and run for elected office.

Some candidates for office, including Kimbrough, didn't seek the party's formal support at the pre-primary convention in a process known as slating. Becker did and is the party's endorsed candidate for the race.

Kimbrough said she spoke with Sweeney Bell in February and said it wasn't fair for the party to endorse a candidate for the office since her opponent currently works for Sweeney Bell. Kimbrough said she asked for Sweeney Bell's advice as party chair but didn't receive guidance.

Sweeney Bell said she encouraged Kimbrough to participate in the convention.

"Anyone who's running who has an opponent has an uphill battle," she said in an interview. "That's the nature of competition."

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CORRECTION

In the article "Local groups push for education equity in schools" in the April 22 edition, Jasmin Shaheed-Young's name was misspelled. We apologize for the error. The Recorder makes every attempt to correct its mistakes.



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EDITORIAL

Sorry, but you’re probably not a billionaire — and won’t be

By OSEYE BOYD



The news of Elon Musk’s purchase of Twitter had many people wringing their hands in consternation of what this will mean for the social media platform.

Count me among those concerned about how Musk could change the platform to allow hate speech, harassment, etc. to flourish on Twitter as he strictly adheres to his belief in freedom of speech.

It’s here that I note free speech doesn’t mean there aren’t consequences to that speech. Another point that often gets lost in the free speech conversation, is “freedom of speech” as it’s referred to in the First Amendment applies to government. Government can’t punish people for criticizing it — except in certain situations such as sedition. Private individuals, organizations and businesses can tell you to hush, and Twitter can ban you (for now).

Obviously, the First Amendment is important to me, but this column isn’t about that. I’m more concerned with the inequality of wealth that Musk’s purchase of Twitter has highlighted.

Musk, the richest person in the world — around \$273 billion — owns Tesla and SpaceX. How many zeroes are in \$273 billion? The number is as unreal as Puff the Magic Dragon to me.

That many of us talk about billions like it’s thou-

sands lets me know I’m not alone in my inability to understand just how much money that is. I remember a friend asked people what they would do if they won say \$500 million. The answers were buy a house, a car and save the rest. When she said, but you have \$500 million, they’d think about it and say they’d buy a house for their parents or children. My point? Most of us don’t have any concept of \$500 million let alone \$273 billion. Because we have a lot of thousand-aires in this country, we may miss the reality that wealth inequality exists.

It’s bigger than the racial wealth gap. White Americans need to know there’s a wealth gap that affects them as well. I hate to be the one to break it to you, but chances are you’re not among the 0.00001% of the richest Americans, which is about 18 households. They had an average net worth of about \$66 billion each in 2020, according to a study by economists Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman.

According to a New York Times article, “Since 1980, the incomes of the very rich have grown faster than the economy. The upper middle class has kept pace with the economy, while the middle class and poor have fallen behind.” The article goes on to say, “the bourgeois professional class — essentially, households with incomes in the low-to-mid six figures but without major wealth — is not so much different from the middle class and poor. All of these groups are grappling with slow-growing incomes, high medical costs, student debt and so on.”

Wealth and income is divided into the top 1%, the bottom 90% and the upper middle class, which earns between \$120,000 to \$425,000 after taxes, makes up the 90th to 99th percentiles of income distribution.

The data is sobering, especially when you think about the disdain Americans have for those living in poverty, and how many of us believe we’re middle class to upper middle class. I know many of us believe one day, we, too, will become a billionaire, but you probably won’t. If it was easily attainable, there would be more.

This data shouldn’t just give you a jolt of reality; it should also make you want to do something about massive wealth inequality and what that means for the majority. We live in a country that espouses majority rules, however, when it comes to wealth, the minority rules. The uber rich — think the Koch brothers, Bill Gates and Melinda Gates, Jeff Bezos, Mark Zuckerberg — wield an inordinate amount of power and political influence in our country. Whether these people use their money, power and influence for good or bad is a matter of perspective and irrelevant. The American press has made a big deal out of Russian oligarchs recently, but says very little about the equivalent in the U.S.A.

We’ve been lulled to sleep by the American dream — a dream that won’t actualize for the majority of Americans.

The complexities of Black pain and Black pride define the Black experience

By MARC H. MORIAL



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — “The psychological toll of always anticipating that next set back where one unexpected bill, short paycheck, or medical emergency will derail months, maybe years, of plans and priorities is exhausting. Feeling like you must do more, and expect less, creates a never-ending daily cycle of economic anxiety.” -Shannon Currie, vice president, Benenson Strategy Group.

For nearly two decades, as part of the State of Black America report, the National Urban League has produced the Equality Index, a statistical calculation of the social and economic status of African Americans inspired by the Three-Fifths Compromise of 1787. The 2022 Index year’s is 73.9%, slightly up from the revised 2020 Index of 73.7%.

This year, for the first time, we decided to find out how Black Americans feel about their status.

Conducted by Benenson Strategy Group, the Pulse of Black America survey is based on nearly 1,700 interviews conducted in March.

“If the Equality Index measures the share of the American economic pie

Black Americans gets compared to whites, then the Pulse of Black America survey unpacks the feelings and frustrations of Black people who will never get that last slice of pie,” wrote Currie, who led the research.

The survey revealed a Black America ravaged by a deadly pandemic and beset by economic despair, yet still optimistic in the promise that “we shall overcome.”

The survey confirmed the findings of the Equality Index: When it comes to education, income, occupation, housing and debt load, Black Americans are at a disadvantage. Only 27% of Black survey respondents had attained a college education, compared to 37% of white respondents. Fewer than half as many Black respondents — 12% — reported earning more than \$100,000 annually, versus 27% for whites. The Black homeownership rate was a little more than half the white rate: 33% compared to 62%.

The survey found that Black and white Americans differ in their views about these economic disparities. A majority of Black respondents, 57%, agreed with the statement, “Wealth inequality between Black and white Americans is a cycle that creates never-ending economic disparity, no matter how hard individual people work.”

But an even larger majority of white respondents, 71%, agreed with the statement, “Wealth inequality between Black and white Americans can be overcome, but it’s up to individual people to change their circumstances.”

But Black Americans are frustrated about their ability to change their circumstances. Majorities are worried about being paid less, passed over, having to work harder for the same amount and being discriminated against because of their race. While a plurality of Black respondents, 47%, felt that the professional opportunities they receive have nothing to do with race, nearly as many — 41% — said they received fewer professional opportunities because of their race or ethnicity.

Black Americans feel the sting of racism even more sharply in the health care system. An overwhelming 8 in 10 Black respondents feel that race influences the quality of care a person receives, and 2 in 5 said the system had discriminated against them personally.

When it comes to the heart of this year’s State of Black America report, voting and democracy, overwhelming majorities believe in the power of their vote to make a difference in economic opportunity, social and racial justice, and police violence. But nearly as many

— 71% — believe that Black and brown communities specifically are often denied the right to vote. Only 45% of Black respondents said voting in their communities is very easy, compared to 59% of white respondents. And Black respondents said the government is doing more to limit voting rights than it is to protect them.

“Fifty years since the Civil Rights Movement and ten years since the murder of Trayvon Martin, the real promise of equity has yet to be fulfilled, and young Blacks are growing frustrated with the rate of change,” Curry wrote. “Beliefs and behaviors are hard to shift, and while progress has been made, the biases of today manifest in more subtle forms of systemic suppression.”

“Pragmatic and hopeful, hardworking and vulnerable, the complexities of Black pain and Black pride define the Black experience.”

The full survey, along with the rest of the 2022 State of Black America report, “Under Siege: The Plot to Destroy Democracy,” can be found at StateOf-BlackAmerica.org.

Marc Morial is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

Matters of the mind — centering Black mental health

By KHALILAH A. SHABAZZ



Can we have a real conversation about mental health — Black mental health? I will first state that I am not a mental health professional and rely on their expertise to support my personal and professional journeys. May is Mental Health Awareness month, a month that I wasn’t even aware existed until a few years ago — I’ll come back to that later. This year, recognizing the month is very salient to me for many reasons. To start, as a college administrator and professor I see firsthand the stress and anxiety that heavily impacts our college students. This month in particular, they are balancing all of their end-of-the-semester requirements with all of the other things in their lives — like jobs, family care, etc. Prior to COVID-19 and certainly exasperated by it, we’ve seen a steady increase in the need for mental health services as students struggle with mental

wellness. For many, they can’t articulate what exactly they are feeling — tired, no motivation, sad, angry, stressed or constantly anxious. The outcomes are real though — lower grades, attendance issues, illnesses, dropping out and most terribly suicide.

Mental health issues are not just affecting our college age students; I especially feel for our elementary and secondary age children as well. They often have little agency over their lives and may find it even harder to articulate what they are feeling and experiencing without being told they are exaggerating or don’t have anything to be stressed out about. Add in the ways in which some educators engage with our children that dismisses or criminalizes their behaviors that might be signs of being mentally unwell. When I think about this further with respect to our Black community, I know that the impact is far greater when you consider race-based traumas and experiences. All of this had me ponder what I learned about mental illness and mental health growing up.

I don’t ever recall hearing family members talking about mental illness or mental health, not directly at least. I remember statements like that person is troubled, off or even possessed. Much of what I understood about someone who may have been diagnosed or assumed to have a mental illness was similar to the movie “Soul Food.” If you remember, Crazy Uncle Pete who stayed in his bedroom and people just talked about him and rarely interacted with him out of fear of his unknown mental state. That’s what I believe happens in a lot of Black families — we avoid the conversation, the issue, even the person. Rather than addressing or embracing them and the conversation about mental health, we instead rely primarily on prayer to heal and deliver. While I certainly believe in the power of prayer, I also believe in the purpose of proper diagnosis and treatment.

We (Black folks) have to address the stigma we’ve attached to mental illness as a community so that we can eliminate it as a barrier to better mental health management. Not doing so is suffocating our existence as so many of us and our children suffer in silence, too afraid of being ridiculed, being labeled

crazy or something being “wrong” with us. Our limited and outdated perspectives of mental health have clouded our ability to see the warning signs and the cries for help in ourselves and our children. I’ve had to be very reflective over the last several years and I too know that I overlooked symptoms, minimized calls for help, dismissed what I thought was just attitude, mostly because I didn’t have the knowledge or tools to understand how significant mental health is. I implore you to wake up and not make those mistakes. Here’s are some things that may help:

Increase your understanding of mental health and particularly seek guidance on Black mental health and wellness.

Work to address and undo the biases you may hold about mental illness. When you know more, spread that knowledge within your sphere of influence. We must reshape the narrative on Black mental health so that we can be well together.

Be honest with yourself about the things you have experienced and how they impact your current behavior and well-being. Seek help. We have a great directory of Black mental health care providers (psychologytoday.com) that can be a great starting point for assistance and direction.

If you have young people in your lives, resist the urge to pressure or punish them into ideas of excellence or success that can be limiting. Encourage them to pause and breathe. Allow them to safely share without the fear of judgment or retaliation. Affirm their emotions and ask how you can help. Celebrate their victories, no matter how small. Help take care of their minds and hearts as you would your own.

Again, May is Mental Health Awareness month — perhaps like me at one point, you didn’t know. Now you do and I hope that you take a moment to reflect on what you can do to help us build a stronger Black community — mind, body and soul. Be well!

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National Infant Immunization Week: What you need to know for your child's vaccinations

By **CAMEUAL WRIGHT**



Now that the COVID-19 vaccine is available to children 5 years of age and older, there is a bigger discussion about the ideal time to get your child's immunizations. April 25 marked the start of National Infant Immunization Week — a great opportunity for all people, especially parents, to learn more about the importance of early childhood immunization.

Why is early childhood vaccination important?

Research shows that getting your infant vaccinated in their first year is imperative, as they are more prone to viruses that can affect their health and well-being. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), infants should be vaccinated for 14 serious diseases, on a specific timeline, within their first year. While it is normal for new parents to have questions surrounding vaccines, properly vaccinating your child in their infancy is ever important and should not be overlooked.

When a child gets vaccinated, they create antibodies without ever having to be infected. If a parent chooses to wait to have their child vaccinated until adulthood, they run the risk of their child being exposed to a virus that their immune system cannot defend against. Additionally, their child won't be protected from the serious, sometimes life-threatening, consequences from contracting certain viruses.

What do we know about vaccines, and do they work?

Vaccines are a crucial step in keeping your baby healthy and helping your child fight off disease. A vaccine works by exposing the body to harmless parts of viruses, so that it may recognize the disease, which then creates the antibodies, or defense mechanisms, to fight it. Vaccines have been a part of our world for centuries. In fact, there are currently 19 conditions that once caused serious illness or death that are now preventable thanks to modern vaccinations. To put it in short, vaccines save lives.

Are early childhood vaccinations safe?



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One of the biggest concerns new parents have when getting their child vaccinated is the short- or long-term risks of immunization. Social media and the spread of misinformation have worsened parents' worries and have contributed to many myths surrounding the safety of early childhood vaccination. The truth is all vaccines must go through a rigorous process to prove they are both safe and effective before becoming available to the public. Additionally, they must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Concern about the link between vaccines and autism is based on one study, which has since been disproven. There have been numerous studies that prove there is no connection between vaccines and autism, including a 2013 study from the CDC.

More recently, we have seen hesitation toward the COVID-19 vaccine for young children due to misinformation. A report debunking some of these myths from the CDC confirms the safety of the vaccine, noting that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to be over 90% effective at preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5 through 11 years. This is imperative, considering the CDC also found that COVID-19 ranks as one of the top 10 causes of death for children ages 5 through 11 years. Although there is always a possibility of a local or allergic reaction when getting your child vaccinated, the consequences are very minor. If a parent is heavily concerned


about vaccinations, there is a vaccine registry in which both patients and providers can document adverse effects to continue to monitor vaccine safety on an ongoing basis.

How can CareSource assist with infant vaccination?

CareSource is a nonprofit health plan that is dedicated to helping our community receive the support they need. To help your child receive proper immunizations, CareSource offers a Babies First incentive program that incentivizes prenatal visits, well child visits, childhood vaccines and lead testing with reward dollars. We work closely with providers to track which members' infants still require vaccines, and we work with them as well as our members to encourage vaccination. Our care management staff recognizes the importance of vaccines and is available for one-on-one parent support to help members with needs, connect them with services, and provide educational resources.

Getting your infant vaccinated is vital to protect your child and every other child who they interact with. For more information about our infant or adult vaccinations, our support staff or other services offered in Indiana, visit www.caresource.com.

Dr. Cameual Wright is vice president and market chief medical officer for CareSource Indiana.




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Marion County is one of 15 counties recently selected to participate in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). This survey is the most comprehensive survey of the health and nutritional status of the U.S. population.

Each year, only 5,000 residents nationwide are chosen to participate in NHANES, conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The survey provides important national data on critical public health issues.

Beginning this week, Marion County households will receive one or more letters inviting them to take part by completing a brief online questionnaire to see if anyone in the home is eligible to participate. Those eligible residents will be contacted to set up a telephone health interview at a convenient time, followed by a health examination that takes place in a local NHANES mobile examination center.

Since 1960, NHANES has played an important role in improving the health of people in the U.S. The data address critical health concerns, such as obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

"NHANES serves as the nation's health check-up, by going into communities throughout the country to collect health information," said Brian C. Moyer, PhD, director of NCHS. "The survey provides a wealth of important data about many of the major health and nutritional issues affecting the country."

Public health officials, legislators, and physicians use this information to develop health policies, direct and design health programs and services, and expand the health knowledge of the nation. The data also help produce national references and standardized growth charts used by pediatricians.

"With this survey, we will be among the first in the nation to have access to critical health care data," said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. "This health information will help drive our public health efforts and play a crucial role in keeping the City of Indianapolis healthy." NHANES collects a broad range of data that impact the lives of everyone in the country, regardless of age, addressing everything from air quality to vaccinations and the low-fat and "light" foods found in grocery stores.

Now more than ever, collecting timely information on the status of the nation's health is critical. A team of health professionals, nutritionists, and health technicians is heading to Marion County and strongly urges everyone who has been selected for the survey to participate.

Residents will have an invitation-only opportunity to participate in NHANES. Addresses are randomly sampled within Marion County. By selecting participants this way, when combining data from all counties visited this year, data can more accurately represent the U.S. population.

While no direct medical care is in the mobile center, participants receive a report on physical findings, along with an explanation of those findings from survey medical staff.

All information collected in the survey is kept confidential and individual privacy is protected by law. NHANES is taking all precautions needed, as recommended by CDC, to keep survey participants and staff safe by following guidelines on social distancing, use of personal protective equipment, handwashing, and sanitation of the mobile examination center.

More information is available at cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/.

Supreme Court tackles case about praying football coach

By JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coach who crosses himself before a game. A teacher who reads the Bible aloud before the bell rings. A coach who hosts an after-school Christian youth group in his home.

Supreme Court justices discussed all those hypothetical scenarios April 25 while hearing arguments about a former public high school football coach from Washington state who wanted to kneel and pray on the field after games. The justices were wrestling with how to balance the religious and free speech rights of teachers and coaches with the rights of students not to feel pressured into participating in religious practices.

The court's conservative majority seemed sympathetic to the coach while its three liberals seemed more skeptical. The outcome could strengthen the acceptability of some religious practices in the public school setting.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, who played basketball in high school and has coached his daughters' teams, suggested that there's a difference between a coach praying in a huddle with students or in the locker room and "when players are disbursing after the game." "This wasn't, you know, 'Huddle up, team,'" Kavauagh said at one point, suggesting the coach's practice was acceptable.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett asked what if the coach had instead run an after-school religious youth group at his home, with students free to join or not. Would the school have been able to object to that, she asked.

Arguments at the high court lasted nearly two hours, despite being scheduled for just one. The justices and the lawyers arguing the case at various points discussed teachers and coaches who might wear ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday, oppose racism by kneeling during the national anthem or express a political opinion by putting signs in their home's yard. Former NFL player Tim Tebow, who was known for kneeling in prayer on the field, and Egyptian soccer star Mohamed Salah, a Muslim who kneels and touches his forehead to the ground after a goal, also came up.

Justice Samuel Alito, borrowing from the news, asked about protesting the Russian invasion of Ukraine and what if the coach had, instead of praying, gone out to the center of the field and "all he did was to wave a Ukranian flag." Would he have been disciplined? Yes, a lawyer for the school district said, because the district "doesn't want its event taken over for political speech."

The Supreme Court previously declined to get involved in the case at an earlier stage in 2019. At that time Alito wrote for himself and three other conservatives — Kavanaugh and Justices Neil Gorsuch and Clarence Thomas — that a lower court decision in favor of the school district was "troubling" for its "understanding of the free speech rights of public school teachers." But they agreed with the decision not to take the case up at the time.

The case has returned to the court at a time when the court's conservative majority has been sympathetic to the concerns of religious individuals and groups, such as groups that brought challenges to coronavirus restrictions that applied to houses of worship. But cases involving religion can also unite the court. Already this term in an 8-1 decision the



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justices ruled for a Texas death row inmate who sought to have his pastor pray aloud and touch him while his execution was carried out.

The case before the justices involves Joseph Kennedy, a Christian and former football coach at Bremerton High School in Bremerton, Washington. Kennedy started coaching at the school in 2008 and initially prayed alone on the 50-yard line at the end of games. But students started joining him, and over time he began to deliver a short, inspirational talk with religious references. Kennedy did that for years and also led students in locker room prayers. The school district learned what he was doing in 2015 and asked him to stop.

Kennedy stopped leading students in prayer in the locker room and on the field but wanted to continue praying on the field himself, with students free to join if they wished. Concerned about being sued for violating students' religious freedom rights, the school asked him to stop his practice of kneeling and praying while still "on duty" as a coach after the game. The school tried to work out a solution so Kennedy could pray privately before or after the game. When he continued to kneel and pray on the field, the school put him on paid leave.

Kennedy's lawyer, Paul Clement, told the justices that the Constitution's freedom of speech and freedom of religion guarantees protect his "private religious expression."

Richard Katskee, a lawyer for the school district, said public school employees can have quiet prayers

by themselves at work even if students can see. But, he said, Kennedy's actions pressured students to pray and also caused a safety issue.

After Kennedy publicized his dispute with the school district in the media, spectators stormed the field to pray with him, knocking down students in the process. He noted that coaches have a power that is "awesome." "The coach determines who makes varsity, who gets playing time" and who gets recommended for college scholarships, he said. "The students know you have to stay in the good graces of the coach if ... you have those aspirations."

Justice Elena Kagan said the court has in past cases cared about "coercion on students and having students feel that they have to join religious activities that they do not wish to join, that their parents do not wish them to join."

Kagan is one of three justices on the court to have attended a public high school while the rest attended Catholic schools.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor questioned why Kennedy had to pray on the 50-yard-line immediately after the game rather than other options the school offered: "Why there?" she asked at one point.

Clement said "his religious beliefs" compelled Kennedy to express his thanks there. "I don't think there's anything unusual about that," he said.

A decision is expected before the court begins its summer recess.

The case is Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, 21-418.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

The community of they

By SHEILA P. SPENCER



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ..."
Hebrews 12:1
"We are each other's harvest; We are each other's business; We are each other's magnitude and bond." - Gwendolyn

Brooks

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The they that kick doors down for you

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The they who don't give you a choice

When they say you need to connect with them

So they can see your face and hear your voice

The they who listen to words spoken and unspoken

The they who you can trust with bonds unbroken

The they who will allow you to be comfortable and provide a safe space to do so

The they who will encourage you to be uncomfortable and provide a brave space for you to be so

The they who will know all about you and love you still

The they who will allow you to be vulnerable and open

The they who are placed in your journey for a lifetime or a season

The they who cheer for you up close and from afar

The they who love you, not for what you have, but for who you are

I am grateful each and every day

For how I am sustained by community of they

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The community of they that is all around me

The community of they who cheers us on

The community of they that is here and beyond

No person is an island,

We were not designed to navigate this life journey alone

We are sustained by the community of they,

so we don't have to be on our own.

Grateful each day for the community of they

Grateful for the grace shown in every way for the community of they

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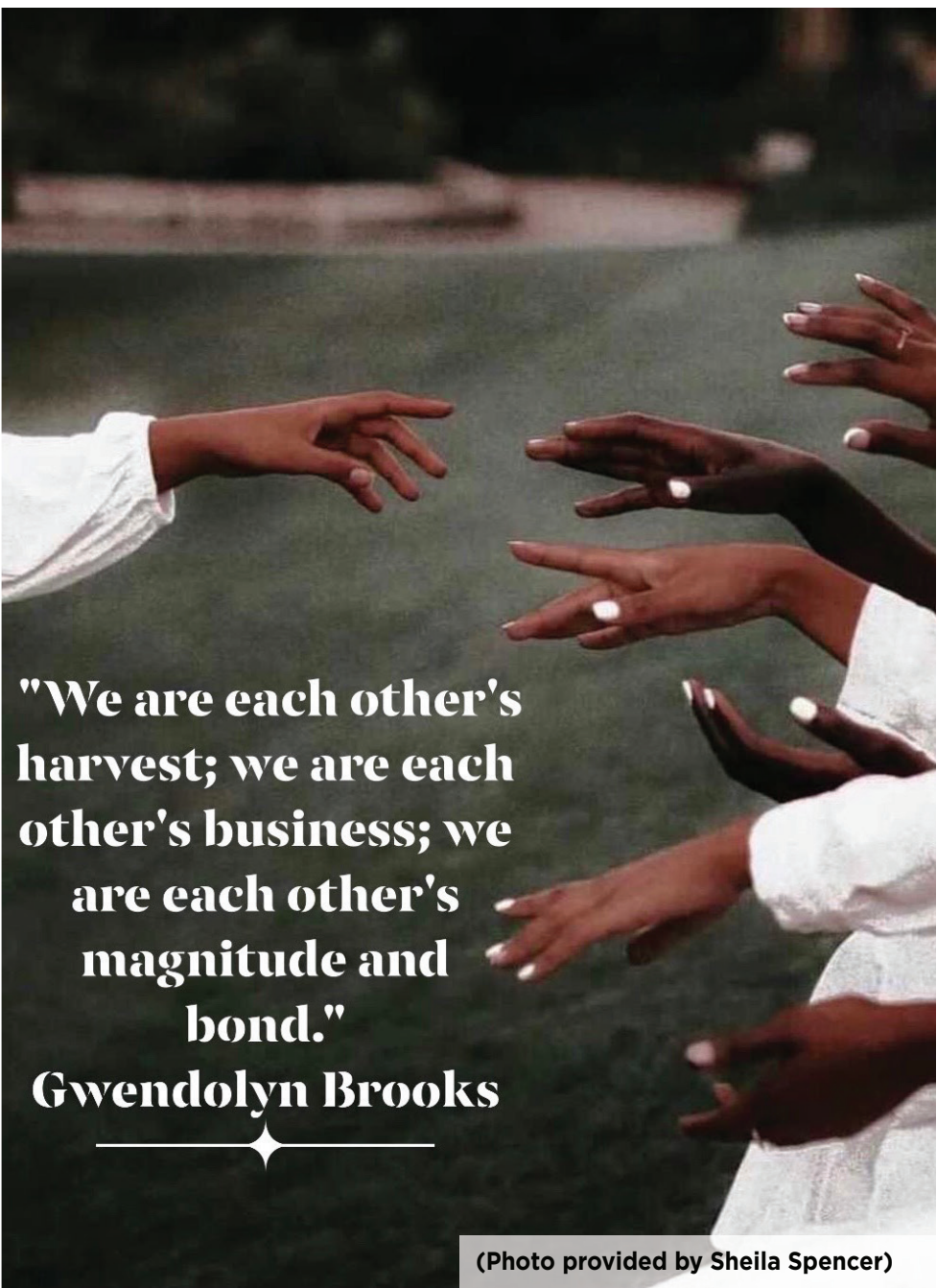
They surround me

They sustain me

Remember your they,

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Judas in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From Exodus 16, what bird served as miracle food for the Israelites? Raven, Dove, Quail, Duck
3. In Genesis 29:17, what part of Leah was tender (weak)? Foot, Hand, Mind, Eyes
4. From Jonah 1:15, how did he (Jonah) end up in the sea? Drunkenness, Fell in, Capsized ship, Cast in
5. In Matthew 17, what size faith did Jesus say was needed? Mountain, Mustard seed, Ant hill, One's heart
6. James and John were the sons of ... ? Bartholomew, Zebedee, Zadok, Barnabas



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- ANSWERS:
- 1) Neither;
 - 2) Quail;
 - 3) Eyes;
 - 4) Cast in (thrown);
 - 5) Mustard seed;
 - 6) Zebedee

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 18:30-31

As **for** God, his **way** is **perfect**: The **LORD's word** is **flawless**; he **shields** all who **take refuge** in **him**. For **who** is God **besides** the LORD? **And** who is **the Rock** **except** our **God**?

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Winemaker overcame obstacles of race and gender

By NICOLE KEARNEY



With its vivid colors, ripe fruit aroma and ability to induce nostalgia, sangria was the ideal place to begin my wine journey. Its sweet complexity makes sangria more than a drink. It's a new creation from two different worlds that don't just come together, they create something new. Sangria mixes classic wine with a new, needed flavor — just like my journey as a winemaker. Because let me tell you, as one of two Black winemakers in Indiana, I add a dash of flavor to an industry that doesn't always jump to embrace diversity.

Sip & Share Wines is a boutique winery producing a diversity of artisanal vegan wines — from Conjure Zinfandel featured in Forbes Magazine to Awaken Sweet White and Abundance Sweet Red, the original sangria poured in mason jars with straws. Out of more than 11,000 wineries based in the U.S., less than 1% are Black-owned, Black brands. Only .01% of winemakers in the U.S. are Black women winemakers. That disproportionate share drove my passion for creating Sip & Share Wines and propels my desire to create a community for Black and Brown wine lovers who are often overlooked and underrepresented within the wine industry.

Historically, winemaking for women, specifically Black women, hasn't received the attention it deserves. While advancements in equity and inclusion have been made, much work is still to be done. May 5-6, I will speak about my journey and the importance of supporting Black entrepreneurs at the Indy Chamber's Women in Business Retreat. While we should continue celebrating the Indy region's progress, there is still work to be done to achieve equity for Black entrepreneurs.

Disparities don't just color the path of Black winemakers, they can be seen across industries. Black entrepreneurs face a slew of disproportionate hurdles that make it incredibly difficult to launch, scale and succeed in business. Access to capital is the No. 1 barrier Black entrepreneurs face. With a large majority of the wine industry having generational wealth or being self-funded, Black wine entrepreneurs saw a lack of inclusivity. As a result, Black winemakers were not highlighted, celebrated or exposed to the market. But it's not enough to identify the source of the problem, we must act to solve it. Suppliers have the potential to make lasting changes to ensure the wine industry includes Black and Brown suppliers and distributors. But there must be an incentive to propel inclusivity into action.



Photo provided by Sip & Share

By genuinely committing to inclusion through metrics, the small business community can help inspire change. Organizations like Business Equity for Indy (BEI) make Indianapolis a more equitable place for Black entrepreneurs. BEI focuses on increasing the launch, growth and success rates of Black-owned enterprises by facilitating relationships, creating opportunities and positioning suppliers to gain access to new business contracts. How exactly does this get done? By hosting events bringing together Black-owned suppliers to create an inclusive business climate. By building greater equity and economic opportunity for the Indy region's Black residents and people of color. And by creating opportunities — opportunities like inviting one of Indy's Black-owned winemakers to provide beverages at events with those suppliers. Join me on May 19 at the Indy Black Chamber of Commerce for the Business Equity for

Indy Procurement Roundtable — I'll see and serve you there!

The best way to create an equitable place for progress requires our community members and organizations to work together as collaborative partners — just like fine wine, brandy and fruit blend perfectly to create a refreshing sangria. Ensuring minority business owners get the resources they need is the first step toward meeting the needs of our Black business-owner community. Our communities, our regions, our wines and our recipes don't improve over time if we operate the way we always have. Let's unite, collaborate and create new opportunities and flavors along the way.

Nicole Kearney is the owner of Sip & Share Wines. Sip & Share Wines produces vegan wine and creates community for overlooked wine enthusiasts.

Delta to begin paying flight attendants during boarding

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

Delta Air Lines, which is facing another attempt to unionize its flight attendants, will begin paying cabin crews during boarding, a first for a major U.S. airline.

Across the airline industry in the United States, hourly pay for flight attendants starts when all the passengers are seated and the plane's doors close.

Delta said the change will start June 2 on all flights.

In a memo to flight attendants, Delta's senior vice president of in-flight service, Kristen Manion Taylor, said the new pay "further recognizes how important your role is on board to ensuring a welcoming, safe and on-time start to each flight."

The rate of pay during boarding will be 50% of regular wages.

The change comes as Delta plans to increase the boarding time for single-



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aisle or "narrow-body" planes from 35 minutes to 40 minutes, which the airline expects will increase the percentage of flights that depart on time.

Manion Taylor said that after a test last fall, and getting comments from flight attendants, she promised not to impose the new boarding times without providing additional pay for the

cabin crews.

Delta said the new boarding pay would be on top of 4% raises for flight attendants that it announced in March and which take effect later this week.

Atlanta-based Delta has successfully campaigned to defeat several attempts to organize its 20,000 flight attendants. The Association of Flight

Attendants — which has been gearing up its latest organizing effort at Delta for more than two years but has not yet amassed enough support to force a vote — took credit for the boarding pay.

"This new policy is the direct result of our organizing," the union said in a statement posted on its website. "As we get closer to filing for our union vote, management is getting nervous."

The union represents flight attendants at United, Alaska, Spirit and about a dozen smaller airlines. Delta said none of those airlines pay their cabin crews for boarding time.

Unions represent between 82% and 86% of workers at American, United and Southwest, but only 20% of Delta's 83,000 employees, according to a regulatory filing. Delta's 13,000 pilots are represented by the Air Line Pilots Association. Flight attendants at Delta's Endeavor Air regional-flying subsidiary are unionized.

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CAUSE NO. 49C01-2203-
MI-007159
IN RE:THE PETITION OF
THE NAME CHANGE OF
DAVID BLESSING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
BY INDIVIDUAL
Comes now Petitioner,
David Blessing, in person
and by counsel, Cara M.
Chittenden, and hereby gives
notice that he had filed in the
office of the Clerk of the Circuit
Court of Hamilton County for
the change of his name from
David Blessing to David
Albert Blessing, and that said
Petition will be heard by the
Court on June 2, 2022, at 1:30
p.m. This matter will be heard
remotely, and the Court will
issue/uses a WebEx invitation
for attendance at the hearing.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Cir-
cuit Court
Prepared By:
Cara M. Chittenden,
#27059-49
Rebecca W. Geyer & As-
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NUMBER: 49C01-
2203-MI-010385
IN RE THE NAME
CHANGE OF MINOR
JAXSON JACOB HAM-
ILTON
TAYLOR ANN WEST
ORDER SETTING HEAR-
ING
Comes now the Petitioner,
Taylor Ann West, by counsel,
having filed her Verified
Petition for Change of Name
of Minor.
And the Court having read
and examined said motion
and being duly advised in
the premises now finds that
this matter should be set for
a hearing.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED
ADJUDGED AND
DECREEED that this matter
shall be set for a hearing on
June 23, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.
This matter will be heard
remotely, and the Court will
issue a WebEx invitation for
attendance at the hearing.
Dated: April 5, 2022
/s/ Susan Boatright
Magistrate, Marion Circuit
Court
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TRUSTEE OF AMERICAN
HOMEOWNER PRESER-
VATION TRUST SERIES
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Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
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TATE OF M.L. LESURE;
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
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OF ANNETTA J. LESURE;
DONNA DOWELL A/K/A
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A/K/A ROBERT WILLIAMS;
VERNITA SUSAN HATCHER
A/K/A VERNITA BARBER;
TERRI WALTON-HARRIS;
DAVID WALTON A/K/A
DAVID KYLE WALTON;
ROGER LESURE A/K/A
RODGER PAUL LESURE
SR.; MARION COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPART-
MENT; TERRI WALTON-
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OF ANNETTA J. LESURE;
CHATEAU IN THE WOODS
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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:
Complaint for In Rem Fore-
closure of Mortgage on Real
Estate against the property
commonly known as 602 S
Mitchner Ave, Indianapolis,
IN 46239-1149 and described
as follows:
LOT NUMBER 64 IN KIS-
SEL HEIGHTS, FIRST SEC-
TION, A SUBDIVISION IN
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA,
AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RE-
CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31,
PAGE 279, IN THE OFFICE
OF THE RECORDER OF
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.
This summons by publica-
tion is specifically di-
rected to the following named
defendant(s)
whose whereabouts are
unknown: The Unknown Heirs
and Devises of Robert V.
Emery, Deceased
If you have a claim for relief
against the plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
it in your written answer or
response.
You must answer the 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
Plaintiff.
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
By /s/ LEANNE S. TITUS
LEANNE S. TITUS
Attorney No. 22552-49
Attorney for Plaintiff
LEANNE S. TITUS
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
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Indianapolis, IN 46250
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Bobbie Mae Walker
Plaintiff, by counsel, hereby
gives Notice of the Com-
plaint filed in the Marion
Superior Court against the
above-named Defendant.
Plaintiff also filed an Affidavit
of a competent person showing
that the residence and
whereabouts of Defendant,
Unknown Heirs-at-Law, Benefi-
ciaries, Legatees, Devises,
and Donees of Bobbie Mae
Walker upon diligent inquiry
are unknown. The cause of
action is for default on a
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sure upon a mortgage on the
following described real estate:
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TATMAN MANOR, AN AD-
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THE PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE
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RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA.
State Parcel #: 49-07-21-
105-092.000-101
Address: 5020 E 34th St,
Indianapolis, IN 46218
Therefore, said Defendant
is hereby notified of the fil-
ing and pendency of said
Complaint and that unless
Defendant files an answer
within (30) days of the last
publication of this notice, de-
fault judgment may be entered
against said Defendant for the
relief sought in the Complaint.
/s/ Brian K. Tekulve
Law Office of Gerald M.
Shapiro, LLP
Brian K. Tekulve (#30882-
49)
4805 Montgomery Road,
Suite 320
Norwood, OH 45212
Phone: (513) 396-8100
Fax: (847) 627-8805
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CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2204-
EU-011983
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF JAMES
JOHNSON
NOTICE OF ADMINIS-
TRATION
Notice is hereby given that
DAWN WEST was, on April
12, 2022, appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate
of JAMES JOHNSON, de-
ceased, who died February
16, 2022.
All persons who have
claims against this estate,
whether or not now due, must
file the claim in the office
of the Clerk of this Court within
three (3) months from the
date of the first publication
of this notice, or within nine (9)
months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier,
or the claims will be forever
barred.
Dated at Indianapolis,
Indiana, on April 12, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, MARION COUN-
TY SUPERIOR COURT
Jennifer Norton
Attorney No. 28709-49
Norton Estate Planning &
Elder Law Firm, LLC
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12 35 30 Countertop Materials

123530 Countertop Labor

22 00 00 Plumbing

23 00 00 HVAC Systems

26 00 00 Electric

27 00 00 Communications (Coax & Cat 5)

31 10 00 Erosion Control & Temp Drive

31 10 00 Site Work

31 10 00 Water Utility

31 10 00 Sanitary Utility

31 23 00 Construction Staking

31 23 00 Site Concrete Walks

31 23 00 Site Concrete 20'x20'x6" Parking

32 31 19 Wood Fencing

32 30 00 Landscaping Allowance

1.4 BID SUBMITTAL AND OPENING

A. KP Meiring Company will receive bids on behalf of the Owner. Bid Documents are to be submitted electronically to bids@kpmeiring.com on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Construction Manager and Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders.

B. This project is funded in part with City CDBG funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As such, this project is subject to an environmental review by HUD. Only upon completion and approval of the environmental review will this project move forward with signed contracts, etc.

C. Prebid Meetings.

• A Virtual Prebid Meeting will occur on Monday 4/25/22 via Zoom at 10:00 AM. Bidders may request a Zoom Invitation by emailing abigail@englewoodcc.com

• An in-person day will be held on Monday 4/25/22 @ 2:00 PM at the Owner's office located at

Englewood Community Development Corporation

57 North Rural Street Indianapolis, IN 46201

1.5 TIME OF COMPLETION.

Bidders shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time.

1.6 BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

A. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance required for the Work.

B. Minority Participation Goals. It is the goal of Englewood CDC, and KP Meiring to work with the XBE and Section 3 community and open up the opportunity to be a part of this project.

C. All XBE firms used on City projects must be certified by the City of Indianapolis at the time

of bid award. If a potential XBE subcontractor is not certified by the City, they can provide

OMWBID with a complete certification application for processing. The utilization goals below, are the goals for all City projects. Utilization/workforce goals may be stated differently in project agreement(s) in certain circumstances.

XBE Category Goal %

MBE

Minority-Owned Business Enterprise 15%

WBE

Women-Owned Business Enterprise 8%

VBE

Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise 3%

DOBE

Disabled-Owned Business Enterprise 1%

TOTAL XBE UTILIZATION GOAL: 27%

All XBE firms used on City projects must be certified by the City of Indianapolis at the time of bid award. If a potential XBE subcontractor is not certified by the City, they can provide OMWBID with a complete certification application. The certification review process may take up to 90 days; therefore, a business enterprise is not considered certified until they receive an official certification letter from OMWBID. Purchases from XBE suppliers are allowed the maximum credit of fifty percent (60%), and brokers are counted at five percent (5%), or their Commission fee only (per 49CFR regulations).

Developers should include agreements (and/or letters of intent (LOI)) signed by all XBE firms being used on the project for all tier levels.

The Prime Contractor must submit in writing to OMWBID with justifications to terminate or

replace an XBE vendor. In addition, the Developer/General Contractor must use the good faith

effort methods to substitute or replace any XBE subcontractor

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Milestone Contractors, L.P. (a general contractor, An Equal Opportunity Employer is seeking Certified MBE and WBE/VBE/DOBE owned business bids for City of Indianapolis project ST-22-097: Residential Street Reconstruction - Sector 2. This project bids on May 5, 2022. Subcontracting opportunities available are construction engineering, landscaping/erosion control, pavement markings, concrete curbing and walks, construction signs, subgrade treatment, raised pavement markers, pavement milling and hauling. Certified MBE/WBE/VBE/DOBE business parties should contact Greg Nolting (317) 616-4881 to discuss subcontracting opportunities. All bids must be submitted to Indycounties@milestonelpp.com or before May 4, 2022, by 12:00 noon. Plans are available for viewing at Milestone Contractors, L.P., 5757 Decatur Blvd., Suite 250, Indianapolis, IN 46241 or plans may be purchased at ReproGraphics, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN. 5320-944761

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

A. Sealed bids to provide all equipment, labor, and material to complete a Ball State University Public Works project titled:

Bracken Library Masonry and Roof Repairs – Phase VII will be received by June Sanders, Senior Purchasing Agent, Ball State University, Purchasing Services, Service & Stores, 3401 N Tillotson

Ave, Muncie, IN until 11:00 A.M. EDT, Thursday, May 12, 2022. Bids will then be opened and read aloud.

B. Bidding documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations or on their website:

BSU Facilities Planning & Management Office

3401 N. Tillotson Ave Muncie, IN 47306

www.bsu.edu/facilities

C. Scope of Work to include, but not limited to: Work of the project generally includes tuck-pointing, flashing installation in brick masonry, roof membrane removal and installation, and installation of aluminum coping cap.

D. Pre-bid meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M. EDT at Purchasing Services, 3401 N Tillotson, Service & Stores, Ball State University, Muncie, IN Purchasing Services Conference room

http://www.bsu.edu/map/

E. Bid Documents, which include project manual, drawings, specifications, bid forms and other related documents, (available electronically) may be obtained by contacting June Sanders, Senior Purchasing Agent or Purchasing Services, Service & Stores Building, 3401 N. Tillotson Avenue, Muncie, IN 47306; Tel: (765) 285-1532, Fax: (765) 285-5505.

F. Bid documents are also available to subcontractors upon request.

G. Bids shall be properly executed, addressed to Ball State University Board of Trustees, submitted on Contractors Bid For Public Works Form 96 (revised 2013), as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts given financial data as recent as possible and in no event older than 90 days.

H. Each Bid must be accompanied by the contractor's Minority, Women's, and Veteran Business Participation Plan, advising whether, and if so how the contractor will utilize Minority, Women's and Veteran owned enterprises as subcontractors or material suppliers on the project.

I. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or bank draft, made payable to the order of Alan Finn, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer for Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, or by an acceptable bidder's bond for an amount not less than 5 percent of the total bid price.

J. All copies of the Bid, the bid security, and any other documents required to be submitted with the Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope marked SEALED BID. The envelope shall be addressed to Ball State University Board of Trustees and shall be identified with the Project name, the Bidder's name and address and, if the Bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope marked "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" on the face thereof.

K. The contractor awarded work shall be required to furnish an acceptable surety bond in the full amount of the contract.

L. The Contract shall be awarded in accordance with the provisions of IC 5-16-13. Pursuant to IC 5-16-13.7, the provisions of the law are incorporated by reference in each public works contract and Contractor agrees that pursuant to IC 5-16-13-8 the public works project will not be structured other than in the contractor tier structure required by law. Contractor shall be required to comply in all respects with the provisions of IC 5-16-13 commencing with public works contracts, including but not limited to training programs, document preservation and availability of inspection and suspected worker misclassification procedures which commence with public works contracts. The provisions pursuant to IC 5-16-13-10 (c), public works contracts commencing after December 30, 2016 include requirements for prequalification by the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA).

M. In accordance with IC 22-5-1.7-11.1, Contractors entering into a contract with the Owner will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all newly hired employees through the E-Verify Program and execute an affidavit certifying compliance with the law in the form included in the Contract Documents.

N. Ball State University reserves the right to reject any bids or all bids, to make any combination thereof, to waive any informality therein, and to return any unopened bids received after the time fixed herein.

O. Bids received after the designated time for closing will be returned unopened. Bids may be withdrawn prior to the designated time, but no bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter.

P. Visit http://cms.bsu.edu/About/Administrative/Offices/Purchasing/PublicWorks.aspx web page to view current plan holder list, bid rules and addendums and to obtain the Bid Document Request form.

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

By: Julie Hopwood

Associate Vice President for Business

Affairs and Auxiliary Services

5320-944892

04/29/22

Indianapolis Airport Authority

Indianapolis International Airport

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Electronic Bids (E-bids) will be received via PlanetBids (IAA's solicitation management system) by the Indianapolis Airport Authority, for AOA Fence at Former Clarion Hotel Site at the Indianapolis International Airport; Project No. I-22-045. All bids submitted to PlanetBids for this project shall be read aloud on May 26, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. E.T. No bids will be permitted after the designated time. To attend the bid opening online (virtual meeting), please contact P&DAdmin@ind.com. Bids are desired as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders, which is part of the specifications.

Each 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 Argo Consulting Engineers, 309 West Washington Street,

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

In accordance with Indiana Code Section 5-16-13-1, et seq., prequalification with the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) or the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is required of all contractors, in any contractor tier, performing work under contract to the IAA which is estimated to be One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) or greater.

Specifications are on file and may be examined at:

BX Indiana Construction League

1028 Shelby Street Indianapolis, IN 46203

www.bxindiana.com

ConstructConnect

3825 Edwards Road, Ste. 800

Cincinnati, OH 45209

www.constructConnect.com

Dodge Data & Analytics

3315 Central Avenue

Hot Springs, AR 71913

www.construction.com

Argo Consulting Engineers

309 West Washington Street, Suite 208

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Plans and Bid Documents may be obtained from ReproGraphix Inc., 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, (317) 637-3377, or on-line at https://www.reprographix.com. There will be no charge for the first set of Plans and Bid Documents; additional sets may be obtained for the cost of printing and shipping.

All bids shall be on Form No. 96 as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, must be accompanied by a Financial Statement, must be properly and completely executed, and shall be accompanied by a properly completed non-collusion affidavit. After opening bids, no bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days without written consent of the Owner.

All bids shall be accompanied by a scanned copy of the bid bond in an amount of not less than 5% of the contract amount. Original copy of the bid bond will be requested from the successful bidder immediately following the bid opening.

Contractors awarded 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 the IAA's Building No. 280 at 3747 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241 on May 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., E.T. After the meeting, attendees may meet with local sub-contractors and MBE/WBE/VBE firms. A tour of the construction site will follow the meeting. 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, please contact Katie Adkins directly at 317.487.8578.

INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

By: Mario Rodriguez

Executive Director

5320-944760

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Legal Notice

STATE OF INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ON BEHALF OF: Family and Social Services Administration

SOLICITATION: FEE FOR SERVICE: PRIOR AUTHORIZATION & UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES: RFP-22-71455

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: June 7, 2022 by 3:00 PM ET https://www.in.gov/idoa/purchase/current-business-opportunities/5320-944637

04/29/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE JOHNSON SUPERIOR COURT

() SS: COUNTY OF JOHNSON) CAUSE NO. 41D01-2002-EU-00050

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF WILLIAM ROBERTS, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Johnson County, Indiana.

In the matter of the Estate of William Roberts, deceased.

Estate Docket No. 41D01-2002-EU-00050.

Notice is hereby given that Jacob Roberts was appointed personal representative of the Estate of William Roberts on February 14, 2022, who died on the 30th 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 7th day of April, 2022.

/s/ Trena McLaughlin Clerk, Johnson County Superior Court

5320-944118

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE JOHNSON SUPERIOR COURT

() ss: PROBATE DIVISION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2203-EU-009778

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF BRIAN J. SIMMONS DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that, on the 3rd day of March, 2022, Cathy R. Smith, surviving daughter and heir, was appointed as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Hazel F. Moore, who died on the 31st day of December, 2021, and that said Cathy R. Smith is serving as Decedent's Representative of the Decedent's estate, and was authorized to proceed under unsupervised administration.

Further, and all persons having claims against the Estate of Hazel F. Moore, whether or not now due, must file their claim in the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims shall be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this March 3, 2022.

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

Probate Division

Brent D. Jones Attorney at Law

120 E. Market St., Suite 619 Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 639-5371

Attorney No. 12063-55

5320-944301

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**AURORELUCEMOATEK-
OUBA OGOJAMBA**
Plaintiff
V.
CEDRIC MISSAMOU
Defendant

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:
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are:
And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown:

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

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your or your attorney, on or before the 5th day of June, 2022, (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.

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion Court
5320-944431

**SUMMONS
STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT 15
) SS:
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D15-2203-
DN-002589
IN RE THE MARRIAGE
OF:**

KALEISHA WILLIAMS,
Petitioner,
and
NGAGNI DIOUF,
Respondent.
TO RESPONDENT: Ngagni Diouf

Address Unknown
NGAGNI DIOUF is hereby notified that he has been sued by the Petitioner, KALEISHA WILLIAMS, to void their marriage in Marion Superior Court 15 under cause number 49D15-2203-DN-002589.

A hearing has been set in this matter for June 22, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. NGAGNI DIOUF must respond to counsel for Petitioner within thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this notice. Failure to do so may result in default judgment being entered against him for the relief demanded.

Thomas Roberts, (#35442-48)

155 E. Market St. #700
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 350-07000
thomas@cmzentzlaw.com
Attorney for Petitioner
5320-944188

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**STATE OF INDIANA IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT
SS:
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NO. 49D03-2202-
MF-005360
MIDFIRST BANK
Plaintiff,
VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-
LAW, BENEFICIARIES,
LEGATEES, DEVISEES
AND DONEES OF MARY
COLWELL**

**HAROLD COLWELL
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
SECRETARY OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
SECRETARY OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Defendants.
**NOTICE OF SUIT SUM-
MONS BY PUBLICATION**
TO: The Unknown Heirs-at-Law, Beneficiaries, Legatees, Devisees and Donees of Mary Colwell

Plaintiff, by counsel, hereby gives Notice of the Complaint filed in the Marion Superior Court against the above-named Defendant. Plaintiff also filed an Affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of Defendant, Unknown Heirs-at-Law, Beneficiaries, Legatees, Devisees and Donees of Mary Colwell upon diligent inquiry are unknown. The cause of action is for default on a promissory note and foreclosure upon a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT NO 951 IN EAGLE-DALE ADDITION SECTION III, PART II, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, MARION COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 162, IN THE OFFICE OF RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. State Parcel #: 9034286

Address: 4532 Thrush Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46222
Therefore, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint and that unless Defendant files an answer within (30) days of the last publication of this notice, default judgment may be entered against said Defendant for the relief sought in the Complaint.

Law Office of Gerald M. Shapiro, LLP
Brian K. Tekulve (#30882-49)

4805 Montgomery Road,
Suite 320
Norwood, OH 45212
Phone: (513) 396-8100
Fax: (847) 627-8805
Email: btekulve@logs.com
4/8/2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge

Dated Marion Superior Clerk, Court
5320-944052

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**ADVERTISEMENT TO
PRE-QUALIFY TO BID**
Project: Eskenazi Health Center at 6002 East 38th Street

Turner + Davis will accept bids from pre-qualified contractors for this 90,000 SF 2-story Outpatient Clinical Building serving Eskenazi Health and the Marion County Public Health Department.

Diversity goals: 15% MBE, 8% WBE, 3% VBE, 1% DOBE
All interested bidders must go online at: <https://bids.mtrf.com> to access the Request to Pre-qualify form. If you believe you are already prequalified with Turner, please confirm your interest via the link above so we can confirm your qualification status. Direct all questions to Angela Westerhaus at (317) 650-6864 or awesterhaus@tco.com.

Turner is an Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity Employer—minorities/females/veterans/individuals with disabilities/sexual orientation/gender identity. VEVRAA Federal Contractor. 5320-944249

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**NOTICE OF REQUEST
FOR PROPOSALS**
Sealed Proposals are being sought for the following item:

**FOOD OPERATION AND
MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Notice is hereby given that KIPP Indy Public Schools, Indianapolis, Indiana will receive proposals until 3:00 PM (EST), on May 6, 2022. Proposals are to be submitted by emailing krouse@kippindy.org with the subject line Food Service Management Company Bid. Proposals will not be accepted after this time.

Public opening of proposals will be held virtually at 4:00PM on May 6, 2022. Virtual meeting details and materials may be obtained by contacting Kyle Rouse, at krouse@kippindy.org.

The Board of School Trustees reserves the right to negotiate at its discretion with those submitting proposals in accordance with Indiana Law. 5320-944432

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Milestone Contractors, L.P. a heavy highway contractor who is an Equal Opportunity Employer is seeking Certified MBE/WBE/VBE owned business quotes for INDOT Contract R-44092-A, Marion County, Institution and Park Road Maintenance – Stout Field Parking Lot North of Building No. 9. Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to construction engineering, material hauling, pipe installation, inlet and pipe materials, castings, subgrade treatment, construction signs, pavement markings and pavement milling. Certified MBE/ WBE/VBE business parties should contact Greg Nollins at (317-616-4881) to discuss subcontracting opportunities. All bids must be submitted on or before May 4, 2022, no later than 12:00 (noon). Plans are available for viewing at Milestone Contractors, L.P., 5757 Decatur Blvd., Suite 250, Indianapolis, IN and Indiana Department of Transportation, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N855 Government Center North, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or you may download plans and specifications at the Indiana Department of Transportation's website at in.gov/dot/div/contracts/letting/index.html 5320-944246

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR
BIDS**

The Trustees of Purdue University will receive sealed bids for the following project until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on the 19th day of May 2022 in the offices of Capital Asset Management, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

1. West Lafayette Campus – Monon Family Health Clinic Expansion – 2022

Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the offices of Capital Asset Management, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

Bids received after such time will be returned unopened. Bids may be withdrawn prior to such time, but no bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter.

The Principal Subcontractor Questionnaire listing the names of the bidder's principal subcontractors shall be submitted with the bid. The remainder of the Questionnaires and Material Lists shall be submitted prior to 3:00 p.m. (EDT) on the 26th day of May 2022, to:

Capital Asset Management
2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100
West Lafayette, IN 47906
Phone (765) 494-0580

Bids shall be for complete construction only, properly executed and submitted on Form 96, accompanied by executed Form 96A (as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts) giving financial data as recent as possible, and a Non-Collusion Affidavit together with other documents as required by the Instructions to Bidders and addressed to The Trustees of Purdue University, clearly marked with the project and the bid opening date.

Each bid must be accompanied by the Contractor's written plan for a program to test the contractor's employees for drugs in accordance with IC 4-13-18.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Contractor's Combination Bid Bond and Bond for Construction in the form included in the specifications made payable to The Trustees of Purdue University in an amount equal to the maximum total of the base bid and any alternate bids, guaranteeing the execution and faithful performance of the contract for the work if awarded.

The Instructions to Bidders contained in the specifications for the projects are by this reference made a part hereof, and all bidders shall be deemed advised of the provisions thereof, and of the General Conditions of the contract, specifications, plans and drawings for the project.

A voluntary pre-bid meeting for Project No. 1 will be held May 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. EDT. The meeting will be held onsite at the Monon Family Health Clinic, located at 692 E. Broadway Street, Monon, IN 47959.

The architectural/engineering firm for this project is: Project No. 1 Artekna Design
321 East New York Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone (317) 955-5090
Fax (317) 955-5091
To view or obtain bid documents online:

Reprographix Inc.
437 N. Illinois St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Web: PurduePlanroom.com

Phone: 1-800-718-0035
Email: Plans@Reprographix.com

A \$300 deposit will be required for each hardcopy set of bidding documents. One compact disk or download is available at no charge. Postage and handling fee may apply.

All orders must be placed online but bidders may choose to pick up orders at:

Purdue Print & Digital Services delivered by Xerox:
698 Ahlers Drive
West Lafayette, IN 47907
Phone: 765-494-2006

Bidding Documents are on file in the office of:

Senior Vice President for Administrative Operations
2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100
West Lafayette, IN 47906
Phone (765) 494-0580

The Board of Trustees of The Trustees of Purdue University reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive, to the extent permitted by law, any of the terms, conditions and provisions contained in this Advertisement for Bids or the Instructions to Bidders or any informality, irregularity or omission in any bid, provided that such waiver shall, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, be to the advantage of The Trustees of Purdue University.

THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY
By
James K. Keefe
Senior Director of Capital Asset Management
Date: 4/14/22

5320-944454

04/22/22,
04/29/22

**MDK # 22-003614
STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #1
) SS:
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D01-2203-
MF-010688**

GITSIT Solutions, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.

The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Donald Wittman AKA Donald R. Wittman and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Donald Wittman AKA Donald R. Wittman, et al.

Defendants.
**NOTICE OF SUIT SUM-
MONS BY PUBLICATION**
TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Donald Wittman AKA Donald R. Wittman and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Donald Wittman AKA Donald R. Wittman, et al.

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Q&A: Thomas X on his book, “Mountain Mover: The Impeccable Strength That Will Accompany Your Character”

By STAFF

Author Thomas X wrote his book, “Mountain Mover: The Impeccable Strength That Will Accompany Your Character,” as a character development guide for young Black males because he saw their ambition and confidence drained in the education system.

The book, along with other merchandise, is available online at brotherthomasx.com.

Indianapolis Recorder: What was the inspiration for “Mountain Mover”?

Thomas X: The inspiration for “Mountain Mover: The Impeccable Strength That Will Accompany Your Character” came from two places.

1) My experience with the school system. Within my seven years of being within education, I saw young Black males (specifically) have their ambition, aspirations, belief, brilliance, desires, determination, confidence and intellectual courage zapped out of them via a curriculum that wasn’t created to nurture their brilliant nature. Also, many schools do not make character development a priority.

2) Matthew 17:20. Within this scripture, Jesus begins to have a conversation with his disciples around faith. He tells them, “If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove here to another place; and it shall remove...” (KJV). He goes on to tell them that after that small measure of faith has been applied, “Nothing shall be impossible to you.”

IR: How long did it take to research and write the book?



Thomas X

TX: As I reflect, my research began the moment I started in education, which was 2015. However, as a follower of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, I took a deeper interest in the product (young Black males) that were/are being produced from our schools and our community. Very seldom are we as young men given thorough character development training throughout our lives. When I decided that I’d write a book, the organizing and structuring of data stats, and other sources of knowledge that will aid this writing roughly took a little over a year.

IR: What made you realize this would be a good book for young adult men after originally writing it for the 10-14 age group?

TX: My initial intent was to introduce the principles within “Mountain Mover” to middle school through high school age Black males. If the young Black male becomes principle driven, disciplined and has a strong character, there is absolutely nothing or no

one that can impede our progress to manifesting the greatest of our potential. So, as people began to read it, the feedback that I began to receive was overwhelming. Nearly all of the feedback mentioned that this book wasn’t just for young Black males in between the ages of 10-19 years old. Yet, the principles that are used to inspire brothers to move mountains and obstacles in life are for adult males as well. So, who am I to argue that with the reader?

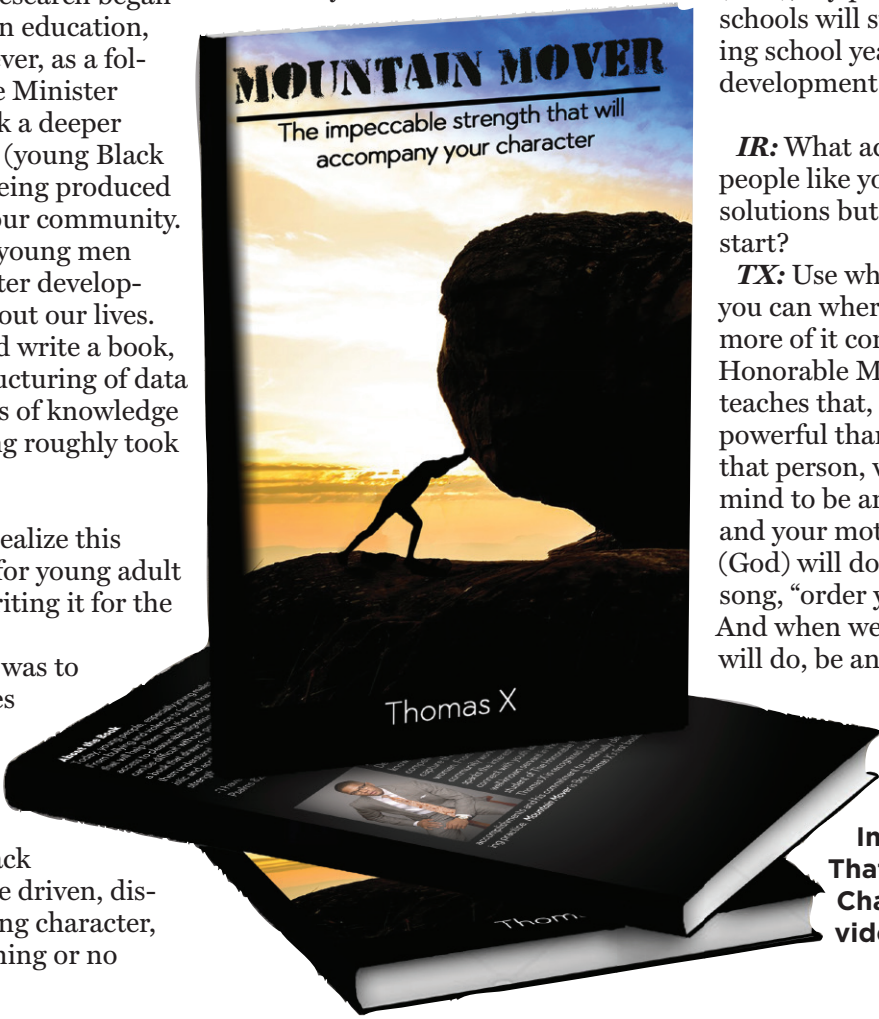
IR: Do you have other

books or projects in the works?

TX: Right now, my team and I are striving really hard to set up a national tour. Young males are dying, internally and externally, at a rate that is much too high. Our death has become profitable on so many levels for other communities. So, we are really desiring to travel around the country to schools, organizations, companies, etc. that are genuinely working to build mentally strong young men. There’s another book coming toward the end of the year. And with the help of Allah (God), my partnerships within the schools will strengthen this upcoming school year through my character development program.

IR: What advice do you have for people like you who want to help find solutions but aren’t sure where to start?

TX: Use what you know to do what you can wherever you are. Then, do more of it consistently. My teacher, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, teaches that, “There’s nothing more powerful than a made-up mind.” So, to that person, when you make up your mind to be an agent of positive change and your motives are pure, Allah (God) will do to you as the old gospel song, “order your steps in His word.” And when we do our best, Allah (God) will do, be and have the rest.



Thomas X’s book, “Mountain Mover: The Impeccable Strength That Will Accompany Your Character.” (Photos provided by Thomas X)

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Mr. Penske, it's Mario's turn

By DANNY BRIDGES

I'm fairly certain that Roger Penske doesn't need any advice from a simpleton like yours truly. After all, in addition to being an ultra-successful global force in the business world, he's also the owner of what is unquestionably the most successful and dominant motorsports organization that we will ever see, bar none.

The dominance that is Team Penske is and will always be unparalleled, and when you factor in that he also owns my favorite track and the NTT IndyCar Series to boot, you can see why everyone I know in racing refers to him as Mr. Penske.

Did I mention he was also an established road racer before he started his incredible run as a team owner? (I meant to.)

While he remains the busiest executive you'll ever find, I thought I'd give him just a smidgen of help and take one item off his laundry list of things to do this May at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

I've come up with the driver of the pace car for the 106th running of the Indianapolis 500, and I don't even want any credit for what can only be classified as the greatest suggestion in

the history of both the pace car program and my rather undistinguished career as a fledgling writer.

It's a familiar name, Mr. Penske, one that actually drove for you at Indianapolis from 1976 to 1980. That's right, I'm referring to one Mario Gabriele Andretti, who I have on good authority is readily available on race day.

Think of it, two global racing legends coming together to pace the greatest race in the world. That's a winning hand.

You know firsthand the thrill of doing this, having served as the driver yourself in 2016, the same year that Mario's son Michael led his Andretti Autosport team to victory lane in the 100th Indy 500 with rookie Alexander Rossi piloting the entry.

While Mario has done everything in his career as arguably the greatest race driver ever, he hasn't had the distinguished honor of driving the pace car, so it only makes sense. As I said, he's got a little spare time before the race as the Indy 500 is the only event on the NTT IndyCar Series schedule in which he doesn't drive the Indy Racing Experience Two Seater to lead the pace car itself to the start.

Since that program was jettisoned at Indy in the

name of sacred tradition, give Mario a well-deserved opportunity to add this to his list of accomplishments while giving everyone in attendance yet another chance to salute this icon as he flashes down the straightaway at speed once again, creating a most memorable moment for all.

Look, I'm not trying to steal the thunder that goes with the announcement of this legendary task, and you certainly don't need me to remind you Mario is out there ready to join the ranks of A.J. Foyt, Parnelli Jones, Bobby Unser, and Jeff Gordon as phenomenal drivers who've had the privilege of pacing the biggest race in the world.

That decision is all yours, and while I know you want to extend the tradition of legendary drivers taking the wheel, I'm just making sure with all you have on your plate it doesn't slip one of the greatest minds that motorsports will ever see.

Danny Bridges, who would trade everything he owns (except my dogs) to drive the pace car at the Indy 500, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.



Mario Andretti at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. (Photo/Brian Spurlock)

C.J. Gunn scored 34 points for Team Indiana against Team Illinois in the Prep Ball Stars Midwest Challenge on April 23.



Prep Ball Stars CEO Tony Leach (l) and Indiana coach Omar Dillard (r) presented Gunn the MVP trophy for the game against Illinois. (Photos/David Dixon)



Prep Ball Stars: Indiana reigns supreme in Midwest

Tayshawn Comer helped lead Team Indiana to a 122-112 win over Team Michigan in the high school showcase tournament.



More than baseball: HS game honors Indianapolis Clowns



The baseball game between Shortridge and Beech Grove paid homage to the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro Leagues and Jackie Robinson. (Photos/David Dixon)



Both teams' jerseys featured the Clowns logo.