

## Panel to discuss intended and unintended consequences of UniGov

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The legacy of UniGov is complicated. There are competing narratives and far-reaching consequences still felt today. Plus, there is a dwindling number of first-hand accounts of the legislation that unified the governments of Indianapolis and Marion County more than 50 years ago.

A panel of people involved in the formation of UniGov — both those who crafted the law and those who fought against it — will discuss its impact during an event, “UniGov in Indianapolis: The Intended and Unintended Consequences,” from 4-5:30 p.m. May 15 at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St.

The event will be hosted by the Indiana Remembrance Coalition. Tickets are free, and there is a



This aerial view of Indianapolis, taken around 1968, shows the Statehouse, Monument Circle, Indiana War Memorial and the Wm. H. Block Building, among others. (Photo/Indiana Historical Society)

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**Panelists:**  
• Former Republican state Rep. John Mutz  
• Former Republican state Rep. Ned Lamkin  
• City-County Council President Vop Osili  
• Attorney and civil rights activist Fay Williams  
• Former teacher and state Sen. Billie Breaux

Political analyst Abdul-Hakim Shabazz will be the moderator. Williams worked with the NAACP in the late 1960s to question the intentions behind UniGov. Some suspected it was a ploy to give white Republicans from the suburbs more political power in the state’s capital.

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Richard Reynolds, pastor at New Revelation Christian Church, speaks at a press conference May 9, 2022, where faith leaders called for the termination of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers involved in the death of Herman Whitfield III. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

## Faith leaders: Fire officers involved in Herman Whitfield III’s death

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Black faith leaders called for the officers involved in the death of Herman Whitfield III to be fired during a press conference May 9.

Whitfield died April 25 while in police custody during an apparent mental health crisis.

“His only crime is being a Black man,” Pastor Richard Reynolds said outside of Grace Missionary Baptist Church.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department identified the officers involved as Matthew Virt, Steven Sanchez, Dominique Clark, Adam Ahmad, Jordan Bull and recruit

trainee Nicholas Mathew. All have been placed on administrative leave.

IMPD said officers had body cameras that were active, but the department hasn’t released the footage.

In a tweeted statement the evening of April 25, IMPD said it is still investigating Whitfield’s death.

“We will release additional information, including body-worn camera footage, once it has gone through all the necessary steps to ensure it can be released to community stakeholders and the public,” the tweet said. “Until then, IMPD will continue to follow the investigative process while remaining committed to a precedent of transparency set

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## JURY:

## IMPD officers must pay \$1.2M to estate of man killed in 2018

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A federal jury ordered two Indianapolis police officers to pay a total of \$1.2 million to the estate of a man fatally shot by police in November 2018.

In a decision released May 2, the jury ordered Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers Jonathan Horlock and Ian Peterson to pay \$600,000 each to the estate of Daniel Cedars, who was killed when the officers fired into his home. The officers had responded to an incomplete 911 call.

The jury found neither Horlock nor Peterson “reasonably feared for his life” or thought the other “faced imminent risk of serious bodily injury” when they fired at Cedars. The jury also found both officers used unreasonable force.

The decision was filed in the Southern District of Indiana.

### What happened?

According to court documents, officers Horlock and Peterson were dispatched to

Cedars’ residence at 12:53 a.m. Nov. 19, 2018, for an “alleged incomplete 911 call” located at or near the residence. The officers were at Cedars’ home by 1:23 a.m. unannounced with lights off.

At 1:36 a.m., Peterson and Horlock reported a police shooting, according to an IMPD incident report. The report says Cedars fired at officers first, and the officers returned fire.

But the complaint alleges the officers “negligently and/

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An Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department car. (Recorder file photo)



## Rose Mays to be honored for contributions to community

By TYLER FENWICK  
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United Schools of Indianapolis will honor Dr. Rose Mays with the “Making a Difference” Community Service Award for her contributions to the Indianapolis community during an event May 12.

Mays, whose late husband, Bill, bought the Recorder in 1990, was a founding board member at United Schools when it opened in 2006. She served on the board until 2021.

“I’m just really proud of the growth that we were able to do,” Mays said.

Mays is professor emeritus at the Indiana University School of Nursing at IUPUI. She also founded the Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at IUPUI. Mays was elected to the Indiana University Foundation of Directors in 2012. She is a member of the IU Alumni Association, Central Indiana Chapter as well as IU Foundation President’s Circle, Laurel Pin Society, IU Foundation Well House Society, 1820 Society, and IUPUI Chancellor’s Circle.

Mays said education is important because it helps people think critically and stay informed.

“I really think that having an informed and educated population is just really important to our country,” she said.

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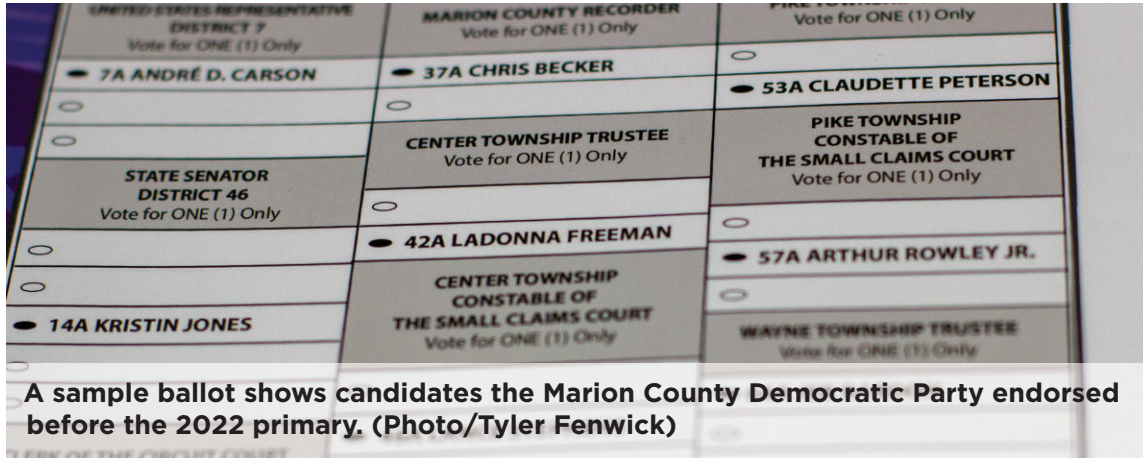
## Hogsett calls for Democrats to end controversial practice

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Mayor Joe Hogsett is ready for the Marion County Democratic Party to end its controversial endorsement process, according to a statement shared by his campaign.

Hogsett, who is up for election in 2023, said the county Democratic Party has “enjoyed success welcoming fresh ideas

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A sample ballot shows candidates the Marion County Democratic Party endorsed before the 2022 primary. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



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by prior critical incidents.”

The faith leaders also continued to call for a clinician-led crisis response team. At a vigil April 27, organizers with Faith in Indiana, the group that has led that push, said it got a commitment from the

mayor’s office to fund a pilot program, though the mayor’s office said it still working on the source and size of funding.

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“I felt that the intention was to dilute the Black vote,” Williams said.

At the time, according to researchers at Ball State University, the population of Marion County was 753,500, and 16% of people were nonwhite. The population of Indianapolis was 513,500 with 23% being nonwhite.

UniGov was at least in part a response to the diminishing tax base in Indianapolis as more people left the city for the suburbs at the peak of white flight. The merger was also meant to improve efficiency by combining public services, though emergency services and some other government resources didn’t combine — at least not right away.

If you’ve ever wondered why Marion County has what are called “excluded cities” such as Speedway and Lawrence, it’s because of UniGov, which left autonomy to incorporated cities and towns with a population of more than 5,000 people.

Lamkin said UniGov was originally inspired by a desire to make Indianapolis a more attractive destination with a public university and private investment in a city some had dubbed “India-no-place.” The late Indianapolis Mayor Richard Lugar also complained that he didn’t have the authority to “do anything,” Lamkin said, because local government was disjointed.

But Lamkin said the idea that unifying city and county government was racially motivated makes him angry — especially when it comes from people who weren’t alive when it happened in the late ‘60s.

If anything, he said, UniGov was pro-Black. “Because our biggest opposition came from suburbanites who didn’t want to be lumped in with the city,” Lamkin said.

Mutz, a Republican who helped create the law, said it was “never part of our intention” to diminish the political power of Black people, calling it one of the unintended consequences of unifying city and county governments.

“That particular kind of thinking is one of the things that we need to talk about,” he said of the panel.

The Recorder’s archives depict Africans Americans as generally opposed to UniGov — in part because it didn’t get a referendum — but the paper’s publisher at the time, Marcus Stewart, endorsed Lugar in his reelection bid in 1971 and served

on Lugar’s task force that guided the creation of UniGov.

Mutz, who later served as lieutenant governor under Gov. Robert Orr, recalled with a sense of nostalgia the willingness to compromise in order to pass legislation. He dedicated a chapter in his book, “An Examined Life: The John Mutz Story,” to UniGov.

“We realized it was imperfect and would have to be worked on in the future and changed,” Mutz said. “But we did see it as a turning point.”

One of the compromises Mutz talked about was education. UniGov did not unify school corporations, leaving instead 11 school districts in Marion County. According to researchers at Ball State, suburban school districts excluded from the merger had a Black enrollment of only 2.6%.

In his book, “An Examined Life: The John Mutz Story,” Mutz writes about unifying school districts. “Consolidating government was one thing. Consolidating schools might be another,” he wrote, noting the climate around school desegregation and the perception of city schools.

Mutz continued: “I understood why we did not think like we could take on the issue at the time, but as I look at the fate of public education in Marion County, I think we would have been better off if we had tried to include the schools.”

Breaux was a teacher at the time and said school districts were likely excluded from the legislation because it would have been difficult to convince legislators to unify them.

UniGov has been “very successful” in building up the downtown area, Breaux said, but the darker part of its legacy can be seen in an inner-city school district — Indianapolis Public Schools — not reaping the benefits of an expanded tax base.

More than half a century after it became law, Breaux said she didn’t anticipate back then that UniGov would still be a hot topic in 2022. But even the parts she considers a success, such as downtown investment, Breaux sees as coming at the expense of Black people and other minorities.

“And I don’t see that changing,” she said. “I see that getting worse.”

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Oaks Academy pays homage to historic school and library

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Oaks Academy, a private Christian school located off of East 16th Street on the south end of the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood, will celebrate two milestones honoring the legacy of its predecessor, John Hope School 26.

On May 16, a historical marker will be unveiled during a private ceremony commemorating the school's significance to the city.

"Historical Markers are not so much celebratory," Casey Pfeifer, director of the historical marker program within the Indiana State Historical Bureau, said. "Their main concept is to be informational and educational for local citizens. The program itself is constantly working to tell the details of Indiana's past."

In addition, a documentary by Jerald Harkness, "The Glories of Our Journey: A Community Story" will premiere May 16 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Paul Laurence Dunbar Branch Library, which was housed in John Hope, and the historical marker dedication.

Ron Lovett, who attended John Hope from grades 3 through 8 in 1965 to 1971, is one of the alumni leading the project.



The 1953 eighth grade class at John Hope School #26. (Photo provided)

"What I mostly remember is those African American teachers who were mentors first and foremost," Lovett said. "Always bringing the best out of students. Always setting us up for greatness."

While the initial events are private, the public is invited to a screening of the documentary from 7-9 p.m. May 18 at Kan-Kan Cinema and Bras-

serie, 1258 Windsor St. Tickets are free, but a reservation is required. The screening will include a panel discussion featuring Evan Hawkins, Barato Britt, Nichelle Hayes, Percy Bland and Shirley Alexander.

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Filmmaker Jerald Harkness produced a documentary about John Hope 26 and Paul Laurence Dunbar Branch Library, which was housed in the school.

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Cost: Tickets are free but require an RSVP. Visit [kankanindy.com](http://kankanindy.com) and find the documentary under "Films & Events."



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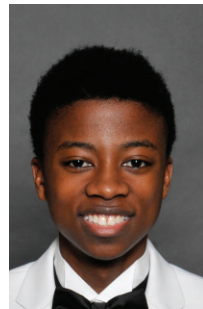
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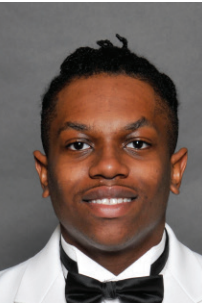
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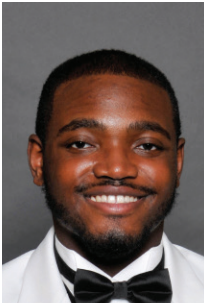
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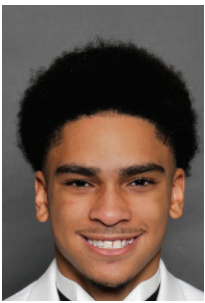
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By STAFF

The Beautillion Militaire Scholarship Program recognized more than 20 high school seniors during a ceremony April 9 at Newfields.

The rites of passage program helps young Black males, known as beaus, develop into men of character. Participants attend cultural events, learn how to build peer relationships, improve critical thinking skills and are exposed to career development activities through mentors from 100 Black Men and other volunteers. Through a military drill, the beaus learn about cooperation and discipline. Each beau also completes a written guide, a “Man Plan,” that includes his future plans and actions needed to make those goals reality.

The beaus were awarded more than \$180,000 in scholarships.

Andrew Laramore, the son of Aaron and Aimee Laramore, won first place and will receive a \$35,000 scholarship. Laramore is a senior at University High School. Laramore will major in psychology at Hampton University. His life motto is “Your perspective has power, so use it!”

First runner-up is Luke Hayes and second runner-up is Joshua Jones.



L-R: Second runner-up Joshua Jones, first place Andrew Laramore, and first runner-up Luke Hayes.

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# IUPUI offers free lead screening kits

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Free lead screening kits to test water, soil and homes for lead exposure are available at 17 Indianapolis Public Library locations through a collaboration with IUPUI. Collecting the samples takes about 20 minutes and once finished, the kits can be dropped back off at the library, or another location including the Recorder.

It’s important to test for lead because it can lead to sick children, behavioral problems and developmental issues, according to Cassidy Segura Clouse, an IU McKinney School of Law student who has written a paper about lead issues as they pertain to public policy. Lead poisoning ultimately decreases attention and increases impulsivity, according to Clouse. Exposure to lead can cause damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth and development and hearing and speech problems, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 2,000 Hoosier children are affected by lead poisoning annually and less than 12% are tested every year, according to Clouse. Once the damage is done, there is no reversing it, Clouse added.

According to research from IUPUI, Marion County has artificially increased lead levels in many areas, disproportionately affecting Black and brown residents the most. Lead poisoning is becoming a civil rights issue. The Indiana Advisory Committee wrote its 2020 report to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights entirely on lead poisoning stating: “Indiana has a troubling history with caring for and protecting non-white residents from lead poisoning.”

Sixty-three percent of children with elevated blood-lead levels in 2019 were non-white, despite white people making up 85% of the population. This, coupled with the fact that nearly 60% of Indiana’s housing was built before 1980, when lead was still being used in paint, Clouse said, can lead to huge disparities.

Government entities such as Medicaid are also undertesting children, according to Clouse. Under Indiana’s health plan, about 120,000 children are required to be tested at 12 and 24 months, but less than 40% are tested regularly. This raises concerns

**The Environmental Protection Agency will have a free lead renovation, repair and painting training. Anyone who does renovation work, maintenance work or enjoys DIY projects is encouraged to attend. The class will be free at 9 a.m. June 2 at Irvington Library, 5625 E. Washington St. Participants should expect to spend most of their day completing hands-on exercises, listening to presentations of modules and completing a certification exam, which is required for individuals who may disturb paint or coated surfaces of other properties. Those without proper certification can incur fines of up to \$37,500 a day.**

because “people of color are disproportionately represented among the Medicare population,” according to the Indiana Advisory Committee’s report. For children with Medicaid, if lead poisoning is discovered during testing, the medically necessary services must be provided. If children are not tested, they do not receive the services that they are legally entitled to.

Indiana’s standard for testing is also outdated, she said. Indiana uses a 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter for classifying elevated blood levels, while the CDC recommended a 5 micrograms of lead per deciliter reference value since 2012, and 3.5 micrograms reference value since 2021. Children in Indiana have to have double the amount of lead in their blood as recommended by the CDC in order to be considered contaminated.

Awareness is one of the keys to prevention and getting ahead of lead poisoning, Angela Herrmann, project manager for the Department of Environmental Sciences at IUPUI, said.

“These are educational opportunities for people to find out what’s going on in their environment,” Herrmann said.

For the DIYers, screening for lead is often a preliminary step before beginning a project.

“I think the importance of this kind of training is knowing what you’re walking into before you start DIY projects,” Herrmann said. “What’s even more critical is if you are doing DIY projects and you have little children in the house ... you are unknowingly creating a contamination issue in your house. That’s why participating in that kind of training is important so that you can do that work in a way that’s safe for you and everyone in your family.”

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## Mays launches new business

By **STAFF**

Civic and business leader Carolene Mays recently launched Black Leadership & Legacies Inc., a business designed to develop Black leaders for organizational leadership, board governance, legacy, wealth building and purpose.

Each cohort group will learn from a curriculum designed to help increase knowledge and refine leadership skills. They will connect with key leaders and participate in community service opportunities. The training also will cover issues such as education, health and political power and the effect on Black and other underrepresented communities.

“I am fortunate to have been at the tables of leadership for business, government, non-profit, and international organizations where too often the sentiment from other leaders is that they could not find Black Americans for leadership positions,” said Mays, president. “As a Black woman this is frustrating to hear so often since there is a lot of great Black talent available. After working behind the scenes for years to help people get into leadership positions, I decided to create a platform for leadership, governance, and multi-generational wealth training.”

Mays, former president and CEO of the Indianapolis Recorder, has an extensive and diverse history in both the private and government sectors. She recently



Carolene Mays

retired as executive director of White River State Park Development Commission. She was appointed to the position by Gov. Eric Holcomb. Mays also was appointed to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission by Govs. Mitch Daniel and Mike Pence.

Mays also served three terms in the Indiana House of Representatives.

In addition, Mays is president of the Indianapolis Chapter of The Links Inc. and chairman of the Indiana University Lilly School of Philanthropy – Mays Institute of Diverse Philanthropy.

Mays will coach each cohort. Members of the inaugural class are:

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## IMPD

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or intentionally fired shots from a distance away from the home in which they were safe to retreat with absolutely no regard for where the shots were going, or who was in the residence.”

Through an attorney’s response to the allegations, Horlock, Peterson and the city of Indianapolis, which was also listed as a defendant, denied that the officers were negligent.

Neither of the officers were criminally charged. Both are still employed by IMPD.

Horlock is on administrative duty because he was accused of using excessive force in an arrest in August 2020 downtown during protests. He faces felony and misdemeanor charges from the incident.

### IMPD: Officers’ actions were ‘lawful’ and ‘compliant’

In a statement, IMPD said it was aware of the jury’s verdict and is reviewing possible legal next steps.

“While the incident was unfortunate, IMPD contends the officers’ actions were lawful, compliant with department policies, and were not negligent,” the department said. “While IMPD respects the jury process, it is disappointed with this verdict.”

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# Medical decision-making tools that factor in race can delay care for Black patients

**Health care providers often rely on digital tools to inform treatment decisions. A growing number of hospitals are moving away from factoring race into kidney disease calculations, after recognizing Black patients could be at a disadvantage.**

BY FARAH YOUSRY

If it wasn't for Crystal Moore's hoodie and car, people probably wouldn't be able to tell her life is hanging by a thread.

Her black Nissan sedan has signs plastered on the windows that read: "Kidney Donor Needed!" The signs include a picture of Moore and a QR code that leads to her profile on a kidney donor registry website. She frequently wears a black hoodie when she goes out in public — to the grocery store or to run errands — with a similar plea.

But at first glance, Moore, 59, appears healthy, especially on days she musters the energy to choose a nice outfit and put on light makeup before heading to work. Moore worked as a certified nursing assistant for 18 years before starting her part-time job as a caregiver for elderly clients in Carmel. She typically wraps up work by early afternoon, then rushes to take care of her mother, who has dementia, at their home in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood.

It's nearly a 17-mile commute, which coincides with a 17-year gap in life expectancy between the two neighborhoods — a year for each mile from the wealthy, predominantly white suburb to the majority Black and brown neighborhood where Moore lives.

Moore's openness about her illness gives her opportunities to share her life-or-death plea with people around her.

"I ran into this girl up here at Walgreens, and she was taking a picture of my [car] signs. She was talking about a friend of hers who had just gotten a kidney. And she asked me if she could post it on Facebook," Moore said. "I said sure. You know, so I haven't heard anything else."

Moore has been on the national kidney transplant list for over a year. She holds out hope that she may run into the one at a traffic stop or parking lot — someone who will hear her story, be moved to donate and turn out to be a match.

Studies show Black patients like Moore are more likely to have kidney failure than white patients. They also make it onto transplant lists later, and once they're on the list, they wait longer to get a kidney.

While there are many reasons for these disparities, there's increasing awareness among kidney disease experts that the decision-making tools often used by doctors to make treatment decisions — which take into account numerous variables, including a person's race — can contribute to delays in care and disadvantage Black patients.

It's why the National Kidney Foundation and the American Association of Nephrology called for the removal of race-based calculations for the treatment of kidney disease in 2021. Now, a small but growing number of hospitals — most recently, the Indiana University Health system — have announced they're taking that step.

**How race-based calculations may disadvantage Black patients**

Kidneys play a vital role in the body by filtering out waste and excess fluids from the blood. The tiny filters or holes in kidneys are called glomeruli.

"The kidney is basically like a vegetable colander," said Dr. Sharon Moe, director of the nephrology department at Indiana University Health. "So, it's got little holes in it, and if the holes get damaged from kidney disease, then stuff comes out in the blood that should be staying in the urine."

The easiest way to determine kidney health is a blood test to measure the level of creatinine — a waste product created by muscles during everyday activity. High creatinine levels signal that the kidneys are not functioning optimally and could point to renal problems. The first equation to easily capture this data and measure the filtration power of kidneys is based on a 1999 study that found Black participants had higher levels of creatinine on average. That led to the assumption that Black individuals have more muscle mass, and so, at baseline, have more creatinine in their blood.

One of the tools used by nephrologists to assess kidney function is an algorithm that gives patients a score for their estimated glomerular filtration rate, or eGFR. The higher that score, the healthier the kidney is believed to be. Algorithms were written to assume this racial discrepancy in creatinine levels. From the get-go, Black patients had their eGFR number multiplied by a factor that made their scores higher, making their kidneys appear healthier than they actually were. One study found that if the race-based adjustment is removed, as many as 29% of Black patients will have their diagnosis shift from early-stage to advanced disease.

And because some medicines may have an effect on the kidneys, doctors use a patient's eGFR to determine which medications a patient receives and the proper dosage. An inaccurate eGFR may affect patients' access to certain medications for diseases like hypertension and diabetes.

A patient also needs to have a certain eGFR score to get listed for a kidney transplant. One result of artificially inflated eGFR scores for Black patients,



**As 59-year-old Crystal Moore's kidney disease progressed, her life changed. Her symptoms include fatigue and depression, which leave her unable to do her favorite things: travel and chase after her grandchildren.**

**Moore hopes she will stumble upon someone who is a match and can donate a kidney to her. Patients who receive a kidney from a living donor live longer, healthier lives than those who get a kidney from a deceased donor. (Photo/Farah Yousry)**

Moe said, is that they may not get listed as soon as they should.

"Therefore you might spend more time on dialysis before you get a kidney transplant," she said. "Our goal is always to get a kidney transplant before ever needing dialysis."

Moe said Indiana University Health does not have estimates for how many patients may be affected by the change to the algorithm for kidney function. And while it is not clear that this race-adjusted equation had altered the care Moore was able to receive, studies show that as many as 720,000 Black patients may be treated earlier for kidney disease — and have better health outcomes and quality of life — if race is removed from the calculations.

## 'We should favor practices that may alleviate health inequities over those that may exacerbate them'

Moore was diagnosed with stage 3 chronic kidney disease in 2017. The disease progressed to stage 5 within two years — a sign that her kidneys were quickly deteriorating, on the brink of failure. The result is a host of devastating problems she lives with daily.

Every night, Moore hooks herself up to a dialysis machine for more than 10 hours. The machine infuses a solution into her body through a catheter in her abdomen to absorb waste and excess fluid in the blood and flush it out in a repetitive cycle. It's uncomfortable, but over time she has gotten used to it and is able to fall asleep.

Many Black patients like Moore will never know the extent to which their race has influenced the way they are diagnosed and treated.

Medicine cannot be colorblind as it's important to understand that racial disparities in health care outcomes and life expectancy exist, said Dr. David Jones, a professor at Harvard Medical School who teaches medical ethics and studies the history of race and science.

But what troubles Jones is that race — a social construct — is used as a proxy for genetic differences when a plethora of scientific research shows there is in fact more genetic variation among people from the same race than between people from different races. Still, race-based adjustments are deeply embedded in diagnostic and treatment algorithms not just in nephrology, but also in obstetrics, cardiology, cardiac surgery, oncology, pulmonology and urology — a signal of how embedded structural racism is in many aspects of American medicine.

"If you were to say, 'Well, this person is Black, and that person is white and therefore, I will use a slightly different diagnostic test, or I will prescribe them different doses of a medicine,' that makes me very concerned," Jones said.

Too often, medicine recognizes differences at the population level and then assumes that every member of that group has that risk, which is not scientific or evidence-based, Jones said. That's what happens with kidney diagnostic equations that factor in race.

One study that makes the case for the race-based factor warns that ending race adjustments of the eGFR may result in overdiagnosis and overtreatment of Black patients — an equally undesirable outcome. The authors said that including race yielded more accurate results than excluding it. But there is also evidence that overestimation of Black patients' kidney health can delay diagnosis and treatment, and Black people in the U.S. already have the highest rates of end-stage kidney disease and death due to kidney failure.

"As long as uncertainty persists about the cause of racial differences in serum creatinine levels, we

should favor practices that may alleviate health inequities over those that may exacerbate them," Jones and his co-authors wrote in a widely cited article in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Some medical institutions that have ended the use of the race-based equation are looking to blood components other than creatinine in an effort to achieve accurate eGFR results without factoring in race.

## Underlying racial disparities in health is racism — not race

When Moore learned about race adjustments in algorithms for kidney disease, she was not surprised, having seen and experienced enough systemic racism in her life. She is more concerned with finding a donor — and in the meantime staying as healthy as possible.

"It's hard sometimes, you know, between my job and caring for my mother, I try to find time to take care of myself," Moore said a moment before stepping aside to throw up in the bathroom for the second time during our interview — something that happens when she hasn't had enough to eat.

Moore also has Type 2 diabetes. When she was diagnosed with kidney disease, she said she had not been prioritizing healthy eating habits — in part because she lacked knowledge of the importance of a well-balanced diet and because it's been difficult to manage the stress and demands of her low-wage work on top of her caregiving duties.

Studies have shown that population-level racial differences are more reflective of the experience of being Black — in other words, racism — rather than being Black itself. Things like chronic stress due to discrimination and socioeconomic problems exacerbated by historically racist policies, such as redlining, play a role.

Dr. Moe of IU Health said that the process to eliminate race from the algorithm that helps guide clinical decisions for kidney disease patients took a long time and numerous analyses because they wanted to ensure the equation was balanced. Eliminating the race adjustment may not cause a huge dent in the existing disparities, but she sees it as a step in the right direction.

"Kidney disease is more common in Black patients and, now we understand, part of that is due to some genetic risk factors, but also a lot of other social and structural determinants of health [like] lack of access to health care, medication costs, insurance," Moe said.

Jones and other experts who are calling for a reevaluation of race-based medicine recognize that while genetics can play a role, accurately capturing these genetic differences is hard. Health inequities will not be solved by simply removing race-based calculations from medicine. Part of combatting structural racism is "doing the hard work," Jones said, which includes prioritizing research into structural and societal barriers and the impact of systemic racism on people's health.

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The Far Eastside Orchard Green Space is located at 8902 E. 38th St. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, IUPUI and CareSource Foundation will be testing the greenspace to see if soil lead levels decrease. (Photo provided by Cheria Caldwell)

By JAYDEN KENNETT  
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A lead testing program on the far east side will help reduce neighborhood risk of lead exposure for residents and bring a new greenspace to the corner of 38th Street and Post Road providing residents with new sidewalk paths and a community garden.

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the CareSource Foundation, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) and IUPUI will create the Far Eastside Orchard Green Space, 8902 E. 38th St., which will be safe from lead, a problem plaguing many residents on the east side.

According to research conducted by IUPUI professor Gabriel Filippelli, the far east side — much like most of Marion County — shows increased soil lead levels.

“Exposure to environmental contaminants severely impacts brain development of children in many neighborhoods, and this impact is seen disproportionately in lower income communities of color,” Filippelli said.

The project to convert the empty field began in fall 2021 and will continue into the summer, said KIB President and CEO Jeremy Kranowitz. Over time, soil samples will be taken to see if the lead level decreases.

“Our pilot will be testing the hypothesis that the intentional creation of urban green spaces in formerly abandoned or vacant lots will reduce the amount of available lead in the environment,” Kranowitz, said. “Should this pilot project show a demonstrable positive impact, future additional sites will be selected based on priority sites for KIB interventional work.”

The greenspace will eventually have full-grown fruit bearing trees such as pawpaw, persimmon and apples — something community members expressed interest in bringing to their

neighborhood, Kranowitz said.

The trees will take three to five years before they produce fruit. Once they do, community members will be able to pick fresh fruits directly from the trees to eat, Cheria Caldwell, vice president of communications for CAFE Indy, said. Basil, cilantro, strawberries and other herbs, fruits and vegetables are growing in the garden now. The garden, Caldwell said, will be able to show community members that they, too, can grow food.

“Obviously these garden beds are not going to feed a ton of people, but it’s going to teach people that they have the ability to have their own garden beds to grow their own fresh produce in their backyard, on their front porch, wherever,” Caldwell said.

Having educational opportunities and a sense of newness will hopefully spark inspiration in community members and let them know that people do care, and things can be done, Caldwell said.

Greenspaces also improve physical and mental health by promoting psychological relaxation, alleviate stress and support physical activity, Kranowitz and Caldwell agree. As an east side resident and community advocate, Caldwell said, people enjoy seeing new things like the greenspace happen because it lets them know that their community matters.

“It’s tough to be in a neighborhood where you see businesses closing, schools closing. And you wonder, what’s going to happen to my neighborhood eventually?” Caldwell said. “So seeing these pockets of prosperity helps to shape some of that negative energy that might creep in.”

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EDITORIAL

If it just took hard work to make you rich, why are so many of us poor?

By OSEYE BOYD



A couple of weeks ago I wrote a column about the wealth gap between the super rich and the rest of us.

Chances are if you're reading this, you're not included in the 0.00001% of the richest Americans. Not to rehash an old column, but I need to provide context. You may be doing "well," but there's a good chance you're not even in the 90th to 99th percentile of income distribution, which is comprised of Americans who earn \$120,000 to \$425,000 a year after taxes. Many of us reside in the bottom 90%, and while we may experience income increases, it's where we'll reside for all of our lives.

This isn't the racial wealth gap I've written about before. This is a wealth gap that affects all Americans.

Right under my column that week, we published a column written by National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial about the organization's annual State of Black America report. Morial

also wrote about the Pulse of Black America survey, which was conducted in March. The survey found Black and white Americans have vastly different views on the wealth gap and economic disparities that affect Black Americans.

This wasn't surprising, but it's good to have the data to back up anecdotal evidence, and this survey provided that.

According to the survey, "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.'"

Not so if you work harder, said white respondents: "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.'"

When I read that statement, I immediately wondered if it was that easy why haven't white Americans overcome their circumstances to become billionaires? Why are so many in the bottom 90%?

Because it's not so easy to overcome circumstances you're born into. How many white people think they're not

billionaires because they don't work hard enough? I'm willing to bet money — the billions I don't have — that white people think they work pretty hard.

Black people are blamed for their circumstances. We're poor because we're lazy, and if we just work harder, don't buy Jordans or weaves, we can change our circumstances and become rich one day. The thinking implies that Black people don't believe in personal accountability, and all we need to do is adopt the boot-strap mentality.

The thinking also implies that white people are better off than they really are. If it was as simple as working hard, wouldn't more white people be among the uber rich, hanging out with Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg?

The fallacy that most Americans have fallen for is it's about work — hard work. But what is hard work? Depends on who you ask. It's not about how hard someone works, but it's about the value we assign to that work. A certified nursing assistant (CNA) works hard. It's a physically demanding job — and it's an important one — but you wouldn't know it by the compensation. Poor people work hard.

Our disdain for poverty and our in-

ability to acknowledge institutional racism allows us to blame individuals for their lack of "success" when it suits our narrative. It's easy for white people to say Black people can change their circumstances because there's a lack of historical knowledge of how those circumstances came to be for white people and Black people. But when you flip it and ask why they haven't changed their circumstances, you'll get excuses. I call them excuses because that's what those valid reasons are called when offered by Black people. If your parents didn't leave you a trust fund and stocks worth millions of dollars, how can you be expected to grow that money to one day be as rich as Musk? He is not a boot-strapper. He was born into wealth. Now, that doesn't take away from Musk's business prowess, work ethic or intelligence. The point is his inherited wealth allowed him to make moves to generate more wealth. That's how it works. Wealth begets wealth.

Getting rich isn't as simple as just working hard. It's not about work ethic. It's about a system that is built and thrives on inequality.

We must police our own

By LARRY SMITH



As painful as it is for me to admit, it is time for African American freedom fighters and our allies to completely distance ourselves from the Black Lives Matter Global Network

(BLMGN). In doing so, it is important to draw some lines of distinction for those who may not be familiar with the history of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Following the acquittal of the killer of Trayvon Martin in 2012, "Black Lives Matter" began as a passionate assertion of a truth that was not (and still is not) as obvious as it should be. The hashtag "Black Lives Matter" started circulating on social media. Then, in 2013, three women — Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi — created BLMGN.

Awareness of Black Lives Matter (the movement, though not necessarily the fact that it became an organization) grew substantially after the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner at the hands of the police. Then, following the worldwide condemnation of George Floyd's murder by police in

May 2020, tens of millions of dollars began to flow into the Black Lives Matter Global Network. That is when major challenges began. (Queue the Notorious BIG: "Mo Money Mo problems.")

Most notably, several stories began to appear regarding BLMGN's leaders acquiring multiple — and very expensive — homes. Their denials of impropriety not withstanding, opportunistic critics of racial equity cited those stories as proof of BLMGN's illegitimacy. Those critics argued that, by extension, "Black Lives Matter" was a sham movement that scammed well-meaning individuals (i.e., unsuspecting white people) into throwing away their hard-earned money.

The critics prevailed in at least one way. As of Ms. Cullors' resignation as executive director of BLMGN in May 2021, none of the three founders are still with the organization. The departure came amid unrelenting criticism of her decision to use a \$6 million property that BLMGN acquired — ostensibly to benefit "the movement" — for personal gatherings.

According to The Root, "Cullors likened the organization's rapid growth to 'building the plane while flying it,' a nod to the idea that she and her

BLMGNF colleagues were unprepared for the transition from grassroots organizers to executives with responsibility for fiscal oversight over huge sums of money. In hindsight, she said, she wished that the organization could have 'paused for one or two years, to just not do any work and just focus on infrastructure.'" Even if we accept Cullors' explanation, the fact is that the damage is likely irreparable.

Those of us who consider ourselves to be heirs to and beneficiaries of the Civil Rights Movement often unconsciously — and always unfairly — compare all freedom fighters to Martin Luther King Jr. King, who had been born into a relatively prosperous family, voluntarily lived in difficult financial circumstances so as not to give space to critics who constantly accused him of profiteering from the movement. (His decision caused a great deal of friction between him and his wife, Coretta.) Still, it is fair to expect leaders of non-profit organizations to operate with the utmost financial transparency and integrity.

I have often pointed out well-known conservative organizations that operate in unethical ways (e.g., the NRA). Integrity demands that I do the same with progressive ones. BLMGN is by

far the best known and most well-funded of the multiple organizations that are part of what is known as the "Movement for Black Lives." Its leaders have a duty that is much larger than self to ensure that its work is above reproach. Black folks' defense of our organizations' actions cannot be, "White people do it, too." (As some of us have asserted).

The work of demanding accountability from law enforcement and from the criminal justice apparatus is infinitely larger than any single organization's responsibility or ability. Further, the cause is too crucial, the process is too delicate, and the progress is too difficult to come by to risk being unnecessarily distracted and sidetracked. While it is unfortunate that BLMGN has substantially damaged its credibility, its financial resources likely will ensure its ongoing viability, at least for the foreseeable future. Reportedly, the organization currently does not have a chief executive. Hopefully, whoever assumes the mantle will recognize the urgency of our historical moment and decide to radically change course. Black lives are depending on them.

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Freedom to freedmen

By WHITLEY YATES



When the Black community asks for policies or a specific Black agenda, we are consistently told by the powers that be that such is impossible and that they can't possibly create policies that only benefit one group of people.

Cloaked under the guise of "equality," for centuries politicians have placated to the Black community and provided the illusion of hope without substantive policies to provide such change.

In the last mayoral election in Indianapolis, a spark from podcast host Laron Anderson espousing that, without providing tangibles and a Black Agenda, that Black people should not vote. This idea became a community motto, and community-guided conversations with organizations like Concerned Clergy and Baptist Ministers Alliance and action meetings held by organizations like the Urban League's African American Coalition of Indianapolis began to occur. As a result, the Black community was left with one candidate that provided a plan, while the incumbent, and subsequent winner, explained that "a rising tide lifts all boats."

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A rising tide only lifts boats that are afloat. If you are on the shore without a boat that tide could take you under.

This pervasive idea that if you provide betterment for those already situated in the middle and upper classes, then those who are struggling will benefit too, is an inadequate philosophy. I have sat back and watched Black community members be denied specific policies or tangible resources while also watching our tax dollars be given to specifically fund the legal aid for noncitizens.

With the dawn of a new administration, many Black Americans were hoping that President Joe Biden would fulfill many of his promises to the Black community. He stated, "You've always had my back and I'll have yours," and so we waited and once again watched.

We watched his first set of executive orders roll out. We watched him sign the Anti-Asian Hate Bill as a response to COVID-19 a year before Republican Sen. Tim Scott was finally able to have the Emmett Till Antilynching Act passed.

I looked over Biden's "equity plans" from each department and agency, specifically noting nothing tangible for Black people.

I even noticed that the Department of Housing and Urban Development's plan stated that to decrease the racial homeownership gap they would increase "small dollar mortgages" to expand financing. But currently, home prices are at an all-time high, so I'm not sure how these types of solutions will provide any real tangible change.

But it wasn't until I saw Vice President Kamala Harris headlining the Freedman's Bank Forum that I knew we must increase accountability. In this speech, Vice President Harris and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen announced that \$8.7 billion in federal funding will be provided for financial institutions serving "minority and underserved small business owners." This was cause for alarm because utilizing the Freedmen's Bank Forum to announce tangible financial resources for non-freedman — cloaked under the guise of equity for the Black community — is disheartening.

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, more commonly known as the "Freedmen's Bureau," was created by an act in Congress in 1865 to assist in with the political and social reconstruction in the post-Civil War era. Spearheaded by President Abraham Lincoln, the sole purpose of this

agency was to help formerly enslaved people transition to freedom and citizenship. The bureau was to provide food, shelter, clothing, medical services and land to displaced southerners, including newly freed African Americans, as well as to establish schools.

At its peak, the Freedmen's Bureau fed millions of people, built hospitals, and provided medical aid, negotiated labor contracts for ex-slaves and settled labor disputes. It also helped former slaves legalize marriages and locate lost relatives and assisted Black veterans.

From this also came The Freedman's Savings Bank, which was tasked with providing financial services, capital and programs to formerly emancipated slaves. The bank eventually closed through corruption of non-freedmen, which took most of the little money the newly emancipated people had earned.

In its prime, the Freedmen's Savings Bank had over \$57 million dollars from almost 70,000 emancipated freedmen (the fiscal equivalent today would be around \$115 billion dollars).

This legacy that, if instituted today, could help decrease the racial wealth gap and help to grow, scale and build more Black businesses. This effort could be a piece of the tangibles we have been waiting for.

Instead of continuing such a heritage to a specific group of people, the current administration has decided to provide these funds to "minorities." The term minority includes many different groups and is not specific to lineage of emancipated slaves.

What if we were able to attain the tangibles and specific policy we have been asking for today utilizing the framework provided from 1865? What if we pushed back on the current administration and advocated that the \$8.7 billion does not go to "minorities," but to the lineage of freedmen and the formerly emancipated slaves as President Lincoln and Congress intended?

While we are advocating to create or continue a conduit to improve the Black community we may be able to use this blueprint to finally gain the access and palpable resources to better our own communities.

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SLATING

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and amplifying the energy of new voices,” but he added the process — known as slating — no longer serves its purpose.

“As a result, I am calling on the Marion County Democratic Party to commit itself to an open primary process in next year’s municipal elections and to strongly consider abandoning the practice altogether moving forward,” Hogsett said. “In so doing, I am confident the Marion County Democratic Party of today will find strength in ensuring that every voter has an equal voice in determining our future.”

Journalist Adam Wren was the first to report Hogsett’s position in his Indiana politics newsletter.

Marion County Democrats’ pre-primary convention has been criticized as an insider game that keeps political newcomers — especially those who are Black or not well-connected — out of politics.

Candidates have to donate 10% of the salary of the position they are running for to the party in order to participate in slating. Though it’s not an official rule, it’s understood that candidates the party doesn’t endorse shouldn’t run in the primary.

The conflict came to a head earlier this year when Black elected officials and clergy called for Marion County Democratic Party Chair Kate Sweeney Bell to resign, saying it was a conflict of interest for her to be party chair and seek elected office. Sweeney Bell, who is currently county recorder, won the Democratic primary for county clerk and will face Republican Andrew Harrison in the general election in November.

As chair, Sweeney Bell has the power to appoint precinct committee persons, or PCs, to empty seats. PCs then vote for who the party endorses before the

primary.

Some candidates opted to skip slating and ran successfully without the party’s endorsement this primary cycle.

Sweeney Bell has said she will give up her seat as party chair if she wins the race for clerk.

Meanwhile, city-county councilor Monroe Gray, one of the most outspoken critics of both Sweeney Bell and Hogsett, sent a letter to the Democratic National Committee, asking the national party to get involved.

Gray and others from groups including the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus and Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis have already asked Hogsett, the state party and Rep. Andre Carson to get involved. All have answered to an extent, but the legislators and ministers remain dissatisfied with responses.

The letter, addressed to DNC Chairman Jamie Harrison, asks the DNC to “provide directives to the State and County which will alleviate the conflicts of interest, provide a directive to address the slating/convention process, and also allow for a process to appeal concerns that arise at the local and state level.”

“Gone unaddressed,” Gray writes, “the Party will become further divided which will have a detrimental effect on statewide races as Marion County is critical to Democrats in Indiana winning statewide and picking up legislative seats.”

Gray said the letter was sent through the Postal Service. As of May 10, a DNC spokesperson said the DNC hasn’t received it.

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## Parents hunting for baby formula as shortage spans US

By **MATTHEW PERRONE and HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents across the U.S. are scrambling to find baby formula because supply disruptions and a massive safety recall have swept many leading brands off store shelves.

Months of spot shortages at pharmacies and supermarkets have been exacerbated by the recall at Abbott, which was forced to shutter its largest U.S. formula manufacturing plant in February due to contamination concerns.

On May 9, White House press secretary Jenn Psaki said the Food and Drug Administration was “working around the clock to address any possible shortages” and will try to expedite imports of foreign baby formula to increase supply.

For now, pediatricians and health workers are urging parents who can’t find formula to contact food banks or doctor’s offices. They warn against watering down formula to stretch supplies or using online DIY recipes.

“For babies who are not being breastfed, this is the only thing they eat,” said Dr. Steven Abrams, of the University of Texas, Austin. “So it has to have all of their nutrition and, furthermore, it needs to be properly prepared so that it’s safe for the smallest infants.”

Laura Stewart, a 52-year-old mother of three who lives just north of Springfield, Missouri, has been struggling for several weeks to find formula for her 10-month-old daughter, Riley.

Riley normally gets a brand of Abbott’s Similac designed for children with sensitive stomachs. Last month, she instead used four different brands.

“She spits up more. She’s just more cranky. She is typically a very happy girl,” Stewart said. “When she has the right formula, she doesn’t spit up. She’s perfectly fine.”

A small can costs \$17 to \$18 and lasts three to five days, Stewart said.

Like many Americans, Stewart relies on WIC — a federal program similar to food stamps that serves mothers and children — to afford formula for her daughter. Abbott’s recall wiped out many WIC-covered brands, though the program is now allowing substitutions.

Trying to keep formula in stock, retailers including CVS and Walgreens have begun limiting purchases to three containers per customer.

Nationwide about 40% of large retail stores are out of stock, up from 31% in mid-April, according to Datasembly, a data analytics firm.

Baby formula is particularly vulnerable to disruptions because just a handful of companies account for almost the entire U.S. supply.

The shortages are especially dangerous for infants who require specialty formulas due to food allergies, digestive problems and other conditions.

After hearing concerns from parents, the FDA said last month that Abbott could begin releasing some specialty formulas not affected by the recalls “on a case-by-case basis.” The company is providing them free of charge, in coordination with physicians and hospitals.

Food safety advocates say the FDA made the right call in releasing the formula, but that parents should talk to their pediatricians before using it.

“There’s still some risk from the formula because we know there are problems at the plant and FDA hasn’t identified a root cause,” said Sarah Sorscher of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. “But it’s worth releasing because these infants might die without it.”

It’s unclear when the Abbott plant might reopen.

Industry professionals say it will be hard to boost supply quickly, because the FDA requires extensive testing, labeling and inspections.

“It’s a long and rigorous process to bring any new manufacturers into this country,” said Ron Belldegrun, co-founder of ByHeart, a New York-based formula maker that recently launched its first product after four years in development.

Hollingsworth reported from Kansas City, Missouri.

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## Firearm Deaths in U.S. Grow, Disparities Widen

In a Vital Signs report issued this week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), firearm deaths continue to be a significant and growing public health problem in the United States.

In 2020, nearly 8 in 10 homicides and just over half of all suicides involved firearms. From 2019 to 2020, the firearm homicide rate increased about 35%, and the firearm suicide rate stayed high. The firearm homicide rate in 2020 was the highest recorded in over 25 years.

Long-standing systemic inequities and structural racism limit economic and education opportunities. They contribute to unfair and avoidable health disparities among some racial and ethnic groups.

Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, the substantial increase in the firearm homicide rate, along with notable increases in firearm suicide rates for some groups, has widened racial, ethnic, and other disparities. For example, young people, males, and Black people have the highest firearm homicide rates and experienced the largest increases in 2020. The reasons for the increasing rates and widening disparities are likely complex.

Multiple stressors associated with the COVID-19 pandemic may have contributed to the increases, including changes and disruptions to services and education; mental stress; social isolation; and economic stressors, including job loss, housing instability, and difficulty covering daily expenses. “The tragic and historic increase in firearm homicide and the persistently high rates of firearm suicide underscore the urgent need for action to reduce firearm-related injuries and deaths,” said CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, M.D., M.P.H.

According to CDC, stopping firearm violence now and in the future requires a comprehensive prevention approach focused on reducing inequities. Strategies should address the underlying physical, social, economic, and structural conditions known to increase firearm homicide and

suicide risks.

Some prevention strategies will be more immediate, and others will have more long-term effects. Preventing firearm deaths requires a comprehensive approach and various partners from across sectors working directly with communities to decrease inequities and increase resiliency and well-being. Programs, policies, and practices can reduce inequities by focusing on the places and people experiencing the greatest burden of violence as well as the underlying conditions contributing to risk. Some actions can have a more immediate impact on preventing violence, and some can be long-term solutions.

A few examples include:

Street outreach and hospital-based prevention programs can ensure that people with the greatest needs are connected to services and work to reduce tensions and risk for violence.

Enhancing and maintaining green spaces, like cleaning vacant lots and planting grass and trees in high-risk areas, can change the physical and social conditions that contribute to violence and inequities. Revitalized vacant lots in communities are associated with reduced firearm assaults, particularly in areas with the highest poverty.

Strengthening economic and household stability through housing assistance, childcare subsidies, tax credits, and livable wages can help lift families out of poverty, reduce stress, and enhance positive outcomes for individuals and families.

A comprehensive approach includes engagement of policy makers; local, state, and tribal governments; health, education, justice, and social service agencies; businesses; and community organizations. Their involvement in selecting data-driven violence prevention programs and policies can ensure that local needs are met.

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Commentary: Is religious freedom free?

By MARTHA C. TAYLOR



The late Fannie Lou Hamer said, "If I am truly free, who can tell me how much of my freedom I can have today?" That is the question that the United States Supreme Court wrestled with recently in the case of Joe Kennedy, who was fired by the school board in Washington State for praying at the 50-yard line after the high school football game ended.

Kennedy defended his position saying the school board violated his rights to free speech and the freedom to exercise his religion. Kennedy, a Christian, said he felt compelled to give thanks through a silent prayer at the conclusion of each game.

In 2019, a federal appeals court ruled that the school board in Washington State was correct when it fired Kennedy for praying publicly. A judge said, "A coach's duty to serve as a good role model requires the coach to refrain from any manifestation of religious faith — even when the coach is plainly not on duty."

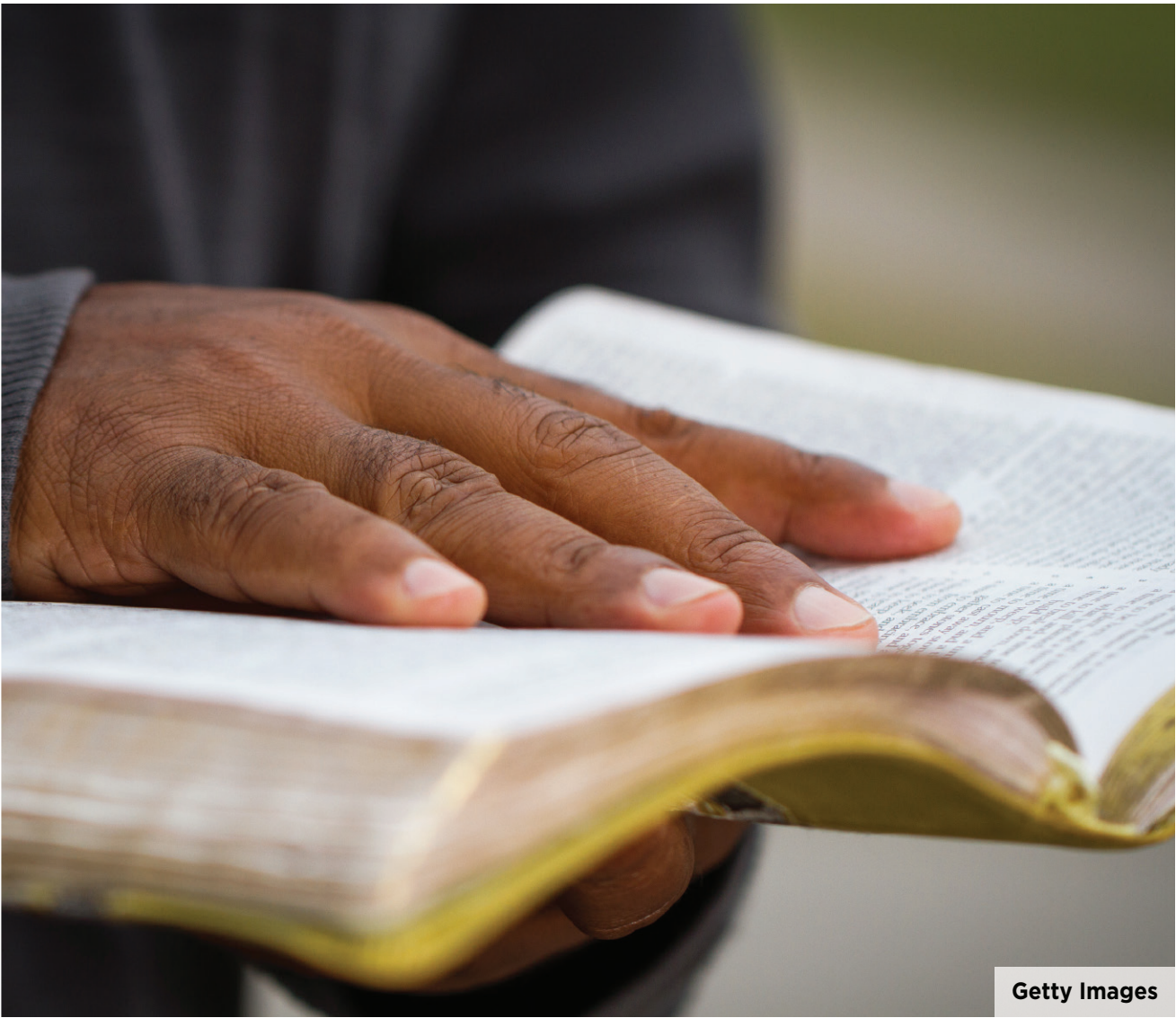
Where does freedom start and stop? Kennedy's case has sparked controversy, landing in the Supreme Court debating just how far can a person express religious freedom in public spaces.

On June 25, 1962, the Supreme Court decided that praying in schools violated the First Amendment by constituting an establishment of religion. The following year, the court disallowed Bible readings in public schools for similar reasons.

Long before the Supreme Court's ruling in 1962 and the current Kennedy case, we are reminded of a very dark period in U.S. history; it was legal that enslaved Africans were forbidden to express religious freedom in any form including reading, writing and praying.

The late Dr. Albert J. Raboteau, an African American scholar, gave meaning to what Africans had to endure to worship. The hush harbors, known as the invisible church, was a secret worship place built with tree branches in the deep woods out of ear shot and eyesight of slave masters. The secret call to worship used codes. One such code was the spiritual, "Steal Away to Jesus." If enslaved Africans were caught worshipping, they were subjected to vicious beatings or could be murdered for exercising religious freedom.

During the secret worship, the African preacher sermonized how God delivered the Hebrews from slavery to freedom. The ancestors believed and trusted that the same God who told Moses to go down in



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Egypt land and let my people go was the same God that was going to set them free. The enslaved Africans practiced their African rituals knowing the spirit of the ancestors was with them, encouraging them, that slavery was not their destiny. C. Eric Lincoln reminded us in the epic book, "The Black Church in the African American Experience," that, "The term 'freedom' has found a deep religious resonance in the lives and hopes of African Americans."

Colin Kaepernick refused to stand for the national anthem. He said he did so to protest police shootings of African American men and other social injustices faced by Black people in the United States. "The Star-Spangled Banner" is a lyrical prayer — "and this be our motto, 'In God we trust.'"

Kaepernick was punished for expressing his freedom by refusing to engage in what he sees as hypoc-

ris. Is it time for a new national anthem? Near the rotunda of the Capitol, a room is set apart for prayer. In light of the controversy, should the prayer room be removed? In 2009, I gave the opening prayer as a guest chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives that was aired on CNN and other networks.

Is the opening prayer possibly up for elimination? On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. Will it be reversed? Tim Tebow often knelt and prayed at football games. Steph Curry has a line of tennis shoes with a biblical scripture, "I can do all things ..."

Ms. Hamer raised a critical inquiry: How much of my freedom can I have today? Are you willing to contend for your faith?



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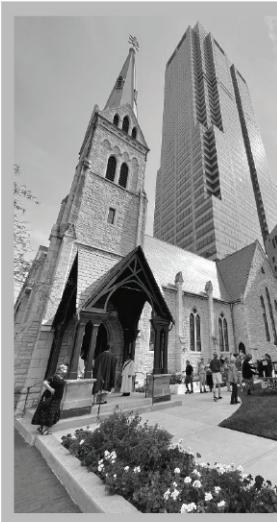
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# SPiritual Outlook

## No icons or depictions of Prophet Muhammed

By MIKAL SAAHIR



In 2006, and at other times in recent history, we have witnessed in the news millions of Muslims strongly reacting to newspapers printing caricatures that claimed to be Prophet Muhammed. Many people may ask, “Why such an emotional response?”

Most dictionaries define an icon as an image or a representation. Religiously speaking an icon is defined as a representation or picture of a sacred or sanctified Christian personage that is traditionally used and venerated in the Eastern Church.

In Islam “icons” are totally taboo, especially when it comes to attempting an image of Allah (G-d). Any icons or pictures in Islamic worship are forbidden, including depictions of angels, prophets or any other image that can be deem worthy of worship.

When the Danish paper Jyl-lands-Posten first published the drawings purported to be Prophet Muhammed, it was an errant act that was disrespectful of not only Muslims but G-d fearing people of any faith. This publication risked opening wounds and instigating bad feelings between members of our human family. Nonetheless, as Muslims and people of faith we have to answer to a higher calling.

Any depiction attempting to portray Prophet Muhammed is wrong. When the picture displays a bomb with a lit fuse in his turban the depiction is even worse. Still as intelligent people an emotional and violent reaction is wrong.

Where is the wise voice of Islamic leadership and scholarship on this issue? Where is the mind of reason in this matter? Everyone knows that the Prophet Muhammed forbade his picture to be drawn because he did not

want his image worshipped and adored. In opposition to having his portrait drawn he ordered his followers “to not make the same mistake with me that the followers of Christ Jesus made with him.” But where are the voices of reason around the Muslim world?

Sadly, it has been reported that in retaliation some Muslims are encouraging Muslims to enter into a Holocaust caricature contest. This is not within the keeping of Islamic teachings, etiquettes or decorum. To even suggest having a “Holocaust caricature” contest is at best childish and even worse fuel on an un-Islamic emotion fire of violence and hate.

Imam W. Deen Mohammed speaking on the community of man stated, “The Muslim is obligated to recognize his responsibility to all the communities of man. He cannot forget that in promoting his own cause, he has to have a healthy regard for the destiny of other people. He must also contribute to the worthwhile and noble endeavors of others. He is to support, compliment, congratulate and feel happy about the progress of other people who are not of his religion. This kind of attitude is healthy for anybody, and it is an obligation for the Muslim.”

Allah instructs the believers in the Holy Qur’an that we should be of “Those who avoid the greater crimes and shameful deeds, and, when they are angry even then forgive” [Sura (chapter) 42: Ayat (verse) 37]. According to the above Qur’anic verse instead of Muslims displaying anger they should, as Prophet Muhammed would do, be seeking means for forgiveness.

Read the rest of this column at indianapolisrecorder.com.

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**The King Gets His Crown**

Indiana loses a Community Giant. Activist, Advocate, and Ally; **Reginald L. Jones** was born June 7, 1940, on the east side at 25th and Martindale to Clemmie Jones and LuDora Johnson-Jones. He graduated from The Crispus Attucks High School in 1960 with a football scholarship to Arkansas A&M in Pine Bluff. He was married to Kay E. Jackson - Jones in 1989.

Reginald’s surviving children are Reginald (Angela) Jones Jr., Jabari (Kristi) Jones, Ashley (Abdul) Jones Hasan, LaTasha Boyd-Jones, Tyler (Julie), Ross-Jones, Stephanie (Lance), Russell, A’Yana (Jackson) Myrick, and Sydni Bolden. Children that preceded him in death are Damon and Guy Jones

Presumed dead at birth, Reginald’s doula informed LuDora, “Your child is not dead; he is alive and a fighter” - and from birth to death, he fought. He took up the mantle for those who could not advocate for themselves. He stood in the gap for those who needed support; he was unabashed and unafraid. He was a firm believer in “if there is an injustice anywhere, there is an injustice everywhere.” With that mentality, Indianapolis gained an

activist, advocate, and ally.

Reggie Jones was the first Black Man in Indiana to hold a federally funded directorial position as the Director of the Indianapolis Skill Center - where he ensured the Indianapolis minority

community was skilled and prepared for the workforce. With over 60 years of experience in community building/ organization, activism, and human resource, Reggie was a rare and unusual servant leader. He dedicated his life to equity and education—along with the development in vocational and standard educational settings, specializing in program development, supervision, management, counseling, sales, and telemarketing. His work ethic and perseverance persisted in galvanizing individuals into communities- and at 81, he impacted the community in ways that informed and inspired others positively. His ability to work with all people for the betterment of culture has prompted six mayors to acknowledge his community work: Lugar, Hudnut, Goldsmith, Peterson, Ballard, and Hogsett. Reginald went to Heaven on May 5, 2022.

**A Celebration of Life for Reginald Jones will be Sunday, May 15, 2022, at Martin University, 2186 N. Sherman Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46218. The reflection (wake) begins at 1 PM, and the Celebration Of Life (memorial service) will start at 2 PM.**



## New reparations focus: Black enclaves lost to development

By PHILIP MARCELO  
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Terrell Osborne knows well what happens when urban renewal comes to communities of color.

As a child growing up in Providence, Rhode Island, in the 1950s and 1960s, huge swaths of his neighborhood of Lippitt Hill, a center of Black life at the foot of the stately homes of the city's elite East Side, were taken by eminent domain for redevelopment projects.

Hundreds of Black families and dozens of minority small businesses across some 30 acres were bulldozed. In their place rose an apartment complex catering to downtown workers and students and faculty at nearby Brown University, as well as a shopping plaza now anchored by a Whole Foods and a Starbucks.

Meanwhile, Black families like the Osbornes were scattered across the city and never compensated.

"We had stores. People owned things. Money was circulating around," said Osborne, who now lives on Providence's South Side. "There was a whole community there, and they just took that neighborhood and we never got anything for it. Not even as much as a thank you."

As Providence gears up to provide reparations to Black residents for centuries of injustices, city officials are looking beyond the city's leading role in the Colonial transatlantic slave trade.

They're looking to atone, at least initially, for what happened during urban renewal efforts of the late 20th century, a period that saw Black and Native American communities such as Lippitt Hill razed to make way for new residential and business developments that paved the way for the city's modern economy, anchored around its universities and hospitals.

The approach builds off the blueprint in Evanston, a Chicago suburb that became the first in the nation to begin paying reparations last year with a program providing Black residents grants for mortgage payments and home repairs, in acknowledgement of the historic discrimination Black people endured when trying to buy homes.

By making progress on such modern-day wrongs, communities can hopefully start to overcome long-standing resistance to reparations, says Justin Hans-



ford, a professor at Howard University's law school who spearheads the African American Redress Network, which tracks reparations efforts nationwide.

"We know it's a losing conversation to talk about slavery in the 1600s," said Raymond "Two Hawks" Watson, a member of Providence's recently formed reparations commission whose family has long lived in the Lippitt Hill area. "But we also know we don't have to go that far back. We know what happened with urban renewal and we can see what's happening with gentrification. We're able to show this is just a continuation of what's been going on for centuries."

Providence's efforts also notably look to use some \$15 million in federal COVID-19 funds to jump-start reparations work, something other city leaders have pursued recently.

In Providence, centuries of discrimination have left communities of color far poorer than white enclaves: Median household income on the affluent, largely white East Side is nearly \$180,000 a year, compared to nearly \$19,000 in the city's predominantly Black and Latino South Side.

Cheryl Taylor, whose family was forced to move and shutter their repair business on Lippitt Hill to make

way for another development, hopes the reparations process can help Black residents purchase their own homes. The few like her who remain living nearby are renters in an increasingly unaffordable part of town.

"They're all white. I don't know these people," Taylor says of the neighborhood's newer residents.

Looking back, Osborne wonders if the destruction of his old neighborhood was an effort to dilute the growing power of the city's Black community.

Osborne's family was among a number of working class but upwardly mobile Black households on the hillside that separates the East Side from downtown.

Osborne, who heads a Providence organization that provides musical opportunities to youths, says he'd like to see the city establish a college scholarship fund or programs to help Black residents build equity, rather than making direct payouts to impacted families like his.

"The question with reparations is always where do you start. Why not start with something that's tangible?" he said. "We're here. We're not buried in the past, and we know something should have happened then. Maybe now is the time."

## Dr. Lisa Cook confirmed as first Black woman on Federal Reserve Board

By STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

Michigan State University Economics professor Lisa Cook is the latest Biden-Harris administration nominee to break the glass ceiling, this time on the U.S. Federal Reserve Board.

Cook, well known for her work on racial and gender equality, won Senate

confirmation as the first Black woman to serve on the board in the agency's 109-year history.

The history-making moment required a tie-breaking vote in the Senate from Vice President Kamala Harris, the first Black woman to hold her position.

Each of the Senate's 50 GOP members voted against Cook, while all 50 Democrats and Harris cast ballots in favor of the nomination.

"The Fed Board needs governors who understand how the economy works for Americans across race, gender, and class. Dr. Cook's deep expertise makes her exceptionally qualified to serve," Michele Holder, president of the Washington Center for Equitable Growth, wrote in a statement.

An adviser on the Biden-Harris and Obama-Biden transition teams, Cook will help set fiscal policy on the Fed

Board.

"I was proud to cast my vote for Dr. Cook," Georgia Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock stated.

"Her decades of experience as an economist and her Georgian sense of fairness will help promote balance and innovation to strengthen our economy," Warnock concluded.





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**IN THE JOHNSON SUPERIOR COURT 1 STATE OF INDIANA CAUSE NO. 41D01-2204-EU-000153**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF EDWARD C. RUPPE. DECEASED.**  
**N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that, on April29, 2022, Christopher Kyle Ruppe was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Edward C. Ruppe, deceased, who died on April 6, 2022.

All persons having claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Franklin, Indiana, this 2nd day of May, 2022.  
/s/ Trena McLaughlin Clerk of the Circuit/Superior Courts of Johnson Clountv  
Larry Gesse  
LARRY GESSE ATTORNEY PC  
PO Box 519  
Franklin, IN 46131  
(317) 738-2123  
Fax (317) 73E-3252  
Attorney #7110-12  
5320-946154

MDK # 19-015787  
**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #1**  
) SS:

**COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D01-2202-MF-004440**

The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2004-SD2 Plaintiff,

vs.

Thomas C. Lee, et al. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SUITS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Thomas C. Lee:

BE IT KNOWN, that The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2004-SD2, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #1 its Complaint against Defendant Thomas C. Lee, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Thomas C. Lee, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:

30 feet by parallel lines off the entire South side of Lot 26 in Hubbard, McCarty and Martindale's Subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 Square 12 in South East Addition to the City of Indianapolis, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 169, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

commonly known as 1512 Linden Street, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #1

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)

Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)

Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)

Chris Wiley (26936-10)

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INDIANA COMMERCIAL COURT

**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT**

) SS:

**COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO.: 49D01-2205-MF-014542**

**RSS UBSCM2018-C9 - DE RIJ, LLC,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**RISINGSAM INN INDY LLC; BRISAM ANDERSON LLC; RS HOSPITALITY OF MARION LLC; RS INN OF COLLINSVILLE LLC; BRISAM VERNON LLC; RS JOPLIN 36 LLC; BRISAM INN JOPLIN LLC; SC JOPLIN 32 LLC; M&R HOTEL MANAGEMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**

**S U M M O N S B Y PUBLICATION**

This summons is to the Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and to any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified you have been sued as a Defendant in the Marion County Superior Court, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, in an action entitled RSS UBSCM2018-C9 - DE RIJ, LLC v. Risingsam Indy Inn LLC; Brisam Anderson LLC; RS Hospitality of Marion LLC; RS Inn of Collinsville LLC; Brisam Vernon LLC; RS Joplin 36 LLC; Brisam Inn Joplin LLC; SC Joplin 32 LLC; M&R Hotel Management; Unknown Owners; and Non-Record Claimants; Cause No. 49D01-2205-MF-014542. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the Unknown Owners and whose

whereabouts are unknown. The named Plaintiff is represented by R. Brock Jordan, Attorney No. 17060-49, Katz Korin Cunningham PC, 334 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Telephone No. 317-464-1100.

The nature of this suit against you is to foreclose commercial mortgages on real property containing hotels located at 4504 Southport Crossing Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46237 and 2312 Hampton Drive, Anderson, IN 46013.

An answer or other response in writing to the Complaint for Money Judgment and Foreclosure of Commercial Mortgages must be filed either by you or your attorney on or before June 13, 2022, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

If you need the name of an attorney, you may contact the Indiana State Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service (317-639-5465).

Dated: 05/13/22, 05/20/22, 05/27/22

Clerk, Marion Superior Court

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**MDK # 22-007971**

**STATE OF INDIANA )**

**) SS:**

**COUNTY OF MARION ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #4**

**CAUSE NO. 49D04-2204-MF-013927**

Fifth Third Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

vs.

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

**NOTICE OF SUITS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Dana R. Lockart and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Dana R. Lockart: BEIT KNOWN, that Fifth Third Bank, National Association, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #4 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Dana R. Lockart and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Dana R. Lockart, et al. as follows:

LOT 21 IN MEADLAWN, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 97 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): Michael D. Noel, Fifth Third Bank, Indiana (Central), Duncan's Fireplace & Patio Center, Med-1 Solutions, LLC and STATE OF INDIANA, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

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

The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate

Against the property commonly known as 731 S Sherman Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46203-6300 and described as follows:

LOT 21 IN MEADLAWN, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 97 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): Michael D. Noel, Fifth Third Bank, Indiana (Central), Duncan's Fireplace & Patio Center, Med-1 Solutions, LLC and State of Indiana

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devises of Ora Z. Wagner, Deceased

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ SUSAN M WOOLLEY SUSAN M. WOOLLEY Attorney No. 15000-64

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/s/ Myla A. Eldridge 5320-945895

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**SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT**

**COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO: 49D04-2203-MF-010359**

**PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff**

**-vs-**

**WENDELL G. WHEELER, CENTER FOR AT-RISK ELDERS, INC., GUARDIAN FOR SYLVIA L. WHEELER, NATIONAL CITY BANK, LVNV FUNDING LLC Defendant(s)**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

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 the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF INDIANA, AND KNOWN AS: BEING LOT NUMBER 280 IN HOLIDAYS GARFIELD PARK ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AS SHOWN IN THE RECORDED PLAT/MAP THEREOF IN PLAT BOOK 13 PAGE 54 OF MARION COUNTY RECORDS

Commonly known as: 1716 NELSON AVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46203

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the

following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Wendell G. Wheeler

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

An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Marion County at: Marion County Clerk 200 East Washington Street Ste. W122 Indianapolis, IN 46204

on or before the 26th day of June, 2022, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Philip A. Norman, P.C. /s/ Philip A. Norman Philip A. Norman #13734-64 Attorney for Plaintiff Philip A. Norman, P.C. 2110 Calumet Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46383 Telephone: 219-462-5104 22-00255

ATTEST: Clerk, Marion Superior Court 5320-945791

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**MDK # 22-007971**

**STATE OF INDIANA )**

**) SS:**

**COUNTY OF MARION ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #4**

**CAUSE NO. 49D04-2204-MF-013927**

Fifth Third Bank, National Association Plaintiff,

vs.

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

**NOTICE OF SUITS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Dana R. Lockart and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Dana R. Lockart: BEIT KNOWN, that Fifth Third Bank, National Association, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #4 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Dana R. Lockart and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Dana R. Lockart, et al. as follows:

LOT 21 IN MEADLAWN, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 97 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): Michael D. Noel, Fifth Third Bank, Indiana (Central), Duncan's Fireplace & Patio Center, Med-1 Solutions, LLC and STATE OF INDIANA, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

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

The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate

Against the property commonly known as 731 S Sherman Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46203-6300 and described as follows:

LOT 21 IN MEADLAWN, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 97 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

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This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devises of Ora Z. Wagner, Deceased

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You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ SUSAN M WOOLLEY SUSAN M. WOOLLEY Attorney No. 15000-64

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/s/ Myla A. Eldridge 5320-945895

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**SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT**

**COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D07-2203-MF-010584**

**U.S. Bank National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2018 G-CTT Plaintiff**

**vs.**

**Leo L. Lee, Deceased; Heirs-At-Law, Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Representatives, Executors, Trustees, and Administrators; The Watson Farms Homeowners Association, Inc. Defendants**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

To the defendants named below herein, and any other person who may be concerned.

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

The nature of the suit is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property located in Marion County at 9933 Wellcroft Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46236 legally described as:

**T H E F O L L O W I N G DESCRIBED PROPERTY: IN MARION COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA:**

**LOT NUMBER ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE (153) IN WATSON FARMS, SECTION THREE, A SUBDIVISION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED JUNE 3, 1994 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 94-87730 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY OVER REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS TWYCKENHAM DRIVE AND DESCRIBED IN RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT RECORDED DECEMBER 27, 1993 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 93-197146.**

**ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: 4036431 (hereafter "Real Estate").**

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendants who may claim some interest in the Real Estate and whose whereabouts are not known with certainty: Leo L. Lee, Deceased, and His Heirs-At-Law, Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Representatives, Executors, Trustees, and Administrators

You must respond to this summons by publication, by you or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit has been published. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)

Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)

Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)

Chris Wiley (26936-10)

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**SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT**

**COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49D05-2203-MF-006703**

**Clerk Marion Superior Court 200 E. Washington Street, Room W122 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 327-4740**

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff**

**Vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVISEES OF ROBERT E. THORNBURGH DR.;**

**JOSHUA THORNBURGH; ERIN HRUSCHAK; STACIE THORNBURGH**

**Defendant**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

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

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

The nature of the suite against you is:

Complain on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate against the property described in Exhibit B of the Complaint as set out below:

Legal Description: Lot 8 in Block 5 in Child Brothers and Teachouts English Avenue Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 7, page 122, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, except 65 feet by parallel lines off the entire South side thereof.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendants: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVISEES OF ROBERT E. THORNBURGH JR.; JOSHUA THORNBURGH; ERIN HRUSCHAK; STACIE THORNBURGH;

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant whose whereabouts is unknown:

**UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVISEES OF ROBERT E. THORNBURGH JR.; JOSHUA THORNBURGH; ERIN HRUSCHAK; STACIE THORNBURGH;**







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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 14 )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D14-2203-GU-009769 IN RE: THE OF GUARDIANSHIP: HARPER RUESS, RACHAEL STEVENS, and BRIAN STEVENS, Petitioners. NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AND HEARING THEREON TO: Elizabeth Stevens VIA PUBLICATION

On June 3, 2022, at 1:30 PM, in the in Marion County, Indiana, a hearing will be held to determine whether a guardian should be appointed, or a protective order should be issued for your child HARPER RUESS. A copy of the petition requesting appointment of a guardian or for the issuance of a protective order is attached to this notice. At the hearing the Court will determine whether Rachael Stevens and Brian Stevens shall serve as guardians over Harper RUESS under Indiana law. This proceeding may substantially affect your rights. The Court may, in its discretion, appoint some other qualified person as guardian. The Court may also, in its discretion, limit the powers and duties of the guardian to allow you to retain control over certain property and activities. The Court may also determine whether a protective order should be entered on Minor Child's behalf. You may attend the hearing and be represented by an attorney. The petition may be heard and determined in your absence if the Court determines that your presence is not required. The Court may, where required, appoint a guardian ad litem to represent Minor Child at the hearing. The Court may, on its own motion or on request of any interested person, postpone the hearing to another date and time. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County 5320-945492

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )SS: CIVIL DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D16-2203-DC-002010 IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: ARACELI JIMENEZ GONZALEZ, Petitioner, and JOEL BARRIENTOS MORALES, Respondent. SUMMONS

This summons is to the Respondent above-named, and to any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Marion Superior Court, Marion County, Indiana in an action entitled In Re the Marriage of Araceli Jimenez Gonzalez and Joel Barrientos Morales Cause No.: 49D16-2203-DC-002010 the person named above as Petitioner. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Respondent above whose current address and whereabouts are unknown. The named Petitioner is represented by Swaray E. Conteh, Attorney at Law, The Law Firm of Fatima Johnson, 3737 North Meridian Street, Suite 106, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208. The nature of this suit against you is a Petition for Sole Physical and Legal Custody of Minor Child. An answer or other response in writing to the petition must be filed either by you or your attorney within 30 days after the third notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by Petitioner. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response. Dated: April 22, 2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court 5320-945436

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) 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/issuues a WebEx invitation for attendance at the hearing. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion County Circuit Court Prepared By: Cara M. Chittenden, #27059-49 Rebecca M. Geyer & Associates, PC 11550 N. Meridian Street, Suite 200 Carmel, IN 46032 (317) 973-4555 (317) 489-5195 fax cchittenden@rgeyerlaw.com 5320-944797

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NUMBER: 49C01-2203-MI-010385 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR JAXSON JACOB HAMILTON TAYLOR ANN WEST ORDER SETTING HEARING

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 DECREED 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 DISTRIBUTION: MARK D. SHAVER Attorney at Law 5330 Madison Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46227 (317) 783-9204 269-49 5320-944799

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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D01-2204-MF-011962 PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ROBERT V. EMERY, DECEASED, Defendant. NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Complaint for In Rem Foreclosure 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 KISSEL HEIGHTS, FIRST SECTION, A SUBDIVISION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGE 279, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of 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 Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff. FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ LEANNE S. TITUS LEANNE S. TITUS Attorney No. 22552-49 Attorney for Plaintiff LEANNE S. TITUS FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727 NOTICE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. 4/12/2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge 5320-944884

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MDK # 22-005713 STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT #3 )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D03-2203-MF-008763 PHH Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff, vs. Janet F. Willoughby, et al. Defendants. NOTICE OF SUITS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Janet F. Willoughby and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Janet F. Willoughby; BE IT KNOWN, that PHH Mortgage Corporation, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Civil Superior Court #3 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Janet F. Willoughby and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Janet F. Willoughby, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Janet F. Willoughby and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Janet F. Willoughby, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit: 80 feet by parallel lines off the entire West side of Lot 32 in Belmont Garden Place, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 13, page 186, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. commonly known as 1743 South Pershing Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46221. NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated Clerk, Marion Civil

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Superior Court #3 J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15) Chris Wiley (26936-10) Attorneys for Plaintiff MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Facsimile: 614-220-5613 Email: self-jds@manleydeas.com 5320-944565

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NUMBER: 49D07-2202-MF-005128 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE OF AMERICAN HOMEOWNER PRESERVATION TRUST SERIES 2015A+ Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THE ESTATE OF M.L. LESURE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THE ESTATE OF ANNETTA J. LESURE; DONNA PETTIS A/K/A DONNA DOWDELL PETTIS; ROBERT BARBER A/K/A ROBERT WILLIAMS; VERNITA HATCHER A/K/A 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 DEPARTMENT; TERRI WALTON-HARRIS, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ANNETTA J. LESURE; CHATEAU IN THE WOODS APARTMENTS; AARON WHEELER DBA HOOK N GO TOWING Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Complaint for In Rem Foreclosure 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 KISSEL HEIGHTS, FIRST SECTION, A SUBDIVISION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGE 279, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of 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 Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff. FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ LEANNE S. TITUS LEANNE S. TITUS Attorney No. 22552-49 Attorney for Plaintiff LEANNE S. TITUS FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727 NOTICE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. 4/12/2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge 5320-944884

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D03-2203-MF-008763 PHH Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff, vs. Janet F. Willoughby, et al. Defendants. NOTICE OF SUITS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Janet F. Willoughby and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Janet F. Willoughby; BE IT KNOWN, that PHH Mortgage Corporation, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Civil Superior Court #3 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Janet F. Willoughby and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Janet F. Willoughby, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit: 80 feet by parallel lines off the entire West side of Lot 32 in Belmont Garden Place, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 13, page 186, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. commonly known as 1743 South Pershing Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46221. NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated Clerk, Marion Civil

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D07-2203-MF-007186 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AB1 Plaintiff, vs. BOBBIE WALKER UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND DONEES OF BOBBIE

MAE WALKER UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. MIA, INC. Defendants. NOTICE OF SUITS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Unknown Heirs-at-Law, Beneficiaries, Legatees, Devisees, and Donees of Bobbie Mae Walker 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 Bobbie Mae Walker 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: LOTS 75 AND 76 IN TATMAN MANOR, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 21, IN THE OFFICE OF THE 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 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. /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 Email: btekulve@lsgs.com Dated Marion Superior Clerk, Court 5320-944912

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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO.: 49D09-2203-DN-002576 IBRAHEEM O ALAPINNI Plaintiff v. LAWANNA R DECKARK Defendant NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: Unknown. And 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 law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 12th 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 /s/ Ibraheem O. Alapinni 3472 Leatherbury Ln., Apt. B Indianapolis, IN 46224 (682) 553-3609 5320-944801

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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D10-2203-DN-002434 FATIMO BLACKWELL Plaintiff v. OLUSEGUN AKINTOYE Defendant NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: Unknown. And 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 law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 12th 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: /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Court /s/ 3274 Leatherbury Lane, Apt. B Indianapolis, IN 46222 (773) 814-1477 5320-944802

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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D13-2204-MF-011879 NEWREZ LLC D/B/A

SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OF BEVERLY S WILLIAMS Defendant(s) NOTICE OF SUIT

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 the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows: LOT NUMBER 33 IN WOODSONG, SECTION 3, A SUBDIVISION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED APRIL 28, 2004 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2004-85379, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly known as: 9538 Woodsong Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46229.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Unknown Heirs, Devisees of Beverly S Williams In addition, to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Marion County at: Marion County Clerk 200 East Washington Street Ste. W122 Indianapolis, IN 46204 on or before the 12th day of June, 2022, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. Phillip A. Norman, P.C. Phillip A. Norman #13734-64 Attorney for Plaintiff Phillip A. Norman, P.C. 2110 Calumet Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46383 Telephone: 219-462-5104 22-00363 ATTEST: Clerk, Marion Superior Court 5320-944894

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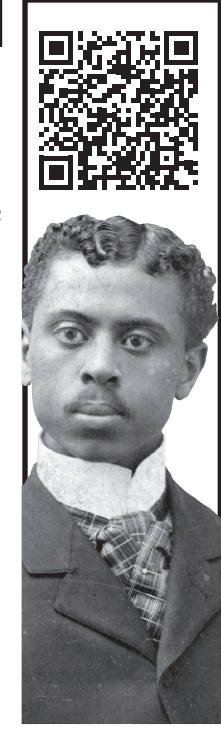
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# 6 tips for planning a sweet graduation celebration

## Family Features

When years of hitting the books lead to a hard-earned diploma, there's just one thing left to do: celebrate the graduate with something sweet. A graduation is a major life milestone that deserves plenty of recognition, and a graduation party is a perfect way to celebrate the occasion with family and friends.

Whether the party celebrates a recent grad or accepted student, you can make the moment all the more memorable with these planning tips and personalized party favors and customized gifts from M&M'S.

**Make a guest list.** Deciding who you'd like to invite is a good starting place because it may influence several other choices you need to make down the road, like where you host the party and what you serve to eat and drink.

**Choose the place and time.** Another decision you'll need to make right away is where and when the party will be held. Having a rough idea of how many people will attend can help determine where to host the party, since you'll want to have enough room for everyone to be comfortable. If you're timing the celebration to coincide with a graduation ceremony, be sure to schedule your party so any guests who also plan to attend the ceremony can do both. Many families choose to hold open house-style parties for an extend-

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ed period of time so people who have multiple graduation parties to attend can fit them all in.

**Plan your menu.** The style, timing and duration of your party all influence what kind of food you serve. If your party overlaps a traditional mealtime, you may want to serve a full meal. However, if you're hosting an open house format, keeping food fresh for an extended period can be a challenge. If you take care to keep chilled foods cold and heated foods warm, a buffet can allow guests to serve themselves as they wish. You may also find appetizers are easier to heat and replenish throughout the party. Don't

forget about dessert: A celebratory cake or tray of cupcakes are traditional ideas you can complement with other selections, such as candy bars to add colorful fun and variety to the party.

**Accommodate gifts.** While common etiquette suggests a host should never expect them, most people do bring gifts to celebrate the graduate. You can set up an attractive gift table with a gift of your own to discretely show guests where to place gifts when they arrive, such as an M&M'S Occasion Bottle, which can be personalized to toast your grad with up to three colors, text, clip art and photos. The bottle stands nearly a foot tall, so it

makes for an eye-catching centerpiece at the gift table.

**Select entertainment.** Often, there's enough hustle and bustle at graduation parties that you don't need to go overboard planning activities or entertainment. You might have some music playing at a moderate level so guests can still have casual conversations without yelling, and you may want to display a slideshow celebrating the graduate's accomplishments along the way to this big day. Other fun ideas include photobooths with props, a signature frame for guests to sign and notecards for guests to offer their congratulations, advice or predictions for the graduate's future.

**Organize party favors.** One way to thank guests for honoring your graduate and inspire more moments of fun is by offering a favor that doubles as a memento of the event. For example, M&M'S Class of 2022 Graduation Favor Tins make for a perfect way to send guests home with a sweet reminder of the celebration. Each stylish tin can be customized with a lid design and message for guests and be filled with a delicious serving of personalized candies that match the party's theme.

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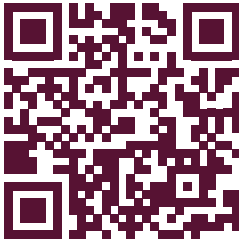
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I remember very well where I was on Sept. 26, 2013.

After returning from a romp through the dog park with my less-than-behaved canine companions, my telephone rang. A fellow open-wheel racing enthusiast asked me if I was sitting down. When I told him I was, he proceeded to tell me the news. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway was going to run a road course event in May 2014 prior to the Indy 500.

After nearly fainting and applying a cold compress, I sat alone and prayed to the racing gods, asking for an explanation as to how this development could be.

The cathedral of motor sports was going to run a race during the same sacred period that had been reserved exclusively for the Indy 500 for decades.

How could this be happening?

The staunch traditionalist within me was beyond enraged, and I immediately went on the record saying this race would soil the sanctity of everything my coveted 500 had become and meant to millions like myself all over the world.

Despite my objections I held my nose and entered the sacred grounds at 16th and Georgetown for the inaugural running, and over time I realized this race was actually better for the motor sports community as a prelude to the big event as opposed to the sparsely attended Indy 500 practice sessions it replaced.

And while the event for the most part became a personal playground for Team Penske, I slowly warmed up to the idea.

From watching Simon Pagenaud chase down Scott Dixon in the rain one year to claim a victory to witnessing families taking advantage of bargain priced tickets on the seating mounds, it dawned on this curmudgeon that change can indeed be good at IMS.

So, when they practice and qualify May 13 and then drop the green flag the next day, yours truly will once again be there as always.

After all, I registered the same objections when NASCAR, Formula One and Moto GP racing invaded



The Grand Prix first came to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2014. (Photo/Brian Spurlock)

the greatest race course in the world.

I didn't think there was room for other disciplines and I somehow survived — because this alleged expert was once again completely incorrect.

I've now witnessed some rather spirited racing that doesn't occur on the last Sunday in May, and in the interest of full disclosure, I've enjoyed it. Come on out and join me this weekend as I witness yet another chapter of something new that has slowly grown upon me.

Sure, there's a difference of over 100 mph in terms of fast lap times when you compare the Grand Prix to the Indy 500, but if you give it a chance you'll enjoy

it.

I definitely know that I have.

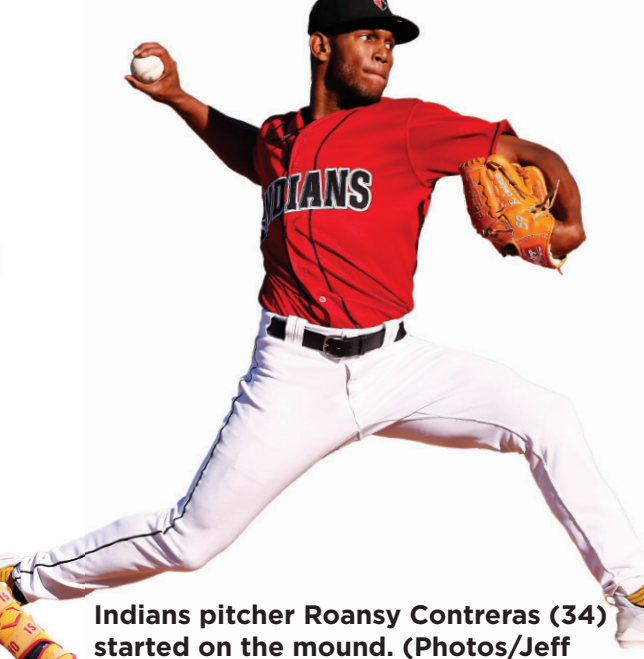
Notes: Tickets for the practice and qualifications start at just \$20.

For just \$5 more on May 14 you can watch the Indy Pro Series event, along with the USF2000 and Indy Lights races as well, before the NTT IndyCar Series drivers run the GMR Grand Prix at 3:45 p.m.

*Danny Bridges, who, truth be told, probably would watch them rickshaws at IMS, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.*

Indy Indians host Bats

Indianapolis Indians infielder Oneil Cruz (15) watches his solo home run.



Indians pitcher Roansy Contreras (34) started on the mound. (Photos/Jeff Brown)



Indians infielder Rodolfo Castro (13) lays down a bunt for a single.

Fever start new season 1-2



Destanni Henderson dribbles up the court.

Fever forward Alanna Smith battles L.A. Sparks forward Chiney Ogwumike for a rebound. (Photos/Walt Thomas)

Kelsey Mitchell keeps a handle on the ball.

Indy Eleven women get win in debut



Selena Barnett heads a ball in Indy Eleven's first women's game.

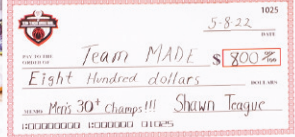


Barnett is a Carmel native. (Photos/ Michael Hoffbauer)

The League



Jeff Teague of Team MADE. (Photos/ David Dixon)



Team MADE won The League.