

Reggie Jones receives an award as an elder surviving prostate cancer during a Kwanzaa celebration at Central Library. (Photo provided by family)

Reggie Jones, a busy advocate for African Americans, dies at 81

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Everyone knew Reggie Jones, and Reggie Jones knew everyone. That's what his friends liked to say. Were they exaggerating? Only slightly, if at all.

Jones, a community activist who advocated for African Americans in education, health and economics, died May 5. He was 81 years old.

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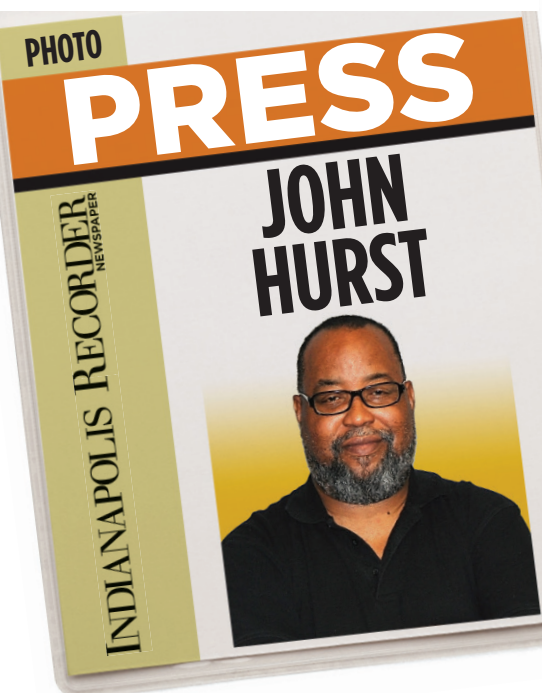
Family, friends remember Recorder art director JOHN HURST

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John Hurst, the Recorder's former art director who was known for his graphic design skills and love for art, died May 16. He was 67 years old.

Hurst worked at the Recorder from 1986 until he retired in 2019. He also held the titles of senior graphic designer and photo editor.

When Hurst started his career, the paper still used a darkroom. His daughter Charity Hurst Lewis remembers going into the darkroom as a child, and Hurst would prop her up on the counter so she could watch him develop photos.



Lewis and her two sisters were Recorder babies, she said. They would sleep on the floor, eat dinner at the office — all to see their dad work.

Hurst also had

his own business, Graphics to Go, which he used for his illustration and design work. Hurst either solely designed or helped design logos for organizations

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"I loved listening to John tell stories about growing up in Indianapolis or talk about the history of Black neighborhoods here. He always painted such vivid pictures and made life sound so much fun back then. He truly was a wealth of information about this city." -Recorder editor Oseye Boyd



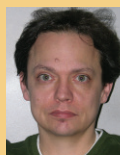
"There was never a dull moment. He was creative, intelligent, funny and loved his music. John had us listening to everything from Jean-Luc Ponty to Snoop Dogg. And to listen to his stories, John was wild. I am so glad I was able to learn newspaper design from working with him. He was the best and will be missed." -Recorder production manager Jeana Ouattara



"I've known John since 1973 when I first began deejaying. He has always been available for me whenever I needed him. Every business card I have ever had except one, John Hurst designed. He has also designed every flier and ticket I've ever used. He was a great friend." -Thomas "Sparkle Soxx" Griffin



"When I first met John, I could tell he would be a great friend. And because he was a photographer too, our conversations were really great and full of experience-sharing. I will miss his conversations the most. John was a very sincere man. He was sincere about everything. He said what he meant and you could believe it." -Recorder photographer Curtis Guynn



"John and I worked together for decades. We both loved the Recorder. Our work had us there sometimes throughout the night. As we worked, we loved listening to music and talking about events. We watched our families grow. He was part of my family and will always be in our hearts." -Former Recorder production manager Jeffery Sellers

Panel discusses fallout from UniGov 53 years after it changed Indianapolis

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There is no going back in time to undo UniGov, either scrapping it altogether or tweaking bits and pieces, but the legislation that reshaped Indianapolis overnight has continually molded the city. Some of the questions and controversies are apparently here to stay.

Fifty-three years after the Indiana General Assembly voted to consolidate city and county government, a few of the key architects and detractors who are still alive discussed the legacy of UniGov during an event May 15 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

The panel offered insight into how the legislation was crafted and answered age-old questions about race, education and equity.

Attorney and civil rights activist Fay Williams lamented the fact that UniGov did not get a refer-



Attorney and civil rights activist Fay Williams (center) speaks at a panel May 15, 2022, about the consequences of UniGov. Sitting beside her are former Republican state Reps. Ned Lamkin (l) and John Mutz (r). (Photos/Tyler Fenwick)

endum. It was one of the popular detractions in the late 1960s as well. Williams referenced the Declaration of Independence and the principle of "consent of the governed," saying people were shut out of the process.

"It did not foster democracy in this community," she said.

Few people claim UniGov was entirely good or bad. One point of agreement seems to be that the consolidation helped revive Indianapolis, a city people said they drove through to get

somewhere else.

The legislation doubled the city's population, gave the mayor more authority with a larger jurisdiction, created single-member council districts and consolidated most government services that had previously been disjointed.

Critics have also pointed out UniGov brought into the fold mostly white suburbanites and lessened the chances that Indianapolis would elect a Black mayor — as had just happened in Gary in 1968.

Whether UniGov would have survived a referendum is unclear, though former Republican Rep. Ned Lamkin, who helped craft the legislation, said it wouldn't have passed. Lamkin compared it to the U.S. Constitution, which he said also wouldn't have passed a referendum had everyone been allowed to vote on it.

An especially contentious feature of UniGov — then and now — is that it didn't consolidate school districts. The panel spent most of

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Wayne Jones, left, looks on as his aunt JoAnn Daniels, holds a photograph of his mother Celestine Chaney, who was killed in Saturday's shooting at a supermarket, during an interview with The Associated Press in Buffalo, N.Y., Monday, May 16, 2022. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)



'Like every other day': 10 lives lost on a trip to the store

By **CAROLYN THOMPSON and MATT SEDENSKY**
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — They were caregivers and protectors and helpers, running an errand or doing a favor or finishing out a shift, when their paths crossed with a young man driven by racism and hatred and baseless conspiracy theories.

In a flash, the ordinariness of their day was broken at Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, where in and around the supermarket's aisles, a symbol of the mundane was transformed into a scene of mass murder.

Carts lay abandoned. Bodies littered the tile floor. Police radios crackled with calls for help.

Investigators will try, for days to come, to piece together the massacre that killed 10 people, all Black and apparently hunted for the color of their skin.

Those who loved them are left with their memories of the lost, who suffered death amid the simple task of buying groceries.

"These people were just shopping," said Steve Carlson, 29, mourning his 72-year-old neighbor Katherine Massey, who checked in often, giving him gifts on his birthday and at Christmas, and pressing money into his hand when he helped with yardwork. "They went to get food to feed their families."

One came from volunteering at a food bank. Another had been tending to her husband at

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Education company trying to increase participation in after-school programs

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Picture Darye Henry and San Pathak at a family gathering, off in a corner strategizing. Henry and Pathak are brothers-in-law, but they're also co-founders of an education company that's trying to get more students involved in after-school programs so they can find their passion.

So, yes, sometimes there's work talk during family time.

"Wives don't like that," Pathak said with a laugh.

Henry and Pathak started AfterSchool HQ in 2017. Part of their inspiration for the company was their own experience with after-school programs. That's how Pathak found his passion for technology, and an engineering program introduced Henry to coding.

"It's a good thing to be able to replicate that for as many students as possible," Pathak said.

AfterSchool HQ is meant to increase participation in after-school programs by simplifying the process. Henry is CEO and Pathak is COO.

Participating schools and organizations have profiles where parents can browse programs. Putting everything in one place — including registration and payment — should make it easier for parents, schools and any organizations that are involved.

Outside of Indiana, AfterSchool HQ operates in states including California and Louisiana. Upcoming expansion could take the program as far north as Canada.

The company's biggest partnership so far is with Indianapolis Public Schools. The state's largest school district will put its extracurricular options on AfterSchool HQ's platform, with a goal of reaching 40% participation in schools that use the program.

A report published in 2018 by the U.S. Census Bureau showed the number of children ages 6-17 who participate in after-school activities dipped and rose between 1998 and 2014. Sports had the highest participation rate at about 40%. Participation in lessons or clubs typically stayed between 30%-35%.

Afterschool Alliance, which works to expand the availability of after-school programs, reports that for every one child in a program in Indiana, three are waiting to get in.



L-R: San Pathak and Darye Henry, co-founders of AfterSchool HQ, pose for a photo inside of a coworking office in Fishers on May 6, 2022. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

AfterSchool HQ is trying to solve issues behind the scenes, though Henry and Pathak have both been involved in running programs.

For Henry, it was difficult to be up close because he could see how systemic some problems are. His technology mind wanted to zoom out to solve problems on larger scales.

"It's not bad to be in the thick of it," he said. "But for me, I have a hard time staying there because I see the bigger problem."

Pathak said he enjoys being in the thick of it, but he also sees a bigger picture — like when he used to teach Lego robotics. That takes AfterSchool HQ back to its mission.

"I could teach Lego robotics, or I could spend time making sure all the kids get Lego robotics," he said.

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‘Made in Indy’ podcast highlights local creators

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Few things in life induce panic like a soon-to-be college graduate who’s about to step into the real world. That was Kendall Antron in 2011, a few days away from graduating with a theater degree from Howard University when a professor asked him to facilitate a conversation with other graduates about what they wanted to do next.

Turns out, three to four hours of classmates talking about their hopes and fears — with some tears, too — gave Antron his moment of clarity. He was good at that kind of thing.

“That was the most natural I had ever felt,” he said. “Just facilitating a conversation that wasn’t about me but allowed me to help people see their lives more clearly.”

That’s what Antron does now with his podcast, “Made in Indy,” where he interviews local entrepreneurs, artists and other creators. He just wrapped up his second season and reaches about 5,000 listeners each month.

Antron grew up in Indianapolis but has lived in New York, Los Angeles and, for six months, Tokyo. He came back to Indianapolis for graduate school but, on second thought, didn’t want to take on more college debt. He also saw an opportunity at that time.

“I realized there was no podcast here that

Kendall Antron, host of the “Made in Indy” podcast, sits in a recording studio at a coworking space May 10, 2022. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



was talking about the things that I thought to be interesting,” Antron said at a coworking space where the studio is. “So it became a passion project for me where I was just talking to artists, entrepreneurs and creators that I thought were doing cool things, and it just kind of ballooned into this really incredible experience.”

Aside from podcasting,

Antron has been a songwriter and actor, appearing as a featured extra on “The Wire.” Antron is an entertainer at heart, likening himself to the hypothetical lovechild of RuPaul and Oprah Winfrey.

“That’s me at my core,” he said.

Katina Washington can attest to that. Washington, a small business owner who helps other

Black entrepreneurs with a platform and business education, said she hit it off with Antron when they met in 2021.

“To be in his presence is just, you know, it bleeds nothing but fun,” she said.

Antron’s podcast has also served as a sort of crash course on Indianapolis for Keisha Harrison, executive director of Indianapolis City Market.

Harrison has been in Indianapolis for almost two years and, aside from being a guest on the podcast, has learned about her new home by listening to others on the show.

“There needs to be that kind of voice within media that can take the important things that people are working on,” she said, “and present it in a way that is digestible for just about everyone

to understand.”

Antron’s most recent “Made in Indy” episode features Recorder editor Oseye Boyd. It is available at madeinindypodcast.com, along with Apple Podcasts and other platforms.

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the time talking about why schools weren’t included and what it’s meant for education today, especially in Indianapolis Public Schools.

Billie Breaux, a former state senator who was also a teacher at the time UniGov passed, said issues such as funding and student performance can be directly linked to the city-county consolidation. UniGov was at least partly a response to people leaving the city at the peak of “white flight,” but the state’s largest school district did not get to reap the benefits of the expanded tax base UniGov created.

City-County Council President Vop Osili said his mother, an educator, and others had to swallow the “bitter pill” of consolidation that didn’t include the schools.

John Mutz, another former Republican representative who worked on UniGov, said the initial group of people who met to figure out how to unify

city and county government wanted to include schools. That included then-Mayor Richard Lugar.

“The fact of the matter is,” Mutz said, “we couldn’t pass it that way, and we knew it.”

Education seems to have been a victim of compromise since the feeling back then was legislators wouldn’t have supported the bill if it consolidated schools.

“There was no way we could handle schools,” Lamkin said.

For many of the people on the panel and in the pews, their accounts represent a shrinking number of firsthand reports on how consolidation came to be and what the impact was. They left the church having completed another in a long list of UniGov chapters.

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HURST

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such as Indiana Black Expo, Joyful Sound Productions, Steward Speakers and The Write Lady, among others.

Hurst graduated from the Herron School of Art and Design at IU-PUI and got a master’s degree from Ball State University.

His children remember plenty of late nights, whether it was Recorder work or his own, but those didn’t come at their expense.

“Saturday morning he’s letting us pull on his face so we could wake him up, and he’d go play basketball with us for hours,” his daughter Jocelyn Hurst said.

Along with his three daughters, Hurst had four grandchildren. He

was a basketball coach, he used his art skills to help with school projects, he collected Marvel comics, and he loved music — everything from James Brown to Tupac.

“He was a very loving father and grandfather,” said Jacqueline Hurst, his wife of 43 years. “His children and grandchildren loved him dearly, and he’ll be missed by all of them.”

Hurst was also a deacon at It Is Well Ministries, where he played the drums.

Hurst was known at the Recorder for his depth of knowledge about Indianapolis. He often served as a resource for reporters.

“I will miss John so

much,” former Recorder president Shannon Williams said. “He was a colleague, but also a teacher to me. I learned so much about design and photography from him. I will also miss his deep historical knowledge of Indianapolis and specifically the Black community. He was a treasure.”

There will be a public viewing from 10 a.m.-noon May 25 at Kingdom Builders Community Church, 5502 E. 36th St., followed by a private family service.

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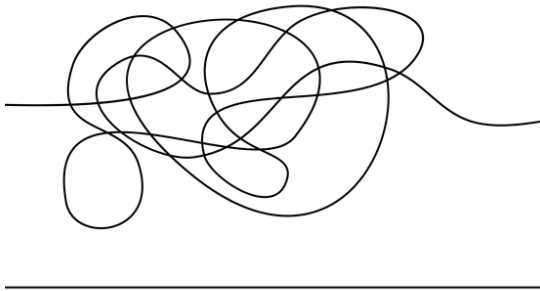
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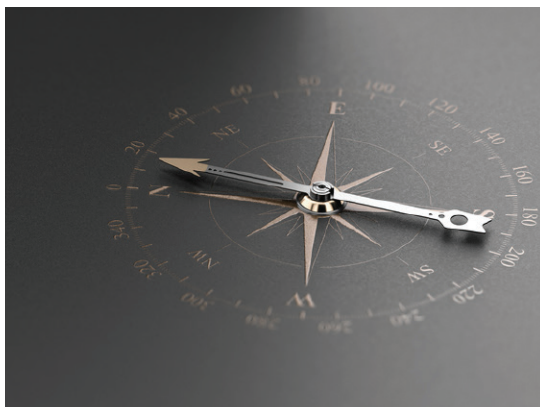
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Look for Guidance.

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his nursing home. Most were in their 50s and beyond, and were destined for more, even if just the dinner they planned to make.

Shonnell Harris, a manager at the store, was stocking shelves when she heard the first of what she figured must have been more than 70 shots. She ran for the back door, stumbling a few times along the way. She wondered where her daughter, a grocery clerk, was, and went around to the front of the store.

She saw someone being shot, she said, and a man who looked like he was dressed for the Army.

“Like a nightmare,” Harris told The Buffalo News, shaken but grateful to have found her daughter safe.

The grisly scene was broadcast online by the gunman, a video notable not just for the cold-bloodedness of the killings, but how fast they unfolded. In the deafening rat-a-tat of gunfire, 10 voices were silenced, their stories left for others to recite.

Of a woman whose niece swore she was “the apple of God’s eye.” Of a longtime policeman who became a guard at the store and whose son knew he died a hero. Of an ace baker who’d give you the shirt off her back.

Garnell Whitfield Jr., whose 86-year-old mother Ruth Whitfield was killed in the attack, said she had come to Tops after her daily ritual of visiting her husband of 68 years in his nursing home. In so many ways, for so many years, Whitfield Jr. said his mother had devoted her life to those she loved.

“That day was like every other day for my mom,” he said May 16 as he pondered how to break the news to his father.

Heyward Patterson, a 67-year-old deacon at State Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, was similarly doing the



things he’d long been known for. He had just come from helping at his church’s soup kitchen and now was at Tops, volunteering in the community jitney service that shuttles people without a ride to and from the store.

Pastor Russell Bell of the Tabernacle Church said he believed Patterson had been loading someone’s groceries into his trunk when the shots took him down.

“Anywhere he was, he was encouraging people to be the best that they could be,” Bell said.

As customers arrived at Tops ahead of the shooting, their purpose was clear.

Roberta Drury, 32, was in search of something for dinner. Andre Mackneil, 53, came to pick up a cake for his son’s third birthday. Celestine Chaney, 65, needed some shortcake to go with the strawberries she sliced.

For some in the store, it was likely a trip of necessity, to fill an emptied fridge or get a missing ingredient. For Chaney, though, it was more than some stubborn chore. Stores were her passion.

Her 48-year-old son, Wayne Jones, said he’d typically take his mother shopping each week, stopping at grocery store

after grocery store in search of the best deals, with the occasional stop for a hot dog or McDonald’s.

“We’d hit four or five stores looking for a deal,” he laughed even as his face was wet with tears.

On May 14, it was Chaney’s older sister, JoAnn Daniels, 74, who accompanied her shopping, and the two sisters made a meandering trip through Tops’ aisles.

Chaney knew she needed shortcakes, but flitting around the store, she decided she wanted to make shrimp salad, too, giggling with her sister as they filled the cart. She surveyed the roast beef and complained about the price of rolls before taking interest in chicken legs.

“You done?” she finally asked her sister, who said she was.

Pops suddenly ricocheted. The sisters thought they were firecrackers, but others started running. They went to follow, but Chaney was knocked down. Daniels said she reached to help, but her sister said she was fine.

“I’m coming,” Daniels said her sister assured. She thought Chaney was behind her.

It would be hours before she learned the truth,

when her nephew saw the video of the shooting: Her baby sister, who had survived breast cancer and three surgeries for aneurysms, died on a trip to the grocery store.

Sedensky reported from New York. Associated Press writer Robert Bumsted in Buffalo contributed to this report.

Lauren Gibson, a great granddaughter of Ruth Whitfield, a victim of shooting at a supermarket, is overwhelmed with emotion during a news conference in Buffalo, N.Y., Monday, May 16, 2022. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

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Anthony Beverly was with Jones at lunch about a year ago at a fish place on the northeast side. They were standing in line when a man in front of them turned around and said he recognized Jones’ voice.

“I want to thank you,” Beverly remembers the man saying. “You got me my first job here.”

The man in the restaurant met Jones the way so many others did: through the Indianapolis Skills Center, a now-defunct program that offered job training and placement. Jones was executive director.

Though their friendship didn’t form until years later, Beverly first got to know Jones through Our Market, a supermarket on Indiana Avenue that Jones helped open in the 1980s.

Then, when Beverly started a program for youth called Stop the Violence Indianapolis, Jones was there again. He went on trips with them to Philadelphia, Chicago, New York; he sat in on parent meetings at schools. “He was the senior elder,” Beverly said. “He was the one kids called grandpa, pops or whatever.”

His children will remember a loving, encouraging father.

“You want to run into his arms,” his daughter Ashley Hasan said. “He could always pick you up with just a few words.”

Jones was on the board of Community Action Against Poverty in the 1980s and was a delegate for the state of Indiana at the National Confer-

ence on Saving the Black Family, an initiative started by then-President Jimmy Carter. He served on the race relations board in the 1970s for three Indianapolis mayors.

Nichelle M. Hayes met Jones through the local NAACP branch, where they both served on the executive committee.

“He was a freedom fighter,” Hayes said. “He was a truth teller. He was a real advocate for people that don’t have a voice in the city.”

Jones lived with prostate cancer for more than 20 years and advocated for Black men to get cancer screenings.

Still, even some people who knew Jones for years didn’t learn about the cancer until later because it seemed like he was always doing something in the community.

John Loflin met Jones about 10 years ago and said laughter was like his medicine. Jones, who went to Crispus Attucks High School, and Loflin, who went to Harry E. Wood High School, used to tease each other about how the other’s team was never any good.

Jones loved a good story, Loflin said, like how his orchestra teacher made him play the cello.

“We always ended up doing a lot of laughing,” Loflin said.

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Martin university holds 53rd commencement ceremony



Martin University held its 53rd commencement ceremony where 34 bachelor’s degrees and 19 master’s degrees were awarded May 14. The ceremony was held in the Father Boniface Hardin Gathertorium. Charlie Nelms, a leader in higher education, activist and storyteller, and Myra C. Selby, a partner at Ice Miller and former associate justice on the Indiana Supreme Court, received honorary doctorate degrees. Martin University was founded in 1977 and is the state’s only predominantly Black institution of higher education. (Photos provided by Martin University)

Martin University President Dr. Sean Huddleston (right) congratulates honorary doctorate of humane letters recipient Charlie Nelms (left).



Myra Selby gives special remarks as she receives her honorary doctorate of humane letters.



Huddleston and Martin University’s board of trustees line up to walk into the Father Boniface Hardin Gathertorium.

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Dr. Mays honored for service

Dr. Rose Mays received the “Making a Difference” Community Service Award from United Schools of Indianapolis during an event May 12 for her contributions to the Indianapolis community. Mays was a founding board member at United Schools when it opened in 2006. (Photo/Jim Conn)

Newfields names new president and CEO

By STAFF

On May 17, Newfields board of trustees announced the appointment of Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette as the new president and CEO. Burnette will begin Aug. 1.

Burnette is currently the president of Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, Texas, a historically Black college, where she grew the university’s endowment, launched new academic programs and created partnerships with major companies such as Apple, Indeed and Merck.

The Chamber of Commerce named her the 2021 Austinite of the Year for her dedication to education and work as co-chair for the Mayor’s Task Force on Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities.

“I’ve seen the nurturing and transformative power of cherished institutions like Newfields,” Burnette said. “I am thrilled to become part of a team driven to meet Newfields’ mission of enriching lives purposefully and intentionally through exceptional experiences with art and nature. I believe strongly in service, and I am excited to lead Newfields at this unique moment to make it a place every person in Indianapolis and beyond is excited to visit, and every team member is proud to work.”

Burnette was chosen from a pool of 230 applicants. The board of trustees



considered input from all levels and departments at Newfields.

“Our Search Committee looked at leaders across the entire country, and Dr. Burnette was a clear standout amongst an impressive slate,” said Darrienne Christian, chair of the Newfields board. “Her extensive professional achievements reflect her ability to deliver on her passion to innovate and advance the arts, education and green spaces. She is lauded by her staff, peers and the communities she served for being a humble leader with an immense amount of respect and empathy for everyone she encounters. Her legacy has been to elevate the beloved institutions she’s led into stronger more inclusive organizations that others seek to emulate. We are absolutely delighted to bring her leadership to Newfields.”

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EDITORIAL

A trip to the grocery store shouldn't be a death sentence, but it was

By OSEYE BOYD



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Heyward Patterson, 67, Buffalo, New York.
Katherine Massey, 72, Buffalo, New York.
Pearl Young, 77, Buffalo, New York.
Ruth Whitfield, 86, Buffalo, New York.
Those are the names of the 10 people killed in a massacre perpetrated by a racist intent on ridding the U.S. of Black people.
Zaire Goodman, 20, Buffalo, New York.
Jennifer Warrington, 50, Tonawanda, New York.
Christopher Braden, 55, Lackawanna, New York.
These are the names of those who were injured in that same massacre at Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, New York. Most of us have heard of this incident by now. We also know the name of the perpetrator, and we will forever know his name. It will live on infamy. I want us to know their names, too.
Much of our collective attention is focused on the perpetrator — and rightfully so. An 18-year-old who makes a trip several hours away, dressed in tactical gear and with the expressed intent to kill Black people deserves a lot of attention. I will not write his

name in this column, though.
But those lives that are now forever changed deserve attention as well. Families are grieving, confused and angry at how such an atrocity could happen.
I imagine many of them are in disbelief at how a trip to the grocery store could result in death.
The grocery store is supposed to be a safe place, heck every place should be safe, but the grocery store shouldn't be a place where I need to go suited, boot-ed and strapped. I'm not thinking about getting shot as I pick out the best-looking bunch of bananas or Gatorade flavors. I'm in the store minding my business, trying to get in and out as quickly as possible.
This isn't the first shooting at a grocery store where the perpetrator targeted Black people. I'm much more alert at the grocery store than I used to be, but I'm still not on guard the entire time I shop. How can you be? There are too many things happening at once. Even if I shopped with my guard up, it's definitely dropping while I put my groceries in the trunk. What about moms and dads with little children? How does one watch out for shooters while children are asking for Rice Krispy Treats or trying to sneak their favorite cereal into the cart?
People love to talk about what they would do in these situations as if the victims are culpable in some way because they weren't ready. Who's ready for someone in tactical gear from head to toe — the perpetrator had on a helmet, people! — while they're grocery shopping? Even the security guard who was a retired police officer wasn't ready for this type of ambush. You and your weapon are no match for

someone prepared to kill and ready to die.
Instead of talking about what we would do, we need to turn our attention to the real problem of white supremacy and eradicating it. Yeah, I know it doesn't exist in these United States, but you can keep believing that if you want to. Meanwhile people like this perpetrator are here to remind us that racists live among us. White supremacists are as young as 18, and some of them live in your household and you don't even know it.
FYI: Black people calling out racism isn't the problem either. That didn't create the problem.
White supremacy doesn't have to be blatant either. In fact, most people aren't as bold as this teen or others who proudly wear their racism on their sleeve. Most people hide behind of the guise of colorblindness and neutrality. You know the parents who don't want their children learning critical race theory because it makes their children feel uncomfortable or those who only quote the part about the "content of your character" from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.
The people in this group help keep white supremacy alive. They deny its very existence all the while believing they are better and benefiting from it. This denial provides cover to the bold ones. They hear the dog whistles, and they are more than ready to protect those who lack the courage to be bold in their racism. It festers and grows in the dark corners, just waiting to step into the light. We saw that this weekend. We've seen it before then. We'll see it again and again, until we stop burying our heads in the sand and address the white supremacy among us.

Was Abraham Lincoln right?

By LARRY SMITH



Abraham Lincoln was a complex and conflicted human being. By most accounts, he genuinely detested slavery. However, like many prominent white abolitionists, Lincoln was not committed to full equality for African Americans. In fact, at times he strongly argued that Blacks should emigrate to other countries — and openly encouraged them to do so. (Dr. Phillip Magness, a prominent historian, writes about this fact in his book, "Colonization After Emancipation: Lincoln and the Movement for Black Resettlement.") Notably, Frederick Douglass was highly critical of Lincoln's plan to expatriate tens of thousands of Blacks. Lincoln abandoned the plan only after realizing that it was not politically feasible, despite the fact that some Blacks were willing to flee this nation's race-based domestic terrorism.
It is not surprising that, in the wake of Buffalo, platitudes freely escape the mouths of hypocritical politicians who oppose even the most sensible gun reform. Those same politicians barely condemn the spate of racist words and actions that are fueled by the right

wing on television and social media. The only thing that is worse than the meaningless refrain of "We offer our thoughts and prayers" after mass shootings is the even more meaningless (and dangerous) refrain of "This is not who we are." The fact is that this is very much who we are. In fact, it's who we've always been. We are a nation in which there are too many violent people who have too easy access to too many guns.
I reflected on the little-known aspect of Lincoln after a young white nationalist murdered 10 human beings in Buffalo, New York, last weekend. Expressly motivated by what is often referred to as "replacement theory," the gunman carefully chose a location that would allow him to easily target Blacks. Replacement theory, which is also known as "great replacement theory," is the notion that a cabal of "elitists" (especially powerful Democrats) are intentionally attempting to displace white people as the dominant political, social and economic racial group in America. This formerly fringe conspiracy theory is now very much in the mainstream of Republican politics.
Replacement theory, which finds its antecedents in similar racist ideologies that began in Europe more than 100 years ago, has become a major rallying

cry among white nationalists around the world. Buffalo is merely the latest in a string of targeted mass killings that stem from the ideology, including the 2015 white nationalist murders in Charleston, South Carolina, the Pittsburgh Tree of Life synagogue shooting in 2018, the El Paso Walmart shooting in 2019, and the two Christchurch mosque shootings in New Zealand the same year. Tragically, we should expect more of the same. (For the record, critical race theory has never inspired anyone to commit violence, much less murder.)
Fox News' most important personality, Tucker Carlson, regularly pushes replacement theory, along with a host of other racist dog whistles. Appropriately, Carlson has frequently been highlighted in the days since the Buffalo shooting. While Republicans deny that he shares the ideology of the aforementioned murderers, self-identified white nationalists are very clear about who Carlson is. As The New York Times reported:
"Tucker is ultimately on our side," Scott Greer, a former deputy editor at the Carlson-founded Daily Caller, who cut ties with the publication in 2018 after his past writings for a white nationalist site were unearthed, said on his podcast last spring. "He can

get millions and millions of boomers to nod along with talking points that would have only been seen on VDare or American Renaissance a few years ago."
While this racist theory is very common in the Republican Party, there are a few members who resist it. Among them is Wyoming Congresswoman Liz Cheney, who tweeted "The House GOP leadership has enabled white nationalism, white supremacy, and anti-semitism. History has taught us that what begins with words ends in far worse. @GOP leaders must renounce and reject these views and those who hold them." Predictably, Republicans stripped Cheney of her leadership role in their party literally because she told the truth about Donald Trump losing the 2020 election.
In the end, I have often wondered whether Lincoln was correct in his judgment that African Americans would never fully be accepted in this country. To be clear, I don't know whether Lincoln was motivated primarily by that concern or by racism. Either way, it often seems that he was right.

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Empowering Black youth: The revolution begins with self-acceptance

By MACKENZIE ISAAC



"The revolution will not be televised."
Gil Scott-Heron's words resound through my heart and mind whenever I share space with a young person. Generation Z, of which I am an elder member, is a generation of courageous questions and innovative solutions. Every day, I bask in the privilege of being surrounded by youth who question the status quo and wrestle with the discomfort of trying to upend it for the betterment of us all.
As a program facilitator for various programs at the Center for Leadership Development (CLD), the most thrilling and challenging question students ask me is, "Why?" Or more specifically, "Why are things the way they are?" The answer is that things are often

exclusionary and unjust by design. By simply asking "Why?" kids show their wisdom. Our youth, especially the Black and brown youth of our city, carry vast potential to transform our most powerful institutions into ones that elevate, rather than exploit, our communities. The next question is how to draw out that potential and turn it into action.
Potential gives way to action only when we instill strong senses of self-acceptance, self-confidence and self-worth in our youth. This might sound fundamental, but it requires constant work. Our outpourings of love, encouragement and intellectual stimulation must be loud enough to drown out the noise of dominant societal narratives that tell us whose lives matter (or don't matter). It requires us to look directly at our youth each day and tell them they are qualified, worthy and beautiful — even as social media, society and the 24-hour news cycle threaten to dim their radiant lights with the shadows of bias. When our young people realize their worth and importance are derived from a part of themselves that no one else can take away, they can finally shed the weight of unreasonable and unsustainable expectations, energetically pursue their own standards of excellence and freedom-dream this world into the equitable place they deserve.
The language of self-acceptance was and continues to be the greatest gift my community, and CLD in particular, has ever given me. As a young Black woman who has broken into predominantly white environments, freedom-dreaming of a world in which Black women set, convene and take their seats at critical decision-making tables in every industry has kept me grounded and motivated. While I continue to struggle with the temptation to doubt my strengths, I am getting better at bringing the fullness of who I am to every space I enter.
Through an ongoing process of learning and unlearning, I have reached the conclusion that I am composed in equal parts of gifts to contribute and the boundless capacity to grow. And in the spirit of self-acceptance, these gifts and capacities form the

armor and weaponry that I bring to the revolution. As I stand on thousands of shoulders, my weapons outstretched to knock down every glass ceiling I see, I am actively dusting off my own shoulders for those coming after me to stand even taller and shatter even more ceilings.
For me, this "dusting off" means paying forward all that has been poured into me. By supporting and mentoring current CLD students, not only am I committed to nurturing their character through CLD's robust curriculum, but it is also my personal mission to assert their worth at every given opportunity. We are responsible for building a generation of youth who know and stand firmly in their worth, who stand tall as self-advocates in their classrooms and as community advocates far beyond. I take this responsibility seriously, and I urge you to do the same.
The revolution will not be televised because it begins and ends with our very personal, very radical decision to accept and embrace ourselves. No television program, LinkedIn update or Instagram story will be able to capture the true power of that decision when it comes from the hearts, minds, souls and mouths of the ones who hold our collective future in the palms of their hands: our youth. History has unfairly oversaturated their workload, but through our willingness to ease their burdens with our love, encouragement and guidance, our youth are more than capable of transforming the future into something truly spectacular.

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US allows more baby formula imports to fight shortage

By **MATTHEW PERRONE** and
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under fire from parents and politicians, President Joe Biden's administration announced steps May 16 to ease a nationwide shortage of baby formula, including reopening the largest domestic manufacturing plant and increasing imports from overseas.

The Food and Drug Administration said it was streamlining its review process to make it easier for foreign manufacturers to begin shipping more formula into the U.S.

"The FDA expects that the measures and steps it's taking with infant formula manufacturers and others will mean more and more supply is on the way or on store shelves moving forward," FDA Commissioner Robert Califf told reporters.

Califf said the U.S. will prioritize companies that can provide the largest shipments and quickly show documentation that their formulas are safe and compatible with U.S. nutrition standards. The policy is structured as a temporary measure lasting six months.

The imports announcement came shortly after regulators said they'd reached a deal to allow Abbott Nutrition to restart its Sturgis, Michigan-based plant, which has been closed since February due to contamination issues. The company must overhaul its safety protocols and procedures before resuming production.

Neither step will have an immediate effect on tight supplies that have left many parents searching for formula



online or in food banks.

After getting the FDA's OK, Abbott said it will take eight to 10 weeks before new products begin arriving in stores. The company didn't set a timeline to restart manufacturing.

Getting imports into the U.S. supply chain will also take several weeks, according to administration officials. Products from Australia, New Zealand and the U.K. are expected to meet the standards needed for importation.

But regulators said national industry data shows most U.S. stores, on average, still have 80% of their formula inventory in stock. They suggested some of the empty shelves seen in recent days may be due to panic buying by parents.

The announcement was previewed last week by the White House, which has been leaning on the FDA and formula makers to quickly find ways to alleviate the shortage. Outrage over the issue has quickly

snowballed and handed Republicans a fresh talking point to use against President Biden ahead of November elections.

The shortage stems from a February recall by Abbott that exacerbated ongoing supply chain disruptions among formula makers, leaving fewer options on store shelves across much of the country. The shortage has led retailers like CVS and Walgreens to limit how many containers customers can purchase per visit.

Abbott's voluntary recall was triggered by four illnesses reported in babies who had consumed powdered formula from its plant. All four infants were hospitalized with a rare type of bacterial infection and two died.

After a six-week inspection, FDA investigators published a list of problems in March, including lax safety and sanitary standards and a history of bacterial contamination

in several parts of the plant. Under the agreement, Abbott must regularly consult with an outside safety expert to restart and maintain production.

As part of the FDA's new import policy, regulators said companies would need to provide documentation of their factory's inspections.

Pediatricians say baby formulas produced in Canada and Europe are roughly equivalent to those in the U.S. But traditionally, 98% of the infant formula supply in the U.S. is made domestically. Companies seeking to enter the U.S. face several major hurdles, including rigorous research and manufacturing standards imposed by the FDA.

San Diego father Steven Hyde has faced heart-wrenching challenges finding formula for his medical fragile daughter, who was on an Abbott formula but has had to switch with the recall and subsequent shortages in other brands.

Zoie Hyde was born 19 months ago with no kidneys, a rare life-threatening condition that requires dialysis and a feeding tube until she weighs enough for a kidney transplant.

Hyde said he used an organic brand from overseas until costs and customs hurdles made that too difficult. Friends and strangers from out of state have sent him other brands, but each time she switches requires more blood tests and monitoring, Davis said.

Despite her challenges, Zoie is walking, talking and "doing pretty good" on other developmental milestones, Davis said. "She's a shining light in my life," he said.

AP Medical Writer Lindsey Tanner contributed to this story from Three Oaks, Michigan.

Safe Sitter Class Teaches Babysitting, Life Skills

Safe Sitter is a medically based development program offered by the Marion County Public Health Department for youth in grades 6-8 who babysit, care for younger siblings, or stay home alone.

The up-to-date curriculum, which includes the use of fun games and role-playing, provides young teens with the tools to take care of themselves and other children with confidence. Each instructor has completed Safe Sitter training to ensure compliance with its teaching methods and offer a quality educational experience for students.

A Safe Sitter course includes:

Childcare techniques – tips to manage behavior to help them stay in control of themselves and children in their care, and learn the stages of child development.

First aid basics – choking rescue, CPR, and how to assess and respond to injuries and illnesses.

Safety skills – how to prevent unsafe situations and what to do when faced with dangers such as power failures or weather emergencies.

Life & business skills – learn how to screen jobs, discuss fees, and greet employers through role plays, setting them up for success now and in the future.

The Marion County Public Health Department is offering the Safe Sitter course on four different dates this year. The cost is \$20 for the one-day course. Registration is required and students should bring a sack lunch.

Classes will be held in-person at the Marion County Public Health Department's community building located at 4012 N. Rural Street from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on:

Wednesday, June 8
Friday, June 24
Friday, July 8
Friday, October 14

For more information about Safe Sitter or to register, please call 317-221-5729 or e-mail dmilner@MarionHealth.org. Classes fill quickly, so early registration is recommended.

Local Goods Featured at Eskenazi Health Farmers' Market

The Eskenazi Health Farmers' Market is back, providing fresh and local produce, fresh baked goods, and other market items.

As part of a healthy lifestyle, the Marion County Public Health Department encourages everyone to get more exercise and eat nutritious food. Every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., The Matthew R. Gutwein Commonground in front of Eskenazi Hospital will host various local vendors such as Creative Wandering, D&S Kettle Corn, Pup and the Pepper, and Lawrence Community Gardens. There will also be special events throughout the summer.

Items sold at the Eskenazi Health Farmers' Market are grown or made within 150 miles of the Eskenazi Health downtown campus and within the state of Indiana. This is an intentional initiative to help support the local economy.

Bud's BBQ will set up as an extension of the Fresh for You Market during the Farmers' Market. The cookout menu includes an array of locally sourced food and can be purchased at the Fresh for You Market.

The Farmers' Market will run throughout the summer months and end on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Parking is accessible for visitors in the Eskenazi Health Parking Garage, located just west of the market location on Dr. Harvey Middleton Way.

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At a popular evangelical tourist site, the Ark Encounter, the image of a 'wrathful God' appeals to millions

By SUSAN L TROLLINGER

(THE CONVERSATION) The Ark Encounter, an evangelical theme park located near Williamstown, Kentucky, has welcomed between 4 million and 5 million visitors since its opening in July 2016. Hundreds of thousands more are sure to visit this summer.

This theme park boasts a re-creation of the story of Noah's Ark from the Bible. As described in Genesis 6:14-16, God directed Noah to build this ark to spare eight humans and a male and female pair of every kind of creature from the flood that God was going to unleash on the world as a punishment for sin.

As scholars of fundamentalism and creationism, we have visited the Ark Encounter multiple times. We have also written a book, "Righting America at the Creation Museum," about the ark's companion site, the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky.

What we find particularly striking about Ark Encounter is that it is a tourist site devoted to emphasizing — with great specificity — the wrathful nature of God and the eternal damnation that awaits unrepentant sinners.

What is Ark Encounter's argument?

According to Answers in Genesis, the fundamentalist organization that launched Ark Encounter, and its CEO, Ken Ham, Ark Encounter is a centerpiece of AiG's mission to "expose the bankruptcy of evolutionary ideas and bedfellow: a 'millions of years old' earth (and even older universe)."

So, according to AiG, when Genesis 1 says God created the Earth in six days, it literally means six 24-hour days. Similarly, when the Bible says Adam and Eve were created on the sixth day and gives details about their descendants and how long they lived, this is interpreted as recounting real history. And all of this means that, according to AiG, the Earth is "about 6,000 years old."

While scientists have estimated the Earth to be about 4.5 billion years old, AiG counters by claiming that radiometric dating is not reliable. Instead, they assert that the catastrophic biblical flood created all the geological formations that make the Earth look ancient.

Over the past few decades, this argument has become a doctrinal touchstone for many American evangelicals.

An enormous structure

We most recently visited the Ark Encounter on March 15, 2022. Measuring 510 feet long, 85 feet wide and 51 feet high, the Ark Encounter is, to quote one visitor we overheard, "so huge!"

After purchasing tickets that cost \$54.95 per adult, we and other visitors boarded buses and made the ascent up a long hill. Getting off the bus, we walked to the Ark, keenly aware of how small we were in relation to this ginormous structure.

Inside the Ark, visitors walk through three enormous decks, encountering rows of clay food storage containers, burlap sacks and animal cages. They observe over 100 bays featuring placards and digital animations that, among other things, go far beyond the Bible to explain Noah's training in shipbuilding, carpentry and blacksmithing. The same creativity applies to the various displays explaining how eight human beings on the Ark fed, watered and managed the waste of 7,000 or so creatures.

Visitors also walk through a life-size diorama of the plush living quarters of Noah's family, where they

learn about the skills, gifts and interests of Noah's sons — details not included in Genesis. They also learn about Noah's wife and his sons' wives. The Bible never identifies these women by name, much less describes them. Nevertheless, the Ark gives them names, different ethnic complexions, biographies and even hobbies.

Notwithstanding the occasional placard acknowledging that designers have taken "artistic license" with these dioramas, we couldn't help but notice how much of what is in the Ark is not actually found in the Bible.

But visitors to the Ark seem to embrace these dramatic additions to the biblical text. As religion scholar Paul Thomas observes in his new book, "Storytelling the Bible at the Creation Museum, Ark Encounter, and the Museum of the Bible," the world created by the designers of the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter satisfies the evangelical longing "for a time and place governed by biblical principles, even if that idealized time and place ... never really existed."

A very angry God

AiG requires all Ark Encounter employees to affirm a 46-point faith statement. They must agree, for example, that "gender and biological sex are equivalent and cannot be separated," modern understandings of "social justice" are "anti-biblical," and all humans "are sinners" and "are therefore subject to God's wrath and condemnation."

This emphasis on the overwhelming wrath of God is perhaps the most noteworthy feature of Ark Encounter as a tourist site.

Genesis 7:16 states that, as the flood waters rose, God slammed shut the door into the Ark. Once shut, all the humans and animals on the other side of the door were doomed to drown.

According to a placard displayed at Ark Encounter, there may have been upwards of 20 billion people on Earth at the time of the Genesis flood, a number that would have included children and infants, not to

mention the unborn.

Another placard asks, "Was it just for God to judge the whole world?" The answer: "Since He is the one who gave life, He has the right to take life. Secondly, God is perfectly just and must judge sin. Third, all have sinned and deserve death and judgment."

Remarkably, Ark Encounter has placed a "keepsake photo" placard near the door that, in the Ark's depiction, sealed the fate of all those on the other side. As we have witnessed every time we have toured Ark Encounter, happy visitors line up to have their photos taken in front of this door.

According to AiG, this ancient divine slaughter prefigures a future divine slaughter. As the Ark Encounter website puts it, "God will judge this wicked world once again, but this time it will be by fire ... God always keeps His promises – judgment will come." According to AiG, we can escape this fate by believing in Christ, but for the billions (past and present) who have not or do not, the result is "everlasting, conscious punishment in the lake of fire (hell)."

As historian Doug Frank makes clear in his 2010 book, "A Gentler God," this understanding of a wrathful God is alive and well in American evangelicalism. Frank's argument is supported by a 2014 Pew Research report that revealed that 82% of American evangelicals believe in a literal hell.

Millions of evangelicals visit Ark Encounter for all sorts of reasons, including, perhaps, its sheer immensity. That said, the message they get from Ark Encounter is clear and simple.

The wrathful God has determined that those who do not accept Jesus as savior, those who are resolutely on the wrong side of culture war issues like abortion and LGBTQ+ rights, will pay for their sin eternally.

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Can you see the light?

By PRESTON T. ADAMS III



“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” - John 1:5

The world we live in is becoming increasingly darker. Murder, mayhem, mass shootings, child abductions and abject poverty are pushing more humans into the margins. Recently in our city there were over 30 shootings, 11 homicides and multiple stabbings over a seven-to-10-day period. Not a day goes by that we don't get news alerts of another act of violence occurring.

If the daily violence isn't devastating enough, recently a funeral was sprayed with over 60 bullets. While it's sad that three people were hit, it's even sadder that families cannot even grieve loved ones at funerals anymore without the threat of violence and retaliation.

Pastors, politicians, police and everyday citizens are asking: “What is the answer to curbing and ultimately eradicating this continuing wave of violence



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and murder?” I am convinced that what many of us know to be the answer is often overlooked or undersold. The answer is Jesus!

Jesus is the light of the world. Jesus is the light that darkness cannot overcome. Jesus is the living word. Jesus is the son of God, the word of God, the creator of life, the very being and essence of life.

John's Gospel is pivotal to our understanding of light and darkness. If Jesus Christ is the word of God, then humans must hear and understand that word or be lost forever in the ignorance of God and who God is. Darkness will continue to prevail in the absence of the true light.

Here are some additional questions for us to ponder. How can the Gospel be presented in a manner where all who hear can understand it? How can we cause humanity to ask: “Who is this man (Jesus) and how can an understanding of him dispel the present-day darkness?” Can we compel humanity to ponder the question: “How can Jesus be master over quality, distance, time, quantity, natural laws, misfortune and death?”

Ponder this as well: How can we compel Christians to tell of his goodness everywhere we go with an eye toward saving souls? How can we get ministers of the Gospel to take the position “woe be unto me if I do not preach the Gos-

pel?” The answers to these questions are crucial if humanity is to move out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore, it is critical that we who see the light get those who don't to understand that God is not off in some distant place far removed from the world. God is not unconcerned and disinterested in what happens to the world. God cares deeply about the world. God cares about every minute detail and every action occurring in our world. God cares about everything and every person.

So what is the cause of so much darkness? The problems of the world are not due to God and God's attitude toward the world. The problems of this world are due to sin. The problems of this world are due to human's attitudes and the evil of human hearts.

So the question remains: Can you see the light?

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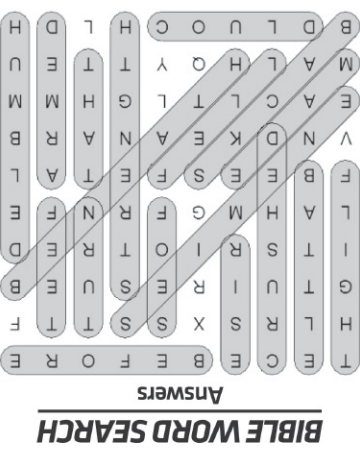
1. Is the book of Ezra in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. From Galatians 5:22-23, the fruit of the Spirit is made up of how many traits? 3, 4, 9, 12
3. Which son of David had been drinking much wine when he was killed? Amnon, Kileab, Absalom, Shephatiah
4. From Psalms 114, what do mountains skip like? Rocks, Children, Rams, Stars
5. Who was the mother of Samuel? Deborah, Rachel, Sarai, Hannah
6. In Judges 15, who prayed for a drink of water? Elijah, Jeremiah, Samson, Ezekiel



- ANSWERS:
- 1) Old;
2) 9;
3) Amnon;
4) Rams;
5) Hannah;
6) Samson

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Psalm 18:38-40

I **crushed** them so **that** they **could** not **rise**; they **fell beneath** my **feet**. You **armed** me with **strength** for **battle**; you **humbled** my adversaries **before** me. You **made** my **enemies turn** their **backs** in **flight**, and I destroyed my **foes**.

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Dr. Marcia Butler,
age 79, of Indianapolis, surrounded by her family, peacefully departed this earthly life to be with her Lord on Friday, May 6, 2022.. Marcia was born to Frederick and Richmae Blake on April 9, 1943, in New York City. She graduated from Asbury Park High School in New Jersey at age 17 and 4 years later she received a B.S. degree in Education from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1968, she received a Master of Science degree from Butler University in Guidance and Counseling. She later attended the University of Kansas, studying behavior modification. She also studied at The University of Wisconsin and attained Administrative Certifications for Elementary and Secondary Schools. In 1997, Marcia attained a doctorate degree in education from Indiana University Bloomington. Marcia was most proud of her beautiful family, and she should be remembered as someone who was passionate about helping children succeed. She viewed the positive influence she had on hundreds of students as her most significant accomplishment. A celebration of Marcia's life will be held at Flanner Buchanan-Broad Ripple, 1305 Broad Ripple Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220, on Saturday, May 21. Visitation from 10 am to 12 pm, with funeral service immediately following. Entombment will be at Washington Park North, Cemetery 2702 Kessler Blvd. W. Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46228. Please share an online memory or condolence of Marcia at www.flannerbuchanan.com

in IPS, Marcia attended The Harvard Principals Academy at Harvard University, in Massachusetts, and she won awards for raising student achievement and attendance at IPS School #85. Following her retirement from IPS, she worked at her daughter's childcare centers, Gifted & Talented Academy, for 18 years. She often said that she wanted her last years educating children to be her best. In May 2018, Marcia was inducted into the Asbury Park High School Hall of Fame for her countless accomplishments in the field of education. For 30 years, Marcia was an active member of Light of the World Christian Church. Additionally, she sang in the Eastern Star Church choir for 15 years, and she was most recently a member of New Horizons Church. Marcia was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Jack and Jill of America, Inc, The National Drifters, and she was a 15-year member of The Coalition of One Hundred Black Women. Marcia leaves behind a daughter, Ashanti Ordone, and son-in-law, Terence Ordone, both of whom she loved dearly, to mourn her loss. She will be lovingly remembered by her two exceptional grandsons, Mason and Carson Ordone. Marcia is also survived by her life partner of 27 years, Carl Hines, along with a host of cousins and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, Aunt Rose Williams, and Aunt Olive Evans. Marcia was most proud of her beautiful family, and she should be remembered as someone who was passionate about helping children succeed. She viewed the positive influence she had on hundreds of students as her most significant accomplishment. A celebration of Marcia's life will be held at Flanner Buchanan-Broad Ripple, 1305 Broad Ripple Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220, on Saturday, May 21. Visitation from 10 am to 12 pm, with funeral service immediately following. Entombment will be at Washington Park North, Cemetery 2702 Kessler Blvd. W. Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46228. Please share an online memory or condolence of Marcia at www.flannerbuchanan.com

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AP Exclusive: Black Lives Matter has \$42 million in assets

By AARON MORRISON
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The foundation started by organizers of the Black Lives Matter movement is still worth tens of millions of dollars, after spending more than \$37 million on grants, real estate, consultants and other expenses, according to tax documents filed with the IRS.

In a new, 63-page Form 990 shared exclusively with The Associated Press, the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation Inc. reports that it invested \$32 million in stocks from the \$90 million it received as donations amid racial justice protests in 2020. That investment is expected to become an endowment to ensure the foundation's work continues in the future, organizers say.

It ended its last fiscal year — from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021 — with nearly \$42 million in net assets. The foundation had an operating budget of about \$4 million, according to a board member.

The tax filing shows that nearly \$6 million was spent on a Los Angeles-area compound. The Studio City property, which includes a home with six bedrooms and bathrooms, a swimming pool, a soundstage and office space, was intended as a campus for a Black artists fellowship and is currently used for that purpose, the board member said.

This is the BLM foundation's first public accounting of its finances since incorporating in 2017. As a fledgling nonprofit, it had been under the fiscal sponsorship of a well-established charity, and wasn't required to publicly disclose its financials until it became an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit in December 2020.

The tax filing suggests the organization is still finding its footing: It currently has no executive director or in-house staff. Nonprofit experts tell the AP that the BLM foundation seems to be operating like a scrappy organization with far fewer resources, although some say Black-led charities face unfair scrutiny in an overwhelmingly white and wealthy philanthropic landscape.

Still, its governance structure makes it difficult to disprove allegations of impropriety, financial mismanagement and deviation from mission that have dogged the BLM foundation for years, one expert said.

"It comes across as an early startup nonprofit, without substantial governance structure in place, that got a huge windfall," said Brian Mittendorf, a professor of accounting at Ohio State University who focuses on nonprofit organizations and their financial statements.

BLM co-founders Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza and Ayo Tometi had pledged to build a decentralized organization governed by the consensus of BLM

chapters. But just three years into existence, Cullors was the only movement founder involved in the organization.

And in 2020, a tidal wave of contributions in the aftermath of protests over George Floyd's murder by Minneapolis police meant the BLM organization needed much more infrastructure.

In a recent interview with the AP, Cullors acknowledged the foundation was ill-prepared to handle the moment. The tax filing lists Cullors as an uncompensated founder and executive director. She resigned last year.

FOUNDATION RELIES ON CONSULTANTS

To get here, the foundation has relied on a small grouping of consultants, some of whom have close ties to founders and other BLM organizers. For example, the tax filing shows the foundation paid nearly \$970,000 to Trap Heals LLC, a company founded by Damon Turner, who fathered a child with Cullors. The company was hired to produce live events and provide other creative services, Bowers said.

The foundation paid more than \$840,000 to Cullors Protection LLC, a security firm run by Paul Cullors, Patrisse's brother, according to the tax filing.

Controversy surrounding the organization's finances has elicited probes by at least two state attorneys

general. Board members said they are cooperating with civil investigations in Indiana and Ohio, and they have turned over relevant documents to those authorities.

BLM GRANTS \$26 MILLION TO CHAPTERS AND FAMILIES

The foundation's tax filing rebuts claims that the BLM foundation ignored the larger movement. Nearly \$26 million, or 70% of its expenses, were grants to organizations and families in the last fiscal year.

Twelve BLM chapters, including those in Boulder, Colorado; Boston; Washington, D.C.; Detroit; Los Angeles; Gary, Indiana; and Philadelphia, received pledges for grants of up to \$500,000. The family foundations created in honor of Floyd and others killed by police and vigilantes — Trayvon Martin and Oscar Grant — each received contributions of \$200,000.

Jacari Harris, executive director of the George Floyd Memorial Foundation, said in a statement the organization was "incredibly grateful" for the grant, "the largest one-time contribution we have received to date within the U.S." Harris said the funds will help provide college scholarships, mental health support to the Black community and educate "about the dangers of police brutality around the world."



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Once a powerful symbol in Russia, McDonald's withdraws

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Business Writer

Two months after the Berlin Wall fell, another powerful symbol opened its doors in the middle of Moscow: a gleaming new McDonald's.

It was the first American fast-food restaurant to enter the Soviet Union, reflecting the new political openness of the era. For Vlad Vexler, who as a 9-year-old waited in a two-hour line to enter the restaurant near Moscow's Pushkin Square on its opening day in January 1990, it was a gateway to the utopia he imagined the West to be.

"We thought that life there was magical and there were no problems," said Vexler, a political philosopher and author who now lives in London.

So it was all the more poignant for



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Vexler when McDonald's announced it will sell its 850 Russian stores and exit the market in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. McDonald's said it's the first time in the company's history that it has left a major market.

McDonald's said it will look for a buyer who will employ its 62,000 Russian workers, and will continue to pay

them until a sale is finalized.

On its opening day, the restaurant's 27 cash registers rang up 30,000 meals. Vexler and his grandmother waited in a line with thousands of others to enter the 700-seat store, entertained by traditional Russian musicians and costumed characters like Mickey Mouse.

McDonald's entry into the Soviet Union was so groundbreaking it gave rise to a political theory. The Golden Arches Theory holds that two countries that both have McDonald's in them won't go to war, because the presence of a McDonald's is an indicator of the countries' level of inter-dependence and their alignment with U.S. laws, said Bernd Kaussler, a political science professor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

That theory held until 2014, when Russia annexed Crimea, Kaussler said.

Now, those arches are coming down in Russia. McDonald's said it's removing signage and won't allow the potential buyer to serve its menu. McDonald's said it will keep its trademarks in Russia and will take steps to enforce them if necessary.

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

The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint to Quiet Title to the following Real Estate in Marion County, Indiana, to-wit: LOT NUMBERED 54 IN HIGHLANDS TRAIL, SECTION 11, AN ADDITION TO MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 10, 1986 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 86-12015, AND CORRECTED BY SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED DECEMBER 28, 1987, AS INSTRUMENT #87-146521 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly known as: 6764 Dunsany Ln., Indianapolis, IN 46254

To the following Defendants whose whereabouts are not known: RALPHIA S. SELZER and the unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff, In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Published Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

The Name and Address of the Attorney Representing the Plaintiff is:

Kathleen S. Crebo
HOCKER LAW LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
6626 E. 75th St., Suite 410
Indianapolis, IN 46250
F: (317) 578-1630
F: (317) 849-1892
E: Kathleen.Crebo@hockerlaw.com
5/13/2022

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Marion County Clerk
SEAL:
Prepared By:
Kathleen S. Crebo #29876-49, HOCKER LAW LLC
5320-946671

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD.
Attorney ID 35615-45
33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150
Chicago, IL 60602
1889-309
STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, ss – IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2, MARIONCOUNTY,INDIANA, BELTWAY CAPITAL LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF WESTERN RUN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JANEANE N. ABBITT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONALD C. ABBITT; GOLDEN OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants, Case No. 49D02-2203-MF-008123.

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JANEANE N. ABBITT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONALD C. ABBITT; defendants in the above-entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2 OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, by the said plaintiff against you, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 199 IN SUBPLAT OF GOLDEN OAKS BLOCK Q, RECORDED JANUARY 10, 1986 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 86-2909, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK Q OF GOLDEN OAKS, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, AS PER FINAL CONDITIONAL PLAT FOR GOLDEN OAKS PHASE II AND III RECORDED JUNE 11, 1985 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 85-46832 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. PARCEL NUMBER: 8055243; STATE PARCEL NUMBER 49-03-16-104-050.000-800

Commonly known as: 9364 OAK RUN EDR, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46260-5105, and which said Mortgage was made by and Donald C. Abbit and Janeane N. Abbit (s) to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 2005-012469 and re-recorded as document number 2008-0012697, and the present owner(s) of the property being UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JANEANE N. ABBITT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONALD C. ABBITT, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is

now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE OF MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 2, MARIONCOUNTY,INDIANA, COUNTY BUILDING, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 on or before July 4, 2022, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Dated, Chicago, ILLINOIS, April 19, 2022.

Clerk of the MARION County SUPERIOR COURT.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Last known addresses: 9364 OAK RUN EDR, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46260-5105

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JANEANE N. ABBITT;

9364 OAK RUN EDR, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46260-5105

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DONALD C. ABBITT;

9364 OAK RUN EDR, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46260-5105

5320-946576

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1889-319
STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, ss – IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 2, OF MARIONCOUNTY,INDIANA, BELTWAY CAPITAL LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF WESTERN RUN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LOIS E. LONG; DEBRA A. LONG AS HEIR OF LOIS E. LONG; CHATHAM WALKTOWNHOUSES, INC., Defendants, Case No. 49D02-2203-MF-008124.

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LOIS E. LONG, defendant in the above-entitled suit has been commenced in the SUPERIOR COURT 2 OF MARIONCOUNTY,INDIANA, by said plaintiff against you, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT NUMBERED 60, IN BLOCK 3, EXCEPT 12.24 FEET BY PARALLEL LINES OFF LOT 60, IN BLOCK 3, TOGETHER WITH 6.24 FEET BY PARALLEL LINES OFF THE ENTIRE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT 60, IN BLOCK 3, TOGETHER WITH 6.24 FEET BY PARALLEL LINES OFF LOT 59, IN BLOCK 3, IN CHATHAM WALK, SECOND SECTION, A SUBDIVISION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 71-2005 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. PARCEL NUMBER: 7032168; STATE PARCEL NUMBER 49-08-31-135-055.000-700 Commonly known as: 1953 BRIDGTON COURT, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219, and which said Mortgage was made by LOIS E. LONG as Mortgagor(s) to HOMEOWNER MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 2002-0161697 and the present owner(s) of the property being UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LOIS E. LONG, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT 2 OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, City-County Building, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 on or before July 4, 2022, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Dated, Chicago, ILLINOIS, April 19, 2022.

Clerk of the MARION County SUPERIOR COURT.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Last known addresses: 1953 Bridgton Court, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of LOIS E. LONG, 1953 Bridgton Court, Indianapolis, IN 46219

5320-946573

05/20/22, 05/27/22, 06/03/22

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT SS: COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49D02-2203-MF-008538 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF QUERCUS MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND DONEES OF GILES EMBRY UNKNOWN OCCUPANT INDIANA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY OF

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUITS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Unknown Heirs-at-Law, Beneficiaries, Legatees, Devisees, and Donees of Giles Embry 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 Giles Embry upon diligent inquiry are unknown. The cause of action is for default on a promissory note and foreclosure upon a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT NUMBERED 166 IN SHEFFIELD WOODS, SECTION 3, AN ADDITION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA AS PER PLAT RECORDED MAY 19, 1975 AS INSTRUMENT # 75-24200

State Parcel #: 49-08-28-133-003.000-700

Address: 2623 Sheffield Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46229

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

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Dated Marion Superior Clerk, Court

5320-946294

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SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO: 49D02-2204-MF-014371
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff

-vs- UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BEZELLA COBB, LVNV FUNDING LLC, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, UNIFUND CCR, LLC, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS 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: Situated in the County of Marion and State of Indiana: 14 feet by parallel lines off the entire south side of Lot 130, and Lot 129 in Eastmoreland Place, as recorded in Marion County Recorder's Office, Plat Book 21, page 162. Commonly known as: 3410N HAWTHORNE LN, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46218 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Unknown Heirs of Bezella Cobb

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 3rd day of July, 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. /s/ Phillip A. Norman
Phillip A. Norman #13734-64 Attorney for Plaintiff
Phillip A. Norman, P.C. 2110 Calumet Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46383 Telephone: 219-462-5104 21-00127

ATTEST: /s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion Superior Court 5320-946673

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Attorney ID 35615-45
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Chicago, IL 60602
1889-313
STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, ss – IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 4, MARIONCOUNTY,INDIANA, BELTWAY CAPITAL LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF WESTERN RUN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CHARLES E. REEVES; Defendants, Case No. 49D04-2203-MF-008127.

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CHARLES E. REEVES; defendants in the above-entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 4 OF MARIONCOUNTY,INDIANA, by the said plaintiff against you, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BEECH GROVE, COUNTY

OF MARION, STATE OF INDIANA, AND KNOWN AS BEING LOT NUMBER 26 IN BLOCK 135, SECTION E IN BEECH GROVE, AS SHOWN IN THE RECORDED PLAT/MAP THEREOF IN PLAT BOOK 17 PAGE 122 OF MARION COUNTY RECORDS. PARCEL NUMBER: 5013218; STATE PARCEL NUMBER 49-10-29-104-019.000-502. Commonly known as: 71 NORTH 18TH AVENUE, BEECH GROVE, IN 46107, and which said Mortgage was made by and CHARLES E. REEVES (S) TO URBAN FINANCIAL GROUP, as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 2009-0115082, and the present owner(s) of the property being UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CHARLES E. REEVES, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE OF MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NO. 4, MARIONCOUNTY,INDIANA, COUNTY BUILDING, 200 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 on or before July 4, 2022, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Dated, Chicago, ILLINOIS, April 19, 2022.

Clerk of the MARION County SUPERIOR COURT.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Last known addresses: 71 NORTH 18TH AVENUE, BEECH GROVE, IN 46107

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CHARLES E. REEVES, 71 NORTH 18TH AVENUE, BEECH GROVE, IN 46107

5320-946580

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN MARION SUPERIOR COURT 6) 2022 TERM) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D06-2204-MF-013084) ESTATE OF VINICE TINSLEY, William E. Tinsley, Personal Representative, Plaintiff, Vs. KENNY DALE SHETTON AND SARA NICHOLE AYON, Defendants

SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF SUIT
TO: KENNY DALE SHETTON SARA NICHOLE AYON

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint to Terminate Land Contract and Quiet Title to Real Estate. This summons by publication is specifically directed to KENNY DALE SHETTON AND SARA NICHOLE AYON, residence unknown.

You must answer the Petition or Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty days after notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the petitioner has demanded.

The name and address of the Petitioner's Attorney is:

CHARLES E. HOSTETTER Hostetter & Associates

515 N. Green St., Suite 200 Brownsburg, IN 46112

Tel (317) 852-2422

4/20/2022

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 5320-946332

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MDK #22-004135
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #6) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D06-2205-MF-014681

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2021-R1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2021-R1 Plaintiff, vs.

The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Coleman Morris and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Coleman Morris, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUITS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Coleman Morris and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Coleman Morris, et al. Defendants.

BE IT KNOWN, THAT U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2021-R1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2021-R1, the above-named Plaintiff, by the attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #6 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Coleman Morris and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Coleman Morris, 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 Coleman Morris and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Coleman Morris, 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:

Lot Numbered Thirty-Five (35) in Glencroft Addition, Section Two, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 15, page 165, in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

commonly known as 3710 Adams Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218.

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 #6

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)

Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)

Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)

Chris Wiley (26936-10)

Susan B. Klineman (17405-49)

Attorneys for Plaintiff

MANLEY DEAKS KOCHALSKI LLC

P.O. Box 165028

Columbus OH 43216-5028

Telephone: 614-220-5611

Facsimile: 614-220-5613

Email: sef-jds@manleydeaks.com

5320-946387

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SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 7) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D07-2201-MF-001451

DL MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC., Plaintiff, vs. TIMOTHY HUGHES, ARW APTS, LLC D/B/A THE FLATS AT MERIDIAN HILLS, MARINER ASSOCIATES LLP D/B/A MARINERS VILLAGE APARTMENTS, LVNV FUNDING LLC and MARINER FINANCE, LLC F/K/A PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY, Defendants.

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TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Last known addresses: 3402 Kessler Boulevard North Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46222 UNKNOWNBENEFICIARIES OFTHE MABELL WILLIAMS TRUST DATED 11/14/96 AND RECORDED 2/4/97 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 1997-0021713; 3402 Kessler Boulevard North Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46222 UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MABEL L. WILLIAMS, 3402 Kessler Boulevard North Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46222 5320-946622

05/20/22,
05/27/22,
06/03/22

SUMMONS: SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
) **SS: CIVIL DIVISION**
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D15-2105-DN-003692
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
OLUFUNKE RAJI,
Petitioner,
and
MARLON TRIPLETT,
Respondent.

You have been sued by the Petitioner in the Court stated above for Dissolution of Marriage, wherein, the Petitioner has alleged that the parties have acquired certain property and incurred certain obligations during the course of the marriage and is requesting a reasonable division, thereof, and that there is an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, as well as a dissolution of marriage.

The Petitioner also filed a Praecipe for Summons by Publication with supporting affidavits that diligent search has been made and you cannot be located.

You must answer the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in writing by you or your attorney, within twenty-one (21) days after the last notice of the action is published, and in the case you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

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

The following manner of service of Summons is designated: BY PUBLICATION:

Dated: 5/9/2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge
5320-946297

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05/27/22,
06/03/22

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
) **SS:**
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D15-2204-DC-003060
Samuel O. Ogundare
Plaintiff,
V.
Adeboyin S. Ogundare
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: Civil.

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

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 your or your attorney, on our before the 3rd day of July, 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/ Samuel O. Ogundare
2208 White Oaks Drive
Apt. A
Indianapolis, IN 46224
(317) 938-9348
5320-946670

05/20/22,
05/27/22,
06/03/22

SUMMONS
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF RIXLORENA LARA AYALA,
Petitioner,
and
NELSON ADALID REYES SANCHEZ,
Respondent.

RESPONDENT: NELSON ADALID REYES SANCHEZ
You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Petitioner for Dissolution of Marriage in the Court indicated above.

If this summons is accompanied by an Order to Appear, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated in the Order to Appear. If you do not appear, evidence may be heard in your absence and a determination made by the Court. If a Temporary Restraining Order is attached, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.

If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in this matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated in the Order to Appear.

If you take no action in this case after receipt of this summons, the Court cannot grant a Dissolution of Marriage or make a determination regarding any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, visitation, property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and debts.

Dated: 4/26/2022
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County
Attorney for Petitioner:
Edgardo156 E. Market Street,
Suite 800
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Telephone: (239) 317-6159;

(408-7056
Fax: (866) 610-9583
5320-946527

05/20/22,
05/27/22,
06/03/22

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 16
) **SS: PROBATE DIVISION**
COUNTY OF MARION)
CASE NO. 49D16-2205-GU-014516
IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF
Luis MENDOZA MENDOZA (minor child)
MENDOZA ORTIZ, Juana
Petitioner
SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF SUIT

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Petition for Appointment of Guardian over a Person of a Minor. To wit, Minor Child Luis Mendoza Mendoza. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Pascual Mendoza Ortiz, residence unknown. You must answer the Petition for Appointment of Guardian over a Person of a Minor, in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before July 3, 2022, the same being within thirty (30) days after notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the petition has demanded.

Date: May 2, 2022
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Marion Co. Clerk
5320-946483

05/20/22,
05/27/22,
06/03/22

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MONROE CIRCUIT COURT)
SS:
COUNTY OF MONROE)
CAUSE NO.: 53C07-2204-AD-000025
IN RE THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION OF GARY ANDREW TIDD
A MINOR
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Gary J. Tidd is notified that a petition for adoption of Gary Andrew Tidd, born 12/27/2008, to Heather Miller was filed in the office of the clerk of the Monroe Circuit Court, Courthouse, 301 N. College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47404. The petition for adoption alleges that Gary J.

Tidd's consent to adoption is not required pursuant to IC 31-19-9-8.

If Gary J. Tidd seeks to contest the adoption of the child, Gary J. Tidd must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If Gary J. Tidd does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption of Gary J. Tidd will be irrevocably implied and Gary J. Tidd will lose the right to contest either the adoption of the validity of Gary J. Tidd's implied consent to the adoption.

No oral statement made to Gary J. Tidd relieves him of his obligations under this notice. This notice complies with IC 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. You have the right to have an attorney represent you in this action. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana Adoption Statutes. Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Michelle B. Domer
Michelle B. Domer #16694-53
Attorney for Petitioner
BERRY & DOMER
1505 W. Arlington Road
Bloomington, IN 47404
812-336-8300
michelle@berryydomerlaw.com
5320-946678

05/20/22,
05/27/22,
06/03/22

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MORGAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MORGAN)
ESTATE NO.: 55D01-2205-EU-000092
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
MARY JEANNE EIDSON,
DECEASED
N O T I C E O F A D M I N I S T R A T I O N

In the Superior Court of Morgan County, Indiana
Notice is given that Debra L. Eidson was, on May 9, 2022, appointed personal representative of Mary Jeanne Eidson, deceased, who died on February 21, 2022, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of the Morgan County Superior Court, Probate Division within three (3) months from the date of publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months from the date of death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Milan County, Indiana, this May 9, 2022.
CLERK OF MORGAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION
Shane A. Toland (22775-41)
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Indianapolis Airport Authority
Indianapolis International Airport
INVITATION TO BIDDERS
Electronic Bids (E-bids) will be received via PlanetBids\IAA's solicitation management system) by the Indianapolis Airport Authority, for Runway 5F-23L and Taxiway D (Strengthening and Capacity Enhancement) Package #2 at the Indianapolis International Airport, Project No. I-18-077. All bids will be submitted electronically and opened via a Virtual Meeting and read aloud on June 24, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. E.T. No bids will be permitted after the designated time. To attend the bid opening on-line (virtual meeting),

please contact P&DAdmins@ind.com. Bids are desired as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders, which is part of the specifications.

Each bid shall include all work, labor, equipment and materials necessary to complete the project as required in strict compliance with the drawings and specifications (Plans) prepared by Circle City Aviation Partners in partnership with Infrastructure Engineering, Inc., Wessler Engineering, Inc., Loftus Engineering, Inc., and C&S Consulting, Inc. and Aviation Alliance, Inc. The successful bidder will be required to pay laborers, workmen, mechanics, and other employees on the work under this contract not less than the prevailing wage for each craft, trade or occupation as established under the Davis-Bacon Act. The Indianapolis Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4), Affirmative Action 41 CFR part 60-4, Executive Order 11246; Government-wide Debarment and Suspension 2 CFR part 180 (Subpart C), 2 CFR part 1200, DOT Order 4200.5 DOT Suspension & Debarment Procedures & Ineligibility; Lobbying and Influencing Federal Employees 31 USC § 1352, 2 CFR part 200 Appendix II(J), 49 CFR part 20 Appendix A; procurement of Recovered Materials 2 CFR § 299.322, 40 CFR part 247 and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace 13 CFR part 147 are herewith incorporated by reference, the same as if all of the provisions were completely set out herein.

The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR §26.53. As a condition of bid responsiveness, the Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information with their proposal on the forms provided herein:

1) The names and addresses of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms that will participate in the contract; 2) A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform; 3) The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm listed under (1); 4) Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed under (1) to meet the Owner's project goal; 5) If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project DBE goal; evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR Part 26. The successful Bidder or Offeror must provide written confirmation of participation from each of the DBE firms the Bidder or Offeror lists in their commitment. This Bidder or Offeror must submit the DBE's written confirmation of participation within 5 days of receiving the Owners notice of award.

In accordance with Indiana Code Section 5-16-13-1, et seq., prequalification with the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) or the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is required of all contractors, in any contractor tier, performing work under contract to the IAA which is estimated to be One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) or greater. Specifications are on file and may be examined at: BX Indiana Construction League 1028 Shelby Street Indianapolis, IN 46203 www.bxindiana.com ConstructConnect 3825 Edwards Road, Ste. 800 Cincinnati, OH 45209 www.constructconnect.com Dodge Data & Analytics 3315 Central Avenue Hot Springs, AR 71913 www.construction.com Circle City Aviation Partners 250 East 96th Street, Suite 580 Indianapolis, IN 46240 Plans and Bid Documents may be obtained from ReproGraphix Inc., 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, 317.637.3377, or on-line at https://www.reprographix.com/. Note: An electronic set of Plans and Bid Documents will not be charged to the Planholder; however, there is a charge for paper copies.

All bids shall be on Form No. 96 as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, must be accompanied by a Financial Statement, must be properly and completely executed and shall be accompanied by a properly completed non-collusion affidavit. After opening bids, no bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days without written consent of the Owner. Bids are available for viewing at Milestone Contractors, L.P., 5757 Decatur Blvd., Suite 250, Indianapolis, IN 46241 or plans may be purchased at Repro Graphics, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN. 5320-946470

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the IAA's Building No. 280 at 3747 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241, on May 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. E.T. After the meeting, attendees may meet with local sub-contractors and DBE/MBE/WBE/VBE firms. A tour of the project will be conducted immediately after the Pre-Bid meeting. Should special assistance or accommodations be needed for an individual's participation in this meeting, please contact Relay Indiana @ 800.743.3333 (TDD compatible) and have them connect you to 317.487.8578. For general information or questions, please contact Katie Adkins directly at 317.487.8578.

INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
By: Mario Rodriguez
Executive Director
5320-946526

05/20/22

(Public Notice)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT CONCERNING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2022-2025 INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ITIP)

Notice is hereby given that a proposed amendment to the 2022-2025 ITIP is being offered for public review and comment between May 22 and June 1. Written public comments on this item must be received by 5 pm. ET on May 31 and may be sent in writing to info@indympo.org or by mail to 200 East Washington Street, Suite 2322, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

Notice is hereby given that at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, the Indianapolis MPO Transportation Policy Committee and Indianapolis Technical Committee will conduct a public hearing on Resolution Number 22-IMPO-007 considering proposed amendments to the 2022-2025 Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

The hearing will be held at the MIBOR Realtor Association office located at 1912 N Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. Members of the public may make comments in person or send comments in advance to the staff member listed above. The meeting may also be viewed on Youtube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaW-eoX1jP5ioC7Thmv9Q. For full meeting details and further information, visit https://www.indympo.org/calendar.

At least one week before the hearing copies of the items above and all plans and exhibits pertaining thereto will be available on the IMPO's website at www.indympo.org, or for viewing in person, by appointment, in Room 2322 of the City-County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please call 317-327-7587 to arrange a time for in-person viewing of materials, as some staff are working remotely. Written objection to a proposal may be filed with the Secretary of the IMPO, before the April 20, 2022 meeting, at the address above (by appointment), or sent to info@IndyMPO.org, and such objections will be considered. Public hearings may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

The public participation process described above is used to satisfy the public participation process for the Program of Projects (POP) for the following Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grantee: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo). The public participation process described above is consistent with the policies and procedures for public involvement that have been formally adopted by CIRTA, and meets all applicable public participation requirements pertaining to grants associated with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). For accommodation needs for persons with disabilities, please call (317) 327-5108. 5320-946693

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(317) 616-4885 to discuss subcontracting opportunities. All bids must be submitted to Indymquotes@milestonetp.com on or before May 25, 2022, by 12:00 (noon). Plans are available for viewing at Milestone Contractors, L.P., 5757 Decatur Blvd., Suite 250, Indianapolis, IN 46241 or plans may be purchased at Repro Graphics, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN. 5320-946390

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Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC)

Request For Proposals RFP 22-04-444 Workers Comp & Risk Management Summary: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp. (IPTC/ IndyGo) IPTC is searching for a provider to process all workers' compensation claims under the Indiana Workers' Compensation Board (IWCB) guidelines along with risk claims in a timely manner. Services sought include, but are not limited to, investigation, reserving and payment, subrogation, filing reports with the state and excess insurance provider, negotiating, and settling of claims for pre-approved amounts by IPTC.

The provider must be able to work within the confines of a collective bargaining unit. The goal established for claims and workers' compensation management services is that of controlled cost for the corporation through the application of the talents of experienced and professionally qualified individuals, to equitably and reasonably furnish the Workers Compensation/ Auto Liability/ Bodily Injury/ and Property Damage claims management services in a manner that is most beneficial to the corporation.

To view this RFP online, you must first visit indygo.bonfirehub.com to register your company. Registration is free and easy. Once registered, you will see all current solicitations as well as be informed of upcoming projects.

Issue of RFP: 05/20/2022 by EOD
Pre-Proposal Meeting: 06/03/2022 @ 1:00 p.m. EST (email for reserved seating or virtual link)

Written Questions Due: 06/07/2022 by 4:00 p.m. EST
Answers Provided and Posted: 06/13/2022
Intent to Bid Due Date: 06/20/2022 by 11:00 a.m. EST
Proposal Due Date: 06/20/2022 by 11:00 a.m. EST (via the Bonfire portal)
Notice of Award: 08/26/2022
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Legal Notice
STATE OF INDIANA
D E P A R T M E N T O F A D M I N I S T R A T I O N
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ON BEHALF OF: Department of Civil Services
S O L I C I T A T I O N F O R: Competency Attainment Services; RFP-22-71589
PROPOSAL DUE DATE – June 15, 2022 by 3:00 PM ET
https://www.in.gov/idoa/procurement/current-business-opportunities
5320-946378

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Legal Notice
STATE OF INDIANA
D E P A R T M E N T O F A D M I N I S T R A T I O N
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ON BEHALF OF: Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services
S O L I C I T A T I O N F O R: Medical Chair Review; RFP-22-71644
PROPOSAL DUE DATE – June 9, 2022 by 3:00 PM ET
https://www.in.gov/idoa/procurement/current-business-opportunities
5320-946386

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Legal Notice
STATE OF INDIANA
D E P A R T M E N T O F A D M I N I S T R A T I O N
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ON BEHALF OF: Department of Education
S O L I C I T A T I O N F O R: HA Gifted Programming Certificate Coordinator; RFP 22-71500
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: June 17, 2022 by 3:00 PM EST/ETD
https://www.in.gov/idoa/procurement/current-business-opportunities/
5320-946679

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ON BEHALF OF: Department of Education
S O L I C I T A T I O N F O R: HA Licensure Tuition Assistance Program; RFP 22-71502
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: June 20, 2022 by 3:00 PM EST/ETD
https://www.in.gov/idoa/procurement/current-business-opportunities/
5320-946680

05/20/22

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC)
Request For Qualifications RFP-22-04-444 Zero Emission Vehicle Transition Plan

Summary: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp. (IPTC/IndyGo) is seeking a consultant to develop a plan to transition the remainder of IndyGo's fleet to zero emission vehicles. The project should analyze IndyGo's existing conditions and future service plans to provide actionable recommendations for transitioning IndyGo's fleet to zero emission vehicles. To view this RFP online, you must first visit indygo.bonfirehub.com to register your company. Registration is free and easy. Once registered, you will see all current solicitations as well as be informed of upcoming projects.

Issue of RFP: 05/20/2022 by EOD
Pre-Proposal Meeting: 05/31/2022 @ 2:00 p.m. EST (email for reserved seating and/or virtual link)
Written Questions Due: 06/03/2022 by 4:00 p.m. EST

Answers Provided and Posted: 06/09/2022
Proposal Due Date: 06/16/2022 by 3:00 p.m. EST

Notice of Award: 08/25/2022

5320-946467
05/20/22, 05/27/22

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received from invited Bidders

For: Sense Charter School – Multi-Purpose Room Addition 1601 Barth Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203

At: Patterson Horth, Inc. 5745 Progress Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241

Until: 2:00 pm local time, Tuesday, May 17th, 2022

Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. Pre-bid meeting will be held at the project site on Friday, May 6th @ 10 AM. Bidders to meet on south side of school entrance. Attendance at the meeting is not required. Complete bidding documents may be obtained by bidders from:

Patterson Horth, Inc. 5745 Progress Road Indianapolis, IN 46241
Contacts: Jacob Jeffries Phone: 317-243-6104 Email: jwjeffries@pattersonhorth.com

Each bid proposal shall include all labor, material, equipment, tools, insurance and services necessary to complete the project in strict accordance with the drawings and specifications as prepared by:

Architect: Blackline 1043 Virginia Avenue, Studio 208 Indianapolis, IN 46203

MEP: Neo Engineer, LLC 9646 Bayview Court Indianapolis, IN 46256

Civil: CEC, Inc. 530 E. Ohio Street, Suite G Indianapolis, IN 46204

Structural: CE Solutions 10 Shoshone Drive Carmel, IN 46032

Construction Manager: Patterson Horth, Inc. 5745 Progress Road Indianapolis, IN 46241

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding.

All bids shall be itemized and all signatures must include the corporate position of the signer.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the day set for the opening of bids.

By making a Bid, each Bidder represents that they have read and understands the Bidding Documents and their Bid is made in accordance therewith, they have visited the Project Site and familiarized themselves with the obstacles and conditions as they exist and as they will be encountered during the execution of the work, and their Bid is based on the Drawings and Specification and all terms and conditions as described in the Bidding Documents without exception. The Bid shall be submitted in Section 00003 and the associated Bid Category Form.

The construction schedule and phasing is included in section 00004.

Questions will be accumulated and researched and answers will be distributed to all bidders with questions anonymously listed. Answers will be distributed via addendum. Bidders shall submit Bid in a sealed envelope and include on the face of the envelope Bidders name, address, and telephone number. Bid shall be delivered to:

Patterson Horth, Inc. 5745 Progress Road Indianapolis, IN 46241 5320-946383

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IN THE JOHNSON SUPER

LEGALS

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 5320-945491

05/06/22, 05/13/22, 05/20/22

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

Our Indiana wetlands — in hot water

By LARRY CLEMENS and BOB BARR

Central Indiana residents likely don't realize it, but there's a natural area just north of 96th Street working around the clock to help with flood control. Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve, owned and managed by the city of Fishers, is 127 acres of diverse nature. The park is filled with amenities for visitors, including trails and picnic tables. The trails take visitors by wet areas of all shapes and sizes, and that's where some quiet wonders of nature abound. More than 20 years ago, The Children's Museum began work with partners to restore former agricultural land to prairie and wetland communities. These restored wetlands over time begin to mimic natural wetlands. It's a costly process that is necessary because Indiana has lost 85% of its natural wetlands to development and agriculture.

Wetlands filter both groundwater and surface water runoff, store floodwaters and provide habitat for rare and endangered species. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is dedicated to conserving wetlands because without them Indiana is a less hospitable place for people and nature. Since May is American Wetlands Month, we think it's a good time for a reminder of wetlands' importance and value. Wetlands provide real financial benefits, too, according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Just one acre of wetlands (less than the size of a football field) provides more than \$3,500 in benefits to Hoosiers each year. Those services include water purification and storage and erosion prevention. Without wetlands it costs more for communities to treat their drinking water. And when it comes to flooding, wetlands can store massive amounts of water that otherwise would cause worse flooding downstream. According to Purdue University, just one acre of isolated wetland one foot deep can hold 330,000 gallons of water that otherwise would flood surrounding areas. That's enough water to fill 44 basements in average sized homes with a foot of water! Hare Creek runs through Ritchey Woods and into Cheney



Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve includes trails that take visitors by wet areas of all shapes and sizes. (Photo provided by The Nature Conservancy)

Creek, which then flows into the White River. During severe rainstorms, which are becoming the norm in Indiana, millions of gallons of water that would otherwise add to flooding in the White River and nearby neighborhoods are held in the wetlands at Ritchey Woods. Wetlands are a natural infrastructure to help reduce flooding which saves residents and their insurance companies millions in losses. The restoration work at Ritchey Woods shows what can be done but much more is needed! But do you know what's even better than a restored wetland? A natural one! Without question, wetlands are a natural resource that we cannot afford to lose, especially in the face of more severe weather events brought on by climate change. Indiana's wetlands are too important to get short shrift in the General Assembly. Members heard from Hoosiers who

care about clean water and good habitats when they attempted to abolish all regulations in 2021. Hoosiers can keep fighting the good fight and urge their lawmakers to help our wetlands continue to provide their important functions. To do this, we need to make sure reasonable regulations remain in place to guide decision-making and boost funding for the Clean Water Indiana Fund to \$5 million

a year. Our elected officials need to hear at every opportunity how important wetlands are to all Hoosiers. There simply is too much to lose.

Larry Clemens is state director of The Nature Conservancy's Indiana Chapter. Bob Barr is a research scientist with IUPUI's Center for Earth and Environmental Sciences.

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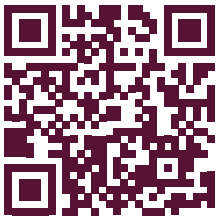
JAWS has helped black and brown students for the last 29 years to develop skills, make industry connections and launch their careers from an early age. We've launched this fundraising effort to reach more young people and to inspire and invest in these students in minority communities, right here in Indianapolis. The future of our work-not just of the Indianapolis Recorder-but the future of journalism itself depends upon these talented young people, and they depend on you. Investing in children in all forms of broadcast media. We have already seen that investing in our children makes a difference for minority children, but also for the broadcast and journalism industry as a whole. The journalism and broadcast media industry needs distinct and compelling voices, including voices who bring diversity and perspective to the profession.

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Keeping schools out of NIL dealings opened door for boosters

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Sports Writer

By trying to limit how much schools can help college athletes cashing in on their fame, the NCAA seems to have inadvertently opened the door for boosters to get a foothold in a burgeoning market.

Now, as the NCAA and its highest-profile Division I member schools try to rein in booster-fueled organizations known as collectives, part of the solution could be taking down the firewalls between athletic departments and athletes when it comes to name, image and likeness compensation.

“The school is who helps the athlete when they have an injury,” said Jim Cavale, the CEO of INFLCR, a company that works with more than 200 Division I schools on NIL programming and compliance. “The school is who helps the athlete when they struggle in school. The school is who helps the athlete with everything. And yet they’re not able to help here and it left a gap where the school can’t be involved and a booster and donor can.”

Last week, the NCAA handed down guidance that made clear collectives should be treated as boosters, which means they should not be contacting recruits — high school or transferring college athletes — and influencing where they go to school.

Boosters can, however, be involved in NIL deals with athletes after they have enrolled.

The latest guidance was developed by a group of college sports administrators that included Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith.

“The primary concern was exactly what has emerged. It is the recruiting space,” Smith said. “We’ve got to focus on the front door.”

Smith earlier helped craft a plan to regulate NIL compensation that was never implemented by the NCAA.

That 31-page report released in April 2020 was dominated by the idea that schools should not be involved in NIL transactions amid pay-for-play concerns and fears it would eventually lead to student-athletes looking more like employees. The report



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included this line: “Outside the context of providing financial aid up to cost of attendance as allowed by prevailing law, schools, conferences and the NCAA should play no role in arranging NIL activities or payments for student-athletes.”

That hands-off tone was reflected in many of the more than two dozen state NIL laws, including the

one in Florida where schools are barred from any involvement in outside compensation for athletes.

“It’s ironic that the NCAA drafting rules but not setting them actually indirectly created a rule that opened the door for collectives to walk in and be a solution where the school could not,” Cavale said.

What has emerged is collectives filling the role of deal-maker and boosters operating with little or no accountability and oversight beyond the honor system.

Louisiana and Missouri are currently trying to rework their state NIL laws to allow schools, and even coaches, to be more involved in how athletes are compensated.

If that happens, they will be talking with collectives that do not all operate the same way. Some are being set up to engage a university’s supporters and alumni more broadly, but others are funded and operated by smaller groups of wealthy boosters.

“So the majority of collectives currently existing are being run by alumni ... boosters, people that were previous donors to the university,” said attorney Jason Belzer, whose company, Student-Athlete NIL, is managing collectives at Penn State and Rutgers. “And I think the best way to describe it is like a money laundering machine: ‘How do we get as much dollars into the pockets of student-athletes as we can without actually having them deliver any real value in return?’”

Belzer said he and his clients are not concerned about the NCAA’s warning “because we were never engaging in that type of conduct (in recruiting) anyway.” Garnet Trust, a collective that supports South Carolina athletics, also released a statement saying it was already operating in compliance with the new guidance.

Smith, the Ohio State athletic director, said more involvement by athletic departments with NIL would help. Schools would be better off playing the role of matchmaker between athletes and brands while still staying out of the negotiation of any deals.

“To me,” Smith said, “that’s the line in the sand.”

Fever’s slow start continues with loss to Dream



Fever center Queen Egdo battles with Dream forward Nia Coffey for a loose ball.



Fever head coach Marianne Stanley talks with rookie Destanni Henderson. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Fever guard Kelsey Mitchell dribbles up the court.



Fever guard Danielle Robinson goes up for a shot.

GMR Grand Prix



An Indianapolis Motor Speedway worker wears pins from races on his hat.

Colton Herta celebrates his victory at the GMR Grand Prix.

Will Power leads the pack into Turn 1 to start the GMR Grand Prix. (Photos/Jeff Brown)



