

New beginnings for Kountry Kitchen

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Standing on what once was a place of tragedy, the owners of Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Place, Cynthia and Issac Wilson, now see the beginnings of a new era. Two years after a fire destroyed the restaurant, the Wilsons joined other city leaders June 7 to break ground on a new building.

"It's emotional when you see your present, your past and your future go up in smoke," Cynthia said. "You really don't know what you're going to do. To be here today is a monumental moment in our lives."

The new Kountry Kitchen will be a two-story building with a restaurant and an

indoor and outdoor event venue, something the owners wanted to do prior to the fire. It will be located at the original site, 1831 N. College Ave., and total more than 14,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space.

"This is like a dream," Cynthia said.

The business received grants from organizations in the Indianapolis community such as the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Pacers and the mayor's office.

Insight Development Corporation granted Kountry Kitchen \$400,000 for the project.

"It's exciting seeing it finally come to light," said Leah Dancer, real estate manager at Insight Development Corporation. "We need it. The

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City leaders including Mayor Joe Hogsett, City-County Council President Vop Osili and comedian Mike Epps joined Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Place owners Cynthia and Issac Wilson for a groundbreaking ceremony June 7, 2022, for the restaurant's new building. (Photo/Abriana Herron)



Jayden Kennett

Meet the Recorder's environmental reporter, Jayden Kennett

By **STAFF**

The Indianapolis Recorder recently welcomed a new environmental reporter to the team. Jayden Kennett will cover how the environment shapes the lives of the Black community in Indianapolis.

Kennett was hired through a partnership with The Nature Conservancy.

"Many people lack awareness of the issues facing the environment and our natural world and the understanding of how those issues affect humans and our communities," said Melissa Moran, director of community programs at The Nature Conservancy.

Kennett's reporting will help raise awareness of how the environment — from climate change to brownfields — impacts everyday life, as well as offer steps toward solutions.

"Each of us in this generation can take positive action to ensure high quality air, water, and soil are available to the generations that follow us," Moran said. "TNC wants Hoosiers to know that their individual actions to care for the natural world do matter and benefit their health and wellbeing."

Kennett answered some questions

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Chief Taylor discusses transparency, violent crime with NAACP

By **JAYDEN KENNETT**
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The Indianapolis NAACP hosted a virtual conference June 2 with Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Randal Taylor to discuss police reform two years after the 2020 protests. Taylor discussed topics including police transparency, violent crime and Indiana's permitless carry law that goes into effect July 1.

Taylor said he is working on police transparency through the Use of Force Board and the General Orders Board, which are both made up of majority civilians.

"The effort is to help the officers be the best trained they

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Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Randal Taylor poses for a portrait in his office at the City-County Building. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



Gary Gibson, CEO of The Martin Center Sickle Cell Initiative in Indianapolis, is the longest serving employee at the nonprofit. His work is focused on filling the social and economic needs of sickle cell disease patients and their families. He is inspired by this wife, Brenda Williams, who died at age 36 from sickle cell disease complications. (Photo/Farah Yousry)

In crisis:

Sickle cell disease patients face a double whammy of systemic racism

By **FARAH YOUSRY**

Gary Gibson has a clear memory of his first conversation with his future wife, Brenda Williams, back in 1973.

"Hello, my name is Brenda," was the first thing Gibson remembers her saying. The second was, "I have sickle cell disease."

"I was like, sickle what?" Gibson said.

Gibson wasn't sure how flabbergasted he should be. At the time, he didn't know what sickle cell disease was. But he'd soon find out.

"I'll never forget the very first time that I saw her in crisis. It just tore my heart right out of my chest, to see that,"

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Children's museum apologizes for Juneteenth salad

By **JAYDEN KENNETT**
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Jackson Moon has been visiting the Children's Museum of Indianapolis regularly since 2019 with their three children. They always eat from the cafeteria, Moon said. On a recent visit, Moon said they noticed a watermelon salad and wanted to try it but decided to wait until next time. When they returned June 3, they said they were shocked to see a "Juneteenth

Watermelon Salad" and immediately posted a picture to social media.

"It hit me really hard because not everyone knows the history or the significance that watermelon or red food had for Black people without that additional information or history, which would have been suitable for me had I seen it," Moon said.

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis has since apologized for the salad after

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The Children's Museum of Indianapolis offered a "Juneteenth Watermelon Salad" but pulled it after criticism on social media. (Photo provided by Jackson Moon)



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College commencement: No sweeter reward

By LORENZO ESTERS



Like many colleges and universities around the world, Ivy Tech Community College Indianapolis recently celebrated its 2022 commencement ceremonies after two years of modified ceremonies due to COVID-19. As chancellor, I shook the hands of approximately 700 students, including 169 nursing graduates in a pinning ceremony and over 520 graduates who earned degrees in other areas. As I celebrate the end of my first year as chancellor, I have learned that there are two days that outshine all other days in this position — new student orientation and commencement.

New student orientation is so meaningful because I get to watch the faces of students who are eager to give their all but who are also a bit apprehensive about the decision. It is a wonderful time as I get to share my own personal story with them as a first-generation college graduate and to assure them that they are making one of the most important decisions of their lives.

Commencement, on the other hand, is exciting for other reasons. It is at commencement that I get to watch the faces and smiles of so many students who have worked hard to earn their degree or credential. Some are still a bit shy as they walk across the stage and pose for a photo as I present them with their diploma. Others are exuberant and can barely control the tears. For me, it is so exciting to watch each student embrace this important milestone in their own way as they celebrate the sweet reward of long hours studying. Many have achieved this goal while raising children or also maintaining part-time or full-time employment.

Are you a recent high school graduate who is trying to decide whether to pursue a college credential or degree? Maybe you are a working adult who is interested in a career change or a pro-



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motion on your job. Now is a perfect time to consider a credential or degree.

Allow me to share a few reasons why you might consider a college degree or credential and more importantly why you might consider Ivy Tech Indianapolis.

Seventy-eight percent of Ivy Tech students who graduate do so with no debt. Those who do graduate with debt have one-third the debt compared to other college graduates. One of the reasons for this is that the college is constantly searching for ways to ensure affordability and the success of our students. For example, this summer the college is offering high school students the ability to take college level courses at no cost.

Ninety-two percent of our alumni say that they would choose Ivy Tech again. I think that speaks favorably about their experience with the college as students.

Ivy Tech graduates are 21% more likely to have jobs waiting after graduation as compared to all other colleges.

Not only is Ivy Tech an affordable

choice, but it is the perfect pathway to high-wage, high-demand employment or a strong foundation for transfer to a four-year institution. There are many degree and credential programs that lead to well-paying careers. For example, did you know that Ivy Tech is the No. 1 producer of nurses in the nation? The college produces 1,300 completions annually in nursing and recently decided to pursue increasing this to 1,900 completions annually over the next several years. Nursing is also a perfect way to make a difference in our community.

Ivy Tech Indianapolis also offers degrees in information technology and other key in-demand employment areas such as automotive technology. Through a partnership with Toyota and GM, students at the Indianapolis campus can graduate earning between \$45,000 and \$70,000 per year and can earn more than \$100,000 after a year on the job. There are other degrees where graduates earn great salaries, but what is more important is that the college has strong partnerships


with employers who provide work and learn experiences for students while enrolled such as the partnership with OneAmerica, Allison Transmission, Lilly Corporation and many others. Consider, for example, James Radford. He is a member of the Ivy Tech Indianapolis class of 2022. He participated in an apprenticeship with Lilly Corporation while enrolled as a student and will start working at Lilly in a few weeks as a full-time employee.

Whether you are a recent high school graduate or you have been in the workforce for a while, consider the great choice that is Ivy Tech Indianapolis. We can help you find and stay on the path to commencement so that you too can experience the sweet reward of a wise decision. I hope to meet you soon as a future Ivy Tech Indianapolis graduate. Contact us today at ivytech.edu.


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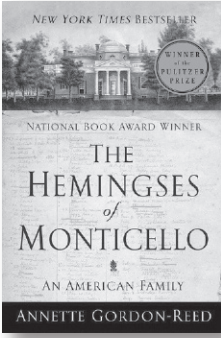
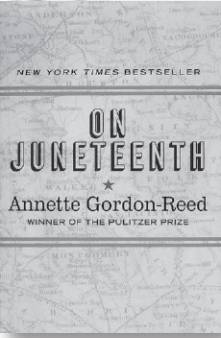


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The cast of Disney's "Mary Poppins" performs "Jolly Holiday" in the musical that's now on stage at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre through July 10. As Beef & Boards' 2022 Family Show, tickets for children ages 3-15 receive a \$10 discount. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit beefandboards.com. (Photos provided by Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre)

By TYLER FENWICK
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I knew Mary Poppins was a nanny, but that's about it. I never watched the movie or knew anything about the plot before seeing the musical at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.

I didn't even know this is the film that brought us the classic "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious." Not kidding.

In some ways I'm probably a terrible judge of what counts as a good performance because the last time I performed on a stage in front of people, most of the audience was made up of gushing grandmas and grandpas. That is to say, everyone in "Mary Poppins" was great, and I don't think I would be capable of noticing if someone messed up a line or missed a note.

Some clear winners: Mary Poppins (Cara Statham Serber), George Banks (Eddie Curry) and the chimney sweep, Bert (Buddy Reeder). The show has good comedy, too, with brother and sister Jane and Michael Banks (Kate

Boice and Max Geronimo). "Mary Poppins" is fast-paced, especially considering this is a musical about a nanny. Again, never seen it, didn't know.

The production team made a great call by making "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" the obvious superstar song of the night. The audience loved it and clapped along (in rhythm, too, I swear!).

I'll tell you something else I enjoyed about the musical which will reinforce my ignorance: The story is as much about George Banks, the father, and his relationship with his family as it is about a magical, flying nanny.

Frankly, I'd watch a game of Chutes and Ladders at Beef & Boards as long as they brought out the dinner buffet and dessert. My fish was worth a second trip in line, and I had a nice piece of cheesecake with chocolate drizzled on top.

If you're going with kids, I'd recommend waiting to get there until closer to when the show starts. I took a 6-year-old probably 45 minutes too early, so she

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got a little restless between eating and waiting for the show. If it's just you or there are only adults in your group, though, by all means be there when they open the doors and explore that cocktail and dessert menu.

"Mary Poppins" is showing now through July 10 at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre, 9301 Michigan Road.

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MARY POPPINS THE BROADWAY MUSICAL at Beef & Boards



Winifred Banks (Heather Patterson King) leans in to kiss her husband, George Banks (Eddie Curry), in Disney's "Mary Poppins," now on stage at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre through July 10.



Bert (Buddy Reeder) and Mary Poppins (Cara Statham Serber), center, perform "Step in Time" with the chimney sweeps in Disney's "Mary Poppins," now on stage at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre through July 10.

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to help the Recorder’s audience get to know her.

What high school did you attend?

I attended a small school in a small town called Shakamak High School.

What college did you attend?

I am a proud University of Indianapolis alum.

Do you have siblings?

I have two older siblings — Tyler and Kelsey. I also have five nephews and a niece, who is my twin. My nephews are Jeremiah, Jenson, Brody Jr., Cayden and Kailer. Teagan is my niece, also known as mini-me.

What did you do in college to prepare for a job in journalism?

Most of my time in college was spent with my friends in the newsroom. Even when we weren’t working, we were hanging out in the newsroom together. I began working for The Reflector as the opinion editor my first semester as a freshman. I quickly moved up to feature editor and managing editor my sophomore year and to editor-in-chief my junior year. Some of those semesters I was holding two positions on staff as co-photo editor and distribution manager. Needless to say, I was busy. I spent every other Friday of my collegiate career hanging out with my friends at production and putting the paper together. We probably should have been paying rent with how much we were in the newsroom.

I also worked as a Hoosier State Press Association Pulliam intern for The Daily

Journal for 10 weeks the summer before my junior year. There I made some great connections and met some really great people in Johnson County. I also worked as photography and editorial intern at a fashion magazine in Indy. It was there that I honed in on my photography skills and learned to develop creatively as an artist.

I also got to attend a College Media Association conference in Washington, D.C., where I connected with other journalists from around the country and attended skill workshops.

What’s your favorite way to relax?

My favorite way to relax is playing video games on my PC or Switch. My favorite games are Minecraft, Stardew Valley and Fallout 4. I also like to watch movies on the couch with my dogs and boyfriend.

What has being a college student during a global pandemic taught you about life?

Being a college student during a global pandemic taught me to cherish good memories and showed me that I can persevere through anything. It also sparked a newfound inspiration for journalism that I thought I once lost.

What made you interested in being a reporter for the Recorder?

I always tell people that not only did the Recorder choose me, but I also chose the Recorder. I wanted to work for an organization that valued its workers and readers and not just its stakeholders. I wanted to work for an organization that

aligned with my values and morals and allows me to express those as a journalist. I wanted to love my job and not just work for a paycheck.

The environment affects so much of our lives, and it’s not just climate change. What is your vision for this beat?

The environmental beat is so challenging but also rewarding. There are so many mundane things that relate back to the environment or that affect the environment that people — myself included — have no idea about. From weather conditions to health effects to potholes — they all have environmental effects or are affected by the environment. My vision for this beat is to explore how the Black community is impacted by the environment, educate others and get them interested in the climate crisis as well.

You were hired at the Recorder through a partnership with The Nature Conservancy, an organization working to solve climate change and biodiversity loss. How does it feel to know that you’re a part of not just a historical, Black-owned newspaper, but also an organization that’s dedicated to solving big problems?

Like I said, I chose the Recorder for a reason, and this is it. The Recorder does important work in educating the Black community of Indianapolis, and I am happy to help get others interested in the environment. That is the exact reason I chose the Recorder.

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Moon’s photo sparked criticism on social media over the weekend.

A spokesperson for the museum said the salad has been permanently removed from its menu.

“We deeply regret the hurt and the pain that the food offering in our food court has caused, and we apologize,” a statement from the museum says. “It is unacceptable that this took place in our museum.”

An earlier statement said the museum’s food service provider “uses the food and beverage menu to commemorate and raise awareness of holidays like Juneteenth.”

“The team that made this selection included their staff members who based this choice of food on their own family traditions,” the statement says.

The food service provider is Levy Restaurants. A spokesperson for Levy Restaurants said a “diverse committee, inclusive of Black leadership,” created the menu through research and from personal celebrations.

“As soon as we recognized the triggering nature of the product and label, we were horrified. We strive to be culturally sensitive and include diverse perspectives through the power of food to bring people together,” the spokesperson said. “In this case, we fell far short of those goals, and we apologize for all the hurt and pain this has caused.”

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REFORM

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can be, but also put the community at ease at least as far as how our relationship works,” Taylor said.

As of June 2, Indianapolis has seen a 14.9% decrease in murders from the same time last year, according to Taylor, who said he would like to see that number decrease

by 50% to 75%. That would take a combined effort from community members and police officers to assist in identifying why the numbers are down and how to keep

them down, he said.

“The street officers do a great job of responding,” Taylor said, “but without the community’s help, it is not possible to impact those numbers where they need to be.”

Community help also means coming forward with information about crimes and going to court, Taylor said.

“I know that is a big ask, but in reality as a community, if we’re not going to do those things, if we’re not going to be involved then I think it’s hard for us to say we care about what’s going on,” Taylor said. “Don’t let the community suffer because you saw something and you don’t feel that it is your spot to get out and help fix it. At least, point us in the right direction.”

Violence is done in concentrated areas and by a small number of people, Deputy Chief Kendale Adams said. Arresting their way out of the problem isn’t the solution, he said, and counting on legislation is futile, so it’s imperative that IMPD partners with organizations and individuals who can help. There are various groups already assisting IMPD through different preventive and community advocacy efforts, but Taylor said the department needs more partnerships and people to volunteer.

Officers and mental health calls

Taylor also talked about officers responding to mental health crises. He said he agrees police are not equipped to respond to mental health crises, but “there is no one else stepping up to do it.” He encourages community organizations to respond to mental health calls.

Until the department finds those organizations, it relies on best practices,

he said. 911 dispatchers are now learning different questions to ask on calls to make sure the right people respond.

IMPD also has a special unit called the Mobile Crisis Assistance Team. With the help of a clinician, officers respond to mental health crises, addiction problems and other similar calls. One limitation for MCAT is the unit isn’t on call 24/7. So, a clinician may not be available during a late-night call. Taylor said the goal is to eventually get 24-hour coverage from the team.

Lacking personnel

One of IMPD’s major needs is staffing. The department is budgeted for more than 1,800 officers but only has a little more than 1,600. Police work is difficult and not for everybody, Taylor said, but he would like to see more “good, high-quality” applicants. He said the department is looking at different incentives to fill the roles.

One problem the department faces when hiring is finding people who live in Marion County who want to serve Marion County, according to Taylor. He said sometimes people won’t apply because they want to live in neighboring cities such as Plainfield or Greenwood and drive their squad cars home. It’s something the department is looking into, Taylor said.

IMPD is also looking at tuition reimbursements and student debt relief. However, that would require approval from Mayor Joe Hogsett, Taylor said.

Addressing permitless carry law

Some people in the department, including Adams, have been vocal about concerns that the

permitless carry law will make their jobs more challenging. The law makes it so Hoosiers who are eligible to purchase a gun will not have to apply for a license to carry. The community will no doubt feel the effects of it, too, Adams said. He said he’s not worried about criminals, but about 18-year-olds who will still be in school and have access to guns.

“I’m concerned on many levels,” Adams said. “I think we as a community should be concerned as we continue to see gun violence impact specifically Marion County.”


Response to Uvalde

The department reviews school shootings on a regular basis no matter where they occur, Taylor said. In response to the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, where police officers waited for over an hour before entering the classroom, Taylor said IMPD has been trained differently.

“I don’t know what went wrong in Texas, but that is not how we were taught,” Taylor said. “We were taught to go in — if you’re it, you go in. You don’t sit around and wait for people.”

When school shooting training first began in Indianapolis, he said he remembers his colonel telling him and his colleagues that they are expected to put their lives on the line in an active shooter situation. Those sentiments echo throughout the department today, Taylor said. “There’s no if’s, and’s or but’s to it. That is indeed the way IMPD is trained and that’s how I expect my officers and myself, for that matter, to respond,” Taylor said.

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Mayor Hogsett, prosecutor call for ‘common sense’ gun reform at rally

By CARTER BARRETT
WFYI

Local officials, gun reform advocates and family members of gun violence victims were among those who rallied in downtown Indianapolis on June 3 to push for gun control legislation. The rally, led by the Indiana chapter of Moms Demand Action, drew around 100 supporters.

In addition to multiple mass shootings in recent weeks, rally leaders recognized that gun violence is a daily occurrence in some Indianapolis neighborhoods. Like in the case of Kianna Jones, whose 15-year-old son, Khalil Bankhead, died from an accidental gunshot wound in 2019.

“I’m coming from the urban city of Indianapolis, [the] inner city where a lot of people do not want to be bothered with us,” Jones said. “I am a statistic, unfortunately.”

In 2021, Indianapolis had the highest number of homicides on record, with 271 people killed.

In a speech, Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett joined cities across the country in recognizing June 3 as National Gun Violence Prevention Day. The symbolic gesture offers no policy change, but Hogsett said his administration continues to invest “unprecedented” resources to address the root causes of gun violence. “It’s true that the tools we possess at city government to address gun violence are, frankly, insufficient,” Hogsett said.

Instead, Hogsett called on state and federal officials to pass “common sense gun safety reforms.”

“They can wield the urgency of this moment, where the stark choice is between more life or more death,” Hogsett said.

A staff member of Rep. Andre Carson, a Democrat



Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett spoke in support of ‘common-sense gun reform’ at a rally June 3, 2022. (Photo/Carter Barrett/Side Effects)

who represents Indiana’s 7th Congressional District, read prepared remarks that advocated for universal background checks, closing a loophole that allows guns to be purchased before a federal background check is completed and stronger red flag laws. Still, federal gun reform legislation appears stalled in the Senate.

“Weapons of war have no place in everyday life,” Carson wrote in his statement.

Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears also spoke out against Indiana’s permitless carry law, which will allow most Hoosiers to legally carry a firearm without a license starting July 1. He said the change will create problems for police and make it more difficult to prosecute cases.

“The causes of gun violence are complex, but part of the solution is making sure that everybody has a permit when they carry those handguns,” Mears said. “Part of the solution is making sure we ban assault rifles, and that weapons of war have no place in our community.”

Mears said the prosecutor’s office increasingly sees semi-automatic pistols modified into what are effectively automatic weapons.

Mears faced criticism for declining to use Indiana’s red flag law against the man who killed eight people and himself at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis last year. Red flag laws allow police to confiscate guns from a person who is deemed a danger to themselves or others.

New guidance now requires all red flag law cases be presented to a judge, effectively circumventing the prosecutor’s office.

Indiana Moms Demand Action organizer Alex Rollo led the rally. She said she was energized by President Joe Biden’s speech June 2 that called on lawmakers to pass gun reform.

“The needle is moving,” Rollo said. “Is it moving as quickly as we’d like it to? No, absolutely not. But I assure you, it is moving.”

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Financial literacy program to teach everything from budgeting to risk management

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OneAmerica and the American College of Financial Services will launch a virtual financial literacy program in August. The program is available for anyone but suited for college students. It was initially developed and piloted on HBCU campuses.

OneAmerica saw the students’ success and pledged \$1 million toward a slightly different version in Central Indiana. Participants can access the program through mobile devices or computers. Those who participate will

build upon their knowledge of basic and complex concepts of personal finance. For example, a person will learn everything from budgeting to risk analysis.

“It is about financial wellness and empowerment to create access to financial concepts that can meet learners where they are,” said Jen Pitman, vice president of community affairs.

The program will be funded for five years. Martin University, Ivy Tech Community College, Indianapolis Urban League and others will collaborate to deliver it to the public for free. More informa-

tion about how to register will come later.

The main goal of the program is to increase the number of people making informed financial decisions.

OneAmerica representatives often talk about generational wealth, which is the idea that a person’s family in the future will benefit from their financial decisions today. The company feels its program can give people the tools to obtain generational wealth.

“Our focus initially was on closing the racial wealth gap,” said Chief Diversity Officer Kim Thomas.

The racial wealth gap is a measure of income inequality across different racial groups in America.

According to the Brookings Institute, of all American household wealth Black households have about 3% of it. The Federal Reserve’s 2016 Survey of Consumer Finances reports the median white household has a net worth of \$171,000, which is 10 times the net worth of the median Black household at \$17,100. Historically, national banks have played a role in discriminatory practices against African Americans, including

issuing a disproportionate amount of subprime loans to Black homeowners.

By the end of the online program, OneAmerica wants underrepresented communities to have confidence in their financial decision making. Pitman feels that this can lead the Black community to gain trust in financial institutions.

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Gibson said.

Gibson remembers driving for three hours from South Bend to Detroit, where Williams went to school at the time, to visit her at the hospital. He imagined an emotional reunion, and maybe a tender embrace that would help soothe Williams' pain. He rushed to her room, sat down beside her and put his hand on the hospital bed, which caused it to move just a bit. "She screamed and hollered and said, 'Don't do that,' in a very, very strong voice, as strong as she could sound when she was in that kind of pain," Gibson remembered. "And I was like, 'Don't do what?' And she was like, 'Don't touch the bed, it hurts.'"

Williams had experienced what's called a pain crisis. Sickle cell disease causes a person's blood cells to change from their typical donut shape to the shape of a banana or a sickle. This makes it harder for the blood to carry oxygen to major organs and can cause strokes, tissue damage and organ failure. Sickled cells also tend to clump together and get stuck inside blood vessels, causing excruciating pain. "To think about the fact that she was in that much pain, and then to watch how it was tearing her apart, [it] started tearing me apart," Gibson said.

Sickle cell disease is a genetic disorder that affects nearly 100,000 people in the U.S. It's the nation's most common genetic disorder, but is often overlooked when it comes to resources. The disease receives far less research funding compared to other illnesses, which slows progress in the development of new treatments and medical guidelines that help ensure patients get proper medical care. In many parts of the country, it's extremely difficult to find doctors who specialize in treating the disease.

The vast majority of people with sickle cell disease are Black. Sickle cell researchers, physicians and patients believe these disparities exist — and persist — because of systemic racism.

'Sickle cell has taken three lives from me'

In the U.S., about 1 in 13 Black or African American children is born with the sickle cell trait, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This means they have one copy of the sickle cell gene, which is harmless. But when a person inherits two copies — one from each biological parent — they are born with sickle cell disease. A baby has a 25% chance of being born with sickle cell disease if both parents have the trait.

About one out of every 365 Black or African American babies are born with sickle cell disease in the U.S. While sickle cell can affect people from all ethnic backgrounds, the vast majority are Black. One hypothesis for why the illness primarily affects people of African descent considers the prevalence of malaria in certain parts of the world and the fact that the same gene that causes sickle cell offers protection against malaria.

U.S. physicians first understood sickle cell disease over a century ago, when an Illinois doctor observed the blood cells of a Black dentistry student suffering unexplained pains. Quickly, it became labeled a "Black disease" in medical journals. Many experts believe this is why progress and innovation in the treatment of the disease has been slow.

Brenda Williams was part of a clinical trial in the 1980s for the first-ever drug to help manage sickle cell disease. Her health was deteriorating rapidly, and the trial was her only option.

The drug, hydroxyurea, received Food and Drug Administration approval in 1998. Another drug to treat sickle cell disease wouldn't be approved for nearly two decades.

Williams did not live long enough to see the benefits of either drug. She died at age 36 due to complications from a sickle cell pain crisis.

"She was actually carrying twins when she passed away, and we lost both of them. And so from my standpoint, sickle cell has taken three lives from me, and that's why I'm a fighter for sickle cell disease," Gibson said.

Since his wife's death, Gibson has been active in sickle cell disease advocacy work through The Martin Center Sickle Cell Initiative. It's been more than 37 years, and he is now CEO of the Indianapolis-based nonprofit. The group provides non-clinical social and financial support for patients and their families. Gibson's office is lined with pictures of sickle cell disease patients, as well as social justice literature and a big portrait of Martin Luther King Jr.

For Gibson, this is a social justice and a clinical fight.

"We found that this disease was killing

people early and maiming them and causing all kinds of other issues," Gibson said. "But society said, 'Who cares? They're Black people, we don't care.' And I think that that was something that was taking place in the psyche of American society."

Disparities in funding and access to care

Sickle cell disease patients are often unable to access the care they need for their debilitating disease.

And government and private resources dedicated to it pale in comparison to other diseases.

Sickle cell disease is often compared to cystic fibrosis — another genetic illness that's similarly complex, but not as common as sickle cell disease. An estimated 30,000 people in the U.S. have cystic fibrosis, compared to about 100,000 sickle cell disease patients. The majority of cystic fibrosis patients are white. Federal funding for research on cystic fibrosis is nearly 10 times higher per patient compared to sickle cell disease.

There's only one explanation for this federal funding disparity: systemic racism, says Marsha Treadwell, a researcher and a pediatric psychologist specializing in sickle cell disease at Benioff Children's Hospital at the University of California San Francisco.

She suspects the disparity in philanthropic funding for the two diseases is even greater because Black people in the U.S. typically have less social capital. One peer-reviewed study found funding from charitable foundations for cystic fibrosis is 75 times greater per patient than for sickle cell disease.

Black Americans have been handed the short end of the stick for generations when it comes to educational opportunities and wealth accumulation. Those who have sickle cell disease on top of that experience a double whammy. The disease is debilitating, making it hard for many of them to complete school, especially under-resourced, majority-Black public schools that often lack proper accommodations. As a result, they are less likely to land well-paying jobs and more likely to end up unemployed due to the unexpected nature of the disease.

"When you think about Blacks and African Americans, you have to understand the relationship between wealth, employment, health and the criminal justice system," Treadwell said. "It is a very complex relationship in this country. And it does come into play for people with sickle cell disease."

More than half of all sickle cell patients are on some kind of government insurance programs, like Medicaid and Medicare, which tend to pay health care providers less for services than private insurers.

For this reason, fewer doctors choose to specialize in treating sickle cell disease, said Dr. Sophie Lanzkron, the director of the sickle cell center for adults at Johns Hopkins University.

When she seeks reimbursement from Medicaid for care provided to sickle cell patients, Lanzkron said she is paid less than 40% of what she bills.

"You can't just put up a shingle and open your door and say, 'I'm a sickle cell doc' and expect to make a living. You can't," Lanzkron said.

It creates a situation where only large academic centers like Hopkins can afford to sustain comprehensive sickle cell disease programs. Compare that, again, to cystic fibrosis: There are more than 100 comprehensive care centers for cystic fibrosis, and fewer than half that many centers for sickle cell disease. That leaves comprehensive care out of reach for most sickle cell patients in the U.S.

The way we treat sickle cell patients today is like telling someone with cancer to get care from a non-specialist or the emergency department — instead of an oncologist.

Lanzkron called it "inadequate and unethical."

Black pain is discredited and neglected

Teanika Hoffman, 35, has firsthand experience with inadequate care. She's Black and has sickle cell disease.

When Hoffman was in graduate school, midterm season hit and the pressure and stress of wanting to ace her exams and land on the dean's list triggered a pain crisis. She was overcome by pain in her legs.

This was her first sickle cell pain crisis away from her family, navigating care alone as an adult. She managed to get to a nearby hospital in Philadelphia. Things quickly unraveled.

"I was basically ignored in excruciating pain. My health deteriorated really quickly," Hoffman said. "I could barely

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Wilma Gibbs Moore fellows to study anti-Black racism in Indiana

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The murder of George Floyd in May 2020 ignited Indiana Humanities to create an equity-focused fellowship in honor of one gifted storyteller.

Each year a team of advisors selects four humanities-based research projects that explore anti-Black racism in Indiana as part of the Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowship. It is a requirement that the fellows’ research emphasizes how the Black community responded to the violence.

Moore, who died in 2018, graduated from Crispus Attucks High School and Indiana University. As an award-winning archivist at the Indiana Historical Society, she served as editor for its quar-



Britt Redd, a 2022 Wilma Gibbs Moore fellow, is exploring housing discrimination and environmental racism in Indianapolis. (Photo provided by Indiana Humanities)

terly newsletter, Black News and Notes.

The fellowship is the most unique in the organization’s

50-year history. Indiana Humanities often awards grants, such as the INcommon grant, to nonprofits on the topic of understanding race and ethnicity. But this is the first time it has provided funds to individual researchers.

The nonprofit organization funded the endeavor itself. It is geared toward higher level academics including graduate students, college professors and doctoral candidates.

George Hanlin, director of grants at Indiana Humanities, worked closely with Moore. He admired her presence and passion for African American history.

Hanlin and Indiana Humanities recognized after the first fellowship that it requires a lot of money and time to do research. This led to them to

double the amount of the stipend from \$2,500 to \$5,000. “We would love to raise more money to offer a larger stipend and grow the program that way,” Hanlin said.

One of the current fellows, Britt Redd, has used the stipend to continue their graduate thesis. The Butler University and Ball State University alum believes the fellowship will expand its reach to people outside of academia.

Their research project studies housing discrimination and its connection to data on the effects of pollution exposure in communities of color, specifically against Black Hoosiers. They explained the fellowship can build awareness on environmental issues in the city.

Redd has interviewed residents of the communities

affected by environmental racism. This allowed them as a city planner to understand the day-to-day experience of Black people amid harmful government policies such as redlining, racial covenants and urban renewal.

“My work is grounded in my community and seeing city planning as a tool to restore justice,” Redd said.

Indiana Humanities is still in the early stage of establishing the Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowship. As the program continues, the organization hopes to improve its visibility and impact on the community.

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neighborhood needs it.”

Among the attendees at the groundbreaking ceremony were Mayor Joe Hogsett, City-County Council President Vop Osili and comedian Mike Epps.

“This is a celebration,” Hogsett said. “It’s a rebirth. It’s a new day. It’s a bright future. I know this building will be worthy of the name Kountry Kitchen.”

The restaurant has come a long way since the fire destroyed the old facility.

The Wilsons were originally unsure if they would

get insurance money, and the COVID-19 pandemic began just two months after the fire in early 2020.

But Kountry Kitchen persevered, eventually opening at a temporary space at the Ruckus Building in November 2020.

Becky Benjamin volunteered to help set up the groundbreaking ceremony because she knows the importance of Kountry Kitchen’s legacy.

“Today means history,” Benjamin said.

Kountry Kitchen will continue serving food at its

temporary location, 1417 Commerce Ave., until the new facility is completed in February 2023.

“We are coming back strong,” Issac said. “What really makes us feel good is by the community being behind us and supporting us.”

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move [and felt] super weak. My family had to drive up from Maryland to discharge me against medical advice.”

Hoffman said her family rushed her to another hospital where they “nursed her back to life.” But by that point, her hip bone had died, leaving her unable to walk for a month.

Because Hoffman has sickle cell disease SC (a type of sickle cell disease), her hemoglobin levels are often high compared to other sickle cell patients. During pain crises that land her in the hospital, she said staff would do blood tests, see her hemoglobin levels and start to question if she even has sickle cell disease.

“It’s like taking your finger and like slamming it in your car door repeatedly, right? And then going to the hospital and being told, ‘You’re not in pain, you’re a liar, you’re a drug addict,’ and then sitting hours in excruciating pain and then hoping that someone will take pity on you,” she said.

“This is the story I’ve noticed throughout my life, you know, being discharged from one hospital to another hospital.”

The onus was on her to prove her sickness — something she suspects she wouldn’t have to do if she were white.

In health care settings, clinical guidelines help inform doctors on the proper care and management of patients with complex illnesses. Some guidelines exist for sickle cell disease, but they’re not consistently followed, said Treadwell, the UCSF psychologist.

A dearth in funding and providers means less research and less data are available. Unlike cystic fibrosis and hemophilia — another less-common genetic blood disorder affecting mostly white patients — sickle cell does not have a national registry that supports nationwide clinical research studies and aggregates findings that help inform guidelines.

This means that even when sickle cell guidelines are updated with new data and information, providers are not

always aware of them or inclined to follow them.

“The health care system says, ‘We need evidence for these guidelines that you’re putting forward.’ But you can’t generate the evidence without proper funding,” she said. “So you have this cycle, again, where there’s a demand for evidence before the guidelines are pulled into play, but yet, there’s no way to generate the evidence because you just don’t have enough funding behind it.”

For diseases like cystic fibrosis and hemophilia, providers in emergency departments have clear guidelines to follow, and specialists are often called on for help.

“When you have cystic fibrosis and you show up in the emergency room in the middle of nowhere, the first phone call is to [your] pulmonologist,” Lanzkron said. “[ER staff] are terrified to do the wrong thing for that person with cystic fibrosis.”

But it’s a different story for sickle cell disease.

Oftentimes when sickle cell patients show up in crisis, they have other complications that can go unrecognized because there is no sickle cell disease expert involved in their care — and specialists are not brought in to help.

Some of these patients end up dying or are left with irreversible damage.

“I’ve had patients of mine who have had really bad outcomes because no one bothered to pick up the phone,” Lanzkron said.

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EDITORIAL

The Indianapolis Urban League’s drive for equality

By LARRY SMITH



This week the Indianapolis Urban League (IUL) held its Equal Opportunity Day. The annual event highlights IUL’s role as “the leading voice articulating the need for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Central Indiana Community.” It is also a major fundraiser for the civil rights stalwart. The keynote speaker this year was Dr. James H. Johnson, who teaches strategy and entrepreneurship in the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His research interests include community and economic development, the effects of demographic changes on the workplace, interethnic minority conflict in advanced industrial societies, poverty and public policy in urban America, and workforce diversity. Johnson has published more than 100 research articles and has co-edited scholarly journals. Currently, he researches strategies to combat hyper-segregation, persistent and concentrated poverty, and gentrification-induced residential and economic dislocation. I had the privilege to speak with Dr. Johnson ahead of his talk. My first

question concerned what he means by “hyper-segregation.” He said that the term refers to communities that are — by design — disproportionately comprised of people of color. Further, more than 40% live below the poverty line. In short, these communities are purposely racially and socioeconomically isolated. Johnson referenced the “paradox of our society,” which he describes as American being “far more racially diverse than in the past and (desirous of) creating economic growth, but on the ground (we are) still highly segregated.” Hyper-segregation is broader than just housing; our educational system is more racially segregated than it was before the Supreme Court’s historic Brown decision in 1954. Dr. Johnson argues that several forces create and sustain this reality, such as whites having the wealth to purchase better homes and to send their children to private schools — or even to create their own school districts. Another factor is that fertility rates among white Americans are lower than they are for people of color. This is largely because the median age for white Americans is 44, whereas the median age for Latinos is 30. For African Americans it is 35. This disparity also has provided fuel for those who peddle what is now

known as “replacement theory.” Regarding Tucker Carlson’s favorite new boogeyman, Dr. Johnson says, “Replacement theory is the flipside of fear. I always start my talks with this fact: Basic demography is pretty predictable. Five years from now, you’ll be five years older.” In other words, demographics are one determinant of future social, political and economic outcomes. Johnson went on to point out that replacement theory began as something called “Southern Demographic Displacement,” which has birthed from a white nationalist organization called League of the South. This group says that its ultimate goal is to have “a free and independent Southern republic.” They unabashedly argue that everyone who is not white and Christian should be forced to leave “their” region of the country. In response, Dr. Johnson created a demographic exercise in which he removes all races from the South except for white people. The model demonstrates that the median age in the region would go from 35 to 60. The data also show that roughly 40% of occupations would disappear. Johnson then asks questions like, “If this were to become a reality, what would happen to the SEC in football and basketball given that Black athletes dominate

those sports?” (I’m guessing that the Georgia Bulldogs would not have celebrated a college football national championship this past winter.) Dr. Johnson is not only a scholar; he is also a humanitarian. He says, “I try to put myself in the shoes of the people (who are afraid of changing demographics). I do the math. I’d be scared too.” He went on: “I’m going to gerrymander you, redistrict you, take away your right to vote and do everything I can to suppress you. If you’ve always had your way and someone comes along to threaten that, you’d be upset too. I just think that we’ve got to change the narrative. When it comes to cutting a deal to (grow the economy), those who oppose change will likely make wiser choices. I’m not going to argue with anyone about replacement theory, but if you don’t invest in human capital development, you’re going to lose your shirt in the global marketplace. And many of your congressional districts will go away (due to people leaving).” If an appeal to people’s hearts doesn’t work, perhaps an appeal to their heads — and their wallets — will.

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Together we can make a difference

By CHERYL SMITH



Just as we must accept that with life there will be death, we must realize just as there is joy, there will be pain! As I sat in a crowded room I listened intently to men and women who were really frustrated and fed up. I didn’t even attempt to understand what they were saying because there was a serious language barrier, but that didn’t stop me from having the most unsettling feeling in the pit of my stomach. Speaker after speaker addressed Dallas Police Chief Eddie Garcia and city council member Omar Narvaez, sharing their thoughts about how the Korean American community was concerned, fearful and upset, and they wanted assurances that their businesses and homes would be protected. At the Dallas Police Department/Korean American safety town hall meeting, you didn’t have to speak the language to know the feelings that were dominating the room. These citizens gathered in the wake of three racially motivated shootings at Korean-owned and operated businesses, and they wanted answers. Admittedly, the meeting was a bit much for me that

evening as I had been listening to Roland Martin Unfiltered on the Black Star Network earlier in the evening and the candid discussion and viewing of tapes of a racist gunman who opened fire in a Buffalo, New York, supermarket, killing 11 — 10 of whom were Black. What was equally disturbing was video of the gunman turning his assault rifle on a white person before apologizing and moving on to another Black target. This continued violence with mass shootings occurring from Sacramento to New York, with some racially motivated and others just the act of mindless, lost souls, weighs heavily on so many. Hasn’t it been enough that in this country alone we have lost over 1 million to COVID-19-related illnesses and still today, despite a relaxing of measures, we see deaths continue to be reported on a daily basis? For many the past two years have been overwhelming, and according to the Mayo Clinic, “During the COVID-19 pandemic, you may experience stress, anxiety, fear, sadness and loneliness. And mental health disorders, including anxiety and depression, can worsen.” They also offer self-care strategies like taking care of your body, getting enough sleep, avoiding tobacco, alcohol and drugs, limiting screen time, and relaxing to cope.

All the issues we’re dealing with today make coping harder and more stressful. It seems like my entire life there has been a war of some kind, even if it is only in my head. We constantly have something or someone attacking our very existence. The town hall meeting didn’t produce anything new. Theirs was a story I have heard so many times before. The faces and the ethnicities change, but the pain and grief are still the same. Which brings me to my truth: For some reason, I honestly don’t believe we were put on this Earth to live and die in isolation. Our time on this Earth was meant to spend with others, to experience the joys of the world and the pains — but not alone. So, as we experience life, it is imperative that we don’t do it in a vacuum, that we become engaged and involved, that we live each day to its fullest. We can begin by caring about others because if we don’t, when we look up during our triumphs and challenges, we might find ourselves alone. If you’ve been all about yourself, change now. From this day forward, get up and get out and get involved and be there for others, so that no one is alone!

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Jan. 6 hearings a plea to defend our democracy

By JESSE JACKSON



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — On June 9, the House Select Committee investigating the sacking of the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, will hold the first of its prime-time, televised public hearings. The committee has done an exhaustive investigation, interviewing a thousand witnesses, looking at tens of thousands of documents. The hearings will reveal new information about what was, in fact, a multi-layered effort to overturn the results of a presidential election, driven by the White House and involving Republican legislators, operatives, state officials and donors. The hearings will

ask every American to understand how vulnerable our democracy is, and how close we came to losing it. The question, of course, is whether it is too late to save our democracy. Donald Trump has persisted in propagating his “Big Lie” about the election, despite the fact that court after court, many times judges appointed by Trump, his own attorney general and Justice Department, and partisan audits of votes in several states universally found no evidence of fraud that could have come close to making a difference in the election result. No matter. Trump has persisted, the right-wing media led by Fox News has echoed his claims, and today, two-thirds of Republican voters say Joe Biden is not the legitimate winner of the 2020 presidential election and the election was stolen from Trump. Many Republicans join Trump in praising as patriots those who sacked the Capitol. The “Big Lie” goes even further than this. Across the country, in the Congress and in the states, Republican officials have systematically blocked efforts to strengthen our electoral system and instead, in states where they have power, have passed a range of measures to make voting more difficult. Driven by Trump, they have also supported extremists for what used to be nonpartisan posts in

charge of the administration of elections. In some states, they have given the Republican legislatures greater power to overturn the results of the elections. By 2024, Republicans in about 20 states will be primed and eager to ensure that their candidate wins — no matter what the voters say. In Congress, Republicans have filibustered attempts to reform our electoral laws to make clear how the electoral college works and how it must reflect the votes of the people. They have filibustered against attempts to set federal standards for voting that would make registration and voting far easier. They have even blocked efforts to revive the Voting Rights Act, the keystone of the Civil Rights Movement that was gutted by five right-wing, Republican-appointed Supreme Court justices. The last time the Voting Rights Act was re-authorized, it received nearly universal bipartisan support in the House and Senate. No more. Now, ensuring the right of Blacks to vote meets with partisan opposition. There’s the rub. Republicans in polls say that they believe that votes are counted honestly in states that vote Republican, in rural and suburban areas where Republicans congregate. They say that fraud takes place in urban areas — areas where Blacks and Hispanics live. Mail-in ballots, which Trump objects to, are fine in Republican areas, but somehow illegitimate in urban areas. When senior citizens used mail-in ballots, there was no problem. Now that more African Americans and Hispanics use them, they are viewed as suspect.

These fears are compounded by the so-called “replacement theory,” a favorite of the right-wing media. The “replacement theory” essentially argues that Black, Hispanic and Asian American votes are tainted because Democrats allegedly are plotting to use immigrants to “replace” white majorities. America, in this view, must remain a white, Christian, male-dominated country. And if that takes subverting the democracy to ensure that the minority can rule, so be it. The Jan. 6 congressional committee hearings are, in many ways, a plea for Americans to defend their democracy. This should be as popular as apple pie — but it won’t be. The committee will face a right-wing media complex — Fox News, Newsmax, the QAnon network and legions of poisonous talk radio hosts — that will no doubt ignore its evidence and savage its conclusions. More than 8 in 10 Republicans who get their news from Fox News believe the election was stolen. America has experienced brutal battles over its democracy before. The Civil War was fought over whether the United States would remain united and free. The Civil Rights Movement had to overcome entrenched resistance to end apartheid Jim Crow in the South. Now democracy is at stake once more. Will Americans again rally to defend our democracy, or will they succumb to a “Big Lie” grounded in racial animus that will drive our country apart? The Jan. 6 committee hearings are yet another chapter in that ongoing battle.

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Indiana court strikes down emergency law fought by governor

By TOM DAVIES and RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Supreme Court on June 3 threw out a law that gave state legislators increased power to intervene during public health emergencies, agreeing with arguments from Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb that the move violated the state constitution.

The court's unanimous decision settles a legal fight that began more than a year ago when Holcomb sued over a law that was a response to his efforts to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new law gave legislative leaders authority to call the General Assembly into an "emergency session" if the governor declares a statewide emergency. The GOP-dominated Legislature approved it over Holcomb's veto.

Holcomb's lawyers contended that the state constitution allows only the governor to call the Legislature into meetings for consideration of new laws outside of its annual sessions that begin in early January and adjourn by the end of April.

Chief Justice Loretta Rush agreed, writing for the five-justice court that Holcomb's attorneys had "satisfied the high burden required to es-

tablish that the law is unconstitutional."

"Under our Constitution, the General Assembly simply cannot do what the challenged law permits absent a constitutional amendment," Rush added.

Holcomb said in a statement that the battle over the law had raised "important procedural, statutory and Constitutional questions that only the courts could answer."

"Today, the Indiana Supreme Court has provided clarity and finality on these important issues," he said.

The high court's ruling came after a Marion County judge sided with the Legislature in October.

Legislative leaders never tried to convene an emergency session under the law. Holcomb first issued a public health emergency in response to the pandemic on March 6, 2020, and terminated it this March. He had issued 23 monthly extensions, drawing the ire of many conservatives even though any mask mandates or business restrictions ended in spring 2021.

Under the law, it would be up to the Legislative Council — made up of eight senators and eight House members — to call an "emergency session" if it determined that the governor had declared a state of emergency with "statewide



Pictured is the east entrance to the Indiana Statehouse. (Recorder file photo)

impact" and that "it is necessary for the General Assembly to address the state of emergency with legislative action."

GOP legislative leaders have maintained that the measure wasn't "anti-governor" and praised Holcomb's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, which health officials say has killed more than 23,000 people in the state.

Republican House Speaker Todd Huston said in a statement that he respected the court's ruling. "We'll consider all options moving forward," he said.

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray echoed that, saying in a statement: "We will work collaboratively to find a way forward

that serves the best interests of the State of Indiana."

Although the ruling found the "emergency session" law to be unconstitutional, Rush wrote that the General Assembly does have "the constitutional authority to set additional sessions."

"While our Constitution authorizes only the Governor to call a special session, the General Assembly can set additional sessions — but only by fixing their length and frequency in a law passed during a legislative session and presented to the Governor," she wrote.

All of the court's justices were appointed by Republican governors. Only Justice Christopher Goff was ap-

pointed by Holcomb, in 2017.

Holcomb's lawsuit divided Indiana's Republican hierarchy, with Attorney General Todd Rokita siding with legislators. Rokita's office unsuccessfully argued that the attorney general alone had the legal authority to represent the state in court.

Rokita said in a statement that the court's ruling had overridden "the intent of those who are directly elected by the people."

But the Indiana Democratic Party called the ruling a repudiation of Republican lawmakers, saying that their "extremism and unnecessary purity tests" have wasted Indiana residents' tax dollars.

Mosquito Control Hosts Tire Recycle Day

One of the easiest ways to help control the mosquito population is to limit areas of standing water where mosquitoes breed. Unused tires, when left outside, can collect water and become an ideal place for mosquitoes to breed.

The Marion County Public Health Department's Mosquito Control program encourages residents to get rid of unused tires for free during Tire Recycle Day on Saturday, June 18 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Marion County residents can bring up to six car tires, off the rim, from passenger vehicles only. This event is for individuals and not for use by tire retailers or auto salvage yards. All tires collected will be recycled.

Two locations have been designated as tire drop-off locations on June 18:

- Marion County Public Health Department Mosquito Control - 4001 E. 21st St.
- SECO - Southeast Community Organization - 1925 Fletcher Ave.

"We encourage residents to take a few minutes each week to walk around their yard or property and look for areas of standing water," said Matt Sinsko, coordinator of Mosquito Control at the Marion County Public Health Department. "Dump water from containers of any size and flush out bird baths frequently. Also, check for clogged gutters, small recreational pools, and poorly operating septic systems."

As the mosquito population grows during spring and summer, the health department encourages everyone to follow the four Ds of mosquito control to help avoid bites:

- DUSK — Stay indoors from dusk until dawn. If you do spend time outdoors....
- DRESS — Wear long sleeves and long pants when outside during these times.
- DEET — Use insect repellent containing DEET.

- DRAINAGE — Remove all standing water outside the home.

For more information about Tire Recycle Day, please contact Marion County Public Health Department Mosquito Control at 317-221-7440 or visit MarionHealth.org.

Mosquito Control tracks the numbers and types of mosquitoes in different areas of Marion County and takes steps to kill mosquito larvae and adult mosquitoes. This helps lower mosquito activity and the mosquito population.

Free Diabetes Self-Management Classes

The ABCs of Diabetes is a free, four-part series on diabetes self-management and support offered each month, January through November, by the Marion County Public Health Department. The program gives adults with diabetes, pre-diabetes, and their families and friends, access to educational services and information in the area of managing and preventing diabetes.

Information presented aims to empower residents with diabetes to achieve and maintain good health, prevent complications that may develop from uncontrolled diabetes, and to increase knowledge and skills for successful diabetes self-management.

Topics include diet, medications, exercise, monitoring and long-term management. Participants also receive a consultation with a registered dietitian, registered nurse, and a health educator.

Classes in July will be offered in-person at the Southport Branch Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, on Thursday, July 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Participants are required to wear a mask.

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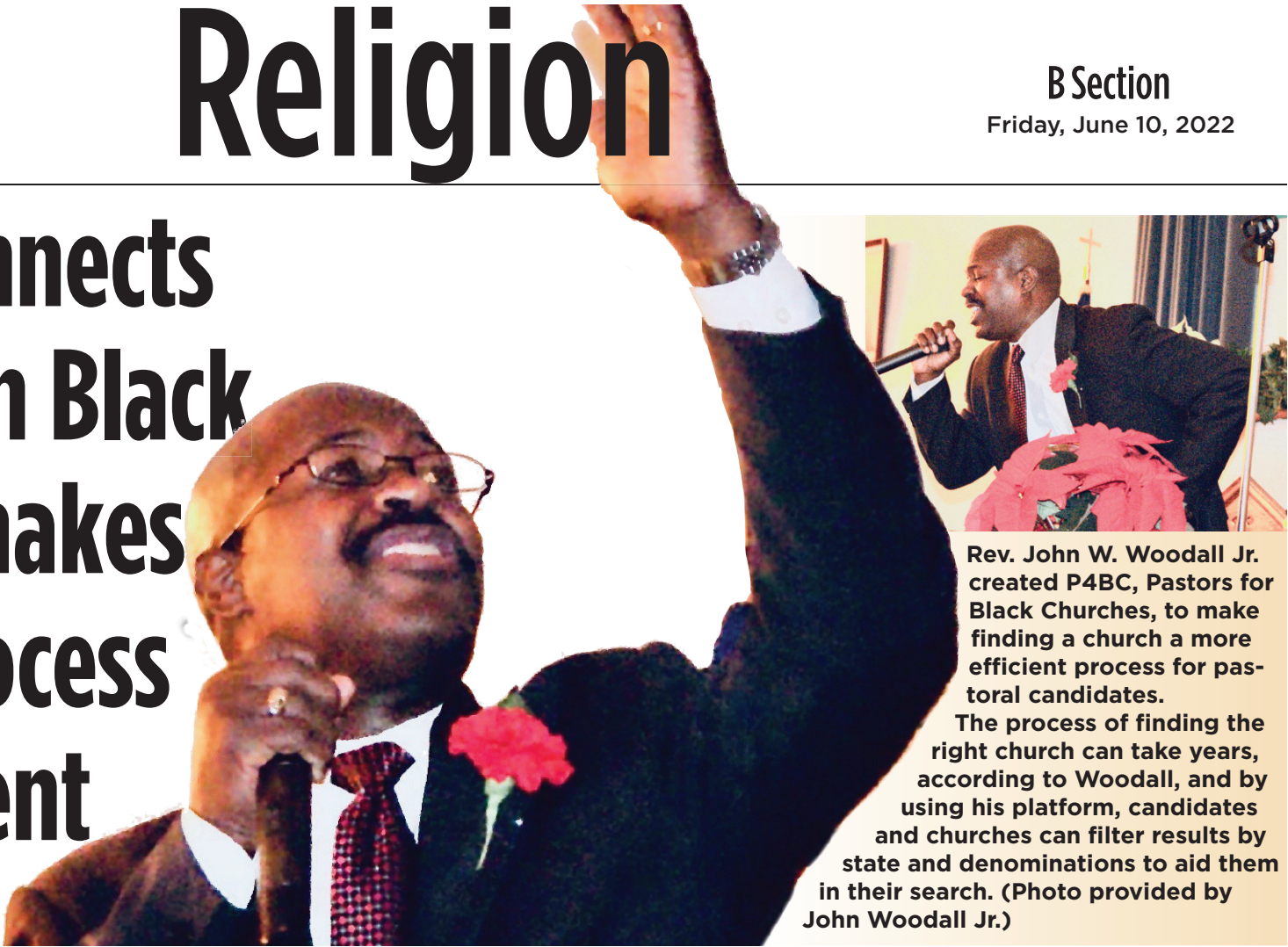
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Website connects pastors with Black churches, makes pastoral process more efficient



Rev. John W. Woodall Jr. created P4BC, Pastors for Black Churches, to make finding a church a more efficient process for pastoral candidates. The process of finding the right church can take years, according to Woodall, and by using his platform, candidates and churches can filter results by state and denominations to aid them in their search. (Photo provided by John Woodall Jr.)

BY ABRIANA HERRON
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It has been 15 years since Rev. John W. Woodall Jr. began his pastoral process, the journey every pastor must take to find the right church they will preach for. With his resume ready, he asked his mentor if there were any websites that might aid him in this extensive process. “Well, you’re the computer guy,” Woodall recalls his mentor saying. “Why don’t you make it?” So, Woodall did. Now, the website, p4bc.com, connects pastoral candidates with Black churches that are seeking a pastor for their church community. The acronym “P4BC” stands for Pastors for Black Churches, and by creating a profile on the website, both pastoral candidates and church search committees can filter results by state and denomination to find the best suited church or pastor. In the past, listings for pastors were commonly found through word of mouth, taking two to three years or longer for pastors to find churches to preach for, Woodall said. He cre-

ated this website to make the process smoother and more efficient for both parties. Pastor Timothy Ramsey of Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church started his process in the winter of 2017, and while he found his church that summer, Ramsey helped Woodall test the website. He said P4BC is an efficient tool to use to save time during the search. “The information was very helpful because unlike other similar tools, it narrows it down to a specific job search,” he said. “It would have certainly saved me a lot of time.” While this is a service to help Black churches with their search for a pastor, Woodall plans to have a racially diverse group of pastoral candidates. Rev. Tommy Birnell knows his pastoral process will be a challenging one because he wants to preach for the Black church community as a white pastor. “I know there’s going to be Black churches that are not going to accept me because of the color of my skin,” he said. “We can’t change people. Only God can change people. I want to be

where God wants me.” After being mentored by Woodall, Birnell has begun his search for a church. He has used websites like Pastors for Black Churches, but to him, none of them compare. “I believe that this website goes into a little more depth,” Birnell said. “When a church is looking, they get to see a lot more about you than they would with a resume.” For their profiles to be seen, each church and pastoral candidate must upload an introduction video. Since the website’s launch in April, there are around 20 pastoral candidates nationwide with profiles viewable on the website, but no churches. Woodall said he wanted to first focus on finding the pastoral candidates and would begin pushing for more churches to join later. He also stressed the importance of the church search committee has on “uncovering” their pastor. “The purpose of the search committee is not to find a pastor,” he said. “It’s to reveal the pastor that God has already chosen.”

To aid the churches, Woodall created a free online course that teaches search committees the essential steps they must take to find their pastor on the platform. Some of the steps include a phone interview, multiple in-person interviews and praying for the pastor. If the process is not done correctly, it could result in a high pastor turnover. Woodall said one church in Central Indiana has gone through six pastors in the past 20 years, and its pastor search was delayed by the pandemic. It is free to set up a listing and/or profile, but Woodall said to make the search confidential and the platform trustworthy, there is a monthly fee for all pastoral candidates and churches. However, all fees will be waived for candidates and search committees for a limited time. Contact religion reporter Abriana Herron at 317-924-5243. Follow her on Twitter @Abri_onyai. Herron is a Report for America corps member and writes about the role of Black churches in the community.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

The honorable hookup

By JOHNSON A. BEAVEN III



“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.” -Genesis 2:18, 21-22 NIV

The wedding season is here. Summer is the second most popular season for couples to tie the knot. According to the 2021 Real Weddings Study, June and August are two of the most popular months for weddings, with 13% of couples saying “I do” in both months. Marriage is a good gift from God. This was confirmed in the Gospels when Jesus claimed, “but at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate” (Mark 10:6-9). Because marriage is of God, it’s a relationship, a special “hookup” that’s to be held in high honor (Hebrews 13:4). But what makes marriage an honorable hookup? Genesis 1 stresses that God knows what’s “good.” God saw that everything he made was “good” to “very good.” The term “good” here describes what is pleasing to God, beneficial for life and abundantly enjoyable. As to vegetation, we’re informed that the trees God made grow out of the ground were “good” for food (Genesis 2:9). As to humanity, God said of Adam that “it is not good that man should be alone; I will make a helper suitable for him.” Adam’s aloneness was not that he was by himself, for he had every living creature with him, nor was it for a lack of fellowship because he had God with him. What wasn’t “good” about Adam’s aloneness was that he didn’t have a comparable, complementing mate for partnership and help, and to enjoy God’s fellowship with (Genesis 2:20). God thusly created Eve not out of Adam’s head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him. Rather, God created Eve out of Adam’s side to be equal with him, and under his arm for protection and near his heart to be loved. God knows what and who is good for you (Genesis 2:18, 22). We often refer to Proverbs 18:22 when commenting about marriage: “he who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.” The term “finds” could be understood to mean come forth, ap-



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pear, meet accidentally, happen upon or encounter. The blessing in marriage is found in the hookup that God “brings” or “joins” together (Genesis 2:22). The honorable hookup is found not when on the prowl seeking and searching for a mate, but when one goes to sleep (Genesis 2:21); that is, become deadened to the flesh, and allow God to go to work in making a “match made in heaven.” Then one day, they appear out of nowhere and you realize “this is now” the one (Genesis 2:23). Here’s a story that stresses how this can happen. During a morning worship service, Ellen noticed a nice-looking man sitting by himself on the back pew. As a single woman she had a vested interest in meeting him. She approached him with an extended

hand and said, “Hi, I’m Ellen.” He took one look at her and bolted out the door without saying a word. The following Sunday he returned to church and made this apology: “My name is Bob, and I owe you an apology for my rude behavior last Sunday. You see, my deceased wife’s name was Ellen, and I had been praying, ‘Dear God, please send me another Ellen.’ When you approached me and said, ‘Hi, I’m Ellen,’ I lost it.” Bob and Ellen have now been married many years and are both very thankful for the way God answered Bob’s prayer. Rev. Johnson A. Beaven III is pastor of Citadel of Faith Church of God in Christ. Contact him via email at jabeaven@gmail.com, or via Twitter @jbeaven.

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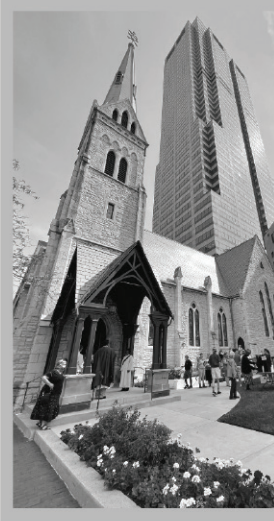
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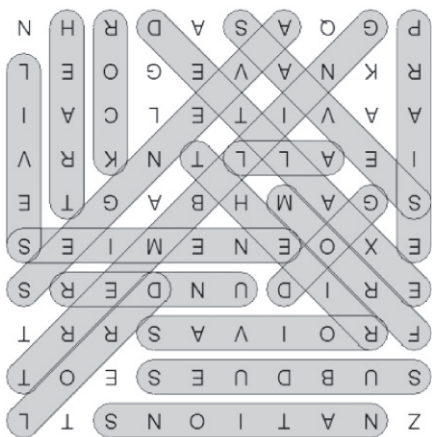
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By Wilson Casey

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3. Which apostle was a tax collector from Capernaum? Andrew John, James, Matthew
4. From Acts 16, Lydia was a seller of ...? Perfumes, Water, Sandals, Purple
5. Oholah, Oholibah and Rahab were all ...? Queens, Prostitutes, Priests, Vineyards
6. From what church was Silas? Unity, Bethany, Antioch, Trinity



ANSWERS:
1) Old;
2) Doubting;
3) Matthew;
4) Purple;
5) Prostitutes;
6) Antioch

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GENERATION Z

sparking the ‘Great Resignation’ as employers realize shortages

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

The pandemic has spurred the “Great Resignation” phenomenon, and it is still on.

Many workers have continued to resign and switch jobs, and the pandemic reportedly has changed what matters to employees and what they want from their jobs — leading to a disconnect between leaders and workers.

Gen Z and younger millennials are speaking up about what they want their workplace to look like — and feel like — something that no other generation has done.

“Many Gen Z workers got their first job during the pandemic, so they expect flexibility and remote work as the standard option. In addition, they view jobs as ‘experiences’ that they can end if they no longer need or feel connected to them,” said Dr. Ximena Hartsock, founder of BuildWithin.

This D.C.-based company identifies, trains and manages tech-related apprentices.

“And, they have always been presented with a ‘buyers’ market’ in terms of jobs which has led to job-hopping, which is unlikely to go away and puts pressure on employers to lead with an employee-centric and value-driven culture,” Hartsock said.

“This new generation is putting needed pressure on employers to make the workplace more empathetic. Perhaps the Great Resignation will transition to the Great Enlightenment.”

Mark Pierce, CEO of Cloud Peak Law Group, said he believes that employees aren’t feeling valued or that their working location puts them at a disadvantage. He said that’s a primary contributor to the “Great Resignation.”

“Whether employees are working in person, fully remote or hybrid, it’s important to ensure that everyone feels welcome and valued in their roles,” Pierce said.

He noted that focusing on company culture and giving employees autonomy are solutions.

“It can be easier to focus on employees who work in the same way that you as a leader do most often. If you’re in the office a lot, you’ll likely be more in touch with employees who work in-office frequently, and vice versa if you work remotely,” Pierce said.

He added that micromanagement becomes amplified when performed remotely, making it even more bothersome for employees than when they worked in the office where employers did so in person.

“Giving employees autonomy shows that you as a leader trust them to do their work without



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needing to intervene,” Pierce said.

“It also frees you to focus on the most important tasks at hand, rather than simply monitoring employees.”

A Pew Research Center survey found that low pay, a lack of opportunities for advancement and feeling disrespected at work are the top reasons Americans quit their jobs last year.

Released in March 2022, the survey also found that those who quit and are now employed elsewhere are more likely than not to say their current job has better pay, more opportunities for advancement and more work-life balance and flexibility.

“A few factors are driving the Great Resignation, but one that stands out is that most workplaces simply aren’t doing as much as they could to support the health and wellness of their employees,” said Logan Mallory, vice president at Motivosity.

This company helps employees remain engaged remotely and in the office.

“This means offering support for mental health and workplace options that support overall health and wellness, such as flexible working hours or the ability to work remotely,” Mallory said.

“When employees see that their employers truly care about them as individuals, they’ll be much happier, more engaged and less likely to resign.”

Pavel Stepanov, the CEO of Virtudesk, added that COVID-19 confronted many workers with the question of what it means to have meaning in their lives.

Stepanov said Generation Z, a group with a different mindset and culture, has entered the workforce. Further, the cost-of-living increases and housing and homeownership are becoming more unattainable for young people.

“So many factors are contributing to the Great Resignation. However, this isn’t just a brief trend anymore. What’s looking to be a long-lasting shift is changing culture and economic environment,” Stepanov said. “Also, the culture of Gen Z has also proven to be very different from Gen X and millennials, where they strive to attach more meaning to what they do and strive to have a strong impact on the world.”

He continued: “This, coupled with the hardship of COVID in the last two years, is having people demand greater job fulfillment when they enter or participate in the workforce. People want to stand out, be different and make change where they are, and many jobs have been designed not to deliver that feeling of purpose.”

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Notice is hereby given that ANDREA ROMINE was, on June 2, 2022, appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of DONNA CARUSO, deceased, who died on JANUARY 14, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED at Indiana this June 2, 2022.

BOONE County Superior Court

Attorney for personal representative:

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5320-948083 06/10/22, 06/17/22

STATE OF INDIANA)) ss: COUNTY OF JOHNSON) 41D01-2205-EU-000186) IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED

RALPH E. STACK, DECEASED

Attorney: Kathryn Kuehn.

#21506-49

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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ESTATE OPENING

Notice is hereby given that on May 27, 2022, John Zeigler was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ralph E. Stack, who died on April 3, 2022.

All persons who have claims against the Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months of the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated: May 27, 2022

/s/ Treva McLaughlin

Clerk of Johnson County

5320-947897 06/10/22, 06/17/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT) SS:

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2205-PL-016990

Parcel No.: 49-05-34-109-012.000-900

TIMOTHY C. LISH Plaintiff,

vs. US BANK, N.A., and all of its successors and assigns, Defendants.

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE

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 to quiet title on the following described real estate located in Marion County, Indiana:

Parcel No.: 49-05-34-109-012.000-900

Commonly known as: 1627 Rogers Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46214

Legal Description: LOT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE (179) IN WESTWOOD, SECTION 4, AN ADDITION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 14, 1987 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 87-54449, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. (hereinafter the "Real Property").

This summons by publication is specifically directed to all the Defendants above-named. In addition to the above-named Defendants being served by this summons, there may be other persons who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney on or before July 24, 2022, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit is published), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

/s/ J. Alex Bruggenschmidt

J. Alex Bruggenschmidt (#28482-49)

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Attorney for Plaintiff

ATTEST:

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge

Clerk of Marion Co. Circuit Court

5320-947867 06/10/22, 06/17/22, 06/24/22

MDK # 22-008896

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT #3) SS:

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D03-2205-MF-017639

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper Plaintiff,

vs. The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jeanette M. Paul, and, the

unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Jeanette M. Paul, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jeanette M. Paul and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Jeanette M. Paul:

BE IT KNOWN, that Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Civil Superior Court #3 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jeanette M. Paul and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Jeanette M. Paul, 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 19 in Eaglesdale, Eleventh Section, Part One, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 177, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

commonly known as 5562 Dunk Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

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 Civil Superior Court #3

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)

Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)

Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)

Chris Wiley (26936-10)

Susan B. Klineman (17405-49)

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 4) SS:

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NUMBER: 49D04-2203-MF-010355

EMBRACE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND CREDITORS OF BOB R. COMPTON UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, IF ANY, OF 929 GILBERT AVE

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN MARION COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 89 IN WILLIAM L. ELDERS EDGEWOOD ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 153 AND 154 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

Subject to all liens, Easements and Encumbrances of Record.

Parcel Number 49-14-01-117-019.000-500

This property is commonly known as 929 Gilbert Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendants whose addresses are known:

Unknown Occupant, if any, of 929 Gilbert Ave

929 Gilbert Ave Indianapolis, IN 46227

And to the following Defendant, whose addresses are unknown:

Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devisees, Personal Representatives, and creditors of Bob R. Compton

Unknown Address Indianapolis, IN 46227

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

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your attorney, on or before the 24th 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.

Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)

David W. Cliffe (36402-15)

Attorneys for Plaintiff

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ATTEST: 3/30/2022

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge

Clerk of the Marion County Circuit/Superior Court

5320-948009 06/10/22, 06/17/22, 06/24/22

MDK # 22-001046

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #5) SS:

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D05-2203-MF-006691

The Huntington National Bank Plaintiff,

vs. Donna S. Richardson, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: BE IT KNOWN, that The Huntington National Bank, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #5 its Complaint against Defendant, 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, 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 Number 214 in Christian Park Heights an addition to the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 177, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

commonly known as 4535 Farrington Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201.

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 #5

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)

Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 7) SS:

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D07-2202-MF-005071

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF RUBY M. GLENN A/K/A RUBY MARSH GLENN, DECEASED AND MICHAEL CHEATHAM, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

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

The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate

Against the property commonly known as 2902 Manlove Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46218-2616 and described as follows:

23 feet off of the South side of Lot 29 and all of Lot 30 in Block 12 in "Sangster Harrison and Company's Oak Hill Addition," to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 5, page 10, in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

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

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

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

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ BARRY T BARNES BARRY T. BARNES Attorney No. 19657-49 Attorney for Plaintiff

BARRY T. BARNES FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727 NOTICE

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURT) SS: CIVIL DIVISION

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D07-2204-PL-013717

HEATHER RESSLER and JASON PIEFFER Plaintiffs,

vs. ARCANDEL TELLEZ GARCIA SR. and GOLDEN

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC., Defendants.

TO: Golden House Construction Services, LLC

Arcangel Tellez Garcia, Sr. State of Indiana to the Defendants named above:

Arcangel Tellez Garcia, Sr., and Golden

House Construction Services, LLC. You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the persons named as plaintiffs and in the Marion County Superior Court 7, Civil Division. Plaintiffs have made diligent efforts to find and serve you personally and as agent of the above named Defendant, the company. The nature of the lawsuit against you is: Breach of Contract, Breach of Express Warranties, Fraud, and Encroachment and Trespass.

You are further notified that you must respond within thirty (30) days from the last notice by publication of this action, and in the event you should fail to respond within the allotted time,

a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Marion Superior Court

/s/ Daniel L. Russello 35589-49

Daniel L. Russello McNevin & McInnes, LLP

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5320-948068 06/10/22, 06/17/22, 06/24/22

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

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2205-ES-015157

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF CHARLES D. WHITELEY, deceased

NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Estate of Charles D. Whiteley, deceased.

Estate Docket: 49D08-2205-ES-015157

Notice is hereby given that on June 6, 2022, Stacy L. McGuyre was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles D. Whiteley, deceased, who died intestate on the 19th day of April, 2022, a resident of Marion County, Indiana.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this May 6, 2022.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge

Clerk, Marion Superior Court

Probate Division

Stacy L. McGuyre, I.D. #31064-32

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STATE OF INDIANA) SUPERIOR COURT 8) ss: PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2205-EU-018000

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED

ROGER C. LA FAVE, DECEASED

Attorney: Kathryn Kuehn.

#21506-49

Kuehn Law, LLC

45 West Clinton Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46122</

Transformative year: Black coaches now lead 50% of NBA teams

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It's an annual occurrence in the NBA. Teams change head coaches and the roster of candidates who should get those jobs starts getting bandied about, and especially in recent years those lists almost always included Black candidates.

Case in point: Ime Udoka, who is of Nigerian descent.

For five years, he was one of those can't-miss candidates but never got hired. That is, until the Boston Celtics gave him the opportunity. And all Udoka did in Year 1 was reach the NBA Finals.

"I don't understand what took so long, to be honest," Celtics guard Jaylen Brown said.

Udoka's hiring by the Eastern Conference champion Celtics was part of a transformative year for the league when it comes to diversity within the coaching ranks. In the last 12 months, eight coaching jobs have been filled by Black candidates — and for the first time, half the league's franchises, 15 of the 30, have Black head coaches.

"It means a lot," said Golden State assistant Mike Brown, one of the eight recent Black hires; he's taking over the Sacramento Kings when the NBA Finals ends. "When my son, and my oldest son's about to have his first son, when they turn on the TV and they see people that look like them leading an NBA team on the sidelines, it can be inspiring."

Detroit's Dwane Casey, Phoenix's Monty Williams, Cleveland's J.B. Bickerstaff, Philadelphia's Doc Rivers, the Los Angeles Clippers' Tyronn Lue, Houston's Stephen Silas and Atlanta's Nate McMillan are the seven Black coaches who had their current jobs last season. They've been joined in the last year by Udoka, Brown, Portland's Chauncey Billups, Dallas' Jason Kidd, Orlando's Jamahl Mosley, Washington's Wes Unseld Jr., New Orleans' Willie Green, and the Los Angeles Lakers hired Darvin Ham.

Mosley interviewed for nine jobs before getting hired in Orlando. Ham, like Udoka, had been a can't-miss name for years, but never got a chance until now.

"Darvin is about as good a guy as you're going to see, a big competitor," Boston's Al Horford said. "Extreme competitor. The Lakers are really lucky to have a guy like him. He's the kind of guy that you want."



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"For many years qualified young coaches of color like Ime Udoka, Jamahl Mosley, Willie Green, Wes Unseld Jr., Darvin Ham and Stephen Silas, to name just a few, were not getting consistent opportunities to interview for NBA head coaching positions," said Indiana coach Rick Carlisle, the president of the National Basketball Coaches Association. "The last two years changed everything. The league office has tirelessly made franchises more aware of the qualifications and journeys of these talented young coaches. This increased awareness has led to qualified coaches of all backgrounds having greater opportunity to interview and the numbers speak for themselves."

There are still areas where the NBA can improve in terms of diversity. Most front-office positions are not held by people of color and Michael Jordan is the lone Black principal owner of a franchise; Jordan leads the Charlotte Hornets.

It's an issue, and while there has been improvement in some areas, Silver wants more.

"There's more work to be done," Silver said.

That said, the numbers in the NBA wildly exceed the other major U.S. pro leagues.

There are three Black coaches in the NFL: Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin, Houston's Lovie Smith and Tampa Bay's Todd Bowles. That does not include Miami's Mike McDaniel; his father is Black, but McDaniel identifies as biracial. The person McDaniel replaced in Miami, former coach Brian Flores, is suing the Dolphins and the NFL for what he says is racial discrimination in hiring practices.

"Our league leads the charge," Mike Brown said. "Hopefully other leagues will follow suit."

But he also points out that he longs for a day when 50% of the coaches in a league being Black won't seem like a milestone, saying that's "the dream." And Silver echoed those sentiments.

"I'm particularly proud of numbers and roughly 50% of our head coaches are Black now, the goal is that that's not newsworthy," Silver said. "And when people are hired, the first reaction isn't the color of their skin."

Local track stars shine at state meet



The North Central Lady Panthers took home a state title in track for the second time in three years. (Photos/David Dixon)

Brownsburg's 4x400 meter relay team took the state track title, with Dominic Calhoun running the anchor leg and celebrating after he crossed the finish line.



North Central's Ramiah Elliott made history, winning the 100-, 200- and 400-meter races. She also anchored the 4x400 meter relay.



Ben Davis' Antoine Cooper Jr. won the state title in discus with a throw of 172 feet, 6 inches.

