

Kelli Jones co-founded
Be Nimble Foundation.
(Photo provided)

Black Philanthropy Month bridging gaps for the Black community

By JAYDEN KENNETT
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As the co-founder and co-CEO of Be Nimble Foundation, Kelli Jones saw the need for more philanthropic support for Black organizations long before the pandemic tightened budgets. Coming out of the pandemic, she's seen the money and resources that Black organizations had been begging for.

"I think it's disappointing that it took a pandemic and the impact of Black Lives Matter to spur action, but it is what we have needed for a long time," Jones said. "We'll never forget that many of the resources we've now received have come out of tragedy."

Jackie Bouvier Copeland launched Black Philanthropy Month in 2011 to celebrate Black giving and promote funding in equity.

Celebrated every August worldwide, this year's

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INDIANAPOLIS URBAN LEAGUE ANNOUNCES 1ST ROUND OF GRANTS TOTALING \$21M

By STAFF

Indianapolis Urban League announced a total of about \$21 million in grants to 52 organizations as part of its Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative on Aug. 1. The initiative is a partnership between the National Urban League, Indianapolis Urban League and African American Coalition of Indianapolis.

The initiative was established in 2020 through a \$100 million grant to the National Urban League from Lilly Endowment.

Grants in the first round of funding are to the following organizations:

Technical Skill Development & Employability

Flanner House of Indianapolis, \$250,000
Martin University, \$250,000
Community Alliance of the Far East Side (CAFE), \$250,000
Edna Martin Christian Center (EMCC), \$250,000
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), \$250,000
Fathers and Families Resource Research Center, Inc., \$250,000
Ivy Tech Foundation, \$250,000

Health & Wellness: Food Justice

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House committee slightly expands abortion ban exceptions amid 9 hours of testimony

By BRANDON SMITH
IPB News

A House committee made significant changes to the proposed abortion ban Aug. 2, including slightly expanding some of the bill's exceptions.

After the House committee change, the measure, SB 1 (ss), bans all abortions with the exceptions of cases when the life — and, now, "physical health" — of the pregnant person are at risk. It also allows abortion in cases of rape or incest and when there is a "lethal fetal anomaly."

When the measure left the Senate, there were time limits on the rape and incest exceptions. If you were age 16 or older, you only had eight weeks to access abortion. If you were younger, it was 12 weeks.

The committee made it 10 weeks for everyone and deleted a requirement that the victim sign a notarized affidavit.

Many doctors who testified, however, said that 10-week limit is still too little time. Dr. Tracey Wilkinson called it an arbitrary deadline.

"Deadlines of 10 weeks make us all



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

very concerned that this would be an exception on paper and not in practice," Wilkinson said.

Dr. Christina Francis is one of the few physicians who testified in opposition to abortion rights. She also opposed the committee's changes — but because she said expanding exceptions to include risks to the "physical health" of the pregnant person goes too far. "This has the danger of either allowing abortions for any reason or making physicians hesitate to intervene in a potentially life-threatening situation," Francis said.

More than 100 Hoosiers spent nearly nine hours testifying in a House committee about the proposed ban. That came after about 60 people testified last week in a Senate committee.

Several people shared their personal abortion stories — advocating on both sides of the debate.

Stephanie Moir had an abortion five decades ago and said it had a "profoundly negative impact" on her life. "It was not and it is not simple or smart or easy or right," Moir said.

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Indiana doctors raise worries about proposed abortion ban

By ARLEIGH RODGERS and TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Doctors fear they could face criminal charges when they provide emergency treatment for pregnant women if a proposal aimed at banning nearly all abortions in Indiana becomes law, several physicians told state lawmakers Aug. 2.

That testimony came after an Indiana House committee changed the abortion ban proposal narrowly approved over the

weekend by the Republican-dominated state Senate. The committee broadened the language to include an exception allowing abortions to protect the health of the mother and adjusted the time frame when abortions would be permitted in cases of rape and incest.

Republican Rep. Wendy McNamara of Evansville, who is sponsoring the bill, outlined the exceptions to protect the physical health and life of the mother, a frequent request among doctors and others testifying before a Senate committee last week.

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Inside the Indiana House Chamber. (Photo/Brandon Smith/IPB News)



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We have recognized hundreds of diverse leaders over the past 16 years. Here are some of the award winners that were celebrated:

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- Indiana Undocumented Youth Alliance (2018)
- Gregory S. Fehribach, The Fehribach Group (2017)
- Mark & Karen Hill, Founders, Collina Ventures (2016)
- Shrewsbury & Associates (2015)
- The Eskenazi Family Foundation (2014)

- Eli Lilly & Company (2013)
- Second Helpings (2012)
- John McClelland, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana (2011)
- Melvin and Bren Simon, Simon Property Group (2010)
- James Morris, President, Pacers Sports & Entertainment (2009)
- Pastor Glenn Palmer, Calvary Temple (2008)

Rosa Parks Trailblazer Award

- Rupal Thanawala, Partner, Tenthpin Management Consultants (2020)
- Gurinder Singh Kalsa, Founder and Chairman of SikhsPAC (2019)
- Salesforce (2018)
- George Rawls M.D., The Aesculapian Medical Society (2017)
- The Oaks Academy (2016)
- Karen Freeman Wilson, Mayor, City of Gary (2015)
- Deborah Hearn Smith, Girl Scouts of Central Indiana (2014)

- Vera Bradley (2013)
- John Mellencamp (2012)
- Honorable Tanya Walton Pratt (2011)
- Dr. Rose Mays, IUPUI School of Nursing (2010)
- Frank Anderson, Marion County Sheriff (2009)
- Cordelia Lewis Burks (2008)

William G. Mays Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award

- Elizabeth J. & Laurie Henry, Owners, McDonald's (2020)
- Nathan & Deborah Oatts, Oatts Trucking and Nubian Construction (2019)
- Lamont Hatcher, AIS (Apex Infinite Solutions) (2018)
- Courtney Cole & Monica Peck, Co-Owners Hare Chevrolet (2017)
- Engaging Solutions, LLC (2016)
- John T. Thompson, CEO, Thompson Distribution Company(2015)

Lifetime Education Advocate Award

- Dr. Eugene White, President Emeritus, Martin University (2020)

Diversity Choice Award

- Bart Peterson, Former Mayor, City of Indianapolis (2008)



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Indianapolis Public Schools must redraw school board districts

By **ELIZABETH GABRIEL**
WFYI

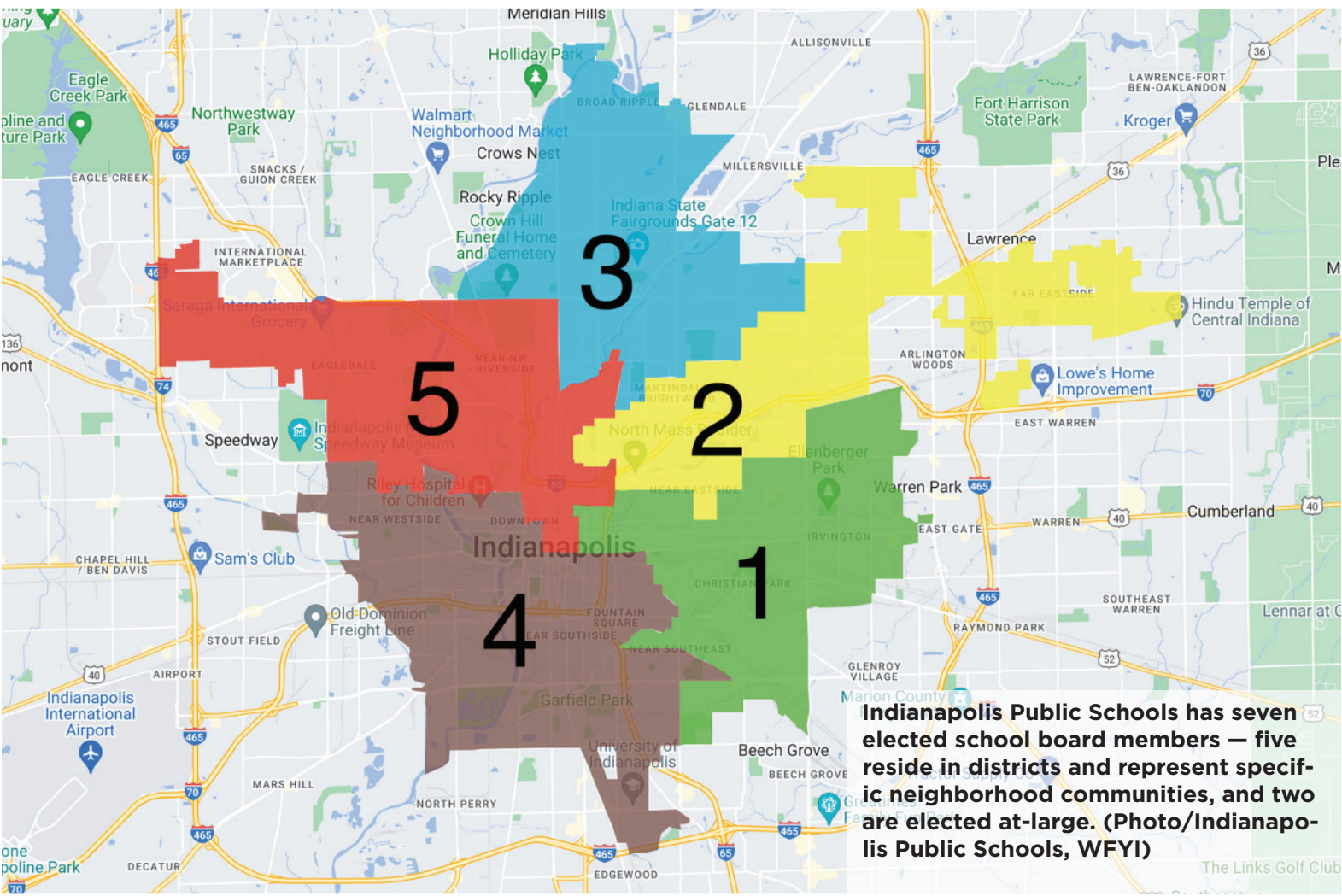
The Indianapolis Public Schools board of commissioners must redraw its electoral districts due to population shifts within the district boundary. This redistricting will impact which neighborhoods are represented by a specific school board seat in the 2024 election.

IPS has seven elected school board members — five reside in districts and represent specific neighborhood communities, and two are elected at-large. District boundaries must be drawn equally based on precinct, or voting district, lines. In order to comply with state law, the population of the largest district cannot exceed the smallest district by more than 5%.

Currently, District 5 — which is represented by Commissioner Taria Slack — is 21% larger than District 4 — where Commissioner Diane Arnold has served on the IPS board since January 2005.

District 5, which runs along the northwest side of the city to Interstate 465, has about 12,700 more residents than District 4, which includes the near west side and near south side and stretches south beyond Garfield Park. IPS Executive Director of Operations Zach Mulholland said this is similar to the redistricting issue IPS faced in 2010, when more population growth was seen in District 5.

No plans have been proposed yet, and they will not impact the upcoming November 2022 election, when three seats are up for election. The final plan, which must be approved by Dec. 31, will be implemented in 2023 in place for the 2024 election.



IPS officials will have more options to redraw districts than it did during the previous redistricting. This year Marion County added 21 precincts and changed some precinct boundaries.

Districts are required to reevaluate and, if needed, redo their redistricting process every 10 years — within a year after new census data is released. The Indiana General Assembly gave districts a one-year extension on the redistricting process due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Legislation changes and process timeline

A recent change to state

law allows at-large school board representatives to live anywhere within the school district. Previously, at-large members could not reside in the same district boundary. That means there could be up to three representatives from the same area — the district board member and the two at-large members.

Commissioners Slack and Evan Hawkins are concerned this change could impact whether future representatives will reflect the district's student population, which was 40% Black and nearly 32% Hispanic as of the 2020-2021 school year.

"As population shifts occur

— culture, ideology, etc. — it creates a dynamic where literally three people who live next to each other, door-to-door-to-door, have the ability to represent interests that are more homogeneous," said Hawkins, who is also president of the board of commissioners.

In Indiana and across the country, local, state and federal lawmakers continue to battle with each other and courts over whether recent redistricting accurately reflects population changes and racial diversity.

IPS district boundary changes were previously approved by the Indiana Department of Education, but

that requirement has been eliminated. Now school boards are responsible for designing the redistricting process. The IPS redistricting plan will be approved by Marion County's election agency.

To start the process, IPS school board members were asked to review the suggested guiding principles for the redistricting process.

Hawkins and Mulholland will present a proposed redistricting plan to the board of commissioners in August.

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‘OUR GEN: A Novel’ by Diane McKinney-Whetstone

By TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Sometimes, you just have to lay your burden down.

When it’s heaviest, when your arms can’t support it and your back breaks from the weight of it, when your shoulders and your heart ache from it, release it. Let it go, let it be. Or, as in the new novel, “Our Gen” by Diane McKinney-Whetstone, ask a friend to lend a hand.

Cynthia hated everything about the Sexagenarian, an over-55 complex to which she’d moved. She hated that her son and his wife had all but forced her to move there, that “The Gen” wasn’t her old house, and that all her belongings were in boxes. As she lamented to her best friend, Gabrielle, Cynthia missed her old neighborhood and her old life.

Having said that, now, she did have to admit that her newly built cottage was airy and bright and, contrary to what she was afraid of, she wasn’t the only Black person in a sea of white faces. Oh, and she also met a man, not even 24 hours after moving in, although he didn’t seem like he was exactly single.

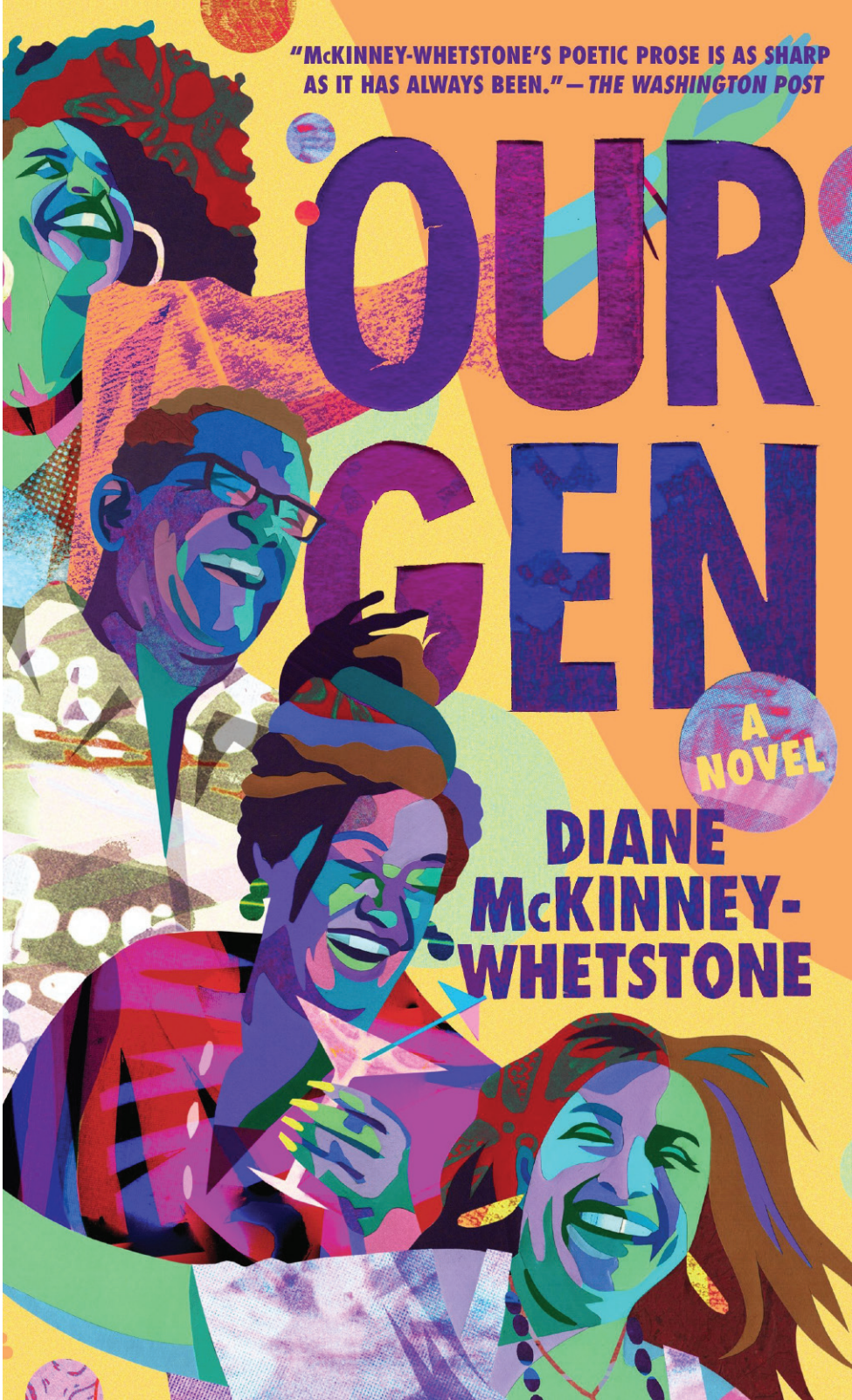
Bloc never meant to sleep with Cynthia because he thought he was dating Tish — although Tish could be cruel sometimes, like she was better than everybody. Still, he enjoyed being around her and her friends. Being the only Black man living at The Gen was very interesting.

It had been years — decades, actually — since Tish’s father had died on the floor of a brothel, but she never forgot the humiliation of it. Imagine: Her father, a widely respected professor, a charismatic speaker, in the arms of a common trollop!

Tish spent her entire life erasing the idea of it all.

Having worked as a sometime-spy for most of her adult life, Lavia loved living at The Gen. It was a great place to practice her skills, and besides, she was born on a cruise ship and never really had a home before. Lavia didn’t talk about her past, but she knew things — things like, for instance, that secrets and half-truths can’t stay hidden forever.

Ahhhhhh. That’s what you’re going to say when you have a cold beverage next to your



Diane McKinney-Whetstone (Photo provided)

chair and this wonderful surprise of a book in your lap.

You have to love a novel that starts out like “Our Gen” does, with a holistic medicine that works too well, and a hazy tryst on an air mattress. Everything moves up from there in an easy story told with the feel of a lazy-hot afternoon spent listening to music with good friends.

But don’t get too comfortable.

Author Diane McKinney-Whetstone has some shockers in store for her readers, the kind that don’t seem like much until two pages later and then ... boom, there’s love and 50-year-old heartache. Snap, the past comes roaring back. Pop, and secrets are gracefully kept.

Beware that there are some adult themes inside “Our Gen,” but truly, it’s an otherwise delightful surprise. Enjoy, and ask yourself if your book club might not be down with it, too.

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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR BUTTER 2, A FINE ART FAIR FEATURING THE WORKS OF MORE THAN 50 BLACK ARTISTS

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Local cultural development firm GANGGANG is now selling tickets for BUTTER 2, a multi-day fine art fair showcasing the works of more than 50 Black visual artists from across the country. Back by popular demand, BUTTER seeks to push boundaries by elevating Black artists in the national conversation, promoting equity in the arts and fueling the creative economy.

“BUTTER is a living art fair that works to care for, accommodate, and be intentional about the economic viability of Black visual artists,” said Mali Jeffers, Founder, GANGGANG. “BUTTER seeks an equitable and reparational process designed to benefit the artists. As such, we do not require a fee for artists to participate, nor do we take a commission on the sale of their work.”

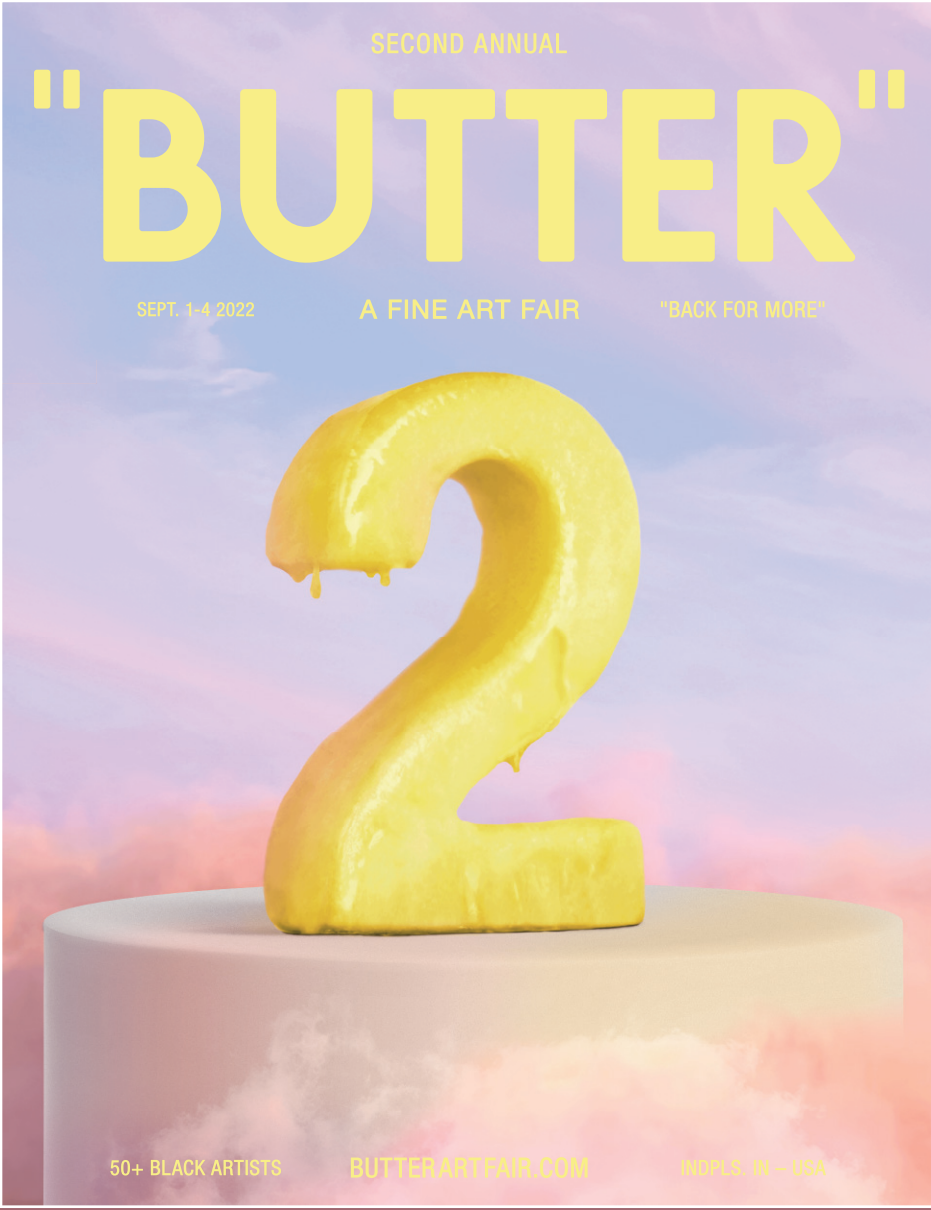
- Thursday, September 1: Preview Night, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday, September 2: Opening Day and Night, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, September 3: 11 a.m. to 10

p.m., plus MELT 9 p.m. to midnight
• Sunday, September 4: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., plus Testimony Service at 2 p.m.

BUTTER 2 will take place in three locations along the south side of the Stutz factory building in downtown Indianapolis, including all of 10th Street between Senate and Capitol Ave.

Mali Jeffers, Alan Bacon, Braydee Euliss, and Sarah Urist Green will serve as curators for the fine art fair, which will include pieces from regional and national artists like April Bey, Kiah Celeste, Julian Jamaal Jones, Will Watson, and more. A’Lelia Bundles, Myrta Pulliam, and Jasmin French will serve as event co-chairs.

Indiana artists selling work will include Amber Zuri, Amiah Mims, Ashley Nora, Brittany Fukushima, Chris Hill, Courtland Blade, Deonna Craig, ess mckee, FINGERCREATIONS, FITZ, Gary Gee, Gnat Bowden, Hay Kidd, Israel Solomon, Johnson Simon, Justin Brown, Kaila Austin, Kevin West, Kyng Rhodes, Lyndy Bazile, Malcolm Mobutu Smith, Matthew Cooper, Morgan Robinson-Gay, Shady The Art Lady, Shamira Wilson, Slim AVRE, Tashema Davis, Terry Flores, and



Wavy Blayne. Exhibiting galleries include Long-Sharp Gallery and 1000 Words Gallery.

Open to the public, the experiential art fair will also include live performances by 81355, a special drum performance by Dorian Phelps and more, in addition to sounds curated by Deckademics and DJ Grapevine and crew at MELT, a multi-sensory Saturday night dance party.

Weekend attendees can expect BUTTER-themed bites and merchandise, as well as artist workshops and historic walking tours of the area with

Sampson Levingston on select days. Interactive outdoor installations that encourage connection have been curated by Indy-based creatives Styled by Fei, Manifest State of Mind, and Branded by God. The weekend concludes with a testimony service led by Ebony Chappel and Sarah Jené. General admission tickets, which include access to three different days and experiences, are available for purchase at www.butterartfair.com for \$35 (guests 18 and under are free). Preview Night tickets (includes Thursday night access) will be available for purchase for \$175.

Back to School Celebration

The Mind Trust and Tamika Catchings held their annual Back to School Celebration recently at Tarkington Park. There were free backpacks with school supplies and an ice cream party for all. Food and entertainment were also provided for the first 1,000 pre-registered students. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



Tamika Catchings assists Kaelyn Mel-soeln with information on the event.



Zaire Geldden Williams is elated to pick out her bookbag.



Volunteer Jeermal Sylvester hands high school freshman Gianna Peerman her new bookbag.

IUL hosts back-to-school event



The Indianapolis Urban League held its annual Back to School Community Family Day recently at its office parking lot. Hundreds of visitors attended the event with free food, backpacks, school supplies, hair cuts and more selections. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

DJ Mama Mia Family Floor Show has a line dance going.



Children play on an inflatable tiger.



Sylvia Reynolds, instructor and owner of Fitness with Ms. Sylvia Reynolds.





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Marion County Public Health Department back-to-school event



Retired firefighter David Harris prepares hot dogs on the grill.

Two-year-old Quin Glondor shows off his fire helmet.

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theme focuses on rebuilding communities and creating lasting funding and racial equity for Black communities.

Black people give the highest proportion of their income to philanthropy, according to the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, but receive as little as 2% of the funding — which was an inspiration to create Black Philanthropy Month, Copeland said.

“The world is in trouble,” Copeland said. “And we can’t solve those issues with one hand tied behind our back, which is what happens when more than half of the population of innovators cannot get funding because of the color of their skin or their gender.”

Black philanthropy is a core component of Black culture, Copeland said. Even people who don’t have money to give find other ways to donate through giving their time, talent, resources and moral support, she said.

Black philanthropy is a mix of challenges and rewards, said Alissa Impink, director of family philanthropy and advisor for Glick Philanthropies. Churches and aid organizations participate in philanthropy whether they know it or not, and encourage Black job opportunities and support the community, she said.

“One of the things that really speaks to me, especially with philanthropy and supporting one another, I think about progress and community. Progress and community can be found just by trusting,” Impink said.

‘The gates are open’

Indiana is facing a teacher shortage with 2,300 open positions, and the number of Black educators remains low. In Indiana, Black educators make up only 4.2% of teachers. Educate ME Foundation is trying to help more Black educators get into the field.

After just two years in his own classroom, Blake Nathan saw a need for more teachers of color in the classroom, so he founded Educate ME in 2014. After applying for grants just to get school supplies in his classroom, Nathan said he felt the need to make systemic change.

Educate ME recruits more educators of color and provides them with supportive programs to continue education. The organization recently received a grant from Glick Philanthropies to increase the number of Black and brown educators. The grant will help aspiring educators with test fees and test prep, Nathan said.

“I have talked to deans of schools, HR

departments, school districts and other organizations that are trying to combat the teaching shortage, and we’re all saying kind of the same thing,” Nathan said. “We have to get teachers in the classroom. We have to provide a pathway for them.”

The organization also offers test reimbursement for people who don’t pass the first time, which can cost up to \$170 each time, according to the Educational Testing Service.

The average teacher spends more than \$450 on classroom supplies, Nathan said, so Educate ME offers grants so teachers don’t have to spend their own money.

“The gates are open for people to answer the call to service and become a teacher to impact lives daily, and to create not just school-wide change, but community change by investing in educating our young people,” Nathan said.

Creating opportunity in a ghost kitchen

Be Nimble Foundation is another organization that uses philanthropic money to advance job opportunities. The focus of the organization is to train Black and brown communities for careers in the tech field.

Be Nimble recently received a grant for its Melon Ghost Kitchens & Virtual Restaurant Accelerator, which helps brick-and-mortar restaurants by creating more revenue and growth through the use of a virtual kitchen concept.

Black and brown chefs work out of a 5,000-square-foot kitchen space, operating their own business with the tools they need, Jones said.

Currently there are two restaurants operating out of the ghost kitchen: Burgeez, an all-vegan burger company that makes burgers, plant-based chicken tenders and vegan fries; and Say Cheese, which makes a variety of grilled cheese sandwiches.

Jones said with the support of grants, Be Nimble can continue to focus on uplifting Black and brown people in the tech field and creating equity within the organization.

“We need foundations and organizations that are willing to contribute to those very much in the same way that we invest in startups or give business owners resources in order to scale,” Jones said.

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Cecelia Poynter said her abortion saved her life. “Because of the abortion, my 7-year-old still had her mom, my husband still had his wife, and I was able to have another baby a few years later — which would not have happened had I died because I didn’t have access or because the doctor hesitated,” Poynter said. Other changes to the legislation made by the committee include a total ban on abortion clinics in the state. Under the bill now, only hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers owned by hospitals could provide abortion care. The committee also eliminated a provision that would’ve allowed

the attorney general to take over prosecution of abortion cases if a local prosecutor refused to enforce the law. The approved amendment ensures that the only criminal penalties imposed on doctors are in existing law — performing an unlawful abortion is a Level 5 felony. And the bill now explicitly says the abortion ban does not affect in vitro fertilization. “We’ve amended this bill to strengthen the protections for the unborn, Hoosier mothers and physicians,” said Wendy McNamara (R-Evansville), the committee chair. Rep. Matt Pierce (D-Bloom-

ton) said the committee’s changes solved some issues while creating others. “I’ve had a number of constituents express some frustration to me where they felt that one person’s religion was being honored here in the General Assembly more than someone else’s,” Pierce said. The full House will consider further changes to the bill Aug. 4. Contact reporter Brandon at bsmith@ipbs.org or follow him on Twitter at @brandonjsmith5.

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and Quality Options

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Felege Hiywot Center, Inc., \$300,000
Flanner House of Indianapolis, \$300,000
Kheprw Institute, \$300,000

Business & Entrepreneurship: Capacity Building

Indiana Black Expo, \$300,000
Indy Black Chamber of Commerce, \$500,000
Kheprw Institute, \$500,000
She Event Indy, Co., \$250,000
Northwest Vision Development Center, \$150,000

Business & Entrepreneurship: Equity

Edna Martin Christian Center, \$500,000
GangGang, \$333,800
Indiana Black Expo, \$200,000
Indy Black Chamber of Commerce, \$500,000
Flagship Enterprise Capital, \$500,000
Intend Indiana, \$500,000

Education: Professional Development

Children’s Policy & Law Initiative of Indiana, \$300,000
Indiana Council on Educating Students of Color, \$382,206
Indiana Black Expo, \$50,000
Eclectic Soul VOICES Corporation, \$170,100
Teach Plus Incorporated, \$400,000

Education: Professional Development & Recruitment/Retaining Teachers & Early Childhood

A Learning Bee STEM PreK Academy, \$200,000
Judah Ministries, \$400,000
New Beginnings of Indianapolis, \$236,379
SBC Development Corporation/Purpose of Life Academy, \$400,000

Education: Professional Development & Recruitment/Retaining Teachers

Educate ME Foundation, INC., \$399,211

MSD of Washington Township Schools, \$230,000
MelanatED Leaders, \$60,000

Education: Recruitment and Retaining Teachers of Color

Indiana Black Expo, \$200,000
Teach for America Indianapolis, \$40,000
Indiana University Foundation, \$400,000

Education: Early Childhood Education

Martin University, \$400,000

Housing and Homeownership & Economic Mobility

Community Action of Greater Indianapolis, \$500,000
NeighborLink Indianapolis Foundation, Inc., \$500,000
United Northeast Community Development Corporation, \$500,000

Housing and Homeownership: Racial Equity & Housing Development

Eastern Star Church Jewel Human Services Corporation, \$1 million
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IFF, \$1 million
Kheprw Institute, \$1 million
Pathway Resource Center, Inc., \$1 million
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The amendment also would allow abortions if a fetus is diagnosed with a lethal anomaly. It additionally removes the Senate-approved time frames based on age for abortions in cases of rape or incest — up to 12 weeks for those under 16 and eight weeks for those 16 and older. The House version, instead, would create a blanket ban after 10 weeks post-fertilization on abortions in cases of rape and incest. Victims would also no longer be required to sign a notarized affidavit attesting to an attack. Several dozen people on both sides of the abortion debate filled a Statehouse corridor outside the committee’s meeting that lasted about nine hours, during which chants such as “safe and legal” from abortion-rights supporters could be heard inside as more than 100 people testified. The House committee voted 8-5 to advance the bill to the full House for action later this week. Republicans who control the House indicated a divide similar to the Senate, as one committee member who voted in favor said he was reluctant to support rape and incest exceptions. GOP Rep. Cindy Ziemke of Batesville joined Democrats in voting against the bill, saying she believe most residents didn’t support an abortion ban and that allowing first trimester abortions would be a more “measured approach.” Dr. Daniel Elliott, representing the Indiana chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, told the committee that the

group worried that a broad abortion ban could allow prosecutors to second-guess the emergency decisions of doctors, leaving them exposed to criminal charges. The House proposal would require the state medical board to revoke the licenses of doctors found to have performed illegal abortions, along with retaining current provisions in state law under which doctors could face felony criminal charges and up to six years in prison for performing an illegal abortion. “In emergency situations, physicians often work with a lack of complete information and must make quick decisions in the best interests of our patients,” Elliott said. “Overall, we feel like licensure and going to the medical licensing board is where the gray areas within medicine should lie.” The Indiana proposal followed a political firestorm over a 10-year-old rape victim who traveled to the state from neighboring Ohio to end a pregnancy. The case gained wide attention when an Indianapolis doctor said the child had to travel to Indiana because a new Ohio law bans abortions if cardiac activity can be detected in an embryo or fetus, usually around six weeks of pregnancy. Anti-abortion activists said they were offended that women from Ohio and Kentucky were coming to Indiana for abortions after strict laws took effect in those states following the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision overturning Roe v. Wade. They said Indiana shouldn’t allow any exceptions, arguing all

abortions are “murder” and “evil” and that the state law declaring life begins at fertilization should be strictly enforced. Jodi Smith, a lobbyist for the anti-abortion group Indiana Right to Life, said the organization remained opposed to the proposal because it is too lax. Smith said a signed affidavit should still be required for rape or incest exceptions and criticized the proposal’s language allowing abortions to protect the mother’s health as “very vague and poorly defined.” “The concern is that will either open carte blanche of opportunity for abortion-minded doctors, or it could ensure that good doctors that need more clarity don’t know what the allowable procedures are, and they will hesitate,” Smith said. “Either option, it ends poorly for women.” House Republicans are facing similar disagreements over how strict the abortion ban should be after the bill cleared the Senate on July 30 in a 26-20 vote, the minimum number of votes needed to pass. A few Republican senators said they opposed the bill as written but wanted the bill to stay alive for consideration during the special legislative session, which must adjourn by Aug. 14. Arleigh Rodgers is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a nonprofit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on undercover issues.

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Credit where due

By E. FAYE WILLIAMS



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — I am undisputedly a political progressive. I am vehemently anti-racist. I am an activist for women’s rights and equity. A primary goal in my life is the increased prospects for communities of color to improve their overall quality of life and gain access to all of the rights, benefits and opportunities available to any other citizen of the wealthiest nation in the world. There are no circumstances in which I can be identified to be aligned with politically conservative principles. I restate these facts because of the thoughts I offer today.

The old adage of “giving credit where credit is due” dictates today’s musings. I find myself doing something I could have never imagined before last year. With respect to the House Select Committee on the January 6th Attack, I commend the actions of Congresswoman Liz Cheney, Congressman Adam Kinzinger and others whose actions can only be labeled as patriotic.

For those too young or who haven’t yet made the connection, Liz Cheney is the oldest daughter and political clone of arch-conservatives (ex-vice president) Dick and Lynne Cheney. Her campaign webpage states: “Liz has been a proven constitutional conservative and an advocate for a strong America.”

Economic violence and the Safer American Plan

By JULIANNE MALVEAUX



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, signed into law June 25, was a win for the Biden-Harris administration. The legislation was genuinely bipartisan, more so in the Senate, where 15 Republicans joined 50 Democrats to pass the legislation, than in the House, where only 14 Republicans joined Democrats in passing the legislation.

While I often think of the Senate as the more partisan of the two legislative bodies, it is notable that 30% of Republican Senators were willing to join their colleagues to stop gun violence and to provide funds for mental health, community violence intervention and school safety. In contrast, fewer than 7% of Republican congressional representatives were willing to cross party lines.

Buoyed by the legislative victory, President Biden has now released a Safer Communities Plan, which is reflected in his 2023 budget. While many aspects of this plan are laudable, one of the most troubling aspects is the

plan to commit \$13 billion over five years to flood the streets with 100,000 more police officers.

The program uses the correct language by saying it will support “accountable” policing, but not a week goes by when we do not learn of the unaccountable policing that rankles anyone who believes in human rights. We don’t have to go back down memory lane to call the names of Tamir Rice, Michael Brown, Sandra Bland or George Floyd. Just this year, there have been more martyrs. Joyland Walker was executed in Akron. Patrick Loyola was killed in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Amir Locke was asleep on a couch in his cousin’s apartment in Minneapolis when a no-knock warrant allowed police offers to enter and shoot him in the head. And yet we need more police?

Violence is in the news, and it is escalating. During the weekend of July 23-24, 65 people were shot and five killed in Chicago. While many describe Chicago as the epicenter of gun violence, no city is immune to it. No city is immune to other forms of violence, as well. I think, especially of economic violence, how economic tools are used to forcefully take life, liberty and supply from people.

The market forces that create home-

lessness are forms of economic violence. The gentrification that pushes people out of their neighborhoods is a form of economic violence. Rising prices and the inflation that hits poor people harder are also forms of economic violence. We can get exercised about physical violence, but we are far too silent about economic violence.

The World Health Organization defines violence as “the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community that either result in or has a high likelihood resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment, or deprivation.” Unpacking that definition, it is clear this country was built on a foundation of violence.

Taking native land and eliminating much of the native population was violence. Enslaving African people was violence. Lynching was violence. More benignly but still harmful, mass incarceration, gentrification, segregation and blighted schools are violence. We pass legislation to combat some forms of violence. We decry gang violence without asking where these gangs come from, how they were formed and what in our culture glorifies violence. I will not make excuses for those who

pick up guns and kill folks, even when it is young men shooting each other in the street. There are not enough “mental health” so-called explanations to contextualize the rabid monsters who shot up Black elders in Buffalo, New York, or baby Latino innocents in Uvalde, Texas. And there is no excuse for the economic violence that traps people in poverty-tinged existences with either inadequate housing or none, with food bank food or less. Poverty is a form of economic violence. Joblessness is a form of economic violence. Predatory capitalism is a form of economic violence, and many corporate entities benefit from economic violence.

If we want to combat violence, we need to fight all of it, from the shootings in the streets to the racist killings in supermarkets to the capitalistic violence that pushes people into poverty that can generate nothing but pain, despair and violence. The Safer Communities Plan is a step in the right direction, but it is a misstep if it hinges on putting more police on the streets.

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By BEN JEALOUS



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — The truth has power. That is why an army of politicians, lawyers, political schemers, media personalities and admirers of former President Donald Trump have tried so hard to keep Americans from learning the truth about his effort to overturn the 2022 election.

Fortunately, he failed to overturn the election. And he and the corrupt members of his inner circle have failed to keep the truth hidden.

The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on our country — and the criminal conspiracy that led up to it — is an important exercise in truth telling. The committee finished its first round of televised hearings in July and expects to pick up again in September.

We have learned a lot thanks to the work of committee members and staff, principled members of Trump’s own administration and journalists whose work has shed light on things Trump and his cronies desperately tried to keep hidden.

Donald Trump wanted to stay in power after losing the 2020 election. He wanted it so badly that he tried to bully his loyal vice president into making a

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The power of the truth

power-abusing end run around the Constitution. He wanted it so badly that he worked his supporters into a rage with endless lies about the election being stolen.

He called these enraged supporters to Washington, D.C., to interfere with a key step in the peaceful transfer of power. He sent them to the Capitol knowing that many were armed. And for hours, while members of the Capitol Police were being brutalized, and members of Congress and Vice President Mike Pence’s security detail were calling loved ones, not sure they would live through the attack, Trump did nothing.

Well, to be more accurate, he did nothing to stop the rampage. He did plenty of harmful things.

He did watch the violence on television. He did pour gasoline on the fire by denouncing Pence while the attack was underway. He did take calls from fearful members of Congress only to dismiss their pleas for help. He did reject direct appeals from his own daughter to call off the attack. He did tell his chief of staff that he didn’t think the mob chanting “hang Mike Pence” was doing anything wrong. He thought Pence deserved it for choosing the Constitution over Trump’s desire to keep his grip on power.

Only when it was becoming clear that the attack would fail to stop Congress from affirming Joe Biden’s victory did Trump grudgingly tell his troops to withdraw.

But even that was a tactical retreat. His attack on our democracy hasn’t stopped. Or even slowed down.

Trump continues to lie about the election being stolen from him. His enablers in right-wing media and far-right social media networks spread the lie further. MAGA activists harass election officials. State legislators use that lie to justify laws that make it harder for people Trump sees as his enemies to vote.

Even worse, they are trying to get more Trump loy-



alists and Big Lie believers into positions where they will have the power to succeed at what Trump and his team tried to do this time around: overturn the election results in key states. Trumpists and election deniers are running for office as local election officials, state legislators and secretaries of state, where they will have power to interfere with how elections are run and votes are counted.

And potentially even worse than that, they are also enlisting the far-right Supreme Court majority that Trump cemented with three justices who were preapproved by the far-right-wing legal movement. They have agreed to consider a fringe legal theory pushed by the hard right.

If the court’s new activist far-right majority embraces this legal theory, it would let state legislators violate state constitutions and ignore and override the will of the voters. And it would be impossible for courts to step in as a check on anti-democratic abuses of power. This is a battle plan for authoritarian rule.

It may be hard for many people to believe just how extreme Trump’s movement and his political supporters have become, and just how much of a threat to democracy they pose as we approach this year’s congressional elections. The Jan. 6 committee has done democracy a big favor by dragging important truths into the light of day. We can’t turn away from them. To preserve our country and our freedoms, we must recognize that they are threatened. And we must act to protect them.

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BRIEFS

WEEKEND OF FESTIVITIES
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Starting Aug. 5, Grapevine, Flanner House and Black Joy Indy will host events with music, food and other entertainment to celebrate Black joy in the Indianapolis community.

Here’s a list of events:
Grapevine will host “First Friday Kickback” with music and food vendors.

Where: Cleo’s Bodega, 2432 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St.
When: 5-10 p.m. Aug. 5
For more details, visit @grapevine.317 on Instagram.

Flanner House will host “Tha Block Party Vol. 6.” RSVP is required.

Where: Flanner House, 2424 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St.
When: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 6
For more details visit thablockparty.com.

Black Joy Indy will host “BLACK: A Festival of Joy,” a free event featuring music and other entertainment.

Where: Taggart Memorial Amphitheater at Riverside Regional Park, 1856 Burdsal Parkway
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The author fair is free and will take place 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 6 at Central Library, 40 E. St. Clair St. Local literacy experts from the Indiana Writers Center will also lead writing workshops. There is no registration required to attend the event.

Workshops includes:
• “Memoir: Translating the Unfamiliar”

Ania Spyra, an immigrant writer, artist and educator living in Indianapolis, will teach this workshop

about conveying the complexities of personal stories without losing the tempo of their narrative.

When: 12:30 p.m.
• “How to Self-Publish”
John F. Allen, a local fiction author, will talk about navigating the self-publishing world and how to be an independent author.

When: 12:30 p.m.
• “Worldbuilding in YA”
Saundra Mitchell, a young adult author and editor, will teach attendees a quick but comprehensive way for masterful worldbuilding.

When: 2 p.m.
• “Writing for Wellness”
Dominique Weldon, a writer who teaches at Butler University, will lead a workshop on writing prompts to help authors convey their truth on the page.

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Business Equity for Indy (BEI) will launch a two-year workforce pilot.

It is designed to help companies implement evidence-based strategies to reduce disparities, increase equity and support business competitiveness. The free pilot will teach companies the best practices that will support their Black and brown employees.

“Ultimately, this opportunity was built to help companies prioritize their best assets—their people,” Indy Chamber President and CEO Michael Huber said in a statement.

BEI is a joint venture between Indy Chamber and the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership in collaboration with the Indianapolis Urban League.

Starting this fall the BEI Workforce Pilot will host 30 companies. Those that participate will complete a five-stage program.

All applications are due by Aug. 31 and companies will be notified around mid-September. Companies interested can learn more about eligibility guidelines and apply for the program at indychamber.com.

Helpful Tips for
Parents as Children Prepare
to Go Back to School

Broderick Rhyant, M.D., chief physician executive Eskenazi Health Center Forest Manor



Now that summer is winding down, parents face the challenging task of getting their kids ready for school, and that entails much more than just preparing them for the first day. From getting the right amount of sleep to eating the right foods, there are a number of ways parents can help their kids prepare for a healthy and successful school year.

Those ranging from kindergarten age through college all face the reality of giving up weeks of fun and relaxation, and returning to the routine of going back to school and facing the demands and pressures that come with that.

We recommend that parents begin a transitioning period a week or two before school starts that includes talking to their kids about what’s expected at school and how they may best succeed.

In preparing children for their new five-day-a-week routine, start their bedtime about 10 minutes earlier each night as the first day of school draws near and wake them up 10 minutes earlier each morning, every day, until they’re back on track. Advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about how much sleep children should get each night is found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/sleep/features/getting-enough-sleep.html>

One of the obstacles for children to overcome in going to sleep at the proper time is overstimulation from playing video games, texting on their cell phones, and dealing with the glowing light from televisions and tablets. Doing your best to separate your children from those distractions well before bedtime will help them get more restful sleep.

Discuss what your kids are nervous

about in going back to school and help them look for ways to work through it. If it’s getting on the bus, for example, go over the bus route and walk to the bus stop before school starts to help your child become familiar and comfortable. Being there during the initial encounter can help alleviate some anxiety when they face situations alone.

Parents should help children choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back. Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. Go through the pack with your child weekly and remove unneeded items to keep it from getting too heavy.

Taking your child to the pediatrician’s office shortly before school begins will help alleviate the anxiety of wondering if all medical records and vaccinations are current, and it’s also the perfect time for a sports physical.

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IN RACE FOR MONKEYPOX VACCINES, EXPERTS SEE REPEAT OF COVID

By MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — Moves by rich countries to buy large quantities of monkeypox vaccine, while declining to share doses with Africa, could leave millions of people unprotected against a more dangerous version of the disease and risk continued spillovers of the virus into humans, public health officials are warning.

Critics fear a repeat of the catastrophic inequity problems seen during the coronavirus pandemic. “The mistakes we saw during the COVID-19 pandemic are already being repeated,” said Dr. Boghuma Kabisen Titanji, an assistant professor of medicine at Emory University.

While rich countries have ordered millions of vaccines to stop monkeypox within their borders, none have announced plans to share doses with Africa, where a more lethal form of monkeypox is spreading than in the West.

To date, there have been more than 22,000 monkeypox cases reported in nearly 80 countries since May, with about 75 suspected deaths in Africa, mostly in Nigeria and Congo. On July 29, Brazil and Spain reported deaths linked to monkeypox, the first reported outside Africa. Spain reported a second monkeypox death the next day.

“The African countries dealing with monkeypox outbreaks for decades have been relegated to a footnote in conversations about the global response,” Titanji said.

Scientists say that, unlike campaigns to stop COVID-19, mass vaccinations against monkeypox won’t be necessary. They think targeted use of the available doses, along with other measures, could shut down the expanding epidemics that were recently designated by the World Health Organization as a global health emergency.

Yet while monkeypox is much harder to spread than COVID-19, experts warn if the disease spills over into general populations — currently in Europe and North America it is circulating almost exclusively among gay and bisexual men — the need for vaccines could intensify, especially if the virus becomes entrenched in new regions.

On July 28, the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called for the continent to be prioritized for vaccines, saying it was again being left behind.

“If we’re not safe, the rest of the world is not safe,” said Africa CDC’s acting director, Ahmed Owgwell.

Although monkeypox has been endemic in parts of Africa for decades, it mostly jumps into people from infected wild animals and has not typically spread very far beyond the continent.

Experts suspect the monkeypox outbreaks in North America and Europe may have originated in Africa long before the disease started spreading via sex at two raves in Spain and Belgium. Currently, more than 70% of the world’s monkeypox cases are in Europe, and 98% are in men who have sex with men.

Catherine Smallwood, a senior emergencies officer at WHO Europe, said the deaths in Spain did not change the agency’s assessment of the outbreak.

“Although the disease is self-limiting in most cases, monkeypox can cause severe complications,” she said in an email, adding that about 8% of infections reported had required hospitalization and that monkeypox could sometimes lead to life-threatening complications like encephalitis.

“With the continued spread of monkeypox in Europe, we will expect to see more deaths,” Smallwood said.

WHO is developing a vaccine-sharing mechanism for affected countries, but has released few details about how it might work. The U.N. health agency has made no guarantees about prioritizing poor countries in Africa, saying only that vaccines would be dispensed based on epidemiological need.

Some experts worry the mechanism could duplicate the problems seen with COVAX, created by WHO and partners in 2020 to try to ensure poorer countries would get COVID-19 shots. That missed repeated targets to share vaccines with poorer nations.

“Just asking countries to share is not going to be enough,” said Sharmila Shetty, a vaccines adviser for Medecins Sans Frontieres. “The longer monkeypox circulates, the greater chances it could get into new animal reservoirs or spread to” the human general population, she said.

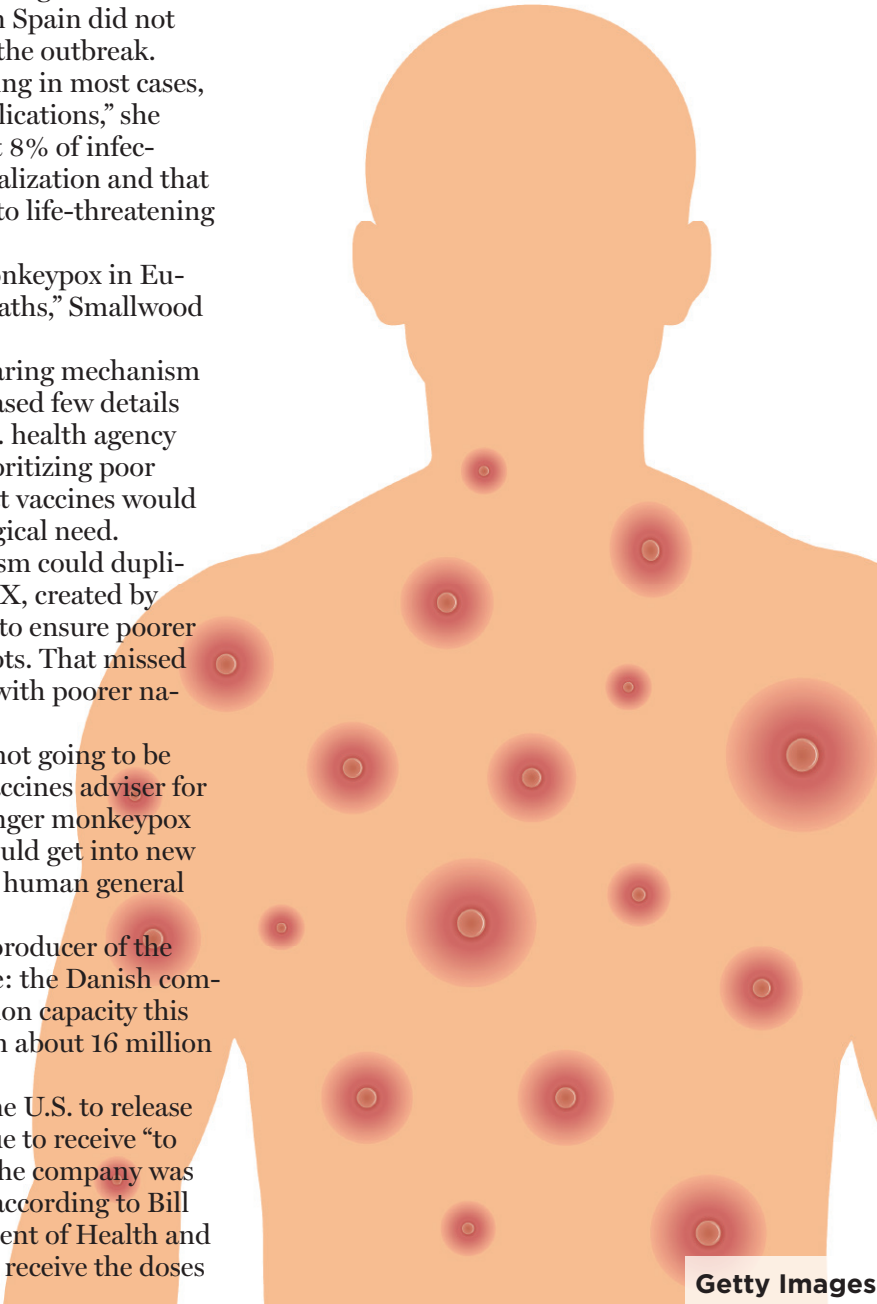
At the moment, there’s only one producer of the most advanced monkeypox vaccine: the Danish company Bavarian Nordic. Its production capacity this year is about 30 million doses, with about 16 million vaccines available now.

In May, Bavarian Nordic asked the U.S. to release more than 215,000 doses it was due to receive “to assist with international requests the company was receiving,” and the U.S. complied, according to Bill Hall, a spokesman for the department of Health and Human Services. The U.S. will still receive the doses but at a later date.

The company declined to specify which countries it was allocating doses for.

Hall said the U.S. has not made any other promises to share vaccines. The U.S. has ordered by far the most number of doses, with 13 million reserved, although only about 1.4 million have been delivered.

—*Joseph Wilson and Renata Brito in Barcelona, Spain, Chris Megerian in Washington and Cara Anna in Nairobi, Kenya contributed to this report.*



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Sports physicals will be offered on a first come, first served basis during special walk-in hours from 3-6 p.m. on the following days:

- Wednesday, Aug. 10
- Wednesday, Aug. 17
- Wednesday, Aug. 24
- Wednesday, Aug. 31

ACTION Health Center, located at 2868 N. Pennsylvania Street, offers primary care and other medical services to children and young adults from birth up to age 26.

According to Millicent Moye, M.D., director of the ACTION Health Center, sports physicals are important because they screen for serious medical conditions that would prevent a youth from participating.

A sports physical exam also provides an opportunity to discuss the issues of safety and mental health.

“We always ask about the types of sports they are playing, which determines the safety specifics,” said Dr. Moye. “For example, in ice hockey, we talk about wearing helmets and dental protection. The same goes for football. We also ask students mental health questions such as feelings of depression and anxiety, about feeling safe at home, and about bike and water sports safety.”

For more information about sports physicals or the special walk-in clinics, please contact the ACTION Health Center at 317-221-3400.

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Lead poisoning often presents itself without any symptoms. The only way to really tell if a child has been exposed is by taking a blood test. This is very important because the longer a child is exposed, the worse the long-term effects will be.

Health effects of even low levels of lead in the bodies of young children may include learning problems, behavior problems, slowed development, attention deficit, and anemia (not enough healthy red blood cells). At very high levels, lead can cause seizures or death.

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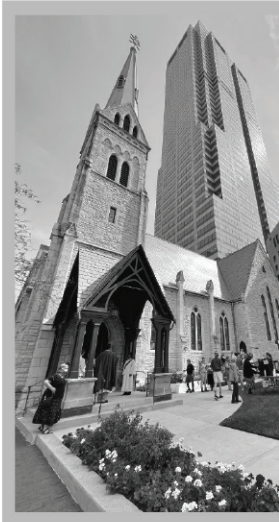
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By Wilson Casey

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3. Where was Paul on receiving his “Macedonian vision”? Troas, Gilgal, Petra, Rome
4. What Phoenician city was home to Hiram? Endor, Patara, Tyre, Sardis
5. From Genesis 2, what did God use to form man? Water, Dust, Robe, Wind
6. What was a publican in biblical times? Priest, Laborer, Carpenter, Tax Collector



ANSWERS:

- 1) Old,
2) Foolishness,
3) Troas,
4) Tyre,
5) Dust,
6) Tax Collector

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But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

JOB 12: 7-10

Closely watched corporate-community development plan launched in Indianapolis

By SYDNEY DAUPHINAIS

Less than a year ago, the corner of 38th Street and Sheridan Avenue offered a mostly empty parking lot and a bus stop. There were no grocery stores within walking distance. Arlington Woods residents worked hard to address food insecurity and other results of historic disinvestment.

The bus stop is still there, and now it sits next to an almost 50,000-square-foot medical device manufacturing plant. The Goodwill Commercial Services facility is a one-story brick building with lofty windows. Right outside is a woody courtyard with a small picnic table.

Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana built the facility to manufacture medical devices, including drainage catheters and needles, for Bloomington-based Cook Medical. And residents collaborated with Goodwill and Cook to ensure the business plan includes significant community investment.

That plan is now launched, including a community-owned grocery store, set to open early next year. And the manufacturing facility opens at least 100 new jobs in the neighborhood. Juanita Easterling, director of plant operations, said all those hired at the time of this reporting were from the community.

And now that it's open, it hosts wellness and community events for those employees.

"We like to focus on the whole thing here: mind, body and spirit," Easterling said.

Those resources include yoga classes, community meetings and wrap-around services like professional development, mental health treatment, housing support and life coaching.

"I don't have to call anybody; I can just say, 'Hey, I have an employee that's facing homelessness. We need some housing support,'" Easterling said. "And boom, we got the resource right here."

Two life coaches are on site, and one of them works specifically with employees who have criminal records. With that life coach, they can go through a reentry program, New Beginnings. It is one of more than 40 business and social service partners, many nonprofit, that Cook Medical hired to provide community support.

Easterling said those partners help residents break the cycle of poverty.

"We allow the community to use the facility as they wish, you know, because we are here to be a partner," Easterling said. "We're not here to build on a com-



The Cook Medical manufacturing facility on 38th Street and Sheridan Avenue is operated by Goodwill Commercial Services. The site utilizes a highly anticipated business model of corporate-community partnership. (Photo/Sydney Dauphinais)

munity, we're here to be a partner with the community."

Good job access

The Cook Medical facility opened in early May. Goodwill has now hired a fifth of the starting workforce. At the time of this reporting, 20 employees worked in the lab. And Goodwill is still hiring. The goal is to have 100 employees by the end of the year.

"I am proud to say we're probably one of the only buildings and facilities right now in Indiana that has a waiting list to work," Easterling said. "I have 100 applicants that have applied to be a supervisor. And then I have a waiting list of 100 from walk-ins, from open interviews and from online applications."

The jobs start at \$15 an hour, most are full-time, and they include benefits. Those "good jobs" come from a model of corporate social responsibility — an approach that prioritizes positive impacts on the community as part of business practices.

Cook and Goodwill chose the neighborhood because of its historical disinvestment. In the 1980s and 1990s, industrial giants moved out, one by one, taking the jobs with them. While the suburbs gained high-paying jobs, most growth in the city came from lower-paying jobs. The area's middle class moved away.

What does the community think?

Longtime northeast Indianapolis resident Dora Figueroa was one of the

facility's first employees.

Before working here, she worked in restaurants for nearly 25 years. She started doing basic assembly when the plant opened in May, then, after just a few months, her boss asked her to be a supervisor. She said no other employer had ever offered her a promotion.

"You're gonna be an employee all the time. Just an employee," Figueroa said. "But when I came over here, I started as a very low employee. And later they made me grow up. I can tell. I like learning every day."

She is also taking advantage of the company's tuition aid that can be connected to GED programs. Employees can work toward high school and college degrees on the clock, so they don't have to sacrifice wages.

She said, before this job, she gave up hope for her high school degree.

"Since coming to this position, my life has been changing so much," she said. "I can tell you after 25 years, I come over here, and this is my first opportunity to learn and to grow up."

Figueroa is not alone; many residents said they are pleased by the economic development opportunities. Those opportunities include a community-run grocery store — as many as five grocery stores closed over the past few years, and the neighborhood became a food desert.

Northeast side native Michael McFarland is active in efforts to address food insecurity in the area. He served in the military and said when he returned to the Arlington Woods neighborhood he

was devastated.

"I've been in Third World countries that have better access to food," McFarland said.

To address that, he and friend Marckus Williams started Wall Street Grocery, a small convenience store on 38th Street. When Cook Medical and Goodwill chose the neighborhood, they connected with McFarland and Williams.

"We've struggled a lot just trying to provide that for our neighborhood," McFarland said. "So we're just fortunate to have Cook and Goodwill come along and partner with us and help us provide this necessary item to the neighborhood on a major level."

McFarland and Williams will run and own Indy Fresh Market, a multimillion-dollar full-size grocery store next door to the Cook facility. The market is set to open in the spring of next year. Cook will transfer operations and ownership to McFarland and Williams through a rent-to-own model. Though it's early to predict, McFarland said that with their prospective sales, it won't be long until they have 100% ownership of the store.

Read the rest of this article at indianapolisrecorder.com.

Contact WFTI economic equity reporter Sydney Dauphinais at sdauphinais@wfti.org. Follow on Twitter: [syddauphinais](https://twitter.com/syddauphinais).

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IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT L. SCOTT, DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
In the matter of the Estate of Robert L. Scott, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Renee L. Scott-Mitchell was, on July 20, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert L. Scott, deceased, who died on the 1st day of June, 2022.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this July 20, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Myla Eldridge, Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County
Claire E. Lewis, 115 North Girls School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214, (317) 484-8115.
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 14) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D14-2205-GU-015758
IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: IKER JOHEL CASTILLO ORELLANA VERIFIED PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN OVER THE PERSON OF A MINOR
Comes now the Petitioner, Alondra Galindo Orellana, and field her Verified Petition for Appointment of a Guardian Over the Person of a Minor, and in support of their petition states the following:
1. Iker Castillo Orellana was born on February 20, 2013, in Roatan, Honduras.
2. Iker currently resides at the home of the Petitioner at 971 N. Rochester Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46222.
3. Petitioner Alondra Galindo Orellana is the sister of Iker and also resides at 971 N. Rochester Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46222.
4. The proposed ward is currently in the care and custody of the Petitioner at the aforementioned address and has been residing with the Petitioner since August 2019. Since that time, Petitioner has provided the proposed ward with a home in which he is cared for financially, physically, and emotionally.
5. The proposed ward is incapacitated by way of minority.
6. The proposed ward owns no real property or personal property.
7. A full guardianship of the person is sought. The Petitioner does not seek any limitations on her power.
8. There is no other guardian appointed for the proposed ward in this or any other state.
9. The Petitioner seeks the appointment of a guardian over the proposed ward because the natural mother of the proposed ward, Roslin Orellana Fuentes, is in Honduras and unable to care for the proposed ward.
10. The Petitioner also seeks the appointment of a guardian over the proposed ward because the natural father, Alonso Castillo Zelaya, is unavailable to care for the proposed ward.
11. The proposed ward has been abandoned by both of his parents. The proposed ward was abandoned in that his natural mother stayed

behind in Honduras when the proposed ward migrated to the United States. Additionally, the natural father abandoned the proposed ward when he decided he no longer wanted to parent, care for, or provide for the proposed ward.
12. Reunification with the proposed ward's parents is not viable in regards to the natural mother or father, given the abovementioned abandonment.
13. It is in the best interest of the proposed ward not to be returned to his home country of Honduras.
14. The Petitioner requires guardianship in order to obtain decision-making powers in at least the following areas: healthcare, including treatment and access to medical records, and school enrollment.
15. The Petitioner is not at this time serving as guardian for or over any other person.
16. The Petitioner is the best person to serve as guardian of the proposed ward because he has resided with the Petitioner since his release to their custody in August 2019. Since that time, the Petitioner has demonstrated that she is capable and willing to take care for the proposed ward in all respects. The Petitioner is fully qualified and willing to assume the duties and responsibilities of the guardianship.
WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays that the Court find that a permanent guardian over the person of Iker Castillo Orellana is necessary; find that Petitioner Alondra Galindo Orellana is the most suitable persons to serve as permanent guardian of the proposed ward; and appoint the Petitioner as permanent guardian of Iker Castillo Orellana; and for all other relief in the premises.
Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Alondra Galindo Orellana
AFFIRMATION
I affirm under penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true.
/s/ Alondra Galindo Orellana
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D03-2206-MF-021557
FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIFTH THIRD BANK (CENTRAL INDIANA), Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIR AT LAW OF ELBERT J. BALCH, DECEASED, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: UNKNOWN HEIR AT LAW OF ELBERT J. BALCH, DECEASED
BE IT KNOWN, that FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIFTH THIRD BANK (CENTRAL INDIANA), the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Nathan R. Duvelius, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court its Complaint against the Defendant, Unknown Heir at Law of Elbert J. Balch, Deceased, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:
LOT NUMBERED 2 IN BLOCK 26 IN SECTION "B" FOREST PARK, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 15, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION

COUNTY, INDIANA
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commonly known as 3106 Newton Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless he/she appears and answers or otherwise defends thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against him/her for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court
/s/ Nathan R. Duvelius
Nathan R. Duvelius
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MDK # 22-015068 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #5) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D05-2206-MF-020675
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Charles W. Board AKA Charles Board, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Charles W. Board, AKA Charles Board, et al.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: Pine Crest Community Association, Inc.; BE IT KNOWN, that Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Susan B. Klineman, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #5 its Complaint against Defendant Pine Crest Community Association, Inc., 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, Pine Crest Community Association, Inc., 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 14 in Pinecrest, Section One, an addition in Marion County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded August 17, 1994, as instrument No. 94-127056, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.
commonly known as 3734 Lacebark Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46235.
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
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MDK # 22-005580 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #11) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D11-2204-MF-011443
The Huntington National Bank Plaintiff, vs. Kasie Wirth Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: Kasie Wirth:
BE IT KNOWN, that The Huntington National Bank, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Susan B. Klineman, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #11 its Complaint against Defendant Kasie Wirth, 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, Kasie Wirth, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:
Lot Numbered 272 in Holiday's Garfield Park Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 54 in the Office of the Recorder of

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MDK # 22-006006 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT-CIVIL 7) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D07-2204-MF-014373
PNC Bank, National Association Plaintiff, vs. Judith E. Hill, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: Judith E. Hill:
BE IT KNOWN, that PNC Bank, National Association, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court-Civil 7 its Complaint against Defendant Judith E. Hill, 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, Judith E. Hill, 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:
S.S. Rhodes East Ohio Street Addition, Lot 56, commonly known as 447 North Dearborn Street, 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 #11
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MDK # 21-002743 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #12) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D12-1608-MF-030870
Rushmore Loan Management Services LLC Plaintiff, vs. Steve Washington, AKA Steve K. Washington, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: Investaid Corporation:
BE IT KNOWN, that Rushmore Loan Management Services LLC, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Susan B. Klineman, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #12 its Complaint against Defendant Investaid Corporation, 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, Investaid Corporation, 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 53 in Parkwood Terrace First Section, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, in Marion County as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 32 page 23 in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.
commonly known as 9155 Stardust Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46229.
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said

Marion County, Indiana, commonly known as 1754 Nelson Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203.
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #12
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Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC)
This email is to notify IPTC-registered vendors of IndyGo's intent to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in August or September 2022 seeking master planning and design services for our new East Campus Expansion. IndyGo is currently renovating two buildings at 9503 E. 33rd Street, Indianapolis to become its new Headquarters and 'East Campus'. These buildings will house IndyGo's administrative offices, a new Board room, and training spaces. Future plans for the site will require demolition of remaining buildings and constructing several new operations buildings. Needed elements include a bus storage facility, a bus maintenance facility, operator training/test track, employee parking, a potential fueling area, and other operational support structures. The upcoming RFQ will seek qualifications from Architectural and Engineering (A&E) consultants to prepare a Headquarters Master Plan containing these elements and including consideration of security access, employee and guest parking needs, ped/vehicular/bus traffic flow, estimates of energy usage for vehicle charging, and potential need for substation. Additional property acquisitions may be considered.

The upcoming RFQ will seek qualifications from Architectural and Engineering (A&E) consultants to prepare a Headquarters Campus Master Plan containing these features as well as the final design of selected elements of the Plan, determined based on agency needs and availability of funds. It is anticipated that final design will be required for the new bus storage and/or maintenance facility, at a minimum. IndyGo is seeking A&E teams for this project that

can demonstrate significant, proven transit and FTA grant compliance experience. Please note that the selected A&E Firm could be excluded from participating as the Construction Engineer (CE), Construction Manager (CM) and/or the Construction Manager as Constructor (CmC) for work related to the build-out of this Master Plan.
This email is also to notify IPTC-registered vendors of IndyGo's intent to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in late Q4 2022 or early 2023 for Construction Manager as Constructor (CMC) support on the new East Campus bus storage and/or maintenance facility.
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Please contact Dave Admanson (dadamson@indygo.net) or procurement@indygo.net for Bonfire Submission Instructions for Vendors.
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Russell was a champion of activism before winning NBA titles

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Bill Russell never had to find his voice as an activist. He didn't know any other way but to speak his mind.

It's what made the winningest athlete in team sports one of the greatest champions of activism. His belief in equality and the stances he took helped create a pathway that athletes today continue to walk in.

Len Elmore, who played 10 seasons in the NBA and is a senior lecturer at Columbia University where he's taught on athlete activism and social justice in sports, called Russell's social contributions "immortal."

"He showed many of us in the game how to be," Elmore said.

Before Russell, who died July 31 at age 88, developed the skills that would make him an 11-time NBA champion with the Boston Celtics, two-time Hall of Famer and an Olympic gold medalist, he had a front row view of the racial indignities endured by his parents as he grew up in segregated Monroe, Louisiana.

In a time when Jim Crow laws in the South existed to silence the views of Black people, he was groomed to be an unapologetic thinker.

"I have never worked to be well-liked or well-loved, but only to be respected," Russell wrote in his 1966 book "Go Up For Glory." "I believe I can contribute something far more important than mere basketball."

That conviction was rooted in what he observed as a child in the late 1930s and early 1940s in Louisiana, where his father, Charles, worked at a paper bag

company.

Russell was with him at a gas station one day when the attendant ignored them as he talked to a white man and then proceeded to provide service to other cars that had arrived after them.

Charles was about to drive off when the attendant pulled a gun and said, "Don't you try that, boy, unless you want to get shot," Russell recalled in his book.

His father responded by grabbing a tire iron and chasing the man away.

Decades before Colin Kaepernick's national anthem demonstrations to raise awareness about police brutality, or the collective sports world advocating for justice following the 2020 death of George Floyd and others, Russell used his platform to hasten civil rights.

It's why when Russell later faced his own forms of discrimination decades later, he didn't hesitate to challenge the status quo.

One of the first examples was 1961 when the Celtics were in Lexington, Kentucky, for an exhibition game.

The team was in their hotel when teammates Sam Jones asked Satch Sanders to go to the lobby to get some food. They were refused service.

Later they were met by Russell and K.C. Jones. After Sam told them what had happened, Russell suggested none of the Black players should participate in the game and informed Celtics coach Red Auerbach.

The game would be called off after two more players from the St. Louis Hawks joined the protest.

When former President Barack Obama presented Russell with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011, he called it an example of how he



"stood up for rights and dignity of all men."

Russell didn't just risk sully his reputation, he put his life at risk in the wake of the 1963 assassination of civil rights activist Medgar Evers in Jackson, Mississippi. Just days after Evers was slain, Russell reached out to the leader's brother, Charles Evers. He wanted to inquire about what he could do to help.

Charles Evers asked him if he'd be willing to visit the state and stage its first integrated basketball camp. It was a huge ask considering the very real peril Russell would be putting himself in by visiting a city riddled with members of the Ku Klux Klan. Still, Russell accepted the invitation.

"I didn't want to go to Mississippi. I was like anyone else. I was afraid I might get killed," Russell would later write. "My wife asked me not to go. Some friends said the same thing. A man must do what he thinks is right. I called Eastern Airlines and ordered my ticket."

Despite coming off his third MVP award and fifth NBA title, Russell said "without hesitation" he'd have left the Celtics that season if his continued

presence in Mississippi or anywhere else could have advanced civil rights push.

"If my popularity depends on a thing like this, I don't give a damn," he said at the time.

A star of Russell's stature to show a willingness to put his convictions ahead of his athletic career put him in a small group during that time like Muhammad Ali, Lew Alcindor (now Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) and Jim Brown.

And it was Russell, Alcindor and Brown sitting beside Ali in Cleveland in 1967 when the boxer announced he was refusing induction into the U.S. military to fight in the Vietnam War.

Current Celtics star Jaylen Brown, one of several young NBA players who have used their own platforms to raise awareness and engage in social justice protests, said it was Russell who first taught him "it is OK to be more than just a basketball player."

It echoed what Russell wrote in 1966 about how he wished to be remembered.

"In the end, I live with the hopes that when I die it will be inscribed for me: Bill Russell. He was a man."



Wallace gets 5th

Bubba Wallace finished in fifth place at the Verizon 200.



Wallace drove the No. 23 Embrace Homes Loan Toyota. (Photos/Walt Thomas)

Indy Eleven vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies

Indy Eleven's Neveal Hackshaw goes up for a header against the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Tampa Bay won 3-1. (Photos/David Dixon)



Indy Eleven's Raul Aguilera celebrates with teammate Juan Tejada after a goal.



Indy Eleven goalie Sean Lewis makes a fingertip save in the first half against the Rowdies.