

'YOU ARE AN ANGEL': Black woman given 2nd chance at life through organ donation

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Jamie Taylor's fight was not over after beating breast cancer in 2012.

About a year later, she was diagnosed with kidney failure, and so began her journey with dialysis treatments.

"It was kind of scary because I did not know if that was something that I was going to do for the remainder of my life," she said. "It was something I had to do, and I did it as scheduled. I am a trooper."

Immediately after working her full-time job, she would head to her dialysis clinic. Three times a week, she would be hooked up to a machine for four to five hours, relying on the machine to filter the waste from her



The families of Jamie Taylor (front left) and Jacob Lewis met after exchanging letters with each other and noticing they lived six minutes away. Taylor was given a second chance at life because of Lewis' kidney donation. (Photo provided by Indiana Donor Network)

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MARBLE'S RESTAURANT OWNER DIES, leaves legacy of serving good food to city

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Lee Marble moved from Delta, Mississippi, to Indianapolis at 17 with a dream, and his oldest daughter, Sheila Buckner, remembers his determination to see it through.

"He came here with nothing and made himself into something," she said. "He would wake up really early in the morning and make sure that food was the best that it could be."

Marble, CEO and owner of Marble's Southern Cookery, died Aug. 3 at the age of 85. He leaves behind a legacy of serving delicious food to Black people in Indianapolis.

Marble owned many businesses over the years, including a hamburger restaurant and a few grocery stores with different

locations all around Indianapolis' west side — serving the Haughville community, and in the '80s, the community along Indiana Avenue.

In 2017, Marble was diagnosed with Lewy bodies dementia, a type of dementia that leads to a progressive decline in thinking, reasoning and cognitive functioning, according to the Mayo Clinic. For Marble, dementia impacted his speech, making it hard for him to communicate with his family.

The progression of his condition was startling to watch for his grandson Brandon Buckley. "Seeing my grandfather go from walking around and doing things to doing nothing was a crazy experience for me," he said.

When the family could see the clear decline of Marble's condition, they made the decision to



Lee Marble, CEO and owner of Marble's Southern Cookery, died Aug. 3 at the age of 85. (Photo provided by Brandon Buckley)

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Ja'Kell Dixon (speaking) stands with family, friends and city officials to honor the legacy of her father, James Dixon III, during a vigil Aug. 10, 2022. (Photo/Abriana Herron)

'WE WILL WEATHER THE WEATHER TOGETHER':

City gathers to honor the life of funeral director James Dixon III

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On Aug. 10, standing in front of Dixon Memorial Chapel & Cremation Services, family, friends, city officials, religious leaders and community members honored the legacy James Dixon III created in Indianapolis.

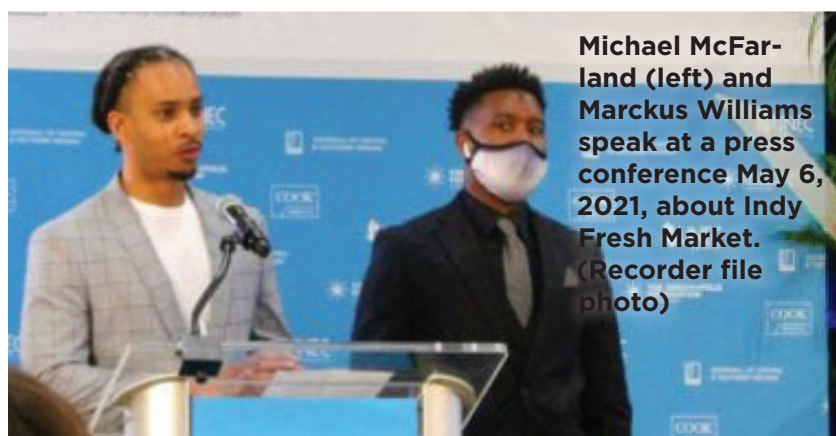
Dixon owned the funeral home, but to many he was more than that. He was a father of three and a U.S. Army veteran, and to Quincy J. Webster, he was a dear friend, a great mentor and like an older brother.

"He wrapped his arms around me and taught me everything he knew," he said. "He modeled and exemplified what a funeral director should look like."

In the early morning hours of Aug. 6, Dixon was shot and killed outside of his funeral home during an attempted robbery.

The two teenage suspects, Jashan Wallace-

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Michael McFarland (left) and Marckus Williams speak at a press conference May 6, 2021, about Indy Fresh Market. (Recorder file photo)

Arlington Woods grocery store projected to bring \$11M to local economy

By **SYDNEY DAUPHINAIS**

Indiana University researchers project a new Indianapolis grocery store will bring over \$11 million to Marion County's economy. That's according to a report from the university's Public Policy Institute. Researchers estimate an additional \$4.6 million in wages and benefits will accrue annually.

The grocery store, Indy Fresh Market, is set to open early next year. It will be the only full grocery store in the northeast Arlington

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Martindale-Brightwood group breaks ground on townhomes project with other improvements planned

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A new project in the Martindale-Brightwood community will bring new, affordable housing with the goal of not displacing current residents. The Rural Street Comprehensive Development Project, led by the Martindale Brightwood Community Development Corporation, will include two townhomes on North Rural Street, with plans for more, as well as an expanded community garden and repairs to homes in the neighborhood.

The goal of the program is to increase and preserve affordable housing in the Martindale-Brightwood community, Elizabeth Gore, longtime resident and former president of the community development corporation, said at a groundbreaking Aug. 12.

"The goal and vision of the MBCDC is to reach out to those in the community who are frequently overlooked or bypassed for quality homeownership," Gore said.

In addition to the housing project near



A rendering of the Rural Street Comprehensive Development Project. The project will bring six new townhomes to the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. (Rendering provided by Martindale Brightwood Community Development Corporation)

the corner of 25th Street and Rural Street, Heritage Community Garden and Pocket Park will get new permanent stadium seating, updated landscaping and new picnic tables under the shelter.

Many families who went to school and grew up in the area can't afford to live there, said Amina Pierson, the group's executive

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As Indiana's college-going rate dips, can an underused aid program do more?

By HELEN RUMMEL
Chalkbeat Indiana

Katie Keegan will always be grateful to her mom for pushing her to apply to 21st Century Scholars, a needs-based scholarship and mentoring program. Without it, she says, she might not be studying at Purdue University right now.

Her graduating class, the class of 2020, saw Indiana's steepest decline in college-going rates in recent memory. That year, only 53% of graduating Indiana high schoolers went straight to college, a steep drop from 58% the previous year. But Keegan said she was able to attend Purdue thanks to the support and mentorship from Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program, a state financial aid program that helps many Indiana students from low-income families who qualify.

During high school, Keegan met with advisors through the program who guided her through applications like the federal student aid form known as the FAFSA, and answered her questions about college. And the program ultimately provided her with a scholarship allowing her to reach higher education.

Keegan's story with the program is a successful one, but there's evidence that not enough students get a chance to emulate it. While 80% of Keegan's fellow 21st Century Scholars went on to college in 2020, just over half of the overall graduating class did. Yet while four in 10 Indiana students are eligible for 21st Century Scholars, only half of them apply. Such numbers leave some advocates

and others wanting better access to programs designed to help students bridge the gap between K-12 and college.

Meanwhile, over the last decade, the share of Indiana's low-income students going to college — the same population served by the program that helped Keegan — has plunged by 26 percentage points. There have also been declines of 20 percentage points among Black students and 7 percentage points among

Hispanic students, all over the last decade.

Rachel Santos, director of education policy at the Indiana Latino Institute, said there are a number of hurdles students and families must cross when planning for college. Automatically enrolling students in programs like 21st Century Scholars would ensure that they are made aware of options and resources that can help them, she said.

The program isn't a guarantee of success. In 2020, 37% of the 21st Century Scholars graduated from college on time. This lags behind the 44% state average for on-time graduation, but it is considerably higher than the rate for other low-income students of 27%. And the share of students in the program graduating on time has improved in recent years.

The higher education landscape itself, along with the workforce opportunities available to students after high school, has changed in recent years in ways that may be beyond the direct control of schools, students and officials. But Chris Lowery, the commissioner for Indiana's Commission for Higher Education, said those who attribute declines in college-going rates solely to the pandemic are mistaken.

"There are clear economic benefits that come with greater levels of education," Lowery said in a May release. "People with a bachelor's degree or higher are more likely to be employed and participating in the workforce, and they have significantly higher

wages and a greater overall net worth."

Like Santos, he's called for auto-enrolling students in 21st Century Scholars.

A (good) domino effect

Eligibility for the program, founded in 1990, is based on a student's household income, alongside their residency status. But when students start to apply in the seventh and eighth grades, they have to explain why they want to pursue higher education. Once students reach the ninth grade it's too late for them to apply as the rules currently stand.

Santos believes 21st Century Scholars' emphasis on mentoring and personalized support is what has proven to be truly successful with the students she has worked with in the past. Not everyone, she said, can have parents who have the time or knowledge to help them through the process of preparing for college.

While the Commission for Higher Education administers the scholarships, state lawmakers, among others, will also need to be on board with the change. Right now, the commission is putting together analyses on the return of investment for the program in hopes of advocating for auto-enrollment.

More than 45,000 students in the state have obtained their degrees with the help from the scholarship. The commission hopes to increase this number considerably, but they understand it will cost more to do so. In Lowery's opinion, it's more than worth it.

"We statistically know that with increased educational attainment, on average, we spend a lot less on an individual and his or her loved ones in social spending," Lowery said.

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‘THE BLACK BASEL’: BUTTER 2 promotes Black artists through equity

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A fine arts fair, created by cultural development firm GANGGANG, will showcase more than 50 artists and 10 performers who get to keep 100% of their profits. The goal is to uplift Black artists and “elevate the narrative around art,” said GANGGANG co-founder Mali Jeffers.

Unlike other fairs, artists don’t have to pay a fee to showcase their art in BUTTER 2. The goal is to uplift Black artists with economic viability and exposure and “introduce equity in all forms,” co-founder Alan Bacon said.

BUTTER 2 will run from Sept. 1-4, starting with a preview night along the south side of the Stutz Factory, 1060 N. Capitol Ave. The fair will include pieces from local and national artists such as April Bey, Kiah Celeste, Julian Jamaal Jones and Will Watson, as well as performances from entertainers such as Jimmy Phelps, 81355, Deckademics and DJ Grapevine. There will also be a multi-sensory dance party Sept. 3.

“We wanted BUTTER to be the Black Basel of the Midwest,” Jeffers said. “And we can see a path. So it’s very exciting, but there’s a lot of pressure.”

The art fair is still in its infancy, and the co-founders jokingly call it their child.

“There’s a buzz about BUTTER, not just from a local scene, but from a national scene,” Jeffers said. “We’ve

been able to find a sweet spot when it comes to creativity. And just imagine that with equity and having this strong message behind why BUTTER exists.”

The support from corporate sponsors and the love from local artists is a testament to their impact in Indianapolis, Jeffers said. Seventy-five percent of the artists in BUTTER 2 will be from Indiana.

“People are risking partnership with BUTTER because of their trust in GANGGANG,” Jeffers said.

BUTTER is a place for artists to feel respected and proud of their work. Bacon said they want to make sure equity is embedded in the entire experience of BUTTER, not just for the artists, but for the people attending, too.

“You can be yourself here,” Bacon said. “That was a very prominent voice and narrative of BUTTER 1; it welcomes a very inclusive environment. And that’s intentional.”

In the first iteration of BUTTER, Bacon and Jeffers anticipated about 1,000 attendees, but more than 3,400 adult tickets were sold. Each year the goal is to make BUTTER bigger and better, they said.

“It’s a blessing to get to do this work at the end of the day,” Bacon said. “We’re pleased and happy and excited to present another BUTTER to Indianapolis. Our gift to our city.”

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Artwork from last year’s first iteration of BUTTER. BUTTER is a multi-day fine art fair showcasing the works of more than 50 Black artists. All artists retain 100% of their profits and do not have to pay a fee to showcase their work. (Photo provided by GANGGANG)




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Filmmaker to be awarded at Black documentary film festival

By **ABRIANA HERRON**
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Indianapolis Black Documentary Film Festival (IBDFF) will award local filmmaker Jerald Harkness with the Spotlight Award at the 3rd annual film festival Aug. 26.

This is the first year of IBDFF’s Spotlight Award, which will be given annually to a Black filmmaker who demonstrates “excellence and dedication to their craft” and tells the “unseen stories about the African American experience.”

Harkness is the CEO of Studio Auteur, a content creation company that specializes in making documentaries, and has more than 25 years of documentary production experience. He will receive the award for his documentary “The Glories of Our Journey: A Community Story,” which tells the story of John Hope School No. 26 and its importance to the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood.

The founder of IBDFF, Eric Winston, created the film festival to showcase the work of Black film artists and to create a more accurate media depiction of Black culture in Indianapolis.

“We want to make sure that we bring films to the community that shed a positive light on the African American community,” Winston said.

There will be documentary film screenings from Aug. 26-28.

Harkness will receive his award during a reception at the Indianapolis Art Center, 820 E. 67th St. There will be food at the reception and a screening of Harkness’ documentary. WTLC radio host Tina Cosby will moderate



People lined up for the Indianapolis Black Documentary Film Festival in 2021. This year, the film festival will award Jerald Harkness with the Spotlight Award on Aug. 26. (Photo provided by Eric Winston)

the reception. Tickets are available at ibdff.com.

The following two days, Aug. 27-28, are dedicated to screening local Black and minority documentaries. This will include “Breathing Black,” a documentary about nine Black people from Baltimore and their journey to finding happiness during the pandemic. Another documentary, “Becoming Black Lawyers,” follows five Black students as they discover what it takes to become a lawyer in the U.S.

Some filmmakers will be present for Q&A sessions.

Winston is excited for this year’s documentary screenings and encourages people to attend the film festival. “Come out and be a part of this,” Win-

ston said.

The doors will open 30 minutes before each film starts. For details on the

Indianapolis Black Documentary Film Festival Schedule:

Aug. 26 — Reception and Featured Screening

When: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Where: Indianapolis Art Center, 820 E. 67th St.

Aug. 27 — Full Screening Day

When: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Where: Indianapolis Art Center

Aug. 28 — Full Screening Day

When: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Where: Kan-Kan Cinema and Brasserie, 1258 Windsor St.

For details on the screening schedule, visit ibdff.com.

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blood rather than her kidney.

Taylor continued this routine for five years, and in those years, she learned about organ transplants — something she had no prior knowledge of. Four years of being on the national transplant waitlist and seven potential donor opportunities later, she received a kidney donation from 27-year-old Jacob Lewis.

“You are an angel,” she said about Lewis. “You are a life saver. You are special.”

August is National Minority Donor Awareness month, a month dedicated to informing minority groups of the importance of being a donor.

For Elliott Stubblefield, National Minority Donor Awareness Month is every day. As the community development coordinator at Indiana Donor Network, his job is to engage with minority groups in Indiana, create conversations and debunk common misconceptions about donation.

Many minorities have little knowledge about organ donations and the transplant process. Stubblefield said if he can reach out to the community, learn about their donation hesitations and educate them about donating, then he can help shorten the time someone is on the national transplant waiting list — which is one of the goals of Indiana Donor Network, an organization that delivers organs to hospitals across the nation.

Kidneys are the most needed and commonly transplanted organ, making up more than 83% of the people on the national transplant waitlist. More than 105,000 people are on the waiting list, and each day, 17 people die waiting for an organ transplant, according to Health Resources & Services Administration.

However, this process is not only about shortening the time a person is on the waitlist, but it is also about supporting the donor family emotionally.

“We have strategically built a system around supporting the donor family,” Stubblefield said. “You’ve already lost your loved one, so our goal is to help you through your grief process, help you through the donation process and then celebrate your family member the best way we can.”

Julie Lewis’ voice cracked as she talked about her son’s love of God, the ocean and the New England Patriots football team. Jacob was a loving and optimistic person, she said, even given his circumstances.

At 8, Jacob had a massive stroke, leaving him disabled. He began having seizures at 24, and at 27, he had a seizure that left him on life support.

His family had many decisions to make, including if they should donate his organs. The decision was unanimous.

“There wasn’t a doubt about donating Jacob’s organs,” she said. “He almost died when he was 8, but he got a second chance, and now he gets to give someone else a second chance.”

Lewis’ husband died while waiting for a lung transplant, and she along with the other family members knew that donation was the best thing to do. She said Indiana Donor Network took their “sorrows and sadness and made it beautiful.”

Meeting Taylor and seeing her “beautiful soul” was also confirmation for Lewis that donation was the right decision.

“She’s a part of the family,” Lewis said. “That doesn’t mean that I don’t miss Jacob, and I know that I will see my son again. She is just wonderful, and she is a part of our family. I pray for her daily.”

The Taylor and Lewis families met after exchanging letters with each other and noticing they lived in the same ZIP code, just six minutes away. Since then, they regularly communicate with each other over the phone and in person.

Taylor, who has lost her mother and grandmother while they were both on dialysis, is grateful for Jacob and the Lewis family and shares her story to help people understand the importance of donation.

“Her son has given me the gift of a second chance at life,” she said. “I am proud, and I am thankful.”

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Carswell, 18, and Stacey Myron Fuller, 19, were arrested in connection with his death, according to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. They face charges including murder and robbery resulting in serious bodily injury.

Webster, who has owned his own funeral home for nearly seven years, will help with funeral arrangements along with many other funeral directors in the city.

The vibrant, dimpled smile on Dixon’s face was something that stood out to many who knew him.

“That smile lit up the room,” Shelly Wood said.

He was also known for working with those who could not afford a funeral service for their loved ones and ensuring their family members had a proper burial.

City officials — IMPD Chief Randal Taylor, city-county council President Vop Osili and Rep. Andre Carson — spoke about Dixon’s legacy of helping the community.

Carson mentioned Dixon hosting drive-up viewing services for families during the pandemic and how Dixon was “always thinking of ways to serve his community.”

Dixon’s daughter, Ja’Kell Dixon, shared with the crowd one of the last moments she had with her father. Sitting on a motorcycle, the two of them were smiling and happy.

“You’re only ever truly gone if you’re forgotten,” she said. “I want you all to remember all the good times you had

with my dad.”

Allison Banks attended the vigil to support Ja’Kell, her former student, and seeing the overflow of cars in the parking lot and a lawn full of community supporters, she was amazed.

“All of the support for his family, it’s just beautiful to see,” she said. “It just shows that the community really does care and they do want to care.”

At the end of the vigil, the crowd recited one of the funeral director’s well-known passages, one that he ended his funeral services with.

“Whether the weather be good or the weather be bad, we’ll weather the weather together, whether happy or sad,” the crowd said. “We will weather the weather together.”

There will be a visitation service for anyone who would like to pay their respects to Dixon from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Dixon Memorial Chapel in Eagledale, 3325 Lowry Road. There will also be an additional visitation service 9-11 a.m. Aug. 19 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1301 N. Goodlet Ave. Dixon’s funeral service starts at 11 a.m. Aug. 19 at the church.

The burial is at Crown Hill Cemetery, and they will honor Dixon as an Army veteran.

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director, and the preservation of affordable housing has been lacking.

The project is in the development stages, with vacant lots acquired and 95% of the funding secured. By the end of the year, six three-bedroom housing units will be available to purchase.

To preserve affordable housing, the development corporation is offering homeowners up to \$4,000 for home repairs. The group wants to make sure the program helps everyone, not just residents looking for a new place to live.

Affordable housing is something the Martindale-Brightwood community needs, said Phyllis Banks, president for One Voice Martindale Brightwood

“It’s going to make them feel better,” Banks said. “It’s going to make their children feel better. And when you feel better, you make those around you feel better.”

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Marble owned many businesses over the years, including a soul food restaurant and a hamburger restaurant, as well as a few grocery stores. (Photo/Abriana Herron)



MARBLE

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close the restaurant and focus on spending time with him.

“It was very hard on the family, but he grew me more in the five years ... that made me realize a lot of the skills I tucked away,” Vivian Brown, Marble’s youngest daughter, said.

Brown was his primary caretaker after his diagnosis, and she said they did everything together. They shared many intimate moments where they talked about the restaurant, his legacy, their relationship and her dreams. They had monthly spa days, where the two would get manicures and pedicures together.

Marble loved music. One of Buckley’s favorite memories with his grandfather was watching him dance and clap to songs by India Ari.

While the restaurant is closed, the family said they will decide after the funeral if they will open the restaurant again, but they said Marble’s legacy will live on.

“Marble’s is not done yet,” Brown said. “When Marble’s does come back, we will be bigger and better.”

There will be a visitation from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Aug. 19 at Crown Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 700 W. 38th St. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Aug. 20 at Crown Hill.

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Memories at Marble’s

By **ABRIANA HERRON**
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When I drove past Marble’s Southern Cookery on Aug. 10, many things went through my mind, but the first was my great-grandmother, Louise (Grandlady) Caudle.

Grandlady loved Marble’s for many reasons: the food, the music, the proximity and what Mr. Lee Marble stood for, togetherness. So, as the family matriarch, she made sure the entire family attended Sunday dinner inside the cozy restaurant at least once a month.

We filled up much of the restaurant with kids running around and adults talking loudly, but it didn’t bother Mr. Marble or anyone else.

Some of my earliest memories happened in that restaurant. At 4, I remember getting a stern talking to in the bathroom. As a teen, I went to the restaurant with Grandlady and my sister, and even though I always ordered the same thing — fried chicken, creamy macaroni and cheese and green beans — I made sure to point at exactly what I wanted through the glass window.

With all those memories, I only now learned of the legacy Mr. Marble leaves behind after he died on Aug. 3.

His daughters, Vivian Brown and Sheila Buckner, told me about the many restaurants Mr. Marble had on the west side of Indianapolis. He owned a hamburger restaurant and a few grocery stores, prior to his

Southern cookery. He used to be located on Indiana Avenue and in Haughville.

He understood that a good meal can bring people together and create memories that last longer than a lifetime.

The last time I entered the restaurant was for Grandlady’s 90th birthday party. She happily danced around the restaurant as my uncle, Poncho Hedrick, played the bass guitar and my cousin, Aquila Hedrick, sang “I’d Rather Go Blind” by Etta James.

It’s been three years since Grandlady died, but that memory, her legacy lives on through me, and that’s the same legacy Mr. Marble leaves behind.

Marble’s Southern Cookery was more than just a place to get food; it was a place where Indianapolis’ Black community could call home.

The legacy of Marble’s has impacted anyone who has stepped foot in Marble’s Southern Eatery. He served food, but also memories and a place anyone could call home.

The restaurant was closed so the family could focus on spending time with Mr. Marble before he died, but the family is determined to continue Mr. Marble’s legacy.

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Football game was icing on the cake for Circle City Classic

By DEVON DAVIS



Black college football teams do not frequently play in bowl games. The only venues that come close to duplicating a bowl atmosphere are the annual classic games that are played during the regular season across the country, ours being the Circle City Classic. It was in 2015 when the Circle City Classic game between Kentucky State and Central State had the highest attendance of any NCAA Division II football game of that week with a crowd of 22,523 at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Fast forward to 2022, and last week news broke that Indiana Black Expo won't host a football game in the Circle City Classic format, but rather an HBCU band showcase. So far, the bands confirmed to perform are the Miles College Purple Marching Machine, Kentucky State University Marching Machine Thorobreds and the Talladega College Great Tornado Band. Other bands will be announced closer to the event.

The tradition of football classics began roughly a century ago; in 1919, Howard and Lincoln (Pennsylvania) met in what is believed to be the first contest to informally receive the tag of "classic," while 1927

saw the first encounters to formally earn the "classic" moniker (the Louisiana State Fair Classic in Shreveport, and the then-dubbed Turkey Day Classic between Johnson C. Smith and Livingstone College). Classics are an integral part of the football landscape at HBCUs.

Growing up, the Circle City Classic used to be described as the World Series or the Final Four, but primarily for us in the African American community, classics are Black college football's version of bowls. They began at a time when powerhouse Black schools such as Grambling State and Alcorn State and Florida A&M weren't likely to be invited to postseason bowls.

I will say it on the record: I'm saddened by the news that there won't be a football game this year. If you ask me, it seems like this will be the beginning of the end for the event. We need the Circle City Classic event in its fullest form. It's where we can get together for a national homecoming. Going to the Circle City Classic weekend events as a young boy helped formulate my mind to see what HBCU culture was like all in one weekend.

From a fiscal and logistical standpoint, I understand certain numbers have to be met. But it should be understood that there's more to these classics than just the action on the field. They are weekend-long events, much like a school's homecoming, only on

a bigger scale. Fashion shows, tailgating, all-white galas, job fairs, step shows, parades and a vast array of other events that add flavor to the overall classic and HBCU experience.

Unlike other events, the Circle City Classic is the epicenter where sports, HBCU culture and Black history converge. I certainly think there are ways to continue to build on the popularity of the Circle City Classic and how it can maximize in generating revenue. When you bring in a FAMU or a Jackson State, we know these are two traditional powerhouse HBCU programs fans will want to see.

With all due respect and #HBCULove in mind, there are a handful of classics that define Black college football, and I'd like to think the Circle City Classic is one of them. I think finding the right matchups is a key in the landscape of game scheduling, as not only is it good for the city but the event can be an eye-opener to the younger generation and shape their future college decisions. All in all, I will at least give this new format a chance. See y'all Sept. 24.

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Transitions: Trusting the future!

By KHALILAH A. SHABAZZ



One of my favorite courses as an undergraduate was titled Theories of Personality. It was filled with information on mindfulness, intercultural communication and various personal growth topics. That class forced me to be introspective in a way that still impacts my life.

One of our assignments was to read a self-development book, and I chose one titled "Too Perfect: When Being in Control Gets Out of Control" by Dr. Allan Mallinger and Jeanette Dewyze. The text challenged me to examine my root behaviors of perfectionism to understand the why and the impacts it was having on my life. Wanting to control every aspect of my life was linked to childhood trauma where many things were beyond my control. This also manifested into the desire for stability, structure, obsessive-compulsive traits and striving for perfection.

While these may not be overwhelmingly negative in their impact, they also came with being overly critical (of myself and others), resistant to change,

being less spontaneous and not willing to take risks — even if those risks were tied to my greater. Taking that class in the early 2000s really changed my life and helped me to understand the power of letting go to grow.

We are in a season of transition. Over the last several weeks, I've seen many social media posts with children's first days of school, college students are preparing to start their semester, people are transitioning into new jobs and careers (including me), relationships are transitioning, new homes, new babies, just so much change is happening all around us. Through all of this, I'm sure I'm not the only one who has had moments of questioning, fear or anxiousness about transitioning.

I identify sometimes we have difficulty in trusting the future and engage in this unnecessary struggle of making room for our greater. I'm hoping by sharing some of my self-work tactics, it will encourage someone else who needs to boldly walk into their transition. For my own transition process, I've been focusing on doing these three things: purging, celebrating and embracing.

First, I'm taking the time to purge and release stuff — not just physical stuff but the mental and emotional

stuff, too. Like many, we carry baggage from one place to another, and I realize that in order for me to fully step into my future, it is past time to purge. I cleaned out my work office recently and came across so many notes, files, artifacts that dated back several years. Time after time I struggled with the choice of discarding things, even though they had no connection to my future; it was very difficult to let go.

What that book in undergrad taught me is that this is another side effect of being in control. I finally realized that I had to release things in order to truly make room — room for new memories, room for new stuff, etc. Someone else is holding on to stuff, just like me. If you needed a sign to release stuff, people, whatever, here it is: It is time to purge.

I'm also going to be deliberate in celebrating me! One of the impacts of perfectionism is that you question and even diminish your own accomplishments. Instead of pausing to celebrate, I find myself overanalyzing my actions and trying to determine what I could have done better. It's a dangerous cycle — being in competition with yourself. So, I'm vowing and challenging others to pause and celebrate YOU — the

small successes and the great ones. Don't just receive your flowers; stop and smell them.

Lastly, I'm embracing my transition — full throttle. Embracing change is easier said than done, though — the questioning, the fears, the worry of what you must purge, how people will react. So much to consider. In this season of transition, I have been reminded of my favorite Bible verse, Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for You, declares the Lord. Plans to Prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future." It is already written, predestined, and I have made the intentional choice to embrace it — all of it.

I realize that not all transitions are good or will feel good, but what I do know is that it's so important to trust the future. For those who are in this season of transition or expecting one, prepare to purge, celebrate and embrace it every step of the way. We are imperfectly perfect, but what is for you is for you!

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Secretary of state races are important

By JULIANNE MALVEAUX



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — Democrats play checkers, and Republicans play chess. That's why the Reagan revolution, which kicked off in 1980, worked. President Ronald Reagan pledged to trim government bureaucracy, install conservatives into administrative government positions and deliver a conservative agenda.

He didn't do it in a day or a week; it took years for his plan to take hold.

Newt Gingrich's Contract on America, introduced in the 1994 congressional campaign, successfully ushered a Republican congressional majority, even though President Bill Clinton was the Democratic leader. Their theme: Reduce taxes, enact welfare reform, and cut the size of government. In the nearly 30 years since the Contract on America (they called it the Contract for America, but it was an attack on America) was implemented, its strange fruit is still being harvested.

Conservative Republicans have become rabid co-signers of the putrid agenda of the 45th president of the United States. Republicans who know better have chosen to be quiet in the face of neo-fascist election deniers who prefer winning to integrity. These

folks think long term, while Democrats prefer to indulge in internecine squabbling, short-term thinking and unfocused resistance.

Thus, the Democratic focus on midterm elections has not sufficiently amplified Biden's victories, and there are many. More importantly, Dems have been far more focused on the top of the ticket than the bottom. Election deniers are running for state and local offices, and electing them will have ramifications in 2022 and 2024. The Democratic National Committee needs to spend money focusing on some of these down-ballot elections. Congressional and Senate races are important. So are secretaries of state.

In most states, the secretary of state determines how elections are run. They choose the voting machine vendors and decide on election rules regarding early voting, mail-in voting and more. They certify election results. That's why the former president called Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, asking him to "find" enough votes to overturn President Biden's narrow victory in that state. Raffensperger declined to meddle in the election results, which resulted in the former president endorsing his opponent in the May Georgia primary.

That hasn't stopped the former president and his allies from their election denial. And it has not prevented the twice-impeached president from endorsing his supporters who might alter the course of future elections.

Secretaries of state certify election results. The former president's allies, supported by him, will likely bend the rules to "find" votes to prevail in upcoming elections.

Republican Jim Merchant is the Republican nominee for secretary of state in Nevada. He is also the founder of the America First Secretary of State Coalition. Not surprisingly, this group advocates same-day voting only, purging voting rolls and other measures

to limit voting rights. There are 27 secretary of state elections this year. Currently, 22 Republicans are secretaries of state, compared to 20 Democrats. Every Republican secretary of state has not pledged allegiance to the 45th president.

Raffensperger is proof enough of that. Still, the Republican Party has imposed a loyalty oath on those who value integrity over the favor of a cult-like former president. How many have the courage of Rafensperger to resist the siren call of the former president?

Republicans ran in 14 primary elections for secretary of state. Many are election deniers who still think that the disgraced president won the 2020 election. Mark Finchem, the winning Republican candidate for secretary of state in Arizona, is an election denier who would like to "decertify" the 2020 election. He's in bad company. Six of the 14 people endorsed by the America First Secretary of State Coalition won their elections in Arizona, Indiana, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico and Pennsylvania. These people can change election rules to limit participation and steal elections.

Too many voters look at the top of the ticket and no further. In ignoring secretary of state elections, they are turning the future over to the election deniers who have already said what they will do in 2024. They will change the rules, purge the voting rolls and "find" how many votes the former president needs to win.

Democrats cede the future to those Republicans playing the long game by promoting election-denying secretaries of state. When Democrats play checkers, we allow the chess players to claim the victory.

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Woods neighborhood.

Tom Guevara is the executive director for Indiana University’s Public Policy Institute. He was a lead author on the report. He says that because the market will be owned and operated by community members, most of the economic benefits will be local.

“When one thinks about the neighborhood and the fact that there’s a conscious effort to provide economic opportunity, as well as other quality-of-life improvements through the benefits of the grocery store, I think it’s a very significant impact for the community,” Guevara said.

Indy Fresh Market is part of a neighborhood revitalization effort called the 38th and Sheridan project. The project is the result of a unique collaboration between the community, Cook Medical, Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana, the United Northeast Community Corporation, IMPACT Central Indiana, and Martin University.

It will sit next to the Cook/Goodwill manufacturing facility. Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana built the facility to manufacture medical devices, including drainage catheters and needles, for Bloomington-based Cook Medical. And residents collabo-

rated with Goodwill and Cook to ensure the business plan includes significant community investment. The almost-50,000-square-foot facility opened in May. Cook Medical hired more than 40 business and social service partners to provide community support.

Researchers with the Public Policy Institute spent months interviewing community members to gauge what the needs are and whether they are satisfied with the project. Interviewees said they are concerned about the current lack of food access. They also hope Indy Fresh Market will become a pillar in the neighborhood that is reflective of the area’s demographics, according to the study.

“By being engaged with the neighborhood, Cook was able to discern that having access to good quality food is an important factor in workers and potential workers being able to focus on their jobs and focus on bettering their communities,” Guevara said.

Northeast side native Michael McFarland will own and operate the site along with his friend Marckus Williams. The two have been working to address the neighborhood’s food insecurity for years.

Two years ago, McFarland and Williams started

Wall Street Grocery, a small convenience store on 38th Street. And when Cook Medical and Goodwill chose the neighborhood, they connected with McFarland and Williams.

In the last several years, large grocery stores have shut their doors and left the neighborhood. McFarland says what was missing was a connection to the community.

“They don’t ask the community for inputs, most of the time they come in against the community’s will,” he said. “So I think with us having been from the community, having family from the community, it gives us a little bit more enthusiasm to give it our all and make sure that we provide.”

The market is set to open in the spring of 2023. Cook will transfer operations and ownership to McFarland and Williams through a rent-to-own model. Research on the 38th and Sheridan project can be found at the Public Policy Institute’s website, oneill.iupui.edu/research.

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Indianapolis Zoo welcomes new conservationist from Nigeria

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Samuel Ivande is a conservation biologist from Nigeria who can name thousands of different birds. He keeps a running list of the different species he’s seen across the globe, which amounts to well over 500.

Ivande will travel almost 7,000 miles to make Indianapolis his home to be a conservationist coordinator with the Indianapolis Zoo’s Global Center for Species Survival in September. One bird he’s excited to cross off his list when he gets here: a cardinal.

Birds people here see every day, he will be seeing for the first time, said Kelly Griese, public relations specialist for the zoo. Griese said she can’t wait for his arrival because he brings a new set of knowledge and skills to the center.

“We knew he was a good cultural fit with us, that he brought the personality to the job, that it’s a good fit for everyone,” Griese said. “So it’s just a nice puzzle put together.”

The Global Center for Species Survival connects wildlife conservations from the International Union Conservation of Nature to focus coordinating protection efforts of more than 10,000 conservationists.

Ivande has been working remotely from Nigeria with various conservationists to help support their species assessments and implement conservation plans into action. Some of his focus has been studying migratory birds.

“One of those fascinating things about birds is the connections that it brings to people across the world,” Ivande said.

“So, the opportunity to work at the global center and to get to connect and hear about the work that people are doing from all over the world, it was a really, really attractive and interesting opportunity that I thought was a good one to explore.”

Conservation coordinator Samuel Ivande is moving from Nigeria to Indianapolis to work for the Global Center for Species Survival. He said he is excited to be in the office with the rest of his colleagues.



In college, Ivande wasn’t sure what he wanted to study. His parents wanted him to study medicine. He wanted to travel and be outdoors. They compromised on pharmacy.

“I applied for pharmacy and was offered biology and to be honest, I was really disappointed,” Ivande said. “I didn’t know what I was going to do with biology.”

Little did Ivande know, he was on the right track to doing exactly what he wanted. His professor and mentor convinced him to stay and study biology and focus on birds.

“I think to sweeten the deal for me, he told me, ‘If you study birds, you will travel the world.’ Now, it’s happening,” Ivande said.

Ivande has traveled to more than 20 countries, including Madagascar, Spain and Canada, and is looking forward to traveling more through the global center. He is also looking forward to joining his other colleagues in the office in September and already has plans to go bird watching when he arrives. It already feels like he knows Indianapolis through countless hours of exploring on Google Maps, he said, and is looking forward to exploring the city in person rather than through a computer screen.

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Samuel Ivande will join the Global Center for Species Survival in Indianapolis in September. He has been working remotely for the center since January. (Photos provided by Samuel Ivande)



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Martindale-Brightwood property nearing end of environmental cleanup

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A property in Martindale-Brightwood, near the Monon Trail and 19th Street, is undergoing a voluntary remediation cleanup to remove lead from the first three feet of soil.

The site, located at 1960 Alvord St., was once the location of a railroad yard, a recycling storage facility and a truck cartage facility. The property was legally separated into two parcels in 2021, a north parcel and south parcel, according to a report from EnviroForensics, the company managing the cleanup.

A cleanup process which included removing 7,000 tons of soil and disposing of more than 50 tires was performed on the north parcel, Morgan Saltsgiver, director of brownfields and agribusiness at EnviroForensics, said.

The cleanup process involves three different phases that address groundwater impact, vapor extraction from the soil and removing the top layer of

soil. The second stage of remediation is already underway and two-thirds of the cleanup has been completed, Gerarld Kosene, the owner of the property, said.

“Everything we’ve done there, it’s been done the right way. No shortcuts,” Kosene said.

To break down and degrade lead, two substrate chemicals were injected directly into the groundwater last year. No lead was detected at the surface once the injection was complete, Saltsgiver said, and quarterly samples are taken to monitor the groundwater. There is no risk of exposure to surrounding residents and businesses, the report concluded.

Currently, an extraction system is treating the soil by pulling contaminated vapors from the soil. The system has been in operation for eight months and will have 10 more months before it is complete, Saltsgiver said.

After that is complete, three feet of lead-contaminated soil will be removed and disposed of to complete the



remediation work, and a final proposal to close the cleanup will be submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

After cleanup, the property will be sold to a construction company and townhomes will be built on the property.

IDEM needs to approve the final plan, pending a 30-day public comment period.

The public comment period will end Aug. 21. Public comment can be

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Indianapolis 1 of 12 cities participating in study looking at how parks keep urban areas cool



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Indianapolis is one of 12 cities participating in an urban temperature study aimed at determining what type of natural and built environments work best to cool cities off.

Currently, ecologists from the Indianapolis Office of Land Stewardship are participating in a study conducted by the Natural Areas Conservancy to see how the health of an ecosystem influences temperatures. Sensors have been placed in parks across the city with healthy forests, degraded woods or developed sites to re-

cord temperatures. Researchers will also use satellite data to quantify differences.

Locations include Eagle Creek Park, Marott Park and Paul Ruster Park.

It is known that trees and greenspaces help to reduce the urban heat island effect — the increase of heat when you replace the green environment with city structures. The question of how best to cool the city is an important one given the growing impact of climate change on extreme heat.

Indianapolis projected that by 2050 average summer temperatures will increase from 3 to 9 degrees Fahrenheit. City temperatures can also vary by as much as 15 degrees depending on the neighborhood.

In 2019, the city launched a sustainability plan which identified, in general, that many of the city’s most socially vulnerable neighborhoods were ones that also saw higher maximum daily temperatures and less tree cover.

Because of that, Morgan Mickelson, director of sustainability with the city of Indianapolis, said many of the city’s vulnerable communities will see a greater impact from increasing temperatures.

Mickelson said the study will be important for finding the best ways to cool the city and help reduce heat related deaths and illnesses.

The study is underway, and data is expected to be finalized this winter.

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Nine Health Tips for Back-to-School Success

To have a great school year, kids need to stay fit and healthy. The Marion County Public Health Department shares these tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help students succeed in the classroom.

Wash hands frequently. Handwashing with soap and water is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of colds, flu, and other diseases. Students should wash hands before eating; after using the toilet; and after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Eat well and be active. Maintaining a healthy weight is especially important. Nearly 1 in 5 children are obese, putting them at risk for asthma, sleep apnea, bone and joint problems, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and type 2 diabetes. Children with obesity also are more likely to suffer from social isolation, depression and lower self-esteem. Physical activity can help reduce anxiety and improve a child’s focus in class.

Limit sugary drinks. Despite nutrition label, many people don’t realize how many calories are in the beverages they drink. Water is a great, no-calorie, low-cost substitute for sugary drinks. Drinking plenty of water every day is a great habit to establish for a lifetime.

Don’t use E-cigarettes. E-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco product among U.S. youth. In 2021, about 1 out of every 35 middle school students (3%) and 1 of every 9 high school students (11%) reported using electronic cigarettes in the past 30 days. The nicotine in e-cigarettes can harm the developing brain, specifically the areas that are responsible for learning, memory, and attention.

Stay cool. Weather can still be hot, so it’s important to learn how to recognize, prevent and treat heat-related illness when spending time outdoors.

- Schedule workouts and practices earlier or later in the day.
- Start activities slow and pick up the pace gradually.
- Wear and reapply sunscreen as directed on the label.
- Drink more water than usual.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.

Stay safe. Any child can get a concussion in any number of school settings ranging from school sports activities to the hallway, to the playground. Identifying and responding to concussions early can help save a life.

Plan for emergencies. Have a written emergency care plan and practice as often as needed. This should include any medicines a child needs any assistive device. Talking now with a child’s teacher now can help reduce a parent’s concerns if an emergency does happen.

Connect with kids at school and home. How connected children feel to school and family can have a strong influence on their lives. Teens who experience higher levels of connectedness are less likely to experience negative health outcomes as an adult, such as illicit drug use and becoming a victim of physical abuse.

Get vaccinated. Vaccines can help protect children and teens as they grow into adulthood and protect a child’s classmates, friends and family. Vaccinating on time protects kids before they are exposed to highly-contagious and life-threatening diseases. If a child has missed any vaccinations, a healthcare provider can help them back on track.

The bottom line: Student health is linked to doing well in school. Visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and search for the Parents for Healthy Schools website to learn how to play a powerful role in supporting a child’s learning and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

\$20M investment aids preservation of Black churches

By STAFF

Lilly Endowment donated \$20 million to preserve historic Black churches across the nation. The donation to the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund will address the financial needs of Black faith institutions to rebuild and redesign both active and inactive congregations.

The investment is for the Preserving Black Churches Project, which will

give annual grants to strengthen historic congregations. Grants will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

Church applicants can apply for one of the five categories: capital project, endowment and financial sus-

tainability, organizational capacity and operations, programming and interpretation, and project planning.

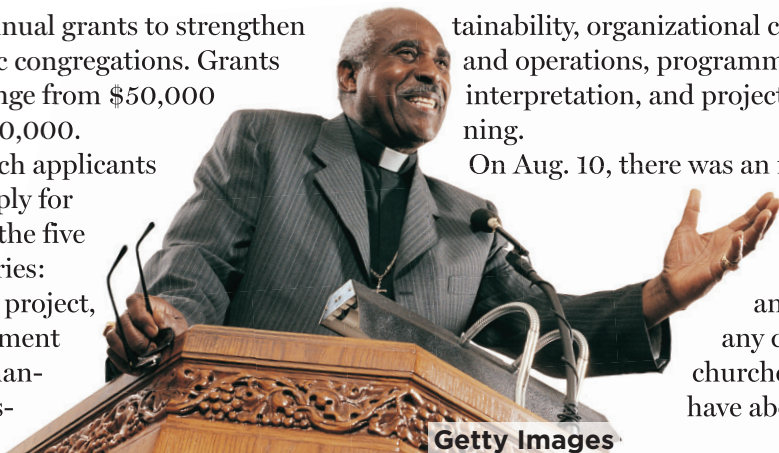
On Aug. 10, there was an informational webinar which answered any questions churches might have about ap-

plying for funding.

The letter of intent deadline is Sept. 2. In the letter, applicants must answer about 40 questions with information about the church, the project and the church's historical significance.

The full proposal application is due Nov. 10, and this application will only be sent to approved applicants who completed the letter of intent.

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Couple credit God for 50 years of marriage

By ABRIANA HERRON
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John knew the moment he met Ruby she was meant to be his wife, and he made sure she knew it, too.

"I'd never seen her before in my life," John said. "When I first met her, I told her then that she was going to be my wife."

On July 1, 1972, nine months after their initial meeting in Thomasville, Georgia, the two were married, and two weeks following, the couple moved to Indianapolis and started their life together.

Facing each other July 3 of this year, Ruby and John Darring renewed their wedding vows in front of their friends, children and grandchildren to honor their 50-year wedding anniversary.

National Senior Citizens Day is Aug. 21, which honors the lives of the older generations and the accomplishments they have made over the years. For the couple, 50 years of marriage is an achievement, and they give God much of the glory for maintaining their marriage.

"If I look back at 50 years, the number one thing is God," John said. "God has to be the center of any marriage. You are trying to make two people come together as one. Without him, there is no marriage."

One of the first things Ruby, 70, and John, 72, do

together every morning is pray. They make sure they both have a relationship with God first because "he's the one who holds everything together," John said.

Open communication is another important factor in sustaining a marriage, Ruby said.

"Don't talk over each other," she said. "Learn to listen. Sometimes people want to talk but they don't hear what the other person is saying."

According to a study conducted by the National Library of Medicine, one of the leading causes of divorce is financial issues. The couple said they maintained their finances by figuring out who was better at handling the money — that's Ruby — and allowing her to make the financial decisions for both. Ruby also said it is best that both partners are upfront about their money situations, including bills, debt and credit scores.

With all the financial advice, the couple also believe God is the reason they are financially stable.

"God has been good to us," Ruby said. "We've always had more than enough."

While the couple are retired, they still own and work for their HVAC business.

Some advice they give to younger married couples is to never stop dating and to not give up so easily.

"Don't be so quick to quit," John said. "You can't win anything by quitting. You are going to have trouble. It's there to make you stronger."

"Keep going," Ruby said after her husband. "Persevere."

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.



Ruby and John Darring renewed their wedding vows July 3 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. (Photo provided by Ruby Darring)

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Salman Rushdie: What would Muhammed do?

By MICHAEL SAAHIR



"Whatever ye are given (here) is (but) a convenience of this life: but that which is with Allah is better and more lasting: (it is) for those who believe and put their trust in their Lord. Those who avoid the

greater crimes and shameful deeds, and, when they are angry even then forgive." -Qur'an 42:36-37

As the news spread that 24-year-old Hadi Matar attacked Salman Rushdie, the author of the 1988 novel "The Satanic Verses," many in the Islamic community held their breath wondering if the attacker was a Muslim. Last week Rushdie was delivering a lecture at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York, when the unjustified attack occurred.

When "The Satanic Verses" was published, many Muslims and other people of various faiths were very displeased with Rushdie's book because it slandered Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his wife, Aisha. Rushdie also spoke disparagingly about Prophet Abraham and other sacred religious concepts while suggesting that certain verses revealed to Muhammad had actually come from Satan.

Yes, Salman Rushdie's book was repulsive and criticized accordingly. However, Muslims who follow the noble life modeled by Prophet Muhammad must be just as repulsed by Matar's attack upon Rushdie. Muslims must respond to slander and mischaracterizations according to how Prophet Muhammad responded when he was

physically and verbally attacked. We have to ask ourselves, "What would Muhammed do?"

How did Prophet Muhammed handle difficult people he encountered during his life? Did he retaliate with violence against those who personally attacked him? No, he did not. Yet today, sadly, we see Muslims retaliating with violence over a mere cartoon that is a figment of someone's simple-minded imagination. There is no Qur'anic support for Rushdie being attacked physically and violently. No Muslim can produce one single verse from the Qur'an, nor show one example of Prophet Muhammed attacking anyone for slandering his character. In fact, the Qur'an and Muhammed's examples show the opposite.

Let's look at how the prophet reacted to the cruel treatment he received from his mean-spirited aunt named Arwa bint Harb. Nightly she placed harmful items like thorny bushes along the pathway she knew he traveled to get home. Repeatedly, until she was tired of her tactics, she found pleasure in seeing him harm himself as he became entangled in her snares. To her amazement, after a few successive nights of her not seeking to harm Muhammed, thinking she was sick he stopped by her house to check on her well-being. That is one example, of many, that shows how the prophet responded to those who sought him harm.

Another larger example of Muhammed's kindness to those who violently attacked him occurred during his visit to the city of Ta'eeef, a short 40-mile journey east of Mecca. The inhabitants of Ta'eeef rejected both the prophet and his message of Islam to

the point of encouraging their youth to severely pelt Muhammad and his companions with stones until they bled profusely, filling his sandals with his blood. The report says that an angel appeared prepared to destroy the city, upon which Muhammed, being merciful and kind, refused the angel's assistance. Instead, Muhammed expressed hope for the inhabitants of Ta'eeef, that one day their children would later understand and accept Islam and that they would be forgiven. This reaction of the prophet is in accord with the Qur'an that says, "When they are angry, even then forgive."

There are numerous accounts of Prophet Muhammed showing mercy to those who wronged him; therefore, even with Salman Rushdie's novel calling Prophet Abraham a "bastard" for abandoning Hagar and Ishmael in the desert, still his novel does not give grounds for people of any faith to violently or physically attack him.

Muslims, we must stop defending Muslims who commit atrocities in the name of Islam, hiding under the flimsy position that they are defending the religion or the honor of the prophet by violent means. Muslims, we must do as Prophet Muhammed did and as the Qur'an teaches us to do.

The question that begs to be answered is, "Did not Prophet Muhammed go to war?" The answer is, "Yes." However, the bigger question is, "Why and when did he go to war?" After 13 years of refusing to fight, Muhammed, upon establishing Islam in Medina, was forced to protect his fledgling community. He fought following the clear dictates of the Qur'an that reads, "Permission to fight is granted

to those against whom war is made, because they have been wronged, and G_d indeed has the power to help them. They are those who have been driven out of their homes unjustly only because they affirmed: 'Our Lord is G_d.'" -Quran 22:39-40.

Muhammed did not retaliate with anger. He fought in the same spirit as the American English fought against the crown of England. "Fight in the cause of G_d with those who fight you, but do not transgress limits; for G_d loveth not transgressors," also, "And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in G_d; but if they cease, let there be no hostility except to those who practice oppression." -2: verses 190 and 193.

No matter how repulsive Salman Rushdie's writing may be to our sense of respect and decorum, there is no Islamic support from the Qur'an and the life modeled by Prophet Muhammed for the violence committed against Salman Rushdie by Matar.

For too long men and women have committed wrongs against others while seeking to hide behind or use religion to excuse their wrongdoings. Muslims, Christians, Jews and others, we have to stop the practice of abusing and mismanaging our scriptures seeking justifications for our misdeeds. Prayerfully, this sad attack upon Rushdie will be a learning opportunity for us all. It is not what Muhammed would do in such a situation.

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By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Eutychus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who sent word to Pontius Pilate to leave

Jesus alone after having a dream about Him? Servant, Soldier, Pilate's wife, Priest

3. From Zechariah 1, what type of tree surrounded a man on a red horse? Fig, Cedar, Syca-

more, Myrtle

4. According to Romans 11, whose loss meant riches for the Gentiles? Caesar, Lucifer, Israel, Syria

5. In Genesis 25, what

was the name of Isaac's older half-brother? Noah, Ishmael, Ezekiel, Micah

6. Who had a miraculous well open up to him after battle? Samson, David, Aaron, Uriah

ANSWERS:

- 1) Neither
- 2) Pilate's wife
- 3) Myrtle
- 4) Israel
- 5) Ishmael
- 6) Samson

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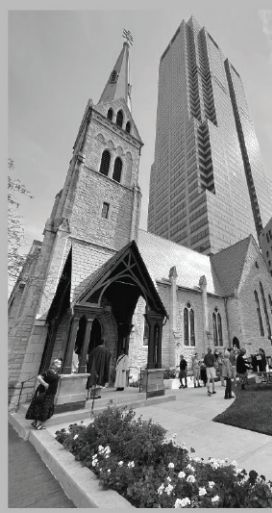
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Small business workshop series coming to Central Library

By KESHIA McENTIRE
Indianapolis Public Library



The Indianapolis Public Library is equipping local entrepreneurs with the tools to start and sustain a successful small business via a series of free workshops at Central Library covering topics such as social media marketing, financial statements and the legal aspects of launching a business. The majority of the workshop

presenters are women or people of color and offer diverse perspectives. In addition, the library will host a free legal clinic in partnership with the Indy Bar Association, allowing attendees to meet one-on-one with an attorney and ask questions regarding their intellectual property.

“This new workshop series comes at a pivotal time as we bounce back from a pandemic that affected employment and caused the world to reevaluate the way we work,” said Alexandra Loewen, public services librarian with Indianapolis Public Library. “Small businesses were impacted, and people were inspired to launch new enterprises. We are excited to offer this in-person workshop series that allows entrepreneurs to network face to face and gain knowledge and skills that will help them address challenges and succeed.”

Local business owner Cheo Waters knows the challenges that come with starting a business firsthand. He launched his employment recruiting business, Signature Staffing Solutions LLC, shortly before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I launched at the beginning of 2020 and I didn’t know the pandemic was coming, so I thought I would be flooded with work,” said Waters. “I got a physical office location, not knowing that I wouldn’t need it at the time, and was spinning my wheels to connect with companies and businesses.”

Waters uses free library resources to support his business. He books rooms at the library to host business meetings with clients and he has sought out advice and resources from librarians. Waters feels that it is helpful that the workshops will have a diverse group of presenters because the perspectives of women and people of color are desperately needed in business. He feels there are challenges unique to launching a business while Black.

“There are an incredible number of challenges unique to being a Black man and trying to get your foot in the door with companies, trying to connect with the facilities and provide staffing,” said Waters. “There was one point in time I removed my picture from my LinkedIn profile to help my business grow, but now I’ve gotten to a point where I’ve had more success.”

Ashley Martin, who will lead a workshop on social media marketing, agrees that Black entrepreneurs face unique challenges. As the chief community builder at Cerulean Consulting Group, she helps businesses, nonprofits and government agencies with digital marketing.

“It’s not about playing the game; it’s about writing new rules. It’s not necessary to shrink any longer,” said Martin. “I always tell folks if someone doesn’t want to work with you, maybe you were not meant to work together. It is required for companies to get on board and practice what they preach — to have a



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diverse board, a diverse staff, and to welcome diverse contractors. Black folks, white folks, and everyone should be standing up for diversity.”

Loewen hopes people who come out to the workshop series leave feeling empowered.

“Some attendees may have an idea regarding a potential business in their head, and they might want guidance on how to bring that vision to life,” said Loewen. “Others may have been in business for years but are looking to pivot and grow. No matter what stage you are at in your business journey, we have something for you here.”

The workshop schedule can be found below:

Don’t Fear the Spreadsheet: Financial Statements and Your Small Business

• 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 12

Registration is required through the library’s website, indypl.org.

This workshop will explore the different types of financial statements, how to understand them, how to develop them for your business plan, and how to use them to manage your business and make numbers-informed decisions.

Presenter: Mehnaz Qureshi, Indy Tax Service

Intellectual Property Legal Clinic

• 4-6:30 p.m. Sept. 12

The legal clinic is being offered in partnership with the Indy Bar Association. Patrons can meet one-on-one with an attorney for approximately 15 minutes to ask their intellectual property (patents, trademarks, copyrights) questions. Consultations will be available in person on a first-come, first-served basis. Participating attorneys include members of the Indy Bar Association’s Intellectual Property Section.

The Legal Aspects of Starting a Small Business

• 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 20

Registration is required through the library’s website.

In this workshop you will be introduced to some of the essential legal aspects of starting a small business, such as how to choose a legal structure for your business.

Presenter: Alexandra Blackwell, Jeselskis Brinkerhoff and Joseph, LLC

Social Media Marketing for Small Businesses

• 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 26

Registration is required through the library’s website.

Having an online presence is now critically important for any business. This workshop will help you to evaluate and select social media platforms for your business and use these platforms in both practical applications and long-term relationship building with your customers.

Presenter: Ashley Martin, Cerulean Consulting Group

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IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: BRYAN LEVAR MURPHY

VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Comes now Petitioner, Bryan Levar Murphy, by counsel, Charles White respectfully files this Verified Petitions of Name Change. In support of this Petitioner, Petitioner states as follows:

1. The Petitioner, Bryan Levar Murphy (hereinafter "Bryan") was born Bryan Levar Odom, on April 17, 1982. Petitioner's Mother, Cynthia Murphy, married Mr. Bernard Murphy, when Bryan was 5 yrs. old. Mr. Bernard Murphy, (hereinafter "Bernard") raised Bryan as his son. In May of 2000, Bernard and Bryan were divorced. Social Security office and obtained a new Social Security card for the Petitioner in the name of Bryan Murphy. Since that time, the Petitioner has been known and represented himself as Bryan Murphy.

2. In February of 2022, when Bryan Murphy, A.K.A. Bryan Odom went to obtain a United States Passport, he learned that the name change was not obtained properly. The Petitioner files this action to correctly complete the name change process.

3. That the Petitioner resides at 3740 W. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46228, Marion County.

4. That Bryan's date of birth is April 17, 1982.

5. That Petitioner's Social Security Card Number is XXX-XX-7067, and he will bring it to, or present it via e-filing at the Name Change Hearing for purpose of verification. He will also bring his Indiana Drivers' License, which number is XXX-XX-2804.

6. That the following is a list of all Petitioner's previous name, which was his given name at date of birth: Bryan Levar Odom.

7. That the Petitioner does not hold a valid United States Passport. Bryan's proof that he is a United States Citizen is his Indiana Birth Certificate.

8. That the Petitioner was convicted on April 16, 2008, in Hendricks County, Indiana, under the Name Bryan L. Murphy -- case number 3201-0803-F-C, Indiana 19, with charges of Dealing in Marijuana/FC, Maintaining a Common Nuisance, and Possession of Marijuana. The Petitioner was placed on Probation. The Petitioner was discharged from Probation on December 2, 2009.

9. That pursuant to Indiana Code 34-28-2-1, Petitioner wishes to legally change his name from birth name of Bryan Levar Odom to Bryan Levar Murphy.

10. That the Petitioner is not seeking to defraud creditors by changing his name.

11. That the Petitioner has published notice of his request for name change in a local publication as required by laws, and will bring proof of publication to the Name Change Hearing.

12. That the Petitioner is not a sex or violent offender who is required to register pursuant to IC 11-18-8.

13. That Petitioner wishes to change his name to Bryan Levar Murphy.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that this Court grant my Petitioner for Name Change, and for all other just and proper relief, affirming the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

Bryan L. Murphy Bryan Odom
Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Charles White
Charles White -- 24697-49
Law Office of Charles White
2510 E. 25th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46218
(317) 407-6307 ext (800) 858-1128
Charles@lawoffice-charleswhite.com
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing has been served publication.

/s/ Charles White
Charles White for Defendant
5320-952858
08/19/22,
08/26/22,
09/02/22

STATE OF INDIANA)INTHE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2204-MI-012453

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: FRANCISCO JAVIER LOERA AGUILAR

Petitioner ORDER SETTING HEARING

Comes now Francisco Javier Loera Aguilard, pro se, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on September 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via WebEx SO ORDERED, July 9, 2022 Judicial Officer

This hearing will be virtual. Use the information below to join through www.webex.com, and selecting "Join a Meeting" or by using the toll-free number to call in.

Meeting number (access code) 2337 263 1473
Meeting password: 49201Judge1 (49201583 from phones)
Join by phone: 1-844-992-4726
5320-953174
08/19/22,
08/26/22,
09/02/22

from phones)
Join by phone: 1-844-992-4726
SO ORDERED: August 3, 2022
/s/ Tiffany Vivo
JUDGE, Marion Circuit Court
5320-952856
08/19/22,
08/26/22,
09/02/22

MDK # 22-007510 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #1) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D01-2204-MF-011985

CitiBank, N.A., as Trustee for the Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-2 Plaintiff, vs. Eddie F. Woods, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Eddie F. Woods, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Eddie F. Woods;

BE IT KNOWN, that CitiBank, N.A., as Trustee for the Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-2, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #1 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Eddie F. Woods, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Eddie F. Woods, also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Eddie F. Woods, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of Eddie F. Woods, 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 Sixteen (16) in Arthur V. Brown's Riverside Park Addition to the City of Indianapolis, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 17, page 132, in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, commonly known as 1421 North Warman Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46222.

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

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #1
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhardt (25071-06)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Susan B. Klineham (17405-49)

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08/26/22,
09/02/22

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #3) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NUMBER: 49D03-2207-MF-023566

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, vs. KAY A. SNEAD

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND CREDITORS OF BARBARA A. SPEARS

UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, IF ANY, OF UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND CREDITORS ANN E. MCPKIE

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:

LOT NINETEEN (19) IN TWENTY (20) IN MEADOW PARK, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 144 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

Parcel No.: 49-10-19-131-021-000-101
This property is commonly known as 2243 Harlan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46203
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendants whose addresses are known:

31 7th Street W
Nokhims, FL 34275
Unknown Occupant, if any,
2243 Harlan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46203
And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown:

Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and personal representatives, and creditors of Barbara A. Spears
Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and personal representatives, and creditors Ann E. McKpie

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 2nd day of October, 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 the Plaintiff as demanded.

Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)
Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC
3962 Red Bank Road
Cincinnati, OH 45227
Voice: 1-513-322-7000
Fax: (513) 322-7099
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Clerk of the Marion County Circuit/Superior Court
5320-952827
08/19/22, 08/26/22,

09/02/22

Indy Recorder STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COUNTY OF MARION) SS: SUPERIOR COURT) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2203-EU-009059

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MARILYN ADLER, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on July 20, 2022, DANIEL ADLER and BESS SELBY were appointed personal representatives of the Estate of MARILYN ADLER, deceased, who died on the 13th day of February, 2022.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 20th day of July, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court,
Marion County, Indiana
5320-953026
08/19/22,
08/26/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2207-EU-022745

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAGALINE R. WIMSATT, Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Victoria L. Troutman was, on July 11, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of Magaline R. Wimsatt, deceased, who died June 29, 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 on July 11, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
Jennifer Norton
Attorney No. 2870949
370 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

United State of America
(317) 572-8696
5320-952857
08/19/22,
08/26/22

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT #8 OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAUREEN A. HURLEY, deceased
ESTATE NO. 49D08-2207-EU-024380

Notice is hereby given that Robert E. Cornelia III was, on July 20, 2022, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Maureen A. Hurley, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of December, 2021.

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 (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 20, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Attorney for the Estate: Robert L. Burr #33806
BURRUS & SEASE LLP
410 W. Oak Street
Zionsville, IN 46077
(317) 873-2150
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08/19/22, 08/26/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2208-ES-026460

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF BARBARA JOY STEWART, DECEASED

NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MARION PROBATE COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the Matter of the Supervised Estate of Barbara Joy Stewart, Deceased.
Estate Cause No. 49D08-2208-ES-026460
Notice is hereby given that Leo Golden Greenwell II was, on the 5th day of August, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of BARBARA JOY STEWART, who died on June 11, 2018.

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 (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 August 5, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Probate Court
Marion County, Indiana
Prepared by:
Jesse M. Smith III (#21468-30)
Attorney for Leo Golden Greenwell II
Personal Representative of
Barbara Joy Stewart, Deceased
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5320-953054
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08/26/22

ATTORNEY: Grover B. Davis, #4408-49

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251 E Ohio St, Ste 915 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2133

Telephone: 317-221-0800 Facsimile: 317-221-0900 gbdavis@gbd.law

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2208-EU-026776

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OFF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA J. WATTS, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on August 9, 2022, Janice K. Kirk-Hyden was appointed

Personal Representative of the estate of Martha J. Watts, who died on the 11th day of March, 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 this 9th day of August, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court,
Marion County, Indiana
5320-953026
08/19/22,
08/26/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2208-EU-026806

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JALEN RYAN MIM-NAUGH, Decedent, YVETTE M. HOOVER, Petitioner.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that, on the August 8, 2022, date, Yvette M. Hoover was appointed personal representative of the estate of Jalen Ryan Mimnaugh, deceased, who died on 08/20/2021.

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

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this August 8, 2022, date,
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Court of Marion County
5320-952873
08/19/22, 08/26/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) MARION COUNTY) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2208-EU-026826

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF LORENE L MCDONALD, DECEASED

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Denise Skates was, on the August 9, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of Lorene L. McDonald, deceased, who died on May 21, 2022, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of 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 August 9, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Courts
Eric M. Oliver
Attorney No. 27613-32
Oliver & Associates, LLC
One Spring Lake
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Box 223
Danville, Indiana 46122
(317) 563-7400
United States Estate
5320-953175
08/19/22,
08/26/22

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D09-2207-DN-005352

Tonya R. Baker Plaintiff vs. Charles A. Hunter Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

The nature of the suit against you is: Divorce.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: Charles A. Hunter, address unknown.

And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown:
In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this 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 enter the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 2nd day of October, 2022, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
Tonya R. Baker
6474 Crimmon Cir E. Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 373-9844
5320-953369
08/19/22,
08/26/22,
09/02/22

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D15-2207-DN-005021

Sarah J. Simon Plaintiff -vs- Mohamed F. Diab Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage.
This summons by publication is specially directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: 8816 East East Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Mohamed F. Diab.

In addition to the above named defendant(s) 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 you or your attorney, on or before the 2nd day of October 2, 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.

Clerk of the Marion County
5320-953023
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08/26/22, 09/02/22
Invitation to Bid

Ball State University Public Works Department of Administration
Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana
NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Long Faegre Drinker Conference Room of the Rapp Family Conference Center in Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Paul Babcock, President and Chief Executive Officer, Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana
NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Audit & Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

The meeting is noticed and will be held at 720 Eskenzi Avenue in the Faegre Drinker Conference Room of the Rapp Family Conference Center in Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Paul Babcock, President and Chief Executive Officer, Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana
NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

The meeting is noticed and will be held at 720 Eskenzi Avenue in the Faegre Drinker Conference Room of the Rapp Family Conference Center in Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Paul Babcock, President and Chief Executive Officer, Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana
NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Executive Session of the Board of Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana will be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, immediately following the 2 p.m. meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana.

The meeting is noticed and will be held at 720 Eskenzi Avenue in the BKD Conference Room of the Rapp Family Conference Center in Indianapolis, IN 46202.

The session will be held to discuss collective bargaining, initiation of litigation or litigation, and other matters. Please contact: Katarina Nibbi, katarina@fawill-helm.com or (317) 359-5411 with questions.
5320-953055

More Black NFL retirees win dementia cases in rescored tests

By MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Two years after a pair of former players sued the NFL over the treatment of Black retirees in the league’s \$1 billion concussion settlement, hundreds of men whose medical tests were rescored to eliminate race bias now qualify for awards.

The newly approved payouts, announced in a report Aug. 12, are a victory for NFL families in the decade-long legal saga over concussions. The 2020 lawsuit unearthed the fact the dementia tests were being “race-normed” — adjusted due to assumptions that Black people have a lower cognitive baseline score. Changes to the settlement made last year are meant to make the tests race-blind.

The new results will add millions to the NFL’s payouts for concussion-linked brain injuries. A league spokesman did not return a phone call or respond to emails sent in recent weeks seeking comment on the rescoring.

Of the 646 Black men whose tests were rescored, nearly half now qualify for dementia awards.

Former players, lawyers and advocates say they’ll now turn to getting the word out to more players who could receive awards.

“Our work has produced some great results and has opened many eyes,” said Ken Jenkins, a former Washington player who, along with his wife, petitioned the federal judge overseeing the settlement to make the changes and urged the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division to investigate.

This first group of players had the best chance of success because they otherwise passed the testing protocols and would have qualified if they were white. Thousands of other Black former players can ask to be rescored or retested, but their cases might not be as strong based on earlier results on dementia, validity and impairment tests. About 70% of active players and 60% of living retirees are Black.

The fact that the testing algorithm adjusted scores by race — as a rough proxy for someone’s socioeconomic background — went unnoticed for several years until lawyers for former Steelers Kevin Henry and Najeh Davenport sued the league. Factors such as age, education and race have long been used in



neurology to help diagnose dementia. But experts say the formula was never meant to be used to determine payouts in a legal case.

Advocates fear that many former players don’t know they can be rescored or retested, especially if they have cognitive issues and live alone.

“Men who are homeless, men who originally signed up but their cognitive function changed, men who are divorced or isolated — we are going to go looking for them,” said Amy Lewis, Jenkins’ wife.

The couple, once critical of class counsel Chris Seeger for his response to the issue, now work with him to spread the word.

Seeger — lead lawyer for the nearly 20,000 retired players, who negotiated the settlement with the NFL — has apologized for initially failing to see the scope of the racial bias. He vowed in a recent interview to “make sure the NFL pays every nickel they should.”

Payouts include awards for four other compensable diagnoses: Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, Lou Gehrig’s disease and deaths before April 2015 involving CTE, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

As reviewers tackle the thornier dementia claims, the process has slowed and audits and appeals intensified.

“Their mantra is deny, deny, delay until you die,” said James Pruitt, 58, a wide receiver who played for Indianapolis and Miami from 1986 to 1991.

After his NFL retirement, Pruitt became a teacher and middle school principal in Palm Beach County, Florida. But in 2010, in his mid-40s, the district asked him to step down. He could no longer perform his duties. Over time, he stopped calling on friends from his playing days.

“I don’t get out, and I don’t remember a lot of things. I’ve been told that I repeat things,” he said. “I’m kind of embarrassed by the whole situation.”

After the settlement was approved in 2015, he and his wife attended meetings with lawyers who traveled the country to sell the plan to retired players’ groups.

“We were told ... this was going to be a very easy process, you just need to go to the doctors, get a qualifying diagnosis from them,” said Traci Pruitt, 42. “Yet here we are six years later, and we’re still getting the runaround.”

The couple has twice been approved by doctors only to have the decision overturned — once after their first doctor was removed from the program. Their lawyer believes they’ll be successful on their third try, under the race-neutral scoring formula. They’re still waiting to hear.

The City League championship



Breakfast Club defeated Team Made in the 30-plus division of The City League with a last-second putback to win by one point at The Factory. (Photos/David Dixon)

Emmanuel Colon-Romero was named MVP of the finals with a game-high 21 points.

Stephanie Mavunga goes up for a shot.



Jay Goldz Photography defeated Law Office Of Carman Malone 50-36 in The City League championship game.

Fever finish 5-31



Interim Indiana Fever head coach Carlos Knox looks on as his team’s season came to an end with a 5-31 record. The Fever’s last win came June 19; they lost the final 18 games of the season. This is the second season in a row Indiana has finished last in the WNBA standings. (Photo/David Dixon)