



Brandon Perry

Longtime journalist returns to Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper as editor-in-chief

By **STAFF**

The Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper, one of the nation's oldest and most respected Black publications, announces the selection of Brandon Perry as its editor-in-chief.

"Brandon is an amazing journalist whose professional expertise, strong leadership skills, and passion for the community make him the ideal person

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HOMICIDES ARE DOWN, but violence 'affects all of us'

By **ABRIANA HERRON**
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The recent in-custody death of Herman Whitfield III and killing of funeral home director James Dixon III have left many Black residents on edge with concerns of violence in the city, even though homicides in Indianapolis are down compared to the same time last year.

"It affects all of us, whether we're minding our own business, and I think that's the greatest concern of us all," Calvin Allen Jr., pastor of New Light Missionary Baptist Church, said at a vigil for Dixon on Aug. 10.

As of Aug. 22, there have been 133 murders in the city, almost 18% fewer than the same time last year, and nonfatal shooting incidents were down 11% compared to last year, according to Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD).

Doris Minton McNeill, president of the West Side Neighborhood Association, lives down the street from where Dixon was killed.

"I think people are numb and in disbelief," she said. "This random act of violence could have been anyone coming out of their house."

She along with many city officials,



Indianapolis residents stand outside of Dixon Memorial Chapel & Cremation Services for James Dixon III's vigil on Aug. 10, 2022. (Photo/Abriana Herron)

including IMPD Chief Randal Taylor, attended Dixon's vigil and addressed violence in the city.

"We've had vigils, we've had pray-ins, we've had services; unfortunately, the violence continues," Taylor said. "Brothers and sisters, we do have to do something about this."

The Brennan Center for Justice identified gun violence and socioeconomic instability as two contributing factors to the nationwide increase in crime,

particularly violent crime, during the pandemic.

Nationally, the murder rate increased by nearly 30% in 2020, according to the center, and aggravated assault increased by about 12%. Violent crime overall was up 5.2%.

The center noted there are a multitude of factors for why crime rates increased over the course of the pandemic, and it is hard to identify what impacts the rates. This means it is

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Will Indiana's near-total abortion ban add stress to the state's child care system?

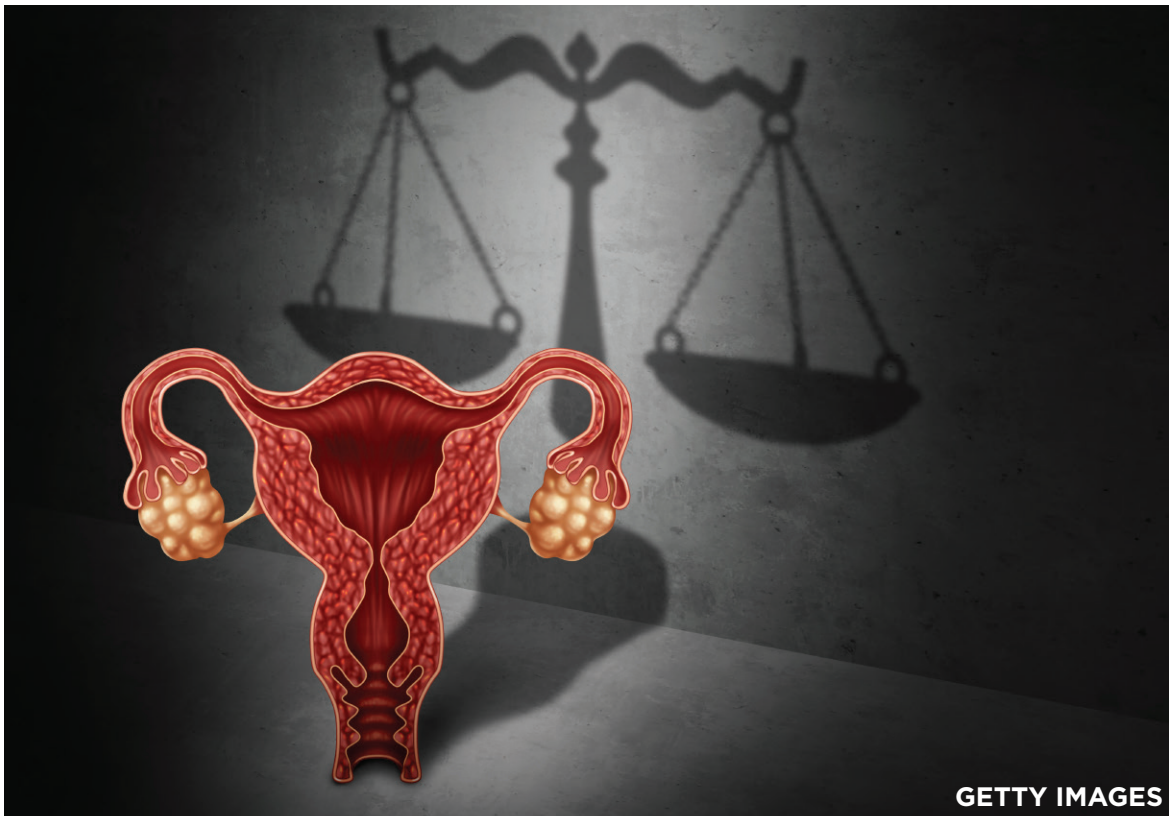
By **SYDNEY DAUPHINAIS**

Kelly Dawn Jones took a few days off work — something she said she never does — to testify before state lawmakers in favor of abortion rights.

"I went to the Indiana Statehouse to attempt to speak my truth about the situation and that we are not prepared for what they are trying to do," Jones said. "There we are. Nobody is prepared."

Jones runs an in-home child care business in southeast Indianapolis; she also substitutes for other child care businesses. She said there are not enough people trained to provide quality care.

A report from Early Learning Indiana shows only 2.6% of census tracts in the state have "adequate" access to child care. High-quality child care fulfills



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requirements set by the state Family and Social Services Administration. They are a level three or level four on Indiana's Paths to QUALITY Rating and Improvement System.

The latest data available, in 2019, showed Indiana has the capacity to serve only around 180,000 children at that level of care. It also showed the state had 478,754 children under age 6 who likely need care.

Maureen Weber is the CEO of Early Learning Indiana and said the staffing shortage is part of that access shortage.

"Given the tightness of the labor market, we are just really struggling to compete for talent, given the some of the historical challenges that we have had around low wages and overall compensation levels," said Weber.

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How Citizens is finding and replacing lead service lines

By **JAYDEN KENNETT**
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Citizens Energy Group has received approval from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to implement a multiyear program to replace lead service lines throughout Indianapolis. Now that it has approval, the process to find and replace lead service lines begins.

Citizens has no active lead water mains; however, homes and businesses connected to the water system before the 1950s may have lead pipes

that connect the water mains, called lead service lines. The Lead Service Line Replacement Program is designed to replace those pipes for approximately 55,000 to 75,000 homes and businesses. It's good to be cautious, but there is no need to resort to extreme measures, said Indra Frank, environmental health director for the Hoosier Environmental Council. Drinking water can often pass through pipes without picking up lead, and coupled with regular testing and treatment by Citizens,



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'WE HAVE A CERTAIN FLAIR': How a cyclist from LA is trying to increase diversity in his sport

By **LEVI JACKSON**
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Competitive cycling lacks something that pro cyclist and social media influencer Cory Williams urges fans of the sport to take note of: Black cyclists.

"We have a certain flair about us that makes people want to laugh, you know," Williams said, "and makes people want to enjoy things."

According to a USA Cycling demographics survey, people who identified as Black or Af-



Cory Williams (Photo provided)

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to serve at the helm of the newsroom,” said Recorder President and CEO Robert Shegog. “I look forward to Brandon serving in this capacity and continuing the rich legacy of our historical newspaper.”

In his new role, Perry will be responsible for determining the newspaper’s overall editorial direction and cultivating the reporters’ team while also engaging externally with the broader community. In addition, Perry will also lead all aspects of the Recorder’s sister publication, the Indiana Minority Business Magazine (IMBM). IMBM is a business, lifestyle and diversity magazine that features content specific to the interests of ethnic minorities and women.

“I’m very excited about rejoining the Recorder Media Group! The Recorder has a powerful history of life-changing journalism and continues to serve as a voice and vital resource for our community today,” said Perry. “Robert’s innovative efforts have expanded the paper’s reach externally, and its capacity internally. I look forward to working with him, the team, and community partners as we build on the Recorder’s legacy.”

Perry previously served as managing editor of IMBM and senior writer of the Recorder for 13 years before pursuing a career in security management. Perry can be reached at BrandonP@IndyRecorder.com or 317-924-5143 ext 310.

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While no one can say for sure if more children will be born because of the near-total abortion ban, it is one possible outcome. Jones said she and others want the state to ensure more pre-K access for more children.

“If you want all the babies to be born, you should create an environment where people want to have babies, but right now child care is \$15,000 a year per child and we don’t have enough of it,” Jones said. She said quality child care costs more than many families can afford.

In the special legislative session, lawmakers did pass a bill that repeals the diaper tax, increases the adoption tax credit and allocates about \$74 million in supports for women and children. A sizable chunk of that money — around \$10 million — will go to the Child Care Development Fund, a federal and state partnership program that provides assistance to eligible low-income families in need of care. None of that money is earmarked for pre-K.

The Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children estimates that nearly two-thirds of children across the state need care.

Child care is not a ‘good job’

The Brookings Institution, a nonprofit public policy organization, defines a “good job” as one that provides stable employment, middle-class wages and benefits. A regionally adjusted family-sustaining wage in Indiana averages a good job pays around \$40,000 a year.

Most child care workers make far less. The average wage for child care providers in the U.S. in May 2021 was \$11.43 an hour, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The BLS defines a child care worker as someone who attends to children at schools, businesses, private households and child care institutions.

Indiana’s child care workers’ wages track with the national child care income average, at an hourly wage of \$11.64 and an average annual income of \$24,210.

Only 15% of child care workers receive health insurance, compared to about half of all workers in other occupations. About 1 in 10 child care workers are covered by a pension plan, compared with 39% of workers in other occupations, according to a report from the left-leaning think

tank Economic Policy Institute.

These low wages deter talent from entering and staying in the child care workforce across the country.

Not only is that difficult for families who need care, but it’s hard on the providers themselves.

Jones said her annual income fluctuates, but in recent years it has been around \$26,000. And when she gave birth to her son, she couldn’t go on maternity leave. There was no one to fill in for her. She gave birth on a Sunday and was back to work that Thursday.

“I sat here in my home child care trying to do my very best to administer the best I could,” Jones said. “But I don’t know what you want me to do. The baby is now on my breast. I’m sitting in a rocking chair. And I don’t know how you want me to tell the children to stop fighting with each other at that moment.”

Impact on the economy

Ball State economics professor Michael Hicks said child care deserts hurt the economy because they have long-lasting impacts on educational attainment and intellectual development.

“When you are a state that faces very deep educational attainment challenges, like Indiana, the low-cost source of improvement is in early childhood education,” Hicks said.

He said places that are thriving economically are the same places that invest in human capital.

“They address early childhood IQ disparities, they better address K-12 performance, they increase the share that go to college, they increase the share that graduate from college,” Hicks said. “They make communities that are more attractive for people to live.”

Unlike many other industries, Hicks doesn’t foresee many child care providers moving out of state because of the near-total abortion ban.

Rather, he said the ban might be an incentive for legislators to invest more in early childhood education.

“The political criticism of banning abortion while doing nothing to care for the child after they’re born is, I think, likely to prompt many states to reconsider what they do in terms of spending in that area,” Hicks said.

He agrees with many in the industry that more public investment is needed to increase access to quality child care across the state.

“So unless Indiana really embarks upon a very aggressive spending plan for early childhood education, it seems unlikely that we’re going to see big improvements in the circumstances surrounding that industry,” he said.

‘It is not babysitting’

The CDC says children reach 90% of adult brain volume by the age of 6, and early childhood instructors are trained to bolster that development. The impacts it has on a developing brain last a lifetime — like motor skills and emotional regulation.

Indiana University professor of early childhood education Lauren Ray said child care gaps can also contribute to poor health outcomes and contribute to cycles of poverty.

“Now that child is living with a stressed parent, and also maybe is losing the resources that the parent was bringing in from that job,” Ray said. “Living in poverty is not good for anybody. And it’s certainly not good for kids.”

She said professionals trained to give quality care build relationships with the children and provide a safe, educational environment.

“Young children really crave consistency,” Ray said. “That sense of safety, that sense of security, really contributes to how a child is socially and emotionally developing, right? When we feel unsafe or unclear for long periods of time, our bodies react to that and we develop unhealthy responses to that.”

Data shows quality child care is also directly linked to higher wages and higher educational attainment later in life.

“It is not babysitting; it is not just keeping or caring for children,” Weber said. “It really is developing the child as a whole, self skills, social emotional skills, language development, physical, all of those aspects play a part in the growing human.”

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Why Indiana schools compete with McDonald's for staff to teach students in special ed

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When Mary Tackitt first took a job as a teaching assistant for students in special education, it seemed like a good opportunity. She enjoyed the time with children — like the little boy who would hold her hand and tap it on the desk to keep rhythm with music. But working with students with severe disabilities was tough. She took them to the bathroom and changed diapers. And she was hurt on occasion by those who struggled to regulate their emotions.

Tackitt, who worked for Indianapolis Public Schools, made just over \$15 an hour.

“The more I had to be bit by kids and the more I had to take them to the bathroom and get fecal matter on myself, the more I just kind of realized that it wasn’t enough,” Tackitt said.

She resigned this spring, after less than a year in the job.

Teaching aides, or paraprofessionals, play a crucial role in educating students with disabilities. As staff who are not licensed by the state, they are often overlooked in debates and policy fixes around teacher shortages.

But at a moment when state tests show that students with disabilities need help to recover from the academics they missed during the pandemic, school administrators across Indiana struggle to keep and hire special education assistants.

“I think we’re at an all-time high,” said Laurie VanderPloeg, a former director of the Office of Special Education Programs in the U.S. Department of Education. “This is definitely a crisis.”

Federal data on paraprofessional staffing levels is a couple years out of date, so it’s hard to confirm whether the pandemic worsened the chronic problem, VanderPloeg said. Many assistants, however, left the field because their hours were cut or they were furloughed when schools were closed or remote. Then, the competition for workers increased.

“So we are competing with a McDonald’s or you know, even some of the local stores that are paying up to \$13 or \$15 an hour,”

she said.

VanderPloeg is now associate executive director for professional affairs of the Council for Exceptional Children, an advocacy organization for education professionals that offers memberships and online training for special education assistants.

A chronic problem with limited data

There is no source of reliable statewide data on the number of special education assistant positions that are vacant in Indiana. But it is likely hundreds. In Marion County, Perry Township Schools has about 30 jobs available, and Indianapolis Public Schools has about 40.

The shortage of special education teaching assistants is persistent in IPS, according to district officials. The school system, which currently has about 170 special education paraprofessionals on staff, had slightly more vacancies last year. The district said it has increased pay for teaching assistants in recent years, and pays higher wages to those who work with students with severe needs, like Tackitt did.

When schools don’t have enough teaching aides, it’s a problem for the whole system. Many school districts are struggling to hire qualified teachers for students with disabilities.

“When we face a staffing shortage, we work really hard to do the best we can with the people that we have. And, you know, does that impact what we can do for kids? Likely, yes,” said Angie Balsley, president of the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education.

That can lead to legal action against schools because students with disabilities are entitled to special education services. And it makes the job harder for existing special education staff members.

Why teaching assistants quit

While districts say they cannot afford to raise wages for teaching aides, the low pay and benefits mean many assistants can’t afford to stay on the job.

Sari Lawton was a special education teaching assistant at Hamilton Southeast-



ern Schools. After close to seven years on the job, she made about \$18 per hour.

That’s more than many special education assistants. But because of unpaid summer and school breaks, she had to work side jobs as a nanny and tutor.

Lawton’s biggest problem was health insurance. She was not on the district’s plan because the premiums were too expensive.

Hamilton Southeastern would have charged Lawton almost \$425 per pay period for the health plan she thought was best for her and her daughter. That adds up to about \$7,190 per year. Teachers in the district pay less than half that cost for the same coverage because of the benefits negotiated in their union contract.

Lawton resigned this spring.

She now works for a financial planning firm where she makes more money and gets affordable health insurance.

“I felt sad leaving. I really didn’t want to leave, but I didn’t have much of a choice in the matter,” Lawton said. “There’s got to be some sort of way to make it better where you can actually make enough money to survive.”

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CLD to host 15th Annual College Prep Conference and Fair for local students

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The Center for Leadership Development will host its 15th Annual College Prep Conference and College Fair from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Sagamore Ballroom at the Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave.

The conference is meant to give students and supportive adults the knowledge and skills needed to build a successful academic, college and career path.

Session topics will include navigating the college admission process, becoming an honor roll student, scholarships, parent advocacy strategies and student athlete success.

There will be a keynote speaker, Joshua D. Posley, to discuss program and curriculum development and encourage students to practice their public speaking skills. The college fair will also give students the opportunity to speak with university representatives and set up interviews with colleges. There will be 37 colleges and universities in attendance, according to a spokesperson for CLD.

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Indy Jazz Fest honors traditions of jazz while celebrating new legacies

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Indy Jazz Fest will return to Garfield Park for a two-day outdoor festival Oct. 1-2.

The festival will feature Grammy award-winning and local artists starting with the Naptown Sound Kick-Off Celebration on Sept. 30 at the Jazz Kitchen, 5377 N. College Ave. The VIP event will feature more than 25 local artists performing micro-sets that consist of two or three songs, said Rob Dixon, musician and longtime artistic director for the festival.

Headliners for the festival include Robert Glasper, Tank and the Bangas, Lalah Hathaway and Norman Brown.

“I think the lineup is really strong,” Dixon said. “The music committee is really behind the festival. We’re going to go to the next level in terms of attendance.”

Richard “Sleepy” Floyd is lead curator and, like Dixon, also a musician performing at the festival.

Booking artists for the festival is a tedious process, Floyd said, but trying to figure out how to portray the festival is the hardest part.

Floyd said he wants people to see and feel modern jazz and its influences of many subgenres, while celebrating the legacy of jazz. By bringing in a variety of artists, he hopes people can see aspects of R&B and hip-hop while honoring jazz traditions. The best way to describe it, he said, is a “big beat with a big sound coming from all angles.”

Among all the artists, more than 30 Grammys will be represented, something Floyd said he is most excited to see. He also likes the mix of local artists that will perform, too.

“This is gonna be one big party for the city,” Floyd said. “Great music, great culture, great vibes.”

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Cory Henry performed at Indy Jazz Fest in 2021. (Photos provided by Indy Jazz Fest)



Victor Wooten performed at Indy Jazz Fest in 2021.



Thundercat performed at Indy Jazz Fest in 2021.



Members in the audience at Indy Jazz Fest dance along to music.



Rob Dixon, musician and longtime artistic director for the festival, performed at Indy Jazz Fest in 2021.

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rican American accounted for less than 10% of the 7,031 members who responded to the survey in 2020. In 2021, fewer than 10% of the U.S. cyclists in the Olympics were Black, according to the 2021 USA Diversity Scorecard.

Williams, who has gathered more than 130,000 followers on Instagram, will be in Indianapolis from Aug. 27-28 with his cycling team, L39ION, for IU Health Momentum Indy, a two-day outdoor festival.

Williams will be part of the Inspiring Stories Athlete Panel from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Indiana State Museum, 650 W. Washington St., to discuss the challenges and successes he's experienced in cycling.

Williams uses his platform to push for more diversity in the sport and wants more organizations to allow Black cyclists to be themselves. That's why he and his brother Justin founded L39ION in 2019. "We raced for some pro teams for many years, and it just didn't work out," Williams said. "They just want you to be a robot and I wanted to do social media and create videos and

they just didn't want that." Williams, who is from Belize and now lives in Los Angeles, said he didn't allow the lack of diversity to deter his passion for professional cycling early on.

"I didn't look at the lack of diversity thing as a challenge," said Williams, who noted cycling is the second largest sport in Belize. "... I just told myself that I'm going to do it and whatever happens just happens."

Cycling has a history of Black athletes making a name for themselves. Indianapolis native Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor was the sport's first major Black athlete in the early 1900s. Yohann Gene became the sport's first Black cyclist to compete in the Tour De France, the largest annual cycling event, in 2011. Ayesha McGowan, in 2014, became the first African American woman to compete on a professional cycling team.

More recently, Biniam Girmay became the first Black African rider to win a stage at a Grand Tour. Williams hopes L39ION can attract more Black representation and accomplishments to the sport.

"The overall mission for

us is to represent yourself," Williams said. "There's some politics in the sport, but in this space, it's a fight to be yourself. They want you to be a mold of a robot and just show up, right? I think for me and Justin, a lot of us go about trying to fit in but we just know that's not always best for your mental health."

He and his brother are committed to accomplishing their goal for more Black representation and involvement. They've garnered national attention from cycling, won major races and built a sizable following. Williams, though, says accomplishing their goal of better representation is all that matters.

"It'd be amazing," Williams said. "It's already happening and we're super proud of it because we love our people, so the next step is trying to get affordable bikes out into the community because these things are not that cheap, right?"

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IU HEALTH MOMENTUM INDY

IU Health Momentum Indy is a two-day outdoor festival featuring cycling events, a kids' zone and more. Learn more about events and register at momentumindy.org.

Aug. 26

- 5:30 p.m. — INSPIRE: An Evening of Conversation.** A panel of athletes will share stories of triumph and perseverance. **Where:** Indiana State Museum, 650 W. Washington St.

Aug. 27

- 9 a.m. — Honor Major Taylor Ride.** A free community ride with varying route lengths will pass by sites relevant to Major Taylor. **Where:** Michigan Street between Alabama and New Jersey streets
- 10 a.m. — Mini Major Taylor Ride.** This 4-mile cruise on the Indianapolis Cultural Trail that welcomes all skills and levels of ability. **Where:** Michigan Street between Alabama and New Jersey streets
- 3 p.m. — Mass Ave Crit.** This is a stop on the American Criterium Cup, a 10-race criterium series. Good spots to watch include the start/finish line near Silver in the City on Mass Ave and one of the two tight turns — one at Mass Ave at East and North streets and one at Mass Ave at Vermont and Alabama streets.

Aug. 28

- 9 a.m. — Indy Crit.** Many of the same cyclists from the Mass Ave Crit will compete in this race on a different route. The start/finish is on New York Street between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, and the race includes the 300 block of Mass Ave.
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Riley Children's Health Kids Zone.** The kids' zone will have activities to help kids ages 3-18 pedal, jump, climb and play. Activities include games and BMX stunt shows. **Where:** University Park, 307 N. Meridian St.
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there’s not a huge need to worry. “It’s OK to use it to wash your clothes,” Frank said. “It’s OK to shower in low levels of lead.”

Running water in the mornings and not letting water sit in the pipes for too long is another way for people to avoid lead in their drinking water, Frank said.

“It’s going to be a while to get around to getting them replaced,” she said. “I can avoid that lead as long as I’m not drinking or eating food cooked with it for a long time.”

Research is the main component of locating lead service lines. There are some records of lead service lines based on when they were first installed, some years better kept than others, that can positively identify or at least give them an idea of where service lines may be located, said Dan Moran, director of water, quality system control and planning at Citizens. Knowing when housing was built in different parts of the city can give them an idea as well.

“We do know a lot about the areas that they could be found because of the age of the homes and the years of the mains,” Moran said. “So we’ve got a pretty good idea of where we’re going to find these; plus we’ve got a lot of history of people working on repairs.”

When it comes to a house-by-house basis, it gets a little trickier to find them, Moran said. One of the first things they will do is an individual house verification. One important step to the process is homeowners signing the right-of-entry agreement, which allows Citizens to do inspections and potholing, said Laura O’Brien, manager of corporate and public affairs for Citizens. Potholing is the process of

vacuuming a hole through the ground to a lead service line to visually verify what the pipe is made of, Moran said. If confirmed, it would get replaced. Plastic and copper lines would be noted, if they’re not already, but not replaced.

Construction practices and developments can create a framework to help inventory lead pipes — if a housing development was built around the same time and some houses have confirmed lead pipes, it’s likely other houses with unknown statuses will have them, too, Moran said.

Citizens has different components to integrate the program into existing construction and improvement programs, identifying areas based on health risks, economic impacts, and utility data, and two options for property owner-initiated replacements. Customers identified in proactive areas will have their service replaced free of charge. Customers who aren’t identified in proactive areas — areas that will be prioritized based on risk factors — but still wish to replace their lead service lines have two options, including Citizens funding the replacement in the public right-of-way and the property owner funding the replacement on the private portion. Customers can contact Citizens for a direct quote or contact their own contractor to replace service lines on their property.

Citizens will need to produce a service line inventory by 2024 to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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CORRECTION

In the “Filmmaker to be awarded at Black documentary film festival” article in the Aug. 19 issue, the Spotlight Award information inaccurately stated that the award will be given annually to Black filmmakers, but all filmmakers are considered for the award. The Indianapolis Black Documentary Film Festival was created to showcase documentaries about the African American experience, not just the work of Black film artists. The article states that the full screening days will display the documentaries of local Black and minority artists. The documentaries are not exclusive to the local community. The article misstates the opening reception time; it is 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 26. We apologize for the errors. The Recorder makes every attempt to correct its mistakes.

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Redistricting is voter suppression, too

By BEN JEALOUS



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — When Charles Diggs Jr. won election to Congress in Michigan’s 13th District in 1954, he launched nearly seven decades in which the city of Detroit had at least one Black member of Congress. That’s likely to change this year. Because of redistricting, Detroit no longer has majority-Black congressional districts. And in the first primary election with newly drawn district lines, a Black candidate did not win the Democratic contest in the heavily Democratic 13th. That means the city is likely to lack Black representation in Congress for the first time in decades.

Redistricting is robbing Black candidates and voters of hard fought for opportunities they have had for years. In Detroit, new districts merged Black areas of the city with white neighborhoods across 8 Mile Road. The city stands to lose Black representation in Congress and have less representation in the state legislature. Knowing what the impact could be, voters have spoken out forcefully against the new redistricting maps from pulpits to street corners to the state capitol and even before the state courts.

Sadly, Michigan is not alone. The New York Times reported in August that this year, “Judges in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Ohio have found that Republican legislators illegally drew those states’ congressional maps along racial or partisan lines, or that a trial very likely would conclude that they did.” But elections are moving forward anyway.

We’ve all heard about the restrictive voter suppression laws that far-right state legislatures are passing. We’ve heard about the crackdowns on voting hours and mail-in voting, and even on giving food and water to voters in long lines. But we don’t hear enough about redistricting as another weapon being used to intimidate voters and keep us from exercising our constitutional rights. It is erasing us from Congress and state legislatures. We need to call it out and challenge it where we see it.

Calling out and challenging means organizing, litigating, and legislating. It means supporting national and local organizations that unite communities against racist gerrymandering and seek justice in the courts. They might not win every case, but advocacy and activism are essential to righting this wrong.

We must also keep voting, running for office and educating. My organization, People For the American Way, houses an African American Religious Affairs network that has reaffirmed for more than a

decade that “every election matters and every vote counts” — and that includes primaries. For Black ministers in our network, voting and civic participation are acts of faith and so much more. As Rev. Dr. Steve Bland Jr., pastor of Liberty Temple Baptist Church in Detroit, said, “It’s not about left or right. Splitting Detroit into two districts was an insult. But we have faith and must deal with our self-interest by voting in every election!”

I know that a lot of media coverage of this summer’s primaries has focused on one big question: Will Trump-style, MAGA candidates win or lose? But there’s another question that needs to be asked: How harmful are the impacts of redistricting on our communities in this year’s elections and those to come? The current reality dictates that we do not sit out any election. We need to resolutely register, educate, motivate and turn out voters. In every election. Every time.

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As gas prices increase, opt for premium

By LESLIE SMITH



Before you get all bent out of shape, let me frame this for you. A few weeks ago, a deer T-boned me as I was going about 55 mph on a two-lane highway in the middle of nowhere. Our car was paid off a few months prior, and I had plans for that car. I’d drive it a few more years, and we’d give it to our daughter. Then, I’d upgrade. But that Monday, my plans went out the window. Shocked. Confused. And asking God why? My car was totaled. The next week, we purchased my upgrade, and a week after that I’d put regular unleaded in my new car. My new car drank that gas so fast, so the next time I went to the gas station I put in premium. I forgot I had an upgrade that needed premium

gas to operate properly.

Then God had a word for me.

When you upgrade in life, sometimes you have to change what you put inside your vehicle for it to function at its best. And in this illustration, the vehicle is YOU. What do you need at this appointed time for your body to function at its best? When God takes you to another level professionally or personally, he requires more from you. This translates to ensuring that your cup (your body) is filled. How are you preparing your mind to face what’s ahead of you? Do you have friends, mentors and colleagues who can challenge you and encourage you in your journey? Do you need a new circle of friends? What are you feeding your body? What type of movement are you doing? What does your quiet time look like — a peaceful walk outdoors, meditation, prayer and devotional time? The world, your family and colleagues need more from you,

but that’s only going to be possible if you continue to fill your cup with only the best fuel.

God also taught me that if you haven’t necessarily gotten that upgrade in life, but are seeking and praying for one, you have to work on yourself prior to the upgrade. What do I mean? When I had my 2014 Altima, I strived to keep her clean. I had the unlimited carwash, got her detailed (can we say life changing?) and would throw out the trash when I’d pump gas. I have children, so let’s be realistic. I’d have crumbs, face masks, homework and all sorts of crazy things in that back seat. Some of you desire better mental health. Get a therapist. Talk to a friend. Exercise to increase those endorphins. Eat healthy food. Take a vacation or some time off. Find something new that you enjoy. Dance, cry or laugh. Some of you want a new job or promotion. Dress for that next job NOW!

Work on your resume and cover letter. Take on a new project. Read a book and turn off the TV. Talk the talk. Walk the walk. Surround yourself with those who can encourage and help you get to the next level. Whatever it is, start filling your tank now.

So, what does this really have to do with premium unleaded fuel? Honestly, nothing. I just wanted to get your attention. But know that as you grow, the cost of keeping YOU running increases. Think about how you’re spending your time and treasure. Fill yourself with only the best quality fuel. It doesn’t matter if you’re young or old. There’s no time like the present. As Tasha Cobbs says, “Fill me up, God.” Ask him for ways to fill you up!

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Crisis in education: The teacher shortage is a symptom of a greater challenge

By JULIANNE MALVEAUX



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — This August, you can’t turn on a TV or open a newspaper without reading or hearing about the teacher shortage. And it is clear that current shortages are being highly publicized and politicized, with reasons for shortages ranging from low pay to teacher burnout, to teacher dissatisfaction, to COVID, and the aging of the teacher workforce.

Some teachers talk about classroom conditions, a decline in respect for teachers or the challenges of dealing with unruly students with little administrative support. Others are frustrated by the presence of so-called “law enforcement” officers in schools and the ways these officers treat Black and brown students differently than others.

A highly publicized incident in Montgomery County, Maryland, involved police officers verbally berating and handcuffing a 5-year-old. This incident is just one of the hundreds where out-of-control and egomaniacal police officers treat children as adults and administer punishment, not understanding. Teachers often feel helpless in these situations. Some use them as a catalyst to leave the classroom.

The classroom has become increasingly tense when legislators attempt to influence the curriculum. Some have banned the teaching of “critical race theory,” a legal concept rarely injected into k-12 education

but feared by those who also fear the truth about the flawed foundations of our nation. Other states have forbidden teaching about race or concepts that make students “uncomfortable.”

Education has become so politicized that some school boards ban books because the content is considered “objectionable” by some. According to PEN America, there were at least 1,560 book bans in 2021-2022. Many of these books featured characters who were people of color. The Washington Post reports that books were also removed from libraries because they had LGBTQ themes or directly addressed race and racism. Who wants to teach in an environment taken over by conservative truth-deniers who don’t want to have students learn about enslavement, the unequal treatment of women or the invisibility of LGBTQ folks? Addressing these issues is not political; it’s factual. But the conservative presence on school boards has made the classroom increasingly uncomfortable for many teachers.

This contributes to the teacher shortage, which The Economist magazine describes as “neither new nor national.” Indeed, for the past several years, each fall has seen widely publicized scarcity in some areas. There has always been a shortage of teachers in inner-city schools, many forced to use substitute teachers when they can’t find permanent staff. This year, Texas has about a thousand vacancies. In Maryland, 5,500 teachers left the profession. Nevada schools opened on Aug. 8 short 1,400 teachers. The federal Department of Education has issued a fact sheet detailing responses to the teacher shortage, including

innovative ways to recruit and support teachers.

Absent from much of this discussion is the attack on Black teachers and the extreme shortage of Black teachers in many inner-city school districts where most students are African American. Data on the differential discipline for Black students, which includes disproportionate suspensions and expulsions, reflect the cultural biases that too many white teachers bring to the classroom. The educational achievement gap is partly a function of how academic hierarchies discriminate against Black students and teachers.

In addressing the so-called teacher shortage, it is essential to consider the purpose of education and the fact that too often, students are being taught to go along with a structure that oppresses them. Education is often a political tool to force assimilation. Consider how Indian boarding schools were often violently forced to abandon their Indian and Indigenous identities to access education.

There is a crisis in education, and the teacher shortage is one manifestation of the many ways that teachers and students are devalued as “educators” pursue a false and degrading narrative. If education were more reflective of reality, people would flock to classrooms instead of fleeing from the frustration of being forced to embrace a curriculum that distorts the truth.

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Top left: Quinton Suoa (l) and Poel Green prepare salads for their guests. Top right: Singer Tamika Key sings with her Unit band. Bottom: Children were treated to pony rides.

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hard to determine the best course of action for officials and communities to take to decrease crime nationally and locally.

Anthony Beverly, director of Stop the Violence Indianapolis, believes decreasing violence locally begins and ends with unity among communities. “It starts with reestablishing community values, and part of our community values have to be around how do we love one another even though we know we are going to have conflict,” he said.

Stop the Violence is an organization that serves youth and their families by having different programs to help reduce the rates that youth commit crime. For people who have been in the judicial system, Stop the Violence teaches them how to navigate life after being in the system to lower the recidi-

vism rate.

The organization will continue working with youth and families and partnering with other similar organizations to do their part in reducing crime. Belverly said it will take city officials, the government and the community working together to truly solve the issue.

“I think we have everything we need in the city to cut the violence in half. It just comes down to having the will to do it,” Beverly said. “That’s across the board.”

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Special to the Recorder from Black Onyx Management:
EXAMINING THE INEQUALITIES FOR BLACK AND LATINA WOMEN

Women’s Equality Day is commemorated on August 26 in the United States to celebrate the accomplishments and advancements made by women over the course of our history. This day represents the culmination of years of protests and advocacy by women for equal rights in a male-dominated society.

Women’s Equality Day not only commemorates the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution that gave women the right to vote, but it also recognizes the significant achievements made by women in fields that were previously reserved only for men. This day is observed to raise awareness of the issues that women face in society, such as wage disparities, abortion rights, equal opportunities, gender-based violence, and gender-based discrimination.

The 19th Amendment states, “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.” However, the amendment did not guarantee all women in America the right to vote. Although the Amendment removed some of the barriers that women faced at the polls, Black and Latina women continued to face legal challenges. The 19th amendment was especially significant for Black women, who could not vote despite the 15th amendment’s promises of equal voting rights regardless of race. The fact that it took two different constitutional amendments passed half a century apart, to secure Black women’s right to vote demonstrates how race and gender have always played important roles in our lives. Inequities must be analyzed at the intersections of different social identities in order to address the barriers – both systemic and institutional. Black and Latina women continue to face the most severe gender wage gap in the United States. Sexism, racism, and other forms of bias, alone or in combination, can influence the industries that welcome Black and Latina women, the hiring decisions, retention policies, and promotion opportunities. These same forces disproportionately burden women, particularly women of color, with caregiving, housework, and other unpaid responsibilities. Biases and discrimination are experienced by Black and Latina women at the intersection of multiple identities, including but not limited to gender, race, ethnicity, motherhood status, and immigration status.

an Indianapolis man made and for Latinas, it was 53 cents.

The good news is that we know what must be done for organizations to become more equitable. PAY BLACK AND LATINA WOMEN WHAT THEY ARE WORTH. A first step is to change hiring practices so that organizations understand the systemic practices that have perpetuated sex and racial dominance in the workforce. Instead of tinkering around the edges of existing policies, companies can directly involve their employees and DEI experts in developing solutions.

However, we know that when companies implement measures aimed at increasing gender diversity and equity, Black and Latina women frequently lose out unless there is an explicit focus on race as well as gender. Affirmative action policies implemented in the aftermath of the civil rights movement benefited white women disproportionately, and this is still true in today’s workplaces. This is not to say that white women have an easy road ahead of them, especially in professions dominated by men. Race and racism, on the other hand, present unique challenges for Black and Latina women that are all too often overlooked in favor of broad platitudes that seek to advance women’s representation without questioning which women are most likely to advantage.

While we reflect on the significant social progress for women on Women’s Equality Day, we risk undermining future gains if we fail to learn the lessons of the past. While companies, government, and nonprofits continue to develop various initiatives and policies to reflect a rapidly diversifying population, it is critical that we do not repeat the mistakes of the past by ignoring and overlooking Black and Latina women.

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A report published in 2019 by the American Association of University Women, a nonprofit organization that advocates for gender equality, says the average Indianapolis woman made 79 cents for every \$1 an Indianapolis man made in 2018. Black and Latina women earned even less. Black women made 58 cents for every \$1

Children of climate change come of age in ‘Katrina Babies’

BY DREW COSTLEY
AP Science Writer

Edward Buckles Jr. was 13 when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and completely upended his life. Buckles and his family moved from New Orleans to Lafayette, Louisiana, for several months while their hometown began to recover from the catastrophic storm.

He told The Associated Press he doesn't remember much from those months living in Lafayette, grasping for a sense of normalcy in the aftermath of one of the most destructive hurricanes in American history.

His community was experiencing so much destruction. Now as an adult, he views that blank spot in his memory as a response to the trauma of what he witnessed.

Buckles' parents asked him at the time if he was OK, but he wasn't quite able to figure that out for himself in the moment. Later the trauma resurfaced. With kids, he said, "What's responsible and what's important is that you set them up to deal with that trauma once it surfaces."

But the filmmaker said in his new documentary, "Katrina Babies," that not all the children who were traumatized by living through the hurricane and its aftermath had adults checking in on them. So that's what he set out to do, capturing several New Orleans residents as they reconcile with a childhood marred by Hurricane Katrina.

The documentary, which has garnered critical praise, is available for streaming on HBO Max, 17 years after the hurricane formed in the Atlantic Ocean.

It shows how New Orleans and its people were changed by the storm. It depicts the childhood trauma it caused for a generation coming of age after one of the United States' first major climate-related disasters. New Orleanians featured in the documentary share



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stories of seeing dead people and pets, of leaving home and returning to communities destroyed, while they were still children.

The film looks at climate past and present and, the filmmakers hope, sounds alarm bells for the climate future.

"I hope this is a local and American story that will motivate people to want to do better and care about human beings, and about how intrinsically linked we are with nature and that the future is clear: There is going to be more of this," said Audrey Rosenberg, lead producer of the film.

Buckles said that while Hurricane Katrina might have been a formative experience for him and the youth of New Orleans at the time, more waters have come through since. Though he isn't a climate scientist, he knows firsthand the repeated damage wrought on his hometown by hurricanes and tropical storms made more intense by climate change.

"My grandmother lost her home due to flooding from Hurricane Katrina," he said. "She has been flooded seven

more times just from tropical storms."

Cierra Chenier, 26, was featured in the documentary and also knows people who have had to rebuild multiple times since Hurricane Katrina due to subsequent hurricanes and storms.

She said the loss of culture and history in New Orleans due to repeated climate-related disasters like Hurricane Katrina shaped her decision to become a local historian and writer.

"I got into wanting to preserve our history because of how quickly I felt my childhood became history," she said. Even though the storm was 17 years ago, she said, it continues to shape the present.

"In preserving our stories, writing about those stories and narrating those stories, it's always connected to the present and we can form better solutions for the future," she said.

Chenier, Buckles and the other youth affected by Hurricane Katrina have a lot to say about the future, having experienced years of government inaction to limit climate change or prepare and recover from climate disasters. Year after year, New Orleanians and

the state and federal government know that hurricane season is going to come and be potentially catastrophic because of climate change, Buckles said.

And still, he said, Hurricane Ida, which hit New Orleans 16 years to the day after Hurricane Katrina, affected people in his community in eerily similar ways to the 2005 storm. The relief measures, he said, were nearly as slow.

As a result, people in his community have become more resilient. But he said he wonders whether government agencies are relying on those harmed by climate-related disasters to help themselves when what they really need is public planning and preparation.

"The youth are tired of dealing with this, myself included," he said. "And we cannot forget to hold accountable those who need to be held accountable."

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COVID-19 Vaccination for Children: Six Things to Know

For the best protection against COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone 6 months and older and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible.

The Marion County Public Health Department offers these six things to know from the CDC about vaccinating children against COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination for children is safe. Before recommending COVID-19 vaccination for children, scientists conducted clinical trials. Then, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) determined COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for everyone 6 months and older.

Ongoing safety monitoring shows that COVID-19 vaccination continues to be safe for children. The known risks of COVID-19 and possible severe complications outweigh the potential risks of having a rare, adverse reaction to vaccination.

Before vaccination, the child's parent or caregiver should tell the vaccine provider about any allergies the child may have. Also, when making an appointment or when arriving for vaccination, let staff know if the child might need accommodations. By law, children are also allowed to have a service animal accompany them.

Getting vaccinated can help protect children against COVID-19. The vaccine can prevent children from getting seriously sick if they get COVID-19. Vaccination continues to protect children against severe disease, including hospitalization. There is no way to tell in advance how children will be affected by COVID-19. Children with underlying medical conditions are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19. However, healthy children without underlying medical conditions can also experience severe illness.

Children may have some side effects after COVID-19 vaccination. Reported side effects are mild, temporary, and like those experienced after routine vaccines. Some children have no side effects. After a child is vaccinated, use v-safe to get health check-ins and share how the child feels after vaccination.

Children receive a smaller dose of COVID-19 vaccine than teens and adults. COVID-19 vaccine dosage is based on a child's age on the day of vaccination, not on size or weight. This is true for other routinely recommended vaccines, like hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines.

Children who have already had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated. Emerging evidence indicates that people can get added protection by getting vaccinated after being infected with COVID-19. For children who have been infected, their next dose can be delayed three months from when symptoms started or, if they did not have symptoms, when they received a positive test.

If the child tests positive for COVID-19 after getting their first shot, they should wait until their isolation period has ended before getting their second shot.

Children can safely receive other vaccines the same day they receive their COVID-19 vaccine. Routine vaccination is an important preventive care service that should not be delayed. If multiple vaccines are given at a single visit, each injection will be given in a different injection site, according to recommendations by age.

COVID-19 vaccine is free of charge to everyone living in the United States, regardless of immigration or health insurance status. Check with the child's healthcare provider about whether they offer COVID-19 vaccination.

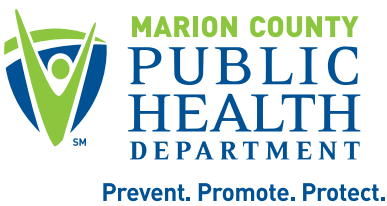
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Indy Faith Spotlight: Celebrations all around at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

By **ABRIANA HERRON**
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The bright red carpet catches the eyes of anyone who walks into Galilee Missionary Baptist Church's sanctuary, but the voices of the 10-person choir and the inspirational sermon keep them coming back to this house of worship.

Located in the heart of the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood, on Aug. 21, the church began the third pastoral anniversary celebration of Pastor Fitzhugh Lyons Jr. Guest preacher Bishop Victor Couzens of Inspirational Baptist Church in Cincinnati gave the sermon and members worshiped along with him.

This will be Lyons' first anniversary without his father, Rev. Fitzhugh Lyons Sr., who died in 2021. "Unfortunately, my father is not here, but his spirit is," Lyons said in an interview. "I am honored to be able to follow him and continue the legacy he left for our Galilee family."

The Baptist church's name derives from the Galilee region in Israel, the area where Jesus grew up. Jesus spent much of his time and performed a lot of his miracles in the region.

While Galilee will honor its pastor, Lyons made

sure to acknowledge member Terrence Lacy for 30 years of working as a drug and alcohol counselor at Community North Fairbanks Recovery Center.

Over the years he has worked with teens and adults struggling with addiction and taught them better coping mechanisms.

"I am happy and overjoyed, just grateful and thankful for everybody who has been a part of me," Lacy said. "Always honor those who came before you and acknowledge what they've done for you. Most definitely all honor goes to God."

During Sunday service Aug. 28, Galilee will

host Pastor

David Bacon and the New Vision Missionary Baptist Church congregation to help honor Lyons. The service begins at 11:15 a.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 2624 E. 25th St.

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.



Galilee Missionary Baptist Church began its third pastoral anniversary celebration for Pastor Fitzhugh Lyons Jr. (right) on Aug. 21, 2022. (Photo/Abriana Herron)

Black woman named senior pastor of Indy Baptist church; the 'beautiful and burdensome' road that lies ahead

By **ABRIANA HERRON**
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Pastor Adrienne Overton was installed as senior pastor of Eden Missionary Baptist Church on Aug. 21, making her the first Black woman elected into the role in the Baptist church locally.

"I did that," she said. "I couldn't have did that without God, my family and my church."

Traditionally, it's rare for Baptist churches to have a woman as pastor, but when Overton's father, Pastor Emeritus Bennie A. Shobe Jr., retired, he and the congregation accepted and elected her as senior pastor.

This did not come without pushback from other Baptists in the community. During the installation, Overton recalled overhearing a conversation her father had with a Baptist pastor who said making her head pastor was a mistake.

"I thank my pastor emeritus, who strangled tradition to birth a trailblazer," she said at the installation. "I thank you, father."

Pastor Janae Pitts-Murdock, the senior pastor at Light of the World Christian Church, gave the sermon at the installation.

"Being the first woman pastor is both beautiful and burdensome," she said. "People are watching you, being inspired by you. New territory exposes fear as it does courage."

Pitts-Murdock knows the challenges Overton will have to overcome, not only because she is a woman pastor but also because she grew up in the Baptist church.

Overton's official journey as pastor of the church has just begun, but she has preached as a minister for 15 years. Her first time preaching as a minister was in 2007, and even now, she still gets slightly nervous before getting on stage.

Since 2018, Overton has worked as a hospice chaplain, which is some of her favorite work.

Many members recall Overton and her three sisters playing throughout the church. At first, she was nervous that some members would not take her seriously, and then the church's election results came back, and she said

she received 100% approval from the congregation.

"I am so thankful for their support," she said.

One of the biggest challenges Overton faced was pastoring the funeral for her sister, Sherlinda Horace, early on in her new role.

"That was my first funeral as a pastor, and that was one of the hardest things I had to do," Overton said. "To come into pastoring and have such a loss like that, and still trying to lead a church in the midst of a pandemic, it was hard."

Horace died from cancer in May 2021, and Overton said it will be hard to complete the installation without her there.

Overton knows there will be obstacles in her way as she continues to pastor Eden Baptist Church, and she plans on overcoming any challenge in her way by staying true to herself and true to God.

"I can only be me," she said. "I can't do and be who my father is. So, where there were big shoes to fill, I also brought my own."

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

2 questions everyone must answer

By **PRESTON T. ADAMS III**



"And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'" -John 1:19

Life is a constant barrage of questions. Some are trivial and some carry tremendous weight. How we answer certain questions can be the difference between a good decision or a bad one, poverty or wealth, marriage or divorce, freedom or prison, health or illness, and life or death.

A quick Google search determined that children under 5 ask an average of 75 questions per day and children 4 and under ask an average of 200 questions per day. Adults on the other hand ask an average of 23 questions per day.

In the Gospels, Jesus asks many more questions than he answers. To be precise, Jesus asks 307 questions. He was asked 183, but only answered three. Asking questions was central to Jesus' life and teachings.

John's testimony was so strong that it prompted the religious leaders of his day to ask him two questions: "Who are you?" and "Who do you say you are?" The answers to these questions were meant to inquire about John's origin and the meaning and intent behind his message. What I find fascinating is these are the same two questions each of us must also answer. So, let's take a look at how John responded.

John was asked "Who are you?" We can learn from John's response. He was truthful. He did not try to dodge the question. He did not misrepresent himself. Nor did he try to be someone that he wasn't. His answer was based on his understanding and commitment to his assignment from God.

So, who are you? This question cannot be answered based on what others think of you, or your current life circumstances. These factors may aid in obtaining your answer. But the ultimate answer to this question must be understood through prayer and seeking God's ultimate will for your life.

Secondly, John was asked "Who do you say you are?" This question gets at the core of how we see ourselves. John's response was succinct and simple. In John 1:23, he states: "I am the voice of one cry-

ing out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." John is basically saying, "I understand my assignment. I am not the prophet. I am not even a prophet. I am simply a mouthpiece for God ... a voice crying out in the wilderness."

Our response must come from a place of complete honesty and understanding of our God-given assignment. Knowing who we are is the foundation for living a fulfilling and Christ-centered life. Knowing who we are is the key to maximizing our time in the Earth realm. Knowing who we are is crucial to leaving a legacy that lasts for eternity.

Two questions were presented to John. These same two questions are being presented to you. Do you have the courage to take a hard look at yourself and address the two questions everyone must answer?

Dr. Preston T. Adams III is senior pastor at Amazing Grace Christian Church in Indianapolis. Contact Pastor Adams via email at drpta3@agccindy.org or via Twitter @DrPrestonTAdams. For more information, visit agccindy.org.



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By Wilson Casey

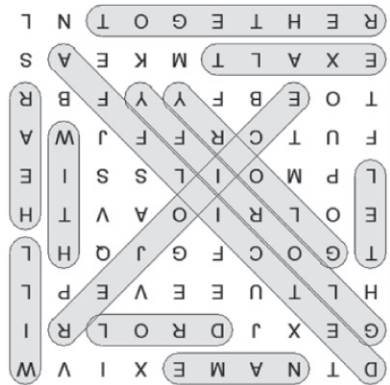
1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 13, where was the tower that killed 18 people when it collapsed? Babel, Shechem, Hananeel, Siloam
3. Which biblical Philistine city is often heard today with

the word “strip”?
Sunset, Corinth, Gaza, Derbe
4. From 1 Samuel 16, how many boys did Jesse have? 4, 8, 11, 14
5. Which apostle did Satan enter into? Judas, Thomas, James, Peter
6. Uriah had what occupation? Servant, Carpenter, Shepherd, Soldier

ANSWERS:

- 1) New,
- 2) Siloam,
- 3) Gaza,
- 4) 8,
- 5) Judas,
- 6) Soldier

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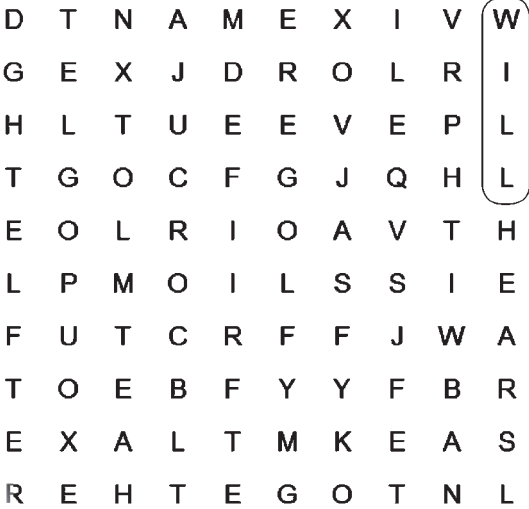
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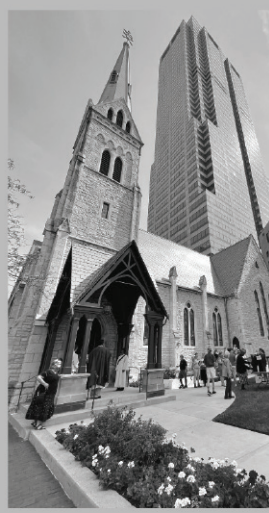
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Driving economic impact by embracing diverse businesses

By STACIA MURPHY



According to the Brookings Institute, there is an opportunity for Black-owned businesses to unlock some \$700 billion in revenue if they were earning at the same level as their non-Black business owner counterparts. Entrepreneurship, for many Black business owners, represents far more than owning a business and living the American dream. For many Black Americans, entrepreneurship represents a way to disrupt systemic racism and discrimination. Through Business Equity for Indy (BEI), Black-owned businesses are able to realize their dreams while creating ripples of impact throughout the Indy region.

BEI is a joint effort, comprised of the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP), the Indy Chamber, and in collaboration with the Indianapolis Urban League, was created to grow a more inclusive business climate and build greater equity and economic opportunity for the Indy region's Black residents. Specifically, the Procurement & Participation Taskforce was assembled to increase the launch, growth and

success of Black-owned enterprises. While many Indy businesses have publicly committed monies to support Black businesses, most of them are not organically connected to Black people, places and businesses. Until now. Through the Procurement & Participation Taskforce's premier event, the Procurement Roundtable, hosted in partnership with Mid-States Minority Supplier Diversity Council and the Indy Black Chamber, supply chain professionals from across the region can foster direct connections with Black-owned businesses. At best, these relationships yield collaborative, multi-year, multi-dollar contracts that enable Black businesses to grow and scale. At a minimum, they create awareness of Black-owned businesses that exist across the Indy region.

In May, the Procurement Roundtable debuted a new, in-person format that included a supplier meet-and-greet. The Aug. 25 event, hosted at Corteva Agriscience, will model the same format, including networking, brief remarks from Reggie Williams, facilitator, consultant to corporate management, PRI and brief pitches from the five participating, Black-owned businesses. Those businesses are:

- **Tim Harris II, KidGlove**
- **Derrick Knox, CEO and princi-**

pal, Diverse IT

- **Andre Johnson, owner, Navis Pack & Ship**
- **Chris Barney, president, Team Cruiser Supply**
- **Alicia Mckoy, owner, Peak Mind**

Inclusive business is, simply put, good for business. A robust supplier diversity program enables companies to prioritize innovation, offer options in securing goods and services, and can even drive competition between current and prospective vendors. However, to date, many companies still lack diverse supplier pipelines — thus missing out on opportunities for business expansion with the emergence of new consumer needs and shifting demographic realities.

According to a Department of Commerce study, the growing population of color will account for as much as 70% of the total increase in purchasing power from 2000 to 2045. Diverse-owned businesses are a driving force behind economic growth. They will continue to be a major segment of the U.S. economy in the 21st century as the transition toward a more diverse demographic majority continues.

Furthermore, commitments to supplier diversity on the local level create cascading impacts throughout com-

munities. By investing in Black-owned businesses, corporations are empowering Black entrepreneurs to build their own wealth alongside their own legacies. They then hire Black employees. They fill gaps for Black consumers. They help keep monies circulating in Black communities and neighborhoods in meaningful and sustainable ways.

Programs like the Procurement Roundtable are critical for the business community because investments supporting Black-owned businesses are not just financial. Through the Roundtable, suppliers can learn more about doing business with Black enterprises as well as begin to forge new relationships with local vendors. At the same time, Black enterprises get ongoing coaching through Reggie Williams and opportunities to continue to promote their businesses to companies searching to expand their supply chain relationships. Best of all? The Procurement Roundtable is free to attend. We welcome the community to register to attend through the BEI website or to reach out to me directly at smurphy@indychamber.com with questions.

Stacia Murphy is director of equity, outreach and strategic partnerships at Indy Chamber.



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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 the 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 proof of verification. He will also bring his Indiana Drivers' License, which number is XXXX-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 Indiana State 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 32C01-1-0803-CR-000009 with charges of Dealing in Marijuana/NC, 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 34-26-2-1, 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 I.C. 11-8-8.

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, I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

Bryan L. Murphy
Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Charles White
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
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 Aguilar, 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 10:00 a.m. via WebEx. SO ORDERED July 8, 2022 Judicial Officer

This hearing will be virtual. Use the information below to join through www.webex.com

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2206-MI-020969
IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME:
NATHANIEL ATMAN FELSHER QUINAN
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Nathaniel Atman Felscher Quinan, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name in Marion Circuit Court to change his name from Nathaniel Atman Felscher Quinan to Nathaniel Atman Quinan. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on October 11, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. via Webex, which login information is as follows:

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SO ORDERED: August 3, 2022.
/s/ Tiffany Vivo
JUDGE, Marion Circuit Court

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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,
Eddie F. Woods, et al. Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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 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.

NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: Plaintiff is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend therein 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
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Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #3
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D03-2207-MF-023566
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs. KAY A. SNEAD
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UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, IF ANY, OF UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND CREDITORS AND DEFENDANTS.
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Unknown Occupant, if any of
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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. McKipe

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by publication, notice 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 you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)
Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)

Attorney's for Plaintiff
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC

3962 Red Bank Road
Cincinnati, OH 45227
Voice: 1-513-322-7000
Facsimile: (513) 322-7099
ATTEST:

Clerk of the Marion County 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)
MARION COUNTY)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2203-EU-09059
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 Probate Court of Marion County

5320-953056
08/19/22,
08/26/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2207-EU-02745
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
3750 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

United States 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

Attorney for the Estate:
Roger L. Burrus, #3986-06
BURRUS & SEASE LLP
410 W. Oak Street
Zionsville, IN 46077
(317) 872-2150
5320-952655
08/19/22,
08/26/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2208-EU-026460
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF BARBARA JOY STEWART, DECEASED
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

In the Matter of the Supervised Estate of Barbara Joy Stewart, Deceased.

State Court No. 49D08-2208-EU-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

Prepared by:
Jesse M. Smith III (#21468-30)

Attorney for Leo Golden Greenwell II
Tom Scott & Associates, PC

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5320-953054
08/19/22,
08/26/22

ATTORNEY:
Grover B. Davis, #4408-49
McCLURE McCLURE & DAVIS
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Indianapolis, IN 46204
Telephone: 317-221-0800
Facsimile: 317-221-0900
gbdavis@gbdlaw.com
STATE OF INDIANA)
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 months from the date of 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 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 CIRCUIT COURT
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2208-EU-026806
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JOHN 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 John R. 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 CIRCUIT COURT
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2208-EU-026806
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JOHN 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 John R. 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 CIRCUIT COURT
(SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2208-EU-026806
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JOHN 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 John R. 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

Oliver & Cline LLP
7 N. Washington Street
P.O. Box 223
Denville, Indiana 46122
(317) 563-7400
Attorney for 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 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: Divorce.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are known:

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 answer the Complaint in writing, by your 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 judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Marion Court
Tonya R. Baker
6474 Crimmon Cir E. Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46227
(317) 837-9844
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 specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: 8816 Doral East Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46269.

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

In addition to the above named defendant(s) being served 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 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.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Marion Court
5320-953023
08/19/22,
08/26/22,
09/02/22

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC)
IFB 22-077-454 Vehicle Filters

Summary: IPTC is requesting qualified vendors to provide vehicle filters with a contract start date of October 3, 2022. The purpose of this procurement is to secure vehicle filters of varying sizes and part numbers including oil, fuel, air and transmission. Vendors must register on the Register (bonfirehub.com). Be sure to register on Bonfire, as a vendor, if your firm has not already done so.

Issue of E: IFB 9/16/2022 by Dated

Written Questions Due: 08/25/2022 by 12:00 PM EST
IndyGo's Response to Written Questions: 08/31/2022 by 12:00 PM EST
Bids Due Date: 09/05/2022 by 12:00 PM EST (electronic bids only - no hard copies)
5320-953371
08/19/22,
08/26/22,
09/02/22

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

A Sealed bids to provide all equipment, labor, and material to complete a Ball State University Public Works project titled:

AC Theater Renovation will be received by June Sanders, Senior Purchasing Agent, Ball State University, Purchasing Services, Service & Stores, 3401 N. Tillotson Ave, Muncie, IN until 2:00 P.M. EDT, Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Bids will then be opened and read aloud.

B. Bidding documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations or on their website:

BSU Facilities Planning & Management Office
3401 N. Tillotson Ave, Muncie, IN 47306
www.bsueu.edu/facilities

C. Scope of Work to include, but not limited to: Renovation of portions of Muncie City and Communications (AC), and University Theatre (TH) buildings.

D. Pre-bid meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2022 @ 10:00 M. EDT in Purchasing Services, 3401 N. Tillotson Ave, Muncie, IN

E. Bid Documents, which include project manual, drawings, specifications, bid forms and other related documents, (available electronically) may be obtained by contacting June Sanders, Senior Purchasing Agent, and Purchasing Services, Service & Stores Building, 3401 N. Tillotson Avenue, Muncie IN 47306, Tel: (765) 285-1532, Fax: (765) 285-5505.

F. Bids and proposals are also available to subcontractors upon request.

G. Bids shall be properly executed, addressed to Ball State University Board of Trustees, and submitted to Contractors Bid For Public Works Form 96 (revised 2013), as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts giving final date as recent as possible and no event older than 90 days.

H. Each Bid must be accompanied by the contractor's Minority, Women's, and Veteran Business Participation Plan, which shall be accompanied by a certified check or bank draft, made payable to the order of Alan Finn, Vice President for Business Affairs

and Treasurer for Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, or by an acceptable bidder's bond in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total bid price.

J. All copies of the Bid, the bid security, and any other documents required to be submitted with the Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope marked SEALED BID. The envelope shall be addressed to Ball State University Board of Trustees and shall be identified with the Project name, the Bidder's name and address and, if the Bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope marked "SEALED BID ENCLOSED on the face thereof."

K. The contractor awarded work shall be required to furnish an acceptable surety bond in the full amount of the contract.

L. The Contract shall be awarded in accordance with the provisions of IC 5-16-13. Pursuant to IC 5-16-13-7, the provisions of the law are incorporated by reference in each public works contract and Contractor agrees that pursuant to IC 5-16-13-8 the public works project will not be structured under a tier structure required by law. Contractor shall be required to comply in all respects with the provisions of IC 5-16-13 commencing with public works contracts. The provisions pursuant to IC 5-16-13-10 (c), public works contracts commencing after December 30, 2016 include requirements for prequalification by the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA).

M. In accordance with IC 22-5-1-7-11.1, Contractors are required to enter into a contract with the Owner will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all newly hired employees through the E-Verify Program and execute a contract certifying compliance with the law in the form included in the Contract Documents.

N. Ball State University reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or any combination thereof, to waive any informality therein, and to return any unopened bids received after the time fixed herein.

O. Bids received after the designated time for closing will be returned unopened. Bids may be withdrawn prior to the designated time, but no bids shall be withdrawn after the time fixed herein.

P. Visit http://cms.bsueu.edu/About/Administrative/OfficeofPurchasing/PublicWorks.aspx web page to view current public works results, add addendums and to obtain the Bid Document Request form.

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
By: Julie Hopwood
Associate Vice President for Finance, Affair and Auxiliary Services
5320-953172
08/19/22,
08/26/22

Legal Notice
STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ON BEHALF OF: FSSA
Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services
SOLICITATION FOR: Services Authorized Activities for Pre-employment Transition; RFP# 22-077-454

PROPOSAL DUE DATE - October 17, 2022 by 3:00 PM ET

https://www.in.gov/doa/procurement/current-business-opportunities
5320-952878
08/19/22,
08/26/22

NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Trustees of Purdue University will solicit and interview prospective CMC firms for the Electrical Engineering First Floor Renovation - 2022 project.

The RFP process will consist of two stages. The first stage (RFP-A/B) will be a qualifications based review. The second stage (RFP-C) will consist of interviews.

The Trustees of Purdue University will solicit and interview prospective CMC firms for the Zucrow Laboratories Sanitary Sewer Project - 2022 project.

The RFP process will consist of two stages. The first stage (RFP-A/B) will be a qualifications based review. From these responses, firms will be shortlisted to proceed to the next stage. The second stage (RFP-C) will consist of interviews.

The Trustees of Purdue University will receive RFP-A responses until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on the 30th day of August, 2022 at:

Capital Asset Management
Purdue University
2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100
West Lafayette, IN 47906

To obtain Request for Proposal documents, please email:

Don Petersen
Project Executive
dpetersen@purdue.edu

THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY
James K. Keefe
Senior Director for Capital Asset Management
Date: 8/12/22
5320-953368
08/19/22,
08/26/22

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #2
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D02-2207-MF-022237
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,
vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARK GASKIN, DECEASED, Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUIT

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

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

The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBER 394 IN RAINBOW RIDGE ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 94, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

46239-9617 and described as follows:

Part of the West One-Half of the North Quarter of Section 15, Township 15 North, Range 5 East, in Marion County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point in the West line of the Quarter Section distant North 41°00'00" West the Southwest corner, thereof, thence continuing North in and along the said West line 262 feet; thence East along the South line of said Quarter Section 200 feet; thence South parallel to said West line, 262 feet; thence West parallel to said south line 200 feet to the place of beginning.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s):

The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Mark Gaskin, Deceased

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or respond to the Complaint in writing by your attorney, on or before the 25th day of September, 2022, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST:

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
By: /s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND
Attorney No. 22108-29
Attorney for Plaintiff
BRYAN K. REDMOND
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
1515 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
7/5/2022
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
5320-952601
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. 49D09-2104-DN-003343
CHRISTOPHER SMITH Plaintiff
vs. CHIFFON E. PEET 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: Divorce.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are known:

CHIFFON E. PEET, 2818 N. NEW YORK ST., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46201.

And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: CHIFFON E. PEET.

In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendant(s) 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 or your attorney, on or before the 25th day of September, 2022, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Marion Court
5320-952356
08/19/22,
08/26/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D11-2205-PL-018209
JAMES DUNSON, Plaintiff,
vs. DAVID J. WILLIAMS AND CHARLES JAY WILKINS, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the defendants, David J. Williams and Charles Jay Wilkins, whose whereabouts are unknown.

The defendants, David J. Williams and Charles Jay Wilkins, and any other person who may be concerned, you are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Plaintiff, James Dunson, in the Court of Marion County Superior Court #11, under Cause Number 49D11-2205-PL-018209.

The nature of the suit against you is for specific performance of your obligations under a Conditional Land Contract, dated August 11, 1999, and to quiet the plaintiff's claimed title and interest to real property commonly known as 3102 North Clifton Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208.

The plaintiff is being represented in this suit by Dan McAfee, Esq., an attorney with Katzman & Katzman, located at 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 2100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268, telephone number (317) 872-5700.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert that claim in a written answer or response to the Complaint. You must respond to the plaintiff's Complaint in writing within thirty (30) days after the last Notice of Suit is published in accordance with Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure, Rule 1(c); if you fail to respond to the plaintiff's Complaint during that time, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded by plaintiff in his Complaint.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Marion Court
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
5320-952132
08/19/22,
08/26/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #11
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D11-2206-MF-020876
RUOFF MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff,
JUDITH WELDON EVERGREEN HEALTHCARE CENTER LYDIA PURDY PALMER 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 follows:

LOT NUMBER 98 IN McFarland Farms, Section Two, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded April 16, 1990 as Instrument Number 20, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

commonly known as 7419 Tarragon Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

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 therein within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #12
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Susan B. Klineham (17405-49)

Parcel No. 49-06-32-115-308,000-901

This property is commonly known as 3040 N. Exeter Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46222

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

2040 N Exeter Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46222
Evergreen Healthcare Center

Service: Any Officer or Managing Agent
5404 Georgetown Road
Indianapolis, IN 46254

And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown:

Lydia Purdy Palmer

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 25th day of September, 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.

/s/ Joel F. Bornkamp
Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)
Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)

Attorney's for Plaintiff
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC

Miller would have a field day with today's IndyCar series

By DANNY BRIDGES

The old adage about how time flies is something that can't be debated. Life is so short, and it seems impossible to me that the music stopped for the dean of motorsports writers just one year ago this week.

Yes, the world of open-wheel racing was better with one Robin Miller calling it the way he saw it, and while he was cantankerous, his opinions were generally spot on.

I often ask myself what my friend and quasi mentor would think about the current state of affairs in the NTT IndyCar Series and how much grief he would be giving people for what he thought was wrong.

Clearly, he'd be all over those who represent defending IndyCar champion Alex Palou for guaranteeing him (wink) they could get him out of the final year of his contract with Ganassi Racing and put him behind the wheel for the Arrow McLaren entry next season.

He'd also lambast Chip Ganassi for not tearing up Palou's contract after he won the championship and extend his deal with a healthy raise.

Both factions would feel his wrath simultaneously in typical Miller fashion, with no hesitation and without a filter.

There'd also be no mercy shown for those who continue to champion the cause of street courses that allow little room for overtaking and showcase parties and musical talent as a substitution. He'd marvel at how Nashville, Tennessee, has embraced IndyCar, but then candidly point out it was still NASCAR country.

He'd talk about the Knoxville Nationals and the



Robin Miller at the Indiana State Fair. (Photo/Steve Shunck)

Chili Bowl, and then how he wanted to see Kyle Larson drive the Indy 500 for Penske and Chevrolet.

Last weekend's race in the St. Louis market would've been a split decision in his book, taking solace in David Malukas' splendid dash to second place, while lamenting about the number of passes for positions being sparse.

He'd love the fact that there are five drivers with a legit shot of winning the points title with just two races left, and then remind us all that it's once again Penske vs. Ganassi.

While I miss the guy with a heart the size of a compact car, I have all the great aforementioned memories and then some. I just need him to call me a simpleton one more time and then make fun of my wardrobe as he offered me some snacks from his work area in the IMS media center.

That's the Miller I knew, a guy who lived IndyCar and understood more about the people involved in it than anyone else possibly could.

Some called him a lightning rod, but in reality he was exactly what the sport needed.

Please join me this week remembering the curmudgeon, and for those of you who didn't know him well, I can assure you, we'll never see the likes of one Robin Lee Miller again.

Danny Bridges, who'd give up Italian food and ice cream for one more conversation about the good old days of racing with Miller, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.

Celebrating TCL and history of Lockefield Gardens Dust Bowl



L-R: Darius Adams, Bill Hampton and Ron Rutland. Hampton played in the Dust Bowl. (Photos/David Dixon)

City-county councilor Keith Graves presented the MVP trophy to Bri Goss.

The City League handed out awards for the season with help from Deputy Mayor Judith Thomas. Darius Adams was named MVP.

Detroit Lions defeat Colts

Colts defender Tony Brown intercepts a pass during Indianapolis' preseason game against the Lions.



Brown celebrates his interception. The Colts lost 27-26. (Photos/David Dixon)

New Colts QB Matt Ryan watches from the sideline.