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Robinson resigns from Indianapolis Public Library board

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Indianapolis Public Library board member Dr. TD Robinson has resigned from the board, a library spokesperson confirmed. Robinson's resignation is the latest development in the fallout from the library's contentious CEO search.

Library staff received a short internal announcement early in the afternoon Jan. 10 from acting CEO Gregory Hill about the resignation. IndyStar was the first to report Robinson stepping down.

Robinson was one of two board

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Young adults reflect on Martin Luther King Jr.

By CHLOE McGOWAN chloegm@indyrecorder.com

As we come up on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the Recorder spoke with college students and college-age young adults to learn how King has made an impact on the next generation of activists.

Those the Recorder interviewed spoke of learning about perhaps the most famous civil rights figure in American history and what his teachings mean to the modern struggle for civil rights. King's message still resonates for many, even though there is also some skepticism about how committed people are to honoring and remembering King.

Like many others, Diarra Davis, a first-year student at the Indiana University McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis, said she learned about King being a prominent civil rights leader who practiced nonviolence. However, she said the way King was por-

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Diarra Davis (Photo/ Chloe McGowan)



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National Conference of African American Librarians pulls convention out of Indianapolis



By CHLOE McGOWAN chloegm@indyrecorder.com

The National Conference of African American Librarians will not hold its annual convention in Indianapolis this year as planned because of the ongoing controversy with Indianapolis Public Library's CEO search.

The NCAAL XII Planning Committee announced plans Jan. 6 to delay its 12th annual convention, "Culture Keepers XII: Unity in Diversity: Stronger Together in the African Diaspora," calling Indianapolis "an inhospitable location" due to the "actions of the Indianapolis Public Library Board of Trustees."

The group initially threatened to pull the convention out of Indianapolis in December when the library board voted to offer the CEO job to a controversial,

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\$80M in grants to go toward park projects

By TIMORIA CUNNINGHAM timoriac@indyrecorder.com

Lilly Endowment will distribute four grants totaling \$80 million, most of which will go toward park improvements. The grants will also support the Eagle Creek Park Foundation, Friends of Garfield Park and the Holliday Park Foundation. City and community leaders gathered inside of Washington Park's community center Jan. 10, where the president of Lily Endowment, Jennett Hill, made the announcement. More than \$71 million will go toward improvements at 42 parks across the Indy Parks system; \$2.6 million will go to the Eagle Creek Park Foundation; \$2.5 million will go to Friends of Garfield Park; and \$3 million will go to the Holliday Park Foundation. The funding will be used for improvements to each location.



The president of Lilly Endowment, Jennette Hill, announced \$80 million in grants that will go toward park projects around the city. (Photo/ Timoria Cunninigham)

Park projects include:

- \$5.2 million for Frederick Douglass Park to support construction of a new playground, multi-use synthetic sports fields and office furnishings.
- \$3.5 million for Washington Park to help replace the central playground, which was built in 1995, and add a new splash pad, shelter, parking lot and comfort

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New local African American history timeline dates back to 1746

By ABRIANA HERRON abrianah@indyrecorder.com

Indianapolis has a new digital African American timeline with more than 250 years of the city's Black history.

The timeline encompasses history from the first five Black people who arrived in the state in 1746 to the election of the first Black Marion County Democratic Party chair, Myla Eldridge, in 2022.

The African American timeline is a part of Indianapolis'



Students from Charity Dye Elementary School 27 won national chess prize April 30, 1983. (Photo/Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society) digital encyclopedia, created through Indianapolis Public Library and IUPUI.

When creating the timeline, the encyclopedia's digital managing editor, Elizabeth Van Allen, said one of the questions that reoccurred was, "What do the residents of Indianapolis need to know to feel more involved?" She believes the encyclopedia was able to answer that question.

"This is really the reason why I became a historian," Van Allen said. "I look at myself — even though I am not teaching history — as trying to open up people's minds to history and to uncover what has been lost over time."

At the beginning of each decade on the timeline there is a count of the city's total population as well as the Black population at the time.

The encyclopedia's creators made sure to prioritize diversity, inclusion and community engagement. Van Allen said about 80% of the entries are written by community mem-

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Four Tips And Tools To Improve Your Family's Money Skills In 2023

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To help start the new year off strong, have open and honest conversations as a family about finances. The beginning of the year is a great opportunity to review your family's expenses. Use this moment to review spending and savings habits, and discuss how to improve them this year. By having these open conversations with your kids, you can help them better understand the basics of money and lay a strong foundation for financial independence.

Not sure where to start? Check out these four tips that can help your family talk about your finances and build better money habits together.

1. Saving made easy for 2023

Managing your money can be overwhelming, but it doesn't need to be. The end of the year can be especially hectic with additional expenses like holiday shopping and travel costs. To make things

3. Build healthy financial practices

Make financial discussions a regular part of family conversations.

Whether it be what or where they're spending, how much they're earning or their savings goal,

easier in 2023, automate your savings to help reach your financial goals faster.

With tools like Chase Autosave, customers can set up repeating, automatic transfers from their Chase checking into their Chase savings account. This presents a great learning opportunity for families to discuss the importance of savings, working towards a goal and building healthy habits.

Parents, you can show your children how you determine your savings goals and then help them set their own financial goals for the new year. Once they've figured out how much they want to save, help them set up a plan to get there.

2. Work together as a family to improve your finances

Working toward a common goal can make everyone feel like they have a stake in the ground. Setting financial goals together for 2023 and creating a monthly budget will help organize finances throughout the year.

As a Chase checking customer, you can open a bank account with a debit card for kids. For kids 6-17, Chase First BankingSM comes with its own debit card and parental control, while offering several other benefits like setting spending limits and allowing them to experience money firsthand. This opens the line of communication between parents and kids about building good money habits. you'll have plenty of opportunities to discuss good money habits with your kids. To get a clearer picture of your spending and saving habits, check out their Spending Snapshot in the Chase Mobile® app. You and your kids can also set up real-time account alerts to ensure you know exactly where and how they are spending their money.

4. Prepare students heading back to school

Now that 2022 is coming to a close, it's time to prepare students heading back to school for their second semester. Before winter break is over, talk with your high school and college students about their finances and help them feel confident in their future by laying the groundwork for financial independence.

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Students at Victory College Prep, a school on the southeast side of Indianapolis, use tablets for a digital art class. (Photo/Elizabeth Gabriel/WFYI News)

Charter schools want closing buildings. Does IPS have to give them up for \$1?

By ELIZABETH GABRIEL WFYI

School pride looks a little different at Victory College Prep, a K-12 charter school on the southeast side of Indianapolis. Each month, the school's kindergarten through sixth graders gather in the gymnasium for a town hall where each class stands up to clap their hands and stomp their feet as they sing encouraging chants.

Now VCP wants to expand that school spirit to another building half a mile away — Paul Miller Elementary School 114. The school building will close at the end of the school year and students will attend Frederick Douglass SUPER School 19. Currently, VCP has two buildings that house K-6 and 7-12 grade students. If a partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools is approved, the charter school would likely create K-4, 5-8 and 9-12 facilities.

The school's executive director, Ryan Gall, announced VCP's intention to purchase School 114 during an IPS school board meeting in late October. Gall also said he reached out to IPS Superintendent Aleesia Johnson and the district's board of commissioners, but hasn't heard back from the district.

Forming a new partnership that benefits both IPS and a charter school isn't easy. In 2011, lawmakers passed the \$1 law, which requires public school districts to sell or lease unused buildings to charter schools or state educational institutions for \$1. Over the years, the district has had a number of buildings that don't have students, but IPS has avoided the law by housing administrative departments.

Johnson has sought to change the \$1 law to exempt the district, and the issue is expected to be debated in the current legislative session.

The Indiana Charter School Network filed a complaint with the state attorney general's office last month, claiming IPS violated the \$1 law. Marcie Brown-Carter is the executive director of the Indiana Charter School Network and a VCP board member. She claims the district should have notified the Indiana Department of Education about the six closing huilding within 10 days of the IPS heard of commis sioners vote to close them on Nov. 17.

In response to the claim, IPS said the school board has "committed to a transparent decision-making process" to determine the future of the closing buildings and will announce future plans for them by the end of the school year.

"We want to be very clear that until the end of the school year, there are students and teachers in all of our proposed consolidated buildings, and we will remain focused on ensuring they are well-supported through that time," the district said in a statement.

At least 3 charter schools want to use an IPS building

Now the future of the six closing buildings is still unclear. VCP was included in the district's resolution for its Rebuilding Stronger plan, which mentions IPS' intention to partner with more schools that have either expressed interest in a collaboration or have success in improving academic performance for Black and brown students. Those schools also include Adelante Schools and KIPP Indy, which have reached student enrollment capacity at their current facilities or want to expand to serve more neighborhoods.

"Because of tremendous community demand, our K-8 facility is currently at 130 percent of its target capacity and we hope to work collaboratively with IPS to address this challenge," Andy Seibert, KIPP Indy's executive director, wrote in a statement. "One option we've discussed is partnering around facilities that are becoming available as a result of Rebuilding Stronger, and we are most interested in collaborating around an additional facility in our current neighborhood."

Gall said VCP is willing to pay more than a dollar for School 114 and would like to discuss offers from IPS, whether that means paying off what IPS still owes on the building, buying the facility for its appraised value or exploring new partnership options.

"Innovation is the most traditional partnership, but we could also look at, is there a way to transition that building to us and offer more community services said. "I don't think innovation has to be the only way that you could form a partnership between a charter school and the district."

Since announcing VCP's intention to purchase School 114 during an IPS school board meeting in October, Gall has publicly made his case for IPS to partner with the local charter school.

Gall said the school has worked to boost academic performance among the school's students of color, which represents 88% of the school population. Every classroom has a teacher who provides standard academic instruction and behavioral support, as well as a co-teacher who provides additional academic support.

"If you look at our student proficiency, we're dealing with students who for years have been either marginalized by the school system or who have grown up with extra academic needs," Gall said. "By putting a co-teacher in the classroom, we can focus in on specific student reading levels, specific student math gaps — we can provide one on one support."

In its 17th year, the school has refined its model to support students academically, socially and emotionally. The school also touts its reputation as a K-14 facility since the school has a director of college transitions who supports students during their first two years after high school.

VCP has the space to build another facility on its property to expand its elementary program, but Gall wants to use School 114 and repurpose a community resource that already exists and is a historical part of the neighborhood.

Although VCP would like to work with the district, the school is willing to acquire the building by utilizing "all available legal pathways," Gall said, including the \$1 law. Depending on when a contract is reached between IPS and renovations are completed, VCP anticipates serving students in the School 114 building in fall 2024.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

By CHLOE McGOWAN chloegm@indyrecorder.com

As the community comes together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this weekend, the Recorder has put together a list of events and activities going on throughout the holiday weekend around Indianapolis, as well as a few places offering free admission on or before MLK Day.

32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana Holiday Celebration

Indiana Statehouse, 200 W. Washington St. Jan. 12, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Free

Presented by the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, the Day of Celebration will honor Dr. King's life, commitment to service and pursuit of equal rights. The celebration will include an award ceremony and center around Dr. King's quote, "Make a career of humanity."

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Concert for a King

Madam Walker Legacy Center, 617 Indiana Ave. Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$30-\$50

The Walker Theatre will kick off its MLK weekend celebrations with a concert featuring Loose Ends, Jane Eugene, Toy Factory and The Three Divas — Alana Renae, Stacy McCracken and Stephanie Allen Stenson — and food from King Ribs Bar-B-Q. *madamwalkerlegacycenter.com*

Free People Party

ICON Lounge 148, 148 E. Market St. Jan. 15, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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41st Annual MLK Day Celebration

Madam Walker Legacy Center, 617 Indiana Ave. Jan. 16, noon

Free; registration required

Featuring Tamika D. Mallory, a social justice leader and movement strategist, the Walker Theatre's 41st Annual MLK Day of Celebration will also be streamed.

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5th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Commemoration

Tarkington Theatre at The Center for the Performing Arts, 3 Carter Green Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Free

Featuring music, dance and spoken word performances to honor Dr. King's legacy and achievements, the 2023 MLK Day commemoration will highlight the theme "On Being a Good Neighbor." *carmel.in.gov*

54th M L King Day Birthday Celebration Service

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, 1651 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave. Jan. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free

The Indiana Christian Leadership Conference will celebrate its 54th year commemorating the dream and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Featuring main event speaker Dr. Thomas L. Brown, the interfaith church service will include host pastor Dr. Phillip L. Shobe.

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Where to find free admission on MLK Day

Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art 500 W. Washington St. Jan. 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Indiana State Museum**

650 W. Washington St. Jan. 16, 10 a.m. Indiana Historical Society 450 W. Ohio St. Jan. 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Newfields 400 N. Michigan Road Jan. 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children's Museum of Indianapolis 3000 N. Michigan St. Jan. 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Indianapolis Zoo 1200 W. Washington St.

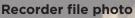
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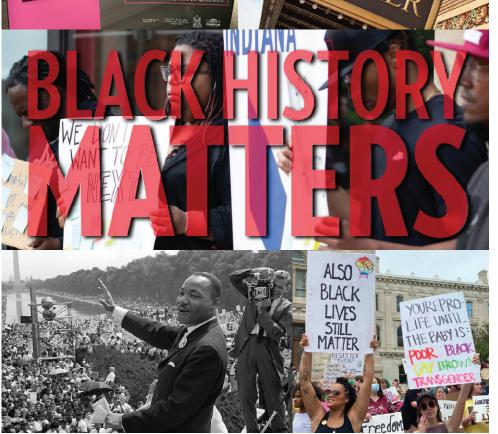
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From Broad Ripple to Broadway: Indianapolis' homegrown star

By CHLOE McGOWAN chloegm@indyrecorder.com

When Charles Browning was a kid growing up in Broad Ripple, he dreamed of someday making it big. Today that dream has come true.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Browning attended Broad Ripple Magnet High School for the Arts & Humanities and was heavily involved in local theater at Clowes Memorial Hall and Indiana Repertory Theatre. As a child actor, Browning acted in plays such as "A Christmas Carol" and "Upon This Rock," recorded voiceover material for McDonald's and Indiana Black Expo and even filmed commercials for CVS affiliates.

It took a few years, a winding road of schooling, training and countless auditions, but Browning now graces the stage of the Ethel Barrymore Theatre on Broadway as Avery in the revival of August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson."

"Even as a young person in Indy – as a teen — I was intentional," Browning told the Recorder during a phone interview on a rainy December evening in New York, where he was understudying a role in Wilson's play. "It was something I wanted to do, but the pathway in which it would happen was different than what's happening now."

Humble beginnings

Early on in his budding career, Browning split his time and energy between his studies, acting and working. During his senior year of high school, he went for a half day before heading to work at a law firm under an entertainment attorney.

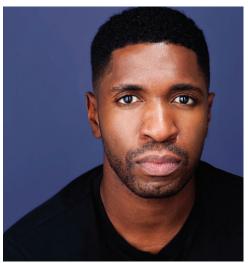
Bradford Braxton, a retired teacher and one of Browning's high school mentors and tutors, told the Recorder Browning was an excellent student who worked hard for everything.

"He was an overachiever, and then he overachieved on top of that," Braxton said. "He has been just very committed to being a performer ever since I've known him."

Browning liked to challenge himself, Braxton said, if only to make sure he did things right - both in acting and singing, but also in his schoolwork. Though, he would often tell Braxton all about his dreams and aspirations of being a star one day, he said.

Beyond Indianapolis

Following graduation, Browning left Indianapolis to study at DePaul University in Chicago before moving on to complete his master's at Columbia University in New York.



Charles Browning grew up in Indianapolis and now stars alongside Samuel L. Jackson in the Broadway revival of August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson." (Photo provided by **Charles Browning)**

York, he remained faithful to his foundations in Indianapolis and the local theater opportunities that eventually led him to Broadway.

"My belief is that all of our foundations are always the root of our growth and our expansion," he said. "[Indianapolis] gave me the seed as a young person; going to see regional theater made me understand it's not just Broadway."

Broadway is "allegedly" the dream, he said jokingly over the phone. Though Browning said he's always dreamed of being a sufficient actor who's able to pay the bills, buy houses and take trips the "diagnostic things" based on a career rather than the fanfare, glitz and glamor some fall into, he said.

The Piano Lesson"

As of Jan. 15, Browning will take over the role of Avery – a preacher focused on building his congregation and getting married - in "The Piano Lesson" full time. Directed by Latonya Richardson Jackson, the revival also stars Samuel L. Jackson, John David Washington, Danielle Brookes, Michael Potts, Ray Fisher, April Matthis, Nadia Daniel and Jurnee Swan.

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Set in Pittsburg in 1936, the play follows a brother and sister who disagree on what to do with an old piano they've inherited, Browning said. The sister, Berniece, wants to keep the piano while the brother, Boy Willie, wants to sell it to increase the value of what the family has by selling it for land, Browning said.

"They're in a conflict because it has family legacy and the piano has been through generations of slavery, indentured servants ... an evolution if you will," he said.

Having watched Browning be involved in the church, his community and local

theater, Braxton said seeing him star in

a show on Broadway is not only a dream

come true for him but for everyone back

"I'm excited for him to have this op-

portunity now," Braxton said. "It's been

a long time coming but he already saw

"The Piano Lesson" is showing now

until Jan. 29 at the Ethel Barrymore

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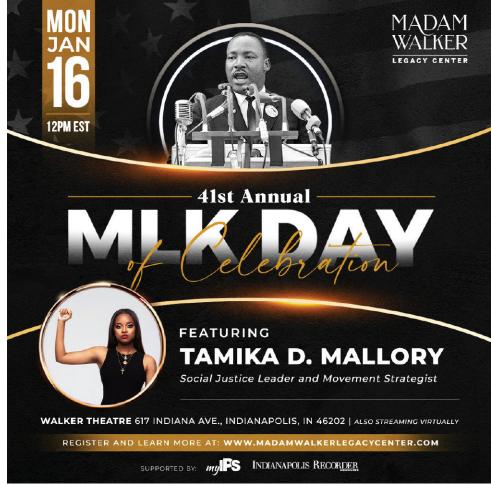
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It took him a while to figure out where he would call home, as Browning said he returned to Chicago for a year to work at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre and Goodman Theatre. He recalled some less-than-enjoyable times working in Los Angeles, before ultimately returning to New York.

"I never subscribed to the starving artist. ... I was intentional about 'where could I be the happiest with the least?"" he said. "I could have a life and pursue a career and find happiness even in the darkest moment in New York."

Firm foundations

But even as Browning began to put down roots and build his career in New



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Indianapolis Jazz Foundation Artisitic Director Rob Dixon performed the national anthem at the Colts-Texans game Jan. 8. (Photo/David Dixon)

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out-of-state candidate instead of the community's apparent favorite, Nichelle M. Hayes.

Hayes is president of the Black Caucus of American Library Association, which organizes the NCAAL.

"The actions of the Indianapolis Public Library Board are a reflection of what happens within our profession," the NCAAL Conference Committee said in the statement, "where hardworking, talented and qualified people are used to clean up messes, fix problems, and to just been seen enough that a diversity goal is ticked without any substantive change."

The announcement came one day after members of the Indianapolis City-County Council and library board exchanged public letters about the CEO search. Members of the council demanded the board offer Hayes the position, while some library board members defended their decision.

"When entities believe you are not 'the person' they create imaginary barriers designed to stop progress both the professional, and the profession," the NCAAL Conference Committee said in the statement. "Our members deserve better."

According to the statement, the NCAAL XII conference will now be held in New Orleans in 2024.

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members appointed by the Indianapolis City-County Council, which faced pressure from protesters during

its meeting Jan. 9 to remove their appointees. Robinson was one of four board members to vote to offer the CEO job to Gabriel Morley, who was coming from a library system in New Orleans where employees raised concerns about his performance and behavior.

Board President Hope Tribble is the council's other appointed board member and also voted to offer Morley the job. She did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

It's not clear what comes next for the board or the city-county council as the appointing authority for Robinson's seat. A spokesperson for the council did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

"This process would be the purview of the board member's appointing authority," a library spokesperson told the Recorder.

In voting for Morley, the library board passed over the community's popular pick, Nichelle M. Hayes, who had been interim CEO. The library has been without a permanent CEO since Jackie Nytes resigned in August 2021 amid allegations of racism.

Less than a week before Robinson resigned, several city-county council members penned a letter to the library board demanding they offer the job to Hayes. Library board members responded with a lengthy letter detailing why Hayes wasn't offered the job, including that her interim role didn't come with "promises or guarantees" of a promotion to the permanent role.

Reached by phone, board member Dr. Khaula Murtadha declined to comment on Robinson's resignation. Murtadha has been a supporter of Hayes, saying in December that passing her over "is against what the community has told us."

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trayed was the opposite of Malcolm X — who she wasn't really taught about in school.

"I feel like it will always have significance especially for our community," Davis said of MLK Day. 'But I feel like a lot of the programs going on and things that they do on that day are very performative."

When it comes to modern-day activism, Davis said many activists today don't resonate with her the same way King or even the writer Angela Davis did. However, activism during the Black Lives Matter protests in 2020 sparked a sense of unity with herself and others in the community.

"The ones that people didn't plan, they was just like, 'Hey, let's come together," Davis said, "I think that those really gave me more of a sense of the spirit that was there back then."

Nevaeh Mosley, a freshman at IUPUI, also grew up with similar teachings about King's nonviolent approach as a civil rights leader and his leadership in the fight for equality for the Black community.

When it comes to celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Mosley said she feels there is still a long way to go in achieving King's dream, which in turn makes the holiday as relevant as ever. "It keeps the ideas still alive and what he stands for," she said. "We still have problems with that still today, so I think it is still significant."

On campus at IUPUI, Mosley said she sees activism within student groups and admires having a variety of social groups to join such as the Black Student Union.

Citing King's iconic "I Have a Dream" speech, recent Ball State graduate Camesia Davidson said she learned about King's use of nonviolent protesting, as well as his role in integration through described as peaceful no matter how much hate he received."

Davidson doesn't have to look far for a modernday activist to admire. Aleta Clark, aka Englewood Barbie, is a young activists gaining prominence in her community in Chicago.

"I would name Englewood Barbie as a modernday activist I look up to," Davidson said. "She's in the Chicago area and she's very vocal about gun violence in the Black community."

Just like King, Davidson said Clark is someone who's active in her community promoting peace and has garnered a lot of respect.

Simone Corey, a senior at Ball State, said she grew up learning about King's role in the Civil Rights Movement and how he used his voice to fight for equal rights and "justice for African Americans, mainly through peaceful protests." "Although, I learned some things, I wish they had taught even more about him and his significance in civil rights history," she said, noting that King was the youngest man at 35 at win the Nobel Peace Prize.

In terms of modern-day activism, Corey said she looks up to Yara Shahidi, an actress and feminism activist; Amanda Seales, an actress, comedian and social justice activist; and Amanda Gorman, a racial justice, feminism and climate change activist. "I look up to them because they are all powerful Black women who use their gifts/talents and their big platforms to still amplify their activism and

big platforms to still amplify their activism and voice, rather than letting the spotlight dim their opinions," Corey said. "They stand firm in what they believe in and that is so respectable to me."

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"I grew up learning MLK Jr. fought for equality amongst different races," Davidson said. "When I was learning about MLK Jr., I always heard him reporting.

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Recorder Women's Auxiliary

The Recorder Women's Auxiliary hosted "A Legendary Function at an Uptown Junction" on Dec. 10 that featured live music, vendors, a raffle and a fashion show. (Photo/Jayden Kennett)

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bers who are experts or knowledgeable about a certain topic. The editorial board includes several people from diverse backgrounds, including A'Lelia Bundles.

Bundles, a Black journalist and author, contributed to the encyclopedia as a member of its advisory committee and editorial board as well as writing timeline entries about Madam C.J. Walker, her great-great-grandmother, and S. Henry Bundles Jr., her father.

"I am honored to be a part of it," Bundles said. "I am especially excited for this opportunity for young people to have access to this resource online, on our phones. I wish I had this resource when I was young."

She recalled using a print encyclopedia to help write her book about Madam C.J. Walker, and while it was useful at the time, she realized how valuable the online version of the encyclopedia is.

"It's come a long way from the print edition," Bundles said. "I love that this new version is interactive and compelling."

She said it is so valuable that when she spoke to a class at IUPUI, she recommended using the online encyclopedia to help with research.

Bundles also said the African American timeline gives the community an accurate understanding of Black history, something people often search for. It highlights the accomplishments and the setbacks of Black Hoosiers, encompassing both the positive and negative aspects of history.

"If we sugarcoat our history, we don't really understand who we are as a community," Bundles said.

While the timeline is new, Van Allen knows the encyclopedia is not finished yet.

Since the encyclopedia is digital, it can easily be updated with new information. Van Allen said her

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station.

\$11.55 million for Riverside Regional Park for new sidewalks and nature trails, enhancements along White River, upgrades to the soap box derby track and development of the Taggart Memorial Playground.

Find a full list of projects at indy.gov. According to a press release, the project design and construction schedule will run through 2025.

According to Hill, Indy Parks put together a group of residents to give input on what they wanted at their parks. Feedback included more amenities such as water spray grounds, comfort stations, refreshment facilities and sports fields.

"Parks have the ability to impact and enrich our lives," Indy Parks Director Phyllis Boyd said during the press conference. "Parks connect us to each other. They provide places to play, learn, enjoy the arts, take a fitness class, attend day camps and so much more."

In early 2021, the city launched a \$45 million investment called Circle City Forward for Indy Parks upgrades, including \$20 million for Frederick Douglass Park's new family center. In a statement, Mayor Joe Hogsett said that funding, coupled with the Lilly Endowment grants, sends "a clear message about the fundamental role a well-funded park can play in a healthy community."

"Today's announcement continues a streak of transformative investments for our city's public parks," Hogset said.

Hogsett said the grant is 14 times the annual parks capital budget.

In 2017 Indy Parks launched a five-year plan that prioritizes parks based on diversity, high visitation, park conditions and demographics such as race and income.

"There will always be a need to do more and invest more in our parks," Indianapolis City-County Council member Duke Oliver said at the announcement. "And this \$80 million gift from Lilly Endowment will allow us to do just that."

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CDC creates tool to measure impact of environmental burdens

By JAYDEN KENNETT Jaydenk@indyrecorder.com

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention created an online, place-based tool designed to help measure the impacts of environmental burdens with a focus on environmental justice fo marginalized communities that are disproportionately affected by environmental hazards. The Environmental Justice Index is a first-of-its-kind tool and will help public health officials identify areas at risk for health impacts and prioritize action for communities most at need, according to the CDC.

work and worship affect a wide range of health and quality-oflife outcomes. Access to health care, education and safe housing can determine a person's health outcome and contribute to health disparities. Systemic racism,

the Environmental Justice Index to do just that."

The index delivers a single score to each community using federal data from the U.S. Census Bureau, **U.S. Environmental Protection** Agency, the U.S. Mine Safety and redlining and dilapidated housing Health Administration and the CDC. The index also scores com munities on social vulnerability, environmental burden and health vulnerability. The index shows Marion County has a high environmental burden risk, with high prevalence of asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes and poor mental health.

favorite aspect of the encyclopedia is that it is "expandable, enhanceable and more interactive."

Van Allen also encourages people to submit entries. Email her at evanallen@indypl.org if interested.

In addition to the African American timeline, there are also other timelines including a Black Lives Matter timeline, a religion timeline and a CO-VID-19 timeline. To view the timelines, visit indyencyclopedia.org.

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The index is available at atsdr. cdc.gov.

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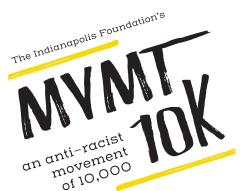
leads to disproportionate environmental hazards such as higher rates of asthma, lead poisoning, poor mental health and air pollution.

"Too many communities across our nation, particularly lowincome communities and communities of color, continue to bear the brunt of pollution," Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra said in a press release. "Meeting the needs of these communities requires our focused attention and we will use

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Since 1895, the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper has proudly represented the African American community. The Indiana Minority Business Magazine (IMBM), a Recorder subsidiary, is no different, as it has supported and advocated for communities of color for well over a decade.

IMBM supports Hoosier businesses through informative articles and other means of exposure. We believe the best way to spur economic growth is for minority businesses to have greater visibility.

On November 28, we will launch the Indiana Minority Business Directory through the support of the Indianapolis Recorder Charities and other partners. Each week, select businesses of color will receive a complimentary profile that will be featured on IndianaMinorityBusinessMagazine.com.





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The important work of Fathers and Families Center

By LARRY SMITH



This year marks the 30th anniversary of Fathers and Families Center. Since its inception in 1993, Fathers and Families Center has served roughly 21,000 men and their families throughout Indianapolis. I am humbled and proud to have been selected to succeed Dr. Wallace McLaughlin, who is the center's

founding president and CEO. In his 29 years at the helm, Dr. McLaughlin created a nationally recognized model for helping socioeconomically disadvantaged fathers to improve their life chances, as well as those of their children. I don't know how big his feet are, but his shoes will be difficult to fill.

The story of the center's conception is an interesting one. In 1989, a woman named Sarah Meadows was the head of the Social Work Department at then Wishard Hospital. As Dr. McLaughlin recounts in his history of the center, Meadows "was called to visit a young woman who was grieving the loss of her newborn and had to make decisions about (the child's) burial." The child's father was in the hospital room, but was not consulted regarding the decisions that were being made. This deeply troubled Meadows, who strongly believed that young fathers could and would — be an asset to their families if they were equipped, empowered and encouraged to do so.

In 1991, Meadows birthed an idea that became the Father Resource Program. She conducted research and consulted experts. Among those who contributed to the program's development was renowned psychiatrist Dr. Alvin Poussaint. Meadows, who is white, believed that an undercurrent of racism

contributed to the marginalizing of young Black fathers from being more actively involved in decisionmaking regarding their children. Her perception was validated by researchers, including the late Roger Wilkins of George Mason University. Due to Meadows' persistence, the program was formally launched at Wishard in 1993.

Meadows hired McLaughlin as program director in November 1993, one month before he was awarded his doctorate. The first class of participants launched in 1994. The program quickly began to garner positive attention from social service organizations, academic institutions and business leaders. Crucially, politicians from both sides of the aisle began to recognize the vital work in which the Father Resource Program was engaged.

In 1999, McLaughlin, who is affectionately known as "Dr. Wallace," led the successful application for the Father Resource Program to become a separate 501(c)(3) organization. Fathers and Families Resource and Research Center (the organization's formal name) was certified. In a move that reflected her humility, Meadows joined the staff of the center, reporting to Dr. Wallace. Though she retired several years ago, Meadows continues to be devoted to the center and to the men it serves.

The center maintained its relationship with Wishard Hospital until the transition to become the Sidney and Lois Eskenaki Hospital. Fathers and Families Center continues to be proudly affiliated with Eskenazi. Today, we offer a variety of programs that are designed to address the myriad needs that our clients have. This includes providing the opportunity to earn a high school equivalency (HSE); earn a certificate in forklift operation, welding or other trade; obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL);

and be connected to employers who embrace hiring "returning citizens." Most importantly, we help men restore and rebuild their relationships with their children and with their children's mothers - even if they're no longer romantically involved.

In stark contrast to widely accepted stereotypes, research demonstrates that Black fathers are more involved with their children than their white and Hispanic counterparts. This holds true even when Black fathers do not live with their children full time. While more than 70% of Black, non-Hispanic children are born to parents who aren't married, research that Josh Levs conducted for his book, "All In," indicates that roughly 60% of Black fathers live with their children.

Further, as New York Times columnist Charles Blow has pointed out, CDC data show that Black fathers are more likely than white and Hispanic fathers to feed, read to, eat with, play with, diaper, bathe and dress their children daily. In short, the CDC demonstrates that Black fathers are at least as likely to be involved in their children's lives as dads of other races.

As we embark on our 30th year of service, Fathers and Families Center will begin expanding beyond Indianapolis/Marion County. We are currently considering how best to come alongside other communities that are inquiring about our programming.

Today, as we have from the beginning, Fathers and Families Center continues its mission of "Building a Noble Legacy of Fatherhood."

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Unity vs. chaos in the House

By ANDRE CARSON



Millions followed C-SPAN a lot more closely than usual the last week. Our government was at a standstill, unable to elect a new speaker of the House until a 15th

vote.

The reason? Extreme disagreements within the Republican Party, which played out throughout the week in unfiltered coverage of dramatic and tense negotiations - and sometimes just pure pandemonium.

As disappointing as this saga was to watch, it revealed much about the divisions within the Republican Party, contrasted with Democrats holding a united front throughout the process.

Republicans managed to finally elect Speaker McCarthy in the early hours of Saturday morning. Americans and late-night viewers around the world got their chance to hear a strong message of unity and optimism from the podium of the people's House, from our unanimously chosen leader - the first Black leader of a major party in Congressional history, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries. The contrast could not be more clear. Despite winning a slim majority in the November election, House Republicans made history, with the longest

and most divisive speaker vote in 164 years. And Democrats made history with our chosen leader.

This contrast is all the more jarring considering the timing. On Jan. 6, 2021, violent insurrectionists stormed the Capitol. Five died defending it; 140 were injured. And on Jan. 6, 2023, there we were again, two years later, experiencing yet another crisis of democracy.

Some of the same individuals who led the GOP speaker revolt claimed the insurrectionists were peaceful protesters, and they continue to defend the attackers and deny that President Biden won the 2020 election.

Without a speaker, members of Congress were not able to be sworn in for an entire week, introduce or pass bills to address a variety of issues at the top of mind for many hardworking Hoosiers. The American people face a variety of challenges. The rising cost of living. Equitable access to education. The need for meaningful, good-paying jobs. They cannot afford one second wasted to partisan squabbling. Democrats remained united throughout every single vote. We demonstrated again we are ready, willing and able to get back to work on behalf of everyday Americans.

a bright spot came when Hakeem Jeffries took the podium to address the 118th Congress for the first time.

Through a speech clearly spelling out the differences between Democrats and Republicans from A to Z, Leader Jeffries summed up what our party is all about:

"American values over autocracy. Benevolence over bigotry. The Constitution over the cult. ... Reason over racism. ... Understanding over ugliness. Voting rights over voter suppression."

From N.W.A. to Public Enemy, from Big Daddy Kane and Rakim, hip-hop culture was essential to raising my own political consciousness. And Hakeem Jeffries has also frequently cited hiphop's influence on his politics.

Leader Jeffries has used rap lyrics in this type of setting before, quoting the Notorious B.I.G. during Donald Trump's impeachment trial.

The hip-hop generation is here to

way he delivered it, brought reassurance and encouragement after a long, uncertain week.

Political participation was inaccessible to our ancestors, and unfortunately, sometimes seems not worth the effort for too many in our community.

But in the middle of chaos and confusion, Democrats stood together, ready to get back to work on the issues that matter most to hardworking Americans.

In the midst of a new House majority thrown into disarray by the very people elected to actually govern and uphold its values, Democrats kept a united front, focused on delivering results for the downtrodden, the disenfranchised and the working-class American people.

"Hopefulness over hatred. Inclusion over isolation. Justice over judicial overreach. ... Liberty over limitation."

And that's what we'll continue to do.

Watching everything play out over the last week, it is easy to be disillusioned and frustrated by politics. But

stay in politics. Now, it's on a bigger stage than ever before.

With Black voter participation threatened by voter suppression and voter disenfranchisement schemes, and when civic engagement grows more contentious by the day, we have an opportunity to send a message: Black voices are stronger than ever; our voices and our power will not be silenced or denied.

Leader Jeffries' message, and the

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Putting the con in conservative

By JESSE JACKSON SR.



(TriceEdneyWire.com) – George Santos, a 34-year-old Republican congressman, gained notoriety before even coming to Washington. He was elected to the Congress from a Long Island, New York, district this fall on a resume and a campaign constructed on breathtaking fabrications.

He lied about where he lives. He lied about where he works. He lied about creating a nonprofit organization called Friends of Pets United. He lied about where he went to high school. He lied about graduating from college. He lied about being a landlord

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owning 13 properties. He lied about having four employees shot in the Pulse nightclub shooting. He lied about his mother's career. He lied about his mother's death, claiming that she was a victim of 9/11 when she died in 2016. He lied about being of Jewish heritage. And he probably lied about his income and his wealth. He claimed assets of a million, and income of \$750,000. He loaned his campaign \$700,000. But he was evicted in 2015 and 2017 for failing to pay rent and hauled into court for not paying his debts. It remains to be seen where the \$700,000 came from.

Santos painted himself as an example of the American dream, son of an immigrant family who by grit and hard work made his way to employment at Goldman Sachs. Only the dream was a delusion. Goldman Sachs has no record of his employment. This paragon of conservative virtues turned out to be simply a pretty shoddy con man.

When an investigation by the New York Times revealed his serial lies, he admitted to "embellishing" his resume. His attorney allowed that campaign money — some of which appears to have been used illegally to pay rent for Santos - may have been spent "unwisely." Santos told the New York Post that he may have added a little bit of fluff to his resume, but - echoing Richard Nixon's famous statement in the Watergate scandals - "I am not a criminal."

The Republican district attorney of Nassau County, New York, has opened an investigation of his lies, stating that no one is above the law. The federal U.S. attorney in Brooklyn is reportedly investigating his financial finagling. A newly elected Republican congressman in a neighboring district, Nick LaLota, has called on the House Ethics Committee to investigate. Democrats in the House have called on Santos

to resign and are pushing to haul him before the Federal Election Commission and the House Ethics Committee. But this is not the Democrats' responsibility. It is the responsibility of the Republican leaders in the House. And they have been notably absent without leave.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy has said nothing. Moreover, with a thin Republican majority of four in the House, Republicans don't want to risk losing the seat if Santos were to do the honorable thing and resign.

In any case, the current Republican members of Congress are not exactly exemplars of honesty or champions of truth. Virtually all lined up behind Donald Trump, ignoring his serial lies in office, numbering more than 30,000 according to fact checkers. Santos, not surprisingly, embraced Donald Trump's Big Lie, the claim that the 2020 presidential election was stolen. More than 180 other members of the new House Republican caucus echoed that Big Lie.

Santos has made it clear that he has no shame and no plan to withdraw. Will Republicans act to police their own membership and to stop this obvious fraud upon their own voters? If they refuse to act, they can tie up the Ethics Committee and neuter the FEC.

If Santos gets a pass, Republican leaders will be telling voters just who they are and what they will stand for. Honesty is for suckers. Partisan advantage trumps decency. To gain power, Republicans are prepared to spread Trump's Big Lie. They don't hesitate to lie about their opponents. And Santos shows they are prepared to put forth and stand by candidates who lie about their own families, education, employment and lineage.

The party won't police itself. It is left up to voters to do it for them.

Annual Black Business Bazaar



Drew and Nicole Walker of Motherly Love Africa



Boxx The Artist, visual artist

The sixth Annual Black Business Bazaar was held recently at the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center. More than 100 vendors participated along with at least six food trucks and other food vendors inside the building. Hundreds of visitors attended, doing their last-minute Christmas shopping. It was also a time to fellowship and meet new friends. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

What environmental bills to expect in the Statehouse this session

By JAYDEN KENNETT jaydenk@indyrecorder.com

The Indiana General Assembly reconvened for the 2023 legislative session Jan. 9. The focus will be on public health and education, while some lawmakers have their sights set on environmental protections. requiring Indiana to adopt a state climate action plan. More than half of U.S. states have adopted or are updating their climate action plans. The HEC also supports legislation enabling the expansion of community solar and opposes legislation that hampers renewable energy deployment or that

ANNOUNCING: A New Global Column on International Trade, International Affairs and How Black and Minority Businesses can "Go and Grow" Globally. Entitled: Global Motivations: A Global Voice With Influence and Diplomacy

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Who is Indiana's "Institutional Knowledge" on Trade and Exporting? You Might Be Surprised!

You are probaby wondering what is the importance of international trade or exporting to Indiana or my small business? How do I take or expand my business globally? Why should I care about China, India or Africa, and their impact on my small-and-medium-sized enterprise (SME), the City of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana or the USA? What role does The White House

Administration or Congress play in ratifying foreign policy, free trade agreements or attracting foreign direct investment, etc. These and other trade-related issues, international affairs, and your questions will be addressed in my Bi-weekly global column. For an example. I will be having a private lunch with Consul General Somnath Ghosh of India here in Indianapolis on Tuesday, January 10th. Afterwards, I will be able to brief smalland-medium-sized enterprises and my followers on the G20 and India's advancing financial initiatives for SMEs.

This inaugural article won't be about answering the aforementioned questions, but more about Indiana's "Institutional Knowledge" on who were the initial key players that laid the foundation for positioning Indiana's export trade on the global stage, and as Governor Eric Holcomb says, "Bringing Indiana to the World and the World to Indiana".

In my view it was Indiana Governor Bob Orr and his Lieutenant Governor John Mutz's Administration that started it all. Alan Kimball was the Director of the then Indiana Department of Commerce and his Executive leadership team was Nathan Feltman, that's right, the same Nate Feldman that Co-owns and is the Publisher of the Indianapolis Business Journal, Caterina Blitzer, who I call Ms International, and my outstanding colleague now on the Indiana District Export Council (Where I am the first Black immediate-past Vice Chairman), Bob Mason, and Larry Ingram who was Head of Indiana's Japan Office in Tokyo, just to name a few. Governor Evan Bayh continued expanding Indiana's exports, and that's when I begin to diversify my company (after resigning from General Motors Corporation) into international trade. Subsequently, I was serving on the Indiana Small Business Council of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and was elected as its first Black Vice Chairman and Chairman, simultaneously serving on the board of directors and executive committee of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

I remember when then, Indiana U.S. Senator Dan Coats telling me in 1988 at a minority business meeting at the Madame Walker, that international trade was not a business for the faint-hearted. Truer words were never spoken. After an Indiana Trade Delegation, myself included, attended America's first ever export conference held in Seattle, Washington (March, 1990) to learn more about exporting. That same Delegation was invited as Indiana's first trade Delegation to Osaka, Japan (October, 1990) to attend Japan's Global Business Opportunity Conference (G-BOC). That's where I got my start into exporting doing deals with Japan and Australia. To this day, I have never experienced any racism or prejudice in any foreign country that I have traveled to. It's fallacious and sad that I can't say the same for Indiana. Thank God for Mr. Daniels, one of the founders of the Japan America Society of Indiana (yes, the Father of former great Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels), who invited me to join the JASI, and really taught

me a lot about doing business in Japan, under the first, and outstanding Executive Director Teresa Kulzack. I learned a lot from him. What a gentleman.

We've been extremely fortunate to have great Governors in Indiana who were visionaries with a global perspective. Indianapolis has had great Mayors who had a global vision such as Bill Hudnut, Steve Goldsmith, where as a board member of the Indianapolis Economic Development Corporation, I helped develop strategies and the framework for his Global Initiative Plan (1992), which included plans for the new airport, and the Red line. Indy Mayor Greg Ballard also advanced trade and investment. And of course, Mayor Jim Brainard of Carmel and the roundabouts, and the increasing influx of global ccompanies. And who could forget the late Dr. Bert Servass, President, Indianapolis City County Council, Owner of the Saturday Evening Post, and his vast Export Trading Companies.

David Watkins, Vice President of the Indiana Small Business Development Centers (ISBDC), Incidentally, I helped bring them to Indiana back in the mid 1980s, paid me the best compliment. "Dr. Malichi has been doing trade deals and exporting before we had manuals." I love that!! I've been called a Pioneer, Trailblazer, Chairman of International Trade, World Citizen and Ambassador of Trade for Indianapolis and Indiana by former Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger, and by my contemporaries.

Perhaps, one day in Indiana, "I will be judged by the content of my character and not by the color of my skin." For my wisdom, knowledge, experience, expertise, and passion for trade. One can only hope and pray.

Perhaps, that day is January 13, 2023 when the Indiana Minority Business Magazine and the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper will honor me at the Champion Diversity Awards Dinner with the - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Award. It's taken 41 years in global business to be recognized by the Indianapolis Black business community. Perhaps, perhaps, this will be the evidence-based impact pivot for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for those of us who's global body of work are duly noted at the highest of levels around the globe? "The proof is in the pudding".

As I always say, We doze but never close. Have a successful day and think globally!

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The Hoosier Environment Council (HEC) is calling for an increase in funding for conservation, wetlands protections and environmental health, while lawmakers have filed bills to create tax credits and improve infrastructure.

Increased conservation spending

The HEC and the Indiana Conservation Alliance are seeking new state investments to conserve forests, rivers, wetlands and native fish and wildlife that depend on those habitats. Indiana's state parks are steadily growing with increases in visitors each year, and increases in trail use have led to a demand for land conservation that exceeds Indiana's current conservation budget proposal.

Last year, thanks to federal investments, Indiana invested more in conservation than it has in the last 10 years. However, in 2021, the state's total conservation investment dipped to its lowest since 2016.

Holcomb's 2023 agenda includes \$50 million for an existing trail program and \$25 million for land conservation efforts.

Larry Clemens, state director of the Indiana Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, said the proposal for land conservation is the most significant commitment of state funding since the General Assembly created the Indiana Heritage Trust — renamed the President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust in 2016 — 30 years ago.

"At a time when our legislators are considering important issues like education, economic development and Hoosiers' overall well-being, it's important to recognize the role nature plays in all of these aspects of life," Clemens said in a statement. "Gov. Holcomb's proposed investment in natural Indiana bolsters all the other important programs the state will undertake in the next budget."

Climate and energy

The HEC also wants legislation

mandates electric utilities to continue burning coal.

Sen. Greg Walker, R-Columbus, filed a bill that would direct the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to conduct a joint study concerning decommissioning and disposal of solar panels. The bill would require IDEM and IURC to report findings and recommendations no later than Nov. 1.

Sen. J.D. Ford, D-Indianapolis, filed a bill prohibiting utility companies from terminating services in the summer for those who are eligible and have applied for energy assistance.

Rep. Dave Heine, R-Fort Wayne, filed a biofuel tax credit bill that would provide tax credits for the sale of ethanol blend and blended biodiesel. Biofuels are fuels produced from living matter and renewable materials, according to the EPA.

Wetlands and environmental health

A bill to establish a local unit water infrastructure fund has also been introduced by Rep. Randall Frye, R-Lake Forest. The fund would provide grants, loans and other financial assistance to repair, replace or increase water infrastructure and lead service lines. The bill would require the Indiana Finance Authority to adopt guidelines to establish criteria for making grants and providing loans and would require, if possible, the authority to allocate at least 50% of the total amounts to counties that have a population of 50.000 or less.

The Hoosier Environmental Council's website lists several other proposals it would like to see in the legislature, including legislation requiring child care centers to test their drinking water for lead, new tax credits for wetland protection and legislation to improve state oversight of coal ash disposal sites.

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UN says ozone layer slowly healing, hole to mend by 2066

By SETH BORENSTEIN AP Science Writer

DENVER (AP) — Earth's protective ozone layer is slowly but noticeably healing at a pace that would fully mend the hole over Antarctica in about 43 years, a new United Nations report says.

À once-every-four-years scientific assessment found recovery in progress, more than 35 years after every nation in the world agreed to stop producing chemicals that chomp on the layer of ozone in Earth's atmosphere that shields the planet from harmful radiation linked to skin cancer, cataracts and crop damage.

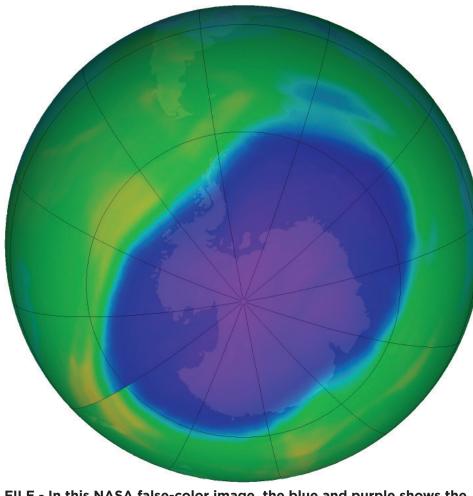
"In the upper stratosphere and in the ozone hole we see things getting better," said Paul Newman, co-chair of the scientific assessment.

The progress is slow, according to the report presented Jan. 9 at the American Meteorological Society convention in Denver. The global average amount of ozone 18 miles (30 kilometers) high in the atmosphere won't be back to 1980 pre-thinning levels until about 2040, the report said. And it won't be back to normal in the Arctic until 2045.

Antarctica, where it's so thin there's an annual giant gaping hole in the layer, won't be fully fixed until 2066, the report said.

Scientists and environmental advocates across the world have long hailed the efforts to heal the ozone hole — springing out of a 1987 agreement called the Montreal Protocol that banned a class of chemicals often used in refrigerants and aerosols — as one of the biggest ecological victories for humanity.

"Ozone action sets a precedent for climate action. Our success in phasing out ozone-eating chemicals shows us what can and must be done – as a matter of urgency — to transition away from fossil fuels, reduce green-



FILE - In this NASA false-color image, the blue and purple shows the hole in Earth's protective ozone layer over Antarctica on Oct. 5, 2022. Earth's protective ozone layer is slowly but noticeably healing at a pace that would fully mend the hole over Antarctica in about 43 years, a new United Nations report says. (NASA via AP, File)

house gases and so limit temperature increase," World Meteorological Organization Secretary-General Prof. Petteri Taalas said in a statement.

Signs of healing were reported four years ago but were slight and more preliminary. "Those numbers of recovery have solidified a lot," Newman said.

The two chief chemicals that munch away at ozone are in lower levels in the atmosphere, said Newman, chief Earth scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Chlorine levels are down 11.5% since they peaked in 1993 and bromine, which is more efficient at eating ozone but is at lower levels in the air, dropped 14.5% since its 1999 peak, the report said.

That bromine and chlorine levels "stopped growing and is coming down is a real testament to the effectiveness of the Montreal Protocol," Newman said.

"There has been a sea change in the way our society deals with ozone depleting substances," said scientific panel co-chair David W. Fahey, director of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's chemical sciences lab.

Decades ago, people could go into a store and buy a can of refrigerants that eat away at the ozone, punch a hole in it and pollute the atmosphere, Fahey said. Now, not only are the substances banned but they are no longer much in people's homes or cars, replaced by cleaner chemicals.

Natural weather patterns in the Antarctic also affect ozone hole levels, which peak in the fall. And the past couple years, the holes have been a bit bigger because of that but the overall trend is one of healing, Newman said.

This is "saving 2 million people every year from skin cancer," United Nations Environment Programme Director Inger Andersen told The Associated Press earlier this year in an email.

A few years ago emissions of one of the banned chemicals, chlorofluorocarbon-11 (CFC-11), stopped shrinking and was rising. Rogue emissions were spotted in part of China but now have gone back down to where they are expected, Newman said.

A third generation of those chemicals, called HFC, was banned a few years ago not because it would eat at the ozone layer but because it is a heat-trapping greenhouse gas. The new report says that the ban would avoid 0.5 to 0.9 degrees (0.3 to 0.5 degrees Celsius) of additional warming.

The report also warned that efforts to artificially cool the planet by putting aerosols into the atmosphere to reflect the sunlight would thin the ozone layer by as much as 20% in Antarctica.

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Folic Acid Helps Prevent Certain Birth Defects

The Marion County Public Health Department, Indianapolis Public Libraries, Light of the World Christian Church and IndyGo are Partnering to Present:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes January as National Birth Defects Awareness Month. This is a time to raise awareness about birth defects and highlight efforts to improve the health of people living with these conditions across their lifespan. Not all birth defects are preventable, but the chances of a woman delivering a healthy baby increase by managing health conditions and adopting healthy behaviors before and during pregnancy. Folic acid plays an important role in preventing birth defects. When a woman takes the recommended amount of folic acid before and during early pregnancy, it helps prevent some major birth defects of the baby's brain and spine. Anencephaly is a serious birth defect in which parts of a baby's brain and skull do not form correctly. Babies born with this defect cannot survive. Spina bifida is a serious birth defect in which a baby's spine does not develop correctly, and can result in some severe physical disabilities. All women need 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid every day, especially those who want to become pregnant. Folic acid is still important because it helps the body make new cells every day—blood, skin, hair, nails and others. Women are encouraged to start a healthy habit and get 400 mcg of folic acid every day. Birth defects of the brain and spine happen in the first few weeks of pregnancy, often before a woman finds out she's pregnant. Half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned. For these reasons, all women who can get pregnant should be sure to get 400 mcg of folic acid every day, even if they aren't planning a pregnancy any time soon. By the time a woman realizes she's pregnant, it might be too late to prevent these birth defects. An easy way to be sure women are getting enough folic acid is to take a daily multivitamin, either a capsule or chewable, that has folic acid. Most multivitamins have all the folic acid women need. If an upset stomach results from taking a multivitamin, try taking it with meals or just before bed. Folic acid has been added to foods, such as enriched breads, pastas, rice and cereals. Check the nutrition facts label on the food packaging. A serving of some cereals has 100 percent of the folic acid needed each day. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the addition of folic acid to corn masa flour. Corn masa flour is used to make foods like corn chips, tortillas, and taco shells. In addition to getting 400 mcg of folic acid from supplements and fortified foods, eating a diet rich in folate also helps. You can get food folate from beans, peas and lentils, oranges and orange juice, asparagus and broccoli, and dark leafy green vegetables such as spinach and mustard greens.



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The Marion County Public Health Department has resources available for anyone with questions about how to prevent birth defects and other ways to improve the chances for a healthy birth.

For more information, please contact the Maternal-Child Health department at 317- 221-2312. Additional information about preventing birth defects is available at CDC.gov.

Religion

Baptist association, fraternity to host MLK Day panel, breakfast

By STAFF

On Jan. 16, three organizations will come together and host an event to celebrate the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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The Union District Missionary Baptist Association, the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Zeta Phi Chapter and Martin University will host a panel discussion titled "The Plight of Black America Today: Where do we go from here."

The panel will include mayoral candidate Robin Shackleford, Martin University President Dr. Sean Huddleston and Faith in Indiana organizer Josh Riddick. Dr. Theron Williams, an author and the pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, will give the keynote speech.

Dr. Clyde Posley Jr., the pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and member of the Omega fraternity, will moderate the panel. Posley has a doctorate in interdisciplinary studies with concentrations in humanities, cultural studies and Martin Luther King scholarship.

The free event will be 8-10:30 a.m. at Martin University. Breakfast will be available.

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Black pastors inspired by MLK's teachings of love and nonviolent activism

By ABRIANA HERRON abrianah@indyrecorder.com

On Jan. 16, nearly 40 years since the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the U.S., the nation will honor King's accomplishments and resilience. As the holiday approaches, local Black pastors reflect on the impact King not only had on the world but also the influences he had on their lives and careers.

Whether it be his speaking capabilities, his legacy as one of the most influential pastors in the nation or his strong stance on nonviolent activism, there are many aspects about King that pastors find inspiring.

Josh Riddick was exposed to King at an early age. He found King's "powerful and unique" voice captivating, so in kindergarten, he brought a cassette tape of the "I Have a Dream" speech to school and memorized it.

Today, as an organizer for Faith in Indiana, Riddick continues to find inspiration from King.

"The thing about King that I think is more pronounced from other revolutionary thinkers was that King never stepped away from a theological frame of radical love and hospitality as the baseline for why revolutionary activism has to happen," he said.

Riddick works to improve social justice issues locally and statewide. He's currently working with the mayor's office to create a clinician-led crisis response team for mental health calls around the city. The pastor of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church does find inspiration in King, but he knows that he and King are different. They both have different audiences with different needs.

"I have learned that I have to be me," Elcock said. "I cannot preach like Martin Luther King. I cannot deliver a sermon like Martin Luther King. Great preacher, but I have to rely on the Holy Spirit to give this particular audience what it needs. Dr. Martin Luther King had a different audience, and he was the man for that time."

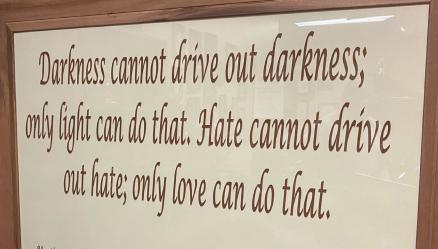
One aspect many admire about King is his thought-provoking speeches. However, Rev. David Greene, the pastor at Purpose of Life Ministries, said there was more to King than just the words he spoke.

"He was greater than the 'I Have a Dream' speech," said Greene, who is also the leader of the Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis. "We wouldn't be where we are without his work and his commitment."

The pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Clyde Posley Jr., shared a similar sentiment.

"King was a gift to us from God," Posley said. "We can never say that we have not seen any progress because of the work of King."

Posley studied King's theology during his doctoral studies, and while he



Martin Luther King, Jr.

In Rev. Mario Elcock's office, there is a famous Martin Luther King Jr. quote hanging on the wall. (Photo/Abriana Herron)

dick said. "The challenge for me as an organizer is that we need to continue to agitate, push and organize around the state and the city to provide resources for our people and also recognize that those institutions, those entities are going to be unwilling to really lean into liberation fully," he said. "It's going to be on us to create those circumstances. I mean, there's nobody else coming to save us."

Winterbourne Harrison-Jones, MLK Day helps pastors remember that mission.

"I think King's day is a constant reminder that the work is not done," Harrison-Jones, the pastor of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, said. "It's an annual reminder that our work is not done, and we must continue in his

One of King's famous quotes hangs on the wall of Rev. Mario Elcock's church office, serving as a reminder to always choose love in a world of injustice.

acknowledged that King wasn't perfect, he was still "a blessing" for the betterment of Black people in America.

Many local faith leaders are inspired by King, but Riddick said he is also challenged.

"His voice continues to be an influence and a challenge for me," RidKing's work has changed the landscape of racial issues in America. However, these pastors agree that the work is not finished yet. For true equality to be achieved, many other changes will need to come to fruition, and for Dr. spirit."

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Dr. Martin Luther King: A catalyst of many paths towards 1 human destiny

By MICHAEL SAAHIR



The universal and inclusive message of nonviolence that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and mission promoted — albeit during the "turbulent '60s" — is a uniting message that continues to strive right here in Indianapolis. The Indiana Christian Leadership Conference (ICLC), currently under the leadership of Dr. Thomas L.

Brown, president, and Rev. Marilyn Gill, executive director, was America's first organization to honor and celebrate Dr. King's great legacy on his birthday. Under the great leadership of Dr. Andrew J. Brown, ICLC had the vision and foresight to honor Dr. King's birthday, starting in 1969.

Jan. 16 will mark the 54th annual consecutive Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration, an event that is inclusive of the interfaith communities of Indianapolis.

Please accept this invitation to join a truly interfaith reunion of Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs and others who united in person for promoting the spirit and determination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Join us at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1651 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave. The event starts at 11 a.m., and doors open at 10:30 a.m.

The main event speaker will be Indianapolis' own Dr. Thomas L. Brown, a philosopher and a teacher whose family has been active in America's freedom movement since the 1950s. His father, Dr. Andrew J. Brown, worked tirelessly with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for years.

Dr. King's major initiative or goal was freedom for African Americans, yet his inclusive strategy soon

The celebration of the Dr. King's birthday is so much more than the man, Martin Luther King Jr., as an individual. This celebration is a call to duty that we continue his message, especially in the face of the racial, cultural and political hatred and strife that has reawakened in America over the last six years.

Dr. King humbly identified himself as a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness. In recognition of the importance of drum majors who have served humanity, annually ICLC identifies individuals who have achieved — through service to others — this station in life. The 2023 recipient of ICLC's

Drum Major for Justice Award is Jerry Harkness (posthumously) for his many years of knocking down walls and barriers of racism in sports, the corporate world and media while winning national NCAA basketball championships along the way.

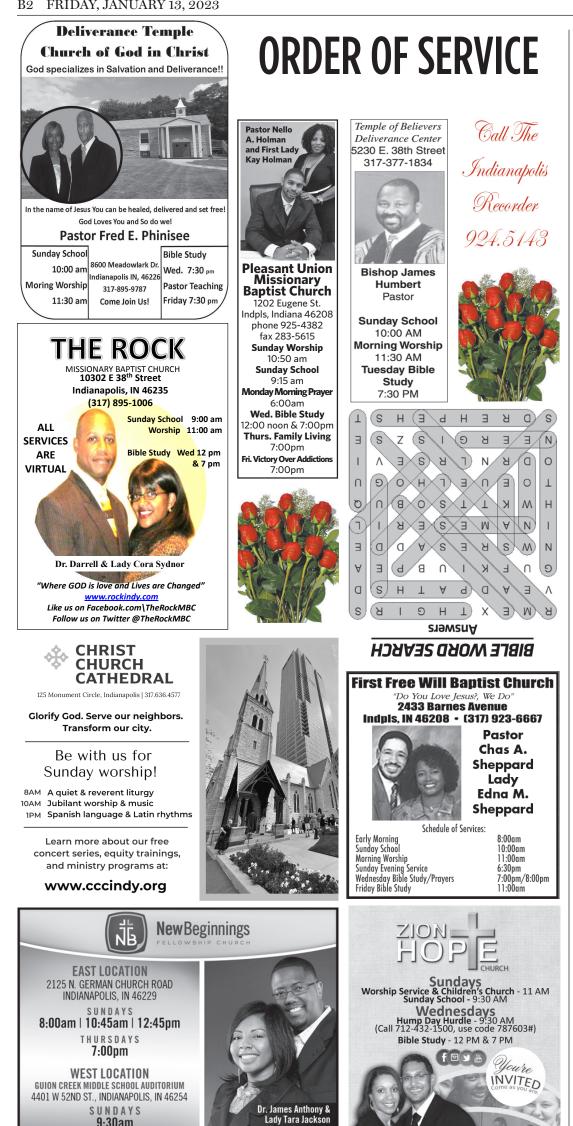
The interfaith component that the Indianapolis community has incorporated into Dr. King's birthday

celebration is a living testimony that the struggle for freedom has promise and longevity. This struggle for freedom, justice and equality didn't begin with Dr. King, but he courageously — and in the process, he lost his life — picked up the heavy mantle of freeing his people and uniting all of humanity. Dr. King inherited a great legacy that we, people of all faiths, must claim and continue.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a great American intellect who has influenced by the teachings of Mohandas Gandhi. It may be important to note that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. never met Gandhi. Dr. King was introduced to Gandhi by the great African American intellectual Dr. Howard Thurman. It was in 1935 that Dr. Thurman personally met Gandhi in India, bringing back to America Gandhi's message of nonviolence. Gandhi noted, "it may be through the Negroes that the unadulterated message of nonviolence will be delivered to the world."

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By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Goliath (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Exodus 10, who made a false confession to Aaron and Moses? Herod, Malachi, Satan, Pharaoh

3. Who was bespoken by an angel to save Israel from the Midianites? Ishmael, Job, Gideon, Philip

4. From 1 Samuel 9 and 10, who was the first king of Israel? David, Saul, Solomon, Jehu

5. Who laughed on hearing she would have a child in her old age? Sarah, Ruth, Lydia, Esther

6. From John 8:44, what is Satan the father of? Sin, Lust, Scepters, Lies

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Pharaoh, 3) Gideon, 4) Saul, 5) Sarah, 6) Lies Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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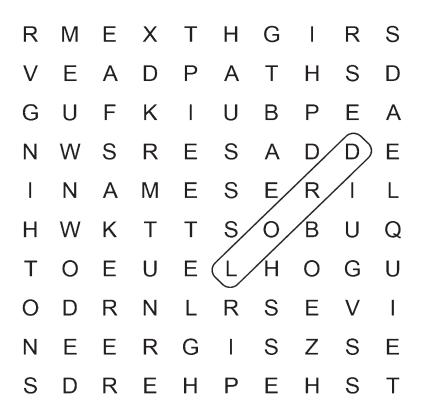
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Business

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Black-owned printing company carries many responsibilities

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Darrell Johnson was just trying to supplement his income when he picked up a job with a printing company.

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Johnson was chasing his dreams, playing professional basketball in Turkey in the early 1990s, but the money wasn't quite the same overseas. It turned out the summer job he had to make ends meet was the springboard that launched him into becoming a business owner and, hopefully, someone kids can look up to.

"I just fell in love with it because there's so much to do in print," Johnson said.

He started his business, Diversity Press, in 2007 (the name became Diversity Press three years later). Johnson got the idea for starting his own business after working his way through the ranks at the printing company he worked for. If he was working hard to make money for someone else, why not do the same thing for himself?

Johnson has worked as a stitch operator (think binding books and magazines), a folder operator and a cutter operator. That's along with sales experience.

"It turns out I had a little knack for it," he said of sales.

Johnson said all of that background — from the mechanical dirty work to understanding the business end – has helped make his company into one that resembles more of a family atmosphere, where the official titles that come before his name aren't as important.

"I'm just Darrell," he said.

One of Johnson's favorite parts about the business is taking something that's imperfect and trying to make it as close to perfect as possible.

"That's a challenge because that's impossible," he said.

Strictly speaking, Diversity Press is a printing company, but that's also selling it short. Johnson, who is CEO, and his team of about 125 employees have evolved the business into marketing, communications and branding.

The list of services Diversity Press offers is extensive, ranging from business cards to magazines to vehicle wraps. The company also handles direct mail. Johnson said the largest project Diversity Press has taken on involved making personalized kits for Colts season ticket holders. Kits included a Colts-branded commemorative gift box, along with

personalized mock tickets, a season ticket membership card, a backpack and more.

There's another side to the story about why Johnson wanted to start his own business. It wasn't just his knowledge of the industry; it was about making a positive impact.

"That's my sole motivation," he said, "to inspire our minority youth."

Johnson said seeing a Black-owned printing company shows that possibilities for the future go beyond sports and entertainment.

Diversity Press sometimes hosts kids for tours, and Johnson said it only takes about 5-10 minutes for them to get excited. He thinks that's partly because they don't expect the company to be as large as it is, with four buildings near Indianapolis Motor Speedway on the west side. There are 112 printing and branding applications.

"I do what I do for inspiration," Johnson said. "I can think of a lot of different ways that are a lot less stressful than being a business owner."

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Darrell Johnson is founder of **Diversity Press, a Black-owned** printing company. (Photo provided by Darrell Johnson)

Baltimore launches plan to get squeegee workers off corners

By LEA SKENE Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Tyemaur Scott started 2023 with an important New Year's resolution. He vowed to leave the ranks of Baltimore's squeegee workers, whose intractable presence at busy downtown intersections remains a source of heated public debate.

A deadly confrontation last summer - when a teen windshield washer shot an irate, baseball bat-wielding driver near the Inner Harbor during evening rush hour - galvanized disparate opinions about the practice. And on Jan. 10, police launched a new program that allows officers to issue panhandling citations in six zones where squeegee work is most common. The planned enforcement marks a major turning point in the city's approach.

To some city residents and officials, the young men washing windshields for cash are hard-working entrepreneurs trying to survive under difficult circumstances. They represent a host of systemic problems facing Black Baltimore a n s including deep seated poverty, racism

and disinvestment in communities of color. But other downtown drivers consider them a nuisance and public safety hazard.

While city leaders pledged to finally address the root causes, members of the public expressed skepticism about whether this latest effort will provide anything more than a Band-Aid solution.

Past initiatives have come and gone with little impact. Baltimore City Council outlawed the practice in the 1980s, with white council members voting in favor and Black members against. The city opened "squeegee stations," where youths with approved badges could work after receiving safety and etiquette instructions. But the idea never caught on.

In November, a collaborative of local officials, squeegee workers and other stakeholders presented a plan to combine limited law enforcement action with robust outreach efforts aimed at connecting economically disadvantaged youths with long-term jobs and resources, including mentors and housing support. Officials said police would start enforcing anti-panhandling laws Jan. 10 in six zones. Baltimore's previous efforts stopped short of police involvement, unlike in cities such as New York,

where frequent arrests made windshield washers virtually extinct.

But some workers said they were already rethinking squeegeeing after experiencing increased stigma and decreased profits in recent months. For those reasons, along with his mother's longtime disapproval and his own ambitions, Scott said he decided to turn a new leaf.

"It's like I was standing still when I could've been accomplishing so much more," he said.

Scott, 22, said he started squeegeeing about five years ago because he needed money to help support himself. He estimated his recent daily earnings fluctuate between \$40 and 200.

Scott attended a career readiness fair Friday afternoon hosted by the Baltimore mayor's office. He hopes to earn his GED and become a firefighter someday.

Many squeegee workers grow up

With an infectious smile and unassuming demeanor, Scott bemoaned the small group of "knuckleheads" who give Baltimore squeegee workers a bad name.

Some drivers have reported getting scammed after handing over their cellphones to make payments through money transfer apps. Others have complained about squeegee workers darting through traffic at dangerous intersections.

In response to the Inner Harbor shooting, Republican Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan reiterated claims that some people were afraid to come downtown because of squeegee workers. He blamed city leadership.

Scott was skeptical about the new enforcement plan. But ideally, he said, the threat of criminal citations would motivate his peers to seek other opportunities. City officials didn't respond to questions Monday about whether they plan to add more enforcement zones in the future. On Jan. 10, outreach workers were present at some downtown intersections, but they said most windshield washers were already informed about the changes. Officials also posted signs warning people against entering the roadway at high-traffic intersections. "We're being proactive," said Andrey Bundley, director of the Baltimore Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement. "The goal is to never get to issuing citations." Officials have already partnered with several local businesses and agencies offering employment and workforce training to former squeegee workers. Jason Bass, director of culture and impact at the Revival Hotel in Baltimore, which currently employs three former squeegee workers, said he hopes that number grows.

in poor, majority-Black communities. Squeegeeing allows them to earn money while avoiding the drugs or gang violence plaguing many Baltimore neighborhoods.

Scott said squeegeeing also gave him a unique brand of customer service. His number one rule: When in doubt, just walk away - because "two wrongs don't make a right."

Shamonte Jones cleans the back windshield of a vehicle stopped at a red light near M&T Bank Stadium, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, in Baltimore. Local officials are rolling out their latest plan to steer squeegee workers away from busy downtown intersections and toward formal employment using law enforcement action and outreach efforts. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

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Summons

STATE OF INDIANA) MABRY; LECHELLE MABRY; by default IN THE MARION CIRCUIT Defendant NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the COUNTY OF MARION) Defendant above named and CAUSE NO. 49C01-2208any other person who may be concerned.

IN RE THE CHANGE OF You are notified that you have been stied in the Court DONNIE RAY CALVIN above named. The nature of the suit

Petitioner against you is: Complaint on Note and to ALIAS NOTICE OF HEAR-ING FOR PUBLICATION Notice is hereby given that etitioner filed a Verified Peti-Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate against the property tion for Change of Name on August 25, 2022, requesting a name change from DONNIE

more than (30) days after

the third notice of publication.

Any person has the right to

appear at the hearing and to

file written objections on or

before the hearing date. This

hearing will be held in-person

in the Marion Circuit Court.

located at the Community

Justice Center: 675 Justice

Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

SUMMONS — SERVICE

STATE OF INDIANA IN

COUNTY OF MARION

Marion CIRCUIT/SUPE-

200 E. Washington Street,

(317) 327-4740 NEWREZ LLC D/B/A

UNKNOWN HEIRS AT

ARROW FINANCIAL SER-

BARBARA L. SMITHEY:

The State of Indiana to the

You are notified that you

The nature of the suit

low Lakes, Section Two, a Subdivision in Marion County,

Indiana, as per plat thereof

recorded December 5, 1995,

as Instrument #95-157032, in

This summons by publica

AT LAW AND LEGATEES

ARROW FINANCIAL

WILLIAM A. SMITHEY;

the Office of the

ty, Indiana.

lis, IN 46239

Defendant above named and

any other person who may be

VICES, LLC; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE, INC.;

CURRENT OCCUPANT;

NOTICE OF SUIT

Defendant

concerned.

above named.

against you is:

LAW AND LEGATEES OF

WILLIAM A. SMITHEY;

SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE

Indianapolis IN 46204

THE MARION SUPERIOR

CAUSE NO. 49D01-2205-

/s/ Tiffany Vivo

JUDGE,

ion Circuit 5320-963585

BY PUBLICATION

COURT

MFO 15201

Clerk

RIOR Court

Room W122

SERVICING

Plaintiff

9, 2022.

described in Exhibit B of the Complaint as set out below: Legal Description: BAY CALVIN to DONALD BAY Lot 5 in Miller & Seamon's CALVIN. The Petition is scheduled St. Andrews Park, an Addition

to the City of Indianapolis. for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on February the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 27, page 223, in the Of-fice of the Recorder of Marion 21, 2023, at 9 a.m., which

County, Indiana. More commonly known as 3947 Forest Manor Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46226 This summons by publica tion is specifically directed

to the following named defendants UNKNOWN 1-IEIRS OF CHARLES W. MABRY A/K/A CHARLES WEBSTER

SO ORDERED: December MABRY: THE ESTATE OF Mar CHARLES WEBSTER Court

MABRY; TI-IOMAS EDWARD MARRY IN HIS CAPACITY 01/13/23. AS THE PERSONAL REP-01/20/23 01/27/23 RESENTATIVE OF

THE ESTATE OF CI-IAR-LES WEBSTER MABRY; MARK WESLEY MABRY: YVONNE BUTLER; DEBORAH MARTIN: WILLIAM BUTLER, JR.; LINDA COLLINS; THOMAS EDWARD

NICOLE MARRY LECHELLE MABRY This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant whose whereabouts may be unknown: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES W. MABRY A/K/A

CHARLES WEBSTER MABRY: ESTATE OF CHARLES WEBSTER

MABRY: THOMAS EDWARD MABRY IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE PERSONAL REP-RESENTATIVE OF

THE CHARLES WEBSTER MABRY: MARK WESLEY MABRY; YVONNE BUTLER; DEBORAH MARTIN: WILLIAM BUTLER, JR.;

LINDA COLLINS: THOMAS EDWARD MABRY; have been sued in the Court NICOLE MABRY:

LECHELLE MABRY

If you have a claim for relief Complaint on Note and to against the plaintiff arising Foreclose Mortgage on Real from the same transaction or Estate against the property described in Exhibit B of the occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or Complaint as set out below: response. Legal Description: Lot numbered 54 in Wil-

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

Recorder of Marion Coun-/s/ Andrew L. Kraemer More commonly known as Andrew L Kraeme Attorney No. 14872-71 7646 Dancy Drive, Indianapo-Andrew L Kraemer Johnson, Blumberg, & the following named defen-dants: UNKNOWN HEIRS

tion is specifically directed to Associates, LLC 500 West Lincoln Highway, Suite J Merriliville IN 46410

may be entered against you for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff 12/28/2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Court Respectfully submitted

/s/ Jason Duhn lason E. Duhn Bar No.: 26807-06 Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone:(630) 453-6960

Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Service E-mail: answersms@dallegal.com 5320-963604 01/13/23, 01/20/23.

01/27/23

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 8 SS: Probate Division COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-1901-

GU-001233 IN THE MATTER OF: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: CHLOE KEIM, a Minor.

SUMMONS BY PUBLI-CATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING (1) Name of persons be ing sued: Chelsie Bugher & (2) Name of court and

cause number: Marion County, Indiana, Superior Court. Probate Division. Cause Numbers: 49D08-1901-GU-001233 and Title of case: In re the Guardianship of Chloe

Keim. (3) Name & address of attorney representing the person seeking service: Shane A. Toland

7748 Madison Avenue, Suite C Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 (317) 921-0094 shane@shanetoland.com

(4) Nature of the suit: Veried Petition for Guardianship of Minor Child. (5) On the 17th day of

February, 2023, in Marion County Superior Court 8, probate division, at 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203, will hold a hearing to determine whether a guardian ESTATE OF should be appointed over the Estate of the abovementioned minor children. The purpose of this proceeding is to protect the said minor children. At the hearing the court will determine whether the minor children are incapacitated persons or minors under Indiana law. This proceeding may substantially affect the rights of the said minor children. If the court finds that the said minor children are incapacitated persons or minors, the court at the hearing shall also consider whether James Hall and Nancy Hall should be appointed as guardians over the estate of the said minor children. The court may, in its discretion, appoint some other qualified person as quardian The court may also, in its discretion, limit the powers and duties of the guardian to allow the said minor children to retain control over certain property and activities. The Suite 200 court may also determine whether a protective order should be entered on behalf of 288-7068 the minor children. The minor children may attend the hear ing and be represented by an attorney. The petition may be Ph. 312-541-9710 heard and determined in the Fax 312-541-9711 absence of the said minor children if the court de termines that the presence of the said minor children is IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT not required. If the said minor children attend the hearing. opposes the petition, and is COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2301not represented by an attorney, the court may appoint EU-000222 IN THE MATTER OF THE an attorney to represent the 01/13/23. alleged incapacitated per-UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF PHILIP E. WILSON, 01/20/23 The court may, where son. DECEASED. 01/27/23 required, appoint guardian ad litem to represent the said minor children at the hearing. NOTICE OF ADMINIS-(6) Any interested party TO: ALL CREDITORS must respond within 30 days In the Superior' Court of Marion County, Indiana. after the last notice of the Notice is hereby given that Lori E. Wilson was, on the action is published, and in case January 4, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of she fails to do so, judgment by default may be entered against her the Estate of Philip E. Wilson, for the relief demanded in deceased the complaint. All persons who have So Ordered this Day Januclaims against this estate, whether or not now due, must ary 6, 2023 Judge, Marion County file the claim in the office of the Superior Court 8 - Probate clerk of this court within three . Division (3) months from the date of the Distribution: first publication of this notice. Shane A. Toland 5320-963802 within nine (9) months after the decedent's death. whichever is earlier, or the 01/13/23. 01/20/23, claims Will be forever barred 01/27/23 Dated at Indianapolis. Indiana, January 4, 2023. STATE OF INDIANA) IN Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 5320-963649 THE MARION SUPERIOR tv COURT) ss: COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO .: 49D08-2211-EU-040605 NOTICE TO BIDDERS IN THE MATTER OF THE Milestone Contractors, UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS-L.P. (a general contractor) An TRATION Equal Opportunity Emplo OFTHE ESTATE OF NANis seeking Certified MBE/ CY L. SHEATS, DECEASED WBE/VBE/DBE owned business bids for Indianapolis NOTICE OF ADMINIS-TRATION Airport Authority Taxilane leconstruction Indianapolis Notice is hereby given that on December 7, 2022, Regional Airport Project No. C-22-001, this project bids on January 23, 2023. Deanna Robbins was appointed personal representa-Subcontracting opportunities available are construction tive of the Estate of Nancy L. eats, deceased, who died on October 1, 2022. signs, pavement markings, All persons having claims against this estate, whether construction engineering fencing, seeding/sodding, ioint sawing & sealing, projor not now due, must file the ect security, erosion control, im in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) storm sewer, concrete removal, saw cutting, concrete months from the date of the material, pipe material and first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months hauling, Certified MBE/WBE/ after the decedent's death, VBE/DBE business parties whichever is should contactTodd Kirk (317) earlier, or the claims will be 616-4910 to discuss sub contracting opportunities. All forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this December 7, 2022. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Supe rior Court Rvan L. Leitch RILEY BENNETT EGL-OFF LLP 500 N. Meridian Street, Suite 550 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 636-8000 5320-963584 (317) 636-8027 (Fax) rleitch@rbelaw.com K. Douglas Cook Cook Legal Services, LLC Marion Co. Youth & Family 12953 Publishers Drive, Suite 200 Services Ctr. Mass Grading Fishers, Indiana 46038 & Site Utilities (317) 513-4511 Project Description: Scope (317) 577-4142 (Fax) of work includes site demodoug@cookassoc.com lition, dewatering, layout,

5320-963647 01/13/23. 01/20/23

STATE OF INDIANA) SUPERIOR COURT 8 this project.) ss: PROBATE DIVISION Contact: Ariana Binder. COUNTY OF MARION) 317.359.5411 or arianabi-CAUSE NO. 49D08-2212nder@fawilhelm.com ES-044619 Bid Date: Febru-ary 2, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m. IN THE MATTER OF THE

5320-963508

CIRCUIT

PORTILLO

and

Petitioner,

TIRGUEROS,

Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

IN AND FOR DUVAL

WENDYYANETH GOMEZ

VALERIANO ANTONIO

PETITION FOR DISSOLU-TION OF MARRIAGE

WITH DEPENDENT OR

I. WENDY YANETH GO-

1. JURISDICTION/RESI-

Petitioner has lived in

before the filing of this Petition

2. Petitioner is not a mem-

Respondent is not a mem-

3. MARRIAGE HISTORY

a. The minor (under 18)

JEREN ADIEL TRIGUE-

VALERIE GISSELLE

The minor child conceived

Name Birth date DANIELA YANETH MEJIA

5. A completed Family Law

Financial Affidavit, Florida

Family Law Rules of Proce

dure Form 12.902(b) is filed

with this petition. 6. A completed Uniform

Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UC-

CIEA) Affidavit, Florida Su-

preme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), is filed

Social Security Number, Flor-

ida Supreme Court Approved

Family Law Form 12.902(j), is

8. This petition for dissolu-

a. The marriage is irretriev

SECTION I. MARITAL

1. There are no marital

SECTION II. SPOUSAL

1. Petitioner forever gives

SECTION III. PARENTING

up any right to spousal sup-port (alimony) from the other

PLAN ESTABLISHING PA-

RENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

AND TIME-SHARING

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

tion of marriage should be

filed with this petition.

granted because

assets or liabilities.

SUPPORT (ALIMONY)

ably broken.

7. A completed Notice of

with this petition.

TRIGUEROS GOMEZ

during the marriage who is not

common to both parties are:

GOMEZ 04/04/2018

ROS GOMEZ 11/06/2011

Name Birth date

08/24/2008

OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL

Case No.: 16-2021-DR-003708-FMXX-MA

COUNTY, FLORIDA

Division: FM-C

SUPERVISED LARVETTA J. KINCY, DECEASED Attorney: Kathryn Kuehn. #21506-49

Kuehn Law, LLC 45 West Clinton Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46122 Publisher: The Indianapolis

Recorder 2901 North Tacoma Indianapolis, Indiana 46218 PUBLICATION NOTICE

OF ESTATE OPENING Notice is hereby given that, on January 3, 2023, Brian Harrington was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Larvetta J. Kincy

who died on the 28th day of MINOR CHILDREN December 2022. MEZ PORTILLO, the Peti-All persons who have claims against the Estate, tioner, being sworn, certify whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the that the following statements are true clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the DENCE first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months of the Florida for at least 6 months decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be for Dissolution of Marriage. forever barred

Dated at Indianapolis, ber of the military service. Indiana, this January 3, 2023. MYLA A. ELDRIDGE, ber of the military service Clerk of Marion County Date of marriage: 09/14/2014 5320-963509 01/13/23,

Date of separation: 04/30/2016 01/20/23 STATE OF INDIANA) IN Place of marriage: INDIA-NAPOLIS, INDIANA 4. DEPENDENT OR MI-THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT

SS: PROBATE DIVISION NOR CHILDREN COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2212children common to both EU-042737 parties are

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDY O'CONNER, DECEASED. NOTICE OF UNSUPER-VISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Randy A.O'Conner and Karen R. Stevenson, on this date: December 29, 2022, were appointed as co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Judy K. O'Connor, deceased who died on November 4, 2022, leaving a Last Will and

Testament. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision 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. within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated December 29, 2022. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge CLERK, MARION COUN-

TY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION DeFUR VORAN LLP Jacob D. O'Connor, I.D. 36064-18

James P. Borgmann, I.D. 11513-49 400 South Walnut Street

Muncie, IN 47305 P:(765)288-3651|F:(765)

ioconner@defur.com jborgmann@defur.co ATTORNEYSFORESTATE 5320-963597

earthwork, erosion control. both parties, as requested and installation of sanitary, in Section IV of this petition; storm, and water site utilities. 3. awarding other terms, F. A. Wilhelm Construction is the Court deems necessary seeking XBE participation for I understand that I am

swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/ or imprisonment. 01/13/23 Dated 5/14/21

/s/ WENDY YANETH GO-MEZ PORTILLO Signature of Petitioner Printed Name: WENDY YANETH GOMEZ PORTILLO

Address: 5620 COLLINS ROAD APT. 1012 City, State, Zip: JACKSON-VILLE, FL., 32244 Telephone Num ber: (832) 874-9774

5320-963042 01/06/23. 01/13/23. 01/20/23

01/27/23 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL

or the claims will be forever COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 2021 DR 3708 barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this December 20, 2022. Wendy Yaneth Gomez /s/ Myla A. Eldridge

Portillo, Petitioner Clerk, Marion County Suand perior Court

Valeriano Antonio Trigue-Probate 5320-963409 Respondent

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR

Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)

TO: Valeriano Antoni Trigueros 1797 N. Sumerset Ave.

Indianapolis, IN YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Divorce has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it on Wendy Yaneth Gomez Portillo whose address is 2232 Eagles Hammock Blvd. Middleburg, FL 32068, on or before October 19, 2022. and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 501 W. Adams St., Jax, FL 32202 before service on Petitioner

or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court docu-

ments in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address.

(You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office

5320-963376 01/06/23 01/13/23, 01/20/23 01/27/23 PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION CIRCUIT/ THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 1 SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49D01-2212-

CAUSE NUMBER: 49D06-2212-MF-043693 CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC

Plaintiff, Plaintiff, vs. DEREK Z. KILLION, et al. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF BURT R. Defendants. NOTICE OF SUIT EFFLER, DECEASED and THE UNKNOWN PUBLICATION TENANT. The State of Indiana to the Defendants NOTICE OF SUIT defendants above named. and any other person who The State of Indiana to the may be concerned. You are Defendant(s) above named and any other person who notified that you have been sued in the Court above may be concerned. named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, you have been sued in the legally described as: Court above named. LOT NUMBER 262 IN FAR-LEYS SPEEDWAY HOME-The nature of the suit against you is: Complaint on Note and Foreclose Mortgage on PLACE, 6TH SECTION. AN ADDITION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS Real Estate PER PLAT THEREOF, RE-CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30, Against the property com monly known as 14 Re-PAGE 285. IN THE OFFICE becca Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46241-1328 and described OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. as follows: LOT NUMBERED SIX-This property is commonly known as 6744 West 15th TEEN (16) AND THE SOUTH Street, Indianapolis, IN 46214 ONE-HALF OF LOT NUM-BERED FIFTEEN (15) IN This summons by publication is specifically directed GARDEN CITY ADDITION to the following Defendants TO THE CITY OF INDIA NAPOLIS, THE PLAT OF whose addresses are known: Derek Z. Killion WHICH IS 6744 West 15th Stree RECORDED IN PLAT Indianapolis, IN 46214 Mariner Finance, LLC Serve Highest Officer Found INDIANA.

1800 N. Meridian Street, VS Indianapolis, In 46202 WITT BUILDING AND (317) 236-6559 CONTRACTING, LLC. Email: rcrichlaw@gmail.

Suite 101

TRATION

deceased

5, 2021.

COURT

) SS:

MI-038666

Petitioner

FOR PUBLICATION

NAME:

ETT

2212-EU-043697

date of the first publication of

this notice, or within nine (9)

months after the decedent's

death, whichever is earlier

COUNTY OF MARION

BRANDY NICOLE TACK-

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that

Petitioner filed a Verified Peti-

tion for Change of Name of a Minor on November 7, 2022,

requesting a name change

TACKETT to BRANDY NI-

COLE HARDIN. The Petition

is scheduled for hearing in the

Marion Circuit Court on March

7, 2023, at 9 a.m., which is

more than (30) days after

the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to

appear at the hearing and to

before the hearing date. This

hearing will be held in-person in the Marion Circuit Court,

located at the Community

Justice Center: 675 Justice

Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

19, 2022.

ion

/s/ Tiffanv Vivo

JUDGE

5320-963043

) SS:

SO ORDERED: December

Circuit Court

SUMMONS-SERVICE BY

COUNTY OF MARION)

MF-043355 SELECT PORTFOLIO

SERVICING, INC,

12/30/22

01/06/23.

01/13/23

written objections on or

from BRANDY NICOL

com

DOUG WITT NOTICE OF ADMINIS-Defendants TO: Mrs. Kristine Witt

Plaintiff.

In the Marion County Su-(Registered Agent) Witt Building & Contractperior Court, Probate Division In the Matter of the Estate ing, LLC of Wilma Elizabeth Peacock Mr. Doug Witt

State of Indiana to the Cause Number: 49D08-Defendants named above: Witt Building and Contracting, LLC., and Doug Witt.

Notice is hereby given You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the that Laura Hammer was, on the 20th day of December, persons named as plaintiffs 2022, appointed Personal and in the Marion County Su-Representative of the Estate of Wilma Elizabeth Peacock. perior Court 4, Civil Division deceased, who died October Plaintiffs have made diligent efforts to find and serve you All persons who have personally and as agent of

claims against this estate, he above named Defendant, whether or not now due, must company. file the claim in the office of The nature of the lawsuit the clerk of this court within against you is: Breach of three (3) months from the

Contract. Breach of the Indiana Home Improvement Contracts Act and the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, Fraud, and RICO claims You are further notified that ou must respond within thirty (30) days from the last notice by publication of this action. and in the event you should fail to respond within the allotted

time, a judgment by default Division may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the 01/06/23, Complaint ATTEST: Clerk of the 01/13/23

Marion Superior Court STATE OF INDIANA) /s/ Daniel L. Russello IN THE MARION CIRCUIT 35589-49 Daniel L. Russello

McNevin & McInnes 11 P 5224 S. East Street, Suite

C-14 CAUSE NO. 49C01-2211-Indianapolis, IN 46227 IN RE THE CHANGE OF 5320-962958

12/30/22. 01/06/23, 01/13/23

NOTICE OF ADOPTION STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 14 SS:

COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49D14-2205-AD-018174 IN RE THE MATTEROF

THE ADOPTION OF ELAINA GABRIELLE ENGLISH.

MINOF TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: You are hereby notified

that a Petition for adoption of

child named Elaina Gabrielle

English was filed in The office

of the Marion County Clerk. A final hearing is the adop-

tion matter is scheduled for the

6th day of February, 2023, at

The Petition for Adoption

alleges that the consent to

the adoption of the natural

father, Rawn Matthew Don-

aldson, is not necessary as

the child was born out of

wedlock and paternity was

never established in a court

of law. He has not supported

or communicated with said

child for eleven (11) years. If

you are an interested person

and with to object to or consent

objection or consent should

he filed fourteen (14) days

prior to the above-referenced

to any Person relieves that

person from the obligations of this Notice.

Gregory C. Harrell Marion County Clerk

Sherr'ee D. Mullins

Mullins Law, LLC

No oral statement made

hearing date.

the adoption, then said

1:30 o'clock p.m.

SERVICES, LLC; AMERI-NOTICE JOHNSON, BLUMBERG CAN GENERAL FINANCE. & ASSOCIATES, LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS INC.; BARBARAL.SM1THEY; ጲ CURRENT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT OCCUPANT: A DEBT, AND ANY INFOR-MATION OBTAINED MAY BE This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defen-dant whose whereabouts is USED FOR TI-IAT PURPOSE 5320-963801 unknown UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM A. SMITHEY; ARROW FINANCIAL SER-VICES, LLC: STATE OF INDIANA) IN If you have a claim for relief THE MARION SUPERIOR against the plaintiff arising OURT COUNTY OF MARION) from the same transaction or CAUSE NO. 49D03-2208occurrence, you must assert MF-028103 it in your written answer or response. U.S. BANK TRUST NA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL You must answer the Com plaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER of Suit, and if you fail to do TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 AC-QUISITION TRUST so a judgment by default may be entered against you PLAINTIFF, for the relief demanded by the plaintiff GLENN M. SERMER-SHEIM A/K/A GLENN /s/ Andrew L. Kraemer Andrew L. Kraemer SERMERSHEIM; Attorney No. 14872-71 SHEILA SERMERSHEIM Andrew I Kraemer /K/A SHEILA B. SERM-Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC INDIANA ORTHOPAEDIC 500 West Lincoln Highway, HOSPITAL BY: MEDSHIELD Suite J INC.: Merriliville, IN 46410 MIDLAND FUNDING. Ph. 312-541-9710 LLC; BARCLAYS BANK Fax 312-541-9711 DELAWARE: RON FLEMING; JIM AN-NOTICE JOHNSON, BLUMBERG THONY; ASSOCIATES, LLC IS A DEFENDANT(S). DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS NOTICE OF SUIT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT The State of Indiana to the DEBT, AND ANY INFOR-Defendant(s) above named, MATION OBTAINED MAY BE and any other persons who USED FORTHAT PURPOSE. may be 5320-963607 concerned 01/13/23 You are notified that you have been sued in the Court 01/20/23 01/27/23 above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint for Foreclosure of SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION Note and Mortgage on the STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION CIRCUIT/ real estate commonly known as 2306 Whispering Way, SUPERIOR COURT Indianapolis, IN 46239 and COUNTY OF MARION described as follows: CAUSE NO. 49D01-2208-LOT 136 IN WHISPER-ING PINES-SECTION FIVE MF-029519 AS PER PLAT THEREOF Clerk Marion CIRCUIT/SUPE-RECORDED AS INSTRU-MENT NUMBER 91-128618 RIOR COURT 200 E. Washington Street, IN THE OFFICE OF THE Room WI22 RECORDER OF MARION Indianapolis, IN 46204 COUNTY, INDIANA. 317-327-4740 This Summons by Publica JPMORGAN CHASE tion is specifically directed BANK, NATIONAL ASSOto the following named de-CIATION fendants whose whereabouts are Plaintiff unknown to me: RON FLEM-Vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ING; CHARLES W. MABRY A/K/A In addition to the above-HARLES WEBSTER named Defendants being MABRY; served by the summons, THE ESTATE OF there may be CHARLES WEBSTER others who have an interest MABRY; THOMAS EDWARD in this lawsuit. MABRY If you have a claim for relief IN HIS CAPACITY ASTHE against the Plaintiff arising PERSONAL REPRESENTAfrom the same transaction or TIVE OF THE ESTATE OF occurrence, you must as-CHARLES sert it in your written answer WEBSTER MABRY; MARK WESLEY MABRY; or response. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days YVONNE BUTLER; DEBO-RAH MARTEN; WILLIAM BUTLER, JR .: after the Third publication LINDA COLLINS; THOMAS EDWARD MABRY; NICOLE of this Notice of Suit, and if vou fail to do so, a judgment

1. The minor children cur-01/20/23 rently reside with Petitioner STATE OF INDIANA) 2. Parental Responsibility.

spouse.

It is in the children's best interests that parental respon-)SS: PROBATE DIVISION sibility be: a. awarded solely to Petitioner. Shared parental

responsibility would be det-rimental to the children because: Children have not seen the respondent/parent 2 in over 4 years. The respondent/ parent 2 has stopped all com-munication and child support. 3. Parenting Plan and Time-Sharing. It is in the best interests of the children that the family be ordered to comply with a Parenting Plan that does not include parental time-sharing with the children. For purposes of Parenting Plan the Petitioner will be referred to as parent 1, and the Respondent will be referred to as parent 2. The Petitione states that it is in the best interests of the children that: a. The attached proposed Parenting Plan should be adopted by the court. The parties have not agreed to

the Parenting Plan. b. The court should establish a Parenting Plan with the following provisions for: parent 2 No time-sharing for Par-

ent 2 5. Explain why this request in the best interests of the children:

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Petitioner/parent 1 is respectfully requesting sole custody. SECTION IV. CHILD SUP-

PORT 1. Petitioner requests that the Court award child support as determined by Florida's child support guidelines, section 61.30, Florida Statutes. A completed Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e) is filed. Such support should be ordered retroactive to:

1. the date of separation 10/2019 2. Petitioner requests that

the Court award a child support amount that is less than Florida's child support guidelines and understands that a Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida will consider this request

the minor children be provided by: Respondent.

a. by Respondent SECTION VI. REQUEST 1. adopting or establishing

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2. establishing child sup-

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demanded. Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)

Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-Christopher J. Arlinghaus

(31680-15) Suite 400 Attorneys for Plaintiff Reisenfeld & Associates 3962 Red Bank Road IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. Cincinnati, OH 45227 5320-963064 Voice: 1-513-322-7000

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> -V-Andrew Pool Crowley

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City-county councilors: Appoint Nichelle Hayes as library CEO

By CHLOE McGOWAN chloegm@indyrecorder.com

More than half of the Indianapolis City-County Council members are calling for the Indianapolis Public Library Board of Trustees to appoint Nichelle M. Hayes as CEO, citing community members who have raised concerns with the council.

In a letter addressed to the library board Jan. 5, 16 members of the council – including President Vop Osili and Vice President Zach Adamson – said they felt it was necessary to take a clear stance amid the "instability and turmoil" the search has created.

"Unless there are issues of which we have not been made aware, we ask the Indianapolis Public Library board of directors to heed the calls of our community and appoint Ms. Nichelle Haves as the Indianapolis Public Library CEO," the letter says.

Council members said the board has worked hard to help move the library "through a series of truly unprecedented challenges and transitions over the past two years," dating back to a successful push for then-CEO Jackie Nytes to resign amid allegations of institutionalized racism.

But councilors are still concerned given the messy outcome of the CEO search, which resulted in Gabriel Morley, a white man from New Orleans, getting the job offer over Haves, who had been interim CEO. (Morley declined the offer less than 24 hours later.)

The council appoints two members to the library board. Both appointees -Hope Tribble and Dr. TD Robinson – voted in favor of Morley.

"As Councillors with a responsibility to provide oversight of our city's municipal corporations, we've watched with concern the growing and repeated discord between members of the library's board, its union, and the public," the letter says.

The letter says the search has been costly "both in terms of dollars and in terms of the library's relationship with its community."

Council members wrote they believe

the library board's recent decision to reopen the CEO search rather than appoint Hayes will have a "detrimental impact on the system."

"Patrons and staff of the Indianapolis Public Library need and deserve a stable institution in whose leadership they have confidence and in whose governance they have a sense of agency," the letter says before making the case for Hayes. "As a third-generation resident of Indianapolis and an alumna of Indianapolis Public Schools, she is keenly aware of and deeply invested in the strengths and needs of the city the library serves.

Tribble, president of IndyPL's Board of Trustees, responded to the letter in a statement, saying the board appreciates the feedback and that issues will be addressed "when all internal legal and governance reviews are complete."

Councilors who signed the letter: President Osili, Vice President Adamson, Monroe Gray, Ali Brown, Crista Carlino, Duke Oliver, Ethan Evans, Keith Graves, La Keisha Jackson, Kristin Jones, Jason Larrison, Frank Mascari, Jessica McCormick, Keith Potts, David Ray and Leroy Robinson.

Members of the board of trustees later responded with their own letter, again thanking the council for its longtime support of the library and feedback regarding the CEO search.

The 1,700-word letter, signed by Tribble, Curtis W. Bigsbee, Raymond J. Biederman and Jose Salinas, outlined the board's process in selecting an interim CEO for the library and its expectations for that position as well as the candidate selection process for a permanent CEO

- including use of the consulting company Bradburry Miller Associates - and why Hayes was not offered the position of permanent CEO.

"Ms. Hayes was one of three internal candidates to apply for the interim position at that time and was unanimously appointed by the Trustees," the board's letter says. "The Trustees made no promises or guarantees that the person assuming the interim position would advance or be promoted to the permanent role'

The board also wrote that just because Haves was one of three final candidates did not indicate that a majority of the board believed her, or any of the other final candidates, "to be a viable option to be selected as the permanent CEO." The letter states a majority of the board learned the names of the finalists at the same time the general public did.

A footnote in the letter states three candidates advanced to the final round; however, one of the candidates withdrew due to a "breach in the confidentiality of the CEO search process." The two remaining candidates advanced to interviews.

Board members also wrote in defense of their decision to restart the CEO search, stating the search for a new CEO "is not a competition in which one individual places first and another places second." They said the notion that the second finalist should have been offered the position after the first finalist declined the position "does not align with standard practices of the employment search industry, nor is it in line with what occurred in this process."

The board said they will approve a plan to appoint a "qualified and neutral interim administrative caretaker" from outside the library's ranks. This announcement is expected to be made shortly, and the person will not be a candidate for the permanent CEO position.

A new CEO search will begin this year, and all previous candidates will be eligible for consideration.

"As individuals entrusted with the care and leadership of the Library, we respect and value the passion our employees, our patrons, our political leaders, and our communities at large have for this institution," the letter says. "We are deeply committed to the mission and health of the Library and are listening to the voices and perspectives of all Library staff and patrons, not merely the loudest."

Contact staff writer Chloe McGowan at 317-762-7848. Follow her on Twitter @ chloe_mcgowanxx.

Course gives students training in filmmaking





Students listen to 40 West Digital instructor Ira Mallory during class at the MLK Center on Jan. 9, 2023. (Photo/ **Timoria Cunningham**)

By TIMORIA CUNNINGHAM timoriac@indyrecorder.com

There were six yellow chairs that were placed in a circle inside of the Best Buy Teen Tech Center located in the MLK Center on a recent Monday morning. Sitting in those chairs were six young adults who had embarked on the first day of a six-week course in filmmaking.

Sitting in the front of the room was instructor Ira Mallory. He explained the significance of film to the students and how important it is to always have a desire to learn something new when it comes to filmmaking. Mallory then played a film that he wrote and directed titled "Hadassah Queen Ester The Prologue."

40 West Digital is a program that gives students ages 17-24 a paid apprenticeship where they learn about the process of filmmaking, including scriptwriting, writing for the screen, lighting and cinematography. Students will also turn in a final project at the end of the course. After the program, qualifying participants can stay on as an employee at the MLK Center as a resident videographer.

The program was founded by Douglas Morris, who is the program director,

and Allison Luthe, who is the executive director of the MLK Center. Both began the process of creating the program in 2021 when they received a grant through Lilly Endowment. With a mission to build young filmmakers into professional writers, directors, videographers and producers, the program started as a pilot in September 2022 and currently is on its third cohort.

Morris said he wants the program to allow students to "take back and control their own narratives."

"We hear a lot of complaints about negativity that are pushed on our community as people of color whether it's through film or music," Morris said after Digital to be a "full production house" the class.

Another one of the program's main goals, according to Morris, is to "create social enterprise" that allows them to follow their passions. Morris noticed young people have passions for multiple things and want to create a space where they can discover their voice and have a space to be themselves.

Chicago native and program student Deveon Cal, 19, said he is looking forward to learning about different styles of Twitter @ timoriac. film editing.

"Editing is the most important thing about any content you create," Cal said.

After the program, Cal wants to start his own YouTube channel which will include his vlogs, podcast and skits.

Damani Gibson, 22, is also a student in the 40 West Digital class. Gibson's passion for film work started in middle school at the age of 12 where he noticed his teacher did some film work. Gibson got his own laptop and began to create videos. He said he "thought it was cool to create something on camera."

"Portraying a message on camera is a beautiful thing," he said.

In the future, Morris wants 40 West where students not only do film but will also do photography, videography and more.

The program goes every six weeks with the next one expected to start in February. For those who are interested in joining, email the director at 40westdigital@mlkcenterindy.org.

Contact staff writer Timoria Cunningham at 317-762-7854. Follow her on \$115,000 base salary Indianapolis, IN

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By DANNY BRIDGES

I've never fancied myself as the proverbial voice of reason or, for that matter, an expert on the assessment of NFL talent.

I will also concede I do not know Colts general manager Chris Ballard all that well. Other than a few very brief conversations in the Lucas Oil Stadium press box that had nothing to do with football, there is certainly no real familiarity with each other.

Ballard's candor at his season-ending press conference was both expected and provided no sizzle other than him again conceding he had failed in terms of this year's team and also taking the blame for the carousel at quarterback that has occurred now with the Colts for quite some time.

While his words were calculated in a measured sense, he danced around the question that every Colts fan desperately wants to know.

Just how do you go about fixing the QB quandary, and who will be taking snaps when the Colts break camp in 2023?

While Ballard doesn't need me to interpret his words for you, let me be blunt about the elephant in the room and say it loudly and clearly for you.

There's isn't even one can't-miss quarterback in the upcoming NFL draft, and the guy calling the shots for personnel at West 56th Street knows it. Sure, there are some rather decorated college signal callers available but not one that makes any savvy evaluator of professional talent gush with envy.

Both Bryce Young of Alabama and C.J. Stroud of Ohio State showed their stuff and then some in their respective careers and turned it up a notch even more so in their farewell college bowl games, but it's unlikely that either of these fine young men will set the NFL on fire in the initial stages of their careers. Granted their potential is high, but can they weather the calamity of being saddled on a roster that has so many other immediate pressing needs?

Then there's Will Levis of the University of Kentucky who has size and arm strength. Levis had an up-and-down season in his final year at UK but has many of the attributes NFL scouts seek in a QB.

Ballard hit upon the uncertainty of drafting a signal caller when he stated no matter who he shoehorns into that spot, the fan base will undoubtedly cry foul if the chosen one doesn't perform at a high level right away and lead the Colts to the playoffs. The move will be criticized, and the cries to fire the affable GM and run his new field general out of town with him too will once again ensue within the beloved Colts nation.

The wild card in all of this is owner Jim Irsay, who made a really difficult season even worse this year by playing general manager and placing an unqualified interim coach in an impossible position in terms of an attempt to restore respectability and salvage a season that was already lost.

Irsay will ultimately decide on how the Colts draft in the first round, and while that's not surprising, it could add to the dysfunctional route this franchise is currently upon.

There's no question Ballard must bring in a new quarterback, and the clock is ticking. Can he pull a rabbit out of his hat, and will that guy be the future of Colts football? Colts RB Zack Moss runs over Texans defender Desmond King II for a gain of 34 yards. (Photo/ David Dixon)

Stay tuned. Things are heating up and this process won't come off without even more drama and second guessing.

Danny Bridges, who thinks Will Levis is the guy to pick, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.

Colts vs. Texans

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Colts fans showed support for Bills player Damar Hamlin during Indianapolis' game against the Texans. Houston Texans head coach Lovie Smith wore a Damar Hamlin sweatshirt during the game.

Colts WR Michael Pittman Jr. found the end zone six times this season. Houston beat the Colts 32-31. (Photos/David Dixon)



Colts defender Rodney Thomas II goes airborne for an interception in the second half.

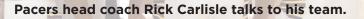
Ben Davis vs. North Central

Pacers vs. Hornets

Pacers big man Myles Turner had a team-high 29 points in Indiana's 116-111 win over the Hornets. (Photos/Walt Thomas) Tyrese Haliburton passes the ball over Hornets defender Cody Martin.

Ben Davis guard Sherdan Sharp goes up for a basket. Ben Davis remains one of the top teams in 4A. The Gians beat North Central 71-56. (Photos/ David Dixon)

North Central's Mason Lewis gets a bucket over Ben Davis guard Mark Zackery.



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