



Richard Donnell Hamilton — affectionately known as Coach Nell — was like a father to many of the Indy Steelers players. He was photographed leading them in practice in 2021. Hamilton died in a shooting Jan. 11, 2023, in Greenwood. (Photo/Stephanie Mbathi/Side Effects Public Media)

Beloved youth football coach killed in Greenwood

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Richard Donnell Hamilton, a beloved youth football coach and founder of the Indy Steelers youth football team, died in a shooting Jan. 11 in Greenwood.

According to Indiana State Police, first responders were called to the area of I-65 and County Line Road for reports of a person shot at approximately 6:30 p.m.

First responders found a man, later identified as 43-year-old

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Whitfield attorneys post body cam footage

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Gladys Whitfield, the mother of Herman Whitfield III, asked officers if they were going to kill her son minutes after they arrived for an apparent mental health crisis, new body camera footage released Jan. 14 shows.

Whitfield, 39, died April 25, 2022, after his mother called 911 and said her son was having “some sort of episode.”

The family has made demands for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department to release the entire footage of events that led to his death. IMPD released a 14-minute critical response incident video in July 2022,

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Attorneys Israel Nunez Cruz and Richard Waples announced the filing of a federal lawsuit against the city and IMPD officers June 22, 2022, at a press conference. Herman Whitfield Jr. and Gladys Whitfield said they miss their son, Herman Whitfield III, but they're grateful they have his music to listen to. (Recorder file photo)



Anita J. Harden, owner of Interim Executives, will be the temporary contractual chief administrative officer of Indianapolis Public Library. (Photo provided by Indianapolis Public Library)

Library board appoints temporary chief administrative officer

By CHLOE MCGOWAN
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The Indianapolis Public Library Board of Trustees voted during a special meeting Jan. 17 to approve a resolution that appointed Anita J. Harden as chief administrative officer.

The resolution, which passed 4-2, creates a new, temporary position at the library for a contractual chief administrative officer (CAO) who would serve under acting CEO Gregory Hill. Harden, who is the owner of Interim Executives, will serve in the position for no more than 12 months upon execution of the contract. “An external leader like Ms.

Hardin will focus solely on the improvement of the organization and to bring new talents and skills from which the organization may benefit,” Hope Tribble, president of the board of trustees, said during the meeting. “Ms. Hardin is a seasoned executive who has provided executive leadership for several organizations and worked through difficult times.”

Board member Dr. Patricia Payne proposed an amendment to the resolution that would delay the vote until they could appoint new board members to replace two trustees: Dr. TD Robinson, who recently resigned, and Judge

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City officials gather outside of a vacant home on the near north-west side to announce a new affordable housing effort. (Photo/Timoria Cunningham)

City announces affordable housing program

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The city will invest \$4.5 million for a new affordable housing initiative to redevelop city-owned properties in the near northwest side, Martindale-Brightwood and near east side neighborhoods.

The funding comes from the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

City officials and community members gathered outside of a vacant house on the near northwest side on Jan. 17 to announce the affordable housing effort, called Vacant to Vibrant.

Once the properties are ready for sale, the homes will be for households earning less than 80% of the area median income, which translates to \$73,050 annually for a family of four.

“We can't talk about vacant property or neighborhood stabilization without talking about Black and brown neighborhoods and the intertwined relationship of race and re-segregation in our city and across our country,” said Vop Osili, president of the Indianapolis City-County Coun-

cil. “Health division, disinvestment, decay and gentrification have been the death of countless Black and brown neighborhoods across our country.”

The city created the program based on its property inventory, local housing data and policy recommendations from the Anti-Displacement Agenda, which the Department of Metropolitan Development released in 2021 and details the state of housing in Indianapolis.

“The Vacant to Vibrant program the mayor just announced won't solve all the challenges I mentioned, but it represents a significant step forward,” Osili said.

The city will take development proposals from nonprofits, community development corporations and real estate developers for 100 available properties. The deadline to submit proposals is March 31. Learn more at indy.gov.

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Wheeler's new CEO fell in love with organization's DNA

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Perry Hines knows the word “calling” is tossed around a lot in the corporate and nonprofit worlds, but the incoming president and CEO of Wheeler Mission believes the oft-used term is appropriate in this case.

When Hines takes over the Christian social services organization in March, he'll be the first African American president and CEO in its 130-year history.

Hines joined Wheeler in 2021 as chief development officer and assumed he'd do that for several years. But with longtime



Perry Hines will take over as president and CEO of Wheeler Mission in March. (Photo provided)

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Reasons for HIM By HER charter school’s closure aren’t clear

By ELIZABETH GABRIEL
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Dozens of families recently gathered in the cafeteria of HIM By HER Collegiate School for the Arts as the clock ticks down to find a new school for their students before the end of the month.

Days after Christmas, school leaders abruptly announced the school would close after 2 1/2 years in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. The last day of classes is Jan. 20. Now more than 200 students need to find a new elementary school.

“I love this school for my daughter,” parent Samone Curry said. “It’s going to hurt me to have to put her into another school. She’s not ready.”

Curry enrolled her daughter in the school so she could interact with other kids outside of her neighborhood. From the moment she toured the school, she said her family was provided free school supplies and the teachers provided a welcoming learning environment. The school’s name stands for Helping Improve Mankind by Healing Every Race.

Now Curry is trying to figure out which school will best support her kindergartener.

Little is known about why the school, which focuses on Afrocentric curriculum with a performance arts focus, will close its doors in the middle of the academic year. HIM By HER’s co-founder, Harry C. Dunn III, has mostly declined to answer questions from the media.

A statement from Dunn and other school leaders said they were unable to “support and maintain” the 200,000-square-foot building they lease.

Unknown financial situation

Ball State University’s Office of Charter Schools granted the HIM By HER Foundation a charter in November 2019 to open a school. The public university is one of several authorizers in the state that can approve the creation of charter schools.

The school launched for grades K-2 during the COVID-19 pandemic in summer 2020 with only 58 students enrolled. For the 2021-22 school year, Ball State allowed the school to



Former HIM By HER parent Samone Curry talked to an employee with Indy STEAM Academy during a school enrollment at HIM By HER Collegiate School for the Arts, which will close in January 2023. (Photo/Elizabeth Gabriel/WFYI News)

expand and enroll for grades K-6. Enrollment grew to 161 students, according to state data. At the start of the current academic year, HIM By HER enrolled 224 students.

It’s unclear if the state’s tuition support for enrollment was able to cover operating expenses, such as the building lease, because no public audits are available for the charter operator.

Charter schools receive direct per-student funding similar to traditional school corporations and are eligible to receive additional per-student grants. But they don’t receive property tax funds to cover transportation or facilities.

The Office of Charter Schools’ 2020-2021 academic and fiscal accountability report is missing just one financial audit for all the schools it oversees — HIM By HER. A note states the school’s audit “will be uploaded when final audit has been completed and provided to the Office of Charter Schools.”

According to minutes of HIM By HER’s Oct. 7, 2022, board meeting, the school’s 2020 and 2021 financial audits were completed in June and submitted to Ball State.

In a statement, Ball State said the

school is undergoing concurrent financial audits for the previous two fiscal years and the process will be completed regardless of the school’s closure.

Options for families, staff members’ next steps

About 30 schools and two employment staffing agencies attended an enrollment fair Jan. 6 to help students and teachers.

Tina Flynn, family and community coordinator at James Russell Lowell School 51 within the Indianapolis Public Schools district, went to recruit students for the school. She believes children should be able to have access to both a stable home and school in order to provide a healthy education and lifestyle for students.

“IPS does have a lot to offer our families and we do have a lot of resources in IPS that a lot of people don’t even, I don’t think, recognize that we have,” Flynn said. “So we’d like to win some of our families back in this community.”

Yet this near northeast side neighborhood, which serves many low-income families, has seen school

closures happen time and time again. Forest Manor Middle School closed in 2009. Francis Parker School 56 is expected to close and merge with School 51 at the end of this school year as part of the IPS overhaul plan.

Many families and education advocates, including Flynn, have been concerned how that will impact students’ emotional well-being.

“They’re going to take on all of these different changes,” Flynn said. “That is a difficult process for any child. It’s difficult for the adults, so we know that it’s difficult for every child to stop and start and stop and start.”

Yvonne Bullock, CEO for nearby charter school Indy STEAM Academy, said her 2-year-old school currently serves 164 students and will soon accommodate even more. Bullock said roughly 20 parents called her school once the closure was announced. Now about 30 former HIM By HER students are enrolled at her school. Although the fair was beneficial for her school enrollment, she was also sad to hear about the closure.

“No one wants to relish over seeing a school close,” Bullock said. “And for me as a CEO, when I heard the news, it was very hurtful to me to see a school start with such great aspirations to serve a community and have to come to this. So my goal is to do whatever I can to help the parents with this transition.”

Students and families aren’t the only people who are having to adjust to the new changes. Music teacher Paul McIntosh said he has enjoyed working at HIM By HER since the school opened in 2020.

“Just seeing the scholars grow is very, like, it touches my heart a lot,” McIntosh said. “And I don’t have no negative thing to say here. It was just really a pleasure to work here.”

McIntosh said he has lucked out and received roughly 12 job offers. He will soon begin a new position at the Indy STEAM Academy.

HIM By HER Superintendent and Principal Sondra Towne-Brender said at least half of the staff were able to find jobs during the enrollment fair.

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THIS WEEKEND IN THE ARTS: JAN. 20-22

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Whether you're looking to go out with family or friends this weekend, enjoy live music, visit a museum, art gallery or try out a new restaurant, the Indianapolis Recorder has you covered. We've put together an extensive list of just a few of the events and activities going on in and around Indianapolis in This Weekend in the Arts.

Unfortunately, we couldn't cover everything going on in one calendar. So, if there's something going on that we and other Hoosiers should know about this month, feel free to let us know! Send an email to newsroom@indyrecorder.com so we can include it in the next edition.

Friday, Jan. 20

Coffee, Collab and Convo

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana, 1433 N. Meridian St.

9-10:30 a.m.

Free; registration required

BBBSCI will host a panel with representatives from 100 Black Men of Indianapolis, Struggle University, Bloom Project, Oaks Institute, Voices Corp. and Indy Achieves for a discussion about collaboration and the impact of mentorship, with coffee provided by Starbucks and morning treats.

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Gainbridge Fieldhouse, 125 S. Pennsylvania St.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20

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Saturday, Jan. 21

Project King Indy Presents: New Year, New Me

Wheeler Dowe Boys and Girls Clubs, 2310 30th St.

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Free; registration required

This workshop aims to tackle the cultural norms surrounding changing one's behaviors and mentality by teaching young men it's OK to change, adapt and grow while remaining true to oneself. Featuring

lunch and one hour of basketball, this workshop is open to male students ages 12-18.

bloomprojectinc.org

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Ujamaa Community Bookstore, 2424 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St.

3-4 p.m.

Free

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Sunday, Jan. 22

"Flyin' West"

Indiana Repertory Theatre, 140 W. Washington St.

2 p.m.

Tickets start at \$25

Kicking off IRT's 50th anniversary season, "Flyin' West" takes the stage now through Feb. 4. Set in the Old West, the show follows the lives of four African American women homesteaders who've settled in the all-Black town of Nicodemus, Kansas, as they work together, farm the land and build better lives for themselves against the harsh terrain and a deadly threat.

irtlive.com

Indy Reads Writing Series: Art From Anything: Blackout Poetry

Indy Reads, 1066 Virginia Ave.

2 p.m.

Free

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indyreads.org/events/

Please note: Admission and ticket prices listed are general and before taxes/fees.

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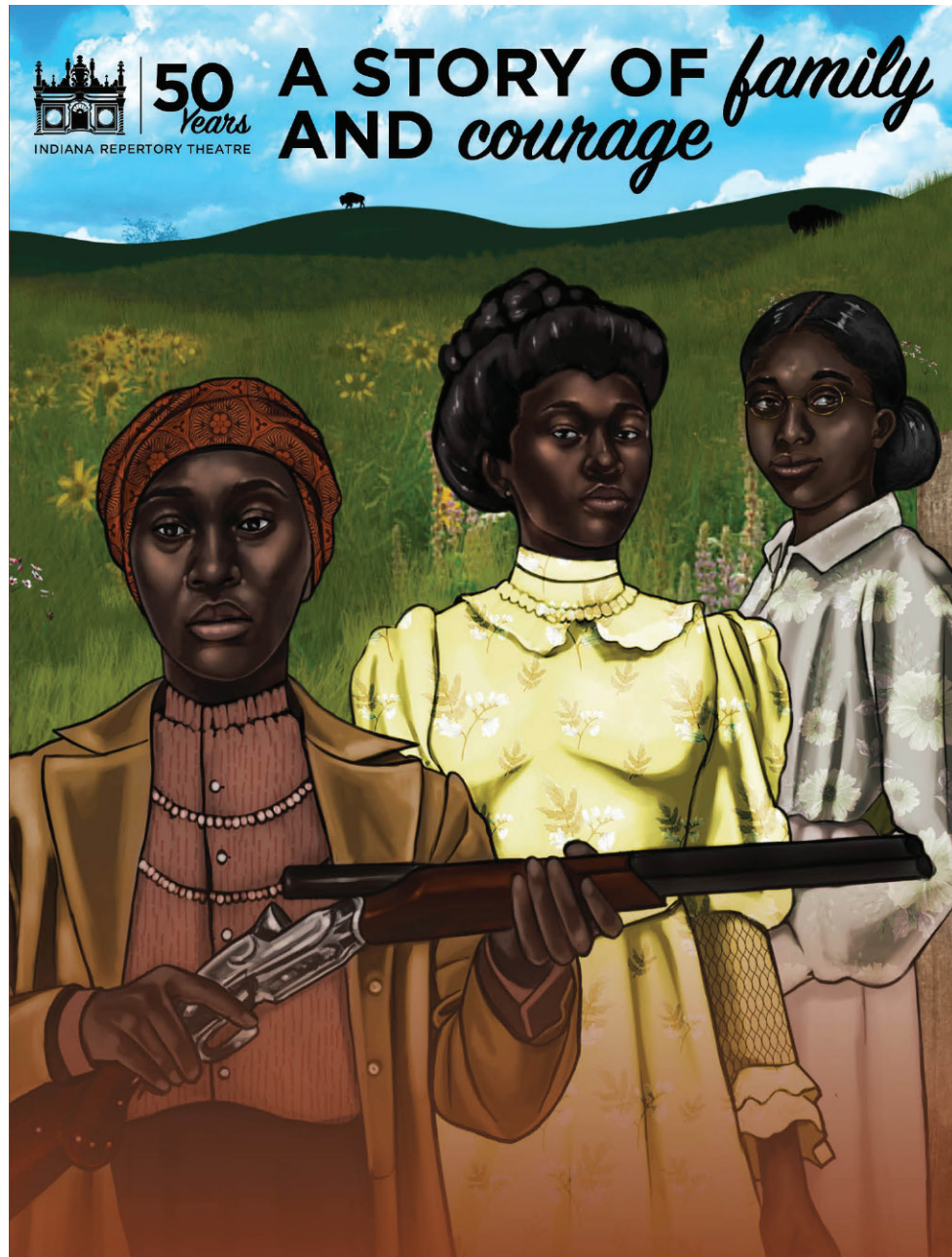
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Jane Eugene brought down the house when she preformed “You Can’t Stop the Rain.”



Loose Ends posed for the camera. (Photos/David Dixon)



The rapper Too \$hort performed at The Vogue. (Photos/David Dixon)



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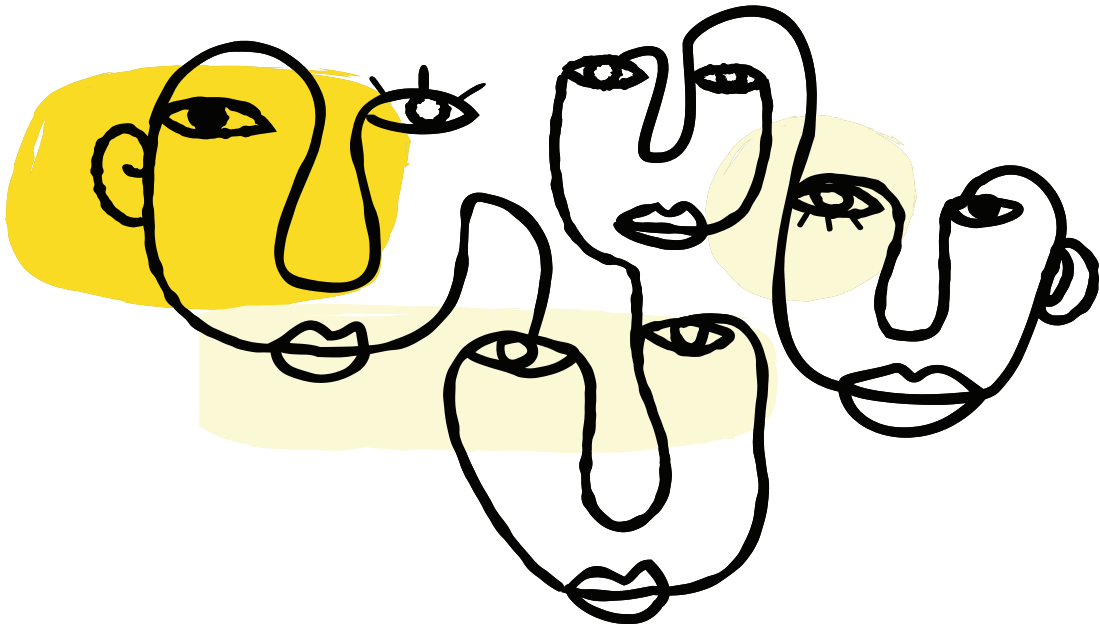
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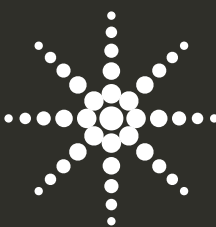


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Members of the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity gathered to celebrate the 112th anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. The formal banquet was held Jan. 14 at the Sheraton North Hotel at Keystone at the Crossing. The event hosted 130 members and featured keynote speaker Richard Lee Snow, who is the 112th recipient of the fraternity’s prestigious Elder Watson Diggs Award. Snow is also the past executive director of Kappa Alpha Psi. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)

“Flyin’ West” to return to Indiana Repertory Theatre

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An all-Black cast is set to take the stage at Indiana Repertory Theatre in Pearl Cleage’s “Flyin’ West.”

The local revival of “Flyin’ West” will kick off IRT’s 50th anniversary season and serve as the second of two productions in the theater’s INclusion Series: Celebrating Diverse Storytelling. Initially debuting in the Midwest at IRT in 1994, “Flyin’ West” tells the story of Black history, independence, sisterhood and perseverance.

“It feels significant in the fact of knowing the context in which we are performing during this time with even being in the Indiana Repertory Theatre, which holds a dark history of racism and segregation,” Kayla Mary Jane, who plays the role of Minnie Dove Charles, said in an email to the Recorder. “It is beautiful to see that this theatre is presently showcasing a show with an all-Black cast. It is quite revolutionary.”

Set in the Old West, “Flyin’ West” follows the lives of four African American women homesteaders and pioneers who have settled in the all-Black town of Nicodemus, Kansas. Throughout the show, the women work together to farm the land and build better lives for themselves and their families against the harsh terrain and a deadly threat.

One of the key messages of the show surrounds the idea of the “beautiful



“Flyin’ West” is currently showing at Indiana Repertory theatre now through Feb. 4. (Artwork by Tasha Beckwith)

nature there is to Black culture of choosing family regardless of being blood or not,” Jane said. The power in unity, coming together as a community and finding strength in that is something she said is still relevant for audiences today.

“They all come from different spaces, different places; they all have their own past experiences, but they come together, and they love on each other and protect each other,” said Enoch King, who plays the role of Will Parish. “It is the thing that I love about the Black community, and I

love how it is showcased in the show.”

LaKesha Lorene, an Indianapolis-based actress playing the role of Sophie Washington, the oldest of the three sisters, said regardless of the time, many of the other themes in “Flyin’ West” remain relevant.

Even though the play takes place during a time when Black communities had independence and growing power, Lorene said, like Sophie, the Black community strives to achieve “generational wealth” for their families and communities.

“One that sticks out to me most is the theme of ownership,” Lorene said in an email to the Recorder. “There is so much power in communities maintaining a sense of support, stability and ownership.”

The timing of this show is a little less than a coincidence, coming just after Martin Luther King Jr. Day and running into the first week of Black History Month. Jane said she believes Black History Month is every month and cannot be limited to just one month — the “shortest of the year.”

Lorene echoed similar sentiment and said stories such as this one are important because they help remind Black communities where they came from.

“Black history involves more than slavery,” she said, “and for a period of time, in many places across the country, our communities were becoming independent, creating infrastructures that could have set up families for generations at a time when freedom was a new concept.”

Knowing where you come from helps future generations realize they have seemingly limitless potential when it comes to progress and breaking

boundaries, Lorene said. However, she added that people need to be willing to show up and support each other to get there.

As the curtain rises on opening night, Lorene said she’s looking forward to the audience being fully engulfed in their world, the western and the family that goes against all odds to stick together.

“People get to experience it and we get to just breathe,” King said, “and let the show breathe and let the show grow and evolve.”

Lorene and King said they hope audiences will leave with some knowledge of the history and feelings of hope having witnessed the power of family and the strength that is found within the community through the actors on stage.

“Flyin’ West” is showing on the OneAmerica Mainstage at Indiana Repertory Theatre, 140 W. Washington St., now through Feb. 4. The show is approximately 2 1/2 hours with one 15-minute intermission. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased at IRTLIVE.com.

“Flyin’ West” contains strong language and themes as well as depictions of domestic violence, gun usage, smoking and alcohol consumption. IRT recommends this show for ninth grade audiences and above.

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but the family has said it is “selective and biased.” “The family believes the entire body camera videos capturing the events of April 25, 2022, leading to Herman’s death should be released. IMPD refused to release the videos, and unsuccessfully sought to keep them away from the family and public,” Rich Waples, the attorney representing the family, said in a press release. “The family successfully obtained a court order requiring the videos to be released to the family and denying the City’s request for a protective order to keep them secret.”

The attorneys representing the family compiled the body cam footage from the six responding officers in a 22-minute YouTube video. The newly released body cam footage reveals a new conversation between Whitfield’s mother and Officer Dominique Clark that goes as follows:

Gladys: They’re not going to kill him, are they?
Clark: I’m sorry, what?
Gladys: Because, because he’s ...
Clark: We’re just talking to him, ma’am.
Gladys: I know. I know. But I’m ... You’re calling someone else. I’m really concerned.
Clark: Well wait. OK, well we’re just talking to him. Nobody’s got anything out that would cause him harm. OK? OK.
The family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the six officers in June.

The six officers named in the lawsuit are Clark, Steven Sanchez — who allegedly deployed the stun gun — Adam Ahmad, Matthew Virt, Jordan Bull and Nicholas Matthew. All officers were previously identified by IMPD and have been on administrative leave during the investigation.

In a statement, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said it will not comment on pending litigation. “Based on a careful review of the facts and the Use of Force Board’s feedback, Chief Taylor will consider discipline up to a recommendation of termination to the IMPD Civilian Police Merit Board,” the statement said.

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Hamilton, unresponsive in the passenger seat of a white van with injuries consistent with a gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators believe the incident began as a road rage encounter that began on I-65 southbound near County Line Road in Greenwood. Detectives are searching for a silver or gray sedan style car with dark tinted windows. Hamilton was known as a mentor for the players on his Steelers team, which he had coached for more than a decade at Tarkington Park, near the MLK Center. The MLK Center shared a care fund for Hamilton’s family on Give Lively.

‘A little love, a lot of prayer’

Hamilton, affectionately known simply as Coach Nell, spoke to the Recorder and Side Effects Public Media in 2021 about his shaky pursuit of a football career and how the Steelers became his ultimate do-over. Hamilton made it as far as playing college football

at Western Kentucky University but wound up in prison after two years. He had found the wrong crowd as a teenager and was in trouble for guns and drugs, which led to him getting kicked off of the football team and serving time in jail. Hamilton found a way through the Indy Steelers team to help youth try to avoid some of the mistakes he had made. One player, Tyree, had recently graduated from the team but still went to the park for practices. He said Hamilton taught him so much more than how to score a touchdown. “Coach Nell taught me football,” Tyree said. “He also taught me some life skills — that not everything needs to be in violence, and that you can solve anything just by talking. He taught me that you need to work and you don’t need to spend your money on everything that you see.”

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Jose Salinas, whose term ended Dec. 31, 2022. (Salinas’ seat is appointed by the Indianapolis Public Schools board. According to the library board’s bylaws, a member is able to serve until a successor is appointed.) Board member Dr. Khaula Murtadha supported the amendment and said she was concerned about how quickly the board was moving to appoint someone new after having recently appointed Hill as acting CEO. If it was out of the need for “additional leadership” as the resolution stated, Murtadha said library staff have already shown “significant leadership,” including by writing to the board about the CEO search.

According to Payne, who is chair of the board’s finance committee, she wasn’t consulted about the \$190,000 cost for the CAO position. The amendment failed in a 4-2 vote. Tribble said appointing Harden as CAO would help lighten the

responsibilities of Hill, who is doing “double duty” as acting CEO and interim chief public services officer. She said the goal for the board now is to appoint a new, permanent CEO within six to nine months. All previous candidates can be considered for the role, but Harden will not be, she said. “The library has been without a senior executive leadership role in a permanent position for 16 months,” Tribble said. “We have a wonderful team at the library, but that role needs to be filled now.” Harden, who previously served as president of Community Hospital East, will step into her new role as CAO during a tumultuous time for the library and said conflict is to be expected in any organization where humans are. However, she said the controversy with IndyPL is different than anything she’d experienced before. “I have no doubt that some of the conflicts that this organization has experienced will get resolved,” she said. “At some point you’re

going to have a new leader that’s permanent, that will help to make that happen. So, in the meantime, I think it’s important for the new leader to be able to step into a situation where a lot of this stuff is resolved.” As CAO, Harden said she will visit branches to listen to and work with library employees to get a feel for what their priorities are and how they can bring resources to the community. “My understanding is that those folks are professional, they’re strong, they’ve done a good job and they want to do more,” she said. “There’s a vision for the organization and I want to help them achieve that vision because all the work really is done by the employees, the leader just paves the way and makes it easy for them to do or makes it better for them to do so.”

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WHEELER

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President and CEO Rick Alvis transitioning out of his role after more than 30 years, the opportunity was there for Hines to step up. “It’s not hard to fall in love with the DNA of Wheeler,” he said. Hines emerged from a potential candidate list of more than 700 people during a search process that spanned eight months. In a statement, Jim Fountain, chairman of the Wheeler Mission Board of Directors, said it became clear Hines was the right person for the job. “Perry has all the qualities we were looking for in our next leader and his deep connection to the community, our donor base and the organization was an added bonus,” Fountain said. Hines grew up in rural Kentucky and was a first-generation college graduate, earning a journalism degree from Western Kentucky University and a master’s degree from the University of Minnesota. He is a former C-suite marketing executive and

founded The Hines Group, a consulting group, in 2007. One of Hines’ goals for Wheeler is to make sure people understand it does more than provide emergency shelter. There are addiction recovery services and long-term residential programs — along with shelters in Indianapolis and Bloomington. Hines is also adamant there’s nothing he needs to fix necessarily because it isn’t broken. There’s always room for improvement, but he said it’s the difference between “evolutionary change vs. revolutionary change.” During the transition period over the next two months, Hines and Alvis will meet with donors and staff, and Alvis will continue to counsel Wheeler afterward as president emeritus.

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Program prepares previously incarcerated youth for environmental management jobs

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A program through RecycleForce will provide training and placement in environmental jobs for previously incarcerated young adults throughout the state thanks to federal funding.

The program will reach 120 students primarily ages 18-25. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$500,000 to RecycleForce to recruit and train at least 75 of those students in cleanup and reuse of contaminated properties.

Funding for the program comes from a grant from the EPA's Brownfields Program.

With industry-recognized certifications, RecycleForce works pri-

marily with young adults who have been incarcerated or are experiencing homelessness.

The training program will focus on certifying students with one state and 15 federal certifications in lead and asbestos removal, eliminating mold, testing and analyzing samples, and handling emergency remediations.

Most of the students in the program have not completed high school or obtained a high school equivalency and are returning to society after being incarcerated at a young age, said Training Director Ken Alexander, which is why assessing needs and developing a plan is "pertinent."

RecycleForce partners with adult education programs and Ivy Tech to help students get their

high school equivalency diploma and continued education certifications. Students in the RecycleForce program have multiple career paths to choose from, and the decision is ultimately up to them.

"What's attractive about our organization is that from day one, they become employed with the organization," Alexander said.

The grant will help pay for half of the student's salary, allowing students to start full-time positions at no less than \$15 an hour — with the potential to earn more. Most students finish the program after 120 days, but classes can be shorter or longer depending on their experience and desired outcome.

The program also helps reduce violence, Alexan-

der said.

"Whenever you can provide the young people with an alternative to the streets, it reduces recidivism," he said.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests more than \$1.5 billion over five years through the EPA's Brownfields Program. Many trainees from the program are from historically underserved neighborhoods or live in areas that are overburdened by pollution.

Some students in the program are already in the classroom working their way toward graduation.

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5 Easy Ways to Say "I Love You"

(Family Features) If gift-giving isn't your strong suit, occasions like Valentine's Day are likely to bring on stress and worry, but procrastinating will only serve to elevate your unease.

Follow these steps to simplify your shopping, and while you may not come to love the task of finding the perfect gift, your loved one will undoubtedly appreciate your effort.

Browse for ideas online. Many retailers offer special promotions and gift idea sections on their websites, so finding inspiration can be as easy as visiting the sites of your loved one's favorite stores. There are also dozens of articles online to help get the ideas flowing. Searches such as "gifts for horse lovers" or "Valentine's gifts for a new boyfriend" will reveal a long list of ideas to peruse.

Keep it simple. Although the advertising industry works hard to convince consumers otherwise, Valentine's Day isn't really all about the bling. Sure, a pretty bauble is a welcome gift, but there are plenty of ways to show your affection that don't require spending a month's salary. A heartfelt card paired with a memento of a meaningful event or place in your relationship sends the same loving sentiment.

Make it a (different) date. For many couples,

navigating the demands of work, kids and life make spending time together a luxury. Instead of fighting crowds at busy restaurants on the official date, celebrate your love on a day of your own choosing, when you can relax and enjoy the time together without the pressure to rush through dessert so your table can be flipped for the next waiting couple.

Give blooms a boost. A dozen long-stem red roses is a beautiful gesture, but unless your intended rose receiver is a strictly traditional type, try adding a little spice to your floral arrangement. Go for a bouquet in her favorite color, or have the flowers arranged in a practical vessel she can reuse to remember the occasion, such as a cocktail shaker or a watering can.

Go ahead, gift yourself. It may seem counter-intuitive, but finding a gift you'll enjoy may inspire an idea for your loved one. The trick is finding something you can share together, whether it's tickets to a show or his and hers mugs for enjoying your favorite brew. Just be sure the item is something your intended will share your enthusiasm for, or you may as well go buy a blender.

Find more ideas to simplify every occasion at eLivingToday.com.

Indy Chamber announces leadership changes

By **STAFF**

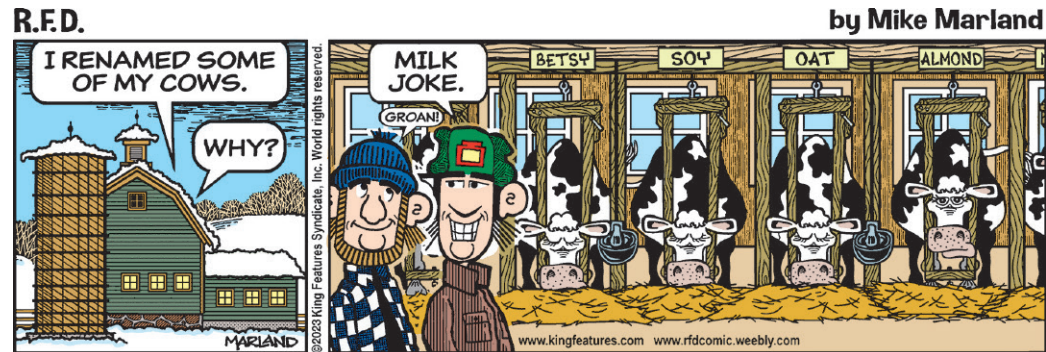
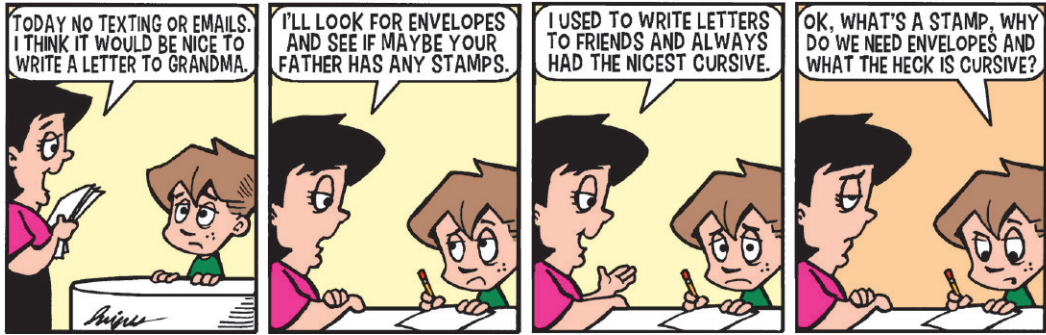
The Indy Chamber added five new leaders to its Entrepreneur Services Department on Jan. 11. The department is tasked with connecting entrepreneurs and small businesses to capital, coaching, technical assistance and opportunities.

Stacia Murphy has been promoted to senior vice president of enterprise development; Keia Walker has been promoted to senior director of lending; Marcela Montero has been promoted to director of the Hispanic Business Council; Stephanie James has been hired as the director of the Central Indiana

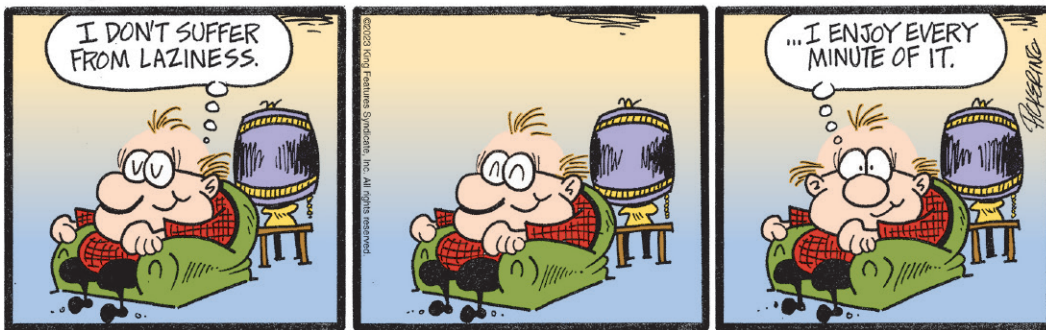
Women's Business Center; and Christina Snorten has been hired as Business Equity for Indy program manager.

"The Indy Chamber serves as the voice for the regional business community, and it's imperative that we have top talent leading our organization," Moira Carlstedt, interim president and CEO of Indy Chamber, said in a press release. "Supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses across the region has never been so critical. We're fortunate to have incredibly talented leaders that strive to reach small businesses in impactful ways."

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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the second-longest river in North America?
 - MOVIES:** Which 1973 movie advertised itself as a place "where nothing can possibly go wrong"?
 - GAMES:** Which party game claims that it can "tie you up in knots"?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was the first to appoint an African American as a member of his Cabinet?
 - HISTORY:** When was the Warsaw Pact between the Soviet Union and seven Eastern Bloc countries signed?
 - TELEVISION:** Which TV game show often uses the phrase "Survey says ..."?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a female peacock called?
 - FOOD & DRINK:** How many meals do Hobbits eat in a day, according to the movies?
 - ADVERTISING:** Which product used a manicurist named Madge in its advertisements?
 - MEDICAL:** What is a common name for the condition called septicemia?

- Trivia Test Answers**
 - 1. The Mississippi.
 - 2. "Westworld."
 - 3. Twister.
 - 4. Lyndon Johnson.
 - 5. 1955.
 - 6. "Family Feud."
 - 7. A peashen.
 - 8. Seven.
 - 9. Palmolive dishwashing liquid.
 - 10. Blood poisoning.

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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EDITORIAL

Examining self-segregation

By LARRY SMITH



A great irony of American history is that the abolition of slavery gave rise to de jure racial segregation in the South. (De facto segregation was already well established in the North. For example, a decade before the Civil War, Indiana’s legislature barred Blacks — enslaved or free — from entering the state.) During slavery, there was no need to separate the races because white domination of Blacks was complete and unquestioned. Legal segregation was necessary only when the racial power dynamic downgraded from being absolute to merely being unconscionably imbalanced.

Jim Crow was an exhaustive and suffocating system that proscribed the lives and livelihoods of African Americans, irrespective of class, gender or age. It confiscated their dignity and attempted to pilfer their humanity. Segregation was mandated by the government, enforced by the police and legitimized by the courts. When that wasn’t enough, whites simply resorted to domestic terrorism — both extemporaneous and impromptu.

Given this history, the contemporary claim that Blacks and other people of color engage in “self-segregation” is as insulting as it is ignorant. It is a morally bankrupt and logically unsustainable proposition that holds currency only among those who seek a way to assuage their racial anxieties or to excuse their racist ideations.

The notion that historically marginalized people who voluntarily congregate are somehow mimicking a system that dehumanized them makes about as much sense as accusing gazelles of “self-segregating” from lions. Even if the lions have become vegans, the

psychic scars of their prior interactions would cause the former prey to be extremely wary of their former predators.

Those who proffer such nonsense inadvertently admit that they don’t know — or voluntarily ignore — what segregation actually is. And, to be clear, associating with others with whom you have a common bond is as much about enjoying their company as it is about avoiding conflict. (I’m not someone who needs “safe spaces.”)

Crucially, those who raise the specter of self-segregation do not reject racial homogeneity (and hegemony) when it comes to political and economic associations that primarily or even solely benefit whites. For example, I cannot count the number of times that I’ve scrolled through companies’ websites only to find pictures of 10 or 20 or 40 employees, all of whom are white. Where is the faux outrage in such instances?

Incidentally, I’m not saying that such companies are avowedly racist. I’m simply suggesting that racial equity is not a value for said companies — and neither they nor their apologists pretend that it is. Where all-white groups are concerned, those who normally complain about self-segregation argue that it’s “freedom of association.” This unmasks their hypocrisy. And there are plenty of other examples. I’ll list a few.

First, if those whites who allegedly abhor “self-segregation” were genuinely concerned about racially shared spaces, they would work diligently to meaningfully integrate their churches. (Having three Black members doesn’t cut it.) Better yet, they would join Black churches en masse. As it stands, Dr. King’s observation that churches are the most segregated institutions in America still holds true. Further, to borrow from Dr. Leah Gunning Francis, the goal should not be integration; the goal should be libera-

tion. Proximity to whiteness is insufficient. Sharing power is what we’re fighting for.

Second, a similar phenomenon exists vis-à-vis historically Black colleges and universities. HBCUs have never discriminated against people of any race, yet a lot of whites argue that they are inherently “racist” — and that the alleged eradication of racism obviates the reason for these schools to remain. Why not make the counter argument? Why not dismantle white majority universities (and other institutions) that formerly excluded African Americans?

Third, anti-self-segregationist crusaders do not bemoan all-white corporate board rooms or virtually all-white police forces that have jurisdiction over Black neighborhoods. Further, these champions of “color blindness” criticized those who justifiably pointed out the lack of Black representation in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Scientists (think Oscars) and the Hollywood Press Association (think Golden Globes). Cognitive dissonance is their stock in trade.

Finally, there is the argument that all-Black gatherings “make racism worse.” I agree. But this is true only for those who are already racist. The real issue is not “self-segregation”; the real issue is the compulsion to control Blacks’ lives. Also at play is the latent concern that such gatherings are strategic planning sessions designed to challenge racial discrimination.

I have never met a genuine white ally who has a problem with Black folks living their lives with other Black folks. Indeed, those who have a problem with that are the ones whose words and actions ensure that such gatherings will continue.

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Disposing of division, not people and places

By BEN JEALOUS



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — As an organizer who’s spent much of my life fighting for civil rights and access to the ballot box, I reflect on the work and words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. often, not just around the federal holiday for his birthday.

Lately I’ve been thinking about a speech he gave in 1967, less than nine months before he was assassinated, in which he expounded on racism, excessive materialism and militarism — what he called “a triple prong sickness that has been lurking within our body politic from its very beginning.”

In describing how those three evils crush opportunity for people in this country and abroad, Dr. King exposed the destructive ideas that have subsidized the American experiment — that groups of people were disposable and that our wilderness was just as disposable. As a nation, we’re still dealing

with the cost of that destruction of people and of forests, rivers and air that was accepted for most of our history.

What we call the environmental movement today was just emerging in 1967 (the first Earth Day was still three years away). It’s not hard to imagine Dr. King would mention the threat to a livable planet if he spoke today, perhaps substituting the climate crisis for the existential threat of nuclear war.

We shouldn’t be surprised that poor communities are poisoned communities. Dr. King identified the roots as structural, not simply ill will, saying that “for the good of America, it is necessary to refute the idea that the dominant ideology in our country, even today, is freedom and equality while racism is just an occasional departure from the norm.”

It’s time we act on that idea and that we discard that flawed either/or idea that prosperity for some demands poverty for others meant to divide poor and working-class people since colonial times. Poverty is what drives environmental destruction. But we can

both create more jobs for people who have been starved for jobs and save the planet.

Clean technology can sustain a clean economy that leaves no one out. The federal government has made a once-in-a-generation investment in infrastructure and jobs that have environmental repair and renewal at its core. Dr. King, no doubt, would point out that even at its historic level, that spending over the next decade will be less than a tenth of what will be spent by the Defense Department.

He also gave us a clear warning in his speech that the fight for what’s right doesn’t end with a budget appropriation: “Even when the people persist and in the face of great obstacles, develop indigenous leadership and self-help approaches to their problems and finally tread the forest of bureaucracy to obtain existing government funds, the corrupt political order seeks to crush even this beginning of hope.” In every state, county and community we must prepare to stand firm together against those self-interested few who surely will work to undercut efforts to

move away from fossil fuels and will defend practices that destroy our wild places.

The health of the planet will determine our shared fate, the “inescapable network of mutuality” Dr. King described writing years earlier from the Birmingham jail. What affects some directly affects all of us — no one, no place is disposable. We have the chance now to mend the fraying and tears in that “single garment of destiny” he wrote of. Let’s join together to be good tailors.

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Martin Luther King or Robert E. Lee

By DAVID W. MARSHALL



(TriceEdneyWire.com) — Since 1983, the third Monday in January represents the day in which the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is celebrated with a federal holiday. For Southerners, devotion to their Confederate heritage remains deep and long-lasting. As a result, several states added the celebration of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee to the same day as the King holiday. While states such as Virginia, North Carolina and Arkansas eventually removed the joint celebration, Alabama and Mississippi still honors Lee with King. Both men are considered to be American icons, but for opposing reasons.

The joint celebration is truly a contradiction of ideology. Would a person who admires Robert E. Lee

and what he stood for as a Confederate also be an admirer of Martin Luther King and what he stood for as a civil rights leader? In many ways, the South has never gotten over the Civil War. Robert E. Lee will always be a timeless hero throughout the South despite leading an army that conducted “slave hunts” of free Black Americans.

While Lee continues to be seen as a Confederate leader worthy of appreciation, does it matter to Southerners that he was indicted by a grand jury in Norfolk, Virginia, for treason? The grand jury charged him with “wickedly, maliciously, and traitorously” carrying on a war against the Constitution and the “peace and dignity” of the United States of America. During the Civil War era, a Confederate was a person who saw themselves as a Southerner first. Their allegiance was to their states over the federal authority of the United States government.

This deep loyalty to the beloved South became a major part of the Southern identity and culture which is still embraced today. It would not be wrong to question the American patriotism of someone who still embraces Confederate figure and beliefs. Especially as we are currently witnessing the reemergence of white nationalism in addition to challenges to constitutional and ethical norms. All parts of the Southern culture and customs are not bad, but we can never forget that the institution of slavery was the greatest influence to the Southern beliefs and way of life. From slavery came the economy of cheap labor, racial hatred, disregard for humanity, distrust of outsiders, Christian hypocrisy and white supremacy. Each one became embedded in the unique culture of the South and remained part of the Southern identity long after slavery ended.

As a pastor, Dr. Martin Luther King at times spoke about his disappointment with the white church. When he took on a leadership role during the Civil Rights Movement, he felt white ministers, priests and rabbis of the South would be their strongest al-

lies. Instead, some were outright opponents refusing to understand and support the freedom movement concerning people of color. It seems hypocritical for the region of the nation which were former slaves and Jim Crow states to refer to itself as the Bible Belt. When people from Bible Belt states consistently choose Jim Crow over the teachings of Jesus Christ, we would not be wrong in questioning their Christianity.

The ideas of “love your neighbor as you love yourself” or “treat others the way you want to be treated” often gets lost in a culture and customs deeply rooted in the economy of cheap labor, racial hatred, disregard for humanity, distrust of outsiders, Christian hypocrisy and white supremacy. Since a large amount of the South’s population consists of Black citizens, is the Bible Belt description for the South inclusive of Black Christians and their interests or is it primarily referencing socially conservative Protestants?

In a Pew Research Center’s Religious Landscape Study, nearly 8-in-10 Black Americans (79%) identified as Christian. By comparison, 7-in-10 Americans overall (71%) said they were Christian, including 70% of whites and 77% of Latinos. Meanwhile, about 7-in-10 Blacks are Protestant, compared with less than half of the public overall (47%), including 48% of whites.

Is the cultural meaning behind the term “Bible Belt” a true description of the South in a racial, moral and spiritual sense? For those still celebrating Confederate heroes, Robert E. Lee is the leader dear to their hearts, but history has proven Martin Luther King was the true American and one who led with love, compassion and faith.

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Hospitals look to storytelling to reduce stigma toward people with addiction

By **DARIAN BENSON**
Side Effects Public Media

Belle Smith was using heroin a few years ago and didn't have access to a clean syringe. A needle broke in her arm and caused an infection.

Smith went to a nearby hospital in South Carolina, where she said staff refused to give her anesthesia and opted to use a local numbing agent while they tried to get the needle out.

"I looked up at one of the nurses, obviously in pain," Smith said. "And she said, 'Well, then maybe you just shouldn't do heroin.' And I just remember just like silently crying while they dug in my arm."

Research suggests Smith is not alone. Most health care professionals hold negative attitudes toward patients with substance use disorders, according to a 2013 systematic review of more than two dozen studies. These attitudes can result in patients receiving suboptimal care.

Fatal overdoses in the U.S. have risen over the years, as the opioid epidemic continues to ravage communities. Drug overdose deaths have quintupled since 1999, and from 2019 to 2020, the rate of deaths involving opioids increased by 38%.

Throughout society, stigma continues to surround people living with addiction. Experts say in order to combat the opioid crisis, there needs to be greater societal understanding about addiction and more empathy toward people with substance use disorders.

One strategy, spearheaded by researchers in the Midwest, involves using personal narratives to address stigma and biases held by medical professionals.

The power of story to eliminate stigma

Smith's negative experiences in health care settings led her on the path to becoming an occupational therapist. She hopes to help people navigate life without misusing substances after they leave inpatient treatment, rehab or incarceration, and also advocate for the rights of people with substance use disorders.

While in grad school, Smith came across work from Sally Wasmuth, an assistant professor of occupational therapy at IUPUI. Part of Wasmuth's work focuses on reducing stigma in medical settings toward people who use substances.

Smith reached out and shared her story with Wasmuth.

Kristy Shene believes that in order to reduce the stigma surrounding addiction, people need to hear the stories of people with lived experiences and have open and honest conversations. Shene is a peer recovery coach at Dove Recovery House for Women in Indianapolis. (Photo/Darian Benson/Side Effects Public Media)



As part of her research, Wasmuth has collected the stories of dozens of people who have experience with substance use and addiction.

Wasmuth works with Summit Performance Indianapolis, a theater company, to turn those stories into monologues. Professional actors perform the monologues and the team creates films that are screened for audiences of health care professionals.

In one of the recordings, actor Ryan Ruckman portrays a man who recounts having a rough time as a teen. He started to drink alcohol and smoke cannabis every day with his friends, and he struggled to imagine life without substances.

"Me and my friends, we do drugs," Ruckman said in the monologue. "And I am feeling so numb and good and perfect. And I turn to them and I said, 'I'm doing this for the rest of my life. I'm doing this every single day for the rest of my life.'"

Each production includes five or six monologues showing the diversity of people's experiences with substance use. Wasmuth said the goal is to normalize people with substance use disorders and help health care providers relate to them.

A different kind of implicit bias training

Wasmuth suspects that helping providers better relate to people with substance use disorders can help decrease stigma and bias and improve the quality of care patients receive.

The films' emphasis on storytelling can be a more effective training method for implicit bias training than traditional approaches, she said, by helping people understand their unconscious stereotypes. "We think that using narratives and using things like theater and film can help people receive the information or empathize with the stories because their guard is down," Wasmuth said. "They're just kind of relaxing and listening to people's stories."

Wasmuth is in the process of collecting data to determine whether viewing the productions leads to a measurable reduction in stigma among health care workers.

Before and after the film, researchers survey participants about their views on addiction.

The results are preliminary — not yet published — but Wasmuth said they are promising. On average, after health care workers watch the production, they have a slightly less negative attitude toward people who use substances.

'These conversations open up a door'

After the film screening, a panel discussion features people with lived experience with addiction, including Kristy Shene, a peer recovery coach at Dove Recovery House for Women in Indianapolis.

Shene said everyone deserves to be treated like a person when they seek medical care.

"All of these people are humans, and they all need care," Shene said.

Shene believes in order to reduce stigma, people need to be exposed to lived experiences and have open and honest conversations. She believes the training involving the film screening and panel discussion is a good way to do that.

"We all have bias, and we may not be aware of our internal biases," Shene said. "These conversations open up a door for people to be mindful and aware of [biases] that they may not even know that they have."

This story comes from Side Effects Public Media — a health reporting collaboration based at WFYI in Indianapolis. We partner with NPR stations across the Midwest and surrounding areas — including KBLA in Missouri, Iowa Public Radio and WFPL in Kentucky. Follow Darian on Twitter: @HelloImDarian.

Taking Action to Protect Against the Flu

Season flu activity is on the decline, but flu is still a concern as communities deal with the spread of this virus along with COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses such as RSV.

The Marion County Public Health Department is reminding residents that hospital emergency rooms should be reserved for people who are very sick. Someone who is experiencing emergency warning signs of flu or other illnesses should go to the emergency room. A person who is sick with flu symptoms and at higher risk of flu complications, or has concerns about an illness, should call their health care provider for advice.

Anyone with only mild illness should call a primary care physician or health care provider. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers these three steps for staying healthy during this flu season.

Take time to get a flu vaccine.

It's not too late. CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. While the vaccine is not 100 percent effective, it can reduce the severity of symptoms and length of illness. Vaccination of high-risk persons is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness. People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or heart and lung disease, and people 65 years and older.

Children younger than 6 months are at high risk of serious flu illness, but are too young to be vaccinated. People who care for infants should be vaccinated to help protect infants.

Stop the spread of germs.

Avoid close contact with sick people whenever possible. And, those who are sick should limit

contact with others to keep from infecting them.

When sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends staying home for at least 24 hours after a fever and wash hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs is also helpful.

Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

Antiviral drugs can be used to treat the flu. Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics; they are prescription medicines not available over the counter.

Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time a person is sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications. For people with high-risk factors, treatment with an antiviral drug can mean the difference between having a milder illness versus a very serious illness that could result hospitalization.

Studies show that flu antiviral drugs work best when starting treatment within two days of getting sick. Follow a doctor's instructions for taking this drug.

Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea. People may be infected with the flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

Never hesitate to visit a primary care physician, urgent medical care facility, or community health center with questions about an illness or flu-like symptoms.

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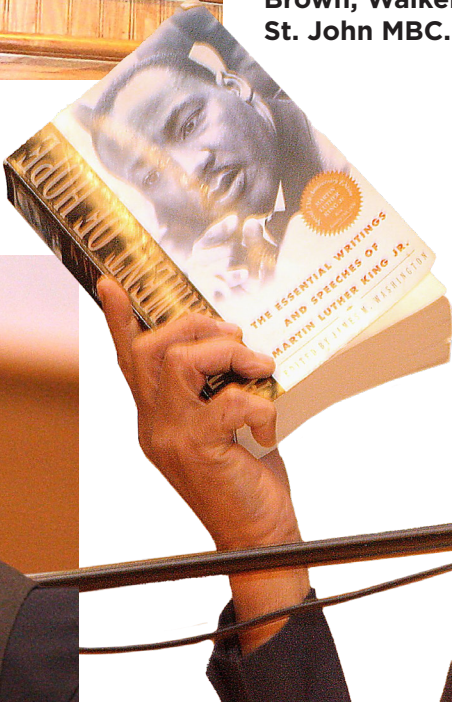
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Brown, Walker, Rev. Marilyn Gill and Rev. Dr. Phillip L. Shobe, St. John MBC. (Photos/David Dixon)



Rev. Marilyn Gill, executive director of ICLC.



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Study: Spiritual teens, young adults are thriving mentally

By ABRIANA HERRON
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Teens and young adults who identified as religious or spiritual reported their mental health to be better than their nonreligious counterparts, according to a study by Springtide Research Institute released in late 2022.

“Our data confirm that identifying as religious or spiritual, maintaining beliefs that guide daily life, engaging in various religious and spiritual practices, and participating in religious communities are all correlated with higher reported mental wellness among young people,” the authors wrote.

Springtide is a nonprofit sociological research institute that “maintains the largest dataset on young people and spirituality in America” while also “amplifying young people’s lived experiences through unbiased research and evidence-based actionable insights.”

The institute received responses from 9,837 teens and young adults nationwide. Respondents ranged in age from 13-25. There were also 105 young people who participated in interviews about their mental health and faith.

The teens and young adults who identified as “very spiritual” were more likely to say they are “flourishing a lot” in terms of their mental and emotional well-being. About 36% of the “very spiritual” respondents said they were flourishing, compared to 19% who identified as “not spiritual.” The study also found 57% of young people think their spiritual and/or religious practices positively impact their mental health.

“There is no shortage of quality research on the mental health crisis among young people,” Nabil Tueme,

associate researcher at Springtide, said in a statement. “But Springtide’s study is unique in its proactive and organizational approach to tackling the crisis. By targeting the structural factors that affect mental well-being, this study empowers leaders — trusted adults — to trigger enduring, substantive change for a better future for young people.”

As pastors and religious leaders are at the forefront of creating solutions for community problems, Tueme said the research is intended to be a resource for religious leaders to better understand teens and young adults, both religious and nonreligious, and their mental health struggles.

“This study helps organizational leaders identify the common characteristics of communities that are mentally healthy for both religious and nonreligious young people,” he said.

The study also found about 40% of respondents do not identify with a specific religious system — such as Protestant or Catholic — though they identify as religious or spiritual. That includes 24-year-old Imani Minor.

Minor, a nondenominational Christian survey respondent who attends Howard University, told the Recorder her faith in God had a significant positive impact on her mental health.

“My relationship with God just gives me hope,” she said.

Minor said hope and faith in God helps with stress management as well as being gracious and patient with people.

She also said she used “unconventional” methods to strengthen her relationship with God, including drawing and poetry as a form of prayer.

While Minor thinks these methods help her mental health, she also believes it helps her see “the art in everything” and value “God as the creator.”

David Scot Sandage, a psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner in Indiana, said religious beliefs impact his patients’ mental health because they have something to believe in.

“I think that people who do believe in a higher power ... tend to have something to trust in,” he said.

Sandage acknowledged that religion or spirituality cannot cure people who have severe mental health problems, but it is a resource that people can use in a time of need.

“Prayer alone doesn’t stop schizophrenia, but prayer alone doesn’t hurt,” Sandage said.

Springtide Research Institute will

release another study soon that looks at the intersections of race, religion and mental health in young people.

“In an increasingly racially and religiously diverse world, sampling purposively for Black religious and non-religious individuals is key to accurately understanding the state of religion and young people,” Tueme said. “The findings of this study ... will help organizational leaders better serve Black young people by understanding where, how, and why racial and religious identities intersect, even for the nonreligious.”

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What Young People Are Telling Us

Springtide studies the intersection of young people’s inner and outer lives. Mental health is at that crossroads. So is religion. For these reasons, this report offers a snapshot of not only young people’s religious and spiritual lives but also their mental health, recognizing how the two are inextricably linked. In this year of gathering data, we asked young people about their mental health and their religious and spiritual lives, and how those two things might affect one another.



According to a study by Springtide Research Institute, spiritual teens and young adults reported their mental health to be better than their nonreligious counterparts. (Screenshot from study)

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Grace abounds!

By PRESTON T. ADAMS III



2 Corinthians 9:8: "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

Grace is defined by most dictionaries as "God's unmerited favor." It is God's unconditional love and never-ending provision. The biblical definition of grace is more expansive. Grace is: "The spontaneous, unmerited gift of the divine favor in the salvation of sinners." It is: "The divine influence operating in individuals for their regeneration and sanctification." Grace is: "God's life, power and righteousness given to us by unmerited favor."

Grace abounds in our everyday life. The word "abounds" means "to be present in large numbers or in great quantity or to be prevalent." In essence, humans experience grace in numerous ways from salvation to the daily provisions essential to our every need. Abounding grace is grace in overflow and abundance. It is God's love and provision beyond our daily needs.

In 2 Corinthians 9:8, the Apostle Paul provides the readers instruction on how God wants us to give. Paul begins in 2 Corinthians 9:1-2 instructing us to always be ready to give. In 2 Corinthians 9:3-5 Paul sends Titus and the others to pick up the collection. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Paul reminds us of the reward of giving and how important it is to have the right heart in giving. Our giving should be bountiful if we expect to be rewarded bountifully. And 2 Corinthians 9:8-9 is adamant in its assertion that the right kind of giving is always blessed.

Here's the text again for your reflection: "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."



God is able. God's grace is sufficient in all things at all times. And God makes grace abound, in abundance, in every good work!

Why is God's grace powerful? Because we can trust the enabling power of God's grace! As one commentator notes: "It enables the recipient to do and to be what he or she cannot do and cannot be if left to his or her own means." All of us need such an enabling power.


Enabling grace also teaches us to be content. In fact, the word "sufficient" in the text means "contentment." God's abounding grace is so amazing that it gives us the ability to be content regardless of the situation we are facing. We are content because God will see us through!

Grace abounds! God's children are the perpetual recipients of this amazing grace. It is an eternal God-given grace which calls us to salvation, holds us up and heals us when we are sick, encourages us to never give up, empowers us to make it through all of life's travesties and tragedies, and equips us to do the work that God calls us to do.

If you are reading this and facing some challenge or hardship, as we all must from time to time, remind yourself that grace abounds. If you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel, remind yourself that grace abounds.

We are blessed so that we can be a blessing to others. God wants us to be channels of blessing, not reservoirs of blessings. Grace abounds today. Grace abounds forever. Thank God for God's abounding grace. Grace abounds!

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African activists cast doubt over climate talks’ credibility

By WANJOHI KABUKURU
Associated Press

MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — Climate activists in Africa are expressing anger toward the United Nations climate agency, accusing it of allowing corporations and individuals with dubious climate credentials to greenwash their polluting activities by participating in its annual climate conference.

The criticism follows an announcement that oil executive Sultan al-Jaber will lead the next round of U.N. climate talks, which will be held in the United Arab Emirates beginning in late November. The Pan African Climate Justice Alliance termed the move as the “lowest moment” for the U.N. agency. The U.N.’s climate body hasn’t commented on the appointment.

Activists say they are increasingly concerned about oil and gas representatives thwarting the conference, where countries try and agree on ways to cut planet-warming activities. An analysis of the provisional list of last year’s conference participants found 636 people linked to fossil fuel companies were set to attend, a 25% increase from 2021.

Campaign groups on the continent are calling on blocs of climate vulnerable nations to reject any move by the UAE that gives fossil fuel actors control of global climate discussions.

“This is the textbook definition of impunity and conflict of interest,” Mithika Mwenda, PACJA’s executive director said in statement on al-Jaber, where he also called for the president-designate to step down. “It is hard to see al-Jaber leading objective, science-backed negotiations in the interest of the most vulnerable.”

Mwenda added that he feared the talks would be taken over “by vicious fossil companies whose ill-intentions are to derail the transition” to clean energy.

Memory Kachambwa, the executive director of the African Women Development and Communication Network called al-Jaber’s appointment “an insult to the collective wisdom of everyone committed to addressing the climate crisis.”

Several other climate and environmental groups have expressed concern over the announcement while others welcomed the move. U.S. climate envoy John Kerry told The Associated Press that al-Jaber was a “terrific choice” for the role as he understands the need to transition to clean energy.

Activists have also raised concerns about the lack of

climate cash being delivered to the continent. Campaigners note that while fossil fuel subsidies and investments in oil and gas are growing in Africa, funding for adapting to climate change and transitioning to renewable energy is still lacking.

Last year, nations agreed that countries vulnerable to climate change should receive money from developed countries who are most responsible for burning up the planet. The details of the fund are being worked out this year.

African climate activists have ramped up their criticism of industrialized nations and multilateral development banks in the last eight months for their funding of fossil fuels, which campaigners say undermines the 2015 Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times.

The International Monetary Fund revealed that subsidies for dirty fuels had reached

\$5.9 trillion globally by 2020. Fossil fuels investments in Africa continue to outstrip renewables and jumped from \$3.4 billion in 2020 to \$5.1 billion in 2022, according to environmental group Urgewald.

Meanwhile, several climate funding promises, such a \$100 billion-a-year pledge to developing countries to help them tackle climate change, have been repeatedly missed.

The International Energy Agency found that Africa’s renewable energy investments need to be doubled if it’s to meet its climate targets. Africa is home to 60% of the world’s solar resources but only 1% of global installed solar power capacity, the agency reported.

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Coordinator Mithika Mwenda, left, and committee member Augustine Njamnshi, right, at a press conference of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance at the Climate Summit, in Copenhagen Denmark, on Dec. 10, 2009. (AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

Walgreens ends buy limits on children’s fever medicines

The Associated Press

Walgreens has ended limits it had imposed recently for online purchases of children’s over-the-counter fever reducing products.

The drugstore chain said improved supplies allowed it to lift its restriction of six products. The company had placed no limit on in-store purchases.

Last month both Walgreens and CVS Health restricted purchases of some over-the-counter children’s medicines citing supply issues. CVS Health put a two-product limit on all children’s pain relief products bought through its pharmacies or online.

A CVS Health spokeswoman said that limits on some children’s medicines remain in place. She did not offer a time frame for when it might end.

An unusually fast start to the annual U.S. flu season, plus a spike in other respiratory illnesses, created a surge in



The Walgreens logo on the front of a store, July 14, 2021, in Cambridge, Mass. A huge opioid settlement dragged Walgreens to a \$3.7 billion loss in its fiscal first quarter, but the drugstore chain still beat Wall Street forecasts. The company also reaffirmed its earnings forecast for the new year. Walgreens said Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 that it recorded a \$5.2-billion, after-tax charge in the quarter that ended November 30 for opioid-related litigation. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa, File)

demand for fever relievers and other products people can buy without a prescription.

Shortages of medicines like Children’s Tylenol developed, varying around the

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Experts who track medicine shortages said in December that the problem could persist through the winter

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Name of Minor RAQUEL TEJADA)
Petitioner ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING)

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of a Minor requesting a name change from ALEXANDER GIOVANNY RODRIGUEZ to ALEXANDER GIOVANNY TEJADA. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on March 14, 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 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. SO ORDERED: December 27, 2022.

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CASE NO. 49D02-2301-MF-000360)

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Plaintiff vs. Jarvis S. Voge, Deceased; and Heirs-at-Law, Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Representatives, Executors, Trustees and Administrators of Jarvis S. Voge

Defendants
NOTICE OF SUIT
To the defendants named below herein, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above.
The nature of the suit is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property located in Marion County at 119 Brentwood Ave., Indianapolis, IN, 46229-3003, legally described as:

Lot Numbered 35 and the South Half of Lot Numbered 34 in Coulter's Eas Highlands, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 21, page 49, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. (hereafter "Real Estate").

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendants who may claim some interest in the Real Estate and whose whereabouts are not known with certainty: Jarvis S. Voge, Deceased, and Heirs-at-Law, Devisees, Legatees, Descendants, Personal Representatives, Executors, Trustees, and Administrators of Jarvis S. Voge

You must respond to this summons by publication, by you or your attorney, on or before thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit has been published. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

ATTEST: 1/20/2023
/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court

John B. Flatt, Attorney
Number 20883-45
Attorney for Plaintiff
NELSON & FRANKENBERGER, LLC
550 Congressional Boulevard, Suite 210
Carmel, Indiana 46032
Telephone: (317) 844-0106

NELSON & FRANKENBERGER IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 5320-963930

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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D03-2301-MF-000484
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVING LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARNA ELLIS A/K/A CHARNA E. ELLIS
CHARNA ELLIS A/K/A CHARNA E. ELLIS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES W. ELLIS

CHARLES C. ELLIS
ARNINA S. ELLIS A/K/A ARIANNA ELLIS A/K/A ARIANA ELLIS
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND CREDITORS OF CHARLES W. ELLIS
PHARUS FUNDING, LLC
ST. JOSEPH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

STATE OF INDIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND CREDITORS OF NORMA M. SLAUGHTER

Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as:

LOT NUMBERED 35 IN "GREER DELL ESTATE" A SUBDIVISION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 429, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

This property is commonly known as 6321 Wood Knoll Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46260

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

Charna Ellis a/k/a Charna E. Ellis
6321 Wood Knoll Lane Indianapolis, IN 46260
Charles C. Ellis
7125 New Augusta Road Indianapolis, IN 46268
Arnina S. Ellis a/k/a Arianna Ellis a/k/a Ariana Ellis
4479 Barbie Drive Indianapolis, IN 46226
Pharus Funding, LLC

Serve: Cogency Global Inc., Registered Agent
9221 Crawfordsville Road Indianapolis, IN 46234
St. Joseph Board of Commissioners
Serve Highest Officer
Found
227 W Jefferson Blvd South Bend, IN 46601
State of Indiana Department of Revenue
Serve Highest Officer
Found
100 N. Senate N105 Indianapolis, IN 46204
State of Indiana Attorney General
c/o Highest Executive Officer Present
302 W. Washington Street, South 5th Floor Indianapolis, IN 46204

And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown:

Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and personal representatives, and creditors of Charles W. Ellis
Address Unknown
Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and personal representatives, and creditors of Norma M. Slaughter
Address Unknown

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your attorney, on or before the 5th day of March, 2023 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

/s/ Christopher J. Arlinghaus
Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)

Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)
Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15)
Attorney's for Plaintiff
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC
3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227
Voice: 1-513-322-7000
Facsimile: (513) 322-7099
ATTEST: 1/5/2023
/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk of the Marion County Circuit/Superior Court
5320-964036

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02/03/23

SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CASE NO. 49D05-2210-MF-034636)

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF EDDIE C. SAMPLE, DECEASED,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, STATE OF INDIANA, BROOKFIELD PLACE HOA INC. AND THE UNKNOWN TENANT,
Defendants.

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

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint to Reform and for In Rem Foreclosure of Mortgage on Real Estate against the property commonly known as 8129 Harshaw Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46239-8613 and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 217 IN BROOKFIELD PLACE-SECTION 3B, A SUBDIVISION IN WARREN TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 31, 2005, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2005-048273, AS CORRECTED BY MONUMENTATION AFFIDAVIT RECORDED FEBRUARY 23 2006, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2006-0024895, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development, State of Indiana, Brookfield Place HOA Inc. and The Unknown Tenant

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occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

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

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
By /s/ LEANNE S. TITUS
LEANNE S. TITUS
Attorney No. 22552-49
Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
5320-963824

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE COUNTY OF MARION)
) SS: SUPERIOR COURT)
MARION COUNTY)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2212-EU-042578)

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF EZELL BROWN, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of October, 2022, EZELL WAYNE GRANT was appointed personal representative of the Estate of EZELL BROWN, deceased, who died on the 29th day of March, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 17th of October, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of Marion County
5320-964026

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01/27/23

ATTORNEY: JERALD L. MILLER
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SUITE A
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46217

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
ESTATE DOCKET: 49D08-2206-EU-021181)

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JON DOUGLAS LIEBIG, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that, on June 24, 2022, JENNIFER A. JAHN-LIEBIG was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JON DOUGLAS LIEBIG, Deceased, who died on the 21st day of January 2022.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this June 24, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
Probate Division
5320-963933

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE COUNTY OF MARION)
) SS: SUPERIOR COURT)
MARION COUNTY)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2208-ES-028521)

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF SHARRON ESTELLE JOHNSON, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that, on the 22nd day of August, 2022, DOMINIQUE JOHNSON was appointed personal representative of the Estate of SHARRON ESTELLE JOHNSON, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of April, 2022.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 22nd of August, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of Marion County
5320-964025

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D08-2208-EU-026311)

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF ANNA L. CLAY
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of Anna L. Clay, Deceased.
Cause No: 49D08-2208-EU-026311
Notice is hereby given that, on the 3rd day of January, 2023, Kenneth Nowell was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Anna L. Clay, who died on the 10th day of July, 2010.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the

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

Additional information may be obtained from the attorney representing the Personal Representative, Elaine Parran Boyd, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 36014, Indianapolis, IN 46236, (317) 506-9437 - phone, (317) 899-0515 - facsimile or via email at eloyadlaw@gmail.com.

Dated at Indianapolis, Marion County, this January 3, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ELAINE PARRAN BOYD, LLC, 4142-49; P.O. Box 36014; Indianapolis, IN 46236; (317) 506-9437
5320-964067

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: PROBATE COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2210-EU-034684)

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF GARY N. CALVERT, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of October, 2022, DANIELLE M. CALVERT was appointed personal representative of the Estate of GARY N. CALVERT, deceased, who died on the 14th day of August, 2022.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 17th of October 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of Marion County
5320-964027

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE COUNTY OF MARION)
) SS: SUPERIOR COURT)
MARION COUNTY)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2211-ES-038211)

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF MONISA WILLIS, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of November, 2022, TAWANDA JOHNSON was appointed personal representative of the Estate of MONISA WILLIS, deceased, who died on the 17th day of October, 2022.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 7th of November 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Probate Court of Marion County
5320-964028

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COURTROOM #8)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2211-EU-039821)

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND C. RUSSELL, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that, on November 17, 2022, Diana C. Russell and R. Dwayne Russell were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of RAYMOND C. RUSSELL, who died on the 15th day of September, 2022.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this November 17, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County
Probate Division
5320-964071

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2212-EU-041647)

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN S. WILLIAMS, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Matter of the Estate of Carolyn S. Williams, deceased.
Cause Number 49D08-2212-EU-041647
Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of December, 2022, Ronald Luttrell was appointed personal representative of the estate of Carolyn S. Williams, deceased, who died on June 13, 2022.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 3, 2023.
/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
Probate Division
5320-964070

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Notice Of Supervised Administration

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of BABAR GHORI, Deceased.
Cause No. 49D08-2301-ES-000305

Notice is hereby given that NAZ QURESHI was, on January 10, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of BABAR GHORI, deceased, who died on or about November 14, 2022.

is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, December 22, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division
5320-963932
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2212-EU-043388)

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MARGARITA B. DE PAZMANY
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: PROBATE COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2210-EU-034684)

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF GARY N. CALVERT, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Derek Pazmany Thomas was, on the 19th day of December, 2022, appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Margarita B. De Pazmany, deceased, who died on or about December 12, 2022.

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

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this 19th day of December, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
Probate Division
5320-964176

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion County Superior Court 8, Probate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of Albert G. Ford Jr., deceased.
Cause Number: 49D08-2212-EU-043480

Notice is hereby given that Leonardo Johnson Jr. is, on the 19th day of December, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Albert G. Ford Jr., deceased, who died testate on January 9, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this December 19, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
Probate Division
5320-964069

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01/27/23

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After 1st vacation, Taylor Townsend gets 1st Slam win as mom

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — As Taylor Townsend was preparing to return to professional tennis after becoming a mom nearly two years ago, she sought counsel from a couple of pretty good sources: Serena Williams and Kim Clijsters.

Clijsters, who collected three of her four Grand Slam titles as a mother, offered this advice, according to Townsend, a 26-year-old left-hander from Chicago who won her first-round match at the Australian Open on Na. 17: “Really enjoy being a mom, don’t rush and take your time, because you don’t want to come back feeling pressure or anything like that. That was kind of like my mentality when I was coming back: I want to enjoy being a mother. I want to understand my son. I don’t want to feel the pressure of, like, ‘I have to play.’”

Townsend gave birth to A.J. in March 2021, and a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Diane Parry of France at Melbourne Park was her first in singles action at a Grand Slam tournament since then.

“My goal is just to try and inspire people and moms to show that you can do whatever you want,” Townsend said. “Having a child doesn’t stop you from hustling and grinding and just being

great at whatever you want to do.”

Townsend’s game was too much for Parry: The American never faced a break chance, hit seven aces and won the point on 11 of 12 trips to the net. She compiled 23 winners to just eight for Parry.

It all took only 57 minutes.

“Was a really, really bad day for me,” Parry said. Asked how much of that was her doing or Townsend’s, Parry responded: “A lot of me and also her.”

During the most recent offseason, Townsend took what she called the first “solo vacation” of her life, spending 10 days in Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

It worked wonders for her mindset but also reduced the amount of time she spent with A.J., making this trip to Australia a little more difficult for Townsend.

“When I left home, I was pretty sad. ... (But) when I leave, it’s incredibly important for me to make the times that I leave count. I talk to him, and before my matches I look at pictures and videos and just remind myself of why I’m doing this and why I’m away, so it means something,” she said. “It really is special to make these moments count and to be able to show the ups and downs. ... I’m just trying to be the best example that I can for him, both when he is with me and (when)

he is not here. Hopefully making him proud.”

THIEM’S BELIEF

Dominic Thiem did not win his first match at the Australian Open in two years. Still, the 2020 U.S. Open champion says he is still on the right track to get back toward the top of the game after wrist surgery took him off the tour for 10 months.

Thiem, the 2020 runner-up at Melbourne Park who needed a wild-card invitation to get in this time, lost to No. 5 seed Andrey Rublev 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 on Jan. 17 after needing treatment for an abdominal strain.

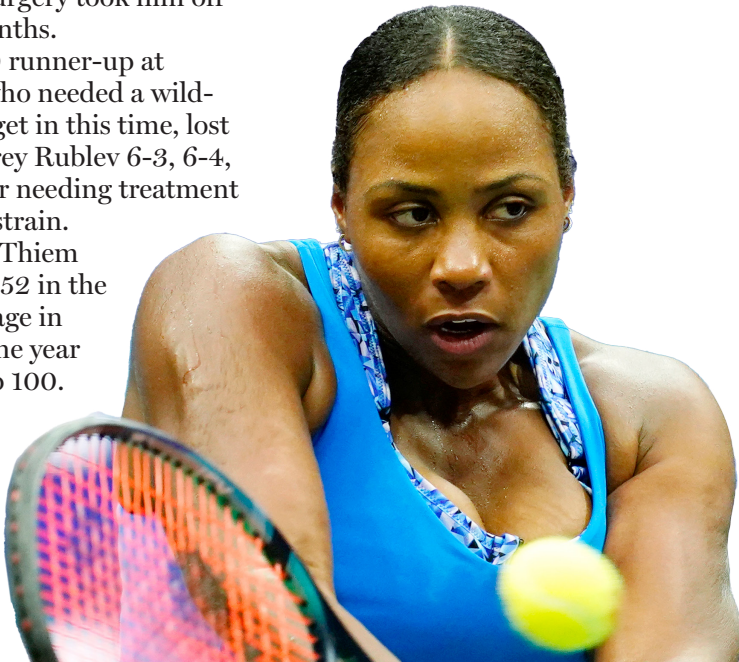
The 29-year-old Thiem fell as low as No. 352 in the rankings at one stage in 2022, but ended the year back inside the top 100.

“I have the feeling that the game, in general, (is moving) in a positive direction,” the 29-year-old Thiem said.

“Honestly, I don’t think that even (when I am) 100% I’m able to beat Rublev yet ... and with the issue

like the abs, it’s going to be almost impossible. But the direction doesn’t really change after that defeat. I try to go forward and try to make it better in the next tournaments.”

Associated Press freelancer Simon Cambers contributed to this report.



FILE - Taylor Townsend, of the United States, returns a shot to Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina Siniakova, both of the Czech Republic. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke, File)

Ben Davis defeats LN

Ben Davis head coach Don Carlisle cuts down the nets.



Ben Davis defeated Lawrence North 62-40 in the finals of the Marion County Tournament. (Photos/David Dixon)

Boardwell takes 1st place

Boardwell wrestled in the heavyweight division.



Beech Grove wrestler Jack Boardwell took first place in the conference finals. (Photo/David Dixon)

Big Ten commissioner leaving for Bears



Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren is leaving to take the president and CEO position for the Chicago Bears.

Anderson goes back-to-back



Don Bowling, Anderson High School’s head coach, has brought life back to Anderson’s basketball team by winning back-to-back Madison County championships. (Photo/Darnell Scott)