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## Here's who has filed to run for mayor of Indianapolis

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Eight people have filed to run for mayor of Indianapolis as of Jan. 20 ahead of the May primary. The list of candidates includes six Democrats and two Republicans. Candidates have until April 3 to file.

As part of the Recorder's ongoing coverage of the mayoral race, we have

compiled a list of candidates and their respective platforms.

### Democrat candidates

#### Joe Hogsett

Current Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett announced Nov. 15 at City Market he is seeking a third and final term for mayor. Hogsett, who has been Indianapolis' mayor since 2015, said if

elected, his final term would focus on the things that were left "undone."

#### Robin Shackleford

State Rep. Robin Shackleford announced her run for mayor Nov. 10 at the Madam Walker Legacy Center, saying she will focus on areas such as economic growth, public safety, transportation, affordable and equitable housing, and decreasing the achievement gap in schools. Shackleford, a

past chair of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, would be the first woman mayor of Indianapolis if elected.

#### Clif Marsiglio

Clif Marsiglio, a community activist and self-described "progressive Democrat," filed to run for mayor Jan. 10, with a focus on crime reduction, mental health resources and infrastructure. Marsiglio serves on the board of the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association

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## Local female veteran group lets the community know 'OUR STORIES COUNT'



Women from the Auxiliary Unit 249 attended Indianapolis' 25th Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Service on Dec. 7, 2022. (Photo/Abriana Herron)

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For Dr. Dorothy Simpson-Taylor, serving in the U.S. Air Force was just the beginning of her contribution to her country and community.

From 1963 to 1965, she served as a statistical specialist,

collecting and analyzing data during the Vietnam War. After an honorable discharge, she began to advocate for veterans, a practice that has lasted more than 50 years, and now, the 78-year-old Black woman continues to serve veterans through the Sister Soldier Network.

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The Indianapolis Public Library Board of Trustees held their first regular meeting of the year with public comment Jan. 23, 2022. (Photo/Chloe McGowan)

## Indianapolis Public Library board holds first meeting of 2023

By **CHLOE MCGOWAN**  
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Indianapolis Public Library's Board of Trustees held its first regular meeting of the year with public comment Jan. 23.

Amid ongoing controversy surrounding the search for a new CEO, people crowded into the Library Services Center for the meeting. Many came to welcome newly appointed board member Stephen Lane and protest in

support of Nichelle M. Hayes. Board President Hope Tribble laid out the board's priorities for 2023.

"Over the coming year, as we work to improve overall board governance and the board's impact on the library's climate and culture, my hope is that we will work collaboratively to improve our communication and operations as a whole," Tribble said.

The first of the board's priorities is becoming unified under an "agreed upon protocol to cre-

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The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus announced its 2023 agenda during a meeting at the Statehouse on Jan. 23, 2022. (Recorder File Photo)

## IBLC legislative agenda emphasizes education, support for students of color

By **CHLOE MCGOWAN**  
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The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus announced its 2023 legislative agenda, which focuses on closing the education achievement

gap and providing additional support to students and teachers.

IBLC Chair Rep. Earl Harris, D-East Chicago, detailed the agenda during a press conference Jan. 23 at the Statehouse. The agenda includes three House bills and two Senate bills.

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## Ice cream shop gives opportunities to those with disabilities

By **TIMORIA CUNNINGHAM**  
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With a heart to serve people with disabilities, Carmela Toler and her business partner, Cindy Carter, opened an ice cream franchise that focuses on hiring those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Located on North New Jersey Street, the pastel blue and pink sign that reads "Howdy Homemade Ice Cream" on the front of the building makes the shop stand out.



Howdy Homemade Ice Cream made its debut in the Midwest in September 2022. (Photo/Timoria Cunningham)

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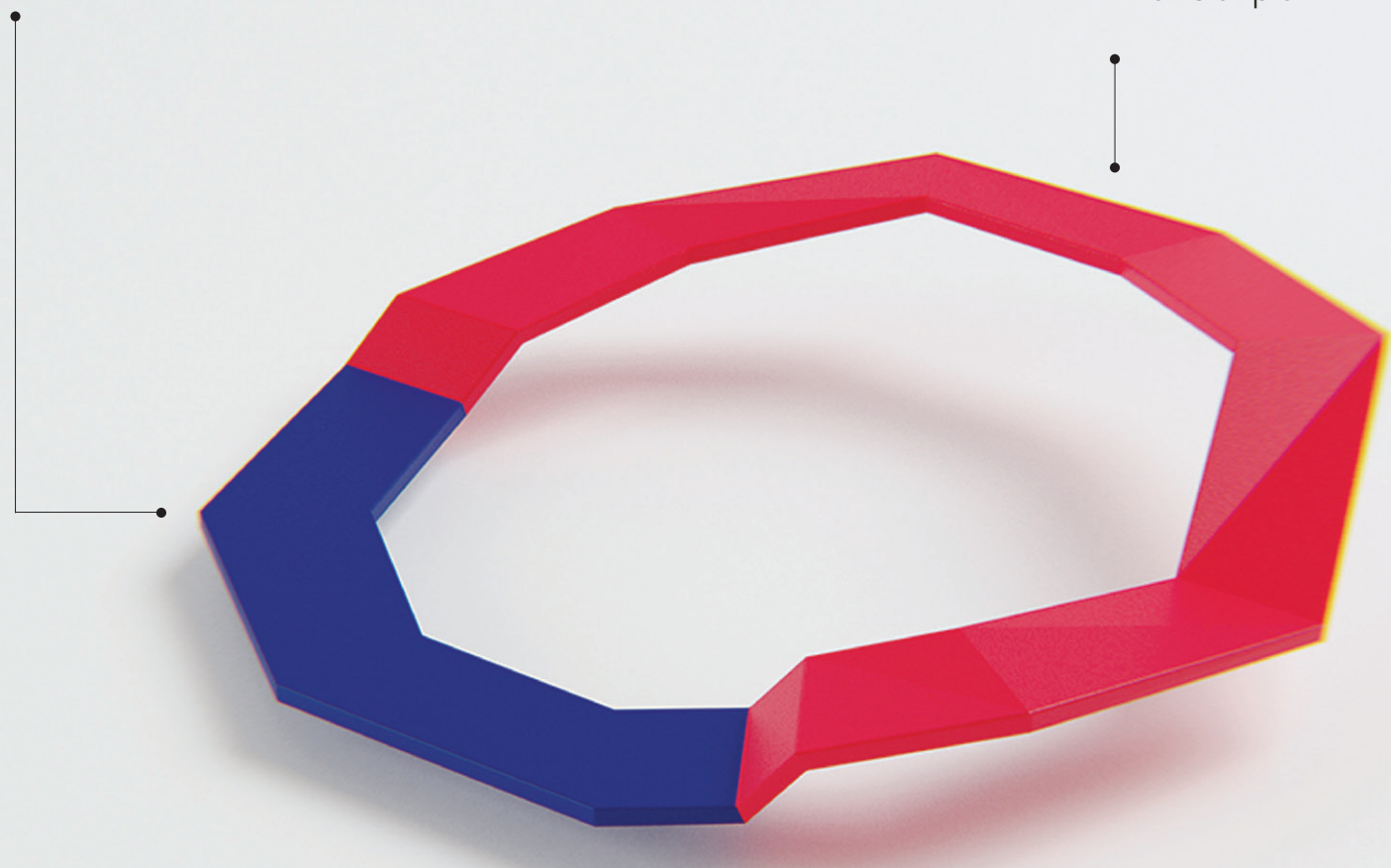
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Proposal would expand school choice in Indiana

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School choice in Indiana could be remade if proposed legislation gains traction. Senate Bill 305 would provide more funding with less eligibility restrictions than allowed under the popular private school voucher program.

It's unclear the total cost of the program or potentially how many families would consider it. Republicans, who control the Statehouse, continue to support expansions of the state's multiple school choice options.

The bill would expand Indiana's new Education Scholarship Account Program, or ESA, to any student — as opposed to the program's original requirement that the only participating children are those with disabilities and meet some income restrictions.

The program, launched last year and capped at \$10 million, provides eligible students with 90% of the regular funding their district would have received. Last year the average basic grant to traditional public schools was \$6,300. There are just 143 students enrolled in the program, according to state officials.

The proposed expansion would allow any K-12 student to receive 100% of the basic grant support when leaving public schools and enrolling in qualified private schools eligible to receive the funds. Students can also use the funds for other approved educational services, including therapy, laptops and other special education services.

This would be similar to the state's Choice Scholarship, which allows a portion of the state funding that a public school receives when a student enrolls, instead be redirected towards tuition at a private school the student chooses to attend. But this program requires families to meet income and other eligibility require-



ments to qualify for a voucher.

Author Sen. Brian Buchanan, R-Lebanon, said the bill would give parents more options to educate their children.

"This program will only exist if it gets funded by the state budget we are currently crafting," Buchanan said, responding to testimony about the potential cost.

He said there is a possibility different eligibility requirements would be considered if not enough funding is allocated. Buchanan suggested a \$10 million annual cap could be approved again.

Sen. Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, said she was concerned because the ESA program is still relatively new for its initial

intended special needs group and doesn't have data to back up its effectiveness.

"We don't have any strong data points to demonstrate to parents that we stand behind whatever outcomes we've seen in the 12 months that we've had ESAs," she said. "I'm just saying that parents deserve to know before we roll out and expand."

Indiana teacher John Hurley said this program "opens up taxpayer dollars" to things that may not be education related.

"Indiana currently does not fund traditional public school students' books and personal computers for students in those public schools," he said. "Why would this program do

that for vaguely described participating entities, especially those that do not have to be fully accessible to all students?"

State Treasurer Daniel Elliott, who oversees the program and supports the expansion, said his office makes sure the funds are used appropriately.

"All transactions are reviewed and reported in real time and we have extensive guardrails in place to protect our tax dollars and to protect our ESA families," he said.

Elliott also argued this funding is necessary — particularly for those students who may live in areas without necessary education opportunities.

"Indiana's ESA program is giving educational opportuni-

ties to families and children in urban and rural areas," he said. "And coming from a rural area, and living in rural Indiana my whole life, there are very limited opportunities for rural Indiana when it comes to education choices."

Other proponents of the bill argued this provides the necessary financial resources for families wanting to choose homeschool education to be able to support themselves.

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Art & Soul to return for its 27th year

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The 27th annual Art & Soul festival returns next month, kicking off Black History Month in Indianapolis with events celebrating music, dance, visual art and literature.

Channie Jones, director of equity partnerships at Indy Arts Council, has overseen Art & Soul for the previous two years and said this year's festival will look a little different. With three main events throughout February, Jones said Art & Soul will now include works and appearances from alumni-featured artists to help "pass the baton" to a new generation of artists.

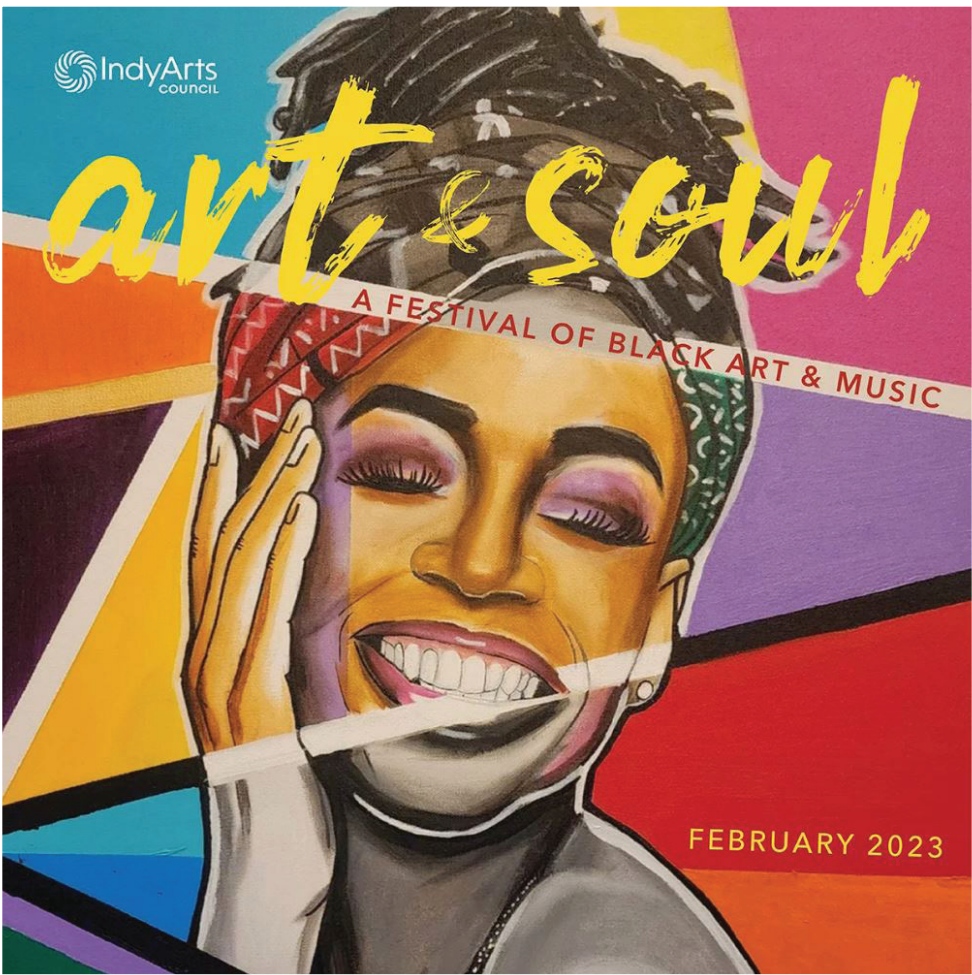
"What's really fun about this year is we're doing it sort of open house-style and incorporating all art forms: visual, music, theater and dance," Jones said. "We'll have a retrospective of alumni-featured artists — 27 years of featured artists' new or evolved work."

The festival kickoff takes place Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. at Gallery 924 at Indy Arts Council & The Cabaret, 924 N. Pennsylvania St. "Kings & Queens: Beyond What Has Happened So Far" takes place in the gallery from 6-9 p.m. and is free to attend.

"The Reveal" takes place at The Cabaret from 6-7:30 p.m. and features works from 10 local artists, including featured visual artist Jamichael Kyng Pollard and performances by both current and alumni artists. Tickets for "The Reveal" are \$15 and must be reserved ahead of time on Eventbrite.

In addition to Pollard, other featured artists for Art & Soul 2023 include jazz musician Brandon Douthitt, dancer Adrienne D. Jackson and author and playwright Crystal V. Rhodes. Each of the artists will showcase their work during the "Featured Artist Showcase" on Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Jazz Kitchen, 5377 N. College Ave.

"One can expect a celebration of African American artists in Indianapolis in four different venues, written, dance, visual arts and music," said Rhodes, a longtime mystery and romance novel-



Alaina Renae, Damon Karl, Dr. Lasana Kazembe and more.

Tickets for the 27th annual Art & Soul festival start at \$15 and can be purchased at [indyarts.org/about/art-soul](http://indyarts.org/about/art-soul).

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ist. "Each one of us will get a chance to showcase our talents in one shape or form."

Rhodes was a featured artist at Art & Soul back in the '90s but said she's excited to see what the new format of the festival brings. Actors Ink Theatre Company will perform an excerpt from a play Rhodes co-wrote at The Cabaret and she will do a poetry reading at the showcase in an effort to highlight "mature women as unstoppable forces of endurance resilience and creativity."

Although this year's festival is more intense, Rhodes said it's shaping up to be a more intimate experience and she's curious to see how it all works out between herself and working with the other artists.

"It does highlight African American artists and I'm really all for celebrating that since I'm one of them," Rhodes said. "Not just in Black History Month

but all the time because we're out there and it brings attention to our different crafts."

The final event of the festival will take place Feb. 28 at the Arts Garden where Art & Soul will host "Celebration + Wes Montgomery Tribute," which includes a Rob Dixon-led tribute to the late Indianapolis native and jazz guitarist.

"We will have his family incorporated in the celebration as well as local artists just to share how his work has impacted their current style," Jones said. "He would have been 100 years this March."

The celebration includes an art show, vendors, a cash bar and live performances from DJ Rusty Redenbacher,



Above: Crystal V. Rhodes, an Indianapolis-based writer, author and playwright, is one of the featured artists for Art & Soul 2023. (Photo provided by Indy Arts Council)

Top left: Art & Soul 2023 kicks off Feb. 3 at Gallery 924 at Indy Arts Council and The Cabaret. (Photo provided by Indy Arts Council)



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# Celebrate Black History Month with Black films

By STAFF

The Indianapolis Black Documentary Film Festival and Martin University will host a Black History Month event Feb. 10-11, which will showcase films about the national and international contributions of Black people.

The event will be at Martin University’s Gather-torium, 2186 N. Sherman Drive. Tickets cost \$7 for each individual film and \$15 for the festival package, and food trucks will be there.

The films are:  
“100 Years from Mississippi” — Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

This is a documentary that follows Mamie Lang Kirkland, a 111-year-old African American woman who returns to Mississippi a century after she survived racial terrorism.

“Taking Israel” — Feb. 11 at 1 p.m.

This documentary follows Wilberforce University students who traveled to Israel and witnessed the political and social changes in the country.

“This is [Not] Who We Are” — Feb. 11 at 3 p.m.

This documentary explores the difference between Boulder, Colorado’s “progressive self-image” in comparison to the lived experiences of its Black community.

There will be a Q&A after this screening.

If you are interested in attending the Black history Month event, visit BlackHistoryFilms.eventbrite.com to buy tickets.



## IBLC

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“Now we are challenged to not only bring African American students and students of color back to the level that they were pre-pandemic but also elevate them to the level as white peers,” Harris said at the conference, “emphasizing the importance of educational achievement while not just helping our kids in the classroom but opening doors for them professionally.”

Harris said several of the IBLC’s bills this session aim to improve schools throughout the state and create more pathways to higher education and post-secondary education career opportunities.

House Bill 1449, authored by Harris, and Senate Bill 435, authored by Sen. Eddie Melton, D-Indianapolis, are aimed at increasing enrollment into the state’s 21st Century Scholars Program, Harris said. HB 1449 would establish automatic enrollment for eligible students, while SB 439 ensures the Department of Education identifies income-eligible students.

“We also know that roughly 81% of students that go into the program enroll into college and university,” Harris said. “Despite being more likely to live in poverty, however, African American students and students of color are not proportionately represented in the program, so automatic enrollment will help.”

House Bill 1571, authored by Rep. Robin Shackleford, D-Indianapolis, would create reading specialist certification grant funds, which would allow teachers to apply for a grant to earn a special reading certificate. Teachers could then receive salary incentives.

“Setting our students up for success means that the people that educate them need to be set up for success and be able to provide the best education possible,” Harris said.

House Bill 1153, authored by Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, would establish a division of educational opportunity and academic success to

assess cultural competency in public schools. The division would be required to monitor school corporations and public schools regarding culturally competent practice and training in instruction.

“Every year colleges and universities will be assessed to determine how they prepare future educators to be able to effectively teach and communicate to children throughout multiple backgrounds,” Harris said.

Senate Bill 231, authored by Sen. Andrea Hunley, D-Indianapolis, would allow eligible school corporations to participate in the federal Community Eligibility Provision program to provide universal free school breakfast and lunch. The program acts as an alternative to household eligibility applications for free and reduced-price lunches.

“We know that a hungry student is not going to be a successful student,” Harris said. “So, if our students have food on the plate, in their belly, they’ll be more likely to be able to focus and study and achieve when it comes to their education.”

Harris said the 2023 legislative agenda is a chance to leave behind a better community, state and nation by enhancing education in Indiana, working to close the achievement gap and ultimately boost the Indiana workforce by creating a better quality of life for everyone.

“By closing the achievement gap, we would also address issues pertaining to public health and public safety,” Harris said. “When people have the opportunity to go to college and obtain a high wage job, they’re more likely to have success or adequate health care and healthy foods. Furthermore, when people’s needs are met, they’re less likely also to commit crime.”

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## MEETING

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ate and support a healthy, functional culture” that Tribble said will keep the board focused even when they disagree.

The second is climate and culture, which Tribble said includes supporting the implementation of recommendations from a climate report in 2022 with a “relentless commitment to accountability and measurement of our progress toward improving the climate and culture of the organization.” The report found staff has low confidence in the board.

Lastly, Tribble said the board will focus on library leadership involved in “identifying, installing and supporting a cre-

ative, engaged, proactive library leadership” to lead the library in its goals.

People used more than an hour during the public comment period to continue voicing their displeasure with the library’s CEO search. Many said they’re specifically upset with Tribble and board members Curtis Bigsbee and Raymond Biederman, who voted last year to offer the CEO job to an unpopular white man from New Orleans instead of Hayes.

### Other business

The board’s Finance Committee reported the library’s annual revenue for 2022 was about \$48

million, and the library ended the year 3% over budget. Expenditures for 2022 were reported at close to \$54 million, and the library ended the year 16% under budget at \$45 million.

The board voted 6-0 to waive fines, fees and miscellaneous charges totaling \$100,228.

During the Library Foundation update, Tribble announced the library would begin searching for a new director of development in early February.

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EDITORIAL

Education is not enough

By LARRY SMITH



A few weeks ago, I found myself shopping for a couch. A salesman approached me and we began a friendly conversation. At one point we began talking about how proud we were of our kids. I mentioned that my eldest is married with children, whereas my two teens are doing very well in high school. (Both are straight-A students.)

The salesman also has teens, so we began discussing colleges. The gentleman — who is white — then said something akin to the following: “Education is the great equalizer. Race isn’t really a factor (in determining success) anymore.”

This gentleman was earnest and sincere. He genuinely believed what he was saying. I nodded my head in acknowledgement, but not agreement. (I did note his tacit admission that racial discrimination has existed in America.) I considered whether to engage in what promised to be a long conversation given that empirical evidence does not support his assertion regarding education. Ultimately, I decided simply to continue shopping. (I really needed that couch.)

For at least a decade, I have heard many people — across the political spectrum — proclaim that education is “the civil rights issue of the 21st century.” While I understand this sentiment, I disagree with it for at least two reasons. First, it assumes — correctly — that securing the right to vote was the preeminent civil rights issue of the 20th century. Unfortunately,

Republican state legislatures across the nation are abrogating voting rights for African Americans, aided and abetted by their counterparts in the federal government and the Supreme Court. The tragic reality is that African Americans cannot take the right to vote for granted.

Second, while obtaining a high-quality education is a key component of lifting people out of poverty, there are many ways in which it falls short of ensuring racial equity. (And it certainly does not exterminate racism.) Most obviously is the fact that African Americans make less money than do white Americans at every educational level — from bachelor’s degrees, to master’s degrees, to doctoral degrees.

Indeed, whites who have a high school diploma tend to have higher wages than African Americans who have obtained a bachelor’s degree. Further, Black college graduates have lower homeownership rates than whites who dropped out of high school.

To be clear, I am not suggesting that obtaining a good education is unimportant. Indeed, I have demonstrated as much in my life. For example, my former wife and I committed ungodly amounts of money to send our kids to a superlative private school for 10 years. We believe that the sacrifice was worth it. However, we also agree that education does not completely level the playing field.

Moreover, I grew up in a low-income area in Indianapolis. My parents were divorced when I was very young and my father was mostly absent from my life. I became a teenaged father. While I was a decent athlete, I was never going to be good enough to become a professional. Fortunately, I did well academically.

This led me to graduate from two so-called “elite” institutions of higher education. I am well aware that I am successful today largely because of education.

I still earn less than my white counterparts.

By choice, I have served in the nonprofit sector for 20 years. I can state unequivocally that there is a certain arrogance that we are the “good guys” when it comes to social justice. However, the fact is that our sector mirrors corporate American vis-à-vis the racial income gap.

Incidentally, the gender income gap still exists. Women earn less than men at all educational levels. Further, Black women earn less than do white women. (Notably, the wage gap between Black women and white women was smaller in the mid-1970s, but widened once more women entered the workforce.)

Earning a college degree does not prevent African Americans from being pulled over by the police at higher rates than white people. It does not prevent us from serving longer sentences than whites when we commit the same crimes. It does not prevent housing discrimination. It does not eradicate discriminatory voting laws. It does not give us better health outcomes relative to whites.

In short, earning a college degree is a step toward higher wages for African Americans, but it does not ensure racial equity — including income parity. Education confirms that race is still the No. 1 factor in determining an American child’s life chances.

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Deion Sanders high-stepping to Colorado

By DEVON DAVIS



As an HBCU grad I’m sad, but Deion Sanders is doing what every college football coach in America would do if given a chance: He is leaving success at a smaller school with limited options for the promised land of better facilities, better support, a deeper bench of more talented players and a chance to play on a bigger stage. Some may say that by taking the job at Colorado, Sanders is opening the doors for more African Americans to obtain head coaching jobs, a field in which we are notoriously underrepresented. (According to AP News, African Americans make up 9% of Division I head coach positions.)

Sanders arrived in 2020, a year of heated discussions and protest over racism and police brutality in the

United States, prompted by the police killing of George Floyd, a Black man, in Minneapolis. In the sports world, Sanders’s move to Jackson State was a signal event that foreshadowed possibilities such as more opportunities for Black coaches, who have largely been shut out of leading teams by predominantly white institutions, but who have received more love and respect at historically Black colleges and universities.

A steady stream of top African American players heading to HBCUs, a rise to something like equality in respect, competitiveness, TV exposure and maybe even more financial support for Black schools, which have been long underfunded compared with predominantly white counterparts.

Did Sanders use Jackson State as a launching pad for his coaching career? Of course he did, but fair exchange is not a robbery. In three years, Sanders did more for Jackson State than

anyone expected. He didn’t just lend his talents; he lent his celebrity and his cachet with other celebrities to ensure that Jackson State would be in a better position once he left.

I’ve partook in debates about Sanders leaving Jackson State that have been centered on whether he should be considered a “sellout” for leaving an HBCU football program that he made successful for a struggling program at a better-funded, predominantly white institute. My take is this is the circumstance of life but not only college football. This is not a Deion Sanders thing, because he was able to move mountains and make changes and gave people a sense of pride for HBCUs; now we feel like he owes us for the rest of his life and that’s not fair. In today’s slang, we call it “securing the bag.” Sanders did that, but he did it after giving Jackson State the “for the culture” push that was needed.

In the end, the profound legacy of

HBCUs just wasn’t enough for Sanders. In addition to his own salary, Colorado promised Sanders a \$5 million war chest to hire his coaching staff, another perk that wasn’t possible at Jackson State. In fact, Sanders’ new contract at Colorado is more than 10 times larger than Jackson State’s entire \$2.1 million football budget in 2021. As my grandfather often told me growing up, the show must go on. I wish Prime-time well. All in all Sanders ultimately did more good than harm in terms of raising the profile of HBCU athletics. Furthermore, one person was never going to bring the rise of HBCUs to the prominence of Power Five programs. #WeComing

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Teacher shortages in high-poverty schools

By DAVID W. MARSHALL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) — There is no way one can put a price on the value of a child’s education. Dr. Martin Luther King said, “Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary.”

Dr. King’s words remind us that we must fix the root causes behind broken systems that continue to allow children to fall through the cracks. It starts by understanding how and why the systems are broken. Experts trace the current teacher shortage to the 2008 Great Recession, when the nation’s public education system lost more than 120,000 teachers. When the economy rebounded, and schools started hiring again, many of those who had left were reluctant to return.

Teacher shortages are not uncommon around the nation, but it tends to hit high-poverty schools in rural areas the hardest. Researchers have found that schools that serve a high percentage of minority students and students in poverty have more difficulty finding and retaining qualified teachers than white and more affluent schools. In many Southern states, the long-standing problem continues to increase.

The nature and severity of the teacher crisis will differ drastically from state to state, district to district and even from school to school. In an attempt to understand the teacher shortage issue, data found that the problem is worst in Mississippi.

Communities throughout the Mississippi Delta are rich in community pride and history but are economically poor. As manufacturing jobs left the region and agriculture became more automated, it resulted in a decrease in population. Families who remain will send their children to deteriorating schools, which are difficult for officials to manage due to the dwindling tax base and a Mississippi state legislature that is reluctant to adequately fund schools at the per-student rate as required by law. The message being sent by lawmakers is clear. Investing in the future of children living in poverty doesn’t merit meeting the state funding requirement.

At the request of state lawmakers, three small-town school districts merged to become one: West Bolivar Consolidated School District. West Bolivar Consolidated is 98% Black, while 100% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price meals. West Bolivar High School in Rosedale, Mississippi, and McEvans School in Shaw, Mississippi, are 18 miles apart, but teachers for math, Spanish and science are forced to split their class instruction time between the two campuses via Zoom.

The geometry class at West Bolivar High has no teacher. Therefore, students have to listen to a software program while in class. Chemistry students are often left to teach themselves. Those not reading at grade level will struggle to understand science lessons. The lack of funding results in neither school having a science lab, so students with plans to study science in college will be dreadfully underprepared.

The decision to shortchange funding to high-poverty schools can impact a generation of students. Consider the long-term consequences to Black students who are unprepared to acquire the job skills needed for future careers. The economic future of Black children should be an incentive to vote for state lawmakers who are willing to fight for adequate funding for high-poverty schools. As it is difficult to attract new teachers from outside West Bolivar Consolidated, many people who currently work there grew up in the region. Will today’s students meet the minimum qualifications needed to return to West Bolivar Consolidated to serve as future teachers, counselors, principals or administrators?

Teachers also need to be paid. Low teacher salaries

reduce the attractiveness of the teaching profession and serve as another reason for teacher shortages. Teachers have always been underpaid compared to similarly educated workers in other occupations. The disparity is compounded when teachers in high-poverty schools are underpaid compared to their counterparts who teach in low-poverty schools. It would seem that the challenging school environment would justify the higher compensation rather than lower pay. The climate in high-poverty schools is much more demoralizing for teachers. As teachers face more student absenteeism, class-cutting, student apathy, lack of parental involvement, poor student health and issues regarding poverty in the lives of their students, it shows a lack of appreciation and respect in situations where they receive less pay. The tougher school environment results in more teachers suffering from high levels of stress and fears for their safety.

In many cases, teachers in high-poverty schools are not receiving the training, early career support and professional development opportunities they need to succeed. This also makes it more difficult for them to remain in the profession. West Bolivar Consolidated has been plagued by high turnover, and many of the teachers it hires are new and lack the necessary training for the classes they are hired to teach. When measured on state assessments against other, school districts throughout the state with more resources and fewer teacher vacancies, West Bolivar Consolidated finished near the bottom, receiving a D for its test scores.

The dismal test scores are just numbers. They don’t tell the story behind the lives of the brightest students who are consistently failed by a broken system. Those students possess so much potential but are not sufficiently challenged due to the lack of school resources and personnel — those students who may never reach their full potential. The importance of qualified teachers cannot be taken for granted. Researchers have found that good teachers can influence the likelihood that children will graduate and how much they will learn throughout their lives. The stakes are high for students caught in the trap of underfunded schools with no teachers.

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and board of the Near Eastside Community Organization. He co-chairs the Crime Reduction Team for the near east side group, according to his website.

Gregory Meriweather

Author and social justice activist Gregory Meriweather announced his candidacy Nov. 25 at Martin University. Meriweather is CEO of his own consulting company. Meriweather, who previously served as the strategic initiatives liaison for the city of Indianapolis and as a mediator between the community and police department, told the Recorder in an email he is a “social justice champion” and “shows up for citizens during times of crisis.”

Larry L. Vaughn

Larry L. Vaughn, a longtime community activist, announced his campaign for mayor Jan. 1. In a phone call with the Recorder, he said his campaign focuses on closing down 501(c)(3) organizations that he claims “perpetuate the problem” of homelessness.

Bob Kern

Bob Kern, a perennial candidate for office, filed to run for mayor Jan. 19 with a campaign focusing on the city’s infrastructure and violent crime rate, as well as addressing homelessness and extending resources to help those facing drug addiction.

Republican candidates

James W. Jackson

Rev. James W. Jackson announced

his campaign for mayor Nov. 29 during a press conference at the Onyx Event Center. Jackson, who is a pastor at Fervent Prayer Ministries, was the first Republican candidate to join the race. Having previously served on the Indianapolis Police Merit Board from 2012-2015 and currently in his second term on the board of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, Jackson’s campaign includes a “P.E.A.C.E. Plan” to address issues such as public safety, education and economic development.

John L. Couch

John L. Couch describes himself as a Republican with “independent views.” Couch previously ran an unsuccessful campaign to represent Indiana U.S. House District 7 and two unsuccessful

campaigns to represent Indiana House of Representatives District 92 — first as an Independent in 2014 and second as a Republican in 2022.

Couch faces pending charges including resisting arrest and theft. Reached for comment about the charges, Couch responded with a press release that stated, “I have responded to the News Media requests, sent out prior press releases, and have been honest, I have nothing hide or run from. There are issues that will be addressed in Federal Court when the time comes.”

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VETERAN

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Sister Soldier Network is a veteran organization that helps women transition from the military back into society, tell their stories, heal their mental and emotional wounds and continue serving their community.

“We want people to acknowledge that we, too, served, and we have stories to tell,” Simpson-Taylor said. “Our stories count.”

She, along with another female veteran, started Sister Soldier Network in 2010. Together they realized other veterans faced some of the same challenges they did. So, the two friends hosted a small breakfast gathering with female veterans in Iowa. Today, the network provides programs and services for female veterans in Iowa, Indiana, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Natasha Allen, a 47-year-old veteran who served in Iraq in 2003, got involved with the organization after meeting Simpson-Taylor at the Veteran Administration (VA) medical center in Indianapolis.

She said becoming part of Sister Soldier Network was both a helpful and healing experience for her as well as other Black women.

“As Black women ... we can forget how to fight for ourselves even after we leave the military,” Allen said.

While the network provides many resources for female veterans, one of the most beneficial resources Allen said Sister Soldier Network provides is the capability and confidence to fight for their own needs.

Now, Allen is raising her daughters and going back

to school to get her master’s degree in social work.

The organization has held symposiums and conferences to talk about topics such as homelessness, community involvement, discrimination and lack of recognition for women in the military. Sister Soldier Network has also highlighted some of the accomplishments of Black female military trailblazers.

“When we think about the military, we don’t think about who the Black women are,” she said.

They have recognized and told the story of soldiers such as Cathay Williams, the only known Black woman to serve in the U.S. Army as a Buffalo Soldier because she disguised herself as a man. They also highlighted the work of the 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion, a group of Black women who sorted and cleared a two-year backlog of mail for about 7 million people during World War II.

The organization also hosts “soul repair” seminars and has veteran ministries.

During their “Fallen Sister Soldier Ceremony,” they honor the members and other female veterans who died. Depending on the member, the organization will write a statement and read it at the funeral. Members may also salute a sister soldier at the burial ceremony.

“We just want people to know that this sister counted for something,” Simpson-Taylor said.

On Jan. 10, members attended Indiana’s Military and Veterans Legislative Day at the Statehouse.

Rep. John Bartlett, D-Indianapolis, has sponsored

the organization as well as many other veteran groups in the state.

“As a legislator, I feel compelled to help veterans in whatever way I can and sponsoring the Sister Soldier Network — giving back to the people who have given so much for our country — was a no-brainer,” Bartlett said in a statement.

Simpson-Taylor has dedicated much of her life to serving the veteran community, and for her work, she was inducted into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of fame in 2022. While she faced struggles during her service, whether because of discrimination or the lack of acknowledgment by her comrades, she said she would not take the experience away.

“It’s very hard to find a veteran who wouldn’t do it again,” Simpson-Taylor said.

Any female veteran can get involved with Sister Soldier Network, whatever her age or race, and if you are interested in joining, reach out to Simpson-Taylor at sistersoldiernetwork@gmail.com.

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Stephen Lane appointed to IndyPL Board of Trustees



Stephen Lane, a former special collections librarian for IndyPL, spoke during a protest in support of Nichelle M. Hayes for CEO on Dec. 12, 2022. (Photo/Chloe McGowan)

By CHLOE MCGOWAN  
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Librarian and activist Stephen Lane has joined the Indianapolis Public Library Board of Trustees. Lane, a former special collections librarian and union member at IndyPL, was appointed by the Indianapolis Public Schools board Jan. 19. Lane, an archivist at IUPUI, now fills the seat of Jose Salinas, whose term expired at the end of 2022. He was allowed to remain active until his seat was filled. Lane has been vocal in his support to appoint Nichelle M. Hayes as the new CEO of the library, speaking out at previous library board meetings and a protest in December. With Lane on the board, he joins members Dr. Khaula Murtadha and Dr. Patricia Payne to evenly split the board’s support for Hayes. “We must strengthen the board’s relationship with the workers of the library and our community,” Lane said at the school board meeting. “I want to serve as a bridge for the Indianapolis Public Library board and the library workers and the community.”

Lane, whose appointment is effective immediately, will serve a four-year term. The school board members voted unanimously in support of his appointment, with Will Pritchard abstaining. In a statement, the school board acknowledged Lane is “outspoken” and “an advocate for social justice.” “We are aware that the decision to appoint Mr. Lane is a controversial one, and we reviewed concerns regarding his appointment with great care,” the school board said. “We thoughtfully considered several candidates and spent much time conversing with Mr. Lane about his ability to serve as an effective member of the board.” Lane’s appointment to the board came on the same week the board voted to pass a resolution that would create a new position and appoint Anita J. Harden as a temporary contractual chief administrative officer.

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## How GOP lawmakers in Indiana hope to address high health care costs

By FARAH YOUSRY

Lowering health care costs is one of Indiana Republican lawmakers' top priorities this legislative session. Several bills have been introduced that aim to make prescription drugs more affordable, prevent medical billing errors that drive up costs and prohibit non-compete agreements for physicians.

### Senate Bill 8: Passing on drug discounts to consumers

SB 8, authored by Sen. Ed Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso, would require pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to pass on the discounts and rebates they receive for prescription drugs to individual patients or to all plan members.

PBMs liaise between drug companies, pharmacies and health insurance companies, leveraging the big networks of health insurers and millions of patients they represent to negotiate lower prices for medications.

Under SB 8, at least 85% of those discounts would be passed on to individual Hoosiers at pharmacy counters, instead of pocketed by PBMs.

The original role of PBMs was to negotiate drug prices and find the equilibrium between "access and affordabil-



ity," said Antonio Ciaccia, president of the consulting firm 3 Axis Advisors and CEO of the drug pricing research nonprofit 46brooklyn Research.

"Over time, PBMs started to put their hands in the cookie jar," Ciaccia said. "Rather than simply working to find a fair price or a good equilibrium price on our behalf, they started getting paid by drug makers in exchange for covering the medicines."

Drug makers and PBMs are exempt from the federal anti-kickback statute, which allows them to engage in pay-to-play behavior that has an inflationary impact on price, Ciaccia said.

Regulating this pay-to-play behavior is needed to address the core issue, Ciaccia said, but Indiana's SB 8 will help by ensuring rebates and discounts that PBMs

receive are passed on to the consumer.

"If I'm a patient, and my leverage as an individual is being combined with other individuals who are taking medicines ... to shake down manufacturers for those big rebates and discounts that end up tabulating to around \$200 billion, it stands to reason that I should be a beneficiary in that regard," Ciaccia said.

The flip side to that argument is that some of those PBM rebates are used by health insurance companies to lower premiums for everyone enrolled in the health plan. So there is bound to be discussion, Ciaccia said, about whether that money should go directly to patients, to employers, PBMs or all of the above.

West Virginia is one state that has passed a similar bill, allowing 100% of rebates to be

passed on to consumers.

Some researchers caution that measures to lower prescription drug costs can have unintended consequences. Drugs cost more in the U.S. than in other countries, but in return, some argue Americans get early access to cutting edge medicine. For example, between 1995 and 2005, the U.S. saw 12 new cancer drugs introduced compared to 13 drugs total in six other wealthy countries including the United Kingdom, Japan and Germany. Some studies suggest that strict price controls would "strongly delay" advances leading to few new life-saving drugs.

### House Bill 1017: Combating drug waste through prescription drug donation repositories

Prescription drug donation repositories redistribute unused medication that would otherwise be thrown away.

HB 1017, authored by Rep. Steve Bartels, R-Eckerty, would establish a prescription drug donation repository program for Indiana that would allow people to donate unopened prescription drugs and supplies to a central or local repository for use by an eligible recipient. Forty states have similar programs, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The bill includes provisions to help ensure the safety of donated medications.

During the House's Public Health Committee hearing on Jan. 17, an Indiana oncologist said some patients end up with unused medication that could cost up to \$10,000 per dose. In

Indiana, the only option is to discard those medications. Meanwhile, providers like him regularly encounter patients struggling to afford life-saving medications.

An analysis of federal data shows Medicare spent more than \$2.9 billion on discarded drugs from 2017 to 2020.

Proponents of the bill argue the repository program could lead to cost savings for the state and make costly drugs accessible to more people. But some argue that a slim minority of Hoosiers would be eligible under the bill's strict criteria.

HB 1017 passed out of the House Public Health Committee last week and has been referred to the Ways and Means committee.

Read the rest of this article with a full list of bills at indianapolisrecorder.com.

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## Five Tips for Preventing Birth Defects

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, birth defects are common, costly, and critical health conditions that affect 1 in every 33 babies born in the United States each year.

Birth defects can vary from mild to severe, and are defined as structural changes present at birth that can affect almost any part of the body. They may affect how the body looks, works, or both.

The well-being of each child with a birth defect depends mostly on which organ or body part is involved and how much it is affected. While most are found within the first year of life, a birth defect can be found before birth, at birth, or any time after birth.

During National Birth Defects Prevention Month in January, a nationwide effort is used to raise awareness of their causes and impact.

Not all birth defects can be prevented; however, women can increase their chances of having a healthy baby by managing health conditions and by adopting healthy behaviors before and during pregnancy.

### Here are five tips for preventing birth defects:

**1. Take 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid every day.** Folic acid is important because it can help prevent some major birth defects of the baby's brain and spine. These birth defects develop very early during start taking folic acid at least one month before becoming pregnant and continue during pregnancy. In addition to eating foods with natural folate, women can take a daily vitamin that has folic acid. Most vitamins sold in the United States have the recommended 400 mcg of folic acid women need each day.

**2. Schedule a visit with your healthcare provider before stopping or starting any medicine.** Many women need to take medicine to stay healthy during pregnancy. For those women who are planning to become pregnant, discuss current medicines with a healthcare provider, such as a doctor or pharmacist. Creating a treatment plan for any health condition before pregnancy can help keep mom and baby healthy.

**3. Stay up-to-date with all vaccines, including the flu shot.** Vaccines help protect against serious diseases. Getting a flu shot and whooping cough vaccine (also called Tdap) during each pregnancy helps protect mom and baby.

**4. Reach a healthy weight before pregnancy.** Obesity increases the risk for several serious birth defects and other pregnancy complications. Talk with a healthcare provider about ways to reach and maintain a healthy weight before getting pregnant; focus on a lifestyle that includes healthy eating and regular physical activity.

**5. Boost health by avoiding harmful substances during pregnancy, such as alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.** There is no known safe amount of alcohol during pregnancy or when trying to get pregnant. Alcohol can cause problems for a developing baby throughout pregnancy, so it's important to stop before pregnancy. Smoking causes cancer, heart disease, and other major health problems. It can harm the developing baby and can cause certain birth defects. And, using certain drugs during pregnancy can cause health problems for mom and baby. A healthcare provider can help you with counseling, treatment, and other support services.

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# Religious leaders sue to block Missouri's abortion ban

By JIM SALTER  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A group of religious leaders who support abortion rights filed a lawsuit Jan. 19 challenging Missouri's abortion ban, saying lawmakers openly invoked their religious beliefs while drafting the measure and thereby imposed those beliefs on others who don't share them.

The lawsuit filed in St. Louis is the latest of many to challenge restrictive abortion laws enacted by conservative states after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June. That landmark ruling left abortion rights up to each state to decide.

Since then, religious abortion rights supporters have increasingly used religious freedom lawsuits in seeking to protect abortion access. The religious freedom complaints are among nearly three dozen post-*Roe* lawsuits that have been filed against 19 states' abortion bans, according to the Brennan Center for Justice.

The Missouri lawsuit brought on behalf of 13 Christian, Jewish and Unitarian Universalist leaders seeks a permanent injunction barring the state from enforcing its abortion law and a declaration that provisions of its law violate the Missouri Constitution.

"What the lawsuit says is that when you legislate your religious beliefs into law, you impose your beliefs on everyone else and force all of us to live by your own narrow beliefs," said Michelle Banker of the National Women's Law Center, the lead attorney in the case. "And that hurts us. That denies our basic human rights."

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden, a Republican, called the lawsuit "foolish."

"We were acting on the belief that life is precious and should be treated as such. I don't think that's a religious belief," Rowden said.

Within minutes of last year's Supreme Court decision, then-Attorney General Eric Schmitt and Gov. Mike Parson, both Republicans, filed paperwork to immediately enact a 2019 law prohibiting abortions "except in cases of medical emergency." That law contained a provision making it effective only if *Roe v. Wade* was overturned.

The law makes it a felony punishable by 5 to 15 years in prison to perform or induce an abortion. Medical professionals who do so also could lose their licenses. The law says that women who undergo



Hoosiers hold signs outside the Statehouse on June 25, 2022, in protest of the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. (Recorder file photo)

abortions cannot be prosecuted.

Missouri already had some of the nation's more restrictive abortion laws and had seen a significant decline in the number of abortions performed, with residents instead traveling to clinics just across the state line in Illinois and Kansas.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of the faith leaders by Americans United for Separation of Church & State and the National Women's Law Center, said sponsors and supporters of the Missouri measure "repeatedly emphasized their religious intent in enacting the legislation." It quotes the bill's sponsor, Republican state Rep. Nick Schroer, as saying that "as a Catholic I do believe life begins at conception and that is built into our legislative findings." A co-sponsor, Republican state Rep. Barry Hovis, said he was motivated "from the Biblical side of it," according to the lawsuit.

"I'm here today because none of our religious views on abortion or anything else should be enshrined into our laws," Maharat Rori Picker Neiss, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis and one of the plaintiffs, said at a news conference.

Lawsuits in several other states take similar approaches.

In Indiana, lawyers for five anonymous women — who are Jewish, Muslim and spiritual — and advocacy group Hoosier Jews for Choice have argued that state's ban infringes on their beliefs. Their lawsuit

specifically highlights the Jewish teaching that a fetus becomes a living person at birth and that Jewish law prioritizes the mother's life and health.

A court ruling siding with the women was appealed by the Indiana attorney general's office, which is asking the state Supreme Court to consider the case.

In Kentucky, three Jewish women sued, claiming the state's ban violates their religious rights under the state's constitution and religious freedom law. They allege that Kentucky's Republican-dominated legislature "imposed sectarian theology" by prohibiting nearly all abortions. The ban remains in effect while the Kentucky Supreme Court considers a separate case challenging the law.

But Banker said Missouri's lawsuit is unique because while plaintiffs in other states claimed harm, "we are saying that the whole law violates separation of church and state and we're seeking to get everything struck down."

Missouri Republican attorney general, Andrew Bailey, said in a statement that he will "defend the right to life with every tool at my disposal."

"I want Missouri to be the safest state in the nation for children and that includes unborn children," Bailey said.

Associated Press writer David A. Lieb in Jefferson City, Missouri, contributed to this report.

# Historic Black churches receive \$4M in preservation grants

By AARON MORRISON  
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NEW YORK (AP) — Administrators of a trust fund established to preserve historic Black churches in the United States on Jan. 20 revealed a list of houses of worship receiving \$4 million in financial grants.

The list of 35 grantees includes 16th Street Baptist Church Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama, where crucial civil rights organizing meetings were held during Jim Crow segregation in the 1960s and where four Black girls were killed after a bombing by members of the Ku Klux Klan in 1963.

Black churches in nearly every region of the U.S. are among the fund's first round of recipients receiving grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund launched its "Preserving Black Churches" program in 2021 to help support ongoing or planned restoration work in historic congregations that are caretakers of cultural artifacts and bear monumental legacies. Some church renovations were imperiled or severely postponed three years ago after the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, which reduced the capacity of many houses of worship to serve the public at an unprecedented time of need.

"Leaving an indelible imprint on our society, historic Black churches hold an endearing legacy of community, spirituality and freedom that continues to span generations," said Brent Leggs, the fund's executive director, who is also senior vice president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Rev. Monica Marshall couldn't agree with that sentiment more. She was a teenager in the 1970s when she became a member of Varick Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. It is the oldest continuous Black congregation in the borough and has been ministering in the community for more than 200 years.

Marshall, 66, has fond memories of joining the church's youth choir, playing the keyboard and leading its music ministry, before accepting the call to preach many years later. In 2010, she

became the pastor. There are about 75 active members.

Varick Memorial's current building dates back to 1951, but is deteriorating and has roofing issues. The church has been mostly uninhabitable since 2020, the reverend said.

"The pandemic made it harder to maintain the building," Marshall said. "I just heard God tell me, 'You're not going back into the same building that you came out of.' The people have been very faithful, they've been waiting on my vision and it just came true."

The congregation received a grant of \$200,000 to support critical restoration of the building's structural integrity. Marshall said the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund's efforts have restored hope that Varick Memorial can resume a wider array of services to the community.

"If you don't know where you've come from, it's hard to press on and go to even greater heights, to deeper depths in your life and in your legacy," the reverend said.

Many Black churches, both historic and modern, experience challenges related to deferred renovation, insufficient funds for regular maintenance and threats of demolition due to public hazards.

Since before the abolition of slavery, the Black church has been an epicenter for the cultural, social and educational pursuits of its members. The church has also played a role in brokering congregants' relationship to political power. It's not uncommon for politicians, most often Democrats, to cam-

paign from Black church pulpits.

The church is a domain for the prophetic tradition in which preachers weave Scripture with criticisms of racism, corruption and poverty. "Souls to the polls" is a get-out-the-vote campaign common in the Black church, encouraging congregants to take advantage of early voting periods to counteract voter suppression and intimidation.

"After all, these are our sacred sites, which our ancestors built from the ground up, and we must do everything we can to ensure their survival," said Henry Louis Gates Jr., the professor and historian who sits on the action fund's national advisory council.

In 2021, Gates executive produced and hosted a four-hour docuseries for PBS called "The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song," based on his New York Times bestselling book of the same title.

"Preserving these structures is a visible way of preserving a crucial chapter of Black history," Gates said.

The action fund's other grantees include First Bryan Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, which is considered to be one of the oldest Black Baptist churches in the U.S.; Cory United Methodist Church in Cleveland, where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X spoke in 1963 and 1964; and St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal, a church located on the historically Black campus of Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee.

The action fund's administrators said they received proposals for 1,266 Black

churches across the U.S., with \$189 million in total funds requested. The effort is supported by a \$20 million seed donation received last year from the Lilly Endowment Inc., which supports religious, educational and charitable causes.

St. Rita Catholic Church in Indianapolis, another action fund grantee, will receive \$100,000 to fix its bell tower and repair the main structure's masonry, which date back to 1958.

"The bricks of the bell tower started falling off about 19 years ago," said the Rev. Jean Bosco Ntawugashira, who was appointed pastor of the congregation last July. "It became a danger to the community and, unfortunately because of COVID, the (restoration) project was somehow halted."

St. Rita has been serving Indianapolis' Black residents since 1919 and is considered the city's mother church for Black Catholics from all over the world.

"The Black community, some time back, considered the Catholic Church to be the church for the whites," Ntawugashira said. "They are going to understand that the Catholic Church is universal and it doesn't close doors to anyone. They belong to a global community."

Aaron Morrison is a New York City-based member of the AP's Race and Ethnicity team.



Rev. Monica Marshall looks up at a damaged ceiling in her office at the Varick Memorial AME Zion Church, Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. On Friday, a fund established to preserve historic Black churches in the United States formally revealed the first 35 houses of worship that will receive financial grants totaling \$4 million. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)



# Begin again and again ...

By SHEILA P SPENCER

“The Lord’s name should be praised from where the sun rises to where it sets.” Psalm 113:3

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:23-24

“The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.” Psalm 118:24



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May you surround yourself with accountability partners who love you too May you sow into meaningful connections that reap a harvest of friendship that is true

May you have the courage to follow through on your gifts and what you enjoy May you always be kept in your true purpose and flourish with joy

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Each day is an invitation to new beginnings and mercies, Begin Again and Again and Again Sheila P Spencer

Rev. Sheila P. Spencer is an author, poet, teacher and preacher. You can contact her at Custom-MadeInspiration@gmail.com and her website is www.sheilapspencer.com.

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 23:5b-6

You **anoint** my **head** with **oil**; my **cup overflows**. **Surely** your **goodness** and **love** will **follow** me **all** the **days** of my **life**, and I **will dwell** in the **house** of the **LORD forever**.

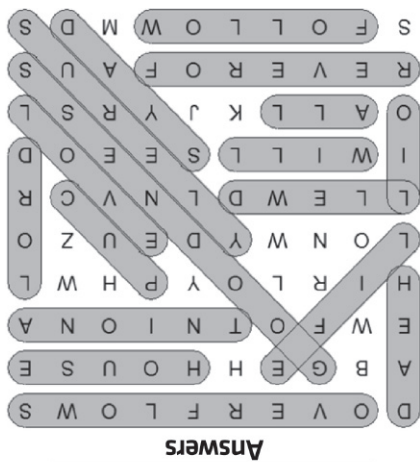
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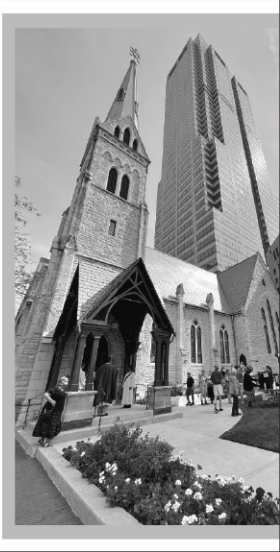
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STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT )  
) SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2208-MI-029315  
IN RE THE CHANGE OF

NAME:  
DONNIE RAY CALVIN  
Petitioner  
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on August 25, 2022, requesting a name change from DONNIE RAY CALVIN to DONALD RAY CALVIN.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on March 7, 2023, at 9 a.m., which is more than (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to 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 9, 2022.

/s/ Tiffany Vivo  
J U D G E, Marion Circuit Court  
5320-964453

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT )  
) SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2212-MI-044696

IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME:  
Megan Catharine Potter  
Petitioner  
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on December 30, 2022, requesting a name change from Megan Catharine Potter to Megan Catharine Reutlinger.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing on the Marion Circuit Court on March 21, 2023, at 9:00 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: January 9, 2023

/s/ Amber Collins-Gebrehiet  
J U D G E, Marion Circuit Court  
5320-964454

MDK # 22-038486  
STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #1 )  
) SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D01-2301-MF-000662

MidFirst Bank Plaintiff, vs.

The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Patrice M. Grundy and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Patrice M. Grundy, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT S U M M O N S B Y PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Patrice M. Grundy and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Patrice M. Grundy:

BE IT KNOWN, that MidFirst Bank, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Susan B. Kineman, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #1 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Patrice M. Grundy and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Patrice M. Grundy, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Patrice M. Grundy and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Patrice M. Grundy, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Lot 87 in Wood Creek, Section 2, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded June 8, 1998 as Instrument No. 98-95589, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, with Certificate of Correction of Correction recorded March 16, 1999 as Instrument No. 99-54000.

commonly known as 4924 Pike Creek Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46254.

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

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #1  
Susan B. Kineman (17405-49)

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STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT )  
) SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49D07-2208-MI-027999

CASA NOSTRA, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
v.

MARION COUNTY TREASURER,  
STATE OF INDIANA, ERIC V. SEAL; PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE; DYCK-O'NEAL, INC.;

and all other persons in the world, known or unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest of any nature

in the real property described herein that is adverse

to Plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT  
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be

concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a claim filed by Casa Nostra, LLC regarding a quiet title complaint filed in this

matter on the following Real Estate:

Lots 3 and 4 in Warmans Heirs' Haughville Subdivision in the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded, recorded in Plat Book 8, page 158, in the Recorder's Office of Marion County, Indiana.

Lot 38 in Traub's West Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded, recorded in Plat Book 8, page 69, in the Recorder's Office of Marion County, Indiana.

The Real Estate commonly known as: 36, 40 North Belmont Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46222 and 220 North Traub Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46222.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants: MARION COUNTY TREASURER, STATE OF INDIANA; ERIC V. SEAL; PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE; DYCK-O'NEAL, INC.;

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 arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Claim in writing, by your attorney on or before the day of

March 12, 2023, (the same being within 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.

MONDAY MCELWEE ALBRIGHT,

/s/ Christopher J. McElwee  
Christopher J. McElwee  
Attorney for Plaintiff

ATTEST:  
/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
S U M M O N S B Y PUBLICATION

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STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
) SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2211-EU-038870

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BLONDELL HARRELL, Deceased

N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Crystal Reed was, on January 14, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Blondell Harrell, deceased, who died 04/20/2022.

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

Dated at Indiana on January 14, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
C L E R K, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

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Dated at Indiana, on January 14, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
C L E R K, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Jennifer Norton  
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STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE COUNTY OF MARION )  
) SS: SUPERIOR COURT MARION COUNTY )  
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2301-EU-001732

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF JAMES C. WILLIAMSON, DECEASED

N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that, on the 13th of January, 2023, HELEN WILLIAMSON was appointed personal representative of the estate of JAMES C. WILLIAMSON, deceased, who died on the 5th day of January, 2023.

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 13th of January, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Probate Court of Marion County  
5320-964325

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STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2301-EU-001263

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. WILDS, DECEASED

N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION

Notices are hereby given that, on the 19th day of January, 2023, Lance Wilds was appointed as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard L. Wilds, who died on the 6th day of

September, 2023. 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 (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion Circuit and Superior Courts

This Instrument Prepared By:

David M. Henn, 18002-49  
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STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION COUNTY COURT )  
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2301-EU-002413

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SAMUEL L. MOORE, Decedent, SHEILA R. RIVERS, Petitioner.

N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th of January, 2023, Sheila R. Rivers was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Samuel L. Moore, deceased, who died on November 11, 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 January, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Court of Marion County  
5320-964596

01/27/23,  
02/03/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
MARION COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT )  
) COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49D09-1601-JP-000543

IN THE MATTER OF PATERNITY OF DIARIE HUGHES TRACEY HUGHES, PETITIONER, VS.

A B R A H A M GEBREGZIABHER, RESPONDENT.

ORDER TO APPEAR

Comes now the Court, the Respondent having filed his Verified Petition to Modify Custody, Parenting Time, Support and Motion to Restrict Mother's Parenting Time on December 2, 2021, and the Court being duly advised, now Finds and Orders that Petitioner TRACEY HUGHES and Respondent ABRAHAM GEBREGZIABHER shall appear in this Court on March 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., by WebEx, for a 2-hour virtual hearing on the Respondent's Verified Petition to Modify Custody, Parenting Time,

Support and Motion to Restrict Mother's Parenting Time on December 2, 2021, and the Court being duly advised, now Finds and Orders that Petitioner TRACEY HUGHES and Respondent ABRAHAM GEBREGZIABHER shall appear in this Court on March 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., by WebEx, for a 2-hour virtual hearing on the Respondent's Verified Petition to Modify Custody, Parenting Time,

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Support and Motion to Restrict Mother's Parenting Time.

The scheduled hearing will be conducted virtually via WebEx; use the information below to attend. Video attendance is preferred when possible, but telephonic appearance is acceptable. Exhibits shall be e-filed 48 hours prior to hearing. Exhibits should be premarked as Pet. or Resp. & comply with the Indiana Rules on Access to Court Records or be subject to being stricken. Go to [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com) to enter your meeting number and password or use the toll-free number below to join by phone. Please join the hearing five (5) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin. You will be admitted to the hearing room once the Court is ready to begin. Meeting number (access code): 129 761 2087 Meeting password: d09mccourt142JUD (30969268 from phones) Join by phone 1- 844-992-4726 - toll free

IT IS SO ORDERED this December 1, 2022.

/s/ Geoffrey Gaither  
Judge Geoffrey Gaither  
Distribution to:

C. Matthew Zentz  
Attorney for Respondent  
Tracey Hughes  
7209 Rawlins Square  
Indianapolis, IN 46260  
Elizabeth Whitaker  
Attorney for Kids' Voice  
5320-964282

01/27/23,  
02/03/23

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT

COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49D 12-2210-MF-035442

Clerk  
Marion Circuit Court  
200 E. Washington Street, Room W 122  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
317-327-4740  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff  
Vs.  
ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE A. DAY; DELORIS THOMPSON; CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS; PAUL DAY; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLOTTE A. DAY; Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendant 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:

Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate against the property described in Exhibit B of the Complaint as set out below:

Legal Description: Lot Numbered 1 in Fenneman's Heirs Subdivision, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, page 177, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendants: ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE A. DAY; DELORIS THOMPSON; CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS; PAUL DAY; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLOTTE A. DAY; CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS; PAUL DAY;

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or 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.

/s/ Andrew L. Kraemer  
Andrew L. Kraemer  
Attorney No. 14872-71  
Andrew L. Kraemer  
Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC  
500 West Lincoln Highway, Suite J  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
Ph. 312-541-9710  
Fax 312-541-9711

NOTICE

JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

5320-964530

01/27/23,  
02/03/23,  
02/10/23

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
) SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D13-2212-MF-043516

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Plaintiff

Vs.

Susan P. Schwab and US Credit  
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 2134 Menlo Lane, Indianapolis, IN, 46240, legally described as:

The land referred to in this report is situated in the County of Marion, State of Indiana, and described as follows:

Lot 41 in Replat of Muir Woods, Section Two, a subdivision in Marion County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument No. 81-56507, in the Office of the

Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

Except: One foot by parallel lines off the West side thereof (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: Susan P. Schwab and US Credit



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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 or to 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

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  
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 ARIANNA 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  
Charna Ellis a/k/a Charna E. Ellis, Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles W. 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 Crawfordville Road Indianapolis, IN 46234  
St. Joseph Board of Commissioners  
Serve Highest Officer Found  
227 W Jefferson Blvd South Bend, IN 46801  
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  
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)  
Attorneys 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  
01/20/23,  
01/27/23,  
02/03/23

SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 5 ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE 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

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

whose whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Eddie C. Sample, Deceased

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or 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 for Plaintiff LEANNE S. TITUS FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. 5320-963824  
01/20/23,  
01/27/23,  
02/03/23

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 F

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of March, 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

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

ATTORNEY: JERALD L. MILLER SOUTHSIDE OFFICE 349 RODEO DRIVE, 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 F  
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

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5320-963933  
01/20/23,  
01/27/23

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 F  
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

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

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 F  
Administration  
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana

In the Matter of the Estate of Carolyn S. Williams, deceased.

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 3 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within 9 months after the decedent's death, whichever 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

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

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

Attorney: Kye J. Steffey (Atty. #24414-49)  
STEFFEY WAHL, LLC  
320 N. Meridian Street, Suite 825 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 960-3065  
Email: ksteffey@steffeywahl.com

NOTICE OF F  
Administration  
In the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division

In the matter of the Estate of Margarita B. De Pazmany, deceased.

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 January 26, 2022, while domiciled in San Diego County, California

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, Marion County Superior Court  
Probate Division  
5320-964067

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

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 F  
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

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE COUNTY OF MARION ) SS: SUPERIOR COURT ) MARION COUNTY ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2211-ES-036211  
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF MONISA WILLIS, DECEASED

NOTICE OF F  
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

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

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,

NOTICE OF F  
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.

DECEASED. NOTICE OF F  
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

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2212-EU-041647  
IN THE MATTER OF ATHE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN S. WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF F  
Administration  
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

In the Matter of the Estate of Carolyn S. Williams, deceased.

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 3 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within 9 months after the decedent's death, whichever 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

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

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

Attorney: Kye J. Steffey (Atty. #24414-49)  
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NOTICE OF F  
Administration  
In the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division

In the matter of the Estate of Margarita B. De Pazmany, deceased.

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 January 26, 2022, while domiciled in San Diego County, California

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 3rd day of January, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court  
Aaron M. Freeman Attorney #24899-49  
The Freeman Law Office, LLC  
8925 Southeastern Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46239 (317) 862-7010 (317) 862-7011 Fax  
aaronm@aaronfreemanlaw.com  
5320-964128

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

Brett A. Carille Frank & Kraft, A Professional Corporation BMO Plaza, Suite 1100 135 North Pennsylvania Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 684-1100 (Notice Of Unsupervised Administration IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of JANNETTE LYNN SKIRVIN, Deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2301-EU-000823

Notice is hereby given that CHRISTY LYNN MEYER was, on January 10, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JANNETTE LYNN SKIRVIN, deceased, who died on or about December 9, 2022.

The Personal Representative was authorized to administer the Estate without Court supervision.

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

DATED at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 10, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
5320-964181

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D09-2212-JP-009020  
IN RE THE PATERNITY OF: Ashley Romero Maradiaga Minor Child Concepcion De Maria

NOTICE OF F  
Administration  
Maradiaga Reyes Petitioner v. Marvin Antonio Romero Respondent APPEARANCE BY UNREPRESENTED PERSON IN PATERNITY CASE

This Appearance Form must be filed on behalf of every party in a civil case.

1. My name is Concepcion Maradiaga Reyes and I am: Initiating (filing) in this case I am not represented by a lawyer.

2. Contact information for receiving legal service of document and case information as required by Court Rules.

Address: 5509 Lake Boggs St. Indianapolis, Indiana 46254  
Email address: Conym2889@gmail.com  
I will accept service at the above email address.

Phone: (317) 760-8439  
3. This is a JP case type as defined in Administrative Rule 8(B)(3).  
5320-964064

ADMINISTRATION In the Marion County Superior Court 8, Probate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of Ruby Mae Tipton, deceased.

Cause Number: 49D08-2212-EU-044573

Notice is hereby given that Juverna Benson was, on the January 3, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruby Mae Tipton, deceased, who died on July 7, 2015.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 3, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court  
Probate Division  
5320-964070

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Paul A. Kraft Frank & Kraft, A Professional Corporation BMO Plaza, Suite 1100 135 North Pennsylvania Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 684-1100 (Notice Of Supervised Administration IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of BABARGHORI, 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 BABARGHORI, deceased, who died on or about November 14, 2022.

The Personal Representative was authorized to administer the Estate with Court supervision.

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

DATED at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 10, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
5320-964002

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 8 ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2301-EU-000117  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLIFFORD ALLAN KIGHT, DECEASED

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Administration  
Notice is hereby given that, on the 3rd day of January, 2023, Sharon Kay Kight was appointed executor of the Estate of Clifford Allan Kight, 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 Indianapolis, Indiana, this 3rd day of January, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court  
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In the Matter of the Estate of JANNETTE LYNN SKIRVIN, Deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2301-EU-000823

Notice is hereby given that CHRISTY LYNN MEYER was, on January 10, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JANNETTE LYNN SKIRVIN, deceased, who died on or about December 9, 2022.

The Personal Representative was authorized to administer the Estate without Court supervision.

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

DATED at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 10, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
5320-964181

01/20/23,  
01/27/23

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D14-2211-DN-008864  
JOHN WEBB Plaintiff vs. Rennella Webb Defendant NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the

defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned.



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that does not include parental time-sharing with the children.

For purposes of Parenting Plan, the Petitioner will be referred to as parent 1, and the Respondent will be referred to as parent 2. The Petitioner states that it is in the best interests of the children that:

a. The attached proposed Parenting Plan should be adopted by the court. The parties have not agreed to the Parenting Plan.

b. The court should establish a Parenting Plan with the following provisions for: parent 2

No time-sharing for Parent 2

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

Petitioner/parent 1 is respectfully requesting sole custody.

SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT

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

1. the date of separation 10/2019

2. Petitioner requests that the Court award a child support amount that is less than Florida's child support guidelines and understands that a Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, must be filed before the Court will consider this request.

3. Petitioner requests that medical/dental insurance for the minor children be provided by: Respondent.

4. Petitioner requests that uninsured medical/dental expenses for the children be paid:

a. by Respondent

SECTION VI. REQUEST

1. adopting or establishing a Parenting Plan containing provisions for parental responsibility and time-sharing for the dependent or minor children common to both parties, as requested in Section III of this petition;

2. establishing child support for the dependent or

minor children common to both parties, as requested in Section IV of this petition;

3. awarding other terms, the Court deems necessary. I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated 5/14/21

/s/ WENDY YANETH GOMEZ PORTILLO

Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name: WENDY YANETH GOMEZ PORTILLO

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City, State, Zip: JACKSONVILLE, FL., 32244

Telephone Number: (832) 874-9774

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01/06/23,  
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01/20/23,  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 2021 DR 3708

Wendy Yaneth Gomez Portillo,

Petitioner and

Valeriano Antonio Trigueros,

Respondent.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR

Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor

Child(ren)

TO: Valeriano Antonio Trigueros

1797 N. Somerset Ave.

Indianapolis, IN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Divorce has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Wendy Yaneth Gomez Portillo, whose address is 2332 Eagles Hammock Blvd., Middleburg, FL 32068, on or before October 19, 2022, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 501 W. Adams St., Jax, FL 32202 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

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

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INDIANA MINORITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



### NEW INITIATIVE TO HIGHLIGHT MINORITY BUSINESSES

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

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

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

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## HOWDY

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The bright yellow walls on the inside create a fun dine-in experience for the guests, who can choose from an assortment of homemade ice cream flavors including Egg Nog, Dr. Pepper Chocolate Chip, Cookie Nom'ster, Lemon Raspberry, Cheesecake Cherry and Birthday Cake.

In 2021 while watching the news, Toler and Carter heard about the Texas-based ice cream shop and how it survived the pandemic because workers continued to go to work despite everything that was going on. What sparked their interest even more was that the franchise hires those with disabilities.

Toler said she noticed a need in Indianapolis to connect people with disabilities to jobs.

The business partners began their journey to bring Howdy to the Midwest a year ago when they applied for the franchise and got approved, and then they traveled to the original Howdy in Dallas to meet with the founder, Tom Landis.

Finding the location in Indianapolis was the longest part of the process. Toler and Carter chose the location on North New Jersey Street because of the foot traffic.

The shop opened in September, making it the only Howdy in the Midwest.

Toler and Carter met in 1991 while they worked at a church, St. Vincent New Hope, where they helped people with disabilities. The ice cream shop owners have worked with people with disabilities for 40 years.

Carter said she chose the work because she noticed people with disabilities don't have the same opportunities and wanted "the ability to impact lives."

Toler got her start in the 1980s in New York, helping people with disabilities get acclimated to the community. The work "clicked" for her, Toler said.

Carter and Toler currently work at LEL Home Services — Carter as chief operating officer and Toler as CEO.

Toler's goal for employees at the ice cream shop is to have them open and close the store by themselves and operate everything inside of the store. Toler has set up different stations around the store for the workers to learn how to operate the cash register and make the ice cream and waffle cones.

"We believe that the people we serve should have a typical opportunity like you and I," Toler said.

Katerina Austrom, 26, one of Howdy's employees, said she was having a hard time finding a job before she started working at the ice cream shop in September 2022.

"I was trying to find other jobs but didn't find one that suited me or that I liked that much," Austrom said while standing behind the register.

Austrom said she likes being able to work with other people with disabilities.

Toler said the shop was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Division of Disability and Rehab Services, which will be used for the owners to help those with disabilities receive employment.

Toler and Carter plan to open another Howdy within the next six to eight months in Indiana, though they have not decided on where yet.

For more information contact staff writer Timoria Cunningham at 317-762-7854. Follow her on Twitter at @\_timoriac.



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# Planning a Balanced, Plant-Based Diet for Kids

(Family Features) Caregivers who follow a vegetarian, vegan or other plant-based diet may wonder whether it's wise for their children to follow the same eating plan.

A well-balanced vegetarian diet can meet a baby or child's needs, although it's important to make sure children eating plant-based diets are getting enough protein-rich plant foods and other essential nutrients, according to Malina Malkani, MS, RDN, CDN.

If you're contemplating a plant-based diet for your child, you can learn more about the essential nutrients every child needs with this insight from Malkani and the nutrition experts at Plum Organics.

**Iron**

Starting at about 6 months, babies' iron reserves are low and they need iron from food sources. Iron is essential for brain development and healthy immune systems, as well as overall growth. Heme iron from animal-based foods is absorbed better than non-heme iron found in plant foods, but you can increase the absorption of non-heme iron by offering meals that include a plant source of iron – found in foods like beans, legumes, quinoa, chia seeds, leafy greens, nuts, nut butters and tofu – and a vitamin C-rich food, such as broccoli, strawberries or cantaloupe. Vitamin C helps boost non-heme iron absorption.

**Vitamin B12**

Important for development of the nervous system,



vitamin B12 also plays a role in the prevention of anemia and affects some behavior and mood regulation. Dietary sources of B12 include primarily animal products (meat, fish, eggs and milk), although some B12 can be found in nutritional yeast and fortified cereals. Infants likely get enough vitamin B12 from breast milk or formula, but as their milk intake begins to taper between 9-12 months, vegan babies may benefit from supplementation.

**Vitamin D**

Most people know vitamin D is good for strengthening teeth and bones, but it also supports calcium absorption and promotes optimal functioning of the immune system. The only known naturally occurring plant-based food source of vitamin D is some varieties of mushrooms. Formula-fed infants drinking more than 32 fluid ounces do not generally need a supplement, but breastfeeding infants may need to be supplemented.

**Omega-3 Fatty Acids**

These essential fatty acids are important for brain development, learning and behavior. There are three types of omega-3s, including EPA, DHA and ALA. EPA and DHA, the most critical, are found mainly in fish or algae. Breast milk and formula often contain omega-3s, as well.

For plant-based tots who don't eat fish, the ALA in foods like chia seeds, flax seeds and walnuts can be an important source of omega-3 fatty acids. Consider an option like the Mango & Pineapple, White Bean, Butternut Squash & Oats blend from Plum Organics, which provides omega-3 ALA from chia seeds and offers a convenient way to add important nutrients to a toddler's plant-based diet.

**Calcium**

Calcium is important for strengthening bones and

teeth, as well as muscular and nervous systems and heart function. For most infants, formula, breast milk or a combination of the two will provide adequate intake of calcium. Plant-based dietary sources of calcium include tofu, beans, fortified cereals, green leafy vegetables, tahini, sesame seeds and almond butter.

**Zinc**

In addition to the important role it plays in immune health, overall growth and development, zinc is a vital component of cell turnover and repair. Breast milk provides adequate zinc to meet a baby's needs, but over time the concentration of zinc in breast milk decreases (even if the mother takes supplements). Whole grains, fortified breakfast cereals, beans, legumes, chickpeas and nuts are all plant-based sources of zinc.

**Protein**

Most children who eat plant-based diets easily meet their needs for protein, which is essential for adequate growth and development. Plant-based baby food blends like the Carrot, Sweet Potato, Corn, Pea and Chicken pouches from Plum Organics offer a no-mess, portable way to provide about 18% of an average 6-12-month-old's daily protein needs. Other sources of plant-based protein include beans, legumes, whole grains, vegetables, nuts, seeds and soy.

Caregivers should speak with their pediatricians or registered dietitians about any nutrition-related concerns and always consult them before starting any supplements. Find more information to support your child's nutrition needs at plumorganics.com.

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## Wake Up Refreshed

Simple ways to begin your morning



(Family Features) Ready, set, go. Just as you would set off at the starting line of a race, this hectic pace is how mornings begin for many men and women.

Instead of waking with dread to face another hectic morning, consider these tips for a healthier way to ease into your daily rituals. While these activities may require you to allow extra time, you may be pleased with the productive results.

**Meditate.**

A practice that has been around for thousands of years may still be one of the best stress busters for hurried mornings. To start, find a place in your home that is free of noise and distraction. Practice sitting still, with eyes closed, and focus only on your breathing. Using deep, controlled breaths, try to steer your thoughts away from negative and stress-inducing thoughts.

**Stretch.**

While the most health-conscious person may

opt for a morning sweat-a-thon, working in some stretches can also be beneficial. When you awake, think about oft-used muscles and extend each one for 15-30 seconds.

**Activate.**

Give your brain some fuel in the morning while also doing something nice for your mind. For example, journaling is a gentle way to ease into your morning and get your brain firing. If you can't think of a topic, simply write down a few affirmations for the day, revisit a pleasant memory from your past or scribble down a goal for the week. Journaling can be an uplifting way to engage the mind and express gratitude for the day ahead.

Find more tips for starting your day on the right foot at eLivingToday.com.

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Analysis: Trying to play good NBA defense ‘wild, hot mess’

By PAT GRAHAM  
AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — Contrary to all those high-scoring games, players still are playing defense in the NBA.

Seriously, they are.

It’s just the task of stopping two-time reigning MVP Nikola Jokic or Luka Doncic or Joel Embiid or anyone else in the league has become more challenging than ever.

Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle may have described the assignment of locking down a premier — or even a reserve — player the best: “It’s a wild, hot mess trying to guard in the NBA now,” he said.

A combination of rule changes, style-of-play alterations, the ongoing addiction to the 3-point shot and more have added up to the game being significantly tilted toward the offensive player.

Someone will win “Defensive Player of the Year” this spring, even after a season where no one seems to be able to stop anyone with the ball. It’s almost certain that more players will average 20 points per game than ever before. A decade ago, there were a dozen or so players. This season, 50 isn’t out of the question (there were 27 last season and 31 in 2020-21).

The NBA will analyze all the variables after the season. But since its sense is fans love scoring, and there’s nothing out there contradicting that stance, a massive swing of the rules pendulum toward helping out defenders doesn’t seem likely.

“For me, a fan, the talent level is just off the charts, and that has a lot to do with what we’re seeing,” NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said in Paris last week. “Of course, the enormous increase in 3-point shooting is going to lead to more scoring, too, especially when these guys, even the big men, shoot 3-point shots as well as they do.

“I don’t think it’s necessarily a case that defense is not being focused on as it once was,” Silver added. “I’ve been around the league long enough to remember when the claim was guys played no defense at all, and so there’s a fair amount of defense played.”

From zone defenses to constant rotations, teams are trying a little bit of everything to slow down offensive stars. Still, the stars shine. In January alone, Cleveland’s Donovan Mitchell scored 71 points on Jan. 2; Chicago’s Zach LaVine knocked down 11 3-pointers on Jan. 6; and Miami’s Jimmy Butler



Pacers forward Aaron Nesmith goes up for a shot. (Recorder file photo)

went 23 of 23 from the free throw line on Jan. 10.

Playing defense is harder these days, but not impossible.

“It just requires a real connectedness defensively,” Carlisle explained.

Scoring is up again this season, with teams averaging more points (114.1) than the league has seen at any time in the last half-century. Sacramento leads the way with 120 points per game, with six players averaging 12 or more points.

It’s hardly a surprise to longtime NBA veteran Ish Smith that 44 players are currently averaging at least 20 point a game.

“I guarantee you, when I come and show my kids the game in 10 or 15 years, we’re going to be talking about how it might be 100 guys now averaging 20,” cracked Smith, the Nuggets guard who broke into the league in 2010. “It’s just a tribute to guys getting better. Everybody can dribble, shoot, pass — and it makes it difficult.”

Bottom line: The standouts are simply doing what they do best — stand out. Doncic and Embiid lead in points per game (33.6), Jokic in triple-doubles (14), Shai Gilgeous-Alexander in two-point field goals (398) and Buddy Hield in 3-pointers (181).

“The league is in such a great place and people are so into checking out highlights and seeing high scores for entertainment,” said David Adelman, an assistant coach for the Nuggets and son of longtime NBA coach Rick Adelman. “I don’t think the NFL is any different. I mean, it’s hard to be a defensive back these days. That’s probably the hardest job in sports,

maybe.

“So I don’t see (the NBA) changing it. My son is 9 years old and he loves watching the NBA because we’re scoring 130 points. That’s just the way it is.”

Given rule enforcements designed to allow more freedom of moment in both the post and on the perimeter, it’s only natural to expect free throws to be on the rise. There have been an average of 23.8 attempts at the line this season, which is on pace to be the highest since 2010-11 (24.4).

“Generally, when you look at some of these really, really, explosive individual performances where guys have put up huge numbers, I think you can immediately look at the free-throw line. There’s always a correlation,” Chicago coach Billy Donovan explained. “The free throw and the fouling has become a real challenge, because the minute you get your hands on people, those elite scorers know how to manipulate and draw fouls.”

The league has tried to minimize that, at least when it comes to shooters looking to draw contact on flailed 3-pointers. But the NBA knows any rule change or shift always gets countered somehow by smart players, who just find another avenue to get to where they want.

“I remember people were saying, ‘It’s all about dunking and guys can’t shoot.’ Now it’s, ‘They shoot too well. It should be more of an inside game,’” Silver said. “We’ll keep looking at it.”

AP Basketball Writer Tim Reynolds contributed to this report.

Tigers win City championship



Dezmon Briscoe finishes a dunk in Attucks' win vs. Cathedral for the City title. (Photos/David Dixon)



The Tigers were considered underdogs against Cathedral, the reigning Class 4A state champion, but came out on top with a 61-51 win.



Attucks' Ron Rutland III scored 18 points in the win.

Globetrotters come to town



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