

50 Cent partners with Pacers in multi-year deal

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Throughout the last few years, Curtis '50 Cent' Jackson has been making power moves – pun intended – and his newest venture benefits youth in the Indianapolis area and the local economy.

The multi-talented, world-renown rapper is partnering with the Indiana Pacers to empower “urban kids to develop the confidence, tools and knowledge (necessary) to excel in life.”

Pacers Sports and Entertainment CEO Rick Fuson said the partnership with 50 Cent and The G-Unity Foundation, the entertainer's charitable organization, gives the city of Indianapolis the chance to “deliver new world-class experiences not only to our premium guests but to all visitors to Gainbridge Fieldhouse and the Indianapolis community, at large.”

In October, the Indiana



50 Cent visited Indianapolis to launch a partnership with Pacers Sports and Entertainment. (Photo by Oseye Boyd)

Pacers inked a deal with 50 Cent to showcase his brand at the 2024 NBA All-Star Game, which will be held here in Indianapolis.

The deal calls for the G-Unity Foundation and the Indiana Pacers to invest in the Indianapolis youth throughout 2023-24 and 2024-25 NBA seasons.

This also marks Jackson's third official NBA partnership.

Fuson said he was “excited” to work with 50 Cent and the G-Unity Foundation because the partnership will “improve the lives of our city's young people while bringing Pacers fans Sire Spirit's award-winning

premium products.”

If the venture is anything like Jackson's previous NBA partnerships, the city can anticipate a boost in community involvement and positive youth engagement. In similar partnerships, The G-Unity Foundation established “business labs” in Houston and Sacramento respectively.

Per the foundation's website, The G-Unity Business Lab is “a program that's making a real difference in young people's lives. It's a year-long course that equips students in high-need communities with business acumen so they can start their own companies and achieve generational wealth. The Lab brings kids and knowledge together.”

The terms of the multi-year partnership between Jackson and the Indiana Pacers will be ironed out in the coming months.

The rapper's involvement provides the city with a much-needed breath of



Pictured Moses Gray (left), William Gray (middle) and Tamara Ann (right) (Photo/William Gray)

Moses Gray: Honoring a legacy of impact for a community.

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William “Bill” Gray was in grade school when he and a few of the neighborhood kids wanted to grab some McDonald's. He asked his father for money for McDonald's and was less than enthusiastic to learn that

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2023 Marion County Primary Elections: What you need to know

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Voter registration for Marion County's May Primary Election ends in just over a week.

Those wishing to cast ballots in the May primary must be registered to vote and registration ends on Monday, April 3, with early voting for the pri-

mary beginning the next day.

To learn about candidates, you can view a sample ballot at the Marion County Election Board's Voter Information Portion (VIP) online or the Secretary of State's website, IndianaVoters.IN.Gov.

Registration is also done on the Secretary of State's website.

The primary is on Tuesday,

May 2.

Early voting

Early voting at the Indianapolis City-County Building will be available Tuesday, April 4 to Monday, May 1. Additional early voting satellite locations will be open from Saturday, April 22 to Sunday, April 30. Those locations will be announced later by the Marion

County Election Board.

All voters wishing to cast ballots early must be registered and bring a valid photo ID.

Absentee voting

Those wishing to vote by mail must complete and return an application to the Marion County Election Board before midnight on Thursday, April 20. The absentee ballot must be marked, signed and sent in by 6 p.m. on Election Day.

Ballots can be returned by mailed or hand delivered to the Marion County Board office at 200 E. Washington St. or the Election Service Center at 3737 E. Washington St. It can also be delivered at any polling site during early voting on Election Day.

Requests for absentee ballots can be made by visiting IndianaVoters.IN.gov or by calling the Election Board Office at (317) 327-5100.

In-Person voting

A registered voter with a valid photo ID can cast a ballot at any Marion County Vote

Center on Election Day. At its March meeting, the Marion County Election Board will approve its 2023 Primary Election Vote Center Plan, which will include an outline of Election Day voting locations with the number of early voting sites.

A timeline of deadlines and Election Day

Monday, April 3: Voter registration ends.

Tuesday, April 4: Early voting begins.

April 20: Absentee voting applications are due.

April 30: Early voting at satellite locations ends at 6.

May 1: Early voting ends at the City-County building at 12 p.m.

May 2: Election Day, polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All mail-in ballots are due at the Election Board site by 6 p.m.

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Advocates identify warning signs and educate the community on human trafficking

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It was 3 a.m. in Gary, Indiana, and Heather Maravilla wanted to go home. Banging on the outside of the strip club's locked door and demanding the club let her leave was Maravilla's boyfriend at the time.

Opening the door was a guard who pointed a rifle at his face.

“She will be out when she is done making us ... money,”

the guard said, according to Maravilla, who explained the early morning events.

The same gun turned on her as she was instructed to go back upstairs to her last customer. This is just one of many horrific experiences Maravilla faced during her 12 years in the human trafficking industry.

Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, and Indiana is

not immune to its darkness. The illegal enterprise generates more than \$150 billion in profits annually around the globe.

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime has designated Marion County as an economically distressed community with a targeted need to support victims of trafficking. Thirty-nine neighborhoods in Marion County have been identified as needing support.

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Heather Maravilla currently works as a Regional 5 Coalition Coordinator for an Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistant Program, the Indiana Youth Services Associations, where they provide human trafficking trainings throughout the community. (Photo/ provided by Heather Maravilla)



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The Pacers Foundation aims to boost math proficiency through play

By **ANDREW PILLOW**
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Local students recently got a chance to play on the floor of Gainbridge Field-house but they weren't exactly playing basketball. They were participating in NBA Math Hoops.

NBA Math Hoops is a game that aims to enhance fundamental math and interpersonal skills among elementary and middle school students while simultaneously addressing gaps in math proficiency.

On March 16, the Pacers Foundation hosted around 80 students from William McKinley School 39 and George Buck School 94 for a game of NBA Math Hoops. Students received a tour of several Pacers facilities as well as a visit from the Pacers mascot, Boomer.



According to Rico Francis, The Pacers Foundation Social Impact Director, NBA Math Hoops is in cities across the country but was made possible in Indianapolis by an \$800,000 grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation. Normally NBA Math Hoops is played on a board or digitally. But on March 16, students got to play

a version of the game with real players on an actual NBA court. This was to try and "give them the full experience," said Francis.

Corey Wilson, the Executive Director of The Pacers Foundation, said the ultimate goal for the program is to get Indianapolis kids invested in math.

"I have never seen a moment where students are so excited about math," said Wilson. "800 kids in 18 different schools are participating in Math hoops."

NBA Math Hoops is usually led or sponsored by a teacher. One such teacher is Jacob Gregory of William McKinley School 39. He and his students were in attendance at the event and he said that he can see the impact the program has on his students.

"My kids get really excited about it," said

Gregory. "They have discussions as they play. They check each other's math."

Math scores in Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) have rebounded to their pre-pandemic levels but are still significantly below the district's stated goals. ILEARN scores show that only 19.5% of IPS students were proficient in math in 2022.

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Andrew's work is supported through a partnership between Indy Kids Winning and the Indianapolis Recorder. Visit indykidswinning.com to learn more.

Casting A Vision for Public Schools in Indianapolis

Special Contribution to the Recorder

The saying goes that if you want to walk fast, walk alone, but if you want to walk far, walk together.

Today, we are publicly committing to walking together for the future of public schools across our city, and we will leverage our shared experience and expertise to make sure every student in Indianapolis can access a quality education. As five Black women, this is especially important to us because we understand the disparities that exist for students of color, most of whom attend district run and public charter schools in Central Indianapolis.

We come from different perspectives — parents, elected and appointed leaders, community advocates and leaders — but we are united in the belief that our schools are the heart of our community.

That is the reason why we do the work, but in recent months, we haven't always agreed on how the work gets done. As we move forward together to envision a K-12 public school landscape that works for all students, we are committed to the following shared principles.

As we look to our classrooms, we must work together to tackle big issues for our students — accelerating academic learning gains in reading and math, access to mental health support, language equity, and building a strong foundation in literacy and math. Four out of five students in our schools are students of color; only a quarter of our teachers look like them. We can and will close that gap.

Public education is fundamental. We have to in-



Aleesia Johnson, Shannon Williams, Jasmin Shaheed-Young, Angelia Moore, Venita Moore.

vest in it, and we have to champion it.

When we talk about public education, we are talking about all public schools — traditional and public charters. Families select schools for their students for different reasons; we are fortunate in Indianapolis to have many public options to choose from, and we believe families can and should make that choice.

Our goal is to ensure students can get in where they fit in. It's not to promote one school over another or pit one type of school against another.

We have to think bigger than right now, which is a challenge when our schools lack the resources they need, our teachers are under attack, and many of our students face trauma from years of learning loss and their lived experiences outside the classroom.

Nevertheless, we have to be intentional about casting a vision not just for what we want public education in Indianapolis to be, but what we want it to become.

That vision includes our brick-and-mortar facilities, which is why we commit to working together to ensure all public schools — traditional and charter — have access to quality facilities.

But we should also be thinking bigger and bolder

when it comes to the schools where our kids learn. How can we offer families state-of-the-art facilities for academics and athletics? How are we outfitting our facilities to prepare students for next-level careers?

Currently funding disparities exist simply based on the type of public school a family chooses to attend. That is not fair. We must ensure that every public school — yes, every public school — has the funding they need to pay their teachers and support their students. We know we can't do that in a vacuum. We are well positioned with strong leadership in the local education landscape to undertake this work, but we know it will require support from state lawmakers and input from public education champions at every level to center the debate on what our kids need, not what kind of school they attend.

We approach this conversation with joy, our voices united in hope that together, we can establish a unified vision for the future of public education in our city, and we invite any and all who share these values to join us on the journey.

Signed,
Dr. Aleesia Johnson, Superintendent, Indianapolis Public Schools
Shannon Williams, Executive Vice President, The Mind Trust
Jasmin Shaheed-Young, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, RISE Indy
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THIS WEEKEND IN THE ARTS: MARCH 24-26

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

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

Friday, March 24

Wayne C. Wentzel Lecture Series: Dr. Tammy Kernodle

Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall, 4600 Sunset Ave.
7:30 p.m.

Free

Musician and scholar Dr. Tammy L. Kernodle is a teacher and researcher in the areas of African American concert and popular music. As part of the lecture series, Kernodle will give a lecture entitled "This Music is Black Music: Mary Lou Williams and the Re-framing of Jazz's History in Civil Rights Era America."

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An Evening with Sunny War

Lo-Fi Lounge, 1043 Virginia Ave., #211

7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15-\$17

Nashville-based singer-songwriter and guitarist Sunny War will take the stage at Lo-Fi Lounge to play a mix of Americana folk, eclectic gospel and country blues music from her recent album "Anarchist Gospel." Presented by MOKB and Upland Brewing Co., the show is 21+ and doors open at 6:30 p.m.

mokbpresents.com/event/an-evening-with-sunny-war/

Saturday, March 25

Shakespeare's Will

Indiana Repertory Theatre, 140 W. Washington St.

5 p.m. (Recurring until April 16)

Tickets start at \$25

"Shakespeare's Will" tells an imaginative story based on the life of a forgotten woman behind the literary legend: Anne Hathaway, Shakespeare's wife. Starring Tracey Michelle Arnold, the show's approximate runtime is 1 hour and 30 minutes and is recommended for patrons 9th grade and above.

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xZOOberance Spring Festival

Indianapolis Zoo & White River Gardens, 1200 W. Washington St.

Noon to 4 p.m. (Recurring until April 16)

Tickets are \$12.25-\$32.75; included in Zoo general admission

Bring the kids out to blow off some steam at the Indianapolis Zoo's annual xZOOberance Spring Festival. The festival will run Thursday-Sunday for 16 days of fun activities, games, live music, dancing, art and more.

indianapoliszoo.com/events/xzooberance/

Women's Self Defense Class

Flash Action, 5134 E. 65th St.

2-4 p.m.

Tickets are \$20-\$25

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Search "Women's Self Defense Class" on Eventbrite Indianapolis

Kiss My Brass

Re:Public, 2301 E. 10th St.

Noon to 7 p.m.

Free

Celebrating Black women, this one-day pop-up photo exhibit features the work of Indy-based photographer Simonè Walls. The multisensory exhibit takes place in a garden setting and is curated by poet Januarie York and includes a harpist performance.

10eastarts.org/10-east-events/kiss-my-brass-mar-25

Sunday, March 26

Jonathan Butler

The Palladium, 1 Cater Green, Carmel

7 p.m.

Tickets start at \$35

South African singer-songwriter and guitarist Jonathan Butler is making his Palladium debut as a headline act. Butler, the first non-white singer to be played on South African radio, is known locally for performing with saxophonist Dave Koz and his Grammy-nominated Top 30 hit song "Lies."

thecenterpresents.org

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

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Tracy Michelle Arnold in the Indiana Repertory Theatre's 2023 production of "Shakespeare's Will." (Photo/Zach Rosing)

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BOOK REVIEW

“Lucky Medicine” by Lester W. Thompson

By **TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER**

It didn't arrive in a package. It wasn't wrapped in fancy paper; it didn't arrive with cake or candles. And yet, the gift you got, that thing that someone gave you was better than anything that could've come in a pretty box. It was bigger than you ever expected. As in the new memoir, "Lucky Medicine" by Lester W. Thompson, the gift was a life-changer.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Lester Thompson grew up with "rules" that his Southern-born parents instilled in him all his life. Even though Jim Crow racism wasn't entrenched in the North like it was in the South, such rules were "the frame of reference."

And that lent mystery to a very curious relationship Thompson's father had with a white Jewish man, a Mr. Goodman. Cal Thompson cut Goodman's hair in the privacy of Goodman's home; Thompson sometimes accompanied his father there, but he never fully understood the friendship between the two men. He says "It didn't occur to me to wonder..."

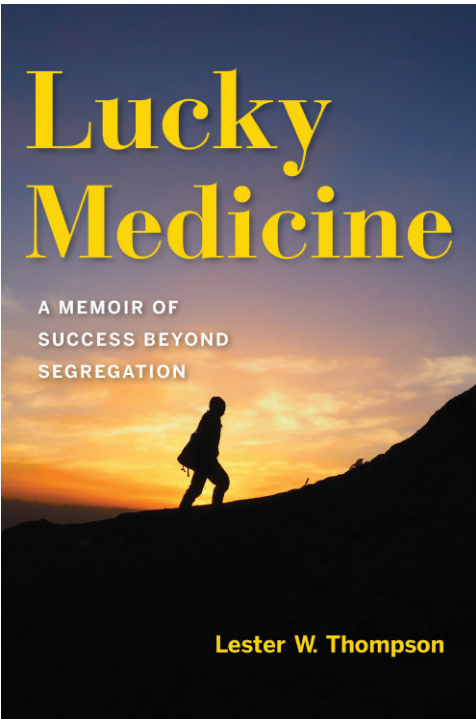
When he was thirteen, he learned the truth: he was named after Goodman, who was his father's closest friend. Furthermore, Goodman was Thompson's godfather and he'd made a vow to pay for Thompson's entire college education.

That he was going to be a doctor someday was another thing Thompson had known all his life. His father, an authoritarian alcoholic, never left any room to question it. And so, after high school graduation, Thompson headed to IU in Bloomington, Indiana.

It was an eye-opener, in many ways. An only child, Thompson had to learn how to share. He had to learn to live with white people next door, and how to study for classes that seemed impossible to ace. He fell in love and fell again. And he watched the world change as the Civil Rights Movement began.

"I will never know what prompted Mr. Goodman to make his gift," Thompson says, "but in the end, I suppose, all that matters is that he did."

Sometimes, change can come with a



big ka-BOOM. Other times, it sneaks in the back door and sits quietly. That mixture's what you get with this unique memoir, "Lucky Medicine."

Unique because while racism figures into author Lester W. Thompson's story, it's not a very big part, considering the mid-last-century setting. The Movement is barely a blip on the radar; only a handful of troubles with white people are mentioned, and they're not belabored. So, racism is in this book, but only at whisper-level.

Instead, Thompson focuses on his relatively insulated life, his parents and friends, his studies, and the mysterious, still-unsolved relationship his father had with Goodman. And that's where this story glows: Thompson's tale is nostalgic and mundane. It's not overly dramatic. It doesn't shout or beg for attention. It's just warm and happily, wonderfully, ordinary.

Be aware before you share this book with an elder that there are four-letter words in here and a rather eyebrow-raising, too-much-information bedroom scene inside. If you can handle that, though, "Lucky Medicine" is a one-of-a-kind gift.

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CORRECTION:



A photo caption in the March 17 issue was incorrect. We are sorry for the error. At left, is the rebuilding of the Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Place restaurant on College Avenue following a massive fire in January 2022. At right, is the construction of the new family center at Frederick Douglass Park, a \$20 million project that will include a computer lab, more space for hosting events, additional basketball courts, and more.

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RECORDER'S WOMEN HISTORY HIGHLIGHT

The Recorder Women Sponsors organization was founded in December 1950 by Mrs. Louise Terry Batties, a community leader and respected educator in the Indianapolis Public School System. Although the name has evolved to the Recorder Women's Auxiliary, the mission of service to the Indianapolis community has remained the same.

The group concept began when Mrs. Fredonia Stewart Temple, the managing family of the Indianapolis Recorder, approached Mrs. Batties to aid in a fundraising effort benefiting the Recorder Christmas Cheer Fund. In the first "Coffee Hour" that Mrs. Batties hosted in her home, she raised more than \$1,900 from the civic-minded



participants.

The idea of helping improve Indianapolis's quality of life resonated so much with those charter members that they voted unanimously to continue the association in support of Indianapolis Charities, Inc. The objective was then and continues to be

of thousands of dollars under the auspices of the founding president, Mrs. Batties, to all subsequent presidents, and the current president, Mrs. Virginia L. Mason; the aims of the organization have remained constant, and the fundraising efforts have remained consistent.

now, to assist disadvantaged families and provide financial aid to college-bound high school graduates.

Since its inception, the Recorder Women's Auxiliary has raised hundreds

EPA targets ‘forever chemicals’ in historic water rule

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The Environmental Protection Agency proposed a first-ever national drinking water standard for six ‘forever chemicals’ as their latest action to combat polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). However, the proposed standard does not require any actions until at least the end of the year, the EPA anticipates.

PFAS are a group of man-made chemicals used in products to resist heat such as firefighter foam, nonstick cookware, water-repellent clothing and most commonly the colorful plastic-like material around wires. Hundreds of everyday products are made with PFAS that build up in our bodies with nowhere to go. PFAS are of concern because they do not break down in the environment, can move through soils and contaminate drinking water

sources and build in fish and wildlife. And they stay there forever.

Scientists are still learning about the health effects of PFAS, but some studies have reported that they may lead to changes in liver enzymes, increased cholesterol levels, decreased vaccine response in children and increased risk of kidney or testicular cancer, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Lack of knowledge, coupled with the fact that people of color are more likely to live within five miles of a PFA contaminated site, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists, leads to serious health risks and environmental justice concerns. The EPA expects that if fully implemented, the proposal would prevent thousands of deaths and reduce tens of thousands of “serious PFAS-attributed” illnesses.

The proposal builds on other key milestones to

combat PFAs including EPA’s proposal to designate two PFAS as hazardous substances, enhancing data on them through nationwide sampling for 29 other “forever chemicals.”

The proposed rule would also require public water systems to monitor for the six designated chemicals, notify the public of the levels found and then reduce them if they exceed the proposed standard.

The EPA will be holding an informational webinar about the proposed standard on March 29 at 2 p.m.

The EPA is also requesting public comment at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), for members of the public to provide comments on the proposed rule.

Contact environmental reporter Jayden Kennett 317-762-7847 or by email JaydenK@IndyRecorder.com. Follow her on Twitter @JournofJay.

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fresh air, the Pacers said. 50 Cent's Sire Spirits became the official alcohol partner of the Indiana Pacers and a core partner of next year's NBA All-Star Game.

The courtside bar known as The East Side-line Club will become known as the Sire Spirits '67 Club. Guests in the club can expect to see 50 Cent's critically acclaimed Branson Cognac and his award-winning champagne, along with other Sire Spirit products.

The partnership also gives life to a new bar that will annex the south side of the Gainbridge Fieldhouse Balcony Level. This new speakeasy will host alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages such as 'virgin' daiquiris and slushies.

Daniel Lopez, the vice president of External Relations and Corporate Communications at Pacers Sports and Entertainment, believes "50 Cent is very passionate" about giving back to the community and investing in the youth.

The announcement of the partnership arrives on the heels of the third phase of the "Fieldhouse of the Future" project. The former is regarded as the second-largest renovation endeavor in the history of the NBA. The project, estimated



50 Cent's partnership with the Pacers will rebrand multiple sections of Gainbridge Field House. Guests can expect to experience 50 Cent's premium alcoholic beverage. (Photo/Oseye Boyd)

to be worth \$360 million, brings brand-new amenities and exhilarating experiences to the Fieldhouse and all fans, the team said.

Over the course of the last two decades, 50 Cent has become a business mogul. Debuting in the early 2000s, the "Get Rich or Die Trying" rapper used his platform to turn himself into executive producer, entrepreneur, director, and New York Times best-selling author and philanthropist. 50 Cent's claim to fame originally came in the form of a near-death experience after being shot nine times and sur-

living the barrage.

In a press release following the announcement of the partnership, 50 Cent affirmed that he is "excited to have (Sire Spirits and The G-Unity Foundation) featured at one of the country's newest premiere entertainment venues. I'm excited to be a part of the new development that Gainbridge Fieldhouse will bring to the city of Indianapolis. I look forward to meeting and spending time with fans."

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his father would require him to work for it.

"Nothing in this life comes free son," his father would tell him.

After a few hours of cutting grass and long after the other kids had already gone to McDonald's, Gray's father drove him to the establishment in the family pickup truck.

"We stopped at a gas station. There was a guy there down on his luck. I saw my father go in his pocket, and I don't know how much cash it was, but it was enough to make the man cry. I'm looking like, how? I just had to work all day for \$5. I was heated," said Gray.

Gray didn't say a word, but his father could tell he was upset when he got back in the car.

His father explained that the man looked like he had enough bad days. He needed to have a good one.

That was the type of man his father was.

Moses "Mo" Williams Gray was born April 12, 1937, in Goochland, Virginia. He moved to the Hoosier state to play football at Indiana University Bloomington, where he graduated in 1961. Gray was then drafted into the NFL by the New York Giants. He also played with the New York Jets for a brief period.

Although his talents on the field are notable, it's his character that impacted people the most.

"This is going to sound weird, but it was not until he passed away that I understood his impact. To me, he was just dad, but when you start hearing stories from friends and fans, he became larger than life," said Gray.

Moses Gray was an employee of General Motors in Indiana for 30 years, where he rose through the ranks to become a general superintendent.

Gray married Ann Marie Powell in Nov. 1962. The couple adopted two children, William and his sister, Tamara Ann.

According to the Indiana Historical Society, he served on the boards and committees of over two dozen local organizations over the span of his lifetime, including:

The Children's Bureau of Indianapolis, Association for the Rights of Children in Indiana, Black Adoption Committee of Indianapolis, District Commissioner of Crossroads of America Council, Marten Manor Group Home's Foster Aunt and Uncle Program, Marion County Department of Public Welfare's Foster Parents Program, United Way Agency Relations Advisory Committee, IU's "I" Men's Association and IU's Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center.

"I don't know how he did it. He took that secret with him. He didn't stress or complain about it. He did what needed to be done. I think he just enjoyed helping the community and being there for his family," said Gray.

In his efforts to encourage and guide young Black men, Moses Gray served on the national board for 100 Black Men of America, Inc. He was also a founding member of the Indianapolis Chapter.

Indiana Historical Society records show that in the 1990's he helped the organization set up mentoring programs within local schools like IPS #45.

The organization focused on academics, recreation for after school programs, health education, a summer program, and an assembly student motivational program.

James Duke, current Midwest District Representative for 100 Black Men, said Moses Gray was a supportive mentor to him.

"He had a smile that would light up a room. When I was up-and-coming in 100 Black Men of Indianapolis, he would always pull me to the side and say, 'Hey Brother Duke, you're doing a great job. Keep up the good work,'" said Duke.

The organization created the Moses Gray Scholarship in 2022 to honor the leader.

"It's for any of our prior program participants who are going to any college or technical and trade school," said Duke, "We also have an internal 100 Black Men of Indianapolis Award called the 'Moses Gray Man of the Year.' It's been around for years, and it honors our outstanding members for their volunteerism, mentoring and community engagement."

Moses Gray died Feb. 6, 2023.

The 86-year-old was preceded in death by his parents, Moses Sr. and Ida B. Gray, his siblings, Walter Gray, Hazel Gray Britt, Florence Jean Gray Tyler, Ralph Gray, and his daughter, Tamara Gray Brown.

He's survived by his son, William Gray, brother, Ralph Gray, sister, Ida Gray, nieces, nephews, godchildren, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, April 1, at Light of the World Christian Church starting at 11 a.m. It will be a dual service with his wife, Anne Marie Powell, who passed while planning his celebration of life.

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EDITORIAL

The Devil is in the details

By STAFF



The city, along with two other community entities, recently announced a new initiative to revitalize the area around Indiana Avenue. Mayor Joe Hogsett said the plan will “honor the rich history of the Avenue” with an eye on developing its considerable assets.

City-County Council President Vop Osili went so far as to say this opportunity offers a chance to envision a future “that would make all of our grandparents proud.”

We certainly hope so. But the question remains: What’s taken so long?

As with many other ambitious plans, the Devil is in

the details.

Following the cultural heydays in the 1930s, 40s and 50s, the area of Indiana Avenue from roughly Capitol Street north-westward witnessed considerable decline. By the late 1960s, the decline was nearly complete.

Gone were the heady days of Black entertainment and Black businesses – from store shops to cleaners, from clubs to gambling dens, from the offices of the Indianapolis Recorder to the headquarters of local manufacturing. In the 1980s, many of the buildings from West Street onward were torn down and replaced with office buildings and townhouses. Even the Walker Theater, for a time, was closed.

The Walker Legacy Center today stands as a solitary sentry of a glorious past.

Since the early 2000s, a number of individual de-

velopers have announced various visions to revitalize the area, including plans for hotel space and other upscale businesses. But without a unifying vision, mostly from the city, little has come of any of it.

Not having a Crystal Ball handy, it is much too early to see if this new push will bear fruit, or whether, like so many previous efforts, it will die on the vine and fall away, leaving the area bereft of the color and charm that drew virtually every Black jazz great to Indiana Avenue from the 1930s to the 1960s.

But we will be watching closely in the coming months with the hope that, 50 years hence, future city residents will say current residents and city officials mustered the necessary vision, political will and financial foresight to elevate the Avenue to the cultural destination it once was.

The Long Shadow Of The Iraq War

By LARRY SMITH



Twenty years ago, the United States invaded Iraq under the pretense that it had “weapons of mass destruction.” Then-President George W. Bush said that such weapons could be used against us. Given the lack of evidence, former National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice infamously admonished: “We don’t want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud.”

Hans Blix led the United Nations team that investigated alleged Iraqi WMDs. After roughly 700 inspections, he issued his report on Valentine’s Day 2003. His team found no evidence of WMDs. Some, though not all, of our intelligence agencies drew the opposite conclusion. (Sadly, the intelligence community has not completely rehabilitated its reputation.) The UN abruptly recalled Blix and his team from Iraq roughly a month later, on March 18th. Our invasion began on March 20th. Then-Vice President Dick Cheney said on Meet the Press that “we will be greeted as liberators.” We weren’t.

The fact is that we should not have invaded Iraq even if Saddam Hussein had WMDs. He was evil, but

he didn’t pose a serious threat. He saber-rattled his neighbors – especially archenemy Iran – whom he wanted to think that he had such weapons. Further, if WMDs were the real issue, we would have attacked nations that (1) we knew actually had them and (2) actually meant us harm. Indeed, if we genuinely had wanted to neutralize our most dangerous enemies, we could have launched a “preemptive” strike against... our most dangerous enemies. Instead, we attacked Iraq. One immediate effect of that decision was to handicap our (at the time) successful war in Afghanistan.

We all know that the war became a debacle, especially for the Iraqi people. Even the majority of U.S. veterans of the war agree with that sentiment. Then-President Obama “officially” ended the war on December 15, 2011. Yet, the geopolitical fallout of that ill-fated conflict remains. As Vivian Yee and Alissa Rubin argue in The New York Times, Iran is “the big winner” of our Iraqi campaign. A state-sponsor of terrorism, Iran now has extensive influence in Iraq – a process that began as soon as Saddam Hussein hastily abandoned his office.

Additionally, our two most dangerous foes – Russia and China – are making inroads in the Middle East. Both nations seek to disrupt America’s role as

the key foreign mediator in the region. Our completely volitional entanglement in Iraq led countries to question our judgement, to fear our intentions, and to loathe our presence. Ultimately, this gave an opening to Russia and China. This is not a case of “the enemy of my enemy is my friend”; it is a case of “the enemy of my friend is my friend.”

Beyond damaging our moral authority, the war undercut the perception of democracy in the world. As we witness the increasing march of authoritarianism (and even proto-fascism) in Europe and elsewhere, democracy and the post World War II world order are in peril. (And we won’t even get into the threat to democracy domestically).

Is there a straight line between Iraq and, say, the rise of right-wing populism in Hungary, Israel, Brazil, Italy, or France? No. Further, those nations are a far cry from China, Russia, Myanmar, or North Korea. Yet, our ill-conceived invasion of a sovereign nation inadvertently, but inexorably, exposed the fragility of the democratic ideal.

Then there is Vladimir Putin. As immoral as his incursions into neighboring Georgia and Ukraine have been over the last 15 years, his justification for doing so is substantially more legitimate than was ours for invading Iraq

– a fact that he has frequently raised. And, at some point, China could well use our Iraqi adventurism as a pretext to invade Taiwan. To be clear, our attacking Iraq would not justify such an action, but it does provide a patina of legitimacy given Taiwan’s historical ties to mainland China.

Understandably, most Americans are weary of war. I was born during the latter stages of the Vietnam Era. I’ve lived through everything from small conflagrations such as our invasion of Grenada, to more serious incursions such as our invasion of Panama, to major military interventions in the first Gulf War and the Bosnian conflict. America has had several legitimate military campaigns – and many missteps – in the 20th and 21st centuries. On balance, we have rightly intervened to protect democracy. Today we are doing so by fighting a proxy war with Russia in Ukraine – as we should.

Those of us who believe in the American experiment must ensure that we are neither arrogant nor condescending. Indeed, lost on our leaders in 2003 was the tragic irony of imposing democracy at the tip of a spear. Let us close our fist when there is no other option. Otherwise, let us extend our hand.

Reregulation of Airlines Will Have Negative Impact on Travelers of Color

By DR. BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS. JR.
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Among the significant strides our country has made to create a more equitable society, air travel does not always come to mind. However, it was not long ago that air travel was only for the elite. Airfares were prohibitively expensive, and flying on commercial airlines was a privilege that almost exclusively upper-class, white Americans could enjoy.

Today, the vast majority of Americans from all income levels and walks of life are able to travel by air. According to an Ipsos survey, more than 90% of Americans have flown commercial in their lifetime – with 53% of Americans taking to the skies before the age of 16. It is hard to believe that only 50 years ago, fewer than half Americans of all ages had experienced air travel.

What spurred this new reality of affordable airline fares and accessibility? The answer is simple: the deregulation of the industry in the 1970s.

Today, there are some in the Biden Administration and in Congress pushing to reregulate the airline industry – a decision that threatens to upend the progress our country has made to make air travel more accessible for all Americans.

In 1978, President Carter signed the bipartisan Airline Deregulation Act into law – ushering in a new age for air travel. This bill drove tremendous progress in improving the accessibility of air travel, especially among low-income and diverse communities.

The bill introduced a free market in the commercial airline industry. Dozens of new airlines formed, and due to increased airline competition, more planes took to the skies every day, new routes were added, and fares plummeted, providing more and more passengers with the opportunity to take advantage of a fast and safe method of travel.

Today, two million passengers board planes across the U.S. every day to visit friends, reunite with families, and meet with colleagues. These travelers are benefitting from an unprecedented amount of choice – more carriers to choose from, more flights and routes and varying ticket types that include more affordable options.

Two new carriers entered the market during the pandemic, offering new service to small communities and further spurring the fierce competition within the industry. This, in turn, drives down fares – and improves the travel experience – as the carriers all vigorously compete for the same consumers.

The benefits of the Airline Deregulation Act are still felt throughout the country, with fares remaining remarkably affordable. In 2021, domestic air travel in the U.S. was 55 percent less expensive than it was in 1979. As a result, one-third of Americans boarding commercial aircraft in the U.S. had family incomes under \$75,000.

Even as record-high inflation has impacted businesses across the country, U.S. airlines have main-

tained these affordable airfares. For example, the price of jet fuel averaged 83 percent more in 2022 than in 2019, but in 2022, inflation-adjusted fares averaged 6.8 percent below 2019.

Thanks to a reduction in unnecessary, inefficient regulation, air travel is no longer a luxury. Instead, air travel is now an essential method of transportation for Americans of all races, cultures and incomes. However, potential action by the Biden Administration could change that.

It is critical that the White House recognize that their proposed policies to increase regulation of the airline industry could make it increasingly difficult for low-income Americans, and particularly those of color, to afford airline tickets.

While regulation can sometimes be a useful tool, in the case of the airline industry, increased regulation can do more harm than good. Let’s not move backwards and reregulate an industry that has made tremendous progress in accessibility and affordability. The people that will be harmed the most from more regulations are those from low-income and diverse communities of color.

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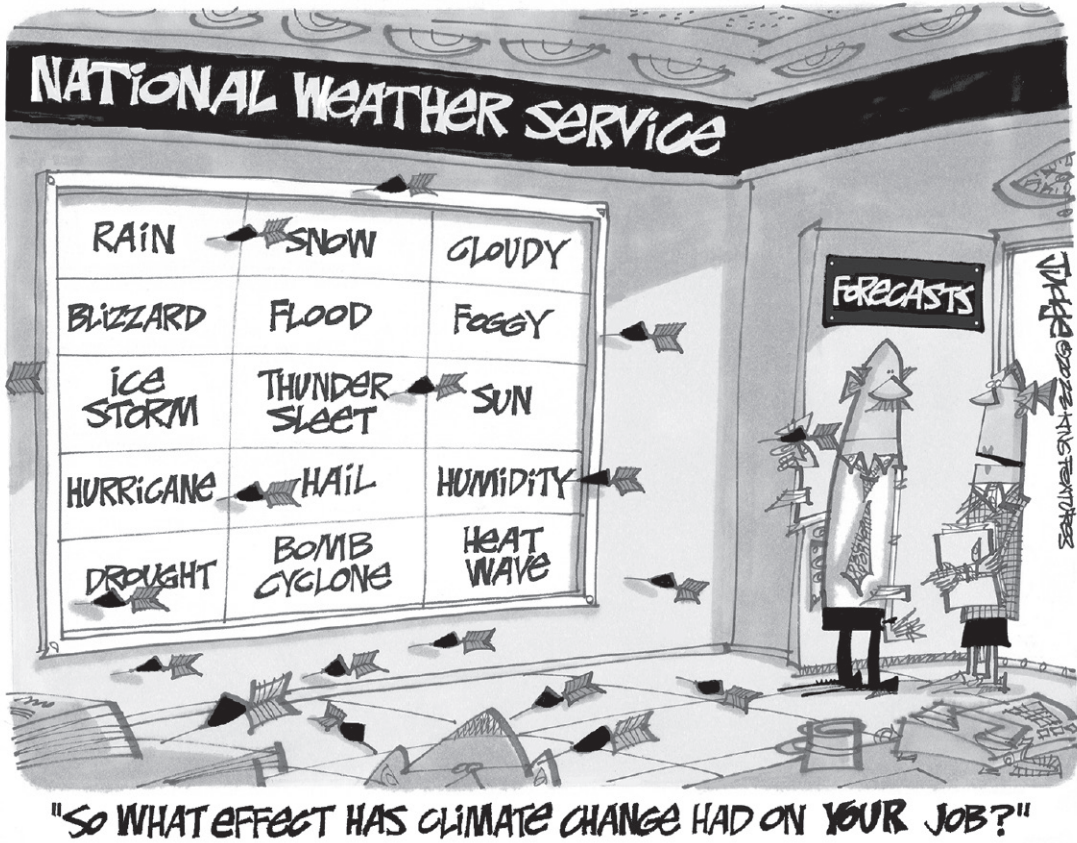
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Human trafficking survivor, Heather Maravilla, said it was “nobody but God” that kept her going despite everything she went through. (Photo/ provided by Heather Maravilla).

According to Danika Hoiston, the Director of Development and Communications at anti-trafficking organization Ascent 121, human trafficking is the recruiting, harboring, and transportation or solicitation of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act in exchange for something of value. It is induced by force, fraud or coercion.

Human trafficking is often overlooked due to misinformation that is spread. One of the misconceptions surrounding human trafficking is that it only occurs in lower-income areas. Human trafficking happens everywhere around the world. It occurs even in our own backyard.

“The important thing to know is that ... here in Indianapolis and across the state we are seeing sex trafficking of kids all the time. It is happening day and night, and it is happening here,” Hoiston told the Recorder.

Hoiston said it is important for people to be aware of the realities of human trafficking because misconceptions can lead to missed signs and overlooked victims.

People of all ages can be victims of human trafficking. In fact, Hoiston said the typical age range she sees at Ascent 121 is between 14-18.

“Teenagers are more vulnerable at that age and traffickers will see a need and take advantage of that need,” explained Hoiston.

Maravilla was 14 years old when she was exposed to human trafficking. At that age, she was raped three times — one of those times was by a couple she was babysitting for.

“I was raped by the people who I trusted,” Maravilla said.

Traffickers will appear at the same places children frequent, such as malls, parks, schools, the grocery store and social media, to reel them in and gain their trust to exploit them for their own financial gain.

One way traffickers will gain the trust of an individual is by manipulating them. For Maravilla, that rang true.

During Maravilla’s childhood, she lost trust in her mother, described her stepfather as “emotionally avoidant” and longed to feel safe and secure.

Although there are no defining characteristics that all victims share, traffickers frequently prey on people with vulnerabilities including poverty and lack of housing, educational opportunities and love.

The first time Maravilla was told she was good at something was by her trafficker, who kidnapped her for four months when she was 16. During that time, Maravilla was locked in a room where she was physically and sexually abused day after day.

After escaping, Maravilla went back home, where she was taken to a juvenile detention center for being listed as a runaway. After a few months in the detention center, the 17-year-old went to court with her mother and stepfather.

“My mom and my stepfather told the judge, ‘Well, we don’t want her back home.’ And that’s when I got turned over to the state for foster care,” Maravilla said.

Hoiston noted many children who are trafficked have a history with the child welfare system and have experienced neglect, absent or incarcerated parents, or various forms of abuse.

After leaving the foster care system, Maravilla was homeless. At 18 years old, she began working at a strip club. “Any man could come in that club and put his card on the bar and purchase any woman he wants,” Maravilla said. “They wrote our name down ... The amount of money depends on how much time you got. So, the more money you paid, the more time you got.”

Maravilla spent five years at that strip club before she left and entered a 12-year abusive marriage. At age 31, the mother of six moved to Indianapolis, where she began working at strip clubs again.

“I felt like life had dealt me a bad hand, and these were my cards,” Maravilla said.

At 40 after she was invited to church Maravilla met her mentor and now close friend, Stephanie Turner, and began to change her life.

In 2017 Maravilla turned her pain into poetry and published a book titled “Love’s Redeemed Daughter: The Reflections of Nyla.” The book tells the story of the 12 years Maravilla spent in the human trafficking system and her transformation after making it out.

Maravilla currently works as a Regional 5 Coalition Coordinator for an Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistant Program, the Indiana Youth Services Associations, where they provide human trafficking trainings throughout the community.

Maravilla said it was “nobody but God” that kept her going despite everything she went through.

“I’ve known many girls who didn’t make it out. I attended a lot of funerals of girls who have been murdered: girls who been stabbed ... I don’t know why he allowed me to make it out. I should’ve died many times,” Maravilla said as tears rolled down her face.

Maravilla said to stop human trafficking, buyers of victims need to be held more accountable. She encourages those that suspect they know a human trafficking victim to call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1(888) 373-7888.

Local organizations are also here to help. Some local anti-trafficking organizations across the state include Grit Into Grace, Indiana Youth Services Association, Indiana Protection of Abused and Trafficked Humans Taskforce and Hope Center.

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Wellness programing in schools is positively impacting students

By **CHLOE MCGOWAN**
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Certified yoga instructor and school counselor Lade Akande is giving students the resources they need to get through the school day.

As the Director of Wellness at University High School in Carmel, Akande primarily focuses on school counseling, meeting one-on-one with students, surveying community members, faculty and students, and using that data to build a framework for the school year. Akande said she takes a holistic approach to the curriculum, incorporating practices that can be implemented into a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly structure.

“There’s a term that’s been coined called the inner pandemic,” Akande said. “So what we’re seeing with today’s teens, especially in adolescence, is like, these are the lowest rates in 30 years when it comes to drug use, alcohol use, pregnancy, you know, risky behaviors, but it’s off the charts when it comes to poor mental health.”

Akande got her start in college admissions at Butler University, but she returned to college to get her master’s degree in counseling and began working as a college admissions counselor at University High School in 2015. Eventually, she earned her yoga certification and helped introduce an advanced physical education class: Yoga and Mindfulness, which meets daily at University HS.

“We learn about the history and philosophy of yoga,” Akande said. “We learn about anatomy of stress and trauma

and how they impact the biology. We actually implement the practices — so we do the breathing, we do the movement and we do mindfulness activities that kind of reinforce that.”

Yoga and Mindfulness meets in the gym second period each day, with about 25 students — plus a few study hall students that “just come and do the yoga because they want to.”

Celeste Hastings, a 12th grader at University High School, said she took Akande’s yoga class last semester, and it ended up being one of her favorite classes because it helped her manage anxiety and improve her mood throughout the day.

“I felt a lot more mindful in general,” Hastings said. “Those little things — like each breath you take or complimenting a peer — all kind of add up and make your day what it is.”

Hastings said both the breathing techniques and the yoga practices help her relieve stress, and it means a lot to her to have found something to help her cope a little bit better.

“That kind of stuff really resonated with me,” she said. “Maybe just like, I think, a kinder human and more excited to just go throughout the day and interact with people.”

As one of the only schools in Indiana with a daily wellness program for its students, Akande said she knew what they have at University HS is unique and wanted to measure the results.

And she did — by teaming up with Nick Abel, Associate Professor & Graduate Chair of School Counseling at Butler University, to study the impact



Lade Akande, the Director of Wellness at University High School in Carmel, is providing students with wellness programming and tools to help them manage both their physical and mental health and wellbeing. (Photo/Abhishika Masih)

of yoga and mindfulness in high school students.

According to Akande and Abel’s study, yoga means “union” and “oneness” and is considered an art and a science. It includes movement, breathwork, mediation and “a study of the self, through the self, to the self.”

Mindfulness is described as “paying attention on purpose to the present moment intentionality and cultivating deeper awareness of self and others.”

Akande and Abel’s study cites the U.S. Surgeon General and the American Psychological Association, which have proclaimed a youth mental health crisis and the ongoing pandemic as “negatively affecting student well-being for many reasons,” as a few of

the reasons for conducting the study.

“What we know about these practices is that they help reduce stress, they help increase focus, they help establish connectedness and sense of belonging,” Akande said. “And their empowerment tools give students the opportunity to regulate themselves.”

Akande said she conducted a daily survey of the students taking the class, which consisted of 4-7 questions before and after yoga as well as a pre- and post-semester survey with treatment and control groups.

“And that showed us that immediately after yoga, students felt more relaxed, less stressed, more focused and ready for the challenges of the day,” Akande said.

By the end of the class students have improved their balance and flexibility, Akande said. A lot of their physical symptoms of stress, such as headaches, soreness and stomach pain, also diminish, she said.

“I’ve just also seen a shift in mindset with a lot of students,” Akande added. “It helps them practice contemplation and self-reflection, which is another thing that doesn’t necessarily happen on a day when they’re going to algebra and history and science.”

Julia Poertner, a 12th grader at University High School, is currently in Akande’s yoga class and said she’s already noticed the positive effects the class has on her.

“I think mostly I’ve noticed that I’ve started trying to do movement techniques either if I’m frustrated or kind of feeling anxious,” Poertner said.

Poertner said breathing techniques, such as the box breath and the lion’s breath — or simhasana in Sanskrit — help her when she’s feeling frustrated.

Poertner can’t help but laugh while doing the lion’s breath, holding her hands up like paws and breathing out as if she were roaring.

“It’s part of why I like doing it so much,” she added.

Both Poertner and Hastings said they’re glad to have tools and techniques to help them manage their stress and anxiety early on, and both said they plan to continue using them after high school.

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The Social Work Department of the Marion County Public Health Department provides a range of services to the citizens of Marion County who require public health assistance and community programs to enhance their social, environmental, emotional, and behavioral health needs. Services are offered at District Health Offices, ACTION Health Center, Housing & Neighborhood Health, and Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS). Social workers and staff are dedicated and committed to ensuring residents are recipients of maximum and optimum health outcomes. Services are geared towards the prevention, early identification and alleviation of psychosocial issues impacting the use and response to health care as well as mental/behavioral health service provision.

The Social Work Department provides individual and family counseling, along with many additional services such as connection to resources and referrals to and for the residents of Marion County.

To learn more about accessing social work services or resources from the Marion County Public Health Department, please call 317-221-2364 or 317-221-8950.

More information about the social work profession and celebrating Social Work Month is available at socialworkmonth.org.

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The ABCs of Diabetes is a free, four-part diabetes education series offered by the Marion County Public Health Department. Topics include nutrition, exercise, taking medications, preventing complications, and community resources.

People with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their friends and family members are welcome to attend.

Classes in April will be offered online on Tuesday, April 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 1:30-3 p.m. Technical assistance is available.

Classes in May will be held in-person at the Marion County Public Health Department’s main building, 3838 N. Rural Street, on Thursday, May 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in the program should plan to attend all four classes for the month they are offered. Registration and more information, including a schedule of classes, is available at MarionHealth.org/diabetes or by calling 317-221-2094.

The ABCs of Diabetes aims to empower individuals with diabetes to achieve and maintain good health, prevent complications that may develop from uncontrolled diabetes, and increase knowledge and skills for successful diabetes self-management. The program will also provide education to individuals with pre-diabetes to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes.

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On Thursday, March 16, Witherspoon Presbyterian Church welcomed President Matthew A. Scogin, friends, alumni, and the Chapel Choir of Hope College. Under the direction of Dr. Eric Reyes, Witherspoon was the first stop on the choir’s 9 day multi-city tour. The event was coordinated by the Hope College Alumni and Lake Fellow, Rev. Tyler Brinks. Photo Credit: Nikki Graham, Naks Photography

Holy month of Ramadan begins for Muslims across the world

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The Muslim holy month of Ramadan began at sundown on Wednesday, as the faithful prepared for a month of dawn-to-dusk fasting intended to bring them closer to God and to remind them of the suffering of those less fortunate.

For the next 30 days, Muslims will refrain from eating or drinking anything — even the tiniest sip of water — from sunrise to sunset. Many will strictly observe prayers, read the Quran and donate to charity as they seek to draw closer to God. Family and friends will gather for joyful nightly feasts.

This year many will struggle to afford holiday treats amid soaring prices fueled in part by the war in Ukraine. Iran, Egypt and Lebanon are grappling with economic crises that have weakened their local currencies, making things even more expensive.

The holy month will also be shadowed by the suffering in Turkey and Syria, where an earthquake last month killed more than 52,000 people, and in conflict zones across the Muslim world, though there have been some encouraging signs of possible reconciliation.

“We used to look forward to Ramadan as the most beautiful month of every year,” said 19-year-old Rama Jamal, recalling how her family would decorate the house and sit together reading the Quran.

Now she lives alone in the war-ravaged northern Idlib province of Syria. After surviving more than a decade of war, her parents and brother were killed in the earthquake.

“Now I’m by myself, and there’s no mood of Ramadan, there’s no joy,” Jamal said. “I’m missing my family all the time, every hour.”

In the impoverished Gaza Strip, which has been under an Israeli blockade since the militant group Hamas seized power there in 2007, residents struggling to cope with higher prices also fear another war amid months of soaring Israeli-Palestinian violence.



A worker cleans an area in the historical Sunehri mosque, ahead of the upcoming Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, in Peshawar, Pakistan, Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Muslims across the world will be observing the Ramadan, when they refrain from eating, drinking and smoking from dawn to dusk. Ramadan is expected to officially begin Thursday or Friday in Pakistan, though the timing depends on the alignment of the moon. (AP Photo/Muhammad Sajjad)

“The prices of many staples have increased crazily,” said Mohammed Forra, a grocery store owner in the Gaza City. He said the price of cooking spices has doubled since last year.

More than 1.8 billion Muslims, who account for around a quarter of the world’s population, are expected to observe Ramadan. Islam follows a lunar calendar, so the month begins a week and a half earlier each year, cycling through the seasons, including the long days of hot summers.

The start of the month depends on the sighting of the crescent moon by local religious authorities and astronomers, and can sometimes vary from country to country. But this year there was broad agreement that it began Wednesday evening, with Thursday declared as the first day of fasting.

In Indonesia, home to the world’s largest Muslim population, worshippers flooded mosques for evening prayers after authorities declared that several Islamic astronomy observer teams had sighted the crescent moon

in different regions. Muslim authorities in Saudi Arabia and several other Middle Eastern countries have also announced that Ramadan will begin Wednesday night.

Muslims believe God began revealing the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad during Ramadan more than 1,400 years ago.

The fast is one of the five pillars of Islam and is required for all Muslims, though exceptions are made for young children and the sick, as well as women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or menstruating. Travelers are also exempt, including athletes attending tournaments away from home.

Those observing the fast must refrain from eating, drinking, smoking and sexual intercourse from sunrise to sunset. They are also encouraged to refrain from cursing, fighting, gossip or road rage throughout the holy month.

Many Muslims, particularly those who live in the U.S. and Europe, are accepting and welcoming of others around them who are not observing

Ramadan. They also are not expecting shorter work hours, as is the case in the public sector across much of the Arab world during Ramadan.

Eating or drinking in public during the day is generally frowned upon in Muslim-majority countries. In some, including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — home to a large expatriate population in Dubai and Abu Dhabi — it can be punished by fines or imprisonment.

The normal bustle of cities dies down by late afternoon, with streets emptying and shops closing early. Muslims traditionally break the fast at sunset as the Prophet Muhammad was said to have done, with a sip of water and a few dates. Some can be seen happily indulging in a long-awaited cigarette.

After sunset prayers, family and friends gather for “iftars” — feasts with local holiday treats like candies and nuts. Mosques and charities set up outdoor banquets where the poor can eat for free each night of Ramadan. Muslims then wake up early for “suhoor,” a small meal eaten just before dawn.

Five-star hotels, particularly in wealthy Arab Gulf countries, host lavish iftars, and cable networks unveil big-budget soap operas, raking in millions in advertising. Both practices have been criticized by conservatives who fear Ramadan is becoming too commercial.

Ramadan culminates in Laylat al-Qadr, or the Night of Destiny, during the last 10 nights of the month, when Muslims engage in intense late night worship. Muslims believe this was the night God sent the Angel Gabriel to the prophet to reveal the first verses of the Quran.

After the last day of fasting, Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr, a festive three-day holiday in which children are often given new clothes and gifts.

Associated Press writers Ghaith Alsayed in Idlib, Syria, Fares Akram in Gaza City, Gaza Strip, and Niniek Karmini in Jakarta, Indonesia contributed to this report.

Is there a prophet among us?

By Rev. Norman Franklin

Katie Geneva Cannon was the first African American woman ordained in the United Presbyterian Church. In 1983, adding another ‘first’ achievement of an African American woman, she earned a doctorate in Philosophy from the United Theological Seminary in New York.

Cannon was born in Kannapolis, North Carolina during the reign of segregation in 1950. It is the nature of God to bring forth a light in the midst of darkness when things wrong are accepted as right in the god of their eyes. Cannon looked to theology for answers to the injustice she experienced in the racist systems of segregated America.

Experiences can influence our perspective, but we cannot allow them to define us.

These experiences led her to develop the principles of womanist theology. Womanist theology is a methodological approach to theology which centers the experience and perspectives of Black women. The first generation of womanist theologians began writing in the mid-1980s.

Cannon states, “most traditional theology pretends that who we are in our bodies does not affect the way in which we see God or the way in which we experience God in our lives.” Throughout her writings and preaching, Cannon asserts that black women are challenging the patterns and systems of their suppressed role in the African American church, community, family, and the larger society; they are asserting rights, authority, power, beauty, and wonder of the black woman’s voice.

Katie Cannon is an author/educator and essayist. She taught at Temple University, the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and served as the Annie Scales Rogers Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education which is located in Richmond, Virginia.

She is the author of Black Womanist Ethics, Womanism and the Soul of the Black Community, Righteous Content, and Black Women Speak of Church and Faith and Teaching Preaching.

Cannon’s 1998 sermon, “Prophets for a New Day” is included in the anthology of African American sermons, “Preaching with Sacred Fire.” Her Scripture text was 1 Kings

13:29-30. It’s a narrative that deals with wickedness in positions of authority, deceitful manipulation of what God has said, disobedience, and the judgement of God. It bears reading.

The call and gift of any preacher is to make the word of God relevant and applicable to present day hearers.

“So the prophet picked up the body of the man of God, laid it on a donkey, and brought it back to his own city to mourn for him and bury him. Then he laid the body in his own tomb, and mourned over him and said, oh, my brother.” (1 Kings 13:29-30, NIV)

King Jeroboam was leading the people to turn away from following the true and living God. “Doers of justice today need to ask ourselves the question, who are the Jeroboams in our churches, and our communities who embody spiritual wickedness in high places? Who are the Jeroboams in our national public arenas burning incense at the altar who are causing the people of God to fall into apostasy, to bow down and worship idol gods?”

Self-proclaimed prophets of the Evangelical Right appear to be stumbling over themselves with prophetic visions from a god clothed in the garments of political conservatism and nationalism. Prophets, once solidly behind the ‘chosen one’, are now gravitating towards Ron DeSantis. Charlie Shamp, self-proclaimed prophet, claims to have had a prophetic vision several years ago that DeSantis’ ultimate position is to have a position in the United States as president.

Cannon, in her 1998 sermon, said, “More than ever before we need true prophets, prophetic women and prophetic men, prophetic youth and prophetic adults, who will be God’s people -and no other’s- morning by morning and day by day. We need prophets who will not be baited by the attractiveness of sameness and compromise.”

She issued this call, Needed: Prophets who will take a spiritual inventory – take a step back from the busyness of our lives and discover what God is calling us to do, prophets who will obey God’s will – accept the findings of our spiritual inventory and move in the will of God, and prophets who will display an attitude of gratitude to the ends of both praise and power of God – an attitude of gratitude will keep us in spiritual shape and strengthen us to stand against temptation.

Resurrection Community Church hosts crime stats meeting for north district

By: Jade Jackson

For the first time since the pandemic started, Resurrection Community Church brought district stats, neighborhood strategies and crime prevention solutions to community members Thursday evening.

The meeting was open forum featuring data from IMPD, North District Commander Michael Wolley and officers from the Community Resource Unit (CRU) who work on community engagement.

“We’ve had several highs and lows in our neighborhood. We’re definitely in an upswing, but we want to make sure that our community gets with important information. Crime stats for our area are an important part of that information for our residents and business owners,” said Senior Pastor Orlando Jordan Jr.

Topics included localized stats from the boundary lines between Sherman and Keystone and 30th to 42nd St. within the Avondale Meadows area.

Jordan said it’s important that the Church have a relationship with local law enforcement so that they can have a seat at the table to give a voice to community members. This was one way for them to express any concern or comment.

North District officers serve the north-central Indianapolis neighborhoods, which cover 79 square miles and have an estimated 209,916 residents.

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by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

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By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Colossians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Who hid 100 prophets in a cave when Jezebel was trying to kill them? Obadiah, Achan, Rachel, Joseph
- 3. In Revelation 21:1’s vision, what will not exist in the world to come? Sky, Mountain, Sea, Darkness
- 4. What’s the only animal/creature in the Bible that tells a lie? Serpent, Camel, Donkey, Dove
- 5. In which book is the phrase “The nations are as a drop of a bucket”? TITLE: None, Genesis, Isaiah, Romans
- 6. Which city was famous for its fallen walls? Derbe, Jericho, Corinth, Capernaum

ANSWERS:
1) New,
2) Obadiah,
3) Sea,
4) Serpent,
5) Isaiah 40:15,
6) Jericho

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PSALM 119:9-13

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REFRAMING THE NARRATIVE: Celebrating the unique leadership styles of women

By ANUSHREE M BAG



Despite recent advances, it continues to be lonely for women in leadership roles, especially for those at the very top. That can often make women wonder- what is setting us back? Do we need to make material changes to our leadership styles? To make it to the top, do we need to emulate behaviors that are masculine?

The answer is an emphatic, NO! Women think, act, and lead with a unique set of strengths and capabilities. We need to keep leading with confidence in our unique leadership strengths. In this article, we will explore the feminine leadership styles of 7 women trailblazers.

Empathy is a core competency of women leaders. Melinda Gates, co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is committed to improving the lives of people around the world, particularly women and girls, and is deeply empathetic to their needs and challenges. Gates' empathy has helped her connect with people from all walks of life and has made her a respected

and admired leader, globally.

Authenticity is a crucial leadership trait that women possess. Authentic leaders are transparent, genuine, and true to themselves. They inspire trust and create a positive work environment. Talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is open about her struggles with mental health, and her experiences as a member of the LGBTQ+ community. DeGeneres' authenticity has helped her connect with her audience and has made her a role model for many.

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from setbacks and challenges. Notable women leaders have had to overcome many obstacles to get to where they are, and this has made them resilient leaders. Instead of locking up in fear when things go wrong, they treat the failures as the best learning moments, and inspire their team members to persevere and overcome challenges. Sara Blakely, CEO of Spanx, who was named by Forbes as the world's youngest self-made billionaire, routinely talks about her many failures before she became successful.

Inclusivity is another leadership trait that women bring to the table. Inclusive leaders value diversity and ensure that all team members feel included and heard. They promote a sense of be-

longing and respect in the workplace. Ursula Burns, former CEO of Xerox, the first Black woman to head a Fortune 500 company, was a champion of women and people of color in the corporate world, and her commitment to inclusion helped her build a diverse and inclusive team and made her a respected and admired leader.

Being decisive is a crucial leadership trait that women possess. Decisive leaders make informed decisions quickly and efficiently. They are not afraid to take charge and take risks. Angela Ahrendts, the former CEO of Burberry, and former Senior Vice President of Apple, was an extremely decisive leader. She led Burberry's turnaround and transformed Apple's retail strategy.

Adaptability is the ability to adjust to changing circumstances. Women are adaptable leaders who can navigate through changing environments and remain calm under pressure. Indra Nooyi, the former CEO of PepsiCo, is an example of an adaptable leader. She led PepsiCo's shift towards healthier products and successfully navigated through the financial crisis.

Women often use innovative techniques to find new ways to organize their homes, decorate, and plan meals,

juggle multiple responsibilities, and create work life balance. We also apply the same innovativeness to the workplace to solve problems. Mary Barra, the CEO of General Motors, has been a strong advocate for General Motors to invest in new technologies, such as electric and autonomous vehicles. She has pushed the company to prioritize these areas and drive a culture of innovation.

Clearly, many natural "female" traits make women very compelling leaders. Most women are still largely responsible for the nurturing of their families; it is a part of our genetic structure. That means we take responsibility for nurturing people to feel included and valued, a trait that we often naturally extend in our workplaces. Before we convince others, we need to convince ourselves that we are just as good as our male counterparts. We also need to build and support our tribe. Finally, we need to be vocal and visible about telling our stories, as we stay on course to break new ground and smash glass ceilings.

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Fed raises key rate by quarter-point despite bank turmoil

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve extended its year-long fight against high inflation March 22 by raising its key interest rate by a quarter-point despite concerns that higher borrowing rates could worsen the turmoil that has gripped the banking system.

"The U.S. banking system is sound and resilient," the Fed said in a statement after its latest policy meeting ended.

At the same time, the Fed warned that the financial upheaval stemming from the collapse of two major banks is "likely to result in tighter credit conditions" and "weigh on economic activity, hiring and inflation."

The central bank also signaled that it's likely nearing the end of its aggressive streak of rate hikes. In a statement, it removed language that had previously indicated it would keep raising rates at upcoming meetings. The statement now says "some additional policy firming may be appropriate" — a weaker commitment to future hikes.

And in a series of quarterly projections, the policymakers forecast that they expect to raise their key rate just one more time — from its new level Wednesday of about 4.9% to 5.1%, the same peak level they had projected in December.

Still, in its latest statement, the Fed included some language that indicated that its inflation fight remains far from complete. It said hiring is "running at a robust pace" and noted that "inflation remains elevated." It removed a phrase, "inflation has eased somewhat," that it had included in its previous statement in February.

Speaking at a news conference, Chair Jerome Powell said, "The process of getting inflation back down to 2% has a long way to go and is likely to be bumpy."

The latest rate hike suggests that Powell is confident that the Fed can manage a dual challenge: Cool still-high inflation through higher loan rates while defusing turmoil in the banking sector through emergency lending programs and the Biden admin-

istration's decision to cover uninsured deposits at the two failed banks.

The Fed's signal that the end of its rate-hiking campaign is in sight may also soothe financial markets as they digest the consequences of the U.S. banking turmoil and the takeover last weekend of Credit Suisse by its larger rival UBS.

The central bank's benchmark short-term rate has now reached its highest level in 16 years. The new level will likely lead to higher costs for many loans, from mortgages and auto purchases to credit cards and corporate borrowing. The succession of Fed rate hikes have also heightened the risk of a recession.

The Fed's new policy decision reflects an abrupt shift. Early this month, Powell had told a Senate panel that the Fed was considering raising its rate by a substantial half-point. At the time, hiring and consumer spending had strengthened more than expected, and inflation data had been revised higher.

The troubles that suddenly erupted in the banking sector two weeks ago likely led to the Fed's decision to raise its benchmark rate by a quarter-point rather than a half-point. Some economists have cautioned that even a modest quarter-point rise in the Fed's key rate, on top of its previous hikes, could imperil weaker banks whose nervous customers may decide to withdraw significant deposits.

Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank were both brought down, indirectly, by higher rates, which pummeled the value of the Treasuries and other bonds they owned. As anxious depositors withdrew their money en masse, the banks had to sell the bonds at a loss to pay the depositors. They couldn't raise enough cash to do so.

After the fall of the two banks, Credit Suisse was taken over by UBS. Another struggling bank, First Republic, has received large deposits from its rivals in a show of support, though its share price plunged March 20 before stabilizing.

The Fed is deciding, in effect, to treat inflation and financial turmoil as two separate problems, to be managed simultaneously by separate tools: Higher rates to address inflation and greater Fed lending to banks to calm financial turmoil.

The Fed, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and Treasury Department agreed to insure all the deposits at Silicon Valley and Signature, including accounts that exceed the \$250,000 limit. The Fed also created a new lending program to ensure that banks can access cash to repay depositors, if needed.

But economists warn that many mid-size and small banks, to conserve capital, will likely become more cautious in their lending. A tightening of bank credit could, in turn, reduce business spending on new software, equipment and buildings. It could make it harder for consumers to obtain auto or other loans.

Some economists worry that such a slowdown in lending could be enough to tip the economy into recession. Wall Street traders are betting that a weaker economy will force the Fed to start cutting rates this summer.

The Fed would likely welcome slower growth, which would help cool inflation. But few economists are sure what the effects would be of a pullback in bank lending.

Other major central banks are also seeking to tame high inflation without worsening the financial instability caused by the two U.S. bank collapses and the hasty sale of Credit Suisse to UBS. Even with the anxieties surrounding the global banking system, for instance, the Bank of England faces pressure to approve an 11th straight rate hike March 23 with annual inflation having reached 10.4%.

And the European Central Bank, saying Europe's banking sector was resilient, last week raised its benchmark rate by a half point to combat inflation of 8.5%. At the same time, the ECB president, Christine Lagarde, has shifted to an open-ended stance regarding further rate increases.

In the United States, most recent data still points to a solid economy and strong hiring. Employers added a robust 311,000 jobs in February, the government report. And while the unemployment rate rose, from 3.4% to a still-low 3.6%, that mostly reflected an influx of new job-seekers who were not immediately hired.



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The nature of the suit against you is: CIVIL TORT. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): [names and addresses are: Mossy Ivy, 3112 N. Tacoma Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218.

In addition to the above-named Defendant being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your or your attorney, on or before the 7th day of May, 2023, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the third Notice of Suit), and you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Marion Superior Court
Brett M. Haworth, #24219-49

Attorneys for Plaintiffs
HENN HAWORTH CUMMINGS + PAGE
1024 W. Smith Valley Road, Suite B
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5320-967353
03/24/23,
03/31/23,
04/07/23

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 4

(SS:)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D04-2212-MF-044158

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2004-3.

Plaintiff, vs. DERRICK SHERRILL, LINV FUNDING, LLC, INDIANAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING

PARTNERSHIP, INC. AND CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT N/K/A N/K/A DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES,

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 on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate against the property commonly known as: 3311 Houston St., Indianapolis, IN 46218-2124 and described as follows:

Lot Numbered 35 in Washington Village, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as the Plat thereof recorded in Plat book 27, page 102, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): LINV Funding, LLC, Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, Inc. and City of Indianapolis Department of Code Enforcement n/k/a n/k/a Department of Business and Neighborhood Services

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

whereas: Derrick Sherrill, 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 your 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: BRYAN K. REDMOND

BRYAN K. REDMOND Attorney No. 22108-29 Attorney for Plaintiff

BRYAN K. REDMOND Attorney No. 22108-29 Attorney for Plaintiff

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 3415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250

NOTICE OF SUIT

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

3/10/2023

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell Clerk of Marion County

5320-967572 03/24/23, 03/31/23, 04/07/23

ATTORNEY: Robert A. Romack Dunbar & Romack 331 Carriage Lane Franklin, Indiana 46131 (317) 213-6351

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

In the matter of the Estate of Ollie Sue Foust, deceased.

Cause Number: 49D08-2302-EU-007250
Notice is hereby given that Nona Burkart was appointed personal representative of the estate of Ollie Sue Foust, deceased, who died on the 27th day of January, 2023.

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 Marion County, Indiana, this 24th day of February, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell Clerk of the Superior Court

FOR MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

5320-967482 03/24/23, 03/31/23

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)

(SS:)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CASE NUMBER: 49D08-2302-EU-007507

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MICHAEL SCOTT DONALDSON, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

TO: ALL CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of Marion County, State of Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Clara May Donaldson was, on the 22nd day of February, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Scott Donaldson, Decedent, who died on January 21, 2023.

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 date of February 22, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell CLERK OF THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 4

COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D04-2301-CT-000748

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: MARIA S. APOLONIO

Petitioner/Wife, AND MARCOS A. CERVANTES GERARDO, Respondent/Husband.

ORDER ON REQUEST FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Cause now the Petitioner/Wife, Maria A. Apolinio, and having filed her Request for Service by Publication, and the Court having reviewed said motion and being duly advised in the premises she finds that the same should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Respondent/Husband, Marcos A. Cervantes Gerardo, will be served with the Court's Order Resetting the Final Hearing via publication in the Indianapolis Recorder.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Publisher of said Affidavit shall be filed with the Court once publication has run.

ALL IS SO ORDERED THIS 3/13/2023.

/s/ Marie L. Kern Judge, Marion County Superior Court

Distribution to: Vanessa Lopez Aguilera LOPEZ LAWE OFFICE, P.C. 3625 N. Meridian Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

5320-967356 03/24/23, 03/31/23, 04/07/23

STATE OF INDIANA) MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

(SS:)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D15-2211-DC-008544

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: IYATSESLABATISAGON-ZALEZ,

Petitioner, AND DOMINGO PAZ GUZMAN, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT-SUMMONS

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent(s) whose addresses are: None

And to the following Respondent(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Domingo Paz Guzman

In addition to the above named Respondent being served this summons there may have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you take no action in this case after receipt of this summons, the Court can make a determination regarding any of the following: divorce, custody, child support, parenting time, division of property/debts on or before the day of May 7, 2023, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit).

Attest: /s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court

Tracy Pappas #15582-53A Attorney for Petitioner

Indiana Legal Services, Inc. 1200 Madison Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46225

(317) 829-3196 03/24/23, 03/31/23, 04/07/23

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY

(SS:)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D15-2212-DN-009206

Carlos A. Murillo Plaintiff

-v- Kimberly Hogan Clark Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

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

The nature of the suit against you is: Filing for Divorce

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

And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Kimberly Hogan Clark

In addition to the above named defendant(s) being served this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief

PL-042674
ROBIN VALENZUELA Plaintiff, vs. SMITH BROTHERS ULTIMATE BUILDERS, LLC.

And RON CHUDZINSKI And ERICA CHUDZINSKI Defendants.

TO: Mrs. Erica Chudzinski, Smith Brothers Ultimate Builders, LLC.

Mrs. Erica Chudzinski (Registered Agent), and Mr. Ron Chudzinski

4320 N 550 W, Fairfield, IN 46126.

Defendants named above: Erica Chudzinski, Ron Chudzinski and Smith Brothers Ultimate Builders, LLC. You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the

persons named as plaintiffs and in the Marion County Superior Court 13, Civil Division. Plaintiffs have made diligent efforts to find and serve you personally and as agent of the above named Defendant, company. The nature of the lawsuit against you is: Breach of Contract, Breach of the Indiana Home Improvement Contracts Act and the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, Conversion, and RICO claims.

You are further notified that you must respond within thirty (30) days from the last notice by publication of this action, and in the event you should fail to respond within the allotted time, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Marion Superior Court

/S/ Daniel L. Russello 35589-49

Daniel L. Russello McNevin & McInnes, P.C. 5224 S. East Street, Suite C-14 Indianapolis, IN 46227

5320-967355 03/24/23, 03/31/23, 04/07/23

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

(CIVIL DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D14-2301-CT-000748

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: MARIA S. APOLONIO

Petitioner/Wife, AND MARCOS A. CERVANTES GERARDO, Respondent/Husband.

ORDER ON REQUEST FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Cause now the Petitioner/Wife, Maria A. Apolinio, and having filed her Request for Service by Publication, and the Court having reviewed said motion and being duly advised in the premises she finds that the same should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Respondent/Husband, Marcos A. Cervantes Gerardo, will be served with the Court's Order Resetting the Final Hearing via publication in the Indianapolis Recorder.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Publisher of said Affidavit shall be filed with the Court once publication has run.

ALL IS SO ORDERED THIS 3/13/2023.

/s/ Marie L. Kern Judge, Marion County Superior Court

Distribution to: Vanessa Lopez Aguilera LOPEZ LAWE OFFICE, P.C. 3625 N. Meridian Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

5320-967356 03/24/23, 03/31/23, 04/07/23

STATE OF INDIANA) MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

(SS:)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D15-2211-DC-008544

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: IYATSESLABATISAGON-ZALEZ,

Petitioner, AND DOMINGO PAZ GUZMAN, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT-SUMMONS

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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And to the following Respondent(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Domingo Paz Guzman

In addition to the above named Respondent being served this summons there may have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you take no action in this case after receipt of this summons, the Court can make a determination regarding any of the following: divorce, custody, child support, parenting time, division of property/debts on or before the day of May 7, 2023, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit).

Attest: /s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court

Tracy Pappas #15582-53A Attorney for Petitioner

Indiana Legal Services, Inc. 1200 Madison Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46225

(317) 829-3196 03/24/23, 03/31/23, 04/07/23

NOTICE OF CENTRAL INDIANA TRAIL ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN OPEN HOUSE

The Central Indiana Trail Oriented Development Plan will be to topic of an open house hosted by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO) on Wednesday, April 5th from 10:30 to 7:50 PM at the Broad Ripple Family Center in the Multi-Purpose room. Members of the public are welcome to visit during this time, review information about the project, provide input, and speak with the consulting team and project manager.

The Broad Ripple Family Center is located at 1426 Broad Ripple Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

There is parking, including wheelchair accessible parking, at the large center, and the larger park lot. There is bike parking available. Broad Ripple Park is served by IndyGo route 18. For accommodation needs for persons with disabilities, please call 771-327-5108.

5320-967663 03/24/23, 03/31/23, 04/07/23

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Milestone Contractors, L.P. a heavy highway contractor will be conducting a bid opening for the following project:

Employer is seeking Certified MBE/WBE/VBE owned business quotes for INDOT Contract R-44740-A, Marion County, Pavement Patching

against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your or your attorney, on or before the day of May 7, 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.

Carlos A. Murillo 615 Kody Dr., P.O. Box 4 Lizton, IN 46149

5312-324-6123

Attest: Clerk of the Marion Court

5320-967302 03/24/23, 03/31/23, 04/07/23

Indianapolis Airport Authority

Indianapolis International Airport

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Electronic Bids (E-bids) will be received via PlanetBids (IAA's solicitation management system) by the Indianapolis Airport Authority, for BHS RECAPITALIZATION at the Indianapolis International Airport; Project No. I-16-064. All bids will be submitted on or before April 11, 2023, no later than 10:00 (noon) to Indyoquotes@milestonelp.com. Plans are available for viewing at Milestone Contractors, L.P., 5757 Decatur Blvd., Suite 250, Indianapolis, IN, and Indiana Department of Transportation, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N855 Government Center North, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or you may download plans and specifications from the Indianapolis Department of Transportation website at www.idot.gov/div/contracts/letting/index.html 5320-967618

03/24/23, 03/31/23, 04/07/23

Indianapolis Airport Authority

Indianapolis International Airport

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Each bid shall include all work, labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the project as required in strict compliance with the drawings and specifications (Plans) prepared by VTC, 3751 North College Road, Suite 140, Arlington, TX 76014. The successful bidder will be required to pay laborers, workmen, mechanics and other employees on the work under this contract not less than the prevailing wage for each craft, trade or occupation as established under the Davis-Bacon Act.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 20000-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

In accordance with Indiana Code Section 5-16-13-1, et seq., prequalification with the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) or the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is required of all contractors, in any contractor tier, performing work under contract to the IAA which is estimated to be One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) or greater.

Specifications are on file and may be examined at: Indiana Construction League 1028 Shelby Street Indianapolis, IN 46203

www.bxindiana.com ConstructConnect 3825 Edwards Road, Ste. 800 Cincinnati, OH 45209

www.constructConnect.com Dodge Data & Analytics 3315 Central Avenue Hot Springs, AR 71913

www.construction.com CHA Consulting, Inc. 201 N. Illinois Street, Suite 800 Indianapolis, IN 46204

www.chacompanies.com Plans and Bid Documents may be obtained from ReproGraphix Inc., 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, 317.637.3377 or on-line at www.reprographix.com. There will be no charge for the first set of Plans and Bid Documents; additional sets may be obtained for the cost of printing and shipping.

All bids shall be on Form No. 96 as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, must be accompanied by a Financial Statement, must be properly and completely executed, and shall be accompanied by a properly completed non-collusion affidavit. After opening bids, no bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days without written consent of the Owner.

COMMENTARY

Ja Morant suspended following gun incident

By NORAL PARHAM III
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It has been a tumultuous few weeks for Memphis Grizzlies superstar guard Ja Morant. Many believe that the following events will be the catalyst for Morant's 'villain' story arc within the league.

The NBA handed Morant an eight-game suspension for "conduct detrimental to the league" earlier this month. Prior to the league's action, Morant missed six games, though the NBA noted that the missed games will count towards his sentence. The Memphis Grizzlies high-flyer was eligible to suit up for the team as early as March 20 in their match against the Dallas Mavericks.

Many believe Memphis head coach Taylor Jenkins could shut down Morant for the remainder of the regular season.

One week prior to the suspension, after a March 3 match against the Nuggets, Morant and his entourage visited Shotgun Willie's, a gentleman's club outside of Denver.

At approximately 5:20 the next morning, Morant logged on to Instagram Live from inside a private room of the strip club. Viewers were immediately greeted by a gun-wielding Morant surrounded by hundreds of thousands of dollars on the ballroom floor.

A few days following the incident, a photo of Morant during the strip club incident was leaked to the Internet, showing a semi-nude Morant surrounded by scantily clad dancers and dollar bills. Shortly thereafter, the Glendale Police Department released a statement saying Morant would not be charged due to the lack of evidence.

However, the NBA suspended Morant for eight games. Morant couldn't have chosen a more critical time to be involved with such controversy.

The Memphis Grizzlies are currently a Top Seed in the NBA Western Conference, and statistically are likely to finish with the No. 2 or No. 3 seed in the conference.

However, it is worth noting that Tyus Jones, backup guard for the Grizzlies, is regarded as

one of the best point guards to come off the bench. Considering a 53-game sample size between the 2021 and 2023 NBA seasons, Jones carried the Grizzlies to 32 wins. Over the course of those two seasons, Jones averaged 13.1 points, 6.8 assists, and 3.8 rebounds. There is no other backup guard in the league with a better record.

Theoretically, the Grizzlies do not 'need' Morant. However, they could utilize the high-flying guard.

On the surface, Morant is having the best season of his budding career. He is currently averaging 27.1 points, six rebounds, and eight assists per game on 55.5% true shooting. Currently, he is ranked ninth in points per game, despite missing a multitude of games.

Morant currently has a four-year, \$39.6 million contract with every dollar guaranteed.

But according to Sportstrac, the high-flying point guard signed a max rookie extension on July 1, 2022, on a five-year, \$193 million contract with nearly every dollar guaranteed. If Morant makes the All-NBA team this season, which is still a likely feat, then the total value of his current contract will increase by 30 percent.

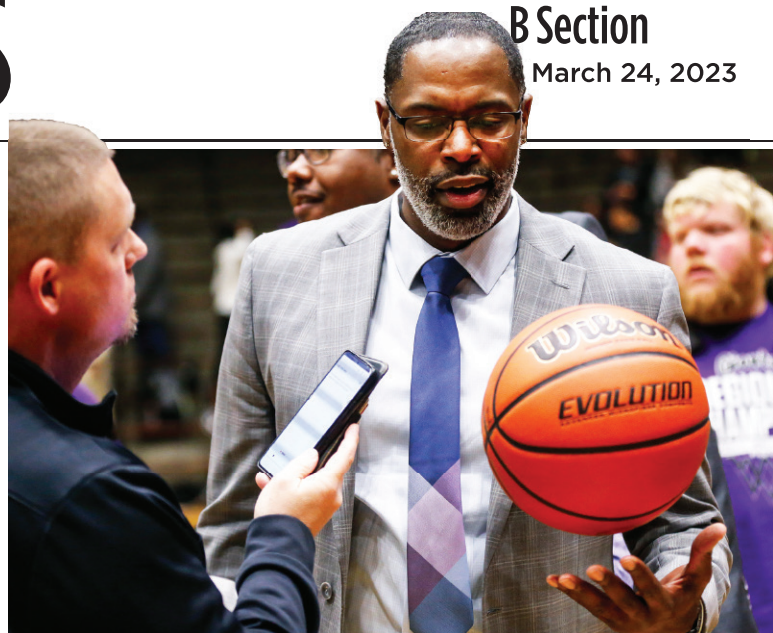
By 2028, many believe that Morant will ink a veteran supermax deal worth nearly \$300 million.

In a statement released by Morant, the superstar declared, "I take full responsibility for my actions (on March 4.) I'm sorry to my family, teammates, coaches, fans, partners, the city of Memphis and the entire Grizzlies organization for letting you down. I'm going to take some time away to get help and work on learning better methods of dealing with stress and my overall well-being."

Following the statement, Morant received firearm counseling from a rehabilitation facility in Florida.

The future is extremely bright for Ja Morant. But the only person who can get in the way of Ja Morant may just be Ja Morant.

Contact multimedia staff writer Noral Parham III at 317-762-7846. Follow him on Twitter @noralparham



Ben Davis Head Coach Don Carlisle being interviewed after his team's win over Brownsburg 66-38 for the IHSA Class 4A Semistate championship. Ben Davis is going for the school's 4th State Title. (Photos/David Dixon)



Brownsburg's small forward Kanon Catchings drops a three-pointer during the 4A Semistate game against Ben Davis.



Ben Davis senior Clay Butler takes a well-contested shot during the game against the Giants. The Giants won the 4A Semistate championship over Brownsburg 66-38 and remain undefeated (32-0).

'Cause Girls Are Players Too!



Established in 2013, the Team Teague Foundation was created to provide opportunities for young basketball players. Denyha Jacobs fights off contact to convert the layup. for a layup. Lady Teague (Warren Central).



Braelynn Johnson 4th grade goes for a layup. (Team Teague Roses).



Lily Goddard 5th grade Team Teague. (Photos/David Dixon)

Japan Conquers USA in World Baseball Classic Championship 3-2



U.S.'s Trea Turner (8) is congratulated by the team after hitting a home run during the second inning at a World Baseball Classic final game against Japan, Tuesday, March 21, 2023, in Miami. Photo Courtesy of AP Photo/Marta Lavandier

By NORAL PARHAM III

The final game of the World Baseball Classic was full of clichés. Teammates in Major League Baseball were on opposing sides in the WBC. A world championship hung in the balance. Wire to wire. The Loan Depot stadium in Miami was packed. One team emerged victorious in the final inning by striking out his legendary teammate.

The fan favorite, All-star and 2022 MLB MVP Runner-up, Shohei Ohtani took the mound in the final inning of the game for the first time. In the batter's box opposite Ohtani stood 10-time All-star and 3-time MVP Mike Trout. Ohtani and Trout are teammates for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

However, they not teammates that night.

Before Ohtani delivered the final blow to Mike Trout, the exhilarating pitcher had to go through another great: 2-time All-star and current National League Batting Champion Jeff McNeil. Ohtani delivered a 101 mph sinker to McNeil, earning himself a strike. Unfortunately, Ohtani walked McNeil.

Following McNeil's at-bat was another fan favorite: 2-time World Series Champion and 6-time Gold Glove winner Mookie Betts. Ohtani yielded a double play off of Betts. This left Team USA with one remaining chance to tie or win the World Baseball Classic.

Up next was the Millville Meteor himself: Mike Trout.

The duel began with Trout feeling out Ohtani by accepting a strike. A few pitches later, Trout stood at a full

count. These are the moments where legends are birthed. Ohtani, knowing his Los Angeles Angels teammate's tendencies, got Trout to swing and miss.

And just like that: Ohtani etched Japan into the history books of the World Baseball Classic. Team Japan edged out Team USA 3-2.

Japan, who finished the tournament without a loss, became the first undefeated team to win the championship since the 2013 Dominican Republic team.

The win prevented team USA from winning back-to-back World Baseball Classic titles.

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