

## 7 mayoral candidates discuss key issues in campaign forum

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With the primary election less than two months away, seven mayoral candidates participated in a panel discussion to explain their platforms on a variety of issues, including public safety, affordable housing and crime.

The candidates – Democrats Bob Kern, Clif Marsiglio and Larry L. Vaughn; and Republicans John L. Couch, James Jackson, Abdul-Hakim Shabazz and Jefferson Shreve – each tried to position themselves as the best choice for the city's future. They touched on many ideas but generally lacked specifics on policy solutions.

Conspicuously absent from the March 12 forum was incumbent Mayor Joe Hogsett, and state Rep. Robin Shackleford, both Democrats.

Primary Election Day is May 2, and the General Election is Nov. 7.

The event was held at First Trinity Church on the city's far



Seven mayoral candidates participated in a panel discussion to explain their platforms and a variety of topics such as crime and affordable housing. (Photo/Timoria Cunningham)

east side and was hosted by Ladies Under Construction, a mentoring program. Ibrahim Tanner, national director of media and public relations for United Sons and Daughters of Freedom, served as moderator.

The panel began with candidates introducing themselves and explaining why they are running for mayor.

Vaughn said if elected, he would bring up "important elements" that need to be changed in the city instead of focusing on the "emotional cries and helping the poor" because "there's a remedy in our constitution for that."

"If I'm mayor, our city will never be closed down for public health emergency that I deem as not necessary," Vaughn said.

Shreve, a former City-County Councilman as a Republican who serves on Indy's Metropolitan Development Commission, said his experience in municipal government will

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## Library board member resigns due to relocation

By **CHLOE MCGOWAN**  
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Curtis Bigsbee, vice president of the Indianapolis Public Library's Board of Trustees, announced his resignation March 14.

The Marion County Board of Commissioners appointed Bigsbee to IndyPL's board in 2020. He was serving in his second term, which wasn't up for renewal until 2025.

According to a press release, Bigsbee's resignation was "necessitated by his relocation to a residence outside of Marion County."

The resignation was made on March 10 and announced four days later.

Members of municipal boards are legally required to be Marion County residents.

"It has been an honor and



Curtis Bigsbee (Photo from LinkedIn)

pleasure serving the patrons of Marion County, and most importantly all the spectacular staff of IndyPL," Bigsbee said in a letter to the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

In the letter, Bigsbee said he has hope that the Commissioners will "find an appropriate new member who is

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David Thomas has worked at Recycle Force for five months and has completed a 10-hour OSHA training and is working to get his cybersecurity certification. (Photo/ Jayden Kennett)

## RecycleForce helps save earth, reduces violence in Indianapolis

By **JAYDEN KENNETT**  
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An Indianapolis non-profit is saving the earth — and its employees' lives — through its focus on helping formerly incarcerated individuals re-enter society.

RecycleForce is a local nonprofit organization and social enterprise, committed to reducing violence and recidivism by hiring those re-entering society after being incarcerated and providing them with social support, job placement and training.

David Thomas is one employee about to finish RecycleForce's program.

In his five months working with RecycleForce, he has completed a 10-hour OSHA safety course and is

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## Federal Researchers Find Sudden Unexplained Deaths Rose for Black Infants

By **STACY M. BROWN**  
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A new study has shown a huge racial difference in infant deaths.

Researchers found that babies born to African Americans had the highest rate of sudden unexpected deaths in 2020.

The authors concluded that Black infants die nearly three times the rate of white babies.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released research on Monday, March 13, that found a 15% increase in sudden infant deaths among babies of all races from 2019 to 2020.

In the United States, SIDS is the third leading cause of infant death after congenital abnormalities and premature birth.

SIDS is also the most common cause of infant death in the United States.

The authors attributed the rise in SIDS cases to

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Edison school board fires leader, cancels expansion after racial slur allegation

By ELIZABETH GABRIEL  
WFYI

The longtime leader of the popular Edison School of the Arts was fired Tuesday evening by the nonprofit board that oversees the downtown magnet school following allegations the educator repeated the “n-word” to students of color earlier this month.

The board voted 4-2 to immediately terminate executive director and CEO Nathan Tuttle, who had run the school since 2014 and was overseeing a future expansion. Board members Kesha Dixon and Ted Givens abstained from the vote.

“The Board of Directors of the school has determined that under Tuttle’s leadership, a significant divide has developed among students, parents, faculty, and the staff of the school,” said board member Ernest Disney-Britton during the Tuesday meeting.

Tuttle had been on administrative leave since the incident on March 2. He did not attend the meeting.

The board also unanimously voted to stop an expansion of the K-8 arts model to James Whitcomb Riley School 43 in midtown that was just months away and part of the Indianapolis Public Schools’ overhaul of district academic offerings. The IPS School Board signed a deal with Tuttle in December to operate School 43 and planned improvements and additions at the site as part of the expansion, such as construction of a black box theater.

“I have lost my job tonight,”



Edison School of the Arts is known for its visual performing arts and academics curriculum, which serves K-8 students on the southwest side of Indianapolis. Elizabeth Gabriel / WFYI

Tuttle said to WFYI in a text message after the meeting. “I built and ran one of the most successful and unique schools in the city of Indianapolis for almost a decade without a mark on my record. I no longer do that. I am saddened beyond words. My heart is always with student safety and student achievement.”

Tuttle’s education career spans more than 20 years with nearly all of it at Edison and James A. Garfield School 31. “I appreciate the prayers and support,” Tuttle wrote. “Please keep them coming as our family will be going through some changes and some very difficult decisions.”

Edison is a magnet school known for its visual performing arts and academics curriculum, which serves K-8 students on the southwest side

of Indianapolis. Edison is an innovation school within the Indianapolis Public Schools’ district, and operates through a special contract that allows the school autonomy from some district policies and an exemption from collective bargaining contracts for staff. Edison converted to this type of model in 2017.

Edison is not an authorized charter school like most of the innovation schools in IPS. Rather, it is operated by the nonprofit board of the Edison School of the Arts Inc.

The IPS administration and school board issued a statement in support of the Edison board.

“We believe Edison’s Board has responded to the feedback and concerns from staff and families and has taken the appropriate and neces-

sary steps to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for its students, staff, and families,” the statement read. “As an IPS Innovation partner school, the district will continue to walk alongside the Edison community to provide support where needed.

The district agreed with the decision to not move forward with the program expansion to School 43.

“The IPS administration will work closely with School 43 families, staff, and community members and partners to determine the new path forward at James Whitcomb Riley for the 2023–24 school year,” the statement said,

The majority of the school’s nearly 600 students identify as students of color or qualify for free and reduced meals, the national child poverty indica-

tor. Over the past two weeks, students and staff have been on edge after Tuttle, who is White, repeated a racial slur. A student said the n-word, and then Tuttle allegedly repeated it when he told the students any form of that word was unacceptable, according to multiple people.

The Edison board hired the law firm Barnes and Thornburg to investigate the incident and survey staff about the school’s culture and climate.

The board also unanimously approved Amy Berns, the current elementary school principal, as the interim building administrator. Berns will also be reappointed as the elementary school principal. Sheena Roach will transition from assistant principal to the middle school principal. As of now, the board is unsure if or when they will reinstate the CEO position after the board reviews the school’s organizational chart and job descriptions.

The board also passed a separate resolution to review its policies and procedures. The school will ban all racially inappropriate or offensive language on school property.

Givens announced the school board will begin working on multiple next steps, such as a parent committee, a monthly personnel review and monthly building reports to talk through issues among students, parents and staff.

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Newfields’ Art in Bloom to return this month



Floral displays by John Caleb Pendleton, Planks and Pistils (foreground) and Therese Pircon, Root & Relic (background) (Photo provided by Newfields)

By CHLOE McGOWAN  
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Newfields’ third annual Spring celebration returns to the IMA Galleries and the Lilly House March 23-26.

Presented by Fifth Third Private Bank, Art in Bloom features floral arrangements crafted by 38 local artists and regional florists as well as live music, floral demonstrations, master classes and a display by Newfields’ Greenhouse team.

Jonathan Wright, The Ruth Lilly Director of The Garden and Fairbanks Park, said Newfields will welcome guests to come in and explore the “abundance of bloom” throughout IMA Galleries, The Lilly House and The Garden at Newfields.

“We are incredibly excited to once again see and share the creativity and floral artistry of these inspiring, local and regional designers,” Wright said in a statement. “Art in Bloom is the most beautiful way to kick off the spring

season.”

Kicking off the weekend, “Blooming Now: Art in Bloom Opening Reception” begins March 22 from 7-9 p.m. Guests will be the first to see the blooming floral displays while enjoying Newfields’ signature hors d’oeuvres and drinks and mingling with the designers.

The Art in Bloom Speaker Series will premier March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at The Toby. The series will feature a discussion of the state of Black artists and their experiences in the floral industry with Teresa J. Speight, author of “Black Flora: Profiles of Inspiring Black Flower Famers + Florists,” and John Caleb Pendleton of Plants & Pistils floral studio in Chicago.

Nancy Martin, managing director of Fifth Third Private Bank, said she’s thrilled to partner with Newfields for Art in Bloom as it’s a “cornerstone arts organization.”

“Art in Bloom is a great example of their dedication to bringing art to life and making it accessible throughout any season,” Martin said. “We’re looking forward to an incredible weekend

filled with flowers as far as the eye can see!”

On March 24, Newfields will host a Meet The Designers Happy Hour in the IMA Galleries from 5:30-7:30 p.m. where guests will be able to meet the 2023 Art in Bloom florists and ask about their creative process for their display.

Lastly, rounding out the weekend, in partnership with Indy Pride, Newfields will host the Art in Bloom Drag Brunch March 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the Randolph +H. Deer Special Events Pavilion. During the event, guests can enjoy live music and performances, florals and a brunch hosted by emcee Halle Pino.

Art in Bloom takes place during regular museum hours March 23-26 at Newfields, 4000 N. Michigan Road. Tickets are \$29 for adults, \$20 for children ages 6-17 and free for children 5 and under. For more information about membership pricing and, visit discovernewfields.org.

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## REVIEW

# “Black Founder: The Hidden Power of Being an Outsider” by Stacy Spikes

A good building starts with a substantial foundation.

No matter where you go from there, that base is an opening action, an announcement, a public sign of things to come. Whether it's a new home for human, hoopy, or heirlooms, or the future site of industry or ideas, the foundation is the start of something exciting. In a new business and as in the new book "Black Founder" by Stacy Spikes, it needs to be solid.

With high school graduation on the horizon, Stacy Spikes was itching to move.

His hometown of Houston, Texas, had become “too small” to hold his dreams. Education was important in his family, but college held no interest to him, either. Instead, he was going to Los Angeles to chase a career in music and movies.

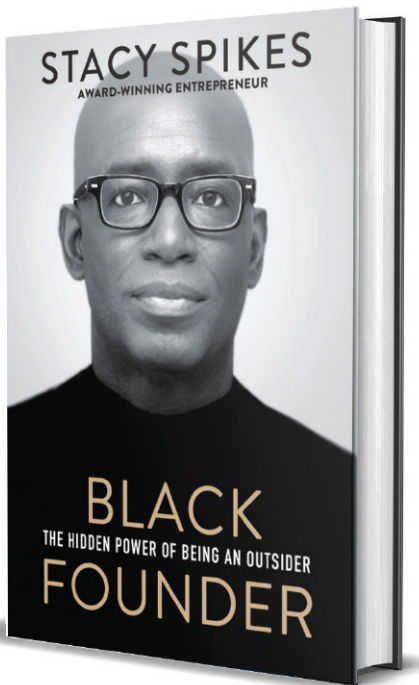
He broke the news to his parents and, with \$300 in his pocket, he drove northwest.

Once in California, Spikes quickly understood that he didn't need a job, he needed several of them. Before he could get settled, though, he fell in with a bad crowd and was hospitalized to help him kick drugs and alcohol abuse forever.

He returned to a job he had working with a two-in-one company in Encino, making and packaging videos. The men he worked with mentored him; it was there that he learned the need to “go to extra lengths to meet [someone] in their field.”

Spikes took acting classes and absorbed as much as he could about old-time Black comedians. He built a recording studio in his home and learned to make album covers, which led him to a job at Motown, where he went into sales and learned how to make an impression. The “Black Godfather” taught him that it was possible to talk with anyone, black or white, with honesty. And before he founded Urbanworld Film Festival and MoviePass, Motown helped him see that to succeed, “You didn’t need an army, just a small group of like-minded souls set on making a difference.”

Readers looking for a good business biography are in for a nice surprise when they read "Black Founder." They'll also get some entrepreneurial advice. It's not bold-face or bulleted; you'll have to look for it, but it's in



there.

“Transparency” is what author Stacy Spikes learned early, and it’s what he applies inside this book, which is refreshing. This isn’t a book about a meteoric rise; Spikes instead writes about setbacks, both personal and professional, and times of struggle. Readers can imagine a Parkour-like hustle that Spikes describes as he overcame seemingly-catastrophic events and still landed with both feet; such tales serve to instruct as much as does the actual instruction.

Though it may seem to lag a bit – especially for older readers, or those who are unfamiliar with the businesses Spikes founded – “Black Founder” is entertaining enough to read for fun, with a side dish of instruction. Whether you’re ready to act now or you’re just finding your inner entrepreneur, to launch your idea, it’s a good base.

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Here's a rags-to-riches story for you: "Never Far From Home" by Bruce Jackson (Atria, \$28) is the story of Jackson's life. He was born in Brooklyn and lived his early life in public housing. At age ten, he was arrested for robbery (which he didn't do) and he caught the attention of drug dealers. Knowing then that that wasn't the kind of life he wanted, Jackson worked hard to overcome his background. His story is inspiring and awe-striking.



# Rebuilding construction of the Kountry KitchenSoul Food Place Resturant



Construction is well on its way to completion of the burned down Kountry Kitchen Restaurant, located at 19th and North College Avenue. One January 11, 2022, just after midnight, this historic fire destroyed this very popular Soul Food Restaurant, owned by Isaac and Cynthia Wilson. They have operated at a temporary location at 1417 Commerce Avenue since January 8, 2022. Ground was broken on June 7, 2022, at the same location with hopes of the owners to open mid-year. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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# Celebrate

## WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

### RECORDER'S WOMEN HISTORY HIGHLIGHT

As The Mind Trust's Executive Vice President, Shannon Williams leads the organization's communications, community engagement and development teams in addition to serving as a strategic partner to the CEO. Since joining The Mind Trust in 2018, Shannon has been instrumental in expanding the organization's brand and partnerships, establishing strong relationships with the grassroots community, and working with key groups of civic and community leaders to build understanding about the organization's work. She has also launched initiatives that diversified the organization's revenue streams. In addition, Shannon is also responsible for developing a fellowship that resulted in the incubation of EmpowerED Families, a parent-led advocacy organization.

Throughout the course of her career, Shannon has received numerous local and national awards and is known for her strong and distinctive writing style, her advocacy efforts, and her strategic thinking. For nearly 20 years, Shannon served in various leadership capacities in the media industry, including being president of the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper, a highly-respected 127-year-old African-American-owned publication. Shannon

also served as president of the Indiana Minority Business Magazine, the state's only publication with content specific to the interests of all minorities. Her other leadership roles included vice president, editor, and marketing manager.

Working with and advocating for the community has always been Shannon's passion. It's a devotion she inherited from her mother, who instilled in her the importance of bold, courageous leadership that helps the most marginalized amongst us. Shannon has thus dedicated her life to the community and takes particular interest in causes focused on women, children, education, and criminal justice reform. Shannon has served on the boards of Black Leaders + Legacies, Crossroads of America (Boys Scouts of Central Indiana), The Oaks Academy, EmpowerED Families, Indianapolis Public Safety Foundation Board, IUPUI University Library Board, Edna Martin Christian Center, Indiana Sports Corp –



President's Council, and the National Newspaper Publishers Association board. Shannon also made history by being the first African-American to serve on the Hoosier State Press Association board.

Shannon is a graduate of Jackson State University and the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Program. She is currently pursuing an Executive Leadership Certificate from Harvard University. Shannon is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and the Circle City Chapter of The Links Inc. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and their 6-year-old son.

## BIGSBEE

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dedicated to the purpose of IndyPL's Strategic Plan, someone who will not waver or be intimidated by a few voices that seem to overpower the silent majority."

Bigsbee's resignation comes a little more than a week after the City-County Council voted to appoint Dr. Eugene White to the board. In the ongoing fall-out of the failed CEO search, community members and library workers have repeatedly attended library board meetings, calling for Bigsbee, Raymond Biederman and board president Hope Tribble to resign.

Bigsbee was the only board member to abstain from voting to offer the CEO position to Dr. Gabriel Morley — whose previous position as library director for New Orleans Public Library raised concerns

about his performance and behavior — for reasons he did not explain. He is the second board member to resign following TD Robinson's resignation, which was announced in January.

"Curtis has been a tremendous advocate for IndyPL during his three years on the board," Tribble said in a statement. "He cares deeply about the Library's staff and patrons and his commitment to supporting positive changes within IndyPL on their behalf was reflected in every decision he made as a trustee. His leadership will be missed."

Bigsbee was one of three board members appointed by the Marion County Board of Commissioners, alongside Biederman and Dr. Patricia Payne. The timeline for the county commissioner to fill the va-

cancy is not yet known.

"I may be moving outside of Marion County," Bigsbee said in the letter, "but my heart and interests will always remain with serving the public."

Bigsbee will not have to resign from other municipal positions due to the relocation, according to a spokesperson for the City-County Council. Bigsbee was appointed to the Emergency Services Agency Board by the City County Council in January. Appointees to that board must work in Marion County, not necessarily reside, according to the spokesperson.

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## RECYCLEFORCE

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currently working to obtain a cybersecurity certificate. Thomas said the organization is "like a family," and credits the organization for helping him establish himself after a decade-long stint with law enforcement and most recently serving two years in prison.

"When I got out, I got out in one pair of pants that I wore, which were too small," Thomas said. "And same dirty boots ... in a dirty wife beater. Man, it was horrible."

Through the program, Thomas has received assistance with housing, assistance in getting his driver's license reinstated, budgeting and opening bank accounts, including a savings account — something he said he's never had before.

Since 2006, RecycleForce has employed nearly 1200 people like Thomas, providing certifications and training in 15 federal certifications in lead and asbestos removal, mold elimination, testing and analyzing samples and handling emergency remediation. RecycleForce partners with adult education programs and Ivy Tech to help students get their high school equivalency diploma and continued education certifications. Students in the RecycleForce program have multiple career paths to choose from, and the decision is ultimately up to them.

Each year, more than 600,000 people are released from state and federal prisons, while another nine million cycle through local jails, according to recent numbers by the federal government.

But leaving incarceration doesn't necessarily mean a return to normalcy. Systematic and officially sanctioned barriers cause more than two-thirds of people to be rearrested within three years of their release, according to the National Institute of Justice.

Every morning at eight, employees gather in an area tucked in a corner of the warehouse of recyclable materials, said Crista Carlino, director of development and communications. It's a safe place where employees

can decompress and share stories, including traumatic ones, free of judgment.

"We're not looking back because we're not going back," the group recites every morning.

Thomas served two years in prison for a distribution conviction. After incarceration, Thomas said he didn't feel like he had the support he needed. That's changed with RecycleForce.

The difference, Thomas said, and the thing that keeps him "off the streets," is the organization — the morning circle time, the structure, the sense of comradery, the forgiveness, the understanding.

"Everything's cool. They treat you like family here. I haven't seen this much love," Thomas said. "I don't have to look in other places for it. Like when I started selling, everybody wants to be your friend, but they just gave me love for nothing. What really made me feel like, 'Yo, ain't no looking back because you don't want to go back' — we say that every morning. What made me really feel that was RecycleForce."

The U.S. Department of Labor researched RecycleForce's effect on recidivism and found that the program reduced participant recidivism by 6.2% and participants were able to support themselves and their families. By reducing recidivism, RecycleForce saved the Indianapolis community more than \$4,000 in taxpayer savings.

With revenue generated from their recycling business, where anything from electronics to metals are recycled, the organization helps train its employees in how to clean-up hazardous waste and respond to environmental emergencies. Once products are broken down at RecycleForce, they're sent to different processors and distributors throughout the state, keeping the economic flow here in Indiana.

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MAYORAL

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serve him well as mayor.

“I believe our city is drifting. I don’t think it’s what it can be,” Shreve said. “I don’t think it is what it has been and I’m running for the job because I think I can do better at leading the course of voices and concerned citizens to move our city in the right direction.”

James Jackson is a pastor at Fervent Prayer Church located on the city’s far east side. The Republican served on the Indianapolis Police Merit Board from 2012-2015 and currently is in his second term on the board of Indiana Civil Rights Commission.

“I’m running for mayor because I believe I can help make Indianapolis the best city to live in, in America,” Jackson said.

Several of the candidates talked about crime and the city’s decaying infrastructure in their remarks.

Shabazz said he is running to deal with crime, roads and “for these young people right here,” as he pointed to children in the second row of the church.

“Because it’s not just the next four years, it’s the next 40 years and what does our city look like 40 years from now,” Shabazz said.

According to Marsiglio, he is a “doer” and currently visits the community daily to speak with people on topics such as public safety, drug overdose and violence.

“I’m here trying to figure out what the best policy is that we can do to make this a better city for all of you,” Marsiglio said as he looked at the crowd. “I love this city. I want people in the city to see the same city that I do. This is not a city to be ashamed of, this is a city to celebrate.”

Couch said he is running for mayor because he would like to increase public safety, create a road lane dedicated to those who are walking or riding a bike, and revoke bond for crimes such as murder, rape and any crimes involving a weapon.

Couch would also like to improve the education system by providing resources to help students with anger management and critical thinking.

Kern said he wants to focus on the violent crime rate, public safety, homelessness and the city’s infrastructure. And he offered a specific policy action he intended, which raised the political climate at the event.

“I see our young African American children and just our children in general being gunned down,” Kern said. “And I see that our children are being given drugs and our children are dying from drug overdoses.”

Kern wants to place 215 officers in designated areas around the city where homicides are occurring, he also wants the community to have better relationships with the police.

According to the candidate, “we think they’re our enemy but yet they’re just human beings just like us,” Kern told the audience.

Before Kern finished his statement, Tanner interrupted with informa-

tion on the city’s budget regarding the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

“Mr Kern, right now the criminal justice budget for the city is 22% of the city’s budget,” Tanner said. “IMPD officers start off at \$60,000 with a \$10,000 bonus. How much more money do we need to throw out the problem?”

Kern responded, saying, “We have to look at what’s important.”

“What’s important is ... our children, our safety,” Kern yelled. “It doesn’t matter how much money we spend to make our city safe again. Everybody deserves to be able to walk down the street, to hang out. Our children deserve the right to play on the street like I did as a kid.”

As the discussion continued, Marsiglio explained his stance on public safety, saying people should not be criminalized for their personal choice to use drugs.

Instead, Marsiglio said he would like to see those who use drugs be given resources to help them get better.

Marsiglio, who said he does not use drugs, told the audience about a recent trip to a Chicago cannabis dispensary. The Democratic candidate said he wanted to see what it was like for people who shop there.

“It was the cleanest situation I’ve seen, it felt like walking into an Apple store.”

Addressing the housing crisis, Couch wants to make sure residents have a place to live no matter their circumstance.

Couch wants to go to “private landlords” and create an agreement which would allow those who are on the Indianapolis Housing Authority waitlist to obtain Section 8 vouchers to get them in a home sooner.

That idea, however, did not sit well with Colonial Square Apartments service coordinator Madelyn Hill.

“Let me stop you right there,” Hill told Couch. “I have a couple of my residents who have Section 8 home vouchers right now... and they cannot find a house to even rent with that voucher because people do not want to deal with Section 8 because the stigma behind it.”

Hogsett is running for a third, four-year-term. He was first elected in 2015, beating Republican Chuck Brewer by a margin of 62% to 38%. He was re-elected in 2019, increasing his margin of victory to nearly three-to-one over GOP challenger Jim Merritt.

The winners in the Democratic and GOP primaries in May will face each other in the General Election in November.

The polls in Indiana are open on Election Day from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

For more information on where you can vote, visit [www.vote.indy.gov](http://www.vote.indy.gov).

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St. Patrick’s Day Sandwiches

Yield: 8 sandwiches

- 8 ounces plain cream cheese spread, softened
- 1 cup finely shredded mozzarella cheese
- salt
- 4 English muffins
- 24 slices cucumber
- 8 thin slices green pepper
- fresh cilantro leaves
- lemon juice
- lemon slices, for garnish (optional)

In bowl, mix cream cheese spread, mozzarella cheese and salt well. Split English muffins in half. Cut each muffin half into shamrock shape. Spread cheese mixture over each muffin half. Place three cucumbers on each “shamrock,” one on each “leaf.” Use green pepper slice as stem. Place cilantro leaf on top of each sandwich. Sprinkle sandwiches with lemon juice and add lemon slices, for garnish, if desired. For more festive recipes and ideas at [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR

Suzanne Miller Thompson

Indianapolis resident, Suzanne Thompson recently celebrated her 90th birthday at the Indiana Landmark Center. The surprise brunch was attended by nearly 100 guests, with family traveling from as far as California, Minnesota, Kansas, and Nebraska. The event was graciously catered by Jacquie’s Gourmet Catering. Included on the brunch menu were egg, spinach & tomato strata, Rosemary roasted potatoes, sticky buns, assorted muffins, bagels, fresh fruit, bacon, sausage, chipped beef, biscuits, croissant French toast, assorted teas, coffee, and juice.

From across three different states, Suzanne’s children; Harold, Herb, and Susan planned and organized the celebration, which featured music selections of her favorite songs. Guests stepped into a photo booth for portraits with Thompson wearing a silver tiara. Slideshows highlighted the many quilts

milestones like the election of America’s first African American president, and Dr. Patricia Bath’s patented invention for a laser cataract treatment device. The celebration concluded with a presentation by her great grandchildren and closing remarks by Thompson.

“Those who respect the elderly pave their own road toward success,” says an African proverb. It is equally true that our elders carved that path out of personal hardship and sacrifice for future generations. And while an Old Testament passage also reads “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you,” the emphasis is clearly resting on the invaluable contribution made by our elders. So, the Thompson and Miller families recognize and celebrate year 90 in the life of their matriarch, Suzanne M. Thompson.

SIDS

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diagnostic shifting, where causes of death are reclassified.

They said the rise in deaths among Black infants happened at the same time the coronavirus pandemic started in late 2019.

The virus disproportionately affected Black communities.

“Evidence does not support direct or indirect effects of the pandemic on increased rates of sudden unexpected infant death, except for non-Hispanic Black infants,” the study authors stated. They have called for more research, but also noted the many ways in which the pandemic wreaked havoc on African Americans.

The study found that SIDS death increased by 15%, from 33.3 deaths per 100,000 babies born in 2019 to 38.2 per 100,000 babies born in 2020.

In data collection, both SIDS and incidents of accidental suffocation or strangulation fall under the umbrella term SUID, or sudden unexplained infant death.

Unlike SIDS, the rates of SUIDs are categorized by race and ethnicity, and researchers found an increase in unexplained deaths in Black infants. They didn’t find an increase among any other group.

The study’s author, Sharyn Parks

Brown, told NBC News that the finding was absolutely a surprise. She is a senior epidemiologist for the CDC’s Perinatal and Infant Health Team.

“The racial and ethnic breakdowns of such deaths had been consistent for decades,” she said.

Reasons for the jump are unknown, NBC reported.

The authors said that the increase could be a statistical anomaly. They said they would check the data for several more years to see if the increase was real or not.

It could also reflect adjustments the National Association of Medical Examiners made in 2019 to how sudden infant deaths are classified on death certificates.

According to NBC News, the guidance said finding babies on or near soft bedding was not enough to say the deaths were caused by suffocation, because there was no evidence the airways had been blocked.

Those cases, according to the recommendations, should be classified as SIDS.

“If the new guidance was followed, this could have led to increased reporting of SIDS,” the study authors wrote.

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EDITORIAL

LOSING OUR RELIGION



By LARRY SMITH Several years ago, citizens of the world’s only superpower became increasingly concerned about a religion that was spreading like a virus. Most people – including politicians – were adherents of the much older, dominant religion. (The notion of “separation of church and state” was laughable.) They looked down on those who practiced this strange, encroaching, “unsophisticated” faith. Eventually, scholars began to write papers as to why the “other” religion was inferior. (One reason is that they saw it as merely an amalgam of superstitious and preposterous beliefs from the East.) People who practiced this newer religion were not only considered to be heretics; as the religion grew they were considered by many to be a genuine threat to the government and to the broader society. The entire social and political order seemed to be at risk. The superpower? Ancient Rome. The upstart religion? Christianity. Initially, the Romans regarded Christianity as merely a Jewish sect that provoked strife among their vassals. Even as the faith began to distinguish itself from Judaism in the first century, government officials – including emperors – initially reacted to Christianity with benign neglect. Of course, as the Bible says, Jesus and His disciples “turned the world upside down”. Thus, the (pagan) Roman Empire eventually metamorphosized into the (Christian)

Holy Roman Empire. Catholicism officially became the state religion under Emperor Theodosius I in the year 380, supplanting Religio Romana (literally, the “Roman Religion”). I am a devout Christian. Indeed, having grown up in church, I am a so-called “cradle Christian.” (Though I am now nondenominational, my Baptist roots run deeply). I can’t imagine practicing a religion that I do not believe is absolutely true. Christianity, like Islam, makes claims to exclusivity as regards issues such as the nature of God, the path to salvation, and the manner in which people should live their lives. I am also a loyal American. Though my faith is infinitely more important to me than is my nationality, I am committed to the democratic ideals upon which America was founded – despite the fact that many of our founders would balk at African Americans participating fully in this political experiment. There are at least two reasons for my disposition. One is philosophical. Namely, I fear theocracy – even if Christianity were the state religion. Why? If I were to be honest, it’s because I couldn’t be sure whether the tenets of the Christianity in which I believe would be the same as those of a state religion. It is very disturbing to me that even the most central teachings of the faith (e.g., the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His divinity, etc.) are “optional” in various quarters. The other reason is practical. There is no way to

completely halt the spread of other religions – and no one should even attempt to do so. The Chinese government’s despicable brutality towards Uyghurs, which some consider to be genocide, has not eradicated that culture and religion. In any case, freedom of conscience is a gift of God; trying to extinguish that is blasphemy. As was the case in ancient Rome, a significant number of Americans fear that our “empire” is slowly collapsing. There are multifaceted threats: internal economic decay, out of control political infighting, bellicose external adversaries, foreign “invaders” crossing our borders (even legally) – and a strange, encroaching, “unsophisticated” faith. In my view, some of those threats are more credible than others. Of course, one great her is that Islam could conceivably challenge Christian hegemony in America at some point in the distant future. I think that is incredibly unlikely given the rapidly declining rate of belief in institutional religion among Americans. One of the best ways to ensure a brighter future is to diligently examine the past. Unfortunately, history is something about which Americans have rarely been particularly fond, outside of jingoism and “happy talk.” Yet, we would do well to learn what history teaches us: Whether in a dictatorship (or other authoritarian government), in a monarchy, or in a democracy, religious pluralism will eventually prevail. It is incumbent upon Christians to do our part by lovingly sharing our beliefs – and then have faith that God will take care of the rest.

CDC Recommends All Adults Get Tested for Hepatitis B

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The U.S. Centers for Control and Prevention have issued a new recommendation urging all adults to receive screening for hepatitis B at least once in their lifetime. The agency describes hepatitis B (HBV) as a liver infection caused by the HBV virus. It can progress to liver cancer and other serious illnesses. CDC officials said as many as 2.4 million people live with HBV, and most might not know they have it. A severe infection could lead to chronic HBV, which could increase a person’s risk of getting cancer or cirrhosis. Further, the CDC said those diagnosed with chronic or long-term HBV are up to 85% more likely to succumb to an early death. “Chronic HBV infection can lead to substantial morbidity and mortality

but is detectable before the development of severe liver disease using reliable and inexpensive screening tests,” CDC officials stated. Even though the number of people with HBV has decreased significantly in the last 30 years, the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says it is still a problem for African Americans. That office reported that, in 2020, non-Hispanic blacks would be 1.4 times more likely to die from viral hepatitis than non-Hispanic whites. Also, non-Hispanic blacks were almost twice as likely to die from hepatitis C as white individuals. Further, while having comparable case rates for HBV in 2020, non-Hispanic blacks were 2.5 times more likely to die from HBV than non-Hispanic whites. Medical officials noted that HBV spreads through contact with infected blood or bodily fluids, which can occur through sex, injecting drugs, or during pregnancy or delivery. The CDC previously issued a recommendation in 2008, when it urged

testing for high-risk individuals. In its most recent recommendation, the agency said that adults over 18 must be tested at least once. The agency declared that pregnant individuals should also undergo screening during each pregnancy, regardless of whether they’ve received a vaccine or have been previously tested. Additionally, incarcerated individuals, those with multiple sex partners, or people with a history of hepatitis C should test periodically, the CDC said. The agency warned that symptoms of acute HBV could include fever, fatigue, abdominal pain, dark urine, and jaundice. Symptoms could take several months or longer to present and last for months. The CDC’s latest report further notes the following: • It’s estimated more than half of people who have the hepatitis B virus (HBV) don’t know they’re infected. Without treatment and monitoring, HBV infection can lead to deadly health outcomes, including liver damage and liver cancer. • The report updates and expands

previous guidelines for HBV screening and testing by recommending screening for all U.S. adults and expanding continual periodic risk-based testing to include more groups, activities, exposures, and conditions. • Providers should implement the new CDC hepatitis B screening and testing recommendations to ensure all adults are screened for HBV infection with the triple-panel at least once in their lifetimes and that people who are not vaccinated for hepatitis B – but are at increased risk of HBV infection – receive periodic testing. “Although a curative treatment is not yet available, early diagnosis and treatment of chronic HBV infections reduce the risk for cirrhosis, liver cancer, and death,” CDC officials noted in the report. “Along with vaccination strategies, universal screening of adults and appropriate testing of persons at increased risk for HBV infection will improve health outcomes, reduce the prevalence of HBV infection in the United States, and advance viral hepatitis elimination goals.”

Conservatively Speaking:  
Honoring the Legacy of Black Women



WHITLEY YATES Black women have played an essential role in shaping history, from their contributions to social justice movements to their groundbreaking achievements in various fields. In this Women’s History Month, it is important to celebrate and honor the impact that Black women have had on society, and to acknowledge the struggles and barriers they have faced along the way. One of the most significant contributions that Black women have made to history is their role in social justice movements. Black women have been at the forefront of the fight for civil rights, women’s rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and other social justice causes for decades. They have organized and led protests, advocated for policy changes, and used their voices to speak truth to power. Women like Angela Davis, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Audre Lorde have inspired generations with their bravery, wisdom, and

leadership. In addition to their activism, Black women have also made significant contributions to fields like science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM. Women like Katherine Johnson, Mae Jemison, and Toni Morrison have broken down barriers and made groundbreaking achievements in their respective fields. The work of Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, and Dorothy Vaughan, three African-American mathematicians who worked at NASA in the 1960s, was integral to the success of the space program. More recently, Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett led the development of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. These women’s achievements are a testament to their intellect, perseverance, and determination. In the arts and literature, Black women have created some of the most innovative and celebrated works of our time. From the poetry of Maya Angelou and Nikki Giovanni to the music of Billie Holiday and Nina Simone, Black women have used their creativity to express their experiences and to challenge stereotypes. Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, and Zora Neale Hurston are just a few of the writers whose works have made a lasting impact on literature and culture. Black women have also been pioneers in the entertainment industry, with icons like Aretha Franklin, Nina Simone, and Beyoncé using their platforms to inspire and empower others. Black women like Viola Davis have also been pioneers in using their platforms to challenge Hollywood’s narrow beauty standards and to promote diversity and representation. Despite these accomplishments, Black women continue to face significant challenges in society. They are disproportionately affected by poverty, unemployment, and healthcare disparities. They are more likely to experience violence and discrimination in their personal and professional lives, and they are often overlooked and undervalued in the workplace. In the face of these challenges, Black women have shown remarkable resilience, strength, and perseverance. They have created their own communities

and support networks, and have used their voices and talents to bring attention to important issues and effect change. As we celebrate Women’s History Month, it is vital to recognize and honor the contributions of Black women. Their bravery, intelligence, and creativity have transformed our world and inspired generations. At the same time, we must commit to supporting and respecting Black Women. By listening to their voices, amplifying their stories, and working together to create change, we can build a more just future for all. In honor of Women’s History Month I commissioned AI technology to create and name a poem about Black Women. Unbreakable  
Oh Black women, you are truly divine  
A powerful force, with hearts that shine  
With beauty, grace, and strength so rare  
You move through the world with a regal air  
Your resilience and perseverance through strife  
Are testaments to the resilience of your life  
You’ve overcome barriers, you’ve broken down walls  
You’ve made history, you’ve answered the calls  
In science and art, you’ve left your mark  
Your brilliance and creativity light up the dark  
From poetry to music, dance to film  
You’ve given us inspiration, and helped us heal  
Your unwavering spirit, your sense of pride  
Is a beacon for those who stand beside  
In sisterhood, in solidarity, we stand with you  
For you’ve taught us what it means to be true  
So here’s to you, Black women, we honor you  
For all that you are, and all that you do  
May your voices be heard, your stories told  
May your wisdom and power continue to unfold.  
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# How is telemedicine being used in Indiana and who is it benefitting and serving?

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What does telemedicine do for Hoosiers and how is it used throughout the state? Some members of our audience were curious.

Jordan Hill is an assistant research scientist with Indiana University's School of Public Health. She said telemedicine is not new – for example, IU Health's portal allowed patients to message with their doctors and refill prescriptions.

Indiana expanded telehealth services at the beginning of 2017 to allow doctors to prescribe non-controlled addiction treatment medicines remotely.

Hill said the COVID-19 pandemic pushed telemedicine further and developed more features. "There are ways to transmit and do remote monitoring," she said. "So if you want blood pressure, heart rate, remote sort of heart rate analysis, that can be delivered."

She said other uses for telemedicine may include remote doctor visits, telerehabilitation and therapy or mental health services. Hill said telemedicine

can be especially helpful for those in rural areas. "There's different telemedicine for more rural hospitals to consult with larger health systems if they don't have an expert in a certain area," she said. "So that sort of telemedicine – not at a patient's home, but at a different health care facility."

She said this can help patients in these areas by allowing them access to these services without traveling too far – these services also increase access to health services for those who may struggle to access traditional care. "There may be other people who don't have reliable transportation – so that increases the accessibility for them," she said. "[There are] people who may be homebound for whatever reason, so maybe they have a disability, maybe they have caregiving commitments, or they're at work – things like that."

She said telemedicine is also helpful for health care systems. "It's also really beneficial for – not only from a patient perspective, but from a staff perspective as well," she said. "So you can hire people in differ-

ent areas of the country." Hill said she is facilitating several studies regarding remote delivery of services for informal caregivers for those with Alzheimer's disease. She said this is an example of the kind of services telemedicine can help facilitate and provide.

"It's based on a model that was created and is very successful at Eskenazi Health, but people who don't live [near] Eskenazi, we're trying to remotely give them access to this type of program, through an app and through technology," Hill said. "So we're able to recruit people who live in rural areas of Indiana."

She said the telehealth umbrella will likely continue to expand with the expansion of many remote services.

Despite these improvements and the expansion of telemedicine, challenges still exist – including poor internet connections and lack of universal access to technology.

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## Black Charter School Leaders

As Black charter school leaders in Indianapolis, we stand together to advocate for the thousands of students and families our schools serve. Many of the children we see each day are Black and we are proud to create schools that are culturally relevant, academically rigorous, and rooted in the community.

We are proud to do this work and feel we must speak up to share the reality of funding disparities for charter schools in our city and state. Never in our country's history has school funding been matched to what different student groups across this country need to succeed. But it could be.

Right now, legislation has been proposed in the Indiana Statehouse that could level the playing field for charter schools and traditional public schools when it comes to per student funding. The gap is currently over \$7,000 per student. This yearly shortfall means we are consistently being asked to do more with less.

Yes, we chose to lead charter schools. Yes, our families chose to attend our schools. But the reality is that we lead public schools. Our students are public school students and they deserve to be valued and provided the funding necessary to thrive. Students and families should not be financially punished for choosing the school that best fits their needs.

School funding disparities were on full display recently when a TikTok from Carmel High School's DECA club went viral. We firmly believe that every Carmel student deserves an excellent education just like every Indianapolis student deserves an excellent education.

But that TikTok exposed something important about the difference between the resources schools like ours have access to versus the resources that schools like Carmel and similar suburbs have access to. It doesn't have to be this way. Every student could be afforded the world-class resources the students in Carmel have.

That video also reinforces an age-old adage in America: the zip code you are born into often determines the quality of the education you receive. Charter schools were founded to combat that reality and leaders like us work hard daily to ensure our students, no matter the zip code they are from, achieve academic and personal success. Yet the truth is that we are constrained by how much is invested in our students.

More money is not a silver bullet for bridging the opportunity gap. But there is so much more that could be accomplished if our students were valued at the same level as traditional public school students. We simply have to change the school funding formula to level the playing field. This doesn't mean Carmel students lose. This doesn't

mean Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) students lose. There is enough to go around. It means recognizing that we can all win.

Another recent example weighs heavy on our minds. IPS recently proposed an operating referendum valued at over \$400 million. Had that operating referendum passed, it would have exacerbated current funding inequities, potentially driving the gap between public charter students and traditional public school students to over \$10,000. To us, anything that increases funding inequities is a non-starter and so we opposed that referendum while trying to work with the district to find an equitable funding solution.

Right now, over 50% of public school students within IPS boundaries attend a public charter school. The vast majority of students who attend Indianapolis charter schools identify as Black or Latino. Had IPS passed their referendum, the majority of students in their very own domain would have been irreparably harmed.

Again, we believe that all students can win. That includes the students in that viral TikTok, the students attending IPS schools, and the students who choose to attend the public charter schools we lead. Indiana has enough resources to guarantee student success at equitable levels.

So what's the hold up? Let's put students first. Let's stop getting bogged down in petty squabbles over different names for public schools and instead put the spotlight on student outcomes with a focus on delivering a world-class education for every child.

From that understanding, let's work together to make sure all kids win. That, by necessity, begins with equitable per student funding.

- Signed,  
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## ‘Growing Healthy Communities’ free event offers lead education, afternoon of fun

By JAYDEN KENNETT  
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A northwest side public library is planning a fun-filled horticulture afternoon next week for kids, while also educating parents about the dangers of lead poisoning.

The March 25 event will be at the Eagle branch of the Indianapolis Public Library.

Hosting the event, Growing Healthy Communities, in partnership with WFYI, will feature garden crafts, bilingual story time, planting seeds and other garden activities to engage kids. The children will be able to plant seeds to take home, and even select native seeds to take home.

Meanwhile, parents will be able to ask questions and learn how to test their homes and gardens for lead, one of the most dangerous sources linked to development problems of young children.

The event is free and open to the public.

“Learning about lead does not have to be boring! Understanding where lead is, such as in the soil, and how to address it, is a great first step in how we prevent lead poisoning and why,” Angela Herrmann, program manager at IUPUI said. “Gardening happens in community, and so can lead poisoning prevention. That’s why we at IUPUI have partnered with the Indianapolis Public Library to create a fun, family-oriented afternoon of storytelling, gardening, and learning how to screen your home for lead.”

Lead is a toxic heavy metal that can be found throughout a child’s environment, according to Indiana Lead Free’s website. Historically, it has been used in a variety of products including gasoline, plumbing pipes, batteries and most commonly, paint.

Marion County has artificially increased levels of lead in many areas, disproportionately affecting the far



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east side, south side, and areas directly outside of downtown, according to research from IUPUI.

Most of Indianapolis, especially the areas directly outside of downtown, have a high risk for lead exposure, according to an interactive map by Vox and the Washington State Department of Health. The most common source of lead exposure in Indianapolis is housing, says the Indiana Department of Health.

Testing for lead is important because it can lead to sick children, behavioral problems and developmental issues, said attorney Cassidy Clouse, who has focused on lead issues as they pertain to public policy. Lead poisoning ultimately decreases attention and

increases impulsivity.

Exposure to lead can cause damage to the brain and nervous system, slow growth and development, and cause hearing and speech problems, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 2,000 Hoosier children are affected by lead poisoning annually and less than 12% are tested every year, Clouse said. Once the damage is done, there is no reversing it.

Sixty-three percent of children with elevated blood-lead levels in 2019 were non-white, despite whites making up 85% of the population.

Nearly 60% of Indiana’s housing stock was built before 1978 when lead was still being used in paint, Clouse

said.

But beginning last January, House Enrolled Act 1313 requires all Indiana healthcare providers to offer lead poisoning screening to children under six and determine if they have been tested.

**If you go:**  
**What:** Growing Healthy Communities  
**Where:** Eagle branch public library, 3905 Moller Road  
**When:** March 25 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Cost:** Free

Contact environmental reporter Jayden Kennett at 317-762-7847 Follow her on Twitter @fournofay.

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## Understanding Teen Dating Violence

Teen dating violence affects millions of young people in the United States each year. Dating violence can take place in person, online, or through technology. It is a type of intimate partner violence that can include the following types of behavior:

- **Physical violence is when a person hurts or tries to hurt a partner by hitting, kicking, or using another type of physical force.**
- **Sexual violence is forcing or attempting to force a partner to take part in a sex act and or sexual touching when the partner does not consent or is unable to consent or refuse. It also includes non-physical sexual behaviors like posting or sharing sexual pictures of a partner without their consent or sexting someone without their consent.**
- **Psychological aggression is the use of verbal and non-verbal communication with the intent to harm a partner mentally or emotionally and exert control over a partner.**
- **Stalking is a pattern of repeated, unwanted attention and contact by a current or former partner that causes fear or safety concern for an individual victim or someone close to the victim.**

Teen dating violence profoundly impacts lifelong health, opportunity, and wellbeing. Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. The good news is violence is preventable, and we can all help young people grow up violence-free.

Teens often think some behaviors, like teasing and name-calling, are a “normal” part of a relationship. However, these behaviors can become abusive and develop into serious forms of violence. Many teens do not report unhealthy behaviors because they are afraid to tell family and friends.

Data from CDC’s Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicate that among U.S. high school students who reported dating during the 12 months before the survey, about 1 in 12 experienced physical dating violence and 1 in 12 experienced sexual dating violence.

Female students experienced higher rates of physical and sexual dating violence than male students. Students who identified as LGBTQ, or those who were unsure of their gender identity, experienced higher rates of physical and sexual dating violence compared to students who identify as heterosexual.

Unhealthy, abusive, or violent relationships can have short-and long-term negative effects, including severe consequences, on a developing teen. Youth who are victims of teen dating violence are more likely to experience depression and anxiety symptoms; engage in unhealthy behaviors, like using tobacco, drugs, and alcohol; exhibit antisocial behaviors, like lying, theft, bullying, or hitting; or think about suicide.

Violence in an adolescent relationship sets the stage for future relationship problems, including intimate partner violence and sexual violence perpetration and/or victimization throughout life.

Supporting healthy, nonviolent relationships could reduce teen dating violence and prevent its harmful, long-lasting effects on individuals, their families, and their communities.

During the pre-teen and teen years, it is critical for youth to begin learning skills to create and maintain healthy relationships, including managing feelings and communicating in a healthy way.

CDC has developed resources, available on CDC.gov, to help communities focus their prevention efforts on what works to address risk and protective factors for violence. CDC’s Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships focuses on 11-14-year-olds with ways to promote healthy relationships and reduce behaviors that increase the risk of dating violence.



Black faith leaders call for fully funded mental health crisis response system

By JAYDEN KENNETT  
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More than 800 Hoosiers and Black faith leaders are urging state lawmakers to “re-imagine public safety” by fully funding a mental health crisis response system in Indiana.

Leaders of the Black Church Coalition and Faith in Indiana met with legislators on March 14 and urged for full funding of Senate Bill 1, a proposal that would provide all Hoosiers with a mental health helpline, mental health professionals to arrive on the scene of a crisis and facilities.

The proposal has already unanimously passed the Senate and is now in a House committee. But fully funding the crisis response system is what brought Black faith leaders to the Statehouse to speak to legislative leaders.

An Indiana Behavioral Health Commission report determined that untreated mental illness costs Indiana \$4.2 billion yearly. Establishing and running a crisis response system will cost \$130.6 million annually, the same report found.

However, the support rallied behind the bill is less focused on finances and more focused on humanity.

Dr. Carlos Perkins, pastor at Bethel Cathedral AME Church said a lack of services can lead to deadly results at a press conference March 14.

“One of the things that has motivated us is the case of Herman Whitfield,” Perkins said. “And that family has now had to go through, over the last year, the pain of losing a son because he had a mental health crisis and they called the police.”

Herman Whitfield III, 39, died April 25 2022 after his mother called 911 during an apparent mental health crisis. Whitfield’s death was ruled a homicide by the Marion County Coroner’s Office in July 2022, and his family is currently suing the city for wrongful death. Whitfield’s family has been vocal



More than 800 Hoosiers and Black faith leaders with the Black Church Coalition and Faith in Indiana rallied at the statehouse to call for a fully funded mental health crisis response system (Photo provided Jay Moser)

about their disappointment with the police response to their call for help.

For Perkins, it’s also personal. Perkins said he sees the struggle for mental health services not only for his church members, but his own family. He continues to watch his brother suffer from a “mental health break” more than a decade after he had a psychotic episode, Perkins said.

“We as a family have been struggling with this over the last 12 years,” Perkins said.

Josh Riddick, Faith in Indiana organizer said there are “far too many stories” from families “torn apart by a system that does not care about their

well-being, or not yet capable of offering the care they need.”

“We want to live in a world where being in mental health crisis does not warrant the presence of law enforcement, and we want a world where the system we interact with has resources and tools to help our loved ones,” Riddick said.

Riddick said it is important to fund the legislation so that Hoosiers don’t continue to struggle with mental health issues, substance abuse and death at the hands of law enforcement.

“We are hoping that our time at the Statehouse allows grassroots leaders the opportunity to bring stories and

experiences that will urge our State Representatives to fully fund a mental health crisis system,” Riddick said. “We are just one of the many communities throughout Indiana that are collectively raising our voice to demand a re-imagining of public safety,” he said.

The day at the statehouse is the latest slate of events by Black faith leaders.

If approved in the House, the bill would move on to Gov. Eric Holcomb’s desk for signature.

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

God Sees Me: A Testament to Women’s History Month

By Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith



*Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children .... She took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband .... Hagar said: “I’m running away from my mistress Sarai” .... The angel of the Lord found Hagar and Hagar said: “I have now seen the One who sees me.” Genesis 16:1-11*

*In 1963, Mahalia Jackson, the great American gospel songstress of African descent, sang these words in the song “Somebody Bigger Than You and I”: (God) He lights the way When the road is long He keeps you company With His love to guide you He walks beside you Just like He walks with me*

This song is a testimony of African

women and women of African Descent who have not only survived but thrived despite gender and racial discrimination. In 2015, Bread for the World’s Annual Hunger Report pointed to the continuing inequity that women face:

“Discrimination against women is a major cause of persistent hunger. Discrimination is reprehensible and makes the effort to end global hunger so much more difficult. In developing countries, most women work in subsistence farming, the backbone of local food security. Discrimination is why women farmers labor with fewer productive resources than their male counterparts, why women in all sectors of the economy earn less than men, and why girls are pulled out of school to work or to marry.”

Women’s History Month is a time to celebrate the resilience, resistance, and resolve of women like Hagar, who was an African woman enslaved by Sarai and Abram. During her enslavement,

Sarai demanded that Hagar become pregnant by Abram—without Hagar’s consent. This demand was also normative for Black women in the United States and the Caribbean during the enslavement and sharecropping periods.

But despite the sexual assaults by their enslavers—who did not see the humanity and dignity of Hagar and other Black women—these women were often courageous and found opportunities to exercise their agency. Hagar left her enslavers and lived in the wilderness. Women of African descent like Harriet Tubman did the same. But oral traditions and the Bible tell us the angel of the Lord still found them! Like Hagar, many could and do say: “I have now seen the One who sees me.”

So, who are the angels today? Do we see the women described in the Hunger Report? Do we see pregnant women of Africa and African Descent who have some of the highest mortality rates

today? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says Black women consistently have the highest maternal mortality rate in the United States. In 2020, the rate rose from 44 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2019 to 55.3, the second biggest increase of any racial or ethnic group, behind Hispanic women.

Bread for the World does see women of Africa and of African Descent. Our lens of nutrition, equity, and sustainability promotes life with and for Black Women. One mechanism for achieving this is through the farm bill, which is up for reauthorization this year. Please visit Bread for the World’s Offering of Letters web page to learn more about advocating for the farm bill.

Angelique Walker-Smith is senior associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church engagement at Bread for the World.





BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. In how many verses is the specific name of Satan used in the Old Testament (KJV)?  
0, 1, 15, 174
- 3. From Genesis 36, which city was Esau’s home base?  
Petra, Tyre, Gilgal, Perga
- 4. Which of these persons hid in a cave while God passed by?  
Noah, Moses, Abraham, Jonah
- 5. From Esther 5, who/what was Zeresh?  
King of Persia, Mountain, Wife of Haman, River
- 6. In 1 Peter, to what animal is Satan compared?  
Serpent, Wolf, Rat, Lion

ANSWERS:

- 1) New,
- 2) 15,
- 3) Petra,
- 4) Moses,
- 5) Wife of Haman,
- 6) Lion

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey’s subscriber site at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

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Answers



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...A servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.” ...Another girl saw him and said... “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.” But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!” ...Those who stood by... said to Peter, “Surely you also are one of them...” Then he began to curse and swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!” Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus... “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly.

MATTHEW 26: 69-75

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Making sense of a year's worth of paperwork and clutter can take some serious time, especially as many people have been working from home more than normal, but getting organized can help you tackle home management tasks more efficiently. Making the office a priority can reduce frustration when it comes to spending additional time in your office while working from home.

**These five tips can help get you started:**

First, make sure you have furniture that can adequately store your stuff, including plenty of space for files, refer-



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ence books and computer equipment. Pieces need not be costly to be functional and there are plenty of attractive options available online and at both small and major

retailers.

Second, arrange the space with its intended use and your own work style in mind. For example, if you don't need ample space to spread

out over a large, flat work area, eliminate that space – it's simply an invitation for clutter.

Third, place items you rely on frequently, such as a calculator or ruler,

within arm's reach so they can easily be put away between uses. Capture these items in containers and bins to keep the space looking neat and free of clutter.

Fourth, establish a filing system that lets you keep track of important papers you need to keep and have a shredder handy to help you discard any sensitive documents. Whether you alphabetize, color code or use some other method, group paperwork into segments for categories such as bills, banking, health care, auto, insurance and so on for easy access in the future.

Fifth, tangled cords can make even the most organized spaces look messy, and they may pose a fire or tripping hazard. Get control of your cords by storing devices you don't use regularly and securing the remaining cords with twist ties or clips. Remember to use a surge-protected power strip to minimize the chance of damage should a power surge occur.

*Find more tips to make your workspace tidy and organized at [eLivingtoday.com](https://eLivingtoday.com).*

## PitchFest offers entrepreneurs opportunity for capital investment

### SPECIAL TO THE RECORDER

PitchFest and IMPACT Central Indiana are teaming up again to award four entrepreneurs more than \$50,000 in investment capital.

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The event will be held on May 22, but the deadline for applications for the event is April 14, said Kendrea Williams, founder of PitchFest.

Prizes will be awarded as equity or low-interest loans. First place receives \$25,000, second place \$15,000, and third place \$10,000. There will also be a fourth prize of \$5,000 going to the "audience choice."

Most recently in the competition six months ago, PitchFest granted funding to three women of color who own and operate their own businesses.

First place went to 360 Cleaning Services, while Tmalaw™ came in second and The Bae was third. The audience favorite was 360 Cleaning Services.

The goal of the PitchFest and IMPACT Central Indiana collaboration is to create an investment pipeline for brown and Black entrepreneurs who are typically overlooked when it comes to receiving start-up capital.

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Shortly before he passed away, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to share with Trent how he had influenced me. Of course, Trent redirected the conversation to real estate, a topic in which he was endlessly interested. I shared that, because of his commitment and impact in the community, we established a fellowship program in his name to give more minority professionals access to careers in real estate and community development. Although successful, Trent wondered aloud how much different his career may have been if he had encountered more people who looked like him

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My conversations with Trent made me realize that creating opportunity isn't enough. Representation is essential to connecting people to opportunities. Being able to see yourself as a homeowner, a business owner, or having a career in community development helps to turn an opportunity into a reality.

The Trent L. Garrett Fellowship is a fitting legacy for our friend and continues his commitment to opening doors for others. We hope you join us in this work and connect those you know with this opportunity. Applications are now open until March 31, 2023.

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TO: Laura's FLP:  
BE IT KNOWN, that The Huntington National Bank, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Circuit Court its Complaint against Defendant Laura's FLP, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Laura's FLP, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Lot Numbered 224 in McFarland Farms, Section Four, a Subdivision in Marion County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded April 16, 1990 as Instrument No. 90-15127 with correction certificate recorded February 22, 1991 as Instrument No. 91-16392, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, commonly known as 7341 Cinnamon Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

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

Dated Clerk, Marion Circuit Court  
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)  
Stephanie A. Reinhardt (25071-06)  
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)  
Chris Wiley (26936-10)  
Susan B. Kineman (17405-49)  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC  
P.O. Box 165028  
Columbus OH 43216-5028  
Telephone: 614-220-5611  
Facsimile: 614-220-5613  
Email: [sef-jdsmith@manleydeas.com](mailto:sef-jdsmith@manleydeas.com)  
5320-967098  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23,  
03/31/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT )  
SS: )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2302-MI-007931 )

IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME:

Sherry Ann Ryle  
Petitioner  
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on February 24, 2023, requesting a name change from Sherry Ann Ryle to Sherry Ann Duncan. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on May 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., which is more than (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This hearing will be held in-person in the Marion Circuit Court, located at the Community Justice Center: 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

SO ORDERED: February 28, 2023.  
JUDGE, Marion Circuit Court  
5320-967194  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23,  
03/31/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2303-PL-009590 )

NEXT PLAY REBUILD LLC,  
Plaintiff,

v.  
BARBARA A SHUMAKER, unknown husbands, wives, widows, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives,

successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT  
Please be notified you have been sued in the honorable Court above so named. The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint to Quiet Title to Real Estate ("Complaint") pertaining to the following real estate in Marion County, Indiana:  
LOT NUMBERED A21 IN PARK LAFAYETTE, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 17, 1973 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 73-30458 AND AMENDED PLAT RECORDED JANUARY 16, 1981 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 81-2969 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly known as: 2322 Silver Maple Court, Indianapolis, IN 46222 ("Real Estate").

To the following defendants:

BARBARA A SHUMAKER, and the unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff.

In addition to the defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this cause of action. If you have a claim for relief against Plaintiff, NEXT PLAY REBUILD LLC, arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your response.

You must answer the Complaint in writing on or before thirty (30) days after the third (3rd) published Notice of Suit. If you fail to do so, judgment may be entered against you and in favor of the Plaintiff.

The name and address of the attorney is:  
Janet Davis Hocker  
#17380-49  
HOCKER LAW, LLC  
6626 East 75th Street,  
Suite 410  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
46250  
T: 317-578-1630  
E: [Janet.hocker@hockerlaw.com](mailto:Janet.hocker@hockerlaw.com)  
Marion County Clerk  
SEAL:  
Prepared By:  
Janet Davis Hocker  
#17380-49, HOCKER LAW, LLC  
5320-967068  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23,  
03/31/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2303-PL-010031 )

SIMPLE QUARTERS LLC,  
Plaintiff,

v.  
BARBARA A SHUMAKER,

unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names are unknown to Plaintiff,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT  
Please be notified you have been sued in the honorable Court above so named. The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint to Quiet Title to Real Estate ("Complaint") pertaining to the following real estate in Marion County, Indiana:

LOT NUMBER 35 IN WEST KESSLER ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 143 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. Commonly known as: 2051 Medford Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46222 ("Real Estate")

To the following defendants:

BARBARA A SHUMAKER, and the unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, guardians, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives,

defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff.

In addition to the defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this cause of action. If you have a claim for relief against Plaintiff, SIMPLE QUARTERS LLC, arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your response.

You must answer the Complaint in writing on or before thirty (30) days after the third (3rd) published Notice of Suit. If you fail to do so, judgment may be entered against you and in favor of the Plaintiff.

The name and address of the attorney is:  
Janet Davis Hocker  
#17380-49  
HOCKER LAW, LLC  
6626 East 75th Street,  
Suite 410  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
46250  
T: 317-578-1630  
E: [Janet.hocker@hockerlaw.com](mailto:Janet.hocker@hockerlaw.com)  
3/9/2023  
/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Marion County Clerk  
SEAL:

Prepared By:  
Janet Davis Hocker  
#17380-49, HOCKER LAW, LLC  
5320-967183  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23,  
03/31/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D04-2212-MF-044462 )

MEB LOAN TRUST VI, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,

vs.  
SANDRA C. LUCAS

HIDDEN OAK ESTATES APARTMENTS  
BOWMAN & HEINTZ CIRCLE CITY ENTERPRISES  
CONVERGENCE RECEIVABLES, LC  
PICKWICK PLACE APARTMENTS

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2022-RP3  
BRIGHTON PARK Defendants.  
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as:

The following described real estate in Marion County, Indiana: Lot Numbered 302 in Devon Hills, Second Addition in Marion County Indiana as per Plat thereon recorded in Plat Book 28, Page 369-372, both inclusive, in the Office of Recorded of Marion County, Indiana.

This property is commonly known as 4350 North Emerson Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46226

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendants whose addresses are known:  
Sandra C. Lucas  
4350 North Emerson Ave Indianapolis, IN 46226  
Hidden Oaks Apartments 4900 Edinborough Lane Indianapolis, IN 46241  
Brighton Park PO Box 47587 Indianapolis, IN 46247  
Circle City Enterprises C/O Ronald Povinelli 1364 Colony Park Cir Greenwood, IN 46143  
Convergence Receivables, LC  
Agent Anthony Kuhns 1574 42nd St NE #3 Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
Pickwick Place Apartments 1540 Handball Lane Indianapolis, IN 46260  
US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2022-RP3  
4400 Easton Commons Way, Suite 125 Columbus, OH 43219

And to the following defendant whose addresses are known:  
Bowman & Heintz  
In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your attorney, on or before the 30th day of April, 2023, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

/s/ Christopher J. Arlinghaus  
Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)  
Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15)  
Attorney's for Plaintiff  
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC  
3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227  
Voice: 1-513-322-7000  
Facsimile: (513) 322-7099  
ATTEST:

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court  
5320-967223  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23,  
03/31/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT )  
SS: )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D09-2302-DC-001232 )

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:

SEARA SIMMONS, Petitioner,

and  
REGINALD L. BELL, Respondent.

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: REGINALD L. BELL, whose current whereabouts are unknown but who is believed have last resided in the Indianapolis, Indiana area:

1. You are hereby notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed by Seara Simmons in Marion County Superior Court No. 9 on February 14, 2023, under Cause No. 49D09-2302-DC-001232.

2. Marion County Superior Court No. 9 is located in the Marion County Community

D. Dowdell, has filed a Petition to Determine Heirs of J'Mel D. Dowdell, deceased, pursuant to Ind. Code §29-1-6-6.

The Court has set the time for hearing on this petition for May 9, 2023, at 9:00 o'clock, to be held in the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division, 17th Floor, 200 E. Washington Street, Room 1741, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

Dated this: March 2, 2023.  
/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court  
5320-967071  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT 8 OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS E. BRETHAUER, Deceased.  
ESTATE NO. 49D08-2302-EU-001879

Notice is hereby given that Marvin Brethauer and Kathi Brethauer were, on the 27th day of February, 2023, appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Thomas E. Brethauer, deceased, who died on the 11th day of February, 2023.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this February 27, 2023.

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

Attorney for the Estate:  
Beth A. Sease, #1321-49  
BURRUS & SEASE  
410 W. Oak Street  
Zionsville, IN 46077  
(317) 873-2150  
5320-967166  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2303-EU-010011 )

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY L. GROSECLOSE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION FOR PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Darrell Groseclose was, on the 9th day of March, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Shirley L. Groseclose, who died on December 31, 2022.

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

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this March 9, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court  
5320-967235  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY )  
SS: )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D09-2301-DN-000705 )

OLANREWaju ABD AZIZ FADEYIBI Plaintiff

-v-  
LATOYA DAVIA AYER Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

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

The nature of the suit against you is: Divorce

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

And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: LATOYA DAVIA AYER.

In addition to the above named defendant(s) 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 day of April 30, 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.

Attest:  
Clerk of the Marion Court  
5320-967218  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23,  
03/31/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT )  
SS: )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D09-2302-DC-001232 )

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:

SEARA SIMMONS, Petitioner,

and  
REGINALD L. BELL, Respondent.

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: REGINALD L. BELL, whose current whereabouts are unknown but who is believed have last resided in the Indianapolis, Indiana area:

1. You are hereby notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed by Seara Simmons in Marion County Superior Court No. 9 on February 14, 2023, under Cause No. 49D09-2302-DC-001232.

2. Marion County Superior Court No. 9 is located in the Marion County Community

Justice Center, 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203, phone number (317) 327-8392.

3. The attorney representing Seara Simmons is Randall R. Shouse, SHOUSE & LANGLOIS, 9510 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46229, phone number (317) 899-3500.

4. That this is an action for dissolution of marriage.

5. That you are hereby notified that you must respond, in writing, to Marion County Superior Court No. 9 within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published. If you do not respond, in writing, a default divorce decree may be entered against you.

3/10/2023  
/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
CLERK, Marion County Superior Court  
5320-967234  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23,  
03/31/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D13-2204-MI-013646 )

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, FKA NORTHWEST BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST UNION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 1998-2, HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1998-2 Plaintiff,

vs.

FIRST UNION HOME EQUITY CORPORATION, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Indiana to the defendant above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that a complaint has been filed against you in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a declaratory judgment, legally described as:

Lot Numbered 17 in Block 4 in Louthan and Company's South East Addition to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, page 61, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

SUBJECT TO ALL LIENS, EASEMENTS AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD.

This property is commonly known as 2038 Boyd Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendant whose address is known:

And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown: Mercantile Mortgage Company  
/s/ Joel F. Bornkamp  
Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC  
3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227  
Voice: 1-513-322-7000  
Facsimile: (513) 322-7099  
1/3/2023  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge  
Clerk of the Marion County Circuit Court  
5320-967009  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23,  
03/31/23

STATE OF INDIANA )  
MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO.: 49D15-2302-DN-001281 )

LILIANA E. BORJA LOAEZA

3913 Eisenhower Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46254 Plaintiff

-v-  
JORGE FIDAL JIMENEZ DIAZ

Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

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

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

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

And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Jorge Fidal Jimenez Diaz

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

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your or your attorney, on or before the 30th day of April, 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.

ATTEST:  
Clerk of the Marion Court  
5320-967165  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23,  
03/31/23

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF INDIANA )  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARION COUNTY )  
SS: )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
Dannnyell Colorado Plaintiff



## L E G A L S ■ L E G A L S ■ L E G A L S

## ING FOR PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on 2/20/23 requesting a name change from Ryan Marie Stout to Ryan Eshley-Mae Lachlan. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on May 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., which is more than (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

SO ORDERED: February 27, 2023.

JUDGE, Marion Circuit Court

5320-966770  
03/10/23,  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23

**SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION CIRCUIT**  
**SUPERIOR COURT**  
) SS:  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D05-2302-**  
**MF-008275**

**CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DONNA J. BETTNER, DECEASED, REDEVELOP INDY LLC-S, MIDWEST CASH OFFER LLC AND SCOTT BETTNER, 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 2612 Walker Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46203-4532 and described as follows:

Lot 135 in Wm. L. Elder's South Eastern Park, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 16, page 70, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

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

Redevelop Indy LLC-S, Midwest Cash Offer LLC and Scott Bettner

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

where whereabouts are unknown: The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Donna J. Bettner, Deceased

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

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

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.  
By /s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND  
Attorney No. 22108-29  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
BRYAN K. REDMOND  
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.  
8415 Allison Pointe Blvd.,  
Suite 400  
Indianapolis, IN 46250

NOTICE  
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.  
IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.  
2/27/2023  
/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
5320-966889  
03/10/23, 03/17/23, 03/24/23

**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION COUNTY**  
**SUPERIOR COURT**  
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**ESTATE DOCKET: 49D08-**  
**2209-EU-033315**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
**UNSUPERVISED ESTATE**  
**OF ELIZABETH BEN-**  
**BERRY, DECEASED**  
**NOTICE OF ADMINIS-**  
**TRATION**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR**  
**COURT OF MARION COUN-**  
**TY, INDIANA.**

**PROBATE DIVISION**  
In the Matter of the ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BENBERRY, Deceased.

Cause Number: 49D08-2209-EU-033315

Notice is hereby given that, on the 20th day of October, 2022, Charles D. Benberry and Michael Benberry were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Elizabeth Benberry, deceased, who died testate on the 16th day of March, 2022.

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

Additional information may be obtained from the attorney representing the Personal Representatives, Patrick E. Charles IV, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 449, Fishers, IN 46038, (317) 537-7665 phone, (317) 236-6054 faxsimile or via email at chavis-law04@yahoo.com.

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this October 20, 2022.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge  
CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,  
PROBATE DIVISION  
5320-966791  
03/10/23,  
03/17/23

**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
**OF MARION COUNTY No. 8**  
) SS:  
**MARION COUNTY )**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D08-2302-**  
**EU-006702**

**THE ESTATE OF MARIA JOSEFA CROWE**

Notice is hereby given that Maria J. Crowe, the Personal Representative, was on February 21, 2023, appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Maria Josefa Crowe, Deceased, who died on December 20, 2022, and was authorized to Administer said Estate Without Court Supervision.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the Claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the

date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the Claim will be forever barred.

Dated at Marion County, Indianapolis, IN, this February 21, 2022.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk of the Marion County Probate Court  
5320-966922  
03/10/23,  
03/17/23

**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION SUPERIOR**  
**COURT**  
) SS: PROBATE DIVISION  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D08-2302-**  
**EU-006826**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
**ESTATE OF**  
**RONALD L. MASON, JR.,**  
**Deceased.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that Jamir Mason was, on February 27, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ronald L. Mason Jr., deceased, who died October 28, 2020.

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, on February 27, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
Jennifer Norton  
Attorney No. 28709-49  
Norton Estate Planning & Elder Law Firm, LLC  
3750 N. Meridian Street,  
Ste. 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

(317) 572-8696  
5320-966790  
03/10/23,  
03/17/23

**IN THE MARION COUNTY**  
**SUPERIOR COURT 8**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**STATE OF INDIANA**  
**CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2302-**  
**EU-006890**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF**  
**LETHA MCFARLAND, DE-**  
**CEASED.**

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLISHED**

In the Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that, on February 17, 2023, Lee Townsend Jr. was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Letha McFarland, deceased, who died testate on December 3, 2022.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 17, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk, Marion County Court

**ATTORNEY FOR PER-**  
**SONAL REPRESENTATIVE**  
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2344 South Tibbs Avenue  
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**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION SUPERIOR**  
**COURT 8**  
) SS:  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**DOCKET NO.: 49D08-2302-**  
**EU-007622**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
**ESTATE**  
**OF CHARLES B. GORDON, DECEASED**

**PETITION FOR ISSU-**  
**ANCE OF LETTERS**  
**AND APPOINTMENT OF**  
**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**  
**WITHOUT COURT SUPER-**  
**VISION**

Adrienne R. Gordon, Petitioner, an interested person as shown herein, respectfully represents to the Court as follows:

1. The Decedent, Charles B. Gordon, Adult, 87 years of age, died intestate on December 03, 2022, while domiciled in Marion County, Indiana.

2. The Petitioner, herein, Adrienne R. Gordon, is a person qualified to serve as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in that she is the adult daughter and sole heir of the Decedent and as hereinafter set forth and in the accompanying Application, is otherwise suitably qualified to serve as a fiduciary.

3. To the Petitioner's knowledge, the Decedent's estate is believe to be solvent.

4. The Decedent's creditors are unknown as of the time of the filing of this petition.

5. The name, address of residence, whether an adult or minor, and relationship to the Decedent of the sole heir of the Decedent is:

Adrienne R. Gordon, Adult Daughter  
5445 Fallwood Drive, Apt. 107  
Indianapolis, IN 46220

6. The name and address of residence of the person to serve as Personal Representative is:

Adrienne R. Gordon  
5445 Fallwood, Apt. 107  
Indianapolis, IN 46220

7. The Petitioner is at least eighteen (18) years old and is not incapacitated by mental or physical health impairment, or infirmity, in an manner which would interfere with the ability to serve as a fiduciary.

8. The name, email address, business address, email address, and telephone number of the legal counsel who will represent the Personal Representative are:

Fred D. Scott, Attorney  
fscott@harrisonmoberly.com  
HARRISON & MOBERLY, LLP  
8335 Keystone Crossing  
Suite 220  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Tel/Fax: (317) 262-3728

9. As shown by the attached signed consent, the sole heir of the Decedent consents to the Court opening the estate under unsupervised administration; consents to Adrienne R. Gordon being

appointed as Petitioner of the estate; and consents that the Court should require no bond, or a minimum bond.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests the Court enter an order:

1. Appointing Adrienne R. Gordon as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles B. Gordon;

2. Directing the Letters of Administration be issued to Adrienne R. Gordon upon the Petitioner taking an oath and posting a bond, if required;

3. Authorizing the Petitioner to proceed under unsupervised administration in the Estate of Charles B. Gordon, upon proper notice being given, and

4. Granting all other relief which is proper in the premises.

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Adrienne R. Gordon  
Adrienne R. Gordon  
Fred. D. Scott, Attorney  
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Attorney for Adrienne R. Gordon, Petitioner of the Estate of Charles B. Gordon, deceased.

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**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION COUNTY**  
**SUPERIOR COURT 8**  
**COUNTY OF MARION**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D08-2302-**  
**EU-007940**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS-**  
**TRATION**  
**OF THE ESTATE OF HAR-**  
**RIET E. PEDEN, DECEASED**

**NOTICE OF ADMINIS-**  
**TRATION**

Notice is hereby given that Robert E. Peden was, on February 24, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Harriet E. Peden, Deceased, who died on December 1, 2022.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this February 24, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 8

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03/17/23

**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION COUNTY**  
**SUPERIOR COURT 8**  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D08-2302-**  
**EU-008032**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS-**  
**TRATION**  
**OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**DONALD F. EVERETT, DE-**  
**CEASED**

**NOTICE OF ADMINIS-**  
**TRATION**

Notice is hereby given that Christopher Everett was, on February 27, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald F. Everett, Deceased, 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 February 27, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 8

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**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION COUNTY**  
**SUPERIOR COURT 8**  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D08-2302-**  
**EU-008060**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS-**  
**TRATION**  
**OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**JUSTIN N. MOELLER, DE-**  
**CEASED**

**NOTICE OF ADMINIS-**  
**TRATION**

Notice is hereby given that Chad Sweeney was, on February 27, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Justin N. Moeller, Deceased, who died on February 7, 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 February 27, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 8

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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION SUPERIOR**  
**COURT 2**  
) SS:

**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D12-2212-**  
**CT-004481**

**KING TYLER**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**v.**  
**EMILY CLEVELAND**  
**Defendant.**

**TO: Emily Cleveland**  
**6846 E. 47th Street**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46226-**  
**2635**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

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

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the person(s) named "Plaintiff(s)" above in the Court stated above.

The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint for Damages from a December 28, 2022, motor vehicle accident.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendant(s) whose last known addresses, on information and belief was: 6846 E. 47th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226.

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

You or your attorney must file a written answer to Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages within thirty (30) days after the third notice of suit is published, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff(s) have demanded. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff(s) arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
I certify that on February 22, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing document using the Indiana E-Filing System (IEFS)

/s/ Norman L. Reed  
DATE: February 22, 2023  
/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
CLERK, Marion County Superior Court (seal)

Norman L. Reed, #20651-49  
1099 N. Meridian Street,  
Suite 150  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: (317) 972-7333  
Email: reedsmithlaw@aol.com  
5320-966923  
03/10/23,  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23

**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION COUNTY**  
**SUPERIOR COURT**  
) SS:  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**CAUSE NO.: 49D14-2212-**  
**AD-042753**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
**ADOPTION OF:**  
**Bentley Austin Lollar**  
**Minor child.**  
**BRANDY M. SCHRO-**  
**EDER;**  
**BRAD ALLEN SCHRO-**  
**EDER,**  
**Petitioners.**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
Skyilar Lollar is notified that Petition for adoption of child named Bentley Austin Lollar, born January 21, 2016, was filed in the Marion County Superior Court. If you seek to contest the adoption of the child, you must file motion to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-19-10-1 in the above-named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice.

If you do not file motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice the above-named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption of Bentley Austin Lollar will be irrevocably implied and Skyilar Lollar will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of her implied consent to the adoption.

No oral statement made to Skyilar Lollar relieves Skyilar Lollar of his obligations under this notice.

This notice complies with the LC. 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
I hereby certify that copy of the foregoing has been served on the following by depositing copy hereof in the U.S. First Class Mail this 12th day of December, 2022.

Skyilar Lollar  
/s/John Kassiss  
JOHN A. KASSISS  
Attorney at Law  
To Be Served:  
Skyilar Lollar  
John A. Kassiss  
Attorney at Law  
Attorney# 23334-29  
2647 Waterfront Parkway  
E Drive  
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Indianapolis, IN 46214

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(317) 423-0476 fax  
5320-966856  
03/10/23,  
03/17/23,  
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**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION COUNTY**  
**SUPERIOR COURT 8**  
**COUNTY OF MARION )**  
**CAUSE NO. 49D08-2302-**  
**EU-008060**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINIS-**  
**TRATION**  
**OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**JUSTIN N. MOELLER, DE-**  
**CEASED**

**NOTICE OF ADMINIS-**  
**TRATION**

Notice is hereby given that Chad Sweeney was, on February 27, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Justin N. Moeller, Deceased, who died on February 7, 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 February 27, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell  
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 8

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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**STATE OF INDIANA )**  
**IN THE MARION SUPERIOR**  
**COURT 2**  
) SS:

**ALABI ANTHONIA FO-**  
**LUKE,**  
**PETITIONER/WIFE**  
**VS.**  
**JAMES WILCKY JEAN**  
**LOUIS,**  
**RESPONDENT/HUS-**  
**BAND.**

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
COMES NOW, Jay M. Wehmeier, Attorney, and does say:

1. That I am the Attorney representing Alabi Anthonia Fokuks and that she is the Petitioner/Wife in this cause of action.

2. That Petitioner/Wife requests that she be granted a dissolution of marriage from Respondent/Husband.

3. That this matter is being filed in the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

4. That said Petition was filed on the 9th day of December, 2022.

5. That a hearing has been set in this matter for the 5th day of May, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Said hearing will be held via Webex. Attendance information listed below.

6. STATEMENT OF RIGHTS:  
a. That Respondent/Husband has the right to appear at

the Hearing and file objections to this dissolution.

b. Objections should be made in writing and filed with the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Video Hearing Information  
D14 Mag 1 Remote Hearings  
Your hearing will be held remotely. Follow these instructions to access your REMOTE Court hearing. Your court date will be by calling 1-844-992-4726 entering the Meeting number: 2330 212 6443, Password: 49624131.

You may also join by going to https://mscourts.webex.com/mscourts/j.php?MTID=m81845e5afca78462da499b cdb7d689f

Respectfully submitted,  
November 15, 2022  
Dated  
/s/ Jay M. Wehmeier  
Jay M. Wehmeier, Attorney  
Prepared by:  
Jay M. Wehmeier, Attorney  
Jay M. Wehmeier & Associates, P.C.

5237 Rockville Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46224  
Phone: (317) 244-1878  
5320-966674  
03/10/23,  
03/17/23,  
03/24/23

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT**  
**BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR**  
**A Construction Manager as**  
**Constructor Project pursuant**  
**to Indiana Code 5-32 for the**  
**following project:**  
Project Name: Eskenazi  
Health- NTP Clinic  
Scope of Work: Interior Fit Out, Drywall, Casework, Glazing, General Trades, Ceilings, Finishes, Plumbing, Mechanical, HVAC, & Electrical  
Contact: Dan Fetz, Preconstruction Manager-Daniel Fetz@fawilhelm.com  
Drawings Available: 3/



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costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commissioner for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: 2/23/2023  
John B. Flatt  
Foreclosure Commissioner  
Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC  
550 Congressional Blvd., Suite 210  
Carmel, IN 46032  
5320-966475  
03/03/23,  
03/10/23,  
03/17/23

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**IN RE: ABIGAIL WILSON, DOB: 3/12/2018**  
**BY: MARGARET ROGERS and DANNY ROGERS Petitioners, Vs. MICHAEL WILSON, Respondent.**  
**No. 7CH1-2020-CV-32 ORDER FOR PUBLICATION**

It appearing to the Court that the Respondent in this cause is a resident of the State of Indiana, however, that Michael Wilson's whereabouts are unknown, it appears that a service of process by publication should take place. It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

1. That service of process in this cause of action shall be obtained by publication through the Indy Recorder for the period of time prescribed by law.

ENTER this the 24th day of January, 2023,  
/s/ Elizabeth Asbury  
Honorable Elizabeth Asbury, Chancellor

H. Daniel Forrester III  
Attorney for Petitioner  
224 N. Main Street  
Clinton, TN 37716  
(865) 457-7900  
5320-965910  
02/24/23,  
03/03/23,  
03/10/23,  
03/17/23

Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/public sale on March 27th, 2023 at 8AM.  
7576 W Washington St Indianapolis, IN 46231  
List of vehicles to be included in the sale:

Year	Make	VIN	Sale Price
2007	DODGE	1D8GU28K77W586922	\$1,500.00
2006	CHEVROLET	1G1AK55F867831893	\$1,500.00
2006	CHEVROLET	1G1AK55F67792238	\$1,500.00
2008	NISSAN	5N1BA08C58N606053	\$1,500.00
2011	FORD	1FMCU0C75BK52081	\$1,500.00
2013	NISSAN	3N1AB7APXDL636827	\$1,500.00

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Pike Township, Marion County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022 Governmental Activities					
Local Fund	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2022	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2022
0060	LEVY EXCESS FUND	\$49,387.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,387.77
0061	2001 RAINY DAY FUND	\$3,589,408.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,589,408.31
0101	TOWNSHIP FUND	\$1,070,476.38	\$1,214,918.99	\$1,044,666.80	\$1,240,728.57
0341	FIRE PENSION FUND	\$25,791.93	\$0.00	\$25,791.93	\$0.00
0505	DONATIONS TOWNSHIP	\$10,788.02	\$3,915.00	\$5,117.44	\$9,585.58
0840	ASSISTANCE FIRE FIGHTING	\$100,184.73	\$597,135.66	\$603,878.37	\$93,442.02
1111	FIRE FIGHTING	\$24,441,941.66	\$34,149,320.97	\$29,702,460.70	\$28,888,801.93
1118	FIRE PENSION CDS	\$432,054.70	\$0.00	\$141,741.03	\$290,313.67
1182	FIRE DEBT FUND	\$268,556.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$268,556.91
1187	EMERGENCY FIRE LOAN	\$47,662.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,662.52
1190	CUMULATIVE FIRE	\$8,512,446.58	\$3,369,260.09	\$3,762,688.47	\$8,119,018.20
5555	PIKE HEALTH PLAN	\$224,285.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$224,285.03
5560	PIKE FIRE RHIF FUND	\$876,158.17	\$85,888.98	\$96,799.67	\$865,247.48
7777	PIKE FSA LOAN	\$46,148.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,148.04
8044	ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT	\$127,043.79	\$0.00	\$92,873.44	\$34,170.35
9999	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$0.00	\$5,980,341.59	\$5,978,145.90	\$2,195.69
Total All Funds		\$39,822,334.54	\$45,400,781.28	\$41,454,163.75	\$43,768,952.07
5320-967281					
03/17/23					

Pike Township, Marion County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2022 Governmental Activities					
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5320-967281					
03/17/23					

**Tax Analyst—Indianapolis, IN. Apply various advanced technical skills (including statistical, economic, legislative & administrative knowledge) to accurately forecast revenues for state & local government entities. See website for add'l details. Requires: Bachelor's degree in Economics, or related degree. Apply to: Hari Razafindramanana, Indiana State Budget Agency, 200 W. Washington Street, Room 212, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or apply online at [www.workforindiana.in.gov/](http://www.workforindiana.in.gov/) ref. req. ID 419990**

**Eastgate Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram**  
Now Hiring: Sales Consultants & Service Techs  
\*Sign on Bonus for Techs\*  
Apply in person:  
500 N Shadeland Ave,  
Indpls 46219



# 3 Ways Parents Can Encourage Social Emotional Learning in Children

- Family Features**

Most parents would agree the quality of their children's education plays a key role in their overall development. While parents are optimistic about the future of education, they also recognize children have educational needs beyond what is considered the standard. A Harris Poll survey on behalf of KinderCare found 83% of parents believe it's important for children to be raised with social emotional skills, 84% believe it's important children learn to treat others the way they want to be treated and 83% believe kindness should be a core value in the way children are educated. Now, parents want a focus on social emotional skills, mental health, kindness and understanding differences. Consider these three ways parents can encourage social and emotional learning in their children:

  1. Practice Emotional Literacy at Home: Disagreements among parents and siblings are almost inevitable at home. While this can seem challenging to handle, it can serve as an opportunity for children to practice emotional literacy by identifying their feelings and the feelings of others. It also gives children the opportunity to practice their listening skills and put themselves in the other person's shoes. By using these skills, children can develop a stronger sense of empathy and understand how their emotions drive their actions.
  2. Practice Mindfulness with a Relaxing Activity: Mindfulness can help children understand and regulate their emotions, especially when it becomes a regular habit. Parents can instill this habit in their kids by picking a set time to do activities in a calm space at home every day such as reading a book, listening to calm music or something as simple as deep breathing.
  3. Provide Unplugged Opportunities to Connect with Other Children: Activities that don't revolve around a screen and encourage in-person socialization with peers can provide opportunities for children to practice building their social emotional skills. Programs like KinderCare's Champ Camp include indoor and outdoor group activities as well as field trips designed to help children use their natural creativity and curiosity to learn and develop important social skills.

To learn more about social emotional learning, visit [kindercare.com](http://kindercare.com).  
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Source: KinderCare

# 5 Healthy Habits to Help Reduce Stress

(Family Features)

Between work, family obligations and a constantly changing world, people in the United States are stressed. In fact, U.S. workers are among the most stressed in the world, according to a State of the Global Workplace study. While some stress is unavoidable and can be good for you, constant or chronic stress can have real consequences for your mental and physical health.

Chronic stress can increase your lifetime risk of heart disease and stroke. It can also lead to unhealthy habits



- activity, 75 minutes of vigorous activity or a combination.
- Meditate**
- Incorporate meditation and mindfulness practices into your day to give yourself a few minutes to create some distance from daily stress. Some studies show meditation can reduce blood pressure, improve sleep, support the immune system and increase your ability to process information.
- Practice Positivity**
- A positive mindset can improve overall health. Studies show a positive mindset can help you live longer, and happy individuals tend to sleep better, exercise more, eat better and not smoke. Practice positive self-talk to help you stay calm. Instead of saying, "everything is going wrong," re-frame the situation and remind yourself "I can handle this if I take it one step at a time."
- Show Gratitude**
- Gratitude - or thankfulness - is a powerful tool that can reduce levels of depression and anxiety and improve sleep. Start by simply writing down three things you're grateful for each day.
- Find a Furry Friend**
- Having a pet may help you get more fit; lower stress, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar; and boost overall happiness and well-being. When you see, touch, hear or talk to companion animals, you may feel a sense of goodwill, joy, nurturing and happiness. At the same time, stress hormones are suppressed. Dog ownership is also associated with a lower risk of depression, according to research published by the American Heart Association.
- Find more stress-management tips at [Heart.org/stress](http://Heart.org/stress).
- Photos courtesy of Getty Images  
Source: American Heart Association



- Stress 101**
- Understanding stress is an important step in managing and reducing it. Consider these things to know about stress and how it could affect your life:
- \* Today, 1 in 3 adults in the U.S. report being worried or depressed.
  - \* Higher levels of the stress hormone cortisol are linked to increased risk of high blood pressure and cardiovascular events like heart disease and stroke.
  - \* The top sources of stress are money, work, family responsibilities and health concerns.
  - \* Work-related stress is associated with a 40% increased risk of cardiovascular disease like heart attack and stroke.





# Prioritize Heart Health with a Balanced Eating Plan

## Family Features

No matter your motivations, it’s never too late or too early to start focusing on your heart health, and taking steps now can make a big difference. Small changes, like following a healthier eating plan, can help you start down a path toward improved heart health.

One step you can take is following the DASH eating plan, which is a flexible and balanced way of eating that stands for Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension and was developed by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Requiring no special foods, DASH provides daily and weekly nutritional goals to help lower two major risk factors for heart disease: high blood pressure and high LDL (bad) cholesterol.

Being more physically active, managing stress, getting quality sleep and not smoking combined with DASH can put you on a path toward a healthy heart for life.

Encouraging others to join you on your heart-health journey can also be rewarding. Research shows social support and personal networks make it more likely you’ll stick to healthy habits like eating healthy.

Sharing heart-healthy recipes with family and friends is an added bonus, and these DASH-friendly meals can help you take the guesswork out of putting nutritious dinners on the table. Greek-Style Flank Steaks with Tangy Yogurt Sauce offer the bold flavors of the Mediterranean while Teriyaki-Glazed Salmon with Stir-Fried Vegetables is as easy to make as it is colorful. For a complementary combination of pork and sweet fruit flavor, these Baked Pork Chops with Apple Cranberry Sauce are perfect to serve alongside brown rice or steamed broccoli.

Learn more about heart health and find DASH-friendly recipes at [nhlbi.nih.gov/DASH](https://nhlbi.nih.gov/DASH).

**Greek-Style Flank Steak with Tangy Yogurt Sauce**  
Recipe courtesy of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
Prep time: 25 minutes  
Cook time: 25 minutes  
Servings: 4

**Marinade:**  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 teaspoons fresh oregano, rinsed, dried and chopped  
1 tablespoon garlic, minced (2-3 cloves)  
1 beef flank steak (12 ounces)

**Yogurt Sauce:**  
1 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped  
1 cup nonfat plain yogurt  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 tablespoon fresh dill, rinsed, dried and chopped  
1 tablespoon garlic, minced (2-3 cloves)  
1/2 teaspoon salt

To make marinade: In large bowl, combine lemon juice, olive oil, oregano and garlic.

Lay steak in flat container with sides and pour marinade over steak. Marinate at least 20 minutes, or up to 24 hours, turning several times.

To make yogurt sauce: Combine cucumber, yogurt, lemon juice, dill, garlic and salt. Set yogurt sauce aside at least 15 minutes to blend flavors. Sauce can be prepared up to 1 hour in advance and refrigerated.

Preheat broiler to high with rack 3 inches from heat source.

Broil steak about 10 minutes on each side to minimum internal temperature of 145 F. Let cool 5 minutes before carving.

Slice thinly across grain into 12 slices.  
Serve three slices with 1/2 cup yogurt sauce.

Tip: Serve in sandwich with pita bread, lettuce and



tomato.

**Teriyaki-Glazed Salmon with Stir-Fried Vegetables**  
Recipe courtesy of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 4

**Salmon:**  
2 tablespoons light teriyaki sauce  
1/4 cup mirin or sweet rice wine  
2 tablespoons rice vinegar  
2 tablespoons scallions, rinsed and minced  
1 1/2 tablespoons ginger, minced  
12 ounces salmon fillets, cut into four portions (3 ounces each)

**Vegetables:**  
1 bag (12 ounces) frozen vegetables stir-fry  
1/2 tablespoon peanut oil or vegetable oil  
1/2 tablespoon garlic, minced (about 1 clove)  
1 tablespoon ginger, minced  
1 tablespoon scallions, rinsed and minced  
1 tablespoon light soy sauce

Preheat oven to 350 F.

To prepare salmon: Mix teriyaki sauce, mirin, rice vinegar, scallions and ginger well. Pour over salmon and marinate 10-15 minutes.

Remove salmon from marinade.  
Place salmon on baking sheet. Bake 10-15 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with fork in thickest part and reaches minimum internal temperature of 145 F.

To prepare vegetables: Thaw frozen vegetables in microwave or place bag in bowl of hot water about 10 minutes. In large wok or saute pan, heat oil. Add garlic, ginger and scallions; cook gently, but do not brown, 30-60 seconds.

Add vegetables and continue stir-frying 2-3 minutes, or until heated through. Add soy sauce.  
Serve one piece of salmon with 1 cup vegetables.

**Baked Pork Chops with Apple Cranberry Sauce**  
Recipe courtesy of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Servings: 4

**Pork Chops:**  
4 boneless pork chops (about 3 ounces each)  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 medium orange, rinsed and zested  
1/2 tablespoon olive oil

**Sauce:**

1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth  
1 medium apple, peeled and grated (about 1 cup)  
1/2 cinnamon stick  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1/2 cup 100% orange juice

Preheat oven to 350 F.

To prepare pork chops: Season pork chops with pepper and orange zest.

In large saute pan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add pork chops and cook until browned on one side, about 2 minutes. Turn and brown 2 minutes. Remove pork chops from pan, place on non-stick baking sheet and bake 10 minutes to minimum internal temperature of 160 F.

To make sauce: Add chicken broth to saute pan and stir to loosen brown bits from pork chops. Set aside.

In small saucepan over medium heat, cook grated apples, cinnamon stick and bay leaf until apples begin to soften.

Add cranberries, orange juice and reserved broth. Bring to boil then lower heat to gentle simmer. Simmer 10 minutes, or until cranberries are plump and apples are tender. Remove cinnamon stick.

Peel orange and cut into eight sections.  
Serve one pork chop with 1/4 cup sauce and two orange segments.

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# A bigger March Madness? Many obstacles stand in the way

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
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NEW YORK (AP) — The number was supposed to be 96.

The last time the NCAA seriously considered expanding the men's Division I basketball tournament a plan emerged to add 16 more games and 32 more participants to grow that symmetrically satisfying 64-team bracket.

The backlash that followed from college sports administrators back in 2010 was strong enough to scrap the idea. A modest expansion to 68 teams was approved in 2011.

"At the end of the day, membership sentiment was that they were not unified in wanting to expand the tournament beyond 68," recalled Greg Shaheen, the former NCAA vice president for championships.

For the first time in more than a decade, NCAA and college sports leaders are committed to a serious examination of increasing the number of teams allowed to compete in an event that has become one of the crown jewels of American sports.

The mere suggestion of messing with March Madness, which generates hundreds of millions in revenue annually for the NCAA and its 1,100 member schools, is still met with skepticism by a lot of basketball fans and some within college sports.

Making significant changes in the near term will be difficult, if not impossible. There are logistical, financial and even political obstacles.

"That's not to say we won't give it its appropriate level of analysis and consideration, but there's a lot of factors to be considered," said Dan Gavitt, the NCAA vice president for basketball.

Chatter about tournament expansion started more than a year ago, when the NCAA assembled a committee to look into the how Division I, the highest level of college sports, operates.

After more than a year of work, the committee's final recommendations included expanding fields for all NCAA championship — not just basketball — with a high level of participation to accommodate 25% of competing schools.

The 25% recommendation is just that. Whether it is implemented will be a decision made on a sport-by-sport basis. Committee co-chair Greg Sankey, the Southeastern Conference commissioner, has tried to avoid being seen as pushing for expansion while also pointing out some of the reasons to do so.

"You have teams that have been the 11-seed in the First Four, make it to the Final Four, the Elite Eight, the Sweet 16," Sankey said in January. "We're excluding highly competitive teams, because of the structure. Now what does that ex-



Freshman guard Fletcher Loyer hugs senior guard David Jenkins Jr. after the duo helped Purdue win the Big Ten Tournament title. (Photos Editor/ Todd McKechnie Purdue Exponent)

pansion or those opportunities look like? I have ideas, but I'm not going to throw them out now since I don't want to make headlines."

Current selection protocols provide an automatic berth to the champions of all 32 Division I conferences, plus 36 at-large bids. Those are mostly scooped up by the six strongest and richest conferences: the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern.

The Big Six secured 31 of 36 at-large bids on Sunday.

Along with prestige and opportunities to advance, bids have monetary value. The NCAA distributes revenue to conferences based on tournament performance, with conferences earning a unit for each round one of its teams advances.

In 2023, a basketball unit will be worth approximately \$2.04 million over the six-year period in which it is paid out. So if you're the SEC or Big Ten, each with eight teams in the tourney, seeing all of them advance a round means more than \$16 million.

Coaches, whose job security often depends on making the tournament, have typically supported a bigger field.

"Since I coached at Valparaiso University I always was in favor of tournament expansion, because I thought there's enough quality teams," Baylor coach Scott Drew said.

Drew's magic number is 128, which would add another full round to the tournament and include more than one-third of the 358 Division I basketball teams.

Tom Burnett, the former Southland Conference commissioner who also served a stint as the head of the men's basketball selection committee, said he was open-minded but cautious when the topic of tournament expansion would come up.

"If there were a practical expansion plan that addressed whatever needs to be addressed — except here's where



Confetti falls onto the court at the United Center in Chicago after Purdue's Big Ten Tournament win against Penn State on Sunday. (Photos Editor/ Todd McKechnie Purdue Exponent)

I draw the line: It can't expand because my team didn't get in," Burnett said. There will always be teams that feel slighted if they don't get in.

There is some concern outside the power conferences that expansion will result in even more at-large bids going to middle-of-the-pack teams from those leagues with strong mid-major teams still getting squeezed out.

"If you've got a seventh- or eighth-place team in over a regular-season champion in a conference, from our perspective, that's not the way to expand," said Northern Arizona athletic director Mike Marlow, whose team made an unlikely run to the Big Sky Tournament championship game before losing.

If the Lumberjacks (12-23) had beaten Montana State (25-9) to win the conference, the Bobcats — with 13 more wins than NAU — would be heading to the NIT instead of a first-round NCAA game against Kansas State on Friday.

A-10 Commissioner Bernadette McGlade said she's not concerned about expansion favoring certain conferences.

"I think that everybody has a fair opportunity to share in those additional opportunities. You just have to go after it, just like teams and schools are going after it now," McGlade said.

McGlade stopped short of saying she supports expansion, but she enthusiastically supports doing a deep dive into the possibility.

Others are open-minded, but will enter the discussion more tentatively.

"Let's be careful because it's really, really good right now," Mountain West Commissioner Gloria Nevarez said. "So make sure whatever we do is additive, and not just doing something for the sake of expansion that might somehow take the tournament a step back."

The calendar alone is likely to limit expansion options. Any plan that requires the NCAA Tournament to start earlier than it already does —

the First Four games tip-off Tuesday — would also require conference tournaments to end sooner and maybe even the regular season.

"We already start the regular season in early November where historically some conferences have said it's too early with all that's going on with college football and the like," Gavitt said.

Any expansion of the men's tournament will almost certainly need to be done to the women's tournament, too. The NCAA was slammed in 2021 for not providing a similar experience for the men's and women's teams. An independent review concluded the association had not done enough to invest and promote the women's tournament.

The women's field expanded from 64 to 68 last year. While the depth of competition in women's basketball has unquestionably improved, has it done so enough to justify a large and costly expansion?

But the same thing can be said for the men's tournament. More teams adds expenses for travel, lodging and possibly running additional sites.

Plus, it would almost certainly decrease the value of those performance units, money that is often the main revenue source for mid-major conferences that don't play major college football.

"Cutting that by 10 or 11%, or whatever the different calculation could be, that's actually really important. And it's vital to the stability of Division I," Shaheen said.

When Shaheen led the last expansion effort, the NCAA was heading toward the end of a media rights deal with CBS. A new format was part of negotiations for the next deal.

That's not the case now. The current \$8.8 billion contract with CBS and Warner Bros. Discovery, part of an extension the NCAA signed in 2016, runs through 2032.

"What role would broadcast partners play?" Gavitt said. "We don't do anything without respect and communication with our broadcast partners, who we value significantly."

While CBS and WBD will not publicly insert themselves into any exploration of tournament expansion, their opinions are key and they hold the rights to any men's tournament games for nine more years. The NCAA cannot seek another partner for newly created games.

Contracts between the NCAA and the networks are not made public. But if the networks are under no obligation to pay up for more inventory — and nothing indicates they are — then all this expansion talk might be nothing more than preparation of the next TV deal.

"It's a complicated thing," Shaheen said.

AP College Basketball Writer John Marshall contributed.

## Park Tudor's Jermaine Coleman,



Congratulations go out to Jermaine Coleman for earning 1st Team All Conference and 2nd Team All Marion County. Just to add to his basketball resume while at Park Tudor, Jermaine lead his team to the 2023 Sectional 2A Championship hitting a shot at the buzzer for the win. (Photo/Walt Thomas).