

## Hoosiers celebrate Biden, Harris win

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Hours after former Vice President Joe Biden was projected the winner of the 2020 presidential election Nov. 7, Hoosiers flocked to Monument Circle to celebrate his victory. After several days without results following Election Day, many Democrats said they were ready to celebrate, especially parents of Black girls. “We’re the parents of biracial children, and our oldest is our daughter,” Alexx Kennedy said. “As a veteran who fought for this country, it’s so



Micah (L) and Hope (C) Peck with their mother, Adrienne, celebrate the election of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris on Nov. 7. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

nice to be able to tell her she can grow up to be anything she wants to be and mean it.”

Sen. Kamala Harris is the first woman to be elected vice president of the United States. A daughter of immigrants — her father was Jamaican and her mother was Indian — she will be the first woman of color, and one of just two people of color, to hold the position. Charles Curtis, vice president for President Herbert Hoover, was Native American.

Among a crowd of over 50 people,

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### RECORDER EXCLUSIVE

## Reflections with Dr. Woody Myers

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*Editor’s note: Dr. Woody Myers, former Democratic candidate for governor, sat down with the Recorder for a one-on-one interview following the election. Responses have been edited for brevity.*

Conceding to incumbent Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb just over an hour after polls closed Nov. 3, Dr. Woody Myers shared with supporters why he initially ran for governor.

“I knew we could be better and do more and work with those who have so little and need so much,” Myers said. Rep. Linda Lawson, Myers’ pick for lieutenant governor, expressed disappointment, saying Hoosiers missed an opportunity. “The best team was here,” she said.

With 99% of the estimated ballots counted in Indiana, Holcomb beat Myers by roughly 25 percentage points of the vote. Libertarian candidate Donald Rainwater garnered 11% of the vote, making him the most successful third-party candidate for governor in modern state history.

In his own right, Myers made history as Indiana’s first Black gubernatorial candidate from either party. In 2020, the former state health commissioner was the only Black man running for governor in the United States, and one of two doctors running.

With COVID-19 cases continuing to rise throughout the state, Myers said he will continue to speak out on, as he put it, Hol-

comb’s failed pandemic response. After 16 months on the campaign trail, though, he’s looking forward to taking some time off.

**Indianapolis Recorder: On election night, you said you thought your election was a long shot. That being said, what are you most proud of regarding your campaign?**

**Dr. Woody Myers:** I’m very proud of the team we put together and the way we addressed the important issues. I’m proud of the policies we put out for the people of the state. I’m proud of how we stood up for individuals at the bottom of the economic ladder, and I’m proud of what we did to engage the current administration for their failed coronavirus response. You can see today’s news and see that this was a failed response. [Indiana currently has 224,374 reported cases of

COVID-19.]

**IR: Do you have any plans to run again in four years?**

**WM:** No (laughs). My only

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Dr. Woody Myers spent over a year campaigning to be governor of Indiana. Despite his loss, he plans to continue advocating for Hoosiers. (Photo provided)

## ‘NO ONE WINS HERE’: no charges for IMPD officer

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Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) officer De Joure Mercer will not be indicted for the shooting death of Dreasjon Reed.

The grand jury’s decision on whether Mercer could face criminal charges was announced during a press conference Nov. 10 at the Indiana State Police Museum.

“No one wins here,” special prosecutor Rosemary Khoury said. Khoury, a prosecutor from Madison County, was brought in to determine if Mercer should be charged in Reed’s death after Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears recused himself. While Khoury said she believes justice was served because she trusts the system, she said the process was difficult, especially since she is the mother of two Black boys.

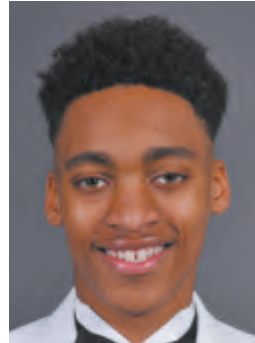
Reed was killed May 6 following a car chase with IMPD, which was streamed live on Reed’s Facebook page. During the press conference, Indiana State Police (ISP) provided details of the events leading up to Reed’s death.

In August, Khoury asked ISP to review more than 100 hours of evidence.

ISP Superintendent Doug Carter said he knows this isn’t the outcome a lot of people wanted, but “hopes and prays for civility in the city.” Following the press conference, he said there is an increase in police presence downtown to prevent the damage that happened in May from repeating.

According to state police, IMPD officers chased Reed after he ran a car off the road on I-65.

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Dreasjon Reed

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## ‘BRAND NEW DAY’ New bishop takes helm at Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis

By EBONY CHAPPEL

Once upon a time, a young woman on a quest to find faith wandered into St. John’s Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. Though church was not a part of her childhood upbringing, she was intrigued by the few instances she had visited with relatives. This particular church, however, stuck out to her for an almost comical reason — she’d first heard the word “episcopal” in a play and liked the way it sounded.

The service that Sunday was a fateful one for her, the start of a tale that could only have been written by an author of divine proportions. The liturgy was captivating and familiar. She heard the voice of God say to her, “Welcome home.”

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## Republicans could appoint first Black woman to state Senate

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One of the candidates running to replace recently retired state Sen. Jim Merritt could become the first Black female Republican to serve in the Indiana Senate.

Tiffanie Ditlevson, a realtor, is trying to replace Merritt in District 31, which includes Lawrence, Fishers and Noblesville. The district is almost 75% white and about 13% Black.

Ditlevson, who lives in Fishers, hasn’t run for office before but cited her volunteer involvement — she’s vice president of the Catholic Charities board and served on a parent organization at her daughter’s school — as reasons she would make a good

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Tiffanie Ditlevson, an Air Force veteran, is one of the candidates running to replace retired state Sen. Jim Merritt in District 31. (Photo provided)



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The 21-year-old’s death — coupled with the death of McHale Rose, 18, a few hours later — sparked protests throughout downtown Indianapolis that turned to violence May 29 through May 31.

In August, Khoury announced a grand jury was brought in to analyze evidence in the case to determine if Mercer committed a crime.

After the press conference where Khoury announced the grand jury’s decision, ISP held a review of evidence. ISP Detective Jeff Hearon said evidence from Reed’s Facebook video showed a gun in Reed’s waistband. Hearon said an investigation found Reed’s gun was stolen from a pawn shop in Texas and had been used for two drive-by shootings in Indianapolis. Fifteen bullet casings were found at the scene. A ballistics investigation found Reed’s weapon was fired twice.

Hearon said Mercer’s Taser did not subdue Reed. One of the barbs went through Reed’s shorts and therefore didn’t deliver a full circuit, and evidence suggests Reed fired his weapon after Mercer deployed his Taser. During ISP’s press conference, video footage was slowed down to show two bullet shell casings crossing one another. ISP said they can’t know for sure whether Mercer or Reed fired first but are confident that both men fired their weapons. Audio analysis showed overlapping gunshots, which Hearon said would have been impossible if only Mercer was firing a weapon.

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Protesters gathered at the corner of New York and Meridian streets Nov. 10 shortly after it was announced an Indianapolis police officer would not be indicted for the shooting death of Dreasjon Reed. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

Protesters take to the street after Dreasjon Reed grand jury decision

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A group of roughly 75 people marched through the rain Nov. 10 to express their anger at a grand jury decision to not indict an Indianapolis police officer for the shooting death of Dreasjon Reed.

Emotions were high, with some people praying and grieving and others shouting to release pent-up rage 188 days after Reed was killed following a police chase and foot pursuit.

It was a familiar sight after the racial justice protests of late May and June that encompassed not only Reed’s death, but also Breonna Taylor in Louisville and George Floyd in Minneapolis. Many downtown business owners boarded up their windows and doors in anticipation of unrest. Helicopters hovered over the city, and police cars stayed near protesters.

There was no property damage or violence, though. It was collective grief.

Earlier in the evening, special prosecutor Rosemary Khoury announced a grand jury did not have enough probable cause to indict Indianapolis

Metropolitan Police Department officer De Joure Mercer, who shot and killed Reed on May 6.

Indiana State Police representatives presented evidence they said shows Reed had a gun and shot at Mercer, though they couldn’t say for sure who shot first. IMPD said from the beginning that Mercer was returning fire when he shot Reed.

Before starting their march north on Meridian Street — and before the rain — Indy10 Black Lives Matter, which organized the gathering, opened the megaphone to any Black people who wanted to share their thoughts.

Marc Hardy was hesitant to talk but said he decided to do so after thinking about the nine African Americans who were shot to death at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina in 2015. He grew up in the AME church and said his grandmother used to attend Bible studies like the one the church-goers were at when they were killed.

Hardy told people they should use what they’re already doing — whether that’s education or health care or even law enforcement — to help the move-

ment for racial justice.

“You don’t have to come on this bullhorn to make a difference,” he said.

Chris Dilworth talked about how systems of oppression that were built on “the logics of colonialism and genocide” are still active.

“What we need to keep on doing is pushing and pressing,” he said.

The pushing and pressing has led to some wins this year for groups like Indy10 that have been calling for police reforms and more accountability.

IMPD recently announced a Use of Force Review Board that will determine if an officer’s use of force was within department policy. The board will consist of five appointed civilians and four officers.

The City-County Council also created the General Orders Committee, which will have final say when it comes to department policy. The committee will have four civilians and three representatives from law enforcement.

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IPS drop in enrollment leads to budget shortfall

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Indianapolis Public Schools enrollment has dropped by 1,200 students, nearly 4%, from last fall. The decline means the financially strapped district will receive \$15 million less in state funds than anticipated last spring, a critical loss when Indiana legislators are considering reducing funds for education statewide.

Officials expected to have 33,300 students this school year. But this fall, the district enrolled just 31,200 students.

Weston Young, the chief financial officer for the district, said housing and job shifts due to the COVID-19 recession may have caused the fall in enrollment.

IPS Superintendent Aleesia Johnson also suggested the pandemic may have caused enrollment to drop. While high school enrollment



A student walks in a hallway at Crispus Attucks High School. (Photo/Alan Petersime/Chalkbeat)

increased, elementary enrollment fell. Many parents may have kept their kindergartners home or sent their children to schools in other districts that had reopened their campuses earlier, she said.

IPS was one of the last two districts in Marion County to open in-person learning in October.

Johnson said of elementary grades, kindergarten enrollment was lowest. “It’s not mandatory in Indiana,” Johnson said. “My hypothesis is that some families chose to just not opt into a formal kindergarten structure this year.”

While total district enrollment has decreased, the number of students

at innovation schools managed by outside partners grew by 2,600 students.

Young tied that increase to the conversion of some campuses to charter-operated innovation schools. Those include low-performing schools that were overhauled with outside partners and schools that were re-

leased from state control this year.

The dip in enrollment is particularly problematic for IPS because its budget was already tight. After voters approved a property tax hike two years ago, the district got an influx of money that helped boost teacher pay. But when leaders asked for the tax increase, they also committed to reducing long-term expenses to make the budget sustainable. Many of those cuts are still on the horizon.

Indiana lawmakers are also considering cuts to school funding in the next state budget because of lower sales and income tax revenue during the pandemic.

District officials say they do not know yet if the \$15 million shortfall will have a domino effect on staff layoffs and program cuts.

“The question we are wrestling with currently is where might we look to close those gaps,” John-

son said.

Additional federal stimulus dollars could help make up the lost dollars.

How the coronavirus spreads in the second semester will affect both spending and revenue. Whether lawmakers decide to fully fund schools operating virtually also will affect the district’s bottom line, she said.

A federal bailout could help. Last school year, IPS received \$23.8 million from the CARES Act Allocation and Governor’s Competitive Grant. The district used federal funds for facilities, transportation, food services, special education and English language learners.

This school year district officials expect to spend \$26.5 million to respond to COVID-19 needs.

*Chalkbeat is a non-profit news site covering educational change in public schools.*

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many Black children and teenagers held Biden campaign signs, cheering as cars honked in solidarity. Even those too young to vote recognized the significance of the election.

“It’s awesome to see someone represent us,” Micah Peck, 17, said. “This is a pathway for other Black women to change the country.” Her 12-year-old sister, Hope, said Harris gives her hope for the future of the country. Both young women say they plan to vote in the first election they’re eligible because their mother taught them the importance of participating in democracy.

Grady Wicker Jr. brought his 10-year-

old daughter, Abijah, to the rally, he said, to keep her informed

“She has to function in this democracy,” Wicker said. “And in order to function in it, she has to understand it.”

Abijah said she’s excited to see Harris take over as vice president.

“I think it’s really cool because she’s the first Black woman to do it,” she said. “And ... Joe Biden is really old, so she could be the first woman president.”

Not everyone at the rally was excited to see the Biden-Harris ticket win the election.

Khyran DeLay, who voted for President Donald Trump’s reelection, said Biden stole the election by encourag-

ing his supporters to vote early. While early voting is legal, DeLay said even if investigations and lawsuits find no evidence of fraud, he wouldn’t accept Biden as the president of the United States.

“He’ll be y’all’s leader,” he said, referencing the crowd. “But he won’t be my leader. And Kamala ... women can’t keep doing men’s s---.”

DeLay’s friend, Jay Alexander, felt differently.

“I’m all about change,” Alexander, a Biden voter, said. “And this is change right here. ... Women can do whatever a man can do, and I think Harris will be great.”

Whitney Torientine, 32, watched the rally from the top of the stairs of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. As a Black woman, she said she hasn’t felt like this after an election since the 2008 election of President Barack Obama.

“This is history,” she said. “... She’s [Harris] not just a Black woman, she’s Asian American, she’s a boss at whatever she does. ... I’m so ready to see what she’s going to do for this country.”

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dairy. Drink plenty of water. Also, choose foods lower in calories, saturated fat, trans fat, sugar and salt.

Get active.

Set a goal to be more physically active. You could try a brisk walk, swimming, dancing, bike riding or stair climbing. If you’re up to it, strength training can help build and maintain strong muscles, which makes your body more sensitive to insulin and can lower blood glucose.

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Even when you feel well or have reached your glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol goals, still take your medicines for diabetes and any other health problems as prescribed. That’s how you stay healthy and keep up with your goals.

Cope with stress.

Stress, sadness, and anger are common for everyone and can raise your blood glucose levels. You can improve your levels by learning how to manage your stress. Try doing a hobby, meditating or taking part in a support group. Depression can also derail success. Talk with your doctor, a clergy member or family member to help learn how to manage your feelings.

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Indy Jazz Festival goes virtual



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Deafening live sets and block parties have long been a staple of Indy Jazz Fest. For two decades, the festival has brought international and local legends to downtown Indianapolis. This year, as COVID-19 continues to spike throughout the state, organizers had to scrap their plans for a 2020 gathering. But still, the bands play on.

Hoosiers can now attend Indy Jazz Fest from the comfort of their home Nov. 13-14 and Nov. 20-21. For four days, audiences will be able to tune into virtual concerts and watch films shot by local musicians.

The festival will open at 8 p.m. Nov. 13 with a pre-recorded concert, “Celebrate Naptown Allstar

Show.” Featuring over 25 of Indianapolis’ jazz performers, the film was shot in Garfield Park by WFYI.

The festival, along with the Indianapolis Jazz Foundation, commissioned three local artists and bands to create content with an Indianapolis focus. Local musician Charlie Ballentine recorded an album, “Vonnegut,” based on the works of Hoosier author Kurt Vonnegut. Jared Thompson of the band Premium Blend created a documentary about issues such as police brutality and the Black Lives Matter movement, intertwining interviews with live performances. Native Sun, an Indianapolis jazz trio, plans to perform a set titled “Legalize Being Black.”

Throughout the festival, these performances and films will be available to stream at [indyjazzfest.net](http://indyjazzfest.net).

Richard “Sleepy” Floyd, drummer for Native Sun, is looking forward to performing, something he hasn’t gotten to do a lot of since the pandemic. “‘Legalize Being Black’ is our first full-length performance since the pandemic,” Floyd said. “Native Sun has always had our ears to the streets, and we stressed being a voice for the community. This is a collection of our catalog of some of our songs from the past combined with our latest release.

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It’s a journey of perseverance.” Every member of Native Sun took part in downtown protests earlier this year, and Floyd said their active involvement “really drove the point home that we were on the right path with our music.” He stressed the band wants their music to speak to the current social climate. Native Sun will perform at 8 p.m. Nov. 14. The band expects their latest album, “Never Be King,” to be released in accordance with their performance. “All three groups were able to go above and beyond what was expected of them” Rob Dixon, artistic director of the festival, said. “If we don’t support art, the art goes away, and it’s a huge part of Indianapolis that I think people often take for granted.”

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SPOTLIGHT

Research focuses on resilience of Black arts and culture

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Beyond both working at IUPUI, Joseph Edmonds and Lasana Kazembe have something else in common: Their daughters are both in the same dance class. Despite setbacks created by COVID-19, virtual classes allowed their daughters to stay in class.

Both Edmonds and Kazembe noticed early in the pandemic that both the pandemic and the “racial uprising” happening around the nation disproportionately impacted African American arts and cultural institutions.

The team started a research project aiming to determine the true impact the pandemic had on local Black institutions and how organizations persevered in the face of setbacks. Working with the IU Center for Research on Inclusion and Social Policy, they sent surveys to six Indianapolis organizations to gauge their needs and concerns.

While Edmonds and Kazembe are still combing through data, they said Black organizations continue to serve the community despite economic roadblocks.

“They’re still doing programming in the face of being negatively impacted,” Edmonds said. “They’re still producing high quality outputs, online services,

despite everything going on.”

While most Hoosiers have felt the effects of the pandemic, Kazembe said there are plenty of ways the community can support local organizations.

“A love offering is always helpful,” Kazembe said. “Revolving donations as little as \$5 to in-kind donations of materials lying around your home, like books. It helps to be in communication to find out what [organizations] need.”

The next step of the study will be focus groups to analyze the results. That information will help determine how organizations fared during the pandemic and how the community can continue to support them.

“What we’re seeing in this moment ... is these organizations have the desire to collaborate and a commitment to their mission even in the face of all of this,” Edmonds said. “We’re also seeing the community recognizing, in the midst of a pandemic, we have to rely even more on our local community and be accountable to one another.”

A website containing all the data Kazembe and Edmonds received is expected to go live early next year.

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state legislator. She is also an Air Force combat veteran and said that experience could help her work for the greater good in a district that includes Marion and Hamilton counties.

Republican precinct committee members will caucus at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 to decide who fills Merritt’s seat, which is up for election in 2022. Watch a livestream of the caucus at facebook.com/indgop.

Ditlevson, 47, started seriously considering politics in late May because of the racial justice protests in Indianapolis. She was friends with Chris Beaty, the former Indiana University football player who was shot and killed during one of the first nights of protest. There were fears of “rioters and looting” coming to Fishers, Ditlevson said.

There’s no mistaking Ditlevson’s conservatism — she was proud to be an overseas absentee voter in Florida for George W. Bush in the 2000 election — but there are also times when she talks in ways that would probably remind people more of a Democrat.

Racial justice protests didn’t just spring up from nowhere, she said, because economic disparities and distrust of police were contributing factors. Part of what she would like to do as a lawmaker is add curriculum to drivers education to teach people “how to survive traffic stops.”

One person supporting Ditlevson is Elder Frank Coleman, who recently moved out of District 31 and is part

of Rock Community Church, which is a couple of blocks east of the district boundary on 71st Street.

Coleman, a Republican, said Ditlevson going to the state Senate would be a win for conservatives and people of faith, as well as young girls and minorities.

“It will say to them that the Republican Party is serious about diversity in Indiana,” he said.

Ditlevson applied for the Indiana Republican Diversity Series, launched by the Indiana GOP earlier this year, and said she’s waiting to hear back. (The first class is scheduled for early December and will run through July 2021.)

In Indiana, where 10% of people are Black or African American, only 1% of those who identify as Republican are Black, according to Pew Research Center.

Ditlevson downplayed the significance of potentially being the first Black female Republican in the state Senate and said every mother should be a conservative Republican.

“It saddens me a little bit that I could be the first because I know I’m not the only brown woman in Indiana who thinks the way I do,” she said.

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Amid COVID, programs scramble to provide moms with milk, diapers and more

By HILARY POWELL

Earlier this year, Aime’e Elliot couldn’t keep any solid foods down while pregnant with son Jacion. So the 28-year-old Indianapolis woman called a community group before even considering her doctor.

Healthy Start advised Elliot to eat dry foods like cereal to calm her nausea. That worked.

It’s why she’s birthed four children with the group’s support. “They treat you as their own,” she said. “They treat you as family.”

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to hit marginalized families hard, Healthy Start and similar organizations that provide maternal and infant care are seeing a spike in calls.

Healthy Start offers free education and support services to pregnant women and their families in an effort to eliminate disparities in birth outcomes in Marion County. Since the pandemic began, more than 1,000 parents have received its services and they are often in need of diapers, cribs and utility assistance, organizers said.

Data for Marion County shows a stark racial disparity in infant mortality — and factors that contribute to it. Seventy-five percent of white women begin prenatal care in the first trimester, but that drops to 53% for Black women and 44% for Hispanic women.

“We lose about one school bus of infants each month,” The Milk Bank Executive Director Freedom Kolb said about Indiana’s mortality rate. “Can you imagine if one school bus were crashing every month? We would do something about it.”

Giving nutrient-rich milk to babies who can’t always nurse is one way to improve outcomes, she said. The Milk Bank receives human milk from donors, then pasteurizes, freezes and distributes it, especially for premature or sick infants. Kolb said her nonprofit is the state’s only donor human milk bank and has seen demand boom amid the pandemic.

She said social distancing measures at hospitals have sent some of the bank’s tiny clients home early with moms who, for various reasons, may be unable to produce enough milk.

“They’re just receiving this big, wrap-around hug from all the moms still supplying their milk and finding safe ways to do that,” Kolb said, reiterating

Expectant women and new mothers can call the MOMS Helpline at 1-844-MCH-MOMS (1-844-624-6667) to find resources available in their area.



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The Milk Bank has helped more than 200 families this year. Typically, recipient fees are covered by hospitals for inpatient use. For families facing financial barriers, the organization offers help based on a sliding scale. The demand for financial aid has mirrored the timeline of the pandemic, but so has the benevolence of donors.

“We saw our moms step up and protect the state’s babies almost like never before,” Kolb said. “We felt this collective force of ‘not on our watch.’”

With more families requesting free milk, donor moms have produced more than 500,000 ounces this year — an 8% increase over last year. Kolb said those extra ounces can add up to 100,000 additional feedings for the most fragile infants.

On one Saturday this month, nearly 300 children got help from an organization that provides another vital child care product: diapers.

A third of Hoosier families struggle to afford clean

diapers, Indiana Diaper Bank President and CEO Rachael Suskovich said.

“You can’t drop your child off at day care without at least a full day’s supply of diapers,” she said. “Child care workers in neighborhoods that are high need areas will agree parents are missing work. They’re not dropping their children off because they don’t have those diapers to send them to care.”

Suskovich said studies have shown children facing diaper shortages go to the doctor four times more often for urinary tract infections and diaper rashes.

A clean diaper can also reduce the risk of child abuse, she said.

“Nobody wants to admit that they can’t provide clean diapers for their child,” Suskovich said. “We have been struggling to keep up with the staggering need.”

One Indianapolis mother who came to the diaper bank was wrapping her children in dish towels and grocery bags before receiving a donation this month, Suskovich said.

As Hoosier families struggle with tight budgets during a pandemic that has shuttered businesses, she said the bank has been busier than ever. In March and April alone, it distributed 150,000 diapers — as many as it handed out in 2019.

In Marion County, the overall infant mortality rate improved in 2019 from the previous year, and the rate for Black babies was the lowest ever. Still, Black infants are two times more likely to die before age 1 than their white counterparts.

Health advocates said they want more people to know about resources that can change outcomes.

Elliott said she’ll always turn to Healthy Start for a pregnancy.

Now, 5-month-old Jacion is a cute reminder of Gov. Eric Holcomb’s goal for Indiana to have the lowest infant mortality rate in the Midwest by 2024.

“It is for us,” she said. “Our Black women in our community are the safety of us and our well-being and that of our children.”

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A collective statement regarding Martindale-Brightwood

For too long, the Martindale Brightwood community has been stigmatized and dissected as an area marked by disproportionately adverse statistics. While the challenges we face from an unrelenting pandemic and systemic racism are real, our community stands tall, resilient and impatient to welcome in an era that harkens back to our community’s best days.

Over the past several months, Martindale Brightwood residents and neighborhood organizations have navigated the unprecedented trials of COVID-19, while acknowledging the generations of systemic racism and police violence that has wreaked greater havoc on our neighborhood. We’ve lost too many of our sons and daughters to senseless violence, too many of our seniors and residents to needless effects of lack of access, made possible by institutions that have written too many of our people off as second class.

But if adversity reveals true character, we stand tall knowing the true character of our neighborhood is one of resiliency, creating beauty from the chaos that has befallen this great neighborhood, much of which beyond its stakeholders’ control.

The unrest our nation is encountering has only strengthened our collective resolve to transform our community in a manner where our assets are not only maintained, but grow from within. No longer will we fall victim to silos, selfishness or self-serving initiatives or actions that take away from the empowerment of the whole.

Martindale Brightwood stands positioned for a new tomorrow on the shoulders of long-time residents

committed to ensuring their community becomes a thriving epicenter of empowerment, focusing first and foremost on our most underserved residents. We are fortified by churches, schools and neighborhood organizations committed to expediting that return to greatness through faith, high quality and commitment to our community. We are unashamedly and predominant Black, and proudly support, promote and work toward efforts to build diversity from within from that foundation. We are further vociferous in our advocacy against those that would threaten the future that we envision for our children and future generations.

We are rich in talent, both from our most revered seniors that have paved the way for a new tomorrow, and in our youth, who will soon lead the path we set today.

We are diverse in thought and experience, but monolithic in our contention that our neighborhood is destined for the greatness generations before us envisioned.

And as our revival continues, we are richer in transformative development and amenities that will prepare our community residents to assume their rightful places as critical contributors to our city, state and nation.

Statement of Community Justice: The residents and neighborhood based organizations that represent this strong coalition welcome all who commit to this transformation in support of our vision. But to be clear, Martindale Brightwood embraces and owns its future, and we will not relinquish that responsibility.

We will demonstrate coalition and resolve through

continued development of our neighborhood assets, as will be made obvious by the strengthening of our schools, the active participation of residents in community beautification and the advocacy of neighborhood and city strategies that engender the vision of community we deserve.

We are rooted in our faith that this community’s most challenging days lie behind, but through faith and works, the transformation that is underway will be accelerated with fidelity to our quality of life plan.

Most importantly, we celebrate our transformation through collective impact, knowing that one stakeholder, organization, church or amenity is no more or less important than the other, and all have an accountable role to play in leading our renaissance. As a result, Martindale Brightwood is not only fierce in its strive for positive change, but territorial in that we know the assets are here to drive that change.

Today, the many stakeholders representing this renewed coalition are demanding this neighborhood’s rightful place as the makers of our own destiny. We welcome all those with a vested interest to support and participate, but are asking no one’s permission. Frankly, our transformation will not happen to us, but will happen by us.

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# New podcast examines Burger Chef murders



The building that once housed Burger Chef is now boarded up. Four teens were abducted from the restaurant in 1978. (Photo provided)

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On Nov. 17, 1978, four young employees of Speedway’s Burger Chef restaurant went missing. Police assumed — given the \$500 missing from the cash register — they went to a local 21-and-under nightclub to party. Two days later, hikers found the bodies of the young adults about 30 minutes away in a wooded area of Johnson County.

Ruth Shelton, 17, and Daniel Davis, 16, were both shot. Jayne Friedt, the 20-year-old assistant manager at Burger Chef, was found stabbed in the chest about 50 yards away from Shelton and Davis. And 16-year-old Mark Flemmonds, the only African American victim, was found beaten to death near a main road. While multiple suspects were interviewed for the murders, no one was ever charged, and the case remains cold.

A new podcast, “Murder Sheet,” will examine the 42-year-old case. Through the podcast, hosts Áine Cain and Kevin Greenlee hope to shed light on various theories surrounding the night four young Hoosiers lost their lives.

Cain, a New York-based reporter for business news website Insider, and Greenlee, an Indianapolis lawyer, met through Newspapers.com, where they noticed they were clipping the same archived articles about the case. While “Murder Sheet” will focus on several different cases, the miniseries “You Can Never Forget” takes a deep dive into the infamous Burger Chef case. One theory the team will tackle: the possibility these murders were a hate crime.

“If you talk to white people in Speedway who lived there in the ‘70s, they say it was like Mayberry,” Greenlee said, referencing the serene setting of

“The Andy Griffith Show.” “When you talk to people of color, they describe a lot of racism and being hassled by white citizens.”

According to a person close to Flemmond’s family, the family — one of the few Black households in Speedway at the time — received threats. Some believe a motive for the crime was Flemmond’s alleged relationship with a white employee at Burger Chef.

“Mark was the victim who suffered the most,” Cain said. “The others were killed relatively quickly, and he was the only Black victim. It shouldn’t be understated that he was singled out for that treatment.”

While neither Cain nor Greenlee can definitively say the Burger Chef murders were a hate crime, they say there’s enough evidence to consider that angle.

The hate crime possibility, along with other theories, will be discussed throughout the miniseries. While both Cain and Greenlee have been interested in the case for years, they’re careful to not forget the humanity of the victims while searching for answers.

“It’s so easy if you consume a lot of true crime to view things as a puzzle and not as human beings who lost their lives,” Cain said. “We take a victim-centric approach. ... We try to give people a glimpse into what these kids were like and why it’s an outrage it hasn’t been solved. True crime matters because there’s a victim at the heart of it, and they deserve justice and deserve to be remembered.”

“Murder Sheet” will be available to stream on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher and Spotify on Nov. 17.

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# Legal protections available for tenants

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Hoosiers worried about evictions now have a tool to determine if they’re eligible for legal protection.

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic partnered with the city of Indianapolis and legal technology company Theory and Principle to create [indyrenterhelp.org](https://indyrenterhelp.org). The five-question survey helps determine whether an individual qualifies for legal protection under the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Federal Eviction Moratorium.

In September, the CDC issued a moratorium on evictions for non-payment due to financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The moratorium expires Dec. 31.

“The way the moratorium works, you have to meet a set of five criteria that the CDC order laid out,” Chase Haller, an attorney for Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, said. “Once you walk through all five of those steps, it allows you to both e-sign a declaration or email it, and if you’re in Marion County, you can mail it directly to your landlord.”

One reason the tool was created is simply practicality. With just two attorneys and one paralegal at his firm who focus on housing law, Haller said the firm didn’t have the time or manpower to help every Hoosier who needs legal protection from eviction.

A report by the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership estimates more than 30,000 renter households in Marion County are

**To determine your eligibility for legal protection, visit [indyrenterhelp.org](https://indyrenterhelp.org).**

at a heightened risk of eviction due to the pandemic. A National Council of State Housing Agencies study found there could be up to 150,000 eviction filings in Indiana by January 2021.

“This tool will help us meet the need here in Indiana with technology that’s available all the time, even when attorneys aren’t directly available,” Haller said.

With COVID-19 cases in the state continuing to spike — Indiana has reported 224,374 cases as of Nov. 11 — Haller said it would be naive to think there won’t be another shutdown. If that happens, he said the following economic downturn would disproportionately affect renters and people of color.

“In the midst of a global pandemic and economic instability, this self-help tool is needed more than ever,” Amy Adair Horton, executive director of the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, said. “As more and more of our neighbors have slipped into financial distress, the ability to pay for legal assistance poses great hardship. A self-help platform for those facing eviction will allow families to take the steps necessary to benefit from the CDC’s eviction moratorium.”

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plan is to try to get more sleep and clean my desk and do all those things I haven't done for a year. I haven't even changed my clocks for daylight saving time. We're going to do the holidays virtually this year, so we're figuring out how to do that. I'll make some decisions down the road, but I don't want to make any fast decisions.

**IR: Looking back, is there something you would have done differently, and in what areas do you think your campaign fell short?**

**WM:** Well, we fell short by not getting enough votes. I think that again the polls were misleading in both directions. My faith in polling has decreased since 2016, and has decreased even further now. It's hard to read the mood of voters, and folks are so polarized. I just know that we have got to do a better job of bringing people together in this society, and that has to be a bipartisan effort. I think that's part of the message Joe Biden is trying to get across, that we have to be more cooperative and collaborative, and I agree with that.

**IR: Is there anything specific you think ought to be done to bridge some of the gaps that have been exacerbated over the past several years?**

**WM:** For starters, the one-party dominance in this state has got to end. We didn't get that done this election, but there's another one coming up in

two years. Hoosiers need to understand that if you give one party all the power for a long time, it will ultimately be abused as it has been here.

**IR: Obviously, there's a limit to what you can do without being governor, but with COVID-19 cases on the rise, is there anything you're planning to do to help combat the pandemic?**

**WM:** Anything I do now has to be as a physician and as a citizen. I'm no longer a candidate and no longer have the public forum I had before. I'll still speak out and make my thoughts clear and known at the same time. For now, though, I just need to take a breather and figure out how to close out our campaign and tie up the loose ends. I have no doubt I'll continue to use my voice, because our state still needs so much.

**IR: Donald Rainwater polled very high for a third-party candidate. As a Democrat, are you concerned this success could take votes from your party in the future?**

**WM:** No, I'm not. I think Donald Rainwater struck a note that has been pushed very hard by folks that are not scientifically informed and don't understand the devastating effects of COVID. Many in the Republican Party have framed wearing a mask as a political statement, and if you're not wearing one, you're defying the authorities.

People who are uncomfortable wearing a mask and don't understand public health and are not fans of science bought into [the Rainwater campaign]. Unfortunately, they abandoned logic and went with an emotional, political response that I thought was just wrong. We have to get the public back in a frame of trusting science.

**IR: There's a tendency for people to get very involved in local and national politics during election season, and then let officials off the hook afterward. Do you have any advice to your supporters as to how they can keep the momentum going?**

**WM:** The organizations that have become energized in the latter part of our campaign, like Nasty Women of Indiana, they have to keep going. Nasty Women has over 50,000 members, and there's a group called Indiana Educators United who care about K-12 education and want change. Keeping those groups going on social media is an important activity. I would encourage them to stay alert, stay active, and if you see something, say something. ... Keep that energy going.

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‘THAT’S WHO SHE IS’

How Dorothy Simpson became an advocate for female veterans

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Dorothy Simpson joined the U.S. Air Force in 1963 for the same reason so many others have enlisted in the military over the years. She wanted to make a decent living and get an education.

The oldest of 11 children, Simpson did a year of college but found it was going to be unaffordable for her family.

She joined the Air Force as a statistical clerk in a computer center and spent the next two decades moving all over the world and country (her husband was also in the Air Force). She did one tour of duty.

The plan worked. Simpson, 76, eventually got a doctorate degree in psychology from the University of Denver and worked at universities around the Midwest as a professor and administrator in inclusion and equity.

“I am so proud to have served my country,” she said. “I believe that everybody ought to provide some service to

the community of humanity.”

That sense of service came from being part of a large family that worked together. Along with her 10 siblings, Simpson has hundreds of cousins, aunts and uncles. There were 500 people at the last family reunion, “and they were still coming” after it ended, Simpson said with a laugh.

When she retired from the University of Iowa, Simpson created a strategic plan for what she wanted her life to look like. That included continuing to help veterans. She remembered meeting a Korean War veteran and talking about how it seemed women — especially women of color — were invisible as veterans.

Simpson wanted to help change that, so she created the Sister Soldier Network, which celebrates women veterans and works to make Black women veterans more visible. The organization started in 2009 in Iowa and has been in Indiana for about 10 years.

Simpson spends a lot of time talking about spirituality, which is one of the



Dorothy Simpson, 76, is an Air Force veteran and founded the Sister Soldier Network to help women — and especially Black women — veterans support each other. (Photo provided)

three focus points of the Sister Soldier Network.

“There’s a hole in the soul of many veterans that have served,” she said. That emphasis on spirituality is something those close to Simpson

bring up unprompted.

“That’s who she is,” said Linda Lewis-Everett, an Army veteran and member of the Sister Soldier Network. “When you feel really spiritual, you want to share it.”

Jasmin Pettiford, an Air Force and Army veteran who’s been with the organization for about seven years, said she’s worked with Simpson on spiritual and women’s issues in the past and knows how important that is for women who have been in the military.

“She’s a good example for us not to give up and keep fighting for equal representation,” Pettiford said.

For Simpson, it’s about having a “battle buddy,” which is part of the role she sees the Sister Soldier Network fulfilling as she and other female veterans work to support each other.

“We are not invisible,” she said. “We are phenomenal, visible sister warriors.”

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EDITORIAL

Celebrate then roll up those sleeves

By OSEYE BOYD



It was touch and go for a while, but former Vice President Joe Biden and his running mate Sen. Kamala Harris pulled through for the win. Americans all over the nation celebrated after Biden was named the presumptive winner of the 2020 presidential election. Of course, everyone didn’t share in this joy. President Donald Trump and many of his supporters are ignoring the results, questioning the legitimacy of the election. Trump and his cronies are actually suing states in an effort to invalidate Biden as the winner. I find it rather telling that ballots in favor of Trump are legal and those against him are suspect. Also, what will be done to those Republicans who won their races in states where Trump lost? Those are legitimate wins, but that’s not the case for Biden? The saga continues. As America is watching the drama unfold of will Trump concede or won’t he, will he leave the White House or won’t he, another GOP-led, long-running epic continues: the attack on the Affordable Care Act, which provides health care for more than 20 million Americans. (Full disclosure: my health care is through the ACA.) Attorneys general from several states, including our very own Curtis Hill, are petitioning the Supreme Court to dismantle the ACA, also known as Obamacare. The ACA, the signature policy of President Barack Obama, came on the

scene 10 years ago, and has been a target for Republicans ever since. This is, in fact, the third challenge to the ACA. The first came in 2012 and the second in 2015. Trump has appointed three justices to the Supreme Court, and he expects they will side with him on the ACA as well as election results. However, this doesn’t seem to be the case. Statements from Supreme Court justices lead many to think the ACA is safe. Not only is it troublesome that Republicans continuously attack this health care law, but they’ve never given a clear replacement. Maybe their plan actually is better, no one knows. The ACA isn’t perfect, but it’s tone deaf to take away health insurance for millions of Americans without a better plan. It’s unconscionable to even continue this lawsuit during a pandemic. Do Republicans not care about their constituents? The more than 20 million people using the ACA aren’t all Democrats, nor are all they all Black or Latinx. And, why do voters keep electing politicians whose priority is ending Obamacare? I recently wrote the work doesn’t end on Election Day — it’s just beginning. We should celebrate the historic win of Kamala Harris as she checks off a long list of firsts. We should celebrate the Biden victory, but after celebrating we need to get to work. Many voters found the Biden-Harris ticket problematic, but chose them over Trump. We shouldn’t delude ourselves into thinking Biden and Harris will create policy for Black people off general principle. We need to make the politicians we voted for — and those we didn’t — hear our voices and know what we want and don’t.

For too long we’ve offered the quid without expecting the pro quo. We also need to recognize Biden and Harris can only do so much if Congress is made up of Republicans dead set on squashing every policy they try to implement. I was heartened when I read an article that Patrisse Cullors, one of the founders of Black Lives Matter, penned a letter to Biden and Harris letting them know Black people showed up and showed out for you and now you owe us. She requested a meeting with them to “discuss the expectations that we have for your administration and the commitments that must be made to Black people.” Love her or hate her, Cullors is already holding Biden and Harris accountable. We all need to take notes and channel that power and treat our local elected officials in the same way. We need to see who is for and against our interests and vote accordingly. Another election is around the corner, and we don’t need to wait until a month before Election Day to start thinking about who should get our votes. Politicians aren’t waiting until Election Day. They’re in office devising ways to stay in power through gerrymandering, voter suppression and corporate backing. We need to start being just as strategic with our vote — especially if we want Biden and Harris to create policies that specifically benefit Black people. We have to stop being apathetic and thinking we’re powerless. We are the people.

OPINIONS

In praise of Black voters

By LARRY SMITH



Once again, Black people have played a crucial role in saving America from ... America. Of course, I’m referring to last week’s presidential election — one in which we overwhelmingly voted for President-elect Joseph R. Biden. Biden prevailed despite the fact that President Donald Trump managed to perform better among African Americans and Hispanics than he did four years ago. (That’s a subject for another column.) Of course, African Americans came to Biden’s political aid several months ago by securing a pivotal victory for him in South Carolina’s presidential primary. We did so even though it’s not certain that Biden would have been our strongest advocate in the White House. We are a pragmatic people. (That is, we instinctively understood that, among the Democratic nominees, Biden had the best chance to beat Trump in a general election.) We have also demonstrated remarkable selflessness over the years. We often act in the nation’s best interest — even when it

is potentially to the detriment of our own. In fact, we understand what millions of white Americans don’t: What is best for Black America is best for all of America. Black people know a threat when we see one. As I have written previously, many of the actions that President Trump has taken — and has threatened to take — are familiar to those of us who recognize authoritarian “leaders.” Not only has Trump repeatedly demonstrated an affinity for despots, including Kim Jong Un and Vladimir Putin; his behavior leads to the inevitable conclusion that he wants to join their ranks. To this end, Trump’s actions and threats include: requiring “loyalty pledges” from his government staff, openly advocating state-run media, blasting the judiciary, verbally attacking his political enemies (real and perceived), verbally attacking his political allies, using the military for illegitimate purposes, attempting to govern by fiat, flouting all manner of presidential norms, promoting fear and hatred against anyone who opposes him, referring to legitimate investigations as “witch hunts” and (perhaps most dangerously) destroying the line between fact and fiction.

Of course, Trump’s fact-less, ego-driven challenge to our free and fair election is the latest example of his proto-fascist tendencies. (To be fair, he did repeatedly warn us that he would engage in these shenanigans were the election not to turn out in his favor. Sadly, he kept his word.) The fact that most Republicans, elected and otherwise, continue to enable his actions speaks to a political party that has thoroughly lost its way. Trump and his allies are bolstered by the fact that challenges to election results have become increasingly common in the last several years. Republicans and Democrats deploy armies of lawyers across the country — especially in so-called “battleground states” — in anticipation of disputed results. However, in this instance, Trump’s attorneys are there solely to create chaos, controversy and confusion where none should exist. Thus, Americans of goodwill must continue to fight for the values for which America says it stands. That’s where Black folks come in. By overwhelmingly voting for President-elect Biden, we sent a clear message that democracy still matters. We sent a clear message that racial divisiveness is unacceptable. We sent a clear message that science is real.

We sent a clear message that women should hold positions of extraordinary power. (This is all the more important because Biden has strongly hinted that he won’t seek reelection.) To be clear, Biden earned the vote of millions of white Americans. However, according to early exit polls, Trump received roughly 58% of white Americans’ votes. That falls in line with the average of Republican presidential candidates going back at least to 1976. (Ronald Reagan was the high point at 66% in 1984. His vice president, George H.W. Bush, was at the other end with only 41% of the white vote in 1992 — but there were three major candidates in that race.) In short, no Democrat can win the presidency without the astoundingly disproportionate support of Black people. As we have done in the past, Black folks have forced America to do right when she so desperately wanted to do wrong. Our children and grandchildren will understand that it was crucial to vote in favor of changing the course of this nation. Well done, my fellow (Black) Americans. *Larry Smith is a community leader. Contact him at [larry@leaf-llc.com](mailto:larry@leaf-llc.com).*

Blatant racism is rare but reminds us that subtle racism is common

By CURTIS HILL



The racism we Black Americans experience isn’t always visible to the naked eye. Many Black Americans who have been pulled over for “speeding” or for “tinted windows” know what I’m talking about. Many Black Americans who have been surveyed closely by security guards at shopping malls know what I’m talking about. Most Black Americans, unfortunately, know exactly what I’m talking about. Recently, though, Dre Abram experienced racism that was neither vague nor subtle. And it was caught on video for the world to see. Abram, a Black man who has a YouTube channel with nearly 100,000 subscribers, was filming a video with a Black friend in Scottsdale, Arizona. During

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the filming, a man later identified as Paul Ng approached the duo and asked to see “what you guys are taking pictures of.” Then Ng explained that the neighborhood had recently experienced “problems.” So far, one might conceivably believe Ng was acting in good faith. But then Ng said, with a straight face, “I’m a racist.” And he told the two Black men — on camera, remember — that his neighborhood was a “no-n\*\*\*\*\* zone.” Ordinarily, I try to reserve immediate judgment on video clips that allegedly demonstrate racism or discrimination. In many of these incidents, it is worth attempting to understand what may have happened before the camera was turned on. This is not one of those incidents. Ng’s actions were prompted by his obvious contempt for Black people, and they led to him being fired from his job and arrested for disorderly conduct. While most would agree that this unfortunate altercation had a positive ending, it’s important that we look at the bigger picture. The fact that Ng felt comfortable enough to identify himself as a racist and to use a racist slur while being filmed by a Black man is an astonishing indictment on the state of race relations in America. How did we get here? How have we reached a point where Ng, and others like him, feel it’s acceptable to proclaim their racist beliefs? Some might say the prevalence of attitudes like Ng’s is simply evidence that the United States of America is inherently racist. I reject that argument. We also often hear that police actions taken against unarmed Black Americans prove the essentially racist nature of U.S. society. I reject that argument, as well. Yet, there can be no doubt that too many folks pos-

sess attitudes all too similar to Ng’s. And we should find it understandable if many Black Americans, upon seeing the killings of individuals such as George Floyd and Ahmaud Arbery, have the unsettling feeling that the victims would still be alive if they were white. But America’s police are not the architects of Paul Ng’s racism. And America, as a whole, is not responsible for the racism that permeates the mindset of Paul Ng. Instead, I truly believe that in their hearts, most Americans are shocked and dismayed by racist language such as Ng’s. And I truly believe that most Americans — including police — are horrified by unjust killings of Black individuals at the hands of police officers. As a country, we have worked steadily to enact laws and reforms that seek to ensure that America is a land where everyone, regardless of their skin color, is treated equally. And we should continue to advocate for such measures wherever they are appropriate. The bottom line, though, is that no amount of legislation can change what’s inside the hearts of hateful people. Something is broken inside the hearts of Ng and others like him. So how do we change their hearts? I don’t have a definitive answer. But I know where progress can start. It starts with open dialogue. Dialogue about how we Black Americans feel in 2020. Dialogue about how the beliefs of a small number of people can hurt a great number of people. Dialogue about where those beliefs originate. Dialogue about how we can alter the minds of those infected with hate. Read the rest of this column at [indianapolisrecorder.com](http://indianapolisrecorder.com). *Curtis Hill is Indiana’s attorney general.*



# Mozel Sanders Foundation looking for kitchens, volunteers for Thanksgiving food giveaway

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The team at Mozel Sanders Foundation knows demand for food will likely be higher than normal this Thanksgiving because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but with a shortage of kitchens and volunteers, it's likely the organization won't be able to help everyone.

Mozel Sanders Foundation has fed up to 40,000 people at Thanksgiving in years past. That number has shrunk recently as other organizations peel off to do their own food giveaways, but the foundation still handed out a little more than 20,000 meals last year.

The goal this year is to distribute 10,000 meals. There are currently only six kitchens available, according to spokesperson Dawn Jones, which the organization could use to distribute about 5,300 meals.

Organizations interested in letting Mozel Sanders Foundation use their kitchen can fill out the contact form at [mozelsanders.org](http://mozelsanders.org) or email [info@mozelsanders.org](mailto:info@mozelsanders.org).

Call the dinner line at 317-636-7985 to place an order for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. The line is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. through Nov. 15.

The need for volunteers is different this year because the foundation is only distributing food on Thanksgiving Day, rather than the normal two days. Jones said the biggest need right now is drivers. Interested volunteers can learn more by clicking on

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Mayor Joe Hogsett volunteers at Mozel Sanders Foundation's annual Thanksgiving Day food giveaway. (Recorder file photo)

the "Volunteer" tab on the website.

Mozel Sanders Foundation staff started meeting in May to figure out how to continue its four-decades-long tradition of feeding families amid a pandemic.

"We knew we couldn't say, 'Nope, we're not doing it,'" Jones said. "That wasn't an option for us."

Learn more about donating to the foundation by clicking on the "Donate" tab on the website. One option is sending money to the organization's Cash App: \$MozelSanders.

The organization partnered with the Chipotle at 5320 E. 82nd St., so the restaurant will donate 33% of proceeds from an order from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 23 when customers mention Mozel Sanders Foundation or show a flyer for the deal, which is on the group's Facebook page.

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## Food insecurity raises risk of cardiovascular death

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Dr. Jerry Smartt, American Heart Association

This is particularly concerning for Indianapolis, where roughly 23% of residents live in a food desert, according to the POLIS Center at IUPUI. Food deserts are defined as a low-income neighborhood more than a mile away from a grocery store. Nationwide, about 10% of Americans live in a food desert.

“Our study is one of the first national analyses to look at changes in both food insecurity and cardiovascular mortality over time, and to see if changes in food insecurity impact cardiovascular health,” Sameed Khatana, co-author of the study, said in a press release. “This research shows food insecurity, which is a particular type of economic distress, is associated with cardiovascular disease.”

The study removed certain variables known to affect cardiovascular risk, including employment, health insurance and poverty, to look specifically at food insecurity’s impact on heart health.

In Marion County, Black residents are more likely to live in a food desert than any other racial demographic. Along with food insecurity, morbidities such as diabetes and high blood pressure and health care disparities, put Black Hoosiers at a higher risk of a cardiovascular emergency than whites. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, African Americans are 60% more likely than whites to have diabetes and 40% more likely than whites likely to have high blood pressure.

Dr. Jerry Smartt, a neurologist and board member of the American Heart Association, expects those disparities to widen in the wake of COVID-19.

“We know, looking at the social determinants of health; economic stability, access to health care, and education, that poverty and environment plays a huge part in overall health,” Smartt said. “With

A new study from the American Heart Association shows the link between food insecurity and cardiovascular deaths. The study, conducted by Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, found for every 1% increase in food insecurity, there was a similar increase in cardiovascular deaths among individuals younger than 65.



COVID, those health disparities have become more evident, and more African Americans and people of color are affected by it ... so it wouldn’t be surprising to see an increase in negative health consequences.”

However, Smartt said this study provides local leaders and policymakers an opportunity to make changes benefitting those currently living in a food desert. The American Heart Association, for example, is creating more community gardens and is urging politicians to extend Supplemental Nutri-

tion Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for use at farmer’s markets and to create safer sidewalks so residents can walk to grocery stores.

This study will be presented at the American Heart Association’s Scientific Sessions 2020 meeting. The virtual conference will be held Nov. 13 through Nov. 17.

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## The Importance of a Flu Shot as COVID-19 Continues to Spread

Influenza, also known as flu, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause illness and hospital stays across the United States.

This year, flu is an added threat as COVID-19 continues to spread and cases are on the rise.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect against flu. The vaccine may also make the flu illness milder for someone who gets sick. A yearly flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year.

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children can require medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years, and children of any age with certain long-term health problems, are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, and sinus and ear infections.

Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

Symptoms of the virus can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

Young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated, as well

as caregivers of children.

Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.

“A person’s respiratory or immune system could become overwhelmed if they are infected with flu and COVID-19 at the same time, especially someone in a high-risk group or over age 65,” said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. “Also, healthcare resources can be stretched significantly during a typical flu season. Protecting against the flu in our community will allow these resources to be readily available to handle any potential surge in COVID-19 cases.”

Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age.

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, everyone should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs. These steps can help slow the spread of flu and COVID-19. Mask up, Lather up, Sleeve up. Wear a proper face when out in public that covers the nose and mouth, wash hands frequently, and get a flu shot.

Also, anyone who is sick with a fever should stay home from work or school for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the help of a fever-reducing medicine.

To learn more about receiving a flu shot through the Marion County Public Health Department, please call the immunization program at 317-221-2122 or visit MarionHealth.org/immunize. Flu shots are \$20, and free for children under the age of 2.



Mississippi approves flag with magnolia, ‘In God We Trust’

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS  
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi will fly a new state flag with a magnolia and the phrase “In God We Trust,” with voters approving the design on Election Day. It replaces a Confederate-themed flag state lawmakers retired months ago as part of the national reckoning over racial injustice.

The magnolia flag was the only design on the general election ballot, and voters were asked to say yes or no. A majority said yes.

Legislators will have to put the design into law, but they are expected to do that with little fuss because they already did the hard work of retiring a flag that some people wanted to keep.

Mississippi has been without a flag since late June, when legislators surrendered the last state banner in the U.S. that included the Confederate battle emblem — a red field topped by a blue X with 13 white stars. The rebel flag has been used by Ku Klux Klan groups and is widely condemned as racist.

The new Mississippi flag has the state flower on a dark blue background with red bars on either end. The magnolia is encircled by stars representing Mississippi as the 20th state. The flag also has a single star made of diamond shapes representing the Native American people who lived on the land before others arrived.

White supremacists in the state Legislature adopted the Confederate-themed flag in 1894 amid backlash to power Black people gained during Reconstruction.

For decades, the flag was divisive in a state with a significant Black population, currently about 38%. A majority of voters chose to keep the flag in a 2001 election, but several cities and counties and all of Mississippi’s public universities had stopped flying it because of the Confederate symbol. Many furled the Mississippi flag after mid-2015, when a white man shot and killed nine Black peo-



Mississippi will fly a new state flag with a magnolia and the phrase “In God We Trust,” with voters approving the design Tuesday. It replaces a Confederate-themed flag state lawmakers retired months ago as part of the national reckoning over racial injustice. (Photo courtesy MDAH)

ple worshipping at a church in Charleston, South Carolina; he had previously posed for photos with the rebel flag.

Until this summer, a majority of Mississippi legislators were unwilling to consider changing the flag because they considered the issue too volatile. Momentum changed as protests broke out across the U.S. after a Black man was killed in Minneapolis police custody. The final push for changing the Mississippi flag came from business, education, religious and sports groups — including, notably, the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southeastern Conference.

Angela Reginal, 53, of Pearl, said she voted for the new design. Reginal, who is Black, said the Confederate-themed old flag was “part of history,” and although she said it never bothered her, she believed it needed to be changed.

“For me, if it offends my brother, I think it needs to be changed,” said Reginal, who works in the office of a home health agency.

A white voter at the same precinct in Pearl, Beki Routh, said she voted for the new flag but wanted to keep the old one.

“If you try to erase history, you’re doomed to repeat it,” said Routh, 50, a bank employee.

Joan Martin, 79, a retired registered nurse from Pica-yune, said she voted for the new flag because “I didn’t have any choice.

“There was just the one thing and I thought it looked pretty and it said ‘In God We Trust,’ so I voted yes on it,” said Martin, who is white.

The law retiring the old flag specified that the new one could not include the Confederate battle emblem and must have “In God We Trust.”

Requiring the religious phrase helped persuade some conservative legislators to let go of the old flag.

Taderell Lamont Roberts, 48, of Picayune, goes by his middle name, which was on the name patch on his work shirt for Heritage Plastics, where he’s a foreman. He said he voted for the new flag.

“That old flag to me represented a lot of rebelism, you know, the good old boys,” said Roberts, who is Black. “It never bothered me. ... But it’s time for a different flag so our new generation can see that all that is in the past, and they don’t have to deal with that. We were brought up to just live with it. But I’m glad that now it’s time for a change.”

The public submitted nearly 3,000 flag designs. A nine-person commission — with members appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor

and House speaker — chose the magnolia flag to go on the ballot.

If voters had rejected the magnolia flag, the commission would have designed another flag that still could not include the Confederate symbol and must include “In God We Trust.” That design would have gone on the ballot in November 2021.

Separately, supporters of the old Mississippi flag are starting an initiative that could revive the old flag by putting the Confederate-themed banner and some other designs up for a statewide vote. But they face big hurdles in gathering enough signatures to get their ideas on the ballot, and their efforts could be complicated by limited public interaction during the coronavirus pandemic.

Son of slain mass murder victim spreads forgiveness, unity

By MELINDA MARTINEZ  
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Louisiana (AP) – How could he forgive the man who murdered his mother in a racially charged mass shooting? That is a question often asked of Chris Singleton, a former baseball player and now inspirational speaker who was the keynote speaker in the 5th Annual Ethics and Values Series: “The Gospel Response to Racism in the 21st Century” at Louisiana College where he spoke via a livestream.

Singleton’s mother, Sharonda Coleman Singleton, was among the nine murdered in Charleston, South Carolina, at the Mother Emanuel AME Church in 2015.

“Now, one of the things I often speak about is forgiveness,” said Singleton. “And people say, ‘Chris, how could you forgive your mother’s killer after taking her life based on the color of her skin?’”

And he tells them, “How am I not to forgive when I am already forgiven?”

He found the perfect example of forgiveness in the Bible when Jesus Christ was being crucified.

“Jesus has the kindness and forgiveness in his heart to say, ‘Forgive them Father for they know not what they do,’” he said.

“I know for a fact that God was working in my heart at that time,” Singleton said, adding that if he would have been told back then when he was 18 that he was going to forgive the killer Dylann Roof, he would have said there was no way in the world he would do that.

“But I know for a fact that when I said the words, ‘Love is stronger than hate’ in forgiving my mother’s killer

that it was the Lord using me to show me the power of forgiveness,” said Singleton.

Singleton’s mission is also to spread unity because he believes that it is a mission of Jesus.

“The Bible says we should love our neighbor and I think that it’s so important for us to grasp that,” he said. That includes loving those with different opinions, different perspectives and different experiences.

“Those messages need to be shared,” he said. “Those stories need to be heard.”

Leading people to Christianity no matter what they look like is what Singleton feels Jesus wants Christians to do.

The Bible, said Singleton, does not say love your neighbor if they have the same skin color as you, hair texture, first language or political views.

“There are so many different examples of what unity looks like in the Word and here’s one,” said Singleton. He read Psalm 133:1: “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” and Malachi 2:10: “Are we not created by the same God?” and John Chapter 13 verse 35: “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

“I think it’s so important that we talk about that,” he said. “Our love for one another.”

Changing hearts is how perspectives are changed, said Singleton.

He gave an example of meeting a man at another speaking engagement who told him he used to be a racist.

“This is what he said to me, ‘I used to be racist like the man that took your mother away from you,’” said Singleton.

He then asked the man how he came to have feelings like that toward people who looked like him. The man said his grandfather, father and an older cousin he looked up to were racists, so he in turn was racist.

What changed the man’s perspective toward Black people? He has a granddaughter who is not white.

At first, when he found out he was having a grandchild that was not white, he told Singleton he hated his daughter. He thought his daughter disrespected and humiliated him.

But when he held his non-white granddaughter for the first time, he never knew how much he could love somebody. And that experience changed him forever because he didn’t want others to have the preconceived biases about people who were like her.

He shared another story of a woman he called Grandma E. who told him about her two grandchildren. One was Black and one was white. She taught them to refer to themselves as chocolate and vanilla because even though they were different on the outside, on the inside where it counts, they were both just as sweet.

Singleton thinks if his mother’s killer had a grandmother like Grandma E., then maybe his mother would still be alive to mark milestones in their lives together such as having her meet her grandson for the first time.

“There’s so many things I think about daily,” he said.

He also spoke of Tywanza Sanders, 26, a friend of his who was also killed in the church shooting. The day he was killed, he posted a quote from the legendary baseball player Jackie Robinson on his Instagram account: “One life is not important except for

the impact it has on other lives.”

Sanders died a hero, said Singleton, because even after being shot, he stood up to the killer and said, “You don’t have to do this. We mean you no harm. I mean you no harm.” Sanders stood up to face the killer and in doing so, saved his mother’s life and the life of his 8-year-old cousin who were both hiding nearby. Singleton said Sanders gave himself up for them.

Singleton thinks that if the killer would have had someone like Grandma E. in his life, he wouldn’t have done what he did.

“He didn’t have someone to tell him that we are all brothers and sisters of Christ,” he said. “We can teach like Dr. King when he said you don’t judge somebody by the color of their skin but rather the content of their character.”

Singleton said he would go further and say you don’t judge someone for things in life that were simply not chosen such as the language they speak, place of birth, parents or financial status growing up.

“We didn’t choose so many of these things in life and so we should never judge somebody based on those things,” he said. “We didn’t choose them. It’s that simple.”

His message is simple, he said. All that he is asking is that people love and serve each other as the Bible says.

“If we do that, if we serve people I believe the mission of unity that was intended for us will come to fruition,” he said. “And we will say that no matter where we are politically, or no matter what happens in this country, we will always strive to be brothers and sisters in Christ that are bringing people together — not dividing people.”



SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Rest: It’s yours for the taking

By RAE KARIM



There is no doubt, 2020 has been a year to remember. Some of those memories are good and we want to hold on to them. Some of those memories never have to surface again, and if we could discard them for eternity, we would. All is fair. The blessing is that 2020 is not yet over. Sure, there are people who will say they want it to be because it’s been one thing after the next, and it hasn’t been positive. And yet there are others who are grateful for seven weeks we have left. If you’ve kept up with my Recorder columns, you know that if it’s my turn to write when the end of the year nears, I’m going to remind you to give it all you’ve got to finish the year. Notice I didn’t say finish the year strong or any of the other super power words. Right now, I believe it’s really a matter of simply finishing the year, crossing the finish line, however we can, into 2021. It’s matter of taking these next seven weeks to do what’s necessary to make it to the finish line. Everyone won’t start a business, and that’s OK. Everyone won’t write the book, and that’s OK. Someone will lean into the courage to get out of bed, after being down, and that’s OK. Someone will release hurt and receive healing through a much-needed crying session, and that’s OK. Someone will finally make that call to begin therapy, and that’s OK. Someone will take the time to be still because they’ve been

going nonstop, and that’s OK. Stillness is what I’d call a first cousin of rest. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” The beauty of this text is if we remove the middle portion about being weary and burdened, the text would still be relevant. Jesus simply wants us to come, so that we can receive rest. That’s one thing we can all do in these next seven weeks — rest. It’s almost a foreign word. We hear it. We see it. But how many of us really get it? Jesus lets us know it’s available. The question is will we allow ourselves the opportunity to lean into our humanity to accept it? Will we lay down those burdens, expectations and all the other weight we carry, so that we can get some rest? Taking advantage of such an offer will never be a bad idea. Rest will allow our hearts, minds, attitudes, etc. the chance to reset. Rest will allow us the chance to relax and just be. We need it, whether we admit to it or not. I say again, 2020 has indeed been a year. As a result, we have the right to take rest in these last few weeks, so we can be ready for 2021 with renewed hope and expectation. Rest is waiting for you. It’s yours for the taking.

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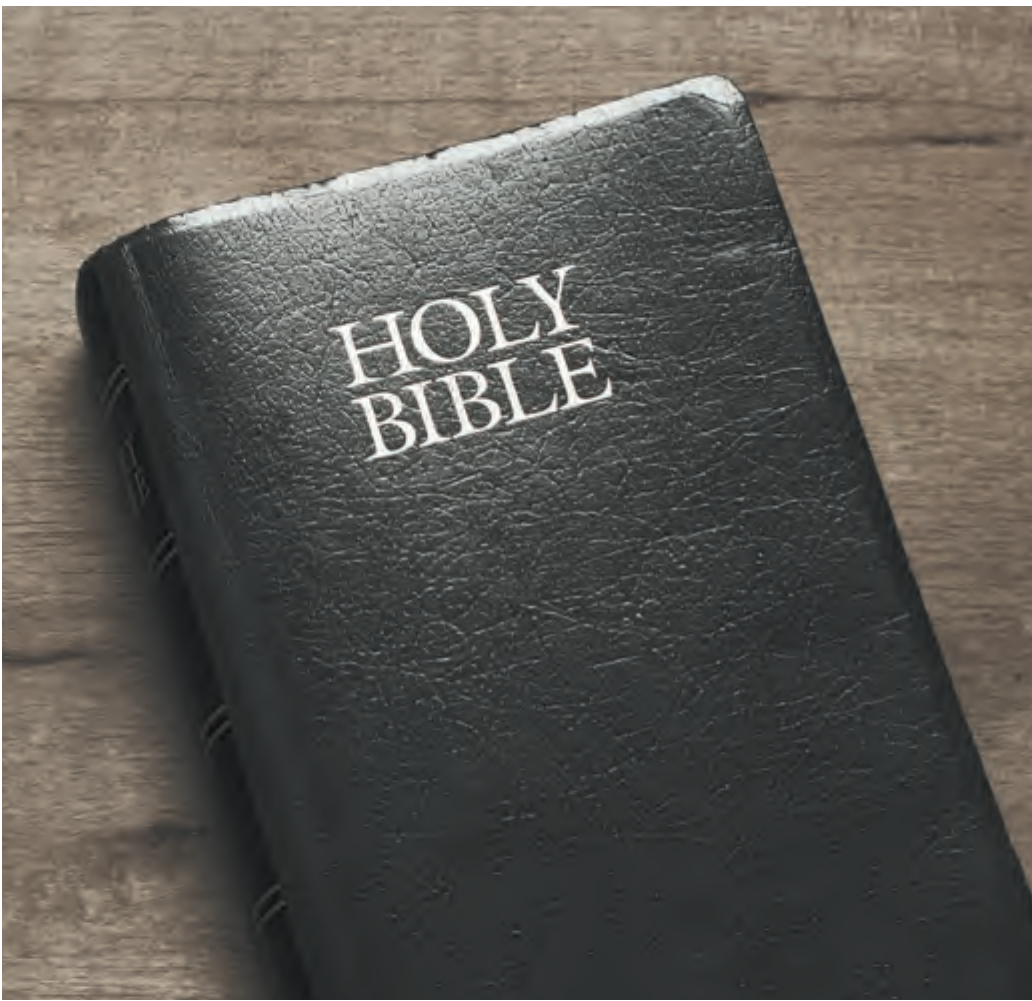


**Thomas H. Lewis** died on November 8, 2020. He was 84. Mr. Lewis was born on February 3, 1936 in Bardstown, KY. He was the son of Albert C. Lewis Sr. and Elizabeth Wilson. He was preceded in death by his brother Albert “Sonny” Lewis and his two sisters Anne Evans and Katherine Hughes. Thomas is survived by - A wife Grova M. Lewis, four daughters - Jerilyn Lewis, Janet Lewis, Jeana (Lewis) Ouattara and Judy Lewis all of Indianapolis, IN. ; Five grandsons and a host of nieces and nephews.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey



1. Is the book of 1 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. To keep Adam and Eve away after the Fall, what did God place around the tree of life? Smoking pits, Deep moat, Cherubims with a flaming sword, Walking vipers
3. Who is the only daughter of Jacob specifically named in the Bible (KJV)? Dinah, Junias, Noadiah, Orpah
4. From 2 Samuel 12, what personality did God name Jedidiah? David, Amos, Solomon, Joab
5. What type water did Jesus offer the Samaritan woman at the well? Fresh, Cool, Living, Clean
6. From John 10, to what type of animals are Christians compared? Camels, Sheep, Lions, Serpents

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Cherubims with a flaming sword; 3) Dinah; 4) Solomon; 5) Living; 6) Sheep

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## ‘WE’RE TRYING TO SURVIVE’ Local businesses prepare for second shutdown

By BREANNA COOPER  
BreannaC@indyrecorder.com

Businesses — especially Black-owned businesses — took a hit during the first COVID-19 shutdown. Now, with cases continuing to rise and rumors of a possible second shutdown spreading, business owners in Indianapolis are preparing for anything.

Starla Mathis, president of Perfect Apparel LLC, said the screen-printing company had to close for its two highest-grossing months of the year. While the shop reopened in late May, Mathis said they haven’t seen the regular traffic flow they’re used to.

“The traffic coming in is a lot slower than it used to be, but we’re hanging in there,” Mathis said. “We don’t just do group apparel; we do work with schools and businesses and have been able to procure a lot of those orders. ... It was tough missing out on our most high earning months, but for now, we’re able to keep our head above water.”

While Perfect Apparel had to furlough employees, Mathis said the company received a payroll protection loan (PPP) and got deferments on some monthly bills. In this regard, they fared better than many Black business owners across the country.

According to a SCORE study from August 2020, Black-owned businesses were hit harder by pandemic closures than white-owned businesses and were less likely to receive assistance. Roughly 53.4% of Black-owned businesses applied for PPP and only 20% of those businesses received the full amount. Roughly 47.8% of white-owned busi-

nesses applied for PPP and 63.7% received the full amount.

Seemingly, Black-owned businesses are not just less likely to receive adequate assistance, but also less likely to apply.

In Indianapolis, the Indy Black Chamber of Commerce advocates for Black-owned businesses and helps business owners find avenues for relief during the pandemic. Multiple attempts to reach Larry Williams, president of Indy Black Chamber, have been unsuccessful.

While many restaurants have taken innovative steps — such as curbside pickup — to stay in business, some downtown eateries don’t have the proper location to do so safely.

Romeo Gerson, co-owner of Michael’s Soul Kitchen on Ohio Street, said the heavy vehicle traffic area would make it unsafe to have curbside pickup options. This — along with property damage caused by protests earlier this year — has caused the restaurant to close temporarily. While the restaurant serves parties that have called ahead, Gerson said the revenue the restaurant brings in is nowhere near what they were seeing before the shutdown. Gerson doesn’t believe the city is doing enough to help business owners make it through the pandemic.

“We would be losing profit if we opened back up and could only seat 50% capacity,” Gerson said. “As a business owner, if you can’t figure it out yourself, you might have to close down. We’re trying to survive and not get to that point, but we haven’t opened back up yet. We’re not even sure when we’ll be able to.”

Contact staff writer Breanna Cooper at 317-762-7848. Follow her on Twitter @BreannaNCooper.

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COUNTY OF MARION SS:  
IN THE MARION COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT 8  
CAUSE NO.  
49D08-2005-AD-017092  
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE  
ADOPTION OF  
ONYX MUNASHE  
KATSANDE  
MINOR  
TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS:  
You are hereby notified that a petitions for Adoption of child Onyx Munashe Katsande was filed in the office of the Marion County Clerk.  
A final hearing in the adoption matter is scheduled for the 8th day of January 2021, at 1:30 o'clock pm.  
The Petition for Adoption alleges that the consent to the adoption of the Natural mother is on file with the court. The natural father's whereabouts are unknown, has not seen or supported the child. If you are an interested person and wish to object to or consent to the adoptions, then said objections or consents should be filed fourteen (14) days prior to the above-referenced hearing date.  
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Myia A. Eldridge  
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STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION SS:  
IN THE MARION COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT 8  
CAUSE NO.  
49D08-2005-AD-017074  
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE  
ADOPTION OF  
ZIVA BREE KATSANDE  
MINOR  
TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS:  
You are hereby notified that a petitions for Adoption of child Ziva bree Katsande was filed in the office of the Marion County Clerk.  
A final hearing in the adoption matter is scheduled for the 8th day of January 2021, at 1:30 o'clock pm.  
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### DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION  
COURT OF  
CHRISTOPHER COLEMAN  
Plaintiff  
Vs  
ANTIONETTA LILES  
Defendant  
CAUSE NO.  
49D05-1806-DN-023670  
**ORDER**  
The court having considered Petitioners Praecipe for Service by Publication in Marion County, Indiana, and being duly advised, hereby Grants said request. Respondent may be served for Nice of these proceedings by publication and any other person who is ORDERED this 10 day of March 2020  
Myia Eldridge, Clerk  
11/13/20  
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### DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION  
IN RE MARRIAGE OF:  
SHEILETA N. OGO  
Petitioner  
AND  
ERUNWU OGO  
Respondent  
CAUSE NO.  
49D10-2008-DN-026751  
**ORDER**  
The court, having considered Petition's Praecipe for Service by Publication in Marion County, Indiana, and being duly advised, hereby Grants said request. Respondent may be served for Notice of these proceedings by publication in Marion County, IN. SO ORDERED this 11 DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.  
Myia Eldridge, Clerk  
10/30/20  
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### DISSOLUTION

**SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION SS:  
IN THE SUPERIOR CIVIL  
COURT OF MARION  
COUNTY  
ROOM NO. 2 CIVIL  
CAUSE NO.  
49D03-2007-DN-024793  
INGEMAR SANZ  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
DEONNA L. HARRIS  
Defendant(s)  
**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 bins to be: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: DEONNA L. HARRIS, UNKNOWN  
And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: DEONNA L. HARRIS, UNKNOWN  
In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this suit.  
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 you or your attorney, on or before the day of , (the same being within thirty (30) days after the the Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.  
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### NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE  
OF  
TANYA KAYE WINTERS  
Petitioner.  
CAUSE NO.  
49C01-2010-MI-035497  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Tanta Kaye Winters, filed a verified Petition for Change of Name from Tanya Kaye Winters to Tanya Bayannah Ali. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on January 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., which is more thirty (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.  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
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### NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION  
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT  
COURT  
CASE NO:  
49C01-2002-MI-006246  
IN RE THE CHANGE OF  
NAME OF  
DELO JONES,  
Petitioner.  
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### ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, DELO JONES, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition For Change Of Name to change the Petitioner's name DELO JONES to DELO PARRYS BROWN.  
The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Which notice is further to be published within thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written obj ections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report for hearing to THE REMOTE HEARING ON WEBEX/ ZOOM. THE COURT WILL ISSUE A WEBEX/ZOOM INVITATION FOR THE REMOTE HEARING.  
Date October 6, 2020  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/06/20  
11/13/20  
11/20/20

### NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION, ss:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE  
OF  
DEMACUS GLENN  
HARRIS,  
Petitioner.  
CAUSE NO.  
49C01-2008-MI-030060  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Demarcus Glenn Harris, whose mailing address is, Indianapolis, IN 46226 in Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Demarcus Glenn Harris has filed a petition in the Marion County Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to demarcus glenn harris. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on her Verified Petition for Name Change on the 9th day of October 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City County Building, at Indianapolis, IN 46204. OR THIS MATTER MAY BE HEARD REMOTELY. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE COURT OFFICE PRIOR TO THE HEARING FOR HEARING LOCATION.  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
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### NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION SS  
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT  
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CIVIL DIVISION  
IN RE THE NAME  
CHANGE OF:  
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MAE THURMON  
MARION COUNTY  
KATHERINE SCHERER,  
Petitioner,  
October 23, 2020  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
AW  
CAUSE NO.  
49C01-2010-MI-036589  
ORDER SETTING HEARING AND  
NOTICE OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR CHANGE  
OF NAME  
COMES NOW the Petitioner, Katherine Scherer, and submits her Verified Petition for Name Change of Minor and hereby gives notice that Petition for Change of Name for Minor has been filed in the MARION County Circuit Court request that the name of minor Marlee Ava Mae Thurmon be changed to Marlee Ava Mae Scherer. The Court, being fully advised in the matter, now finds that this matter should be and is hereby set for hearing on or before the hearing date. THIS MATTER WILL BE HELD REMOTELY, AND THE COURT WILL ISSUE WEBEX/ZOOM INVITATION FOR THE HEARING. IT IS SO ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED this October 19, 2020  
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11/06/20  
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### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

CAUSE NUMBER  
49D08-2010-EU-038562  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In the MARION Superior Court, Probate Division  
In the Matter of the Estate of SANDRA L. CHRISTENSEN, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that CHRISTINE A. PHILLIPS was on October 30, 2020, appointed personal representative of the estate of SANDRA L. CHRISTENSEN, deceased.  
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 five (5) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, October 30, 2020.  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/06/20  
11/13/20

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
In the Matter of the Estate of SARA R. CLINE  
Deceased  
Estate docket:  
49D08-2009-EU-032797  
Notice is hereby given that on October 20, 2020, Marjorie Cline and Deborah Thomas were appointed personal representatives of the estate of Sara R. Cline deceased, who died on the 2nd day of July, 2020.  
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 29th day of September 2020  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/06/20  
11/20/20

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of JEAN WAGNER WELCH  
Deceased  
Estate docket:  
49D08-2010-EU-037157  
Notice is hereby given that on October 21, 2020, Teresa Welch and Kimberly K. Carrier were appointed Co-Personal Representative of the estate of Jean Wagner Welch , who died on the 11th day of September 2020.  
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 21st day of October 2020.  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/13/20  
11/20/20

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION SS:  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR  
COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
DOCKET NO.  
49D08-2010-EU-037225  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
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ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
JAMES PARKER JOHNS,  
Deceased  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2020, Deborah L. Hall and Mary Beth Robbins were appointed personal representatives of the estate of James Parker Johns, deceased, who died on the 7th day of September, 2020.  
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Marion County, Indiana this 27th day of October 2020.  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/06/20  
11/13/20

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
In the Matter of the Supervised Administration of the Estate of VINICE FAY TINSLEY  
Deceased  
Estate docket:  
49D08-2010-ES-035621  
Notice is hereby given that on October 9, 2020, William Tinsley was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Vinice Fay Tinsley , who died on the 28th day of March, 2020.  
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 9th day of October 2020.  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/13/20  
11/20/20

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION SS:  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
CAUSE NO.  
49D08-2010-EU-038518  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
KIMBERLY J. GAITHER,  
Deceased.  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that ANDREA GAITHER, was on October 29, 2020 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of KIMBERLY J. GAITHER, deceased, who died SEPTEMBER 09, 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, October 29, 2020  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/06/20  
11/13/20

### It is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA  
PROBATE DMSION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
CLYDE F. BUZEK, deceased  
ESTATE NO.  
49D08-2010-EU-037258  
Notice is hereby given that Brian D. Buzek was on October 22, 2020, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Clyde F. Buzek, deceased, who died on the 28th day of April, 2020.  
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, on October 22, 2020  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/06/20  
11/13/20

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
In the Matter of the Supervised Administration of the Estate of KIMBERLY J. GAITHER  
Deceased  
Estate docket:  
49D08-2010-EU-038518  
Notice is hereby given that on October 29, 2020, Andrea Gaither was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Kimberly J. Gaither , who died on the 9th day of September 2020.  
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedents death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.  
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 29th day of October 2020.  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/13/20  
11/20/20

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION SS:  
IN THE MARION COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT 8  
CAUSE NO.  
49D08-2010-EU-038240  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
UNSUPERVISED  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
ESTATE OF CLAYTON M.  
EVANS, DECEASED.  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Stella M. Evans was, on October 28, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Clayton M. Evans, Sr., deceased, who died on the 20th day of July, 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, October 28, 2020  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/06/20  
11/13/20

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM ROBERT BOONE, deceased  
ESTATE NO.  
49D08-2009-EU-033612  
Notice is hereby given that Barbara Boone was on September 25, 2020, appointed personal representative of the Estate of William Robert Boone, deceased, who died on the 9th day of August, 2020.  
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, September 25, 2020  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/06/20  
11/13/20



Time to advertise  
Call 317-924-5143

### PATERNITY

**ALIAS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION  
IN THE MARION COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT 8  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CAUSE NO.  
49C01-1003-JP-013643  
IN RE THE PATERNITY OF:  
ADRIAN SILGUERO  
WILVER CHAVEZ,  
Petitioner/Father, and  
JOANN SILGUERO,  
Respondent/Mother.  
To Respondent: Joann Silguero  
Whereabouts Unknown  
This Summons is to the above-named Respondent, Joann Silguero, whose whereabouts are unknown, and to any other person who may be concerned. Counsel for Petitioner has completed a diligent search of social media and court records and has not found the Respondent's whereabouts despite diligent search. The Petitioner has not seen or heard from the Respondent since March of 2019. Petitioner's family members have not been able to ascertain the whereabouts of the Respondent and the Petitioner has been unable to find the Respondent in more than one year.  
You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Marion County Indiana Superior Court in an action entitled: In Re Paternity of Adrian Silguero Wilver Chavez and Joann Silguero Cause No. 49C01-1003-JP-013643 by the person named above as Petitioner. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the Respondent above whose current address and whereabouts are unknown.  
The named Petitioner is represented by Vanessa Lopez Aguilera, LOPEZ LAW OFFICE, P.C., 3502 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46208. Telephone: (317)634-9484. Email: [Vlopez@vanessalopezlaw.com](mailto:Vlopez@vanessalopezlaw.com)  
The nature of the suit against you is a Custody Matter wherein the Petitioner/Father is seeking a court order providing him custody of the minor Child Who has been residing with him. The Petitioner and the Respondent are the parents of the minor child, Adrian I. Silguero.  
This matter has been set for hearing on March 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. for a duration of one hour in the Marion County Circuit Court, Paternity Division, City County Building, 200 E. Washington St. Room E-156, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. The hearing will be held Via Video Conference through WebEx.  
An answer or other response in writing to the petition must be filed either by thetuo dc so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief requested by the Petitioner.  
If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert in in your written answer or response.  
Dated: 11/4/2020  
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11/20/2C  
11/27/2C

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF MARION SS:  
IN THE MARION COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT - PROBATE DIV.  
CAUSE NO.  
49D08-2010-EU-037662  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
HOMER SEGREST,  
DECEDENT  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is given that SHEILA ROSCOE and DAPHANIE THOMAS, were on the 26th day of October, 2020, appointed co-personal representatives of the estate of HOMER SEGREST, deceased, who passed away on June 13, 2020, and authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.  
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Probate Division within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months of the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.  
DATED at Marion County, Indiana, this 26th day of October, 2020.  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk  
11/06/20  
11/13/20

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Hearing on Petition for the Establishment of Geist Conservancy District  
A petition for the establishment of a conservancy district has been filed (pursuant to Ind. Code § 14-33-2) (the "Petition") with the Hamilton County Superior Court No. 5. The name for the proposed district shall be "Geist Conservancy District" (the "District").  
Pursuant to Ind. Code § 14-33-1-1(6) and (9), the purposes of the District shall be as follows: (1) designing, creating, and maintaining parks, trails, and recreational facilities if feasible in connection with beneficial water management; and (2) operation, maintenance, and improvement of works of improvement including, but not limited to, Geist Reservoir.  
The District lies within, in whole or in part, Marion County, Hamilton County, Hancock County, the City of Indianapolis, the City of Fishers, the Town of McCordsville, Lawrence Township, Fall Creek Township, and Vernon Township.  
The hearing to determine whether the Petition meets the statutory requirements and can therefore be referred to the Natural Resources Commission for further proceedings will be conducted before the Hamilton Superior Court No. 5 at 9:00 A.M. on December 11, 2020, by Zoom videoconference. Any member of the public interested in attending can obtain the videoconference link by emailing [Geist@dentsons.com](mailto:Geist@dentsons.com).  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Request for Information  
RFI 20-1370 Mobility as a Service Platforms  
Project Overview: The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (dba IndyGo) has been informed that it has been selected to receive an Accelerating Innovative Mobility (AIM) challenge grant award from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). With these grant dollars, IPTC intends to lead in the creation of a "Mobility Concierge Program." This program, as envisioned, would serve as a one-stop shop for trip planning and payment integration across multiple modes of transportation and service providers operating in the greater Indianapolis area. This program is part technology solution and part innovation in the delivery of customer service. The request focuses primarily on the technology solution and must work as a platform that can integrate two or more mobility service providers (e.g. IndyGo bus + Pacers bike-share) into a single, multi-modal trip planner and payment system. A key component of the Mobility Concierge Program will be ensuring that the unbanked population can access the program, which is one of the potential tie-in with the customer service component of the program.  
RFI Release: Friday October 30, 2020  
RFI online at [www.indygo.net/pages/bid-opportunities](http://www.indygo.net/pages/bid-opportunities)  
Written Questions Due November 11, 2020 by 4pm (EST)  
Answers to Written Questions Provided November 16, 2020  
Vendor Submission of Information November 30, 2020 4:00 PM (EST)  
Email information submission to: [dadamson@indygo.net](mailto:dadamson@indygo.net).  
No late information accepted, and submissions must be electronic.  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission will hold an alcoholic beverage permit auction at 10:00AM on December 16, 2020, at the Indiana Government Center South Building, 1st Floor, Auditorium at 302 W Washington St in the city of Indianapolis, to auction the below listed permits. More information, including the pre-bid application, can be found on the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission's website: [www.in.gov/atc](http://www.in.gov/atc)  
Pre-bid applications will be due no later than December 2, 2020. Any applications received after that date will not be accepted.  
ATC Pending Auction Permits by County & Jurisdiction  

County	Permit	Location
Adams	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant	210
Allen	Beer & Wine Retailer – Restaurant	Gabril
AL01		
Boone	Beer Wine & Liquor – Package Store	Thorntown
BO01	Beer Retailer – Restaurant	Whitestown
BO03	Beer Retailer – Restaurant	Whitestown
Cass	Beer Retailer – Restaurant	Walton
CA01		
Clark	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Clarksville
CL02	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Sellersburg
Clinton	Beer & Wine Dealer – Grocery Store	Frankfort
CL10		
Daviess	Beer Wine & Liquor – Package Store	Elinora
DA01		
Dearborn	Beer & Wine Retailer – Restaurant	Aurora
DE01	Beer Retailer – Restaurant	Lawrenceburg
DE02	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Moore's Hill
DE03		
Decatur	Beer & Wine Retailer – Restaurant	Westport
DEC01		
Elkhart	Beer & Wine Retailer – Restaurant	Elkhart
EL01	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Goshen
EL02	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Goshen
EL03	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Millersburg
EL04		
Fayette	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Connersville
FA01	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Connersville
FA02	Beer & Wine Dealer – Grocery Store	Connersville
FA03		
Floyd	Beer & Wine Dealer – Grocery Store	New Albany
FL01		
Greene	Beer & Wine Dealer – Grocery Store	Linton
GR01		
Hamilton	Beer Wine & Liquor – Package Store	Arcadia
HAM01	Beer & Wine Retailer – Restaurant	Atlanta
HAM02		
Hancock	Beer Wine & Liquor – Drug Store	New Palestine
HAN01		
Hendricks	Beer Retailer – Restaurant	Avon
HE01	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Danville
HE02	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Plainfield
HE03	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Plainfield
HE04	Beer Wine & Liquor – Restaurant (210)	Plainfield
HE05		
HENRY		



LEGAL LEGALS CLASSIFIED

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
The Trustees of Purdue University will receive sealed bids for the following projects until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on the 17th day of December, 2020 in the 2550 Northwestern Avenue Facility, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906. 1. West Lafayette Campus – Black Cultural Center Flat Roof Replacement – 2020 2. West Lafayette Campus – Multiple Tunnels Infrastructure Repair – 2020 3. West Lafayette Campus – Stewart Center Elevator Repair – 2020 Bids will then be opened and read aloud in Suite 1100 of the 2550 Northwestern Avenue Facility, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Bids received after such time will be returned unopened. Bids may be withdrawn prior to such time, but no bids shall be withdrawn after a period of sixty (60) days thereafter. The Principal Subcontractor Questionnaire listing the names of the bidder's principal subcontractors shall be submitted with the bid. The remainder of the Questionnaires and Material Lists shall be submitted prior to 3:00 p.m. (EST) on the 24th day of December, 2020, to: Capital Program Management, 2550 Northwestern Avenue Facility, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906 Phone (765) 494-0580 Bids shall be for complete construction only, properly executed and submitted on Form 96, accompanied by executed Form 96A (as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts) giving financial data as required by 350-10-1, and a Non-Collusion Affidavit together with other documents as required by the Instructions to Bidders and addressed to The Trustees of Purdue University, clearly marked with the project and the bid opening date. Each bid must be accompanied by the Contractor's written plan for a program to test the contractor's employees for drugs in accordance with IC 2-1-13-18. Each bid must be accompanied by a Contractor's Combination Bid Bond and Bond for Construction in the form included in the specifications made payable to The Trustees of Purdue University in an amount equal to the maximum total of the base bid and any alternate bids, guaranteeing the execution and faithful performance of the contract for the work if awarded. The Instructions to Bidders contained in the specifications for the projects are by this reference made a part hereof, and all bidders shall be deemed advised of the provisions thereof, and of the General Conditions of the contract, specifications, plans and drawings for the project. A mandatory pre-bid meeting for Project No. 1 will be held on November 30, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. EST. Please meet at the South entrance of the Black Cultural Center (BCC), located at 1100 Third St., West Lafayette, IN. A voluntary pre-bid meeting for Project No. 2 will be held on November 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. EST. Please meet at the South entrance of Stoner Hall (STON), located at 700 W. State St., West Lafayette, IN. There is no pre-bid meeting scheduled for Project No. 3. The architectural/engineering firms for these projects are: Project No. 1 Etica Group, 407 Broadway Street, New Haven, IN 46774 Phone (260) 748-0591 ext. 202 Fax (317) 536-3930 Project No. 2 CE Solutions, Inc., 10 Shoshone Dr., Carmel, IN 46033 Phone (317) 818-1912 Fax (317) 818-1912 Project No. 3 Arsee Engineers, Inc., 9715 Kincaid Drive, Suite 100, Fishers, IN 46037 Phone (317) 594-5152 Fax (317) 594-9590 To view or obtain bid documents online: Repro Graphix Inc., 437 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 Web: PurduePlanroom.com Phone: 1-800-718-0035 Email: ePlanroom@Reprographix.com A \$300 deposit will be required for each hardcopy set of bidding documents. One compact disk or download is available at no charge. Postage and handling fee may apply. All orders must be placed online but bidders may choose to pick up orders at: Purdue Print & Digital Services delivered by Xerox: 698 Central Ave., West Lafayette, IN 47907 Phone: (317) 494-2006 Bidding Documents are on file in the office of: Senior Vice President for Administrative Operations, 2550 Northwestern Avenue Facility, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Phone (765) 494-0580 The Board of Trustees of The Trustees of Purdue University reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive to the extent permitted by law, any of the terms, conditions and provisions contained in this Advertisement for Bids or the Instructions to Bidders or any informality, irregularity or omission in any bid, provided that such waiver shall, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, be to the advantage of the Trustees of Purdue University. THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY By James K. Keefe Senior Director of Capital Program Management Date: 11/2/2020 hspaxlp 11/13/20 11/27/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

**BIDDING NOTICE FOR MBEWBEIVBE/DOBE**  
Company: Glendene Centre, LLC.  
Bid: Phase II, Macy's Repositioning  
Bid Description: Renovation of the existing Macy's building including the removal of the existing tenant spaces. Glendene Centre, LLC. is seeking qualified MBE, WBE, VBE and DOBE for the upcoming project.  
Description of Subcontractor Opportunities for MBEWBE/VBE/DOBE:  
1. Demolition  
2. Landscaping  
3. Landscaping  
4. Asphalt Paving  
5. Concrete Curbs  
6. Concrete Paving  
7. Concrete Sidewalks  
8. Masonry  
9. Metal Stud Framing  
10. Rough Carpentry  
11. Finish Carpentry  
12. HM Doors and Hardware  
13. Overhead Doors  
14. Structural Casework  
15. Drywall  
16. Painting  
17. Flooring  
18. Specialty Flooring  
19. Metal Storefront & Glazing  
20. Membrane Roofing  
21. Fire Protection  
22. Plumbing  
23. Mechanical & HVAC  
24. Electrical  
Kite Realty Contact Person: Matt Koenig, (317) 713-2749, mkoenig@kite.com  
Bid Date: December 10, 2020 at 3:00 pm EST. (Late Bids will not be accepted)  
Prebid: November 16, 2020 at 2:00 pm EST. Macy's Building, 6101 North Keystone Avenue  
Drawings: Can be obtained through one of the bidding General Contractors or from the Kite Realty contact person.  
Bid Submission: To the Bidding General Contractors only, General Contractors Bidding the Project:  
1. Wilhelm Construction, Attention, Andy Lock (317) 359-5411  
2. Pepper Construction, Attention, Mike McCann (317) 681-1000  
3. Shiel Sexton, Inc., Attention, Matt McCann (317) 423-6102 hspaxlp 11/13/20

STATE OF INDIANA

Legal Notice  
STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATION  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
ON BEHALF OF:  
Indiana Department of  
Environmental Management  
SOLICITATION FOR:  
Waste Tire Removal  
and Disposal Services;  
RFP 21-3530  
PROPOSAL DUE DATE:  
January 7, 2021 by 3:00  
PM EST  
https://www.in.gov/  
idoa/2354.htm  
hspaxlp 11/13/20

SUMMONS

SUMMONS SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION SS: )  
Court: Marion County Circuit )  
Cause No. )  
49C01-1909-PL-040620 )  
CHRISTOPHER LUCAS, )  
Plaintiff )  
vs. )  
Andrea Flemmonds, )  
Treasurer of Marion County, )  
Indiana; City of Indianapolis, )  
Department of Neighbor- )  
hood Services; and Auto )  
Sales & Service, Inc., )  
Defendants. )  
You are notified that you have )  
been sued in the above- )  
referenced Court. )  
The nature of the suit against )  
you is: Defendant Andrea )  
Flemmonds is suing you as )  
Plaintiff to accept title to the )  
following described real es- )  
tate located in Marion Coun- )  
ty, Indiana under a promise )  
that she would reconvey said )  
real estate to Plaintiff, but has )  
failed to do so, and Plaintiff )  
seeks a judgment against )  
Flemmonds for construc- )  
tive fraud and a judgment )  
against all Defendants to )  
cancel title to said real estate. )  
Lot 634 in North Eastwood, )  
Fifth Section, )  
An addition to the City of )  
Indianapolis, Marion County, )  
Indiana, the plat of which is )  
recorded in Plat Book 21, )  
Pages 93 and 94, in the Of- )  
fice of the Recorder of Mar- )  
ion County, Indiana, )  
commonly known as 3438 )  
N. Galeston Avenue, India- )  
napolis, Indiana 46226. )  
This summons by publica- )  
tion is specifically directed to )  
the following named Defen- )  
dants whose addresses are: )  
Treasurer of Marion County, )  
200 E. Washington St., )  
1001, Indianapolis, IN 46204; )  
City of Indianapolis, De- )  
partment of Business and )  
Neighborhood Services, )  
1201 Madison Ave., Suite )  
100, Indianapolis, IN 46226; )  
and Auto Sales & Service, )  
Inc., c/o Terry Goins, 2701 E. )  
Washington, St., Indianapo- )  
lis, IN 46201 )  
And to the following Defen- )  
dant, whose address is un- )  
known: Andrea Flemmonds. )  
If you have a claim for relief )  
against the Plaintiff arising )  
from an interest in the above- )  
referenced real estate, or )  
other claim, you must assert )  
it in your written answer. )  
You must answer the Com- )  
plaint in writing by or before )  
thirty (30) days after the )  
Third Notice of the lawsuit )  
and if you fail to do so judg- )  
ment will be entered against )  
you for what the Plaintiff has )  
demanded. )  
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk )  
10/30/20 )  
11/06/20 )  
11/13/20 )

SUMMONS

MDK # 20-005396  
STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION SS: )  
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR )  
COURT #14 )  
CAUSE NO. )  
49D14-2009-MF-032059 )  
Deutsche Bank National )  
Trust Company, as Inden- )  
ture Trustee of the Aames )  
Mortgage Investment Trust )  
2004-1 )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
Phillip Holder, AKA Phillip E. )  
Holder, et al. )  
Defendants. )  
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS )  
BY PUBLICATION )  
To: Aames Funding Cor- )  
poration d/b/a Aames Home )  
Loan: )  
BEIT KNOWN, that Deutsche )  
Bank National Trust Com- )  
pany, as Indenture Trustee of )  
the Aames Mortgage In- )  
vestment Trust 2004-1, the )  
above-named Plaintiff, by )  
its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, )  
has filed in the office of the )  
Clerk of the Marion Superi- )  
or Court #14 its Complaint )  
against Defendant Aames )  
Funding Corporation d/b/a )  
Aames Home Loan, and the )  
said Plaintiff having also filed )  
in said Clerk's office the af- )  
favit of a competent person )  
showing that the residence )  
and whereabouts of the )  
Defendant, Aames Fund- )  
ing Corporation d/b/a Aames )  
Home Loan, upon diligent )  
inquiry is unknown, and that )  
said cause of action is for de- )  
fault 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 Eighty Four )  
(84) in Westminster Park, )  
an addition to the City of In- )  
dianapolis, the plat of which )  
is recorded in Plat Book 21, )  
Page 189, in the Office of the )  
Recorder of Marion County, )  
Indiana, )  
commonly known as 1906 )  
North Holmes Avenue, India- )  
napolis, IN 46222. )  
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 Defen- )  
dant for the relief demanded )  
in the Complaint. )  
Dated, )  
Clerk, Marion Superior Court )  
#14 )  
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06) )  
Stephanie A. Reinhart )  
(25071-06) )  
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840- )  
64) )  
Chris Wiley (26936-10) )  
Nicholas M. Smith (31800- )  
15) )  
Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64) )  
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@manley- )  
deas.com )  
10/30/20 )  
11/06/20 )  
11/13/20 )

SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT )  
COURT )  
CAUSE NUMBER: )  
49C01-2007-MI-024291 )  
MAYENSTAR MORTGAGE )  
LLC, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
LNVN Funding, LLC )  
Deonshay S. Bigham )  
Oxygen Concentrator )  
Solutions )  
Defendants. )  
NOTICE OF SUIT )  
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY )  
PUBLICATION )  
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46235 )  
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c/o William J. Huff, Regis- )  
tered Agent )  
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Greensburg, IN 46142 )  
LNVN Funding LLC )  
c/o Corporation Service )  
Company, Registered Agent )  
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Street )  
Indianapolis, IN 46204 )  
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known: )  
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the Plaintiff has demanded. )  
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STATE OF IND )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
IN THE MARION COUNTY )  
SUPERIOR COURT 12 )  
DIWAYNE MOMENT, )  
Plaintiff )  
vs. )  
ANTHONY NICKLE and )  
STATE FARM MUTUAL )  
AUTOMOBILE )  
INSURANCE COMPANY )  
Defendants )  
CAUSE NO. )  
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DREASON REED: Local leaders react to grand jury decision

By STAFF

“We like to believe that justice is clear, recognizable and a product of a collec- tive consensus. Justice should be obvious. However, too often when it has come to the death of Black males in police action shoot- ings there has not been a clear, recogniz- able, and collective community consensus on whether justice has been achieved.

Distrust, apprehension and even anger are the product of the Black community ex- perienicing one justice system while every- one else has the protection of another.

Peaceful protest is the language of the un- heard and a constitutional right that should be protected. But beyond protesting, the AACI commits to its ongoing work of creat- ing a relationship between the police and the community built on trust, shared ac- countability and mutual respect. We hope that things for which we have advocated for and are being implemented including im- plicit bias training, body cameras, de-esca- lation training, citizens on both the use of force and general orders boards are steps to prevent future police action shootings and promote existence of real accountability.”

— African American Coalition of Indianapolis

“Today my thoughts are with the family of Dreasjon Reed, who continue to grieve the loss of a son, a brother, and a friend. The events that led to the death of Mr. Reed have forced our community to confront the loss of this young life and have raised understandable questions produced by centuries of racism and mistrust.

From the beginning, I advocated for a transparent review of the incident – re- questing monitoring from federal authori- ties and supporting the appointment of a special prosecutor to lead the Indiana State Police investigation. Today's announce- ment by Special Prosecutor Khoury draws this process to a close, with the empaneled grand jury declining to issue an indictment.

This decision ends the criminal review of the interaction but it doesn't heal the divides in our community caused by a heartbreaking incident such as this. I offer my sincere thanks to the many faith and community leaders who have advocated for law enforcement reforms, including the creation of a Use of Force Review Board, changes to our Use of Force Policy, the implementation of body cameras, and a citizen-majority General Orders Board. These reforms are meaningful steps for- ward as we continue to build new trust between Indianapolis neighborhoods and our police department.”

— Mayor Joe Hogsett

“We are grateful to Prosecutor Khoury, Indiana State Police Superintendent Carter and all the troopers who participated in this investigation, as well as the citizens who served on the grand jury for ensuring a fair and just investigative process and a transparent outcome.

We also extend our thanks to Indianapolis residents for awaiting the conclusion of this lengthy and intensive process alongside us. We understand that this result may be frustrating for some of our residents, but it is our hope that the full transparency offered by Prosecutor Khoury and Super- intendent Carter will help to move our city forward, improve the relationship between our officers and neighborhoods, and bring us closer to healing the division in our com- munity. We look forward to continuing a productive dialogue with our residents and building the types of partnerships with our neighborhoods that prevent violence.”

— Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

“Today's announcement of the grand jury findings in the death of Dreasjon Reed re- calls the long and complicated relationship between local law enforcement and many in our community.

Moving forward, we cannot ignore the fact that Black residents of Indianapolis have long experienced justice—and the justice system—very differently from our white neighbors. That history has very naturally resulted in mistrust, anger, and anguish on all sides. The challenge that lays before us now is to redress that painful past without allowing it to define our future.

This Council continues to be committed to the work of building that trust between law enforcement and all members of the city they serve, but we recognize we can-

not do it alone. We welcome the participa- tion of our faith community, our activist community, our business community, and our law enforcement community as we look toward a future that is built on trust, transparency, mutual respect, and under- standing.

In our democracy, activism and peaceful protest are fundamental. The Council urges those exercising their first amendment rights to do so peacefully.”

— City-County Council President Vop Osili

“The Greater Indianapolis Branch of the NAACP asks for peace in the community as Special Prosecutor Rosemary Khoury and the grand jury concludes the Reed investi- gation by issuing no charges. We, like Pros- ecutor Khoury, believe there are no winners in this tragic circumstance. The Branch appreciates the transparency of the inves- tigation and giving the community as close to a full disclosure as permitted by the law.

The NAACP has long-standing experi- ence with issues involving police use of force. We need an ongoing dialogue that continues to reimagine policing within the greater Indianapolis community. The task may seem daunting, but we feel Indianapo- lis will rise to meet the challenge.

We appeal to community members who wish to express themselves to do so in a peaceful manner and not engage in de- terimental conduct which undermines our cause. By remaining peaceful, the overall message of respect and transparency in policing will not get lost.

Again, our hearts are with Dreasjon Reed's family, the IMPD family and the Indianapolis community as we begin to move forward in the healing process.”

— Greater Indianapolis NAACP President Chrystal Ratcliffe

“The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus has a mission to advocate for those in need and ensure that we do our best to protect our constituents. As you are aware, threats of violence and fear are among us. Today, the decision of the grand jury in the Dreas- jon Reed case was announced. It is our sincerest intention to extend to the family of Mr. Reed our deepest condolences.

While we respect engagement and dem- onstrations, we want to encourage every- one to be cautious. The IBLC will remain vigilant and continue to monitor the situ- ation. We implore everyone to remain safe and remember that we are in the middle of global pandemic. Please treat each other with humanity and kindness.”

— Indiana Black Legislative Caucus

“Today's lack of accountability is disap- pointing. My heart remains with the family of Dreasjon Reed during this painful time. Today's decision underscores the need for changes like the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

It also illustrates why we need vigilance to bring about systematic change. Thanks to all who have remained steadfast in the fight for justice. Keep up the important work, and I'll remain by your side.”

— U.S. Rep. André Carson (via Twitter)

Today, the Indianapolis Urban League is saddened and frustrated with the Grand Jury's decision not to file criminal charges against the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer who shot and killed 21-year-old Dreasjon Reed on May 6th of this year; citing insufficient evidence. The Reed family remains in the thoughts and prayers of the Urban League and so many in this community.

“The Indianapolis Urban League is vigor- ously advocating for accountability mea- sures within the ranks of our law enforce- ment agencies by closely monitoring the rollout of police officer body cameras and the implementation of a majority civilian representation on the Use of Force Review Board. We also stand in unity with the African American Coalition of Indianapo- lis, other community partners and civic and corporate allies who are also advocating for improved transparency and accountability for police actions in our city,” said Tony Mason, Indianapolis Urban League. “As we continue to lift our voices for social justice, we must not allow our actions to overshadow our message for accountability and affirm our commitment to non-violent protests,” said Mason.

— Indianapolis Urban League



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## Colts looking quite average at halfway point

By **DANNY BRIDGES**

I remember it well, the day I proclaimed the Indianapolis Colts were simply an average football team and predicted they'd go 8-8 and in the process miss the playoffs. My email inbox became full with comments ranging from people saying I was insane (maybe) and that I knew nothing about the NFL.

Now here we are at the halfway point of the regular season, and while they are a game up on the .500 mark, to yours truly they still look like a rather pedestrian bunch with the exception of a few moments.

First and foremost, take a look at their schedule. Now, before you say they have no control over the slate of opponents the league assigns, think about that. A team's previous season performance weighs heavily into their strength of schedule the following year, and while the NFL likes to point to preserving parity, I prefer to say it's the award for mediocrity.

That aside, the guys with horseshoes on their helmet and a warm place in the hearts of many in Central Indiana have benefited greatly from seeing the likes of the Jets, Bengals and the Bears all before the mid-season point, not to mention the Jaguars and the Browns, who just happen to represent two of their three losses to date this season.

That alone dispels the statistical theory that the Colts are the third-best defensive team in the league, as we all know your stats are based on who you've played without taking into account the balance of the teams you haven't faced. Up until last Sunday the Colts hadn't played a legit Super Bowl contender, and it showed in the second half at home against Baltimore.

When you combine that with an aging quarterback, no legitimate deep threat at wide receiver and the inability to consistently run the ball, it looks to be a tough row to hoe with opponents of the likes of Tennessee (twice), Green Bay and Pittsburgh on the horizon.

Sure, there's generally only a half-dozen or so teams every year who can win the Super Bowl, and while that trend remains intact this season, the Colts are not in that category.

Yes, they've had some injuries and some players, shall we say, define the term underachieving, but in the words of the late NFL coach Dennis Green, they are who we (OK, me anyway) thought they are. With some winnable games left it's still mathematically possible they could sneak into the playoffs, but I haven't seen anything so far to make me change my opinion and apologize for my prediction. Regardless, I respect you Colts fans, and I want you to be happy with your team that's largely driven by our tax dollars and your hard-earned money on game day.

Perhaps my expectations aren't as high as yours, and that's fine too, as I readily admit I'm spoiled in the sense that I don't pay for a ticket.

This season is like none other when you take COVID-19 into consideration, but your team will forge ahead. Just don't be upset if my prediction comes to pass. It's nothing personal.

*Danny Bridges, who thinks the Colts are lucky to have the rabid fans who infiltrate his email with less than complimentary remarks, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at Bridgeshd@aol.com.*

### SPORTS QUIZ

By **Ryan A. Berenz**

**1. What is the name of the fuzzy blob that serves as mascot for the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers?**

**2. What mixed martial arts fighter won a major upset at UFC 193 in 2015 and gave Ronda Rousey her first loss?**

**3. What team selected goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck with their first pick in the 1993 NHL Expansion Draft?**

**4. How many double stitches are hand-sewn on the cover of an official Major League baseball?**

**5. The Hopman Cup tennis tournament is named after Harry Hopman, a player and coach from what country?**

**6. Who did unheralded boxer Hasim Rahman knock out to win the unified heavyweight championship in April 2001?**

**7. Nick Nolte and country music artist Mac Davis starred in what 1979 football comedy film?**

#### Answers

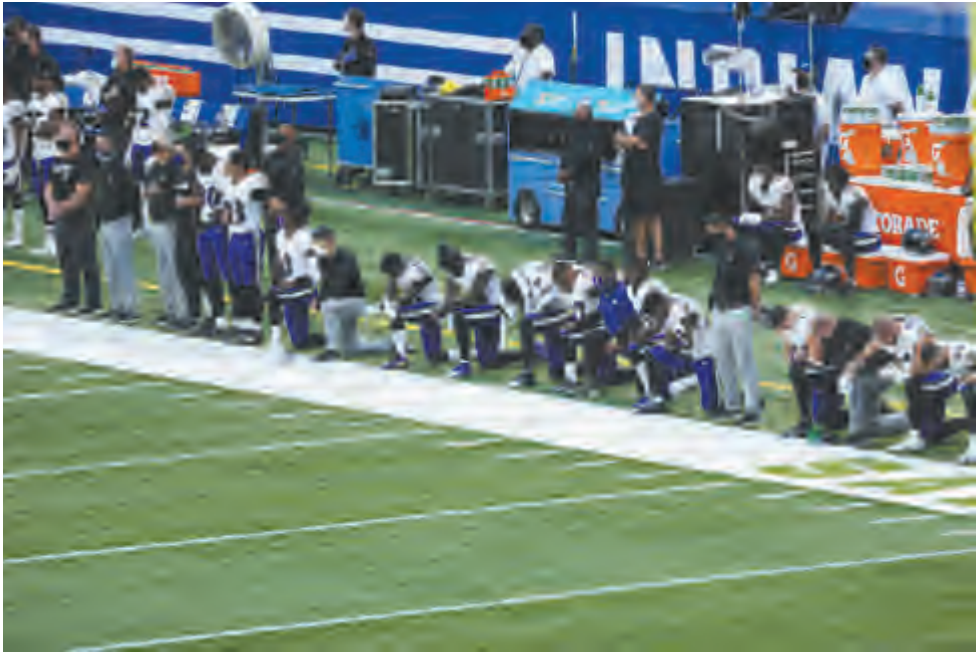
1. Big Red.
2. Holly Holm.
3. The Florida Panthers.
4. 108.
5. Australia.
6. Lennox Lewis.
7. "North Dallas Forty."

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Attendance at Colts games in Indianapolis is still limited because of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photos/ David Dixon)

Event staff hold signs reminding fans to wear a face covering unless they are eating or drinking.



Some players for the Baltimore Ravens kneeled during the national anthem before the game Nov. 8 at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Colts linebacker Darius Leonard helps make a tackle on a Ravens ball carrier early in a 24-10 loss to Baltimore. Leonard finished with a team-high 13 tackles.



Colts running back Jonathan Taylor leaps over the pile at the goal line for a touchdown on one of his six carries. Taylor rushed for 27 yards but also had a fumble that Baltimore returned for a touchdown.