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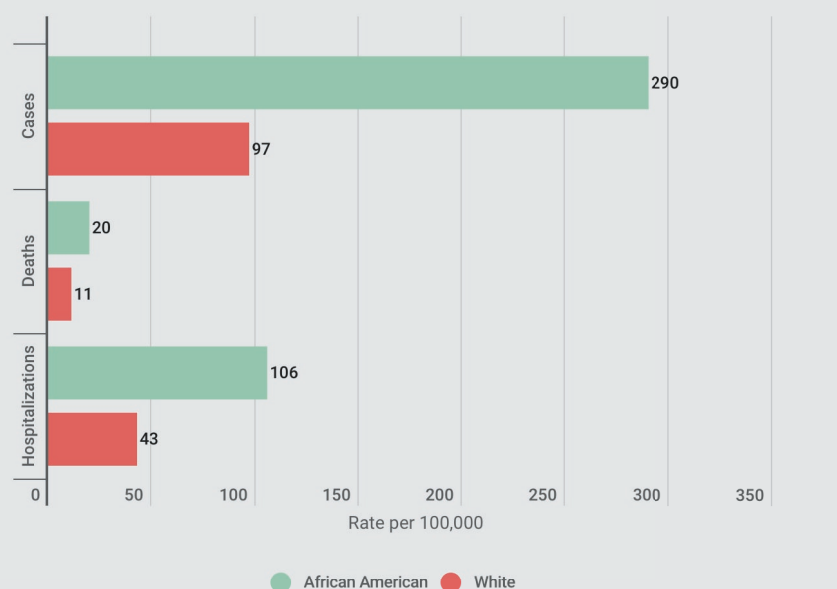
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African Americans twice as likely as whites to die from COVID-19 in Marion County

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As president of a neighborhood association, Linda Ellis gets to meet a lot of people in her community and develop relationships.

COVID-19 breakdown by race in Marion County



During a time like this, though, that also means getting a front-row seat to the devastation caused by COVID-19.

Ellis is president of the Northwest Neighborhood Planning Development Corporation and knows of at least seven deaths in the 46208 zip code, which surrounds Crown Hill Cemetery and stretches as far north as 64th Street.

Nearly half of the residents are Black, and median income is about three-fifths of what it is in the rest of the state, according to census data. "I feel that we've been neglected," Ellis said. "... This virus is nothing new. It's just uncovering the lack of resources and health care."

African American residents in Marion County are almost twice as likely than whites to die from COVID-19, according to data released by the Marion County Public Health Department on April 20.

African Americans are also three times as likely as whites to have a confirmed case of COVID-19 and 2 1/2 times as likely to be hospitalized.

The county health department also released data about age and gender. It did not include raw numbers, only rates based on population size.

For example, 20 African Americans have died per 100,000 African



Advocates want Indiana prisoners released amid COVID-19 fears

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Rev. Mmoja Ajabu has been advocating for better conditions for Indiana inmates for years, but his cause is more urgent in the wake of COVID-19. As a man of faith, he said his advocacy stems from "serving a God of justice." But, it's also personal.

Ajabu's son is currently serving a life sentence at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. Earlier this month, Ajabu's sister and brother-in-law died of complications related to COVID-19. Now, Ajabu is worried his son is at risk of contracting the virus if inmates aren't released to help flatten the curve.

"I'm concerned about everybody," he said, "but when you talk about my son, obviously my concern for him is greater. That doesn't minimize my concern for everyone else. I just want humans to be humane towards other humans. If we're all in this together, let's be humane."

Ajabu is one of many pressuring Gov. Eric Holcomb to follow in the footsteps of California and New York in releasing nonviolent offenders to reduce crowding in Indiana prisons and jails. During his daily press conference April 14, Holcomb said he has no plans to follow suit.

In the press conference April 13, Holcomb said inmates are safer in jails and prisons than

One house, five people — all (likely) had COVID-19

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Gene Murray was on his third dose of antibiotics, trying to get rid of a cough, headache, fever and other symptoms that were piling on.

It was March 17, two weeks after Murray first developed a cough.

His wife, Alicia, found him in the bed about an hour after Gene said he was going to shower. He was struggling to breathe.

Alicia had already distanced herself from social media and the news because it was too much to see the toll of COVID-19. Now, here was her husband, an otherwise healthy 48-year-old father of three, knocked off of his feet. "Are you scared?" Alicia asked him.

He said yes. "Being afraid at home is not gonna do any of us any good," she told him.

Alicia drove Gene to the emergency room at St. Vincent, where he got the antibiotics from a virtual visit with a doctor.



Gene Murray

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He was tested for COVID-19 but didn't get the result back until March 27. It was positive.

Gene, who is an engineer, was hospitalized after his ER visit for four days. Doctors told him to assume he had the virus while he waited for the test to come back, and that everyone else in his house also had it.

Looking back, it makes sense that everyone else had the virus at some point.

Sydney, the Murrays' middle daughter, was the first in the house to show symptoms, starting March 13. It was the first day North Central High School, where she goes to school, was closed.

The Friday before, Sydney and hundreds of other students and fans were at Lawrence Central High School for boys basketball sectional games. In the weeks following, at least five people who were at the gym died from complications with COVID-19, according to an article by Kyle Neddenriep of IndyStar.

Sydney, 16, said she had a fever that went up and down, developed a bad cough, and her chest was tight. Her lungs made a "gurgling sound."

But Sydney, like her mother and two sisters, has sinus and allergy issues. Many of the symptoms of COVID-19 could easily be mistaken for a sinus

infection.

Alicia had a cough she couldn't control and thought it was just "the worst head cold in the world" — until it became obvious that everyone was likely dealing with something beyond the normal cold or sinus infection.

"Everything kind of made sense that it would be something else," she said.

The silver lining for the Murrays was that everyone was able to isolate together. Alicia initially made plans for everyone to stay in different parts of the house, but that turned about to be unnecessary since everyone was told to just assume they were infected.

The Murrays' youngest daughter, 11-year-old London, has severe asthma, and 19-year-old Lauren seems to develop bronchitis every time she gets a cold.

But it was Gene who developed the worst of the symptoms.

"I just wanted to lay around and sleep all day," he said. "I didn't have any energy to do anything else."

Gene, who is also a volleyball coach, began working from home shortly after developing his symptoms. That means there's a possibility he spread it to coworkers when he was asymptomatic, but Gene said he has stayed in touch with others at his workplace and hasn't learned of



L-R: Lauren, Gene, London, Alicia and Sydney Murray all likely had COVID-19, but Gene was the only one who was actually tested. The test came back positive, and he was in the hospital for four days. (Photo to provided)

anyone else getting sick.

Any other time, a whole household falling ill to the same mysterious virus — with one going to the hospital for four days — would be an anomaly.

But the Murrays represent just one anecdote in a growing landscape of African American families who are contracting

COVID-19.

The Indiana State Department of Health says African Americans represent 16.9% of cases and 17.5% of deaths across the state, close to double their share of the population.

In Marion County, African Americans make up 42% of deaths, according to county health department data, but they're

only 29% of the population.

"It's disturbing in a lot of ways," Gene said. "... You can't live by 'it won't happen to me' because it's happening to us at an alarming rate."

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UPCOMING VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

The Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper is committed to bringing accurate and timely information and useful resources through the print and digital platforms.

"Should Indiana Return to Business as Usual or Continue Social Distancing?" virtual town hall will be 7 p.m. April 23 on both Facebook and Zoom.

Local leaders will address the issue of safely returning to work while minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Recent protests in Indianapolis, as well as other cities across the country, show many people are ready to return to work and recharge the economy, however, what are the risks associated with doing so now? Are there special considerations for the working class? This thought-provoking town hall will shed light on ways to move forward while still protecting our health.

Panelists are Congressman André Carson (D-Indianapolis); Dr. Virginia Caine, director of Marion County Public Health Department; Inez Evans, president and CEO of IndyGo; and Dr. David Hampton, deputy mayor of Neighborhood Engagement for Indianapolis.

Moderator is Recorder editor Oseye Boyd.

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Stimulus checks help some, leave out others

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Now that stimulus checks have hit Americans' bank accounts, many people are planning ahead on what they'll do with the \$1,200 in federal aid.

For Shaquona Ellis, the stimulus check means they can move out of a toxic environment.

"The check means I can move," Ellis, who uses they/them pronouns, said. "I was originally planning to move to a house with someone and leave my apartment. My roommates now are toxic and the new housemate understands me, including using my pronouns."

Ellis, 24, works for a nonprofit and is furloughed through the end of April and used paid vacation time to supplement this month's income. They also have picked up hours at a local bakery to make ends meet.

"The government is doing OK right now with the checks, but honestly, if this blows into May, they need a new plan and additional resources," they said. "Right now the work they're doing is a little Band-Aid for the problem, and I think they don't have anything else to support us."

While the stimulus check is a one-time supplement, Ellis is using what they learned from watching their parents get through the last recession in 2008.

"I learned how to deal with the basics," they said. "Like if my phone gets shut off, I can just go to a place with WiFi and I'm still good. I can survive on basic foods for meals and I know how much to use to make it

last for a long time."

Not everyone is eligible for a stimulus check. College students listed as dependents, individuals whose income was too high in 2019 and those who owe child support are among those who don't qualify.

Lauren Smith, 20, a sophomore in Indiana State University's nursing program, is not eligible for the stimulus check because she's listed as a dependent. Along with the various changes she and college students around the country are facing when it comes to online learning, her job — and finances — have been temporarily changed.

"This was a situation nobody had control over," Smith said, "but I think the government needs to do more because the numbers [of positive cases] are still rising."

Smith had her hours cut at the campus Center for Global Engagement, and while the university reimbursed her for housing fees and is allowing her meal plan to roll over into the next academic year, Smith feels she and other college students with reduced work hours would benefit from a stimulus check.

"The majority of my money goes to paying for my college fees and whatever equipment I need for the nursing program," Smith said.

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Shaquona Ellis

EDITORIAL

Connecting the dots of disparity, COVID-19 shows clear picture

By OSEYE BOYD



As COVID-19 tightened its stranglehold on America, one thing became clear with the release of data: African Americans are and will be hit hardest — physically, mentally and financially.

Working for a publication that focuses on the Black residents of Indianapolis, it's our job to continually illuminate this disparity so it might someday change. But, it is heartbreaking; it is depressing; it is maddening to think and write about the disparities that ravage our community day after day, week after week.

However, I'm grateful COVID-19 is finally exposing just how deep those disparities go. What COVID-19 has done — and done so well — is connect the dots of race and disparity in all aspects of life for Black people. We often speak about intersectionality when it comes to race, sexuality and gender identification, but we need to expand the conversation to include socioeconomic status, health and education and probably more.

We know if you're Black, you're at a higher risk for complications from COVID-19 because of underlying conditions. Well, you're likely to have underlying

health conditions because of a poor diet and lack of health insurance or being underinsured (health care disparity).

Your insurance is determined by where you work. If you work in a low-wage job, you're likely to have insurance that may cost more than your check so you go without it. Or, you have insurance "just in case" but it covers the bare minimum and you don't want to use it for fear of expensive copays and high deductibles.

Many low-wage workers continue to be on the front lines, still going to work every day since the outbreak of this pandemic (income-gap disparity). Those low-wage workers whose jobs did shut down aren't working from home because that's not the nature of their job, so they're at home without pay, waiting for unemployment benefits and a stimulus check. And if they could actually work from home, they couldn't because they don't have internet access (digital divide). And guess who else can't work from home. Their children (education gap). The lack of internet access means their children simply can't wake up, sit in front of their laptop and e-learn. Is there even a computer to do this? Many families who are working hard just to make ends meet can't afford a computer. Previously, they went to the library to use the computer lab.

There's also the issue of transportation and where

one lives. Many classified as the working poor take public transportation because they can't afford a car (socioeconomic disparity). A large number of Indianapolis' Black residents live in a food desert, making them susceptible to poor health.

And while social distancing sounds good, let's face it, there are some among us who can't do this because their home isn't big enough, there are too many people in it, or they take care of a family member.

It's not a far-fetched scenario to think someone could be a grocery store worker who takes the bus to work every day then comes home to care for an unwell parent. The level of potential exposure and health risks in this one situation is off the charts, but this is the reality for a large swath of our community.

Some may say my ramblings are nothing more than that — hyperbolic ramblings — but this is reality for our community. This is why COVID-19 is so scary for our community. I know there are some among us who believe COVID-19 is doing exactly what it's supposed to do — ravage the Black community. However, this is too macabre for me. There would be no point in fighting if this were the case, and I believe in fighting systemic racism at every opportunity. COVID-19 gives us a clear picture of what we're up against — and it's a lot, but that's never stopped us before — and it won't now.

OPINIONS

My rights are not wrong

By LARRY SMITH



"All we say to America is, 'Be true to what you said on paper'... Somewhere I read of the freedom of assembly. Somewhere I read of the freedom of speech. Somewhere I read of the freedom of press. Somewhere I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for right!"

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. uttered these words in his final speech, which he delivered on April 3, 1968. King was in Memphis, Tennessee, to lead a march on behalf of that city's striking sanitation workers. These workers — who overwhelmingly were Black — were fighting for better working conditions, higher pay ... and basic respect. Fifty-two years later, that fight remains for virtually all low-wage workers. Fortunately, it appears that the pandemic has caused many Americans to appreciate the indispensable roles that such workers play in our society. (Perhaps history will conclude that this crisis created a catalytic effect that resulted in America giving these workers their due.)

In saying that he had "read somewhere" about the rights that he enumerated, King was making a rhetorical gesture in reference to the First Amendment of the Constitution. Ratified 229 years ago, this amendment (in theory) has afforded Americans the right not only to assemble peacefully, but also to associate with those who share our interests. King spoke to the fact that there is a man-made gap between the rhetoric and the reality. Still, it is no accident that this amendment is the concrete in the foundation of our unalienable rights. Along with

the right to vote, freedom of speech and assembly are the sine qua non of democracy.

Unfortunately, it has always been the case that too few Americans are outraged about the abridgement of said rights — unless it directly affects them. Similarly, too many Americans value and support these and other rights only to the extent that they perceive that the exercise thereof is their personal privilege. The most recent example of these phenomena can be witnessed in the spate of rallies that protest stay-at-home orders in various states. (Tell me how you feel about Colin Kaepernick's nonviolent protests against police brutality and I'll tell you how you feel about the gun-toting protestors who oppose stay-at-home orders that protect their own health.)

The anti-stay-at-home rallies have been conducted with the tacit (if not explicit) approval of President Trump. The protesters are angry that the orders keep them from living their lives as they normally would. Some have even hyperbolically referred to such orders as government "tyranny." While they tend to be strong supporters of the president, their actions do not necessarily align them with their fellow Republicans as a whole. (A recent poll by Politico revealed that 72% of Republicans want to continue social distancing.)

Predictably, high-profile supporters of the protests — and, by extension, of President Trump — have engaged in very disturbing and grossly inaccurate comparisons of the protestors to civil rights icons. (That is one reason that I began this column with a quote from King.) In general, these protestors and their cheerleaders are diametrically opposed to the principles on which the Civil Rights Movement was based.

For example, Stephen Moore, who

is a long-time advisor to President Trump, ridiculously compared the protestors to Rosa Parks, who is "the mother of the Civil Rights Movement." Not surprisingly, Moore is the same individual who publicly laughed at the notion that Trump's first action as president would be to "kick a Black family out of public housing" (i.e., to kick President Obama and his family out of the White House).

The comparison of these protestors to Parks purposely ignores the fact that, unlike as was the case with African Americans during the Civil Rights Movement, the government is not immorally abrogating these protestors' rights. And to the extent that stay-at-home orders (which are temporary) do curtail certain rights, the governors who enact them certainly do not do so based upon race. Further, the dignity of these protestors is not being compromised. Their bodies are not being attacked by police officers or dogs. Their humanity is not being questioned. Most importantly, their lives are not being threatened.

Of course, the advocacy of people like Moore is not aimed at the Black beneficiaries of heroes like Parks or King. His audience is composed primarily of disaffected working-class whites who feel aggrieved due to their having largely been left out of American prosperity for the past 40 years (and their angst at the nation's racial and cultural changes). While their economic anxiety is valid, their attributing their concerns to people of color — people who are fighting for the freedom that they take for granted — is not.

As has been frequently stated, equality looks like oppression to those who are not accustomed to sharing power. The monumental social and cultural shifts that America is underdoing feel to them like a zero-sum game in which

they (i.e., working- and middle-class whites) are on the losing end. (This is why, for example, the NRA falsely claims that it is "the nation's oldest civil rights organization.") Equally as important, these purveyors of racial strife cynically co-opt the language of civil rights and the plight of African Americans without actually supporting the steps that would remedy such inequality.

This is analogous to what theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer referred to as "cheap grace" as compared to "costly grace." In essence, Bonhoeffer argues that strictly practicing Christian discipleship (e.g., self-denial) is the "costly grace" that believers must pay in order to honor the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. By contrast, "cheap grace," in Bonhoeffer's estimation, is that which "costs" Christians nothing; it is taking Christ's sacrifice for granted. In short, Moore and his fellow-travelers wrap themselves in the rhetoric of struggle, but nakedly shun the reality of racial oppression. To borrow biblical language, they are not prepared to be "one with us in our suffering."

To be clear, I'm not writing to criticize these individuals for exercising their right to assemble peacefully. (I can mentally and emotionally separate the exercising of their rights from the motivation thereof.) However, it is clear that no matter how just or noble the cause, there is not a single city, town, municipality or hamlet in America wherein armed Black folks can storm government property while being secure in the knowledge that they won't be confronted with force — likely of the deadly variety. If you want to exercise your rights, don't tell us that our doing the same is wrong.

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Concerts on social media uplift and create community

By JONATHAN BIRDSONG



Without question, the viral pandemic of 2020 has put humanity in check. World-wide governmental shutdowns on communal activities and orders to stay at home to limit potential viral interactions has come with a myriad of feelings, from self-preservation to anxiety.

We tend to be social butterflies by nature. Americans, especially, as we

follow a traditional holiday gathering schedule that ranges from spring to winter. From Valentine's Day to Christmas to New Year's Day, festive revel is just sort of built into the American way of life.

Even in our person-to-person greetings, we seldom leave it to just saying "Hello" or even a simple handshake. We're the country that invented the celebratory team high five (we can thank MLB baseball for that), and I'm fairly sure "the dap" originated from the Black Panther movement. Regardless of our varying backgrounds, Americans thrive on physical greeting and interaction.

So, unless you're a person that already suffers from an extreme case of agoraphobia as Sigorney Weaver's character did in the movie "Copycat," or are accustomed to or comfortable with solitude — however necessary — the pandemic, and the subsequent isolation attached to it, comes with a significant weight of fear and stress.

Stay at home, stay safe are new norms that we don't have official Cliffs Notes for. The very nature of quarantine keeps us distanced from our loved ones, as we don't have total accessibility to our safety net of family and friends or the ability to "lean on one another" as the late Bill Withers once expressed in song.

How we get through this crisis together — while still practicing social distance — is still much of a mixed bag of answers. But the phenomenon that has been most encouraging in helping satisfy our need for connectivity is the music industry's reaction to

the pandemic.

Turning their affected "gig life" into an opportunity to not only entertain and promote their music, but to also help connect people worldwide, techno-savvy musicians have transformed their TikTok and Instagram live feeds into bi-weekly, mini living room concerts.

Who knew the random Tuesday in mid-March when celebrity DJ to the stars, D-Nice decided to turn his sporadically used IG account into an instant-party that his play would not only be a cure to break up some of the monotony that comes along quarantine life, but also be replicated in grassroots style by his industry peers.

Coming in the form of DJ battles, and other toned-down less pomp-and-circumstance performances, not only have the hip-hop likeminded such as Questlove and Erykah Badu contributed, but R&B legends Babyface and Teddy Riley have joined in the efforts to help rally spirits.

Of course, there's more than one way to skin a cat, beat the heat or pass the quarantine blues. Though there is nothing quite like seeing a show in person, these "quarantine concerts" are playing a fascinating role in keeping the general public uplifted. Each live show provides a unique and often unfiltered side than fans aren't privy to, offering a deeper look into the artist as whole. Through these at-home shows, they've found a niche opportunity to blend performance with community service. And like their viewers, artists are looking for ways to stay hopeful.

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A hero’s tribute

The city paid tribute to IMPD officer Breann Leath, who died in the line of duty April 9 while responding to a call. The hearse carrying Leath made a lap around Indianapolis Motor Speedway and then went to Crown Hill Cemetery, where she was laid to rest. Police lined the track at IMS wearing gloves and face masks. (Photo/ Curtis Guynn)



RACE

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American residents. That’s compared to 11 whites per 100,000 white residents.

Many in the medical community have pointed to preexisting health conditions — hypertension, asthma, heart disease, etc. — as a reason why African Americans are disproportionately harmed by COVID-19, but there’s more to it than that.

African Americans are more likely to have a job that doesn’t allow them to work from home, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

African Americans are also insured at a lower rate than whites, an issue made worse right now by a health care system in which more than half of Hoosiers get employer-sponsored coverage, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Add in transportation, access to healthy food and any number of other issues, and African American communities across Indianapolis had good reason to expect a dreadful outcome.

“Obviously, people in poverty are gonna be the last to be tested,” said Teddrick Hardy, who has been helping Haughville residents afford groceries and medication during the pandemic. Hardy said he’s been lucky so far to not come across anyone whose life was in danger because of the virus.

Ellis said her biggest request right now is to get mobile testing sites in her area. Testing has expanded since the start of the pandemic, but it’s still limited.

Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the county health department, said in an interview medical racism is also a factor. She suggested providers receive ongoing training about the impact of social determinants such as where you live and what kind of economic opportunities you have.

The minimum wage hasn’t gone up in years, and those who do have health insurance might be on a plan they effectively can’t use because the deductible is so high. These are issues some providers don’t account for and then wonder why patients aren’t following their recommendations.

“They don’t live in that world,” Caine said. “They base a lot of their assumptions on what resources they have, not what their client may have.”

It’s not a problem with every provider and facility, Caine said, but it’s certainly prevalent enough to be an issue.

In Detroit, for example, an African American man died in his chair at home from complications with COVID-19 after three hospitals turned him away when he complained about breathing difficulties and requested a test.

Gina Fears, assistant director of recovery and community services at Public Advocates in Community re-Entry (PACE), said this is also an especially difficult time for those going through addiction recovery.

It’s difficult for staff at PACE and other organizations to maintain contact with people and make sure they have what they need because offices are closed for the most part, and many professionals, including Fears, have been working remotely.

Fears got a call recently about a man who was mugged overnight and had his money and medication stolen. He’s not sure if he can go back to where he was living.

What’s more, Fears said, the place the man is staying has had a high number of people who tested positive for the virus.

This is the kind of situation that adds even more stress to an already burdensome recovery process.

“When we think of people that are just in a daily crisis with addictions or mental health issues, then this is the kind of stuff that’s going on around them,” she said.

Gina Lewis Alexander is vice president of Hope-side Senior Communities, which offers housing for low-income seniors, and said it’s been troubling to watch the toll the coronavirus has had on the elderly residents, most of whom are African American.

One resident lost her daughter in Chicago to the virus and is “totally depressed,” Alexander said. She hardly comes out of her apartment and doesn’t answer the door.

“Anything that threatens life can be dramatic to the elderly,” said Alexander, who is also first vice president of One Voice Martindale Brightwood. “... It creates a whole life or culture of fear.”

The new data for Marion County is part of a nationwide trend showing COVID-19 is disproportionately harming African Americans.

In Marion County, African Americans are hospitalized at a rate of 106 per 100,000, compared to 43 per 100,000 for whites. The rate of confirmed cases for African Americans is 290 per 100,000, compared to 97 per 100,000 for whites.

Information about race was not available for 37% of confirmed cases and 17% of deaths included in the data. A release from the county health department said the missing data is not significant enough to reverse the disparity.

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they would be if they were released.

“We’ve got our offenders in a safe place, we believe,” Holcomb said.

“Maybe even safer than just letting them out, to avoid contracting this COVID-19.”

In Indiana, African Americans comprise 30% of the prison population and only 9% of Indiana’s general population, according to Ariella Sult, communications director for ACLU of Indiana.

Issues such as mental health, addictions and difficulties paying bail lead to higher levels of incarceration for African Americans not because Black people commit more crime, said Rosie Bryant, lead organizer for Faith in Indiana, a local chapter of community network Faith in Action.

According to data released by the Indiana State Department of Health, African American Hoosiers make up over 18% of cases throughout the state, and 19% of COVID-19 related deaths.

Advocates say it’s likely this disparity will play out in prisons and jails — especially since cases of the virus are occurring between inmates and employees.

During the April 14 press conference, Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box confirmed the first death of an inmate following a positive COVID-19 test. The man, in his 70s and incarcerated at the Westville Correctional Facility. Since then, 87 inmates at Westville Correctional Facility have tested positive for COVID-19.

According to a representative from the Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC), 233 inmates across 10 Indiana correctional facilities tested positive for COVID-19 as of April 21. Seven Indiana inmates have died.

“We urge everyone to contact the governor and get him to reconsider,” said Jane Henegar, executive director of American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana. “It’s the overwhelming opinion of public health officials across the country that jails and prisons, especially those in Indiana that are overcrowded, are petri dishes for this virus.”

In what seems to be in conflict with Holcomb’s view, Box appears to agree with Henegar.

“Like any congregate living situation, our correctional facilities are ripe

for rapid transmission of COVID-19,” she said during a daily press conference.

Beyond inadequate facilities to effectively practice social distancing, prisoners are only tested if they exhibit symptoms. In neighboring Ohio, testing is more comprehensive and more prisoners are tested. Dr. Kristen Dauss, chief medical officer for the IDOC, said in an April 21 press conference there are no plans to replicate the testing procedure in Indiana.

Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett is taking a different approach. On March 12, Mayor Joe Hogsett directed Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department to issue summonses as opposed to arresting individuals outright for nonviolent offenses in order to curb overcrowding in Marion County jails. Marion County was one of the first counties in Indiana to begin releasing inmates at the beginning of the pandemic.

Advocates are concerned about everyone inside a jail or prison is at risk of contracting and spreading the virus. As of April 16, IDOC has confirmed that 58 staff members tested positive for COVID-19.

“Those guards come back out in the community and put everyone at risk,” Ajabu said.

The ACLU of Indiana penned an open letter calling for the release of those at high risk for complications from COVID-19, as well as those who were set to be released in the near future.

While a pandemic isn’t an ideal time to ease inmates into reentry, several foundations, including Lilly Endowment, created funds to help find housing and resources.

“This pandemic highlights the cost to society of having a system that goes default to incarceration,” Henegar said. “You can speculate a lot about what happens if people are released from jail ... but we can’t retain people in jails and prisons that are overcrowded, especially people who have underlying health situations that make them particularly susceptible.”

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Racial toll of virus grows even starker as more data emerges

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Associated Press

As a clearer picture emerges of COVID-19's decidedly deadly toll on Black Americans, leaders are demanding a reckoning of the systemic policies they say have made many African Americans far more vulnerable to the virus, including inequity in access to health care and economic opportunity.

Agrowing chorus of medical professionals, activists and political figures is pressuring the federal government to not just release comprehensive racial demographic data of the country's coronavirus victims, but also to outline clear strategies to blunt the devastation on African Americans and other communities of color.

On April 17, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released its first breakdown of COVID-19 case data by race, showing that 30% of patients whose race was known were Black. The federal data was missing racial information for 75% of all cases, however, and did not include any demographic breakdown of deaths.

The latest Associated Press analysis of available state and local data shows that nearly one-third of those who have died are African American, with Black people representing about 14% of the population in the areas covered in the analysis.

Roughly half the states, representing less than a fifth of the nation's COVID-19 deaths, have yet to release demographic data on fatalities. In states that have, about a quarter of the death records are missing racial details.

Health conditions that exist at higher rates in the Black community — obesity, diabetes and asthma — make African Americans more susceptible to the virus. They also are more likely to be uninsured, and often report that medical professionals take their ailments less seriously when they seek treatment.

"It's America's unfinished business — we're free, but not equal," civil rights leader Rev. Jesse Jackson told the AP. "There's a reality check that has been brought by the coronavirus, that exposes the weakness and the opportunity."

Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition and the National Medical Association, a group representing African American physicians and patients, recently released a joint public health strategy calling for better COVID-19 testing and treatment data. The

groups also urged officials to provide better protections for incarcerated populations and to recruit more African Americans to the medical field.

Jackson also expressed support for a national commission to study the Black COVID-19 toll modeled after the Kerner Commission, which studied the root causes of race riots in African American communities in the 1960s and made policy recommendations to prevent future unrest.

Daniel Dawes, director of Morehouse College's School of Medicine's Satcher Health Leadership Institute, said America's history of segregation and policies led to the racial health disparities that exist today.

"If we do not take an appreciation for the historical context and the political determinants, then we're only merely going to nibble around the edges of the problem of inequities," he said.

The release of demographic data for the country's coronavirus victims remains a priority for many civil rights and public health advocates, who say the numbers are needed to address disparities in the national response to the pandemic.

The AP analysis, based on data through April 16, found that of the more than 21,500 victims whose demographic data was known and disclosed by officials, more than 6,350 were Black, a rate of nearly 30%. African Americans account for 14.2% of the 241 million people who live in the areas covered by the analysis, which encompasses 24 states and the cities of Washington, D.C., Houston, Memphis, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia — places where statewide data was unavailable.

The nation had recorded more than 33,000 deaths as of April 16.

In some areas, Native American communities also have been hit hard. In New Mexico, Native Americans account for nearly 37% of the state's 1,484 cases and about 11% of the state's population. Of the 112 deaths where race is known in Arizona, 30 were Native Americans.

After Democratic lawmakers introduced legislation this week to try to compel federal health officials to post daily data breaking down cases and deaths by race, ethnicity and other demographics, the CDC released only caseload data that — similar to the AP's analysis of deaths — show 30% of 111,633 infected patients whose race is known were Black. African American patients in the 45-to-64 and 65-to-74 age groups represented an even larger share of the national caseload.

The lawmakers sent a letter last month to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar urging federal release of the demographic data. And Joe Biden, the former vice president and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, also called for its release.

Meanwhile, some Black leaders have described the

Trump administration's response to COVID-19 as inadequate, after what they said was a hastily organized call with Vice President Mike Pence and CDC Director Robert Redfield last week.

According to a recording of the call obtained by the AP, Redfield said the CDC has been collecting demographic data from death certificates but that the comprehensiveness of the data depends on state and local health departments, many of which are overburdened by virus response. No plan was offered to help health officials in hard-hit communities collect the data, leaders who were on the call said.

Kristen Clarke, president of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which took part in the call, said African Americans "have every reason to be alarmed at the administration's anemic response to the disproportionate impact that this crisis is having on communities of color."

Mistrust runs deep among residents in many communities.

St. Louis resident Randy Barnes is grappling not just with the emotional toll of losing his brother to the coronavirus, but also with the feeling that his brother's case was not taken seriously.

Barnes said the hospital where his brother sought treatment initially sent him home without testing him and suggested he self-quarantine for 14 days. Five days later, his brother was back in the hospital, where he was placed on a ventilator for two weeks. He died April 13. Barnes' brother and his wife also were caring for an 88-year-old man in the same apartment, who died from the virus around the same time.

"Those people are not being tested. They're not being cared for," Barnes said.

Eugene Rush lives in one of the areas outside large urban cities that have been hit hard with coronavirus cases. He is a sergeant for the sheriff's department in Michigan's Washtenaw County, west of Detroit, where Black residents account for 46% of the COVID-19 cases but represent only 12% of the county's population.

Rush, whose job includes community engagement, was diagnosed with COVID-19 near the end of March after what he initially thought was just a sinus infection. He had to be hospitalized twice, but is now on the mend at home, along with his 16-year-old son, who also was diagnosed with COVID-19.

"I had a former lieutenant for the city of Ypsilanti who passed while I was in the hospital and I had some fraternity brothers who caught the virus and were sick at the hospital," Rush said. "At that point, I said, 'Well, this is really, really affecting a lot of people' and they were mostly African American. That's how I knew that it was really taking a toll a little bit deeper in the African American community than I realized."

COVID-19 Data Released for Marion County

As part of a continued effort to keep the community informed and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Marion County Public Health Department released data on COVID-19.

Results show a higher rate of COVID-19 cases and deaths among African-Americans, and poorer outcomes for men infected with the virus as compared to women, as well as those of older age groups.

As of April 16, Marion County had 3,320 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 164 deaths, with Indiana reporting 9,542 confirmed cases and 477 deaths. In Marion County, Whites are 56 percent of the population, Blacks are 29 percent, and Latino are 11 percent.

Based on case investigations conducted by the Marion County Public Health Department, African-American residents have been 3 times more likely than White residents to get diagnosed with a confirmed case COVID-19. Data shows 290 confirmed cases per 100,000 for African-Americans compared to 97 cases per 100,000 for Whites.

African-Americans in Marion County are 2.5 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 (106 per 100,000) than whites (43 per 100,000). The difference is also reflected in deaths, with African-Americans being twice as likely to die from COVID-19 (20 deaths per 100,000) than White residents (10.5 deaths per 100,000).

"Chronic health conditions such as heart disease, asthma, hypertension, diabetes, obesity and asthma will put any person at a higher risk for complications from a COVID-19 infection," said Virginia A. Caine, director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. "These health conditions, however, are more prevalent in the African-American community and, as a result, increase their chances of hospitalization and even

death from this virus."

An analysis of national data, published recently by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has also found a higher number of hospitalizations per population among African Americans than whites.

Racial and ethnic breakdowns of COVID-19 in Marion County are not yet fully available. Information according to race was not available for 37 percent of confirmed cases and 17 percent of deaths that were investigated. Despite this, the amount of missing data is not statistically significant enough to reverse the differences seen in the rates of illness and death between African-Americans and Whites.

COVID-19 data specific to the Latino population is still being gathered and evaluated.

The risk of illness and death from COVID-19 is also strongly related to age. Data reveals that the number of cases increased gradually from age 20 to age 65, and then increased more quickly. The risk of death from COVID-19 increased rapidly, from less than one death per 100,000 for people age 20 to 44 years old, to over 200 deaths per 100,000 for people age 85 years or older. In that age range, the risk of death tripled for every 10-20 years of age.

While a similar rate of men and women have been infected with COVID-19 in Marion County, men have been twice as likely to die from the disease, with 20 deaths per 100,000 for men, compared to 10 deaths per 100,000 women.

"Ensuring residents are well-informed and following the precautions outlined out by our public health professionals is key to this effort during a global pandemic," said Vop Osili, president of the Indianapolis and Marion County City-County Council.

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CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) IS DISPROPORTIONALLY KILLING BLACK AMERICANS.

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- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
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Financial support for churches continues during pandemic

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From a ban on large gatherings to virtual Easter Sunday services, COVID-19 has drastically changed how people worship, and how they give back to their churches.

“We’ve been blessed that people have continued to give to our church,” pastor Reginald Fletcher of Living Word Baptist Church said. “We’ve employed our electronic giving, and they’ve been sending offerings online.”

In addition to caring for congregants, pastors must also consider the long-term financial impact the pandemic will cause.

Fletcher said while the amount of offerings the church receives varies from week to week — just like before the pandemic — the money goes toward maintenance, the mortgage payment and salaries for church employees.

And while churches and other houses of worship aren’t considered “essential,” many are still working to support their communities. Living Word still conducts its food pantry, but now, it looks a little different.

“Instead of doing a regular food pantry, we do a drive-thru food pantry,” Fletcher said. “This past week, we were able to feed about 425 people. We put together food baskets and as people came, we distributed the food to their cars. We’ve been doing some prayer and work in the community as much as we can. Because of social distancing, they don’t really like for us to be out in the neighborhood, so we’re doing the food pantry and using social media to give words of encouragement every day.”

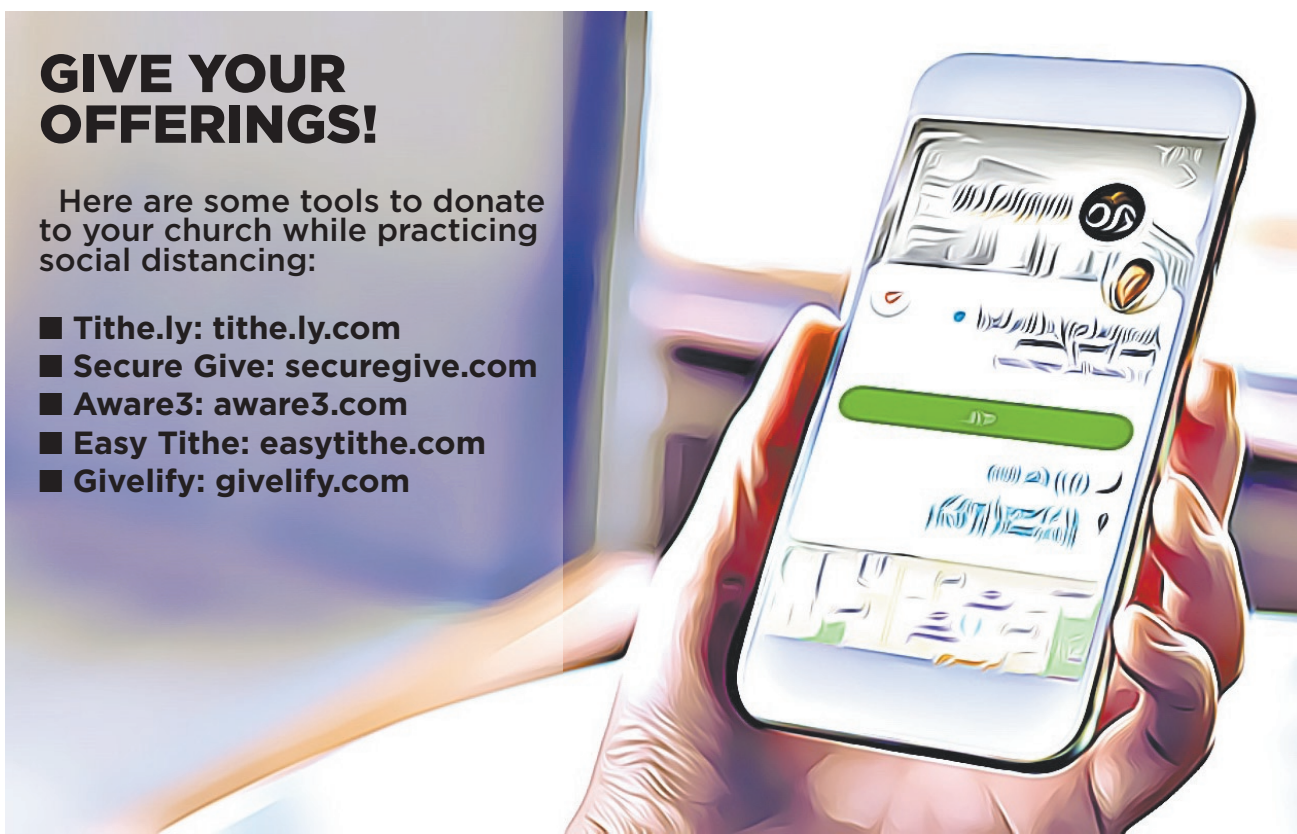
Pastor Keith McQueen, who leads Powerhouse Church of Deliverance, said his church has also changed the way it works in the community. Before the pandemic, Powerhouse served the community through a food pantry twice a week. Now, the church has a mobile service, where church staff delivers food to members’ houses by van.

McQueen said Powerhouse has seen an increase in offerings during the pandemic, which he said is unusual for many churches. However, he said donating money to churches isn’t the only thing church members can do to help their pastors and other members.

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Here are some tools to donate to your church while practicing social distancing:

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- **Secure Give:** securegive.com
- **Aware3:** aware3.com
- **Easy Tithe:** easytithe.com
- **Givelify:** givelify.com



“Pastors are really struggling mentally, emotionally and financially,” he said. “No pastors today have had to pastor during a pandemic. We haven’t seen anything like this since 1918, and most of us weren’t pastoring back then,” he added with a laugh. “Be sensitive to your shepherd’s time, they’re pastoring an entire group of people and trying to create a blueprint to keep the church sound during this.”

While Fletcher remains optimistic about how his church will hold up during the pandemic, he is aware of the risks that lie ahead if it goes on for much longer.

“Just like everybody else, the financial toll will eventually catch up to us,” he said. “We’re working with what reserves we have now, and eventually that reserve will run out. We’re confident that people will continue to support us and we have a pretty good base in our membership. ... They’re really a blessing.”

Despite the economic and social hardships the pandemic has caused, Fletcher sees this time as an

opportunity to reconnect, and a chance to remember why he worships.

“The biggest thing is to not forget [churches] financially,” he said. “But also, stay connected with one another, encourage one another with prayer. ... I believe this pandemic is giving us an out-of-the-box opportunity to think differently in terms of just not the way we worship, but why we worship. It’s not enough just to come together for the sake of coming together. Now, there’s a sense of appreciation and a sense of curiosity for those who have not had a relationship with God. They ask ‘Who is this God that you are serving in spite of what we’re going through?’ ... There’s a lot of questions being raised, and it’s an opportunity to share our faith and be a vehicle to let people know you can see God in different ways.”

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Muslims try to keep Ramadan spirit amid virus restrictions

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BAHTIM, Egypt (AP) — Every year during Ramadan, the Light of Muhammad Mosque sets up long tables on the street and dishes up free meals at sunset for the poor to break their daily fast. It’s a charity that many rely on in this impoverished district on the edge of the Egyptian capital.

But it’s too dangerous in this era of the coronavirus — in Egypt and in many Muslim countries, such as “Tables of the Compassionate” have been barred.

So the mosque, which like others in Egypt had to shut its doors as a precaution against the virus, will use the funds that would have gone into the free communal tables to distribute packed meals and cash to those in need.

“We hope this could ease their suffering,” said Sheikh Abdel-Rahman, the muezzin of the mosque in the district of Bahtim.

As Ramadan begins with the new moon, Muslims around the world are trying to maintain the cherished ritu-

als of Islam’s holiest month without further spreading the outbreak.

At the heart of Ramadan is the sunrise-to-sunset fast, meant to instill contemplation of God. But alongside the hardship of abstaining from food and drink for hours every day, the month sweeps everyone up into a communal spirit. Families and friends gather for large meals at sunset, known as iftars. In some countries, cafes and cultural events are packed late into the night. Worshippers go to mosques for hours of evening prayers, or “taraweeh.” Many devote themselves to charity.

Muslims now find themselves cut off from much of what makes the month special as authorities fight the pandemic. Many countries have closed mosques and banned taraweeh to prevent crowds. Prominent clerics, including in Saudi Arabia, have urged people to pray at home.

Governments are trying to balance restrictions with traditions.

Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Egypt loosened their curfews, moving them back to start anywhere from a half hour to 90 minutes after sunset. That gives time to get to Iftar, but not much:

people can’t go too far to visit others for the meal unless they’re prepared to stay the night.

Other countries have banned long internal travel. Syria gave people a window of two days this week to move between provinces, then restored its ban.

In Malaysia, Mohamad Fadhil said he was resigned to missing out on the surge in business at the Ramadan bazaar, where he and other sellers hawk food and drinks in crowded open-air markets. The bazaars have been shut down.

But he hoped the country’s lockdown will be eased so he can bring his 7-year-old daughter home. She was at his parents about an hour away when the lockdown began six weeks ago, trapping her there.

“I hope we can be together as a family during Ramadan,” he said.

In Indonesia, the world’s most populous Muslim nation, the government has banned millions of government employees, soldiers and police from traveling home during the Eid al-Fitr, the holiday marking the end of Ramadan.

“Fear of coronavirus has blocked us

from celebrating Eid with my parents,” said Rachmad Mardiansyah, a civil servant in Jakarta.

The loss of communal charity meals will particularly hurt as people lose jobs under coronavirus restrictions. Some are rushing to fill the void.

In Kashmir, the Muslim-majority territory contested by India and Pakistan, volunteers wearing masks and gloves drop off sacks of rice, flour, lentils and other staples for Ramadan at the doorsteps of those in need in the city of Srinagar.

They try to do it quietly, so not even the neighbors know they are receiving help.

“We have to take care of these people’s self-respect,” said one volunteer, Sajjad Ahmed.

Taib Soce, a famous Muslim preacher on Rfm, a private radio station in the Senegalese capital, Dakar, said that while the government is taking action, “the rich must also help the poor.”

“Solidarity must be in order. This is what the Prophet Muhammad did during times of war. COVID-19 is like a war,” he said.

Donors can’t help everywhere when need surges so quickly.

In the Gaza Strip, the group Salam Charitable usually receives donations from Turkey, Malaysia, Jordan and elsewhere for its Ramadan relief projects. Last year, it was able to distribute 11,000 food parcels and clothes for children. Charities are vital in Gaza, which has been under an Israeli-Egyptian blockade for 13 years, leaving more than half the population of 2 million under the poverty line.

This year, giving has dried up.

In Pakistan, powerful Muslim clerics forced the government to leave mosques open throughout Ramadan. Mullah Abdul Aziz of the Red Mosque in the capital, Islamabad, ordered adherents to pack communal prayers. Last Friday, worshippers were shoulder-to-shoulder.

Still, calls by influential Saudi clerics to stay home also have an effect.

“We hear on TV what the big imams say,” said Zaheer Abbas, an Islamabad resident who has been praying at home. “Praying is praying. God isn’t only in the mosque.”



A general view shows the closed El Sayeda Zainab Mosque, as muslims did not attend Friday prayers due to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in old Islamic Cairo, Egypt, April 17, 2020. (Photo/REUTERS/Mohamed Abd El Ghany)

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Social distancing, not social disconnecting

By SHEILA P. SPENCER

“Beloved, let us [unselfishly] [a]love and seek the best for one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves [others] is born of God and knows God [through personal experience].”

1 John 4:7

Life has been different for us this season, and we’re doing things we’d never thought we’d do.



But what has been the same is this reason, Jesus is present and always comes through

Even though some are sheltering in places and not physically able to be with everyone,

Jesus reminds us that we can worship in different places, yet spiritually we can be one.

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Let’s be more intentional to love, pray, care for, check on and be encouraging to one another.

Yes ...

Life has been different for us this season, and we’re doing things we’ve never had to do

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of us. Be kind to yourself. Extend grace to yourself and others. During a recent panel, my pastor shared during this season we need to release our Pre-COVID 19 expectations. Give yourself grace. If you create a business, a book and passion project, that’s fine. If you don’t do any of these things and learn to rest, you’re fine.

Essential giving — We are grateful for hospital staff, grocery workers, food service, childcare workers, delivery service providers and others who go out each day. Find creative ways to be a blessing. My friend posted an invitation to those who are essential workers to share their CashApp name in the comments so she could treat them to virtual meal and invited the rest of us to do the same. Reach out to them and ask them what they need. My friend is a chaplain and his response was simply “Laugh with me. — laughter is my medicine.” Each day we are sending each other something that makes us laugh until we cry. Be an essential blessing.

Ministry of Presence – One of the most transformative experiences of my life was during my time as volunteer chaplain. I learned about the ministry of presence and intentional listening. This season has filled some with moments of grief, sadness and anxiety. Take time to listen to each other. As you take time for others, then give yourself the gift of having someone listen to you. Listening is an act of love. One of the most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. The Chinese word for listen includes the symbol of ears for hearing, eyes to see, mind to think, heart to feel and undivided attention. God has also given us the gifts of counselors and therapists who can accompany us on this journey.

Give something away — During the week leading up to Resurrection Day, instead of giving something up, we were encouraged to give something away and be a blessing each day. It continues for me. Order some groceries for someone. Since parents are now homeschooling their children longer than expected, offer to read a book online. Send an email or text or write a letter. Take time to call someone.

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Blessed to be a blessing to you,

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By WILSON CASEY

- 1 Is the book of Joshua in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2 What’s the collective name of the first five books of the Bible? Pentimento, Pentateuch, Pensione, Pequod
 3 From Genesis 3:24, who/what guards the Garden of Eden? Roaring lions, Armed angels, Golden rams, God Himself
 4 What animal did God provide Abraham to sacrifice in place of Isaac? Dove, Calf, Ram, Camel
 5 From Joshua 14, to whom did Joshua give a blessing? Jacob, Caleb, Esau, Himself
 6 In the Bible, how many men are named “Dodo”? 1, 2, 3, 4

ANSWERS:

- 1) Old; 2) Pentateuch; 3) Armed angels; 4) Ram; 5) Caleb; 6) 3

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WHERE'S MY STIMULUS?

What you need to know about collecting your Economic Impact Payment

By BRITTANY SABALZA

It's mid-April and the time is finally here. Millions of taxpayers are receiving the economic relief that many have been waiting for.



The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service began sending out millions of stimulus payments to taxpayers nationwide. An expected 80 million stimulus checks, known as economic impact payments, are expected to be deposited to taxpayers' bank accounts this week alone.

The first payments will be issued starting with lower income taxpayers who filed a 2018 or 2019 return and have direct deposit information on file with the IRS.

The economic impact payment is \$1,200 for individuals, \$2,400 for married filers and an additional \$500 for each qualifying dependent under age 17.

The IRS expects that most Americans should have their stimulus within the next couple of weeks, and most taxpayers don't need to do anything to receive the stimulus payment. While the majority of taxpayers need not do anything more than wait, there are some who may need to take extra steps to get their stimulus check.

Certain groups — such as low-income taxpayers, social security beneficiaries, veterans and others with disabilities — are eligible for the economic impact payment even if they didn't file a 2018 or 2019 tax return. These individuals who weren't required to file can still receive the economic impact payment but must file a simple return to meet stimulus requirements.

To make this easier, the IRS collaborated with the Free File Alliance to create the "Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here" portal for those who need to file a simple return.

"People who don't have a return filing obligation can use this tool to give us basic information so they can receive their Economic Impact Payments as soon as possible," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "The IRS and Free File Alliance have been working around the clock to deliver this new tool to help people."

Generally, if a taxpayer made under \$12,200, or \$24,400 for married filers, they were not required to file a 2019 return. The "Non-Filer: Enter Payment Info Here" portal allows those who don't normally file a return to enter their information so a simple 2019 return can be filed by Free File on their behalf.

Social Security beneficiaries and railroad retirees will automatically receive their stimulus payment directly deposited to the same account as their benefits. But to receive payments for qualifying dependents, they'll need to add any dependent information to the non-filer tool to ensure they receive the economic impact payment they qualify for.

The portal can tell you if you're eligible for the payment and includes a detailed list of documents that you need to provide. Gather your documents as soon as possible to get things rolling on your stimulus check.

To use the tool, visit IRS.gov and click "Non-Filer: Enter Payment Info Here." You'll need to provide basic information so the IRS can confirm eligibility and then calculate and send the payment.

If you filed a 2018 or 2019 return but did not provide direct deposit information, you're expected to be among the last taxpayers receiving their stimulus check.

Taxpayers who have not received

their stimulus yet want to know where their money is. And those without direct deposit info on file with the IRS still want to get their payment now.

To help, the IRS created the IRS2Go app. The app allows taxpayers to track their stimulus payment status, confirm if you want it mailed or directly deposited and update taxpayer direct deposit information.

Using the app to update information with the IRS allows taxpayers to receive their economic impact payment much faster in comparison to waiting on the check to arrive in the mail. Receiving your stimulus check by mail is an option, too.

Once you've visited IRS.gov, click "Get my Payment" and submit the required personal information from your most recent tax return (2018 or 2019) and the account where your payment should be deposited. The portal will let you know if you're eligible for the economic impact payment, the expected disbursement date and even request any additional information they may need to deposit your check.

"Get My Payment" functions a lot like the IRS2Go portal, which allows taxpayers to see the status of their refund. It's easy to use, and there's nothing to download. The IRS recommends checking your status once a day.

For more information on the "Non-Filer: Enter Payment Info Here" or the "Get My Payment" portal visit IRS.gov and click "Non-Filer: Enter Payment Info Here" or the "Get My Payment" tab. For more information and guidance about the coronavirus stimulus relief payments, formally titled economic impact payments, visit the IRS website.

Brittany Sabalza, enrolled agent, is director of tax education at Pro Tax Solutions Indianapolis and a tax columnist.



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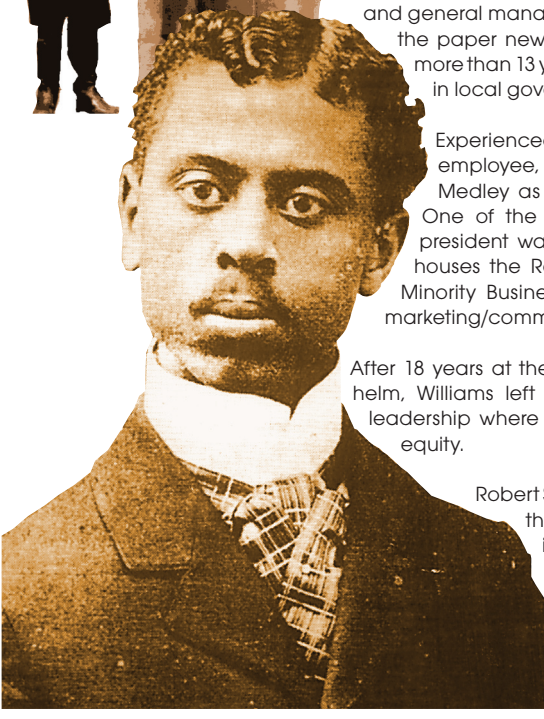
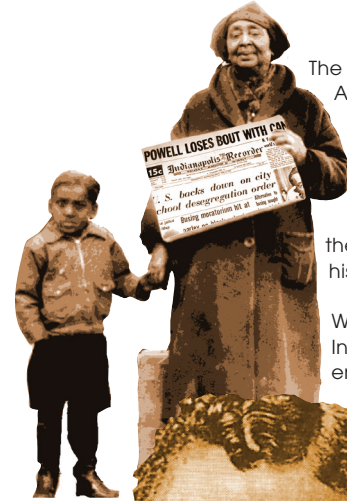

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William G. Mays, an astute entrepreneur purchased the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper in 1990. As publisher, Mays entrusted his niece, Carolene Mays-Medley to serve as president and general manager of the newspaper. Mays-Medley gave the paper new direction and a blueprint for success for more than 13 years before returning to community service in local government.

Experienced journalist and longtime Recorder employee, Shannon Williams succeeded Mays-Medley as president and general manager in 2010. One of the initial things Williams did in her role as president was form the Recorder Media Group which houses the Recorder, its sister publication the Indiana Minority Business Magazine and serves as an in-house marketing/communications firm.

After 18 years at the Recorder, including the last eight at the helm, Williams left the historic paper to serve in non-profit leadership where she specifically advocates for education equity.

Robert Shegog is the current president and COO of the Recorder Media Group. Shegog has been instrumental in building continuity across all of the company's products and amplifying community engagement strategies. He and his team continue to usher a new era of leadership with the charge to extend the rich legacies of the newspaper and magazine for generations to come.

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49D08-1809-AD-037071
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF
MAKKI WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
KOREY CAGER, MINOR CHILD;
CHANEL CAGER, MINOR CHILD;
KHALIL WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
CHASTITY WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
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AND KADEN HOLLAND, MINOR CHILD.
RUDOLPH and ANN WILLIAMS, Petitioners.

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF MINORS
AND HEARING THEREON
1. TO: Kala Williams
3123 Graceland
Indianapolis, IN 46208; and
2. TO: Unknown Father of Courtini Williams
Indianapolis
On the 18th day of May, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Probate Court of Marion County, Indianapolis

Indiana, a Bench Trial is set on the issue of consent to the adoption of minor(s) as stated in the above-caption. The purpose of this proceeding is to protect the minor(s). A copy of the petition requesting adoption of minors is attached to this notice. At the hearing the court will determine whether the biological parent(s) of the minor(s) consent to the adoption. If the Court finds that the biological parent(s) of the minor(s) do not consent, the Court at the hearing shall also consider whether Ann Williams and Rudolph Williams will be able to adopt the minor(s). The Court may, in its discretion, deny the petition for adoption.

The minor(s) may attend the hearing and be represented by an attorney. The petition may be heard and determined in the absence of the minor(s), if the Court determines that the presence of the minor(s), is not required. If the minor(s) attend the hearing, oppose the petition, and are not represented by an attorney, the Court may appoint an attorney to represent the minor(s). The Court may, where required, appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the minor(s) at the hearing.

The Court may, on its own motion or on request of any interested person, postpone the hearing to another date and time.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
04/24/20
05/01/20
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ADOPTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ADOPTION DOCKET:
49D08-1809-AD-037071
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KHALIL WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
CHASTITY WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
COURTINI WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
AND KADEN HOLLAND, MINOR CHILD.
RUDOLPH and ANN WILLIAMS, Petitioners.

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Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
NOVALEX ALEXIS DREILING,
EMILY BRANCHINI, Petitioner.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
COMES NOW the Petitioner, Steve Hernandez, and submits his Verified Petition for Name Change of Adult and hereby gives notice that Petition for Change of Name for an Adult has been filed in the Marion County Circuit Court request that the name of Steve Hernandez be changed to Steve Sandoval. The Court, being fully advised in the matter, now finds that this matter should be and is hereby set for hearing.

WHEREFORE the Court orders that Name Change Hearing is scheduled for the 25th day of August at 9:00 A.M. which is more than thirty (30) days after the third publication of this Notice, for Thirty (30) minutes. Notice is further given that any person has the right to appear at the hearing on said Petition and/or to file objections on or before the hearing date, at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

IT IS SO ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED this 3rd day of April, 2020.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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DISSOLUTION

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CAUSE NO.:
49D12-2004-DN-014004
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
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Petitioner,
and
JACQUINIS DAVIS
Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is:
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This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are:
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Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION:
JACQUINIS DAVIS, Petitioner,
vs
MCILLIAN II, Plaintiff,
vs
CHELSEA ALEXANDRA JOHNSON,
Defendant.
49D08-1409-DR-031060
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Divorce. And to the following defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: CHELSEA ALEXANDRA JOHNSON. In addition to the above named defendant being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff was demanded.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT OF
MARION COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION:
JACQUINIS DAVIS, Petitioner,
vs
MCILLIAN II, Plaintiff,
vs
CHELSEA ALEXANDRA JOHNSON,
Defendant.
49D08-1409-DR-031060
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Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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ADOPTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ADOPTION DOCKET:
49D08-1809-AD-037071
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF
MAKKI WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
KOREY CAGER, MINOR CHILD;
CHANEL CAGER, MINOR CHILD;
KHALIL WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
CHASTITY WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
COURTINI WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
AND KADEN HOLLAND, MINOR CHILD.
RUDOLPH and ANN WILLIAMS, Petitioners.

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AND HEARING THEREON
1. TO: Kala Williams
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Indianapolis, IN 46208; and
2. TO: Unknown Father of Chastity Williams
By Publication
On the 18th day of May, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Probate Court of Marion County, Indianapolis

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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
NOVALEX ALEXIS DREILING,
EMILY BRANCHINI, Petitioner.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
COMES NOW the Petitioner, Steve Hernandez, and submits his Verified Petition for Name Change of Adult and hereby gives notice that Petition for Change of Name for an Adult has been filed in the Marion County Circuit Court request that the name of Steve Hernandez be changed to Steve Sandoval. The Court, being fully advised in the matter, now finds that this matter should be and is hereby set for hearing.

WHEREFORE the Court orders that Name Change Hearing is scheduled for the 25th day of August at 9:00 A.M. which is more than thirty (30) days after the third publication of this Notice, for Thirty (30) minutes. Notice is further given that any person has the right to appear at the hearing on said Petition and/or to file objections on or before the hearing date, at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

IT IS SO ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED this 3rd day of April, 2020.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
49C01-2004-MI-012893
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
JODI MICKLER,
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Jodi Mickler, and submits her Verified Petition for Name Change of Adult and hereby gives notice that Petition for Change of Name for an Adult has been filed in the Marion County Circuit Court request that the name of Jodi Mickler be changed to Jodi Michelle Mickler Sandoval. The Court, being fully advised in the matter, now finds that this matter should be and is hereby set for hearing.

WHEREFORE the Court orders that Name Change Hearing is scheduled for the 25th day of August at 9:00 A.M. which is more than thirty (30) days after the third publication of this Notice, for Thirty (30) minutes. Notice is further given that any person has the right to appear at the hearing on said Petition and/or to file objections on or before the hearing date, at 200 East Washington Street, Room W506, City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

IT IS SO ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED this 3rd day of April, 2020.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
04/24/20
05/01/20
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ADOPTION DOCKET:
49D08-2004-ES-012861
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
JIMMY ANN HOFFMEISTER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Carter A. Hoffmeister was on the 1st day of April, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Tiffany Ann Hoffmeister, deceased, who died on the 28th day of February, 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 this date: April 1, 2020

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
04/17/20
04/24/20

NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
KYLEE SUE HURT,
EMILY BRANCHINI, Petitioner,
vs
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2003-MI-012588
ORDER TO APPEAR

Comes now Petitioner by Counsel, John A. Kassiss and having filed his Petition for Change of Name and having been fully advised in the premises finds that said motion should be set for hearing on September 8, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. located at 200 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN, 46204 Room W-506. Petitioner is ordered to complete publication (see separate Order for Documents). Dated: April 1, 2020.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
04/24/2020
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
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CHANEL CAGER, MINOR CHILD;
KHALIL WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
CHASTITY WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
COURTINI WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
AND KADEN HOLLAND, MINOR CHILD.
RUDOLPH and ANN WILLIAMS, Petitioners.

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MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT—
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.:
49D08-2004-EU-013138
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
LORENA JOHNSON,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE is hereby given that on April 6, 2020, Michael Johnson was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lorena Johnson, who died on March 22, 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, April 6, 2020

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
04/17/20
04/24/20

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ADOPTION DOCKET:
49D08-2004-ES-012861
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
JIMMY ANN HOFFMEISTER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Carter A. Hoffmeister was on the 1st day of April, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Tiffany Ann Hoffmeister, deceased, who died on the 28th day of February, 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 this date: April 1, 2020

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
04/17/20
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IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
ADOPTION DOCKET:
49D08-1809-AD-037071
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF
MAKKI WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
KOREY CAGER, MINOR CHILD;
CHANEL CAGER, MINOR CHILD;
KHALIL WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
CHASTITY WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
COURTINI WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD;
AND KADEN HOLLAND, MINOR CHILD.
RUDOLPH and ANN WILLIAMS, Petitioners.

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF MINORS
AND HEARING THEREON
1. TO: Kala Williams
3123 Graceland
Indianapolis, IN 46208; and
2. TO: Unknown Father of Chastity Williams
By Publication
On the 18th day of May, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Probate Court of Marion County, Indianapolis

Indiana, a Bench Trial is set on the issue of consent to the adoption of minor(s) as stated in the above-caption. The purpose of this proceeding is to protect the minor(s). A copy of the petition requesting adoption of minors is attached to this notice. At the hearing the court will determine whether the biological parent(s) of the minor(s) consent to the adoption. If the Court finds that the biological parent(s) of the minor(s) do not consent, the Court at the hearing shall also consider whether Ann Williams and Rudolph Williams will be able to adopt the minor(s). The Court may, in its discretion, deny the petition for adoption.

The minor(s) may attend the hearing and be represented by an attorney. The petition may be heard and determined in the absence of the minor(s), if the Court determines that the presence of the minor(s), is not required. If the minor(s) attend the hearing, oppose the petition, and are not represented by an attorney, the Court may appoint an attorney to represent the minor(s) at the hearing.

The Court may, on its own motion or on request of any interested person, postpone the hearing to another date and time.

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SUMMONS

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COUNTY OF MARION SS:
MARION COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT NO. 14
CAUSE NO.
49D14-1906-PL-26007
BERKLEY PLACE
TOWNHOMES
HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JACQUELINE REED,
THE BANK OF NEW
YORK MELLON /a THE
BANK OF NEW YORK
AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME
EQUITY LOAN TRUST
2007-FRE1, FREMONT
INVESTMENT & LOAN a/k/a
FREMONT REORGANIZING
CORPORATION, INDIANA
HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY, ROBERT
D. HAS, PORTFOLIO
RECOVERY ASSOCIATES,
LLC, FIRST NATIONAL
BANK OF OMAHA, and
STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the
Defendants above named,
and any other person who
may be concerned,
You are notified that you
have been sued in the Court
above named. The nature
of the suit against you is for
reducing past homeowner's
association dues to
judgment and foreclosing
the Plaintiff's lien upon the
property located at 9443
Glencroft Way, Indianapolis,
IN 46250.

This summons by publication
is specifically directed to the
following named Defendant
whose whereabouts are
unknown and whose last
known address was c/o CT
Corporation System, P.A.
251 E. Ohio St., Ste. 1100,
Indianapolis, IN 46204:
Fremont Investment & Loan
a/k/a Fremont Reorganizing
Corporation

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

If you have a claim for relief
against the Plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must
assert it in your written
answer. You must answer
the Complaint in writing, by
you or your attorney, within
thirty (30) days after the third
(3rd) and last Notice of Suit
is published, and if you fail to
do so, a judgment will be
entered against you for what
the Plaintiff has demanded.

/s/ Corey B. Baldwin
Robert D. Roache, II (6087-
49)
Corey Baldwin (31876-55)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Carmel, IN 46032-2149
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Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-039103
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #11
CAUSE NO.
49D11-2002-MF-005245
Finance of America Reverse
LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Angela Smith, AKA Angela
Marie Smith, as Heir to the
Estate of Richard Smith,
AKA Richard J. Smith, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
TO: Richard D. Smith, as
Heir to the Estate of Richard
Smith, AKA Richard J. Smith;

BE IT KNOWN, that Finance
of America Reverse LLC, the
above-named Plaintiff, by its
attorney, Elyssa M. Meade,
has filed in the office of the
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court, #11, a Complaint
against Defendant Richard
D. Smith, as Heir to the
Estate of Richard Smith,
AKA Richard J. Smith, and
the said Plaintiff having also
filed in said Clerk's office
the affidavit of a competent
person showing that the
residence and whereabouts
of the Defendant, Richard D.
Smith, as Heir to the Estate
of Richard Smith, AKA Richard
J. Smith, upon diligent inquiry
is unknown, and that said
cause of action is for default
on the promissory note and
to foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County,
State of Indiana, to wit:
Lot Number 65 in Butler's
Crows Nest, an Addition to
the City of Indianapolis, as
per plat thereof, recorded
in Plat Book 29, Pages 390-
391, and corrected by re-
recorded plat recorded in
Volume 30, pages 169-170,
in the Office of the Recorder
of Marion County, Indiana,
commonly known as 910
Fox Hill Drive, Indianapolis,
IN 46228.

NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendant is hereby notified
of the filing and pendency of
said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
and answer or otherwise
defend thereto within thirty
(30) days after the last notice
of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #11
Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-
64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
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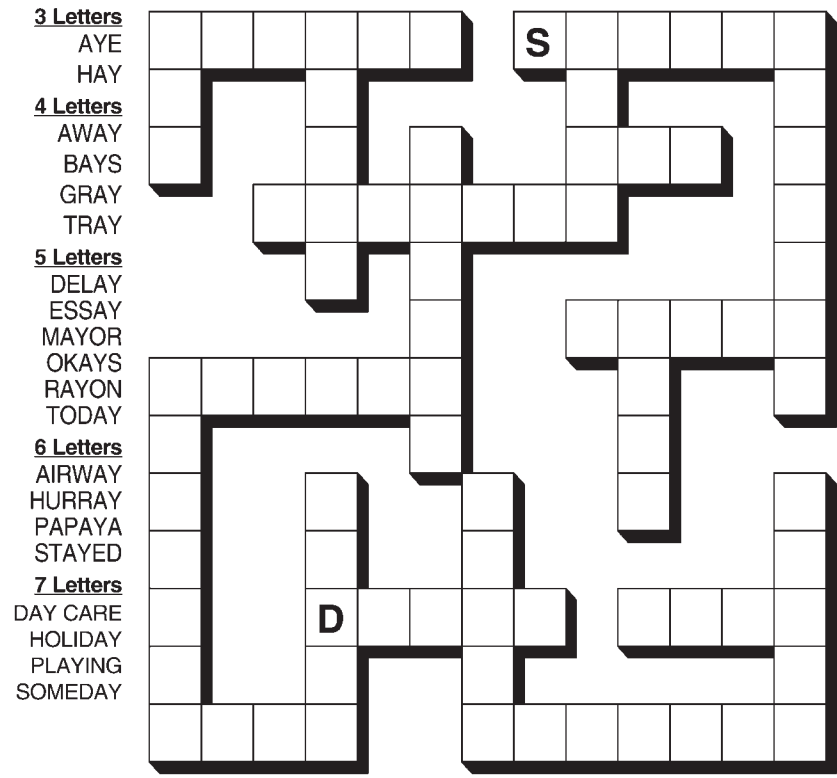
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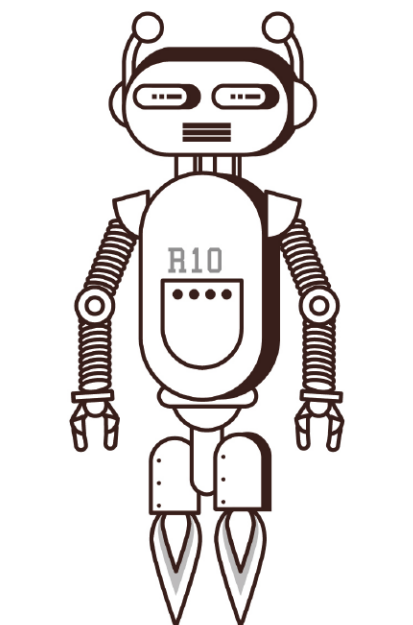
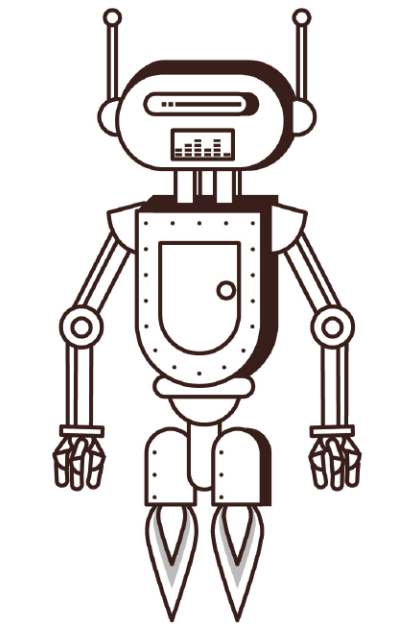
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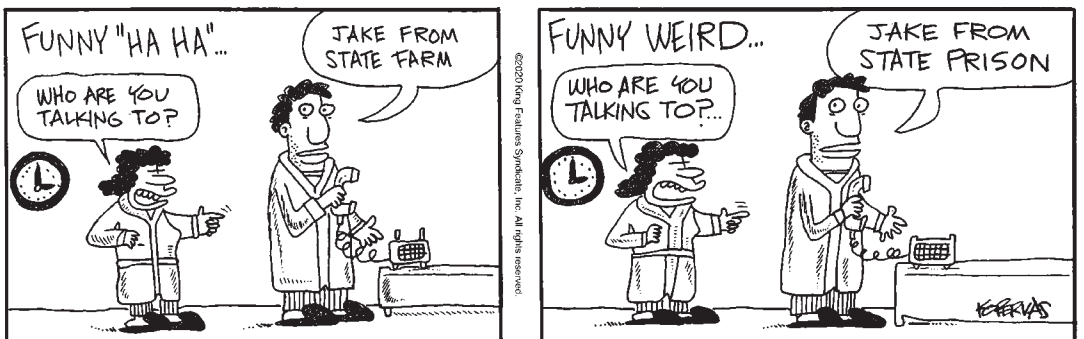
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Answer



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OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



Super Crossword

1 Laid fresh concrete on	46 "Just you wait, — 'iggins ..."	100 Zool. or ecol. egg layer?	2 Mrs. Oskar Schindler	37 "— loves me ..."	85 Bait biter
8 Waste	47 Near-failing mark	105 Disease-free sea predators?	3 Easy-to-catch hit	39 California's Point —	87 Smack
13 Found	48 Analyzed	110 Actress Matlin	4 Org. for Rafael Nadal	40 Astra automaker	90 Complain
20 Like gushing actors	52 Cochlea site	111 Rat catcher	5 — Cong	41 Biblical ark builder	92 Unit of resistance
21 Mallia's sister	54 "Will — learn?!"	113 '60s conflict site	6 "— Time We Say Goodbye"	43 — and terminator	93 Frogs and kangaroos
22 Kildare locale	58 Beer brand	114 "Star Wars" royal	7 Dictator	48 Waylay	94 Angers a lot
23 More with-it red fish?	60 Microwave saltines?	115 Royal home	8 Air marshal's org.	49 "Yes, —!"	96 Patriarch of Judaism
25 Runs fast	66 Orchestra section	117 Gillette shaver brand	9 Copies Dr. Dre	50 Peak climber, e.g.	97 Majestic
26 1980s NBC sitcom	67 — Moines	119 "— yellow ribbon round ..."	10 U.S. humane org.	51 Dumbbell	99 Juan's silver
27 "Teh" for "the," for one	69 Old Spice alternative	122 Journalist Nellie	11 Put away, as a sword	53 Chastised	102 Enlighten, in poems
28 Jazzy singing	70 Reagan speechwriter	123 Not unusual	12 "NewsRadio" co-star Phil	55 SUV cousins	103 Kevin of "Saturday Night Live"
29 "Growing Pains" actor	71 Cyberspace address	124 Things found at discount	13 Shopping aid	56 Prefix with warrior	104 Pour gently, as wine
30 Tower for fodder	72 Pars?	127 Italian city	14 Oliver Twist, e.g.	57 "Bringing Up Baby" studio	106 "Relapse" rapper
32 Uncanny	75 Lose power	128 Steel, for one	15 Bright red	59 Sang loudly	107 Hang a new worm on
34 24-hr. money sources	76 "Later!"	129 Adversaries	16 Silverstone or Keys	61 Radius of CRT	108 Word with app or bee
36 Japan natives, e.g.	79 Arduous trip	130 Agrees (to)	17 Tall ale mug	62 Part of site	109 Makes the assertion
38 "Lookie there, muscle-building stuff!"	80 Suffix with Japan	131 "Black Velvet" singer	18 International compact	63 Alternative to lettuce	112 Green shampoo
42 Terrestrial chapeau?	81 45 half	132 Orchestra leader	19 Cavity filler's deg.	64 Oakland footballer	116 Periods
44 Dem.'s opponent	83 "My gripe is as follows ..."	DOWN	24 Branching-out points	65 Smiles villainously	118 Bum balm
45 — -cone (frozen treat)	86 Coup, e.g.	1 Go over again, as old issues	31 "— Next Chapter" (Winfrey series)	68 Dinar earner	120 Ferber or Krabappel
	88 Lay new turf on		33 Eat in style	69 Hovels	121 Chick chaser?
	89 Not well-lit		35 Least lenient	70 Once named	122 Nipper's co. Abbr.
	91 Crab claws			71 Lop the crop	125 Procedure: Dash lengths
	92 Bullfighting cheer			72 "— goin' down!"	
	95 Gaudy scarves			73 Suffix of sugars	
	98 Be soaked			74 "— goin' down!"	

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When nightmare is over, a chance for sports to reset

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While sports is on hold during the coronavirus pandemic, there are surely lessons to be learned. When normality does return to our stadiums and arenas, maybe we can put them to use. Certainly, this unprecedented shutdown has changed life — and sports — in ways we never expected. But maybe, just maybe, that's not entirely a bad thing. If nothing else, we'll never get another chance for a reset like this one. Here's a few ideas worth considering when this nightmare is over:

VIRTUAL DRAFTS

The WNBA was conducting its draft remotely April 17 — without players, fans or media in attendance — and the NFL will follow suit with its own virtual draft. There is some downside to this, of course, mainly the players missing out on their triumphant, well-earned moment to deck out in their finest attire and walk across the stage in front of a cheering crowd and national television audience. But we think that is more than offset by the prospect of a low-key event where the top prospects can remain in their homes, accompanied by family and friends who mean the most to them. They don't have to go through the motions of hugging the commissioner, which may be the sort of social distancing we'll want to maintain even when this pandemic is a distant memory. If nothing else, a virtual draft gives all those misguided fans who felt the urge to show up in person to hear names being called a chance to do something more productive with their time. The WNBA, for its part, sent along a care package to many of its potential picks with hats of all 12 teams, a league sweatshirt, confetti and a few other items to aid with an in-home celebration. This seems like the perfect way for leagues to welcome their next generation of stars. The NFL, NBA, NHL and WNBA should adopt it permanently.

CONFERENCE TOURNEYS

The lockdown began right as many of the country's most prominent conferences were beginning their men's basketball tournaments. In the end, the entire postseason was called off because of the virus, depriving us of one of the greatest events in American sports — the NCAA Tournament. But those conference tournaments? They weren't missed at all. While a few leagues — the Atlantic Coast Conference comes immediately to mind — would surely be reluctant to give up a tradition-laden event that bolsters their bottom line, most of these tournaments are totally forgettable. They are generally accompanied by lots of empty seats and often cost deserving teams from one-bid leagues a spot in the NCAAs. Ditch the conference tournaments, expand the Big Dance to 96 teams and add on an extra week to the tourney that really matters.

BOYS OF SPRING

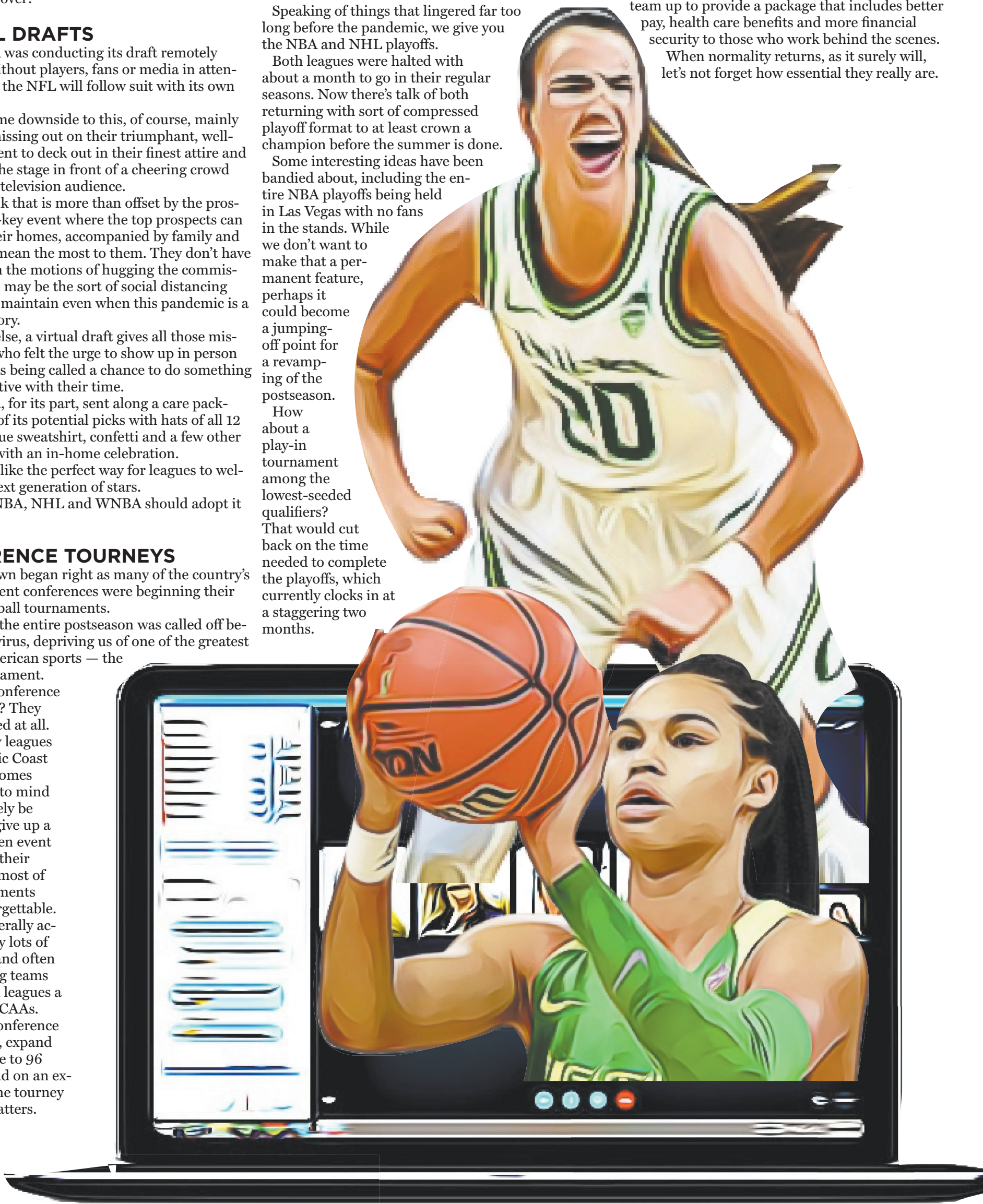
While baseball romantics will balk at this one, there's simply no need for spring training to drag on for six weeks. The Grapefruit and Cactus leagues were cut short this year by the pandemic, and MLB should take this opportunity to chop off at least a couple of weeks from upcoming springs. The season is long enough already. Given the extensive offseason programs that most players maintain, they can easily get ready for the season with a month of formal workouts and practice games.

SHORTER PLAYOFFS

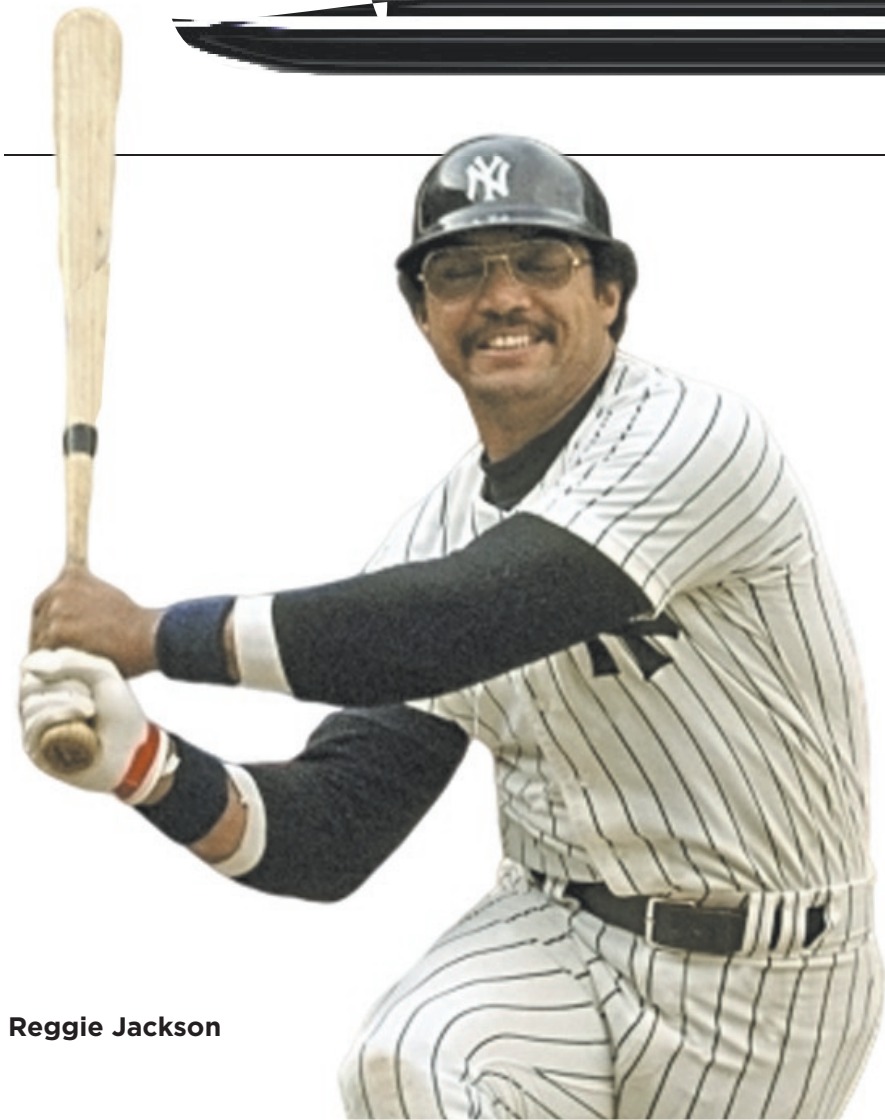
Speaking of things that lingered far too long before the pandemic, we give you the NBA and NHL playoffs. Both leagues were halted with about a month to go in their regular seasons. Now there's talk of both returning with sort of compressed playoff format to at least crown a champion before the summer is done. Some interesting ideas have been bandied about, including the entire NBA playoffs being held in Las Vegas with no fans in the stands. While we don't want to make that a permanent feature, perhaps it could become a jumping-off point for a revamping of the postseason. How about a play-in tournament among the lowest-seeded qualifiers? That would cut back on the time needed to complete the playoffs, which currently clocks in at a staggering two months.

RESPECT THE WORKERS

Perhaps the most important change of all should be directed toward those who make the game-day experience so enjoyable. The ticket takers. The ushers. The concession workers. The cleaning crews. The parking lot attendants. Many teams and players stepped up to help those who lost their jobs when sports came to a grinding halt, but those sort of gestures should become a permanent part of our mindset when the games resume. Maybe the billionaire and millionaire owners can team up to provide a package that includes better pay, health care benefits and more financial security to those who work behind the scenes. When normality returns, as it surely will, let's not forget how essential they really are.



Sabrina Ionescu and Satou Sabally. (Recorder Graphic/John Hurst)



Reggie Jackson

SPORTS QUIZ

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1. "Sometimes I underestimate the magnitude of me" is a quote from what 1993 inductee into the National Baseball Hall of Fame?
2. In March, what NFL star announced the establishment of media company 199 Productions, named after his selection number in the 2000 NFL Draft?
3. What martial art was introduced as an official medal event at the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia?
4. The Indianapolis Colts selected Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning with the No. 1 overall pick in the 1998 NFL Draft. What player was drafted at No. 2 by the San Diego Chargers?
5. True or false: On April 20, 1986, the Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan scored an NBA record 63 points in a first-round playoff win over the Boston Celtics.
6. At what track did motorsports pioneer Danica Patrick win her first and only IndyCar race?
7. NHL great Wayne Gretzky concluded

his playing career on April 18, 1999, as a member of what team?

ANSWERS

1. Reggie Jackson.
2. Tom Brady.
3. Taekwondo.
4. Ryan Leaf, Washington State quarterback.
5. False. Despite Jordan's playoff record 63 points, the Celtics defeated the Bulls 135-131 in Game 2 and went on to sweep the series 3-0.
6. Twin Ring Motegi. Patrick won the Indy Japan 300 in 2008.
7. The New York Rangers.

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