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REFLECT ON MONUMENTAL MARCH

Preparations made to
celebrate 40th anniversary
of March on Washington

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The Aug. 28, 1963, March on Washington is arguably one of the most monumental and critical events of the civil rights movement. More than any other occasion of its era, the gathering forced America and the world to take a serious look at centuries of racism and self-destructive segregation.

It was also during this event that the featured speaker, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech, an unforgettable address that many say is as legendary as the man who wrote it. The average citizen, young or old, rich or poor, Black or white has little difficulty remembering the statement, “I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.’”

Recently a broad coalition of civil rights, labor, antiwar and other groups announced plans for a mass rally in Washington to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the march. It will take place Saturday on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

More than 100 groups are organizing the event, which will include Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King III. The theme will be basically the same as it was in 1963: jobs, peace, freedom and justice.

There will, however, also be an emphasis on the war in Iraq. Additionally, groups who were not present at the original march, such as women’s rights and gay rights organizations, musicians and Muslims will take part. Organizers expect thousands of people to turn out for what they hope will be the biggest social event of its kind in years.

Over 200,000 people came out to the 1963 march, and Washington was officially closed down because of fear of violence among the marchers.

Featured speakers will include, among others, Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, author of the congressional bill that made Martin Luther King’s birthday a federal holiday; Eleanor Holmes Norton, congressional delegate from Washington, D.C.; Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization of Women; and James Zogby of the Arab American Institute.

“We are going to join the hip-hop generation with the sit-in generation in a show of solidarity,” Martin Luther King III said during an interview with the Washington Post. “Poverty has grown, racism is still in our midst, and militarism is the order of the day.”

“This is not a march about nostalgia,” added Norton. “I do not wish for 1963. I wish for a better 2003 and have yet to see it.”

Prominent national and local figures offered The Recorder their reflections on the March on Washington. They also underscored why it is so important for citizens to remember the occasion, which ushered in sweeping legislation such as the 1964 Voting Rights Act.

“The March on Washington changed America forever during a year in which we had been arrested, beaten and in many cases killed,” said U.S. Rep. John Lewis, who spoke by telephone from his congressional district, which is in Martin Luther King’s hometown of Atlanta. Lewis, who was 23 during the March on Washington, served as chairman of SNCC (Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee) and was arrested for his activities 40 times between 1960 and 1966. He was a featured

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RECORDER EXCLUSIVE



Gov. Eric Holcomb announces new initiatives to help improve racial equity in Indiana on Aug. 18.

‘Challenging my assumptions’:
Holcomb addresses
Indiana’s racial disparities

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Editor’s note: Gov. Eric Holcomb sat down with the Recorder for a one-on-one interview immediately after unveiling his equity and inclusion plan for Indiana.

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‘Black lives matter’
Holcomb sets out for
racial reckoning in
Indiana

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Body cameras for state police, a new cabinet position for equity and inclusion in state government, a portal for state-level diversity statistics.

Gov. Eric Holcomb, a Republican, announced a series of strategies Aug. 18 to improve Indiana’s record on racial equity.

“Black lives matter, and so do Black livelihoods,” he said, crediting Martin University President Sean Huddleston for the “Black livelihoods” addendum.

Every frontline Indiana State Police trooper will have a body camera by the spring of 2021, Holcomb said. That would mean the two largest law enforcement agencies in the state — Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the state police — would have body cameras by next year.

Holcomb said a third party will conduct a top-down review of the Indiana

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Feds come to Indy to ‘fight violent crime’

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Federal law enforcement agencies will work with local and state police in Indianapolis to try to control gun violence and other crime.

U.S. Attorney Josh Miner announced the initiative at a press conference Aug. 14 alongside members

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Reimagining policing in Indiana:
Are there any clear answers?

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Community members, police officers and local officials will all tell you changes are needed when it comes to policing in Indianapolis. But depending on whom you ask, you’ll get a myriad of responses about what will actually work.


We need to defund the police. We need to abolish the police. We need reformed policies. The list goes on.

Alongside the ongoing national conversation surrounding police and systemic racism, residents of Indianapolis are grappling with an increase of violence in their city.

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Police and protesters during a brief standoff at Monument Circle on May 29. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)



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Thank you for understanding and I look forward to seeing you next May.

And drivers – start your engines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Roger Penske".

Roger Penske



HOLCOMB

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If serving as governor during an unprecedented pandemic wasn’t challenging enough, the other “virus,” as Gov. Eric Holcomb described racism during an Aug. 18 address on equity, has caused him to reevaluate his role as a leader — and as a citizen of Indiana.

“It certainly caused me to kind of reassess my outlook in general,” Holcomb said in an interview with the Recorder. “I always had a very diverse set of close friends.”

Holcomb recalls the first election he ever won — senior class president of Pike High School — where he and his running mate, a Black student, ran as “the mix of ’86.” During his stint in the Navy, he and Bobby “Iron Head” Coleman, a Black man from Philadelphia, did a weekly sports radio show. Despite befriending people from all walks of life and backgrounds, Holcomb said he wasn’t aware of the severity of America’s racial divide until he started having conversations about issues years after they occurred.

“I mean, I knew things like that happened, but now I was hearing it from people I worked with every single day,” Holcomb said. “I’ve never felt so close to people, and yet so far away. ... There are so many good people out there that are doing good work and are helping people, but sometimes you’re not aware of the full extent of just how far we have to go.”

It was this realization, along with growing calls from the community to reevaluate policing and health disparities, that led Holcomb to deliver his address on equity and inclusion, which included information on a new position in his cabinet.

For the first time, Indiana will have a chief equity and inclusion officer who will work to increase equity across all state government agencies.

“We want to do more of what’s working and less of what’s not,” Holcomb said. “Our task force realized we needed one person who has authority to help everyone raise their game.”

Along with the creation of the position, Holcomb is excited about the creation of a user-friendly data portal that will allow them to see what programs currently exist to help with job placement and equity, and what programs need support.

While no one has been selected to

serve as the chief equity and inclusion officer yet, Holcomb said he’s looking forward to getting someone in the position soon, and the selected individual has to be “honest, humble and hungry to do good, and who takes a lot of pride in doing something that has needed this focus for centuries.”

Alongside the new cabinet position, Holcomb said he wants to evaluate the training that Indiana State Police (ISP) receive at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA), which trains most ISP officers. Holcomb said experts will be evaluating the training, and seeing what can be done to implement implicit bias training and modernization, if needed.

“Everyone that I’ve sat down with, and that’s a lot of people because I was challenging my assumptions and starting over almost ... I’ve seen that the overwhelming majority of people are doing the right thing. There are bad apples in every walk of life, and you’ve got to deal with those. But we are, and we do.”

Differing from what many grassroots activism groups are calling for when it comes to police reform, Holcomb has no intention of cutting the budget for ISP, and instead calls for more resources.

“We need to make sure that the very folks we count on to keep society’s fabric together and who lay it all on the line for us every day have the resources ... to do their jobs so they get to go home at night, too,” Holcomb said.

Holcomb takes pride in the most recent ILEA graduating class, which jumped from 14% minority representation to 28% this year, adding that he and his administration, along with ISP, want to be part of the communities they serve.

Like Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Chief Randal Taylor, ISP Superintendent Doug Carter believes a focus on community policing would have a beneficial impact on reducing tension between police officers and Indiana’s Black community.

“It’s hard to hate up close,” Carter said. “We own some of this, and we’re not without sin. I’ve said that on a national stage, and I’ll continue to say it. It’s not a popular thing, but I believe it’s right. I really think that if we have those relationships prior to a crisis, we

can get through almost anything.”

During a press conference Aug. 13, members of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) highlighted several justice reform policies they want to happen, including community policing and taking police officers out of Indiana schools. During the press conference, Rep. Robin Shackleford recounted meetings with Gov. Holcomb relating to the policy agenda, saying he was “polite, but slow to action.”

“Well, I was polite, and I always will be,” Holcomb said with a laugh. “I completely respect and look forward to continuing to work with the legislative branch. ... But the not-being-quick-to-act part, we’re in this for the long haul, and we want to be sure we get things right. And there’s a legislative process, and we can’t short circuit that.”

In response to Holcomb’s press conference Aug. 18, the IBLC released the following statement:

“The IBLC is pleased to see the governor taking steps in the right direction to address equity and inclusion in Indiana. We see a lot of similarities between his new proposals and the IBLC justice reform policy agenda. Nevertheless, we are looking forward to working with the governor to execute these initiatives. ... Governor Holcomb’s words must be followed by swift action and a good start would be to facilitate much needed support from Republicans in the General Assembly.”

Holcomb said he’s spoken with state legislators across the aisle and believes many of these policy proposals and conversations are bipartisan.

When it comes to closing the racial divide in Indiana, some in the community question Holcomb’s ability to do so, seeing as Holcomb sits on the board of President Donald Trump’s Workforce Policy Advisory Board.

In the wake of George Floyd’s death and the protests that followed, many demonstrators shared their belief that Trump inflames racial tension with his rhetoric.

“I hope that I’ve given no one concern that I’m anything other than someone who seeks to build bridges and bring people together,” Holcomb said. “Like I said in my remarks today, I want to be a ‘barrier-buster.’ That’s exactly what that workforce council is about.”

Holcomb went on to discuss his passion, workforce development. Through Next Level Jobs, a training program to get more people into the workforce, Holcomb hopes to help “address the root cause [of racism] and not just the symptoms.” The program provides education and training for various sectors and is part of Holcomb’s agenda.

“To see someone take their life from here to here,” Holcomb said, raising a hand for emphasis, “and they not only get a fish but learn how to fish, there’s a pride that comes alongside that.”

Despite discussing race and equity, the COVID-19 pandemic looms over head. The virus — statistically — is a race issue.

According to the Indiana State Department of Health, Black Hoosiers make up 11% of COVID-19 cases in Indiana, despite making up only 9.8% of the overall population. In Marion County, Black patients comprise 23% of positive cases.

Holcomb references success in combating the state’s infant and maternal mortality rates — which he says are the lowest since 2012 — as hope there’s a solution to the disparities in COVID-19 positivity and mortality.

“You have to really challenge the ‘who’ and ‘why?’” Holcomb said. “How do smoking rates, hypertension, diabetes affect COVID-19? What I’m working really hard on right now is getting a 10-year waiver on our Healthy Indiana plan ... to get more people good health care coverage, and I think that’s the key to make sure folks are mindful of improving their health and making sure the state of Indiana has plans to assist in that.”

Holcomb notes there’s a long way ahead — regarding race relations and the pandemic — but he’s hopeful Hoosiers will pull through OK, and more importantly, together.

“We have something kind of special here in Indiana,” Holcomb said. “I don’t take it for granted that folks come together, share honest opinions, and may not agree on all the issues, but we’re a state that others are chasing. I want to continue to keep us out in front.”

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of federal law enforcement, Mayor Joe Hogsett and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Randal Taylor.

Operation Legend includes the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Marshals Service, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which will target violent gangs, gun crime and drug trafficking organizations, Minkler said.

Operation Legend began in Kansas City, Missouri, in early July and will be in Indianapolis for 45 days, Minkler said.

At the time of the announcement Indianapolis had 144 homicides, a 50% increase from the same time last year, Hogsett said. Indianapolis is not alone in that trend, though, as cities across the country — including Chicago, Philadelphia and New Orleans — deal with rises in homicides and other violent crimes.

The operation will also include \$250,000 for IMPD and another \$25,000 in reward money related to the unsolved 2015 killing of 10-year-old De’Shaun Swanson.

“It will take massive efforts, both preventive and

punitive, for us to get through this unprecedented time,” Hogsett said in a statement. “It will also take continued collaboration between neighborhoods most impacted by violent crime and those investigating that crime. These are all parts of addressing this challenge.”

There will be 57 federal investigators as part of the project in Indianapolis.

Minkler said Operation Legend is not related to immigration enforcement or recent protests.

The introduction of federal law enforcement into Indianapolis will still draw criticism, though, in part because of documented examples of unmarked federal troops grabbing people off of the streets in Portland, Oregon, recently during protests.

The ACLU of Indiana said in a statement it will “stay sharp-eyed in monitoring the federal agents to ensure the abusive tactics seen in other American cities are not implemented here.”

“We will not permit the federal government to intrude upon our state to violate the Constitutional rights of Hoosiers,” the statement said.

A heavier law enforcement presence also flies in the face of demands to “defund the police” and lessen police presence in Indianapolis, as voiced by Indy10 Black Lives Matter and other groups and people who have taken to the streets in protest since late May.

In a statement posted on social media, Indy10 said Hogsett, Taylor and “their cronies” are disregarding calls from the community for resources other than police.

“This thinly veiled targeting of Black and Brown communities will overwhelm already vulnerable families and individuals who, because of city leadership’s refusal to divest from IMPD’s overzealous budget, will see additional punitive measures by being held hostage by the federal government,” the group said.

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Law Enforcement Academy — which is where almost all Indiana police are trained — to modernize the training and make any necessary changes to use of force, de-escalation and implicit bias training.

Holcomb will add a cabinet position for a chief equity, inclusion and opportunity officer to focus on eliminating barriers in state government. That includes setting a goal for Indiana to have the lowest infant mortality rate among Midwest states by 2024.

Indiana is currently one of the worst states in the country for infant mortality, and the rate for Black babies was almost three times that of white babies in 2017, according to data from the

Indiana State Department of Health.

Holcomb said he has directed the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and Department of Workforce Development to work together to adjust policies and programs that can create more opportunities for “people of color.”

Holcomb also said the state’s next secretary of education — a position appointed by the governor — must recruit more minority teachers. About 93% of K-12 teachers in Indiana are white, according to data from the Indiana Department of Education, and about 4% are Black or African American.

A data portal will show where Indiana stands in numerous categories when it

comes to racial equity, Holcomb said. It will include everything from graduation rates to foster care placement to incarceration and recidivism.

“We’ll put our cards on the table face up,” he said.

Holcomb’s announcements came a day after Dr. Woody Myers, a Black man and Holcomb’s Democratic challenger in the November gubernatorial election, released a three-minute ad that was in part about his experiences with racism.

Myers criticized Holcomb’s address in a statement: “Much too little, much too late,” he said.

Holcomb said he can’t put himself in a Black person’s shoes or fully ap-

preciate the “everyday indignities and slights,” but he appealed to the U.S. Constitution’s commitment to the ideal that everyone is “created equal,” although both blatant and subtle racism have been steady features in the country’s — and state’s — history.

“We have an opportunity to acknowledge those past wrongs, learn from our history and admit where we come short in our ideals,” he said.

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Silver in the City owner gives back

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When Kristin Kohn opened up Silver in the City on Massachusetts Avenue two decades ago, she wanted to make a difference. Now, with the newly created Silver Linings Fund, the store plans on helping minority-owned businesses in Indianapolis. “Our No. 1 mission has always been to make every person who walks into our store feel welcome, that’s part of our overall mission and vision,” Kohn said. “The protests definitely helped us drill down and think about things we can do and changes we can make to make an environment that feels more familiar to people of color.”

Through the fund, Kohn and the staff of Silver in the City will raise money through donations from customers and through a \$5 sticker which reads “I Love Silver Linings.” Thanks to a partnership between the store and the Central Indiana Community Fund (CICF), the money will provide grants to minority-owned businesses affected by COVID-19.

“As a white-owned business, I want to help owners who may not have access to the kinds of credit or opportunities that we have,” Kohn said.

So far, Kohn said her shop has raised over \$7,200, which she’s donated.

Kohn said being a business owner in downtown Indianapolis comes with the obligation of acknowledging and addressing the disparities that exist within the community. That obligation, she said, became apparent during the aftermath of the protests downtown.

The staff of Silver in the City boarded up their windows preemptively — something Kohn said she was initially against — because the store couldn’t handle the financial burden of replacing windows



after being closed for nearly three months due to COVID-19. Workers designed the boards, featuring the names of African Americans who

were killed at the hands of police.

When reporters were looking for business owners to address property damage following the protests,

To learn more about the Silver Lining Fund, visit silverinthecity.com.

Kohn didn’t want any part in that narrative.

“I felt like all I was seeing were stories about the damage,” Kohn said. “I didn’t want to be a part of that story, I wanted reporters to focus on the reason why people were protesting. That’s what should have gotten the attention.”

The Silver Linings Fund isn’t the first time Silver in the City has given back to the community. In the past, the shop has had 100% donations days, where funds supported reproductive rights and the Indiana Youth Group, a foundation supporting LGBTQ youth and young adults. However, with racial disparities still evident in Indianapolis and an ongoing pandemic, Kohn has long-term plans for the fund.

“I found out The Mind Trust is creating Community Learning Centers, and that immediately flew to the top of our list,” Kohn said. “I’d like to raise enough for both [business grants] and creating safe learning centers for students to go to during the day for their virtual learning.”

While Hoosiers are grappling with the effects of COVID-19 and the economic issues that have come along with it, Kohn said she’s confident the Silver Linings Fund will continue to be a success, because as she said, giving is in the Hoosier spirit.

“I think, in general, Hoosiers are connectors,” Kohn said. “... I do think it’s something that Hoosiers will support, and they’ll want to connect with communities other than their own to help bring about change.”

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Indiana Black Documentary Film Festival goes virtual

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Postponed due to COVID-19, the Indiana Black Documentary Film Festival will be held virtually Aug. 28-29. Originally, the opening night ceremony was supposed to include a fashion show in honor of the film “Versailles ’73: American Runway Revolution.” However, the new opening night will be a virtual screening of “The Vision: The True and Untold Story of the Women’s Basketball Association.”

Curated by Dr. Eric Winston, the film festival — both the virtual festival and the in-person event re-scheduled for April 2021 — aims to recognize Black filmmakers and films that reflect the reality of being Black in America, past, present and future.

Winston, a resident of Xenia, Ohio, became interested in film during his stint as vice president for institutional advancement at Columbia College Chicago. When he retired in 2013, he decided to make a documentary about a program he ran as vice president for development at Wilberforce University in Ohio.

“I hired a Columbia graduate, and we made a documentary called ‘Taking Israel,’” Winston said. “It focused on African American students that had gone to Israel over a 15-year period and how they became involved and learned about the socioeconomic problems in that country.”

Winston put “Taking Israel” on the film festival circuit, which garnered several awards and an idea for a new kind of film festival.

“I saw so many documentaries that told the broad story of African American life,” Winston said. “Documentaries are scattered throughout festivals all over, but what about a festival that is exclusive to documentaries?”

Indianapolis Public Library was the original location for the festival, in part, because Winston said the staff, along with many people in Indianapolis, were receptive to the idea. After going through online submissions, Winston selected films from nine different states and Canada to fill the two-day event. While the films selected for the online event are still being determined, one of the most anticipated films is “The Last White Knight,” by activist Paul Saltzman.

Saltzman, who is a white Canadian, recounts his assault at the hands of Klansman Byron de la Beckwith Jr. in Mississippi in 1965. Saltzman, a peace advocate, hopes the film inspires viewers to strive for peace whenever and however they can.

“When so much love, creativity and peace is possible as a species, we so often turn to violent communication. It’s tragic,” Saltzman said. “We have a choice, any conflict can be resolved peacefully, but if one side needs to be right and one side needs to be wrong, that’s never going to end peacefully.”

Whether people attend the virtual film festival, the rescheduled festival or both, Winston hopes the films have a lasting impact on attendees and the city. “I hope citizens of Indianapolis feel very good about what the festival is bringing to them in terms of timely and thoughtful films about the African American experience,” Winston said.

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Indiana Black Legislative Caucus announced justice reform agenda

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In the upcoming legislative session, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) plans to focus on saving lives, holding police departments accountable and improving transparency in police departments throughout the state.

Members of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC), led by Rep. Robin Shackleford, gathered outside the Statehouse Aug. 13 to unveil their justice reform policy agenda during a press conference. “We’re trying to keep the movement going,” Shackleford said. “We want to galvanize the voices of the streets into legislation.”

Joined by Reps. Earl Harris, Cherrish Pryor and Sen. Greg Taylor, Shackleford discussed the push to get Indiana police equipped with body and dashboard cameras, a ban on racial profiling and to remove police officers out of Indiana schools. “Students need care,” Shackleford said, “not conviction.”

The group also wants to see marijuana decriminalized, with Shackleford describing marijuana convictions

as an example of how Indiana has “failed our youth.” Shackleford also called for racism to be studied as a public health crisis in the state of Indiana. In June, city-county council President Vop Osili sponsored Proposal 182, which declared racism a public health crisis in Marion County.

Harris, who spoke on the transparency section of the policy agenda, said IBLC has been working with various groups throughout the state — including police departments and youth activism groups — to advocate for changes in police culture that can lead to racial profiling and police brutality.

Such changes, including creating a whistleblower complaint process to make it easier for officers to come forward with complaints against other officers, as well as a state-wide tracking of officers who have complaints or disciplinary action, will help hold police departments accountable and help foster a better relationship between them and the communities they serve, Harris said.

The group said Gov. Eric Holcomb has been “polite” and they’ve spoken with him several times, but Shack-

leford said she would like to “see more action from Gov. Holcomb, and immediate action.”

One issue where IBLC differs from many Indianapolis activism groups, including Indy10 Black Lives Matter and the Indiana Racial Justice Alliance, however, is defunding the police.

Shackleford said IBLC has worked with groups and individuals, including families of victims of police-action shootings, to form the agenda. IBLC, she said, does not support defunding the police, but supports “reimagining and restructuring the police.”

The group must have policy proposals together by December, and members will be working the next few months to figure out the best course of action for the group to take.

“This is a start,” Pryor said. “This will make Indiana safer and more accommodating.”

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The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus announced its justice reform policy Aug. 13 at the Statehouse. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

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So far this year, 145 people in Indianapolis have been murdered. According to data collected from WRTV-6, at least 111 — 77% — of the victims have been Black.

Beyond violent crime committed by other members of the community, a study conducted by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) found that Black men in America have a 1 in 1,000 chance of being killed at the hands of a police officer.

‘Defund them, refund us!’

In Indianapolis, the deaths of Dreasjon Reed and McHale Rose have led to calls from community members for defunding the police, if not abolishing the institution altogether.

Members of the Indiana Racial Justice Alliance have been chanting “Defund them, refund us!” throughout the ongoing protests, calling for money currently directed to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) to be reallocated to community organizations.

Mat Davis, a founding

member of the alliance, said working to combat mental health issues, substance abuse and food insecurity would greatly reduce crime in the city, particularly among Black and low-income Hoosiers.

Some members of Indy10 Black Lives Matter have taken a more radical stance, calling for the complete abolition of police.

In response, Indiana State Police (ISP) Superintendent Doug Carter said it isn’t as simple as reallocating funds into the community.

“In a decade and a half, maybe that could be a reality,” Carter said. “... Unfortunately, often with mental health issues comes violence, either to an individual or another person. This is usually the result of a violent encounter or a domestic situation.”

However, Carter said police officers are often tasked with being “superhuman,” and departments simply don’t have the resources to handle the follow-up care that may be needed following a traumatic event.

While many in the com-

munity argue the answer to this issue would be to reallocate funds to community organizations equipped to help people through crises, Mayor Joe Hogsett’s response has been to call for increased funding for IMPD for the 2021 fiscal year.

In his “state of the city” address earlier this month, Hogsett laid out his proposed budget, which includes \$261 million for IMPD next year, a \$7 million increase from 2020. Gov. Eric Holcomb also expressed a need for more funding for state police in order to better train and make sure officers have the resources they need to do their job effectively and safely, he said.

Hogsett also recently announced federal agents are in Indianapolis as part of the federal program Operation Legend to help combat violent crime and drug trafficking. The program comes with \$250,000 for IMPD.

Despite worries from community members that Indianapolis will soon resemble Portland — where local officials said they were “illegally taking

on the role of riot police — Carter believes Indianapolis will be different. “I would never be concerned about the backlash for doing the right thing,” Carter said, referencing disdain from community members regarding Operation Legend. “Indianapolis has become a very violent city. These agents will live on the fringe and bring specific expertise that we think every agency has, but they simply don’t. ... They’re here to support, not to take over.”

‘We’re not without sin’

With tension between police and the Black community at a peak, IMPD Chief Randal Taylor thinks the solution — both to the tension and the city’s crime rate — may be in beat policing.

In a previous interview with the Recorder, Taylor said giving officers a smaller area to patrol could lead to better relationships and fewer homicides.

“I mean, we can make arrests,” Taylor said. “... But there’s always someone to take their place. When you start looking at beats and those things, your goal is to start building the relationships prior to people making those poor decisions or going off and pulling triggers.”

Carter agrees. “Right now is not a popular time to be me,” Carter said of himself and other officers. “We own some of this, and we’re not without sin. ... I really think that if we have those relationships prior to a crisis, we can get

through almost anything.’ ‘Rethink what public safety means for everybody’

Maybe, some activists and groups believe, the answer to crime and police brutality isn’t to increase the number of police or defund departments, but simply to reimagine policing in Indiana.

“We have asked the city of Indianapolis and other large cities in Indiana to reimagine how they do policing in their communities,” said Jane Henegar, director of the ACLU of Indiana. “We want them to rethink what public safety means for everybody in the community.”

Specifically, Henegar said Black and brown individuals are most likely to be targeted by police. For this reason, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) recently announced its Justice Reform Policy Agenda. The proposed changes offer possible solutions to not only reducing crime, but also fostering stronger relationships between the police and the communities they are sworn to protect and serve.

Included in the agenda are calls to ban no-knock warrants and chokeholds — the latter of which IMPD banned in its recent revision of the use-of-force policy — as well as the creation of a civilian review board and the decriminalization of marijuana.

According to a 2020 study conducted by the national ACLU, Black Americans are 3.6 times

more likely than white people to be arrested for marijuana possession, despite a comparable usage rate between the two demographics. In an Aug. 13 press conference, Rep. Robin Shackleford, chair of the IBLC, said policies which have led to young adults — primarily African Americans — serving long sentences for marijuana possession is a way in which “we have failed our youth.”

Further, the IBLC called for a review of officer training and for training to be updated annually, something Holcomb addressed during an Aug. 18 announcement about initiatives meant to improve equity in Indiana. Experts will evaluate training received from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy — from which many Indiana police officers graduate — to modernize the training and make changes where necessary.

“Policing in America had its inception in slave patrols and enforcing Jim Crow laws,” Henegar said. “That’s a major reason why we simply can’t tinker around, change a policy here, policy there. We have to totally reimagine policing and start with something new that focuses on serious crimes.”

Henegar said roughly 5% of arrests nationwide are for serious offenses, such as murder or sexual assault. The other 95% of arrests made are for lesser charges, such as marijuana possession or traffic infractions. According to Henegar, many of these arrests are the result of a “system that targets people of color intentionally ... and we can find other ways to address those issues than have a militarized police force.”

While police brutality is often thought of as simply a racial issue, it’s also a socioeconomic issue.

According to a 2018 study from the American Public Health Association, police-related deaths are significantly more likely to occur in lower-income neighborhoods.

That could be, in part, because poverty drives crime. In return, a criminal record often makes it harder for one to escape poverty, according to Henegar.

“The fact that we tend to underfund certain public resources has resulted in criminalizing or burdening poverty,” Henegar said. “Many of the people who get caught in the cogs of a low-level offense then get further pulled down with fees and fines, extorted from them because there’s a drive for the system to pay itself, and it pays for itself on the backs of poor people, which is tragic.”

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OPHS awards violence prevention grants

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The Office of Public Health and Safety (OPHS) announced the most recent round of Community-Based Violence Reduction Partnership grants will go to Edna Martin Christian Center (EMCC), VOICES, RecycleForce and Community Action of Greater Indianapolis (CAGI).

Each organization will get \$75,000 to support violence prevention programs and wraparound services.

Mayor Joe Hogsett announced the recipients — which came from a pool of nine applications — Aug. 18 at Frederick Douglass Park by saying the city needs to put as much emphasis on violence prevention as it does on punishment.

The announcement came just a few days after Hogsett announced federal law enforcement agents will be in Indianapolis to focus on violent crime through Operation Legend.

RecycleForce provides transitional employment and other services for

those involved in the criminal justice system, with a focus on building job skills and helping with job placement.

EMCC provides prevention case management and other services for young adults between 18 and 24 years old who are referred from the Youthful Offender Unit of the Marion County Superior Court Adult Probation Department.

VOICES will use its grant to support Power and Promise, its peer mentor and youth leadership program that trains elementary and middle school students from communities that have similar levels of trauma.

CAGI is focused on poverty and will help people in need through existing programs, as well as new programs such as emotional regulation training and cognitive-based therapy.

Applicants had to partner with other organizations for their proposals.

Shonna Majors, the city's director of community violence reduction, said each of the four organizations chosen represents a different focus that, when put together, will make for more effective



Representatives from RecycleForce accept a check for \$75,000 from the Office of Public Health and Safety for crime prevention programs and wrap-around services. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

violence prevention, intervention and interruption.

“All three of those components are critical to the work because we can’t do prevention without intervention and without interruption,” she said.

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Tic Toc Tech: Beyond 2020 — Move forward together

By **RUPAL THANAWALA**

I read a meme that Oxford Dictionary will add a new word this year for “2020,” meaning an era of disaster, disappointment, depression and death. For the most part, it is true.

Over 12% of people lost their jobs, and over 3,000 people lost their lives in Indiana during the pandemic. From the health of our workforce and families to the health of our economy and communities, 2020 has been a year of mass disruption and devastation. For our minority business community, decades of systemic racism and many structural challenges underscore the underlying economic fragility of under-represented communities.

Recovery from the current downturn could take even longer than the recovery from the last crisis, especially for

our minority business community. But not if we join forces and support each other. We are resilient, tenacious, and we can rebuild our communities and lift up each other. As we examine the impact of 2020, collaboration, support and change are imperative more than ever. We shall move forward together — beyond 2020.

Recorder Media Group has partnered with Innopower LLC to bring a two-day virtual minority business conference to embrace Indianapolis’ diversity while engaging the brightest minds from the best companies across our city, our state and other parts of the world. The event brings together partners, investors, advocates, entrepreneurs, community leaders and innovators. If you are a student, professional, business owner or an individual looking for a change, you may find the event useful.

The conference will have meaningful and relatable conversations presented by outstanding speakers from around the globe, including special remarks by Honorable Gov. Eric Holcomb. The speakers will engage with attendees in forums such as fireside chats, panel discussions, pitch competition and virtual networking rooms.

Program topics include:

- Skills — expanding people’s capabilities and employability for a rapidly changing economy.
- Entrepreneurship — teaching essential skills and frameworks for starting a business.
- Social Capital — creating infrastructures that help minorities connect to people and resources.
- Finance — developing avenues that lead to better access to capital for minority businesses.

Social Innovation — embracing new practices to meet community needs better than existing solutions.

Politics — leading change to create thriving communities for all.

Technology — increasing the participation of minorities in our state’s technology sector.

Equitable Working Environment — improving personal lives, hiring practices and personnel development.

The two-day conference is free. Visit innopowerindy.com to learn more about the detailed agenda, speakers and registration.

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New IHA policy aims to mitigate looming eviction crisis

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Indianapolis Housing Agency residents will be able to make payment arrangements rather than face eviction, thanks to a policy passed by the agency’s board.

The state has had a moratorium on evictions since late March, but Gov. Eric Holcomb did not extend it past Aug. 14. That means potentially thousands of renters could face eviction if they aren’t able to work out a plan with their landlord

or get rent assistance.

IHA Executive Director John Hall said the agency’s new policy should last through the end of the year or until the COVID-19 pandemic ends.

“We understand that the pandemic has particularly impacted our residents, who may struggle with income,” Hall said in a statement. “This emergency policy will allow the agency to give residents another opportunity to catch up on their rent obligations and prevent eviction.”

Indianapolis has its own rent assistance program

that is separate from the state’s, but the city had to turn off the application process shortly after it opened because of high demand. There is currently a waitlist at indyrent.org.

IHA — Indiana’s largest housing authority — provides more than 10,000 low-income families, seniors and those with disabilities access to affordable housing in 15 IHA communities.

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NFL legends team up to fight the spread of COVID-19 in Indianapolis

By **ROLAND WILLIAMS**
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As teammates in the National Football League (NFL), Roland Williams and Emil Ekiyor used to battle each other every day on the practice field. Now, these two lifelong friends and entrepreneurs are joining forces to battle against the spread of COVID-19 in Indianapolis and beyond.

“I moved to Indianapolis more than a decade ago, and my wife and I instantly felt at home. We’ve worshipped here, raised our children here, and believe in the unlimited potential of this region. My efforts in education, philanthropy, and entrepreneurship have all been efforts to see the potential come to fruition,” said Ekiyor, founding partner of InnoPower, the region’s fastest-growing minority conference.

In addition to InnoPower, Emil’s resume is quite impressive. A few highlights include:

- NFL defensive end with the Raiders, Buccaneers and Falcons
- CEO/founder of Enabek Solutions — a U.S.-based client-focused firm that works with U.S. and sub-Saharan African entrepreneurs, social entrepreneurs, institutions and nonprofits.
- National executive director for the GEO Foundation — an Indianapolis-based national nonprofit organization with the mission of breaking the cycle of poverty by providing students and families in impoverished neighborhoods access to high quality educational options.
- Former president of the Indianapolis Chapter of Indiana Black Expo
- President of Indy Youth Sports
- Vice president of the NFL Former Players Indianapolis Chapter
- Member of the board of directors of Friends of Education, the largest charter school authorizer in Minnesota
- Former high school coach at Warren Central High School, Arsenal Technical High School and Cathedral High school
- Son Emil Ekiyor Jr. currently plays for the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football program.

Emil’s success is quite an unlikely story for a man whose journey began 5,900 miles away.

As a young teenager, Emil left his birthplace of Lagos, Nigeria, to come to the U.S. to pursue a better



Longtime friends and former NFL teammates Emil Ekiyor (I) and Roland Williams are donating PPE equipment to local schools, community learning centers and businesses.

life. Despite being separated from his family and everything he knew, Emil learned to overcome challenges. But throughout his life, one thing that has never left him is his sense of community and teamwork. As a proud resident of Indianapolis, his latest venture is one more example of his giving heart.

“As we continue the work of building opportunities to embrace diversity across our city, our state and other parts of the world, it’s important that we never forget those struggling to gain access to necessities to strive for a better life,” Ekiyor said, “To date, COVID-19 has already done notable harm to our local educational system, economy and far too many businesses owned by people of color. I am excited to bring one more outstanding resource to Indianapolis to make us better. I’m pleased to partner with my former teammate and fellow entrepreneur to help Indianapolis’s most vulnerable.”

Roland Williams, president and co-founder of J2 Medical Supply, says his long-standing friendship with Ekiyor is what inspired him to help.

“Emil’s passion and commitment to the Indianapolis community is what inspired me to lend my business, entrepreneurial and philanthropic support to the region,” Williams said. “Like most communities across the nation, Indianapolis is also a community in dire need of a consistent supply of PPE. During this COVID-19 pandemic, J2 Medical Supply is excited to join the team focused on helping.”

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business clients in need of a high quality, reliable PPE supply chain. (J2MedicalSupply.com)

This fall, J2 Medical Supply is partnering with the Indianapolis Recorder, owned by Recorder Media Group and the region’s oldest and most prominent Black newspaper, and InnoPower, the region’s fastest-growing minority conference, to donate thousands of masks to Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), Community Learning Sites sponsored by The Mind Trust, and other deserving entities throughout the region.

“As we work to overcome the economic, academic, and health challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, now, more than ever, collaboration is needed to ensure the greatest impact for the community,” said Robert Shegog, president and CEO of the Recorder. “Joining forces with J2 Medical Supply and InnoPower was necessary toward ensuring the safety of our students as they continue to deal with the challenges of learning during a major disruption to their school routine.”

In addition to the donation of PPE, Williams will share his expertise on entrepreneurship, philanthropy and personal growth during the second annual InnoPower Minority Business Conference on Aug. 29. The virtual conference is to acknowledge and provide support for individuals of color and other business groups interested in economic and entrepreneurial growth. The Recorder Media Group, home of the Indianapolis Recorder and Indiana Minority Business Magazine, sponsors this conference.

To please register for the conference, visit IMBconference.com

EDITORIAL

A hard look at policing in our city

By OSEYE BOYD



At a time when community members are calling for defunding, reimagining and restructuring the police department and less police, through Operation Legend the federal government is sending the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Marshals Service, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives — more police — to target violent gangs, gun crime and drug trafficking organizations for 45 days. In addition, Mayor Joe Hogsett increased funding for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department by \$7 million for 2021, and the police department will also receive \$250,000 from Operation Legend. Are government officials listening? These actions seem to go in the opposite direction of what the community — or at least a segment of the community — wants. Maybe, government officials are listening, but they’re listening to a different group of people.

For those most affected by the policies, though, it seems to be more of the same when it comes to decreasing crime. The fear of Indianapolis becoming a police state is on the minds of many. That’s one side of the coin. At the same time, however, homicides in Indianapolis continue to increase. There’s no denying it’s a concern for Black residents of Indianapolis and law enforcement. It’s not unusual to hear about multiple shootings or homicides during any given weekend. Part of the job of police is to get criminals off the street. That’s the other side of the coin. How do we reconcile these disparate points of view? How do we create a city where all residents feel safe and protected from criminals — and police maltreatment and brutality? The Recorder hopes to find some answers to these questions and more through a series of articles that examines policing in our city. Throughout the series, which starts in this week’s edition, we will try to answer some of the concerns we’ve heard from the community about the police. And, we’ve heard a lot. I’m sure you have too. You may even have some concerns. We want to hear those

concerns, so contact the newsroom and tell us. Many of these concerns aren’t new. The distrust and mistrust between the Black community and the police is a longstanding issue. One series of articles won’t build trust, but we hope it’s one part of the dialogue that helps create change in our city. The time is ripe for change. I can’t remember a time in my life when there’s been momentum of this magnitude to solve this centuries-old issue. Articles about policing have been done before, but the recent protests — and the response of and interaction with police — spurred a new desire to delve deeply into the matter. When we decided to do these articles we had no idea that a week before the first one was to appear, two major announcements would be made regarding policing. These announcements will impact our reporting. The first article in this series discusses the issue of reimagining the police force. We interviewed experts to get their take on what needs to happen to bridge the gap between community and police. By the way, today would be a good day to arrest those responsible for killing Breonna Taylor.

OPINIONS

Sen. Harris and Black identity



By LARRY SMITH

“Black African Booty Scratcher!” When I was a child, my friends and I hurled that disgusting phrase at kids who we wanted to completely demoralize — laughing as we did. Though I didn’t understand it at the time, that phrase was much more than an off-handed epithet; it was a thundering denunciation. Throughout history, we have been conditioned to think of Africa as a backward, uncivilized dystopia of tribalism, corruption and poverty (moral and financial). We were taught that God sent white men to “civilize the Dark Continent.” To my juvenile mind, to be African was to be a miscreant. Sub-human. Animalistic. It was perhaps the only thing worse than being a “n****r.” When we called someone a “Black African Booty Scratcher,” we intended to be as hurtful and demeaning as possible. We intended to “kill” our target psychologically. This impulse sprouted from the internalized racism to which Black people have always been subject. I thought about these tropes in

relation to Sen. Kamala Harris’ racial heritage being dissected before and after former Vice President Joe Biden selected her to be his running mate. Immediately — and inevitably — Harris’ racial lineage became an issue. Her late mother was born in India. Her father was born in Jamaica. They met at Berkeley while pursuing doctoral degrees. They fell in love with each other — and the Civil Rights Movement. Harris has said that her Indian mother “raised (her) to be a strong Black woman.” Despite Harris’ pride in being Black, I have seen instance after instance of our people questioning her racial identity. In the ever-evolving and deeply-conflicted vortex of intra-racial politics, condemnation for being “too Black” (i.e. African-like) competes with the charge of ... not being “Black enough” (i.e. “inauthentic”). These opposing extremes are not uniform in their application. That is, the embracing of Africa has been popular in some quarters for decades, whereas the desire to be “light, bright, and damn near white” has been preferred in others. Self-hatred is a b****h. The perverse nature of this reality is evident in the fact that Harris’ Black critics offer the same argu-

ment that white supremacists like Rush Limbaugh do, namely that her “Blackness” is suspect. Strangely, this is the inverse of what happened during slave auctions. Specifically, slave traders would boast about stolen Black bodies being from “pure African stock” while they were being evaluated as if they were cattle. (To have been less than “pure African” was, quite literally, to be devalued.) Saying that Harris isn’t “Black enough” does not extol our race; it debases it. Last fall I wrote a column titled “Blacker Than Thou.” My final paragraph was as follows: “There is no greater threat to collective progress than internal dissension. In this case, the issue is who gets to decide what ‘authentic Blackness’ is. ... (That) debate is not new. Neither the hanging of Sankofa images in our homes, nor the wearing of afros and dashikis (or American-style suits and dresses) will attenuate these divisions. For us to advance as a people, it is crucial both to acknowledge these deeply-held differences and to carefully — and respectfully — navigate them. We do not need to agree on individual identities to agree on collective outcomes.” This remains the sad truth.

Internalized racism is so insidious that it eats Black folks from the inside out. Its corrosive effects have caused us to straighten our hair, alter our speech, change the appearance of our eyes, “pass” as white and — in the ultimate act of mental trauma — lighten our skin. These are aspects of what Dr. Joy DeGruy has accurately identified as “Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome.” As the legendary Harlem Renaissance writer Zora Neale Hurston observed, “People can be slave-ships in shoes.” Candace Owens’ parents were born in the U.S. So were Clarence Thomas’. Yet, in the ever-witty vernacular of Black folks, neither Owens nor Thomas would be invited to the proverbial “Black cookout.” By contrast, Black nationalist Marcus Garvey — like Senator Harris’ father — was born in Jamaica. And both of freedom fighter Shirley Chisolm’s parents were immigrants. Yet, no sane person would question whether either Garvey or Chisolm earned their “Black card.” The place where we or our parents were born does not determine whether we are “sufficiently” Black; where our heart resides does. *Larry Smith is a community leader. Contact him at larry@leaf-llc.com.*

Stay quit on using tobacco

By MINORITY HEALTH COALITION OF MARION COUNTY

Although Minority Mental Health Month was observed in July, it continues to always be a message to speak on the struggles that our communities of color are facing in regards to how poor mental health and tobacco use are an overlooked, yet ever important issue. I wanted to share some information that may be helpful to those in our communities of color who may be using or looking to use tobacco during these understandably stressful times. With the stress of the pandemic, social issues and the things we encounter every day in our lives it is key to find ways to positively affect our mental health. A life-saving strategy people can make any time of the year is to stay quit on using tobacco. Disparities on both mental health care and tobacco use are present in our communities of color. There are several ways to boost your mental health and stay quit from tobacco during times of crisis. Reach out to family and friends for support. Any change is difficult to go at alone, and having a support system ensures you’ll have a shoulder to lean on during the particularly tough times. One way to involve friends and family is to have a quit buddy

who begins a quit attempt at the same time and you can talk to about the quitting process. Identify your triggers and how to overcome them during these stressful times. Our minds are overloaded with information and stimulus over the course of the day. People, places, events or things around us may make you want to smoke or use tobacco. These triggers can make staying quit difficult, but identifying and learning how to deal with them is key to bettering your mental health and staying quit from tobacco. Remember to celebrate often. Did you make it through a stressful day or event? Be sure to take time to congratulate yourself and recognize your accomplishments. Experts say that doing so will improve your mental health and lead to less crav-

ings for substance use like tobacco. The Indiana Tobacco Quitline is a free resource available to all Hoosiers to quit all forms of tobacco, including e-cigarettes. Right now, the Quitline is offering two weeks of nicotine replacement therapy in the form of patches, gum or lozenges to all who enroll. For more information or to get started, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit www.quitnowindiana.com.

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2 officers indicted for use of force against women in May

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Two Indianapolis police officers have been indicted by a Marion County grand jury for their use of force against two women downtown May 31.

Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced the indictments Aug. 12 at a press conference.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer Jonathan Horlock has been indicted on charges of battery (Level 5 felony), battery resulting in moderate injury (Level 6 felony), battery resulting in bodily injury (Class A misdemeanor), perjury (Level 6 felony), obstruction of justice (Level 6 felony) and official misconduct (Level 6 felony).

IMPD officer Nathaniel Schauwecker has been indicted on charges of battery, battery resulting in moderate injury, two counts of battery resulting in bodily injury and two counts of official misconduct.

Two other IMPD officers were not indicted.

Officers Horlock and Schauwecker were seen on video striking one woman, Ivore Westfield, with batons while she was also hit with pepper balls after she twisted out of the arms of an officer.

One of the officers then pushed another woman, Rachel Harding, to the ground.

The incident happened the first night of curfew in Indianapolis at the corner of North Pennsylvania and East Washington streets.

Mears did not distinguish the officers seen in the video from one another. The grand jury process is tightly guarded, so Mears also could not discuss what evidence was presented, who testified or other details.

An indictment is a finding of probable cause. The criminal case will now proceed in Marion County Criminal Court 6.

A grand jury — which includes six people who are summoned in the same way people are for regular jury duty — considers the evidence presented and makes a determination about if the officers’ actions were reasonable.

“When we’re talking about issues about reasonableness, that’s very much a standard that’s going to be defined by the community,” Mears said.

Indicting a police officer is a rare occurrence, but no one knows for sure just how rare it is on a large scale. There is no uniform tracking system for charges brought against officers. It’s largely up to journalists, academics and advocacy groups to track trends in misconduct and steps in the legal process.

The Marion County Prosecutor’s Office did not



Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announces indictment charges against two Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers during a press conference Aug. 12. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

respond before deadline to a request for information about how many IMPD officers have been indicted or charged for on-duty actions in the last 10 years, but last year IndyStar cited the office as saying there were six such cases since 2011. That was after officer Robert Lawson was charged in September 2019 with misdemeanor battery, among other charges, for punching a Shortridge High School student.

An indictment is not the same as being convicted. Horlock and Schauwecker are still assumed innocent until proven guilty, which is what the county court will decide. It could take months to go to trial because of pre-trial hearings, and there’s the possibility that the officers could accept a plea deal at some point.

Mears said there should be a better system for people who feel like they’ve been victims of excessive force. Right now, the only option for those people is to complain to IMPD, whose officers are responsible for the force.

“I would like to think there’s a better system set up where we’re in a position to have someone independently evaluate those claims,” Mears said, “and hopefully that’ll make people more willing to come forward and provide information.”

In a statement responding to the indictments, IMPD Chief Randal Taylor said he intends to address the administrative review of the officer conduct after the criminal investigation.

Taylor also announced officers Horlock and Schauwecker will remain on administrative duty with no police authority.

Contact staff writer Tyler Fenwick at 317-762-7853. Follow him on Twitter @Ty_Fenwick.

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Tips for going back to school during COVID-19

By **CAMEUAL WRIGHT**

Indiana students are returning to school, but things are much different than years past. While thoughts of returning to school typically include back-to-school shopping and what teachers the student has, this year has brought additional thoughts of how to keep students safe as we continue to face COVID-19. Many families worry about how they can best prepare for returning to school and staying healthy. Dr. Cameual Wright, the medical director at CareSource, a nonprofit health plan, has a few important tips to share with parents on ways to keep their children safe from COVID-19 when going back to school.

EDUCATE CHILDREN ABOUT MASKS.

Many schools are requiring students wear masks throughout the school day or during times of close interaction. Parents should be sure to communicate with school officials to understand updated guidelines and current policies. In addition, parents should teach their children how to wear their masks properly. Although it may be difficult to ensure that younger children wear their masks as directed, parents should have an age-appropriate conversation about COVID-19 and why masks are important and why they should follow this and other school rules to prevent infection. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children over the age of 2 wear masks. Parents can visit the CDC mask guidance page for the most updated recommendations for wearing masks.

ENCOURAGE PROPER HYGIENE.

It is important to teach children proper hygiene at a young age. Parents should prioritize teaching their children about proper handwashing, especially due to the pandemic we are

facing. While it is always good practice for children to wash their hands frequently, parents should emphasize the importance of washing their hands as often as possible to avoid transmission of COVID-19. Families should also communicate the importance of covering their mouth with their arm when coughing and sneezing, not touching their face if at all possible, using hand sanitizer when hand washing stations are unavailable and not touching or sharing personal items with other students.

KEEP MENTAL HEALTH IN MIND.

Aside from keeping children safe from an illness like COVID-19, parents should also be checking in on their child's mental health. The CDC noted children and teens are likely to respond stronger to the stress of the pandemic compared to other age groups. If a parent has a child that is scared about returning to school due to COVID-19 or has other fears surrounding the pandemic, parents should have an age-appropriate conversation with their child about COVID-19 including what it is, what it means for them and how to protect themselves. Parents should always be honest about the topic and reassure them that everyone, including doctors, scientists, principals and teachers, have their best interest at hand.

The situation can be stressful for children, and parents need to be sure that their children are finding a way to enjoy themselves during these times. They should ensure their children are taking time to do things they enjoy and that they are showing their child extra attention and love.

STAY ON TRACK WITH WELL-CHILD VISITS AND VACCINATIONS.

It is essential that children stay on schedule with their yearly well-child visit. Even though it is a pandemic, it is



vital that children continue these visits to preserve their overall health. While in-person opportunities for well-child visits may be limited, CareSource, among many other providers, offers telehealth as a safe option to complete the visit. CareSource has worked alongside health care providers to ensure there are no barriers to access to telehealth.

As Indiana sees a serious decline in vaccinations, it is crucial that parents keep their children up to date on vaccinations. In May alone, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported 137,000 fewer doses which equates to a 46.61% decrease. The CDC recommends that children stay on schedule with their vaccines during the pandemic and even shared strategies to get back onto a vaccination schedule on its website. CareSource

has partnered with the Indiana Immunization Coalition on its Vaccinate Indiana efforts to encourage and educate on the importance of continuing to get vaccinated even during the pandemic. If a parent has questions about in-person vaccination opportunities, they should consult their care provider.

TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

The upcoming school year will encourage families to take even more health precautions than what is taken normally. It is good practice to keep your child home from school if they are sick, but it is even more important now. Families should consider the health of the entire household and even consider keeping a child home from school if a family member is sick.

When talking about health precautions, families also need to consider where the child will feel safest. Many schools are offering the option for students to learn from home, in the classroom or a hybrid of the two. Caregivers should communicate with their child about what they feel most comfortable with and make a decision that supports the child's overall well-being. Parents should work to remove the stigmas and pressures that come with perfect attendance awards and communicate that health is the most important thing. If parents have questions about their options, they should contact their school and discuss how to ensure students are receiving the best education, wherever they decide to learn from.

If a child comes home and is feeling sick or feels that they have been exposed to someone who is sick, caregivers should call their doctor for further consultation. Parents can call into CareSource, our 24-hour Nurse Helpline, to ask questions and get advice on the next steps to take. Information and guidance on COVID-19 and related topics can also be found at coronavirus.in.gov.

Dr. Cameual Wright is CareSource medical director, Indiana market.

Well-Child Visits Are Essential to Good Health

In recent months, families have been doing their part by staying at home as much as possible to help stop the spread of COVID-19. As communities like Marion County open up, it's important for children to have an annual well-child visit.

Well-child visits are essential for many reasons, including:

- Tracking growth and development including milestones, social behaviors, and learning
- Discussing any concerns about the child's health
- Getting scheduled vaccinations to prevent illnesses like measles, whooping cough (pertussis), and 12 other serious diseases

Several areas of the U.S. have experienced outbreaks of measles and whooping cough in recent years. These diseases are extremely contagious and can be very serious, especially for babies and young children.

As schools and daycares also begin to reopen, protecting children against these and other diseases makes vaccinations especially important.

To find out what vaccines a child needs and when, immunization schedules are posted at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, [CDC.gov/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines). Anyone who has questions about vaccines and keeping a child safe should contact the child's primary care physician or medical provider to learn what special measures they might have in place.

Many offices and clinics are taking extra steps to see children safely during this time, like:

- Scheduling sick visits and well-child visits during different times of the day
- Asking patients to remain outside until they are called into the facility to reduce crowding in waiting rooms
- Offering sick visits and well-child visits in different locations

The Marion County Public Health Department offers well-child checks and immunizations through its District Health Office locations and at the ACTION Health Center. To learn more about

appointments at a District Health Office, please call 317-221-2000. Appointments at the ACTION Health Center are available by calling 317-221-3400.

The ACTION Health Center is a full-service medical office that serves patients through 25 years of age.

Mosquitoes Carrying West Nile Virus in Marion County

The Marion County Public Health Department's Mosquito Control program collects mosquitoes from traps placed in areas around the county to monitor the population and test for West Nile virus.

To help prevent bites and reduce the mosquito population, the Marion County Public Health Department encourages everyone to:

- Stay indoors from dusk until dawn. If you do spend time outdoors...
- Wear long sleeves and long pants when outside during these times.
- Use insect repellent containing DEET or other EPA-approved active ingredients.
- Remove all standing water outside the home.

Residents are encouraged to walk around their home or property once a week and empty water from containers of any size and flush out bird baths. They should also check for standing water in unused tires, clogged gutters, small recreational pools, and from poorly operating septic systems. Just a small amount of water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Most people who become infected with West Nile virus do not develop any symptoms, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those with certain medical conditions, such as cancer, diabetes and kidney disease are at greater risk experiencing symptoms which include headache, body aches, joint pains or rash.

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Bridging the gap between generations at the ‘G2G’ conference

By TYLER FENWICK
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When younger people want to learn how to work on their car, who do they go to? Their parents and grandparents. And when elders need help setting up their cell phone or getting on Zoom to see their grandkids, who do they turn to? Younger people.

Generations not only need to respect one another, but also depend on each other for knowledge, which is the purpose of the 12th Generation to Generation Conference at Scott United Methodist Church.

“We live in a time where the generations have lost connection,” said James Anyike, pastor at Scott UMC. “We don’t communicate the same ways. We’re not sharing wisdom and insight from the elders to the younger generations.”

The free “G2G” conference is Aug. 21-23. Many of the workshops are available on Zoom and Facebook Live, while some will be offered in person at Scott UMC, 2153 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave. This year’s theme is “Rebuilding the Village.”

Some of the in-person workshops are inside, and there will be limits on capacity. Same-day registration is allowed at the church, but Anyike recommends registering in advance at scottg2g.webs.com.

One of the workshops — “18 Ain’t Grown” — will deal with the challenges of parenting and why it’s important to have community and family support for young people who are on the verge of legally becoming adults.

Nicole Holder, the facilitator, has four sons and a daughter, and all are older than 18. She has worked as a juvenile probation officer and with Child Protective Services, giving her multiple perspectives on the struggles parents



Scott United Methodist Church put on a play, “Reflections,” as part of its 10th annual Generation to Generation Conference in 2018. (Recorder file photo)

and young people face.

The biggest complaint from parents with kids who were 17 or 18 years old is their “hands are tied,” Holder said, because their children are about to enter legal adulthood without the necessary understanding of what that means — their responsibilities, accountability for actions and so on.

“I’ve always worked with my children from the frame of reference that at 18 you’re not grown,” she said. “You were just 17 last night, so you don’t have all the answers at 18.”

“18 Ain’t Grown” is 1-3 p.m. Aug. 21 in the sanctuary.

Another workshop — “Black and Gay in Indy - The History and Existence of Black Queerness” — will explore the difficulties Black people who identify as LGBTQ face both in the church and in the Black community.

T.J. Wright, the facilitator, grew up Baptist and identifies as LGBTQ.

“We exist silenced, and we have for years,” he said.

Wright pointed out that the Black church is one of the original pillars for Black Americans, but there has been an informal “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy when it comes to queerness. It’s not uncommon, he said, to sit in church on Sunday and hear the pastor “demonizing the existence of queerness.”

Wright said the message is: “God loves your blackness, but I don’t know how that queerness got in there. That’s the devil working.”

“Black and Gay in Indy - The History and Existence of Black Queerness” is 1:30-3 p.m. Aug. 22 on Zoom.

Other workshops include “Interacting with Police,” a panel discussion with Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Randal Taylor, Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition President Rev. Charles Harrison, and Don’t Sleep Founder Dominic Dorsey.

Ebony Chappel, co-host of “Open Lines: Eye on the Community” on Hot 96.3, will be the moderator. The panel discussion is 3-5 p.m. Aug. 22 on

GENERATION TO GENERATION CONFERENCE

The Generation to Generation Conference includes many workshops meant to bridge the gap between generations. The conference is free, but space is limited.

- When: Aug. 21-23
- Where: Scott United Methodist Church, 2153 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave.
- Register: scottg2g.webs.com or in person

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Visit scottg2g.webs.com for a full schedule.

Contact staff writer Tyler Fenwick at 317-762-7853. Follow him on Twitter @Ty_Fenwick.

Martin University holds 51st commencement ceremony

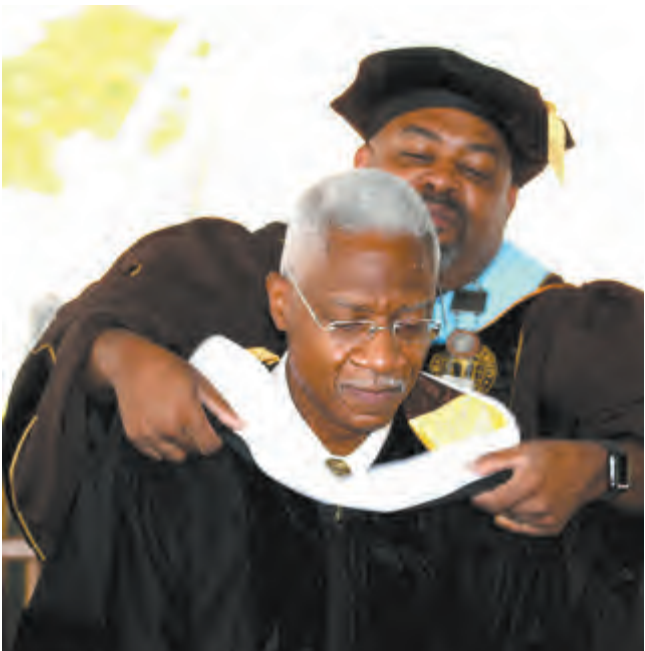
Martin University held its commencement ceremony recently, which was under a large tent in the parking lot because of COVID-19. Graduates practiced social distancing, and there were three honorary degrees presented. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



Martin President Sean L. Huddleston welcomed graduates.



Huddleston presents Katrice A. Albert, Ph.D, with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.



Huddleston presents Dennis Bland with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.



Graduate Inga March offers student reflections.



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Dr. Lashun Smith, provost and vice president of academic affairs, delivers the greetings.



Gene Sease (right) was presented with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters alongside his wife, Joanne (left).

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

On civil disobedience

By REV. DR. JEFF HOOD

His huge fist repeatedly struck her face. This wasn't the first time her boyfriend beat her up, but this was definitely the worst. Hours later, she awoke with blood caked between her face and the floor. Seeing that her boyfriend was asleep, she quietly ran out the door.

Due to multiple warrants, she was too scared to call the police. So, she ran to the only place she knew to go. Seeing the steeple in the distance, she ran harder. For many years, her church was known as a place that would help victims of domestic violence. It was her only hope.

Once she got on the lawn, she raced to the side door. There was always someone there. Running up, she missed the sign. Over and over again, she banged on the door. Nobody came. Backing up, she realized that there was a sign: "Churches are not considered essential based on the recent COVID-19 order ... so we have been forced to suspend all social services until the order is lifted."

He was sitting at home watching television. The phone rang. On the other end of the line was a voice he did not know. After identifying himself as a local police officer, the voice proceeded to tell him that his son was shot and killed earlier that night. Devastated, the man called his pastor. After hearing the anguish in his voice, the pastor raced over to his parishioner's house.

Not long after he got off of the exit, he was pulled over. Unable to understand what he had done wrong, he rolled down the window. The officer asked where he was going. After his explanation, the pastor thought he was just going to be able to go. Instead, the officer went back to his car. After a few minutes, the officer came back with a citation. Immediately, the pastor demanded to know the reason for this ticket.

The officer didn't hesitate: "Ministers are not considered essential workers under the recent COVID-19 order."

She needed food. The church was closed. He needed emergency counseling. The church was closed. He needed help with his bills. The church was closed. She needed somewhere to sleep. The church was closed. He needed to take a shower. The church was closed. She just needed help. The church was closed. He just needed help. The church was closed.

The church is the largest provider of social services in our country. Dallas County and various other



counties have discouraged and inhibited such work. Repeatedly, churches and their ministers are not included in the definitions of what is essential to our society. The language is all about businesses. While there is room given for churches to meet "virtually," churches can't do the vast majority of their work over a computer screen. More lives will be lost if the church stops being the church. I can't accept this.


We must love our neighbors. We must stand up

for the marginalized and oppressed. We must. To do anything else would not be the church. When someone asks for the help of churches, I encourage you to help them, no matter what any authority says. Civil disobedience might be the hallmark of our faith at this point.

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hood, of Texas Metro News, is a theologian and activist in Dallas County.

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What to do if losing your job means losing life insurance

By **GEORGIA ROSE**
NerdWallet

The coronavirus pandemic continues to disrupt the U.S. economy as businesses both big and small cut back, close and declare bankruptcy. Consequently, a reported 16.3 million Americans were unemployed in July compared to just over 6 million the previous year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In addition to losing their paychecks, many Americans also have lost their workplace benefits like life insurance, which can offer peace of mind in the event of an unexpected death.

If you find yourself without coverage due to unemployment, you may be wondering what your options are. The terms of your current or most recent policy, as well as your health, long-term financial plan and employment status, all play a part in deciding what to do next.



CONSIDER YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS

Start by asking yourself why you want to continue or replace your coverage. In general, life insurance is only necessary if your death would place a financial burden on others.

If you are the high-income earner or sole earner for a young family, you should assess your situation with a financial planner to make sure your family is protected during your unemployment, says Scott Holeman, media relations director at the Insurance Information Institute.

MetLife is offering to reinstate coverage without evidence of insurability if an employee is rehired within six months. Therefore, ask your human resources department about reactivation options if you anticipate returning to the same company and do not need coverage during your absence.

Additionally, if your spouse has a policy and you are concerned about shared dependents, Holeman says you may want to consider increasing their coverage to help offset the loss of your policy.



ACT QUICKLY

“If you are newly unemployed and you want to continue (having) life insurance, you should probably jump on that as soon as possible,” Holeman says. Insurers typically look favorably on employment as it can indicate whether you can pay your premiums. They may not see you as a risk if you can show that your unemployment was recent and you have strong job prospects.

Another way to show financial strength is through your assets. Holeman explains that insurers may be more inclined to sell you a policy if you can show a consistent history of paying for things like a car loan or mortgage.

For those who are worried that they may be losing a job — and are able to pay the premiums on a new policy — buying coverage on the open market while still employed may be easier, Holeman says.



TALK TO YOUR HR TEAM

Your former employer “likely offers a financial wellness program to help you better understand what benefits you truly need,” says Jessica Gillespie, senior vice president and head of distribution at Prudential Group Insurance. HR teams can also explain any pandemic-related allowances, such as coverage extensions for employees who are temporarily laid off, furloughed or working reduced hours.

If you are interested in keeping the same policy, Holeman suggests talking to your HR team to see if you can convert it to an individual policy. You also may have the option to transfer your coverage to a new employer if it carries the same type of policy. Some insurers are extending porting and conversion windows so employees have more time to make the switch.



CONSIDER TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS

Temporary solutions like term life insurance can help bridge the gap between jobs. “Ask about policies that are shorter term or a smaller amount of coverage,” Holeman suggests. “You might also want to look at something like accidental life insurance, or final expense insurance that would pay for a funeral.”



EVALUATE YOUR INSURABILITY

When assessing your insurability on the open market, your employment status is only one piece of the pie. Be aware that insurers may also use your driving history or criminal record, as well as your age and health when



evaluating your application.

There have been reports of insurers turning away an increasing number of high-risk applicants, such as those above a certain age or with serious health conditions. If this sounds like you, you may want to consider guaranteed or simplified issue policies, which require little to no information about your health. However, they can

be expensive and typically offer lower coverage amounts.

Group life insurance is available outside of the workplace, too.

“Many associations and affinity groups offer products like life insurance, accident insurance, disability insurance and more that are priced similarly to what you would have paid through your employer,” Gillespie says.

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Scope includes: Wall coverings, interior painting, and exterior painting for the new 5 story Academic building.
Contract No. 37 – Site Pavements and Amenities
Scope includes: Site concrete, concrete paving joint sealants, unit pavers, asphalt paving, and site furnishings for the new Academic building.
Contract No.38 – Earthwork, Utilities
Scope includes: Site clearing, utility demolition, site utilities, sanitary sewers, subgrade prep for hardscapes, and final grading for the new Academic building.
Plans & specifications will be available Thursday, August 13, 2020. Plans & specifications may be viewed online at reprographix.com, iSqft.com, integrityoneplanroom.com, and blueprintspecialties.net. For questions regarding the bid documents contact Chris Metzger at cmetzger@shielsexton.com or (317) 716-8765
Pre-Bid Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 1:00 PM (EST) virtually through Zoom.
Each bid over \$200,000 shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 5% of the total base bid amount. Bids are due Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 2:00pm (EST). Sealed bids shall be submitted to Shiel Sexton, Attention: Chris Metzger, at purduegatewaybid04@shielsexton.com
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC)
Electronic Quote
EQ 20-03-340 Fleet Batteries
Summary: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp. (IPTC) is seeking quotes from qualified Battery contractors to supply 1000 units of 12V 100Ah AGM batteries for the fleet.
View IFB Online at <https://www.indygo.net/procurement/bid-opportunities/>
Issue of EQ: 8/17/2020 by EOD
Written Questions Due: 8/26/2020 by 2:00pm EST
Answers Provided and Posted: 9/1/2020
Quote Due Date: 9/9/2020 by 12:00pm noon EST (electronic bids only – no hard copies)
Notice of Award: 10/22/2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Trustees of Purdue University will solicit and interview prospective CMC firms for the Throckmorton Agricultural Center Multiple Facilities Renovation project. The RFP process will consist of two stages. The first stage (RFP-A/B) will be a qualifications based review. From these responses, firms will be shortlisted to proceed to the next stage. The second stage (RFP-C) will consist of interviews. The Trustees of Purdue University will receive RFP-A/B responses until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on the 9th day of September, 2019 at Capital Program Management, Purdue University, Purdue Technology Center Aerospace, 1801 Newman Road, Ste. 208, West Lafayette, IN 47906-4510 To obtain Request for Proposal documents, please email: Mark Townsend, Senior Project Manager, mtownsend@purdue.edu THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY Date: James K. Keele, Senior Director of Capital Program Management
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/public sale on August 31st, 2020 at 8AM. 7576 W Washington St Indianapolis, IN 46231. List of vehicles to be included in the sale:

Year	Make	VIN	Sale Price
2007	DODGE	2B3KA43G7KH837996	\$1,500.00
2006	BMW	WB4VB33566K333299	\$1,500.00
2000	CHEVROLET	2G1WX12K3Y9188260	\$1,500.00
2006	NISSAN	JN1BBA66V504978	\$1,500.00
2007	HONDA	1HGCM56437A21641	\$1,500.00
2008	AUDI	WAUDF78EXA102427	\$1,500.00
1999	TOYOTA	2T1BR12E4KC195338	\$1,500.00
2006	CHEVROLET	2G1WU581X69189496	\$1,500.00
1993	HONDA	1HGCLD5631VA112468	\$1,500.00
2006	NISSAN	1N4AL11DX6N366942	\$1,500.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT INDIANA PUBLIC AUTO AUCTION 1340 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225 ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AT 6:15PM

- 2006 SATURN ION VIN#G2Z2336389595 \$900
- 2008 BUICKENCLAVEVIN#5GAER23728J10832233250
- 2002 DODGE RAM VIN#1D7HA16N92J158221 \$2110
- 2001 FORDEXPEDITIONVIN#1FMRU16W41L800904\$2770
- 2007 CHEVROLET COBALT VIN#1G1AL58F977350878\$1410
- 1966DODGEDSTRATUSVIN#1B3EJA6X87N164331\$1830
- 1997OLDSMOBILEAUTOMOBILEVIN#3G8MB52M263126851900
- 2008 TOYOTA YARIS VIN#JTDBT932481286680 \$1310
- 2008NISSANALTIMA VIN#1N4AL21E38N454698\$1210
- 1999FORDEXPEDITIONVIN#1FMRU18L6XL851050\$2830
- 2006CHEVROLET EXPRESS VIN#1GCHG3G5U76116690\$1150

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is requesting participation from registered MBE, WBE, VBE and DOBE firms interested in providing for the construction of ST-16-605 2020 International Marketplace Intersection Improvements for The City of Indianapolis. The bid date is August 27, 2020. The following information is included in this work: Concrete, Seeding/Erosion Control, Excavation, Hauling, Construction Engineering, and Maintenance of Traffic. Calumet also requests subcontractors to provide additional MBE/WBE/DBE/DOBE participation concerning supply of materials, engineering, shipping, transportation of goods, and other items incidental to its work. If a MBE/WBE/VBE/DOBE could a project, please notify us. Email quotes@calumetcivil.com for more information.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CLARA KNOTTS PARK BROADWAY DRAIN, 7.448 FEET, MORE OR LESS IN LENGTH IN SECTIONS 11, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, CLAY TOWNSHIP WILL BE OPENED AND READ ON THE 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING, ONE HAMILTON COUNTY SQUARE, NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA 46060-2230. All bids must be on proposal forms furnished by the Hamilton County Surveyor and accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount. The bidder shall also execute a FORM 96 as required by the State Board of Accountancy and include a notarized non-collusion affidavit with the bid documents. Plans and specifications for the project are on file in the office of the Hamilton County Drainage Board / Surveyor's Office at One Hamilton County Square, Suite 188, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This is a federally funded project, Davis-Bacon Wage Rates will apply. WBE/MBE Businesses are encouraged to bid. A non-refundable fee for plans and specifications of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) is required. Check payable to the Hamilton County Treasurer. ALL BIDS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY BY 9:00 A.M. September 28, 2020. Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh Executive Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Executive Session of the Board of Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana will be held Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 12:45 p.m. The meeting will be held via telephone conference. hspaxlp 08/21/20

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The session will be held to discuss collective bargaining, initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing, the implementation of security systems, the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties, receipt of information about prospective employee/interview/prospect employees, personnel matters, bids, proposals or arrangements that will be competitively awarded among health care providers, recruitment of health care providers, competitive marketing strategies and strategic planning of the Corporation. Matthew R. Gutwein President and Chief Executive Officer of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board meeting of the Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana will be held Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held via telephone conference. Attendees may join by phone using the following information: Phone number: 1-415-655-0001 Access code: 160.332.3016 Matthew R. Gutwein President and Chief Executive Officer of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana
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STATE OF INDIANA

Legal Notice
STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ON BEHALF OF:
Indiana Department of Correction
SOLICITATION FOR:
Trash Removal Services for WVCF: 665-21-2457
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: September 11, 2020 by 3:00 PM EDT
<https://www.in.gov/idoa/2354.htm>
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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 49D10-2002-MF-008660
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING
Plaintiff,
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JANET MARIE KOHNE and UNKNOWN OCCUPANT
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants named above and any other person or persons who may be concerned, you are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above. The nature of the suit against you is: Foreclosure of real estate mortgage on:
Lot Numbered 48 in Valley View Addition, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 21, page 16, in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant whose address is as follows: Unknown Occupant, 116 Royal Pine Lane, Cicero, IN 46034. And to the following defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: Janet Marie Kohne
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 of 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 Notice of Suit is published, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
MERCER BELANGER By: Jennifer R. Fitzwater JENNIFER R. FITZWATER, Attorney for Plaintiff
ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court
JENNIFER R. FITZWATER, #22981-49-A
FITZWATER MERCER One Indiana Square, Suite 1500 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 636-3551 phone (317) 636-6680 fax
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SUMMONS

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Civil Division
CAUSE NO. 49D13-1912-PL-052437
J-B MEDIA GROUP, LLC, Plaintiff,
AND
JOSHUA KOBS and SAMANTHA KOBS, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above, and any other person who may be concerned:
Notice is hereby given that Joshua Kobs and Samantha Kobs have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Breach of Contract & Fraud involving the sale of J-B Media Group, LLC. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants', Joshua Kobs and Samantha Kobs, whose whereabouts are unknown. In addition to the above named Defendants', being served by this summons there may be other defendants or Defendants who may have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction of 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 17th day of July 2020, (the same being 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 Petitioner has demanded.
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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF MARION
CIVIL DIVISION
CICELY WARREN, Plaintiff,
Vs
TIMOTHY PRICE and AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE, Defendants.
CAUSE NO. 49D03-2003-CT-011806

AFFIDAVIT

REGINALD B. BISHOP being of lawful age and being first duly sworn, states: That he is the attorney in the above entitled action. That the names and residences of all defendants known to me are as follows: That the names of all known defendants whose residences are unknown are as follows: TIMOTHY PRICE, 3424 OXFORD ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46218 That the affiant does not know and with reasonable inquiry and diligence is unable to ascertain the residence of those defendants, who are or may be concerned with the subject of this litigation, and who he desires to serve by publication. That this action is one of those mentioned in Rule 4.4 of the Indiana Rules of Civil Procedure. Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Indiana and County of Marion on August 3, 2020.
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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
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COUNTY OF MARION
CONRAD BAKER
CAUSE NO. 49D1-2006-CT-020447
Plaintiff
Vs
JILLIAN WATTS
Defendants
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indian to the Defendant above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is : PERSONAL INJURY
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendant(s) whose addresses are n/a
And to the following Defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Jillian Watts
In addition to the above named defendants being served there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after third Notice of Suit is published, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded.
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If you are interested in applying, please visit our website for complete details at <https://peacelearningcenter.org/contact@us/>
Please send cover letter and resume by September 1, 2020.
Peace Learning Center (PLC) is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate in any of its programs or employment practices. If you are excited about this role but are unsure whether you meet 100% of the requirements, we encourage you to inquire and/or apply.



MARCH
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speaker at the original gathering along with King, labor leader A. Phillip Randolph, Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, James Farmer of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality), and the Urban League's Whitney Young.

“We came to Washington to petition President Kennedy and Congress to act,” Lewis added. “When Dr. King spoke on that day, he spoke from his soul. He showed us his vision of what America could become. That was a critical turning point in history.”

Lonell “King Ro” Conley, an Indianapolis City-County Councilman and former WTLC-FM radio personality, maintains fond memories of the 1963 march, which he attended.

“It was one of the most spectacular events I ever attended,” he said. “You could just feel the vibes of solidarity and unity in the air. It was so exciting; I was all over the place greeting people and shaking hands with strangers. You could hear a pin drop when Dr. King spoke.”

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., sent a press statement which read, “Forty years ago, Dr. King articulated a vision for our country in which all Americans have the opportunity to pursue their dreams free from oppression and intolerance.

“Since that speech,” Bayh continued, “We have come a long way, and we should be proud of our accomplishments. But there is much more left to be done. By working to improve our economy, our schools, and our health care system for all Americans, we will be even closer to making Dr. King’s dream a reality.”

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said, “Dr. Martin Luther King gave one of the most important, and memorable, speeches in our nation’s history, 40 years ago this August. Dr. King’s speech at the Lincoln Memorial captured in powerful words our own sense of hope for the future. Five days after Dr. King’s assassination in 1968, I attended a church service in Indianapolis in his honor. At that service, I called Dr. King a prophet; a statement, which I believe, has only been validated since his untimely death.”

Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson said the anniversary of the March on Washington is a “profound reminder of the significance of the civil and human rights movement that has touched countless lives in this country.”

“On August 28, I hope everyone in this community takes a few minutes to further commit them-



Indianapolis 500 will still be epic

By DANNY BRIDGES

It's been downright eerie this past week at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway without any fans in attendance at practice and qualifications. There are no racing enthusiasts as I walk along the now vacant Pagoda Plaza in search of a tenderloin sandwich, and the Cathedral of Motor Sports that I've frequented for just over five decades has been overtaken by a surreal, yet sad sense of silence.

There's no vendors hawking their wares, and I no longer have to wade through crowds of the IMS faithfuls seeking a glimpse of their favorite driver, hoping to grab an autograph or a selfie with them.

Yes, I'm wandering around in a virtual haze, wondering how this could've occurred and when things will return to the "old" normal.

Yes, those are the salad days, my friends, and as I long for the return of such, it dawned on me yesterday that the racing will be just the same without those who've patronized this event for, in some cases, longer than I've been alive. Yes, that's a harsh statement but it's the hard, cold truth, which in this particular case is extremely difficult to swallow.

Clearly it's tragic for race fans to be delegated to the comfort of their living rooms Aug. 23 when the green flag drops on the 104th running of the Indianapolis 500, but when the health and safety of all those who purchase ducats faithfully every year prevailed, forcing IMS to make the right call about running the greatest race in the world in front of an empty house, there was an outcry that could be heard from Maine to Montana about the injustice of it all and how things just wouldn't be the same on race day without the fans.

While that frame of mind has some merit on the surface, in reality that's simply not the case. While every driver seeking to win it has publicly proclaimed they will miss the pomp and pageantry that accompanies some 250,000 fans on the day of the show, they will also privately concede they will be just as focused when it comes time to strap in and play a moving game of chess with their colleagues at better than 225 miles per hour when the green flag finally unfolds and we all hold our collective breath as they enter turn one.

Of course, it's a crying shame that fans will not be allowed in, but take solace in the fact that it's just for this year and if we all buckle down and practice sound judgment in terms of eradicating COVID-19, you'll be back in business come May of 2021. Enjoy the world-class drivers who will, as always, push themselves and their cars to the limit seeking the coveted title of Indy 500 champion, all the while entertaining you through a live local telecast that will be engineered and produced by some of the best sports television technicians in the business, many of them living right here in central Indiana.

For the naysayers who've already vowed to never be seen again at IMS over the logical decision made to protect you and yours, I know you'll be watching on television, and once you see how engaging things will most likely be for the race, you'll be forgiven and once again granted entrance to the hallowed grounds at 16th and Georgetown, where your seat awaits you for next year's race.

In the interim, sit back with your favorite food and beverages this weekend and take in all the sights from the comfort of your home. Enjoy the vast number of storylines that are prevailing, and while you have every right to feel frustrated by virtue of being on the outside looking in, reflect on the great times you've had at the track, and look ahead to the new memories you'll be creating upon your return.

I'm predicting a banner race, one that you'll remember for ages as you look back on this most unusual year, so be part of it all remotely.

Don't let the excitement of the Indy 500 escape you, and please don't fib and tell your all your co-workers the next day that you didn't watch it. It's the Indianapolis 500, and it's going to be great, so tune in and enjoy it. Open your windows as you watch and cheer as if you were sitting in your assigned seat at IMS. Who knows, the drivers just might hear you from afar as they look to entertain you all day.

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Marco Andretti wins the pole position for the 104th running of the Indianapolis 500 race. His speed was 231.351 miles per hour. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



No fans in the stands due to COVID-19

Dozens of fans set up chairs to watch the action on the big screen as COVID-19 protocols restrict fans from being in the stands for this year's race.

Indy Eleven narrowly beats Pittsburgh



Far left: In keeping with a soccer tradition, children were welcomed onto the field for pre-game ceremonies.

Left: Indy Eleven unveiled new jerseys inspired by the Indianapolis 500 for their Aug. 15 match against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC. (Photos/David Dixon)

Right: Indy Eleven goalie Evan Newton collects his 50th career shut-out.



Far right: Indy Eleven's Tyler Pasher scores his league-high eighth goal as the Eleven beat Pittsburgh, 1-0, at Lucas Oil Stadium.



High school football is back



High school football scrimmages kicked off Aug. 14, including Hamilton Southeastern at Bishop Chatard. Many scrimmages are more like practice than a game, with teams getting multiple possessions at different spots on the field and no formal scorekeeping. The Indiana High School Athletic Association has implemented a list of COVID-19 guidelines for football and other fall sports. Guidelines for football include social distancing of 6 feet while on the sidelines, and Bishop Chatard had cones on the sidelines for players to stand at. (Photos/Tyler Fenwick)