



Celebrating Black excellence in education

By EDUCATOR BARNES

Black lives matter. This includes Black educators. Too many times, Black excellence is not recognized. Research has shown that having a Black teacher is beneficial to not only Black students but for all students. A simple thank you or recognition could make the difference in a Black educator's life and keep him or her in the school setting. With this thought

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Recorder, International Marketplace Coalition join forces

By STAFF

The Indianapolis Recorder and the International Marketplace Coalition (IMC), a leading nonprofit organization on Indy's northwest side, recently announced a partnership where the two organizations will share resources and serve as an example of a growing diversity network within Indianapolis.

"It is an absolute honor for the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper to partner with the International Marketplace Coalition," said Robert Shegog, the Recorder's president and COO. "The ethnic pride, focus on inclusivity, and dedication to the community that the Recorder and IMC demonstrate make our partnership logical and necessary. International Marketplace has over 900 businesses in its coalition and does a phenomenal job of uniting entities on Indy's northwest side. Their intentional efforts to support local businesses and entrepreneurship are truly remarkable and a model for the rest of Indianapolis and the state. The Recorder Media Group looks forward to working with and promoting these entities in the newspaper."

A few highlights of the partnership are:

- Launch of The Global Village
- Support the growth of minority businesses in the community
- Showcase of global arts and culture

Mary Clark, founder and executive director of IMC,

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Sens. Melton, Ford 'rushed' by Capitol Police at Statehouse

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State Sens. Eddie Melton and J.D. Ford say they were "rushed" by Capitol Police inside the Indiana Statehouse on July 11 after they helped a crowd of people move inside to avoid a thunderstorm.

The senators recalled the alleged incident in a joint press release July 14.

According to the press release, the senators helped lead a group of about 50 people — who were attending the "Beyond the Big Tent — Black Voices in Politics" rally — inside the Statehouse. Capitol Police later "rushed over to the senators, quickly escalating the situation into an aggressive confrontation."

Ford (D-Indianapolis) said



Indiana Sen. Eddie Melton

in a statement they were first approached by staff and private security who demanded to see their credentials. Security initially said it was OK for them to be at the Statehouse,

which is closed to tours because of COVID-19, but then called over two Capitol Police officers.

"This interaction with the officers was aggressive from the start and could have been de-escalated, but was not," Ford said.

State Senate candidate Belinda Drake was a guest at the event and said in a press release the officers were singularly focused on Melton, who is Black, and one of the officers "popped the clip on his firearm holster."

That detail wasn't included in Ford and Melton's press release. A spokesperson for Ford said the senator can only confirm what was quoted in his statement and that he can't comment further because of an ongoing internal investigation.

Ford did say in his statement

that Melton "experienced some of the same police bias we were there to speak out against."

A spokesperson for Melton (D-Gary) did not respond to a request for clarification.

"It's unfortunate that this situation had to take place," Melton said in a statement. "... I want to be clear that I don't want this situation to become a distraction from the work that we're doing through the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus on our police reform agenda."

Capitol Police officers are part of Indiana State Police (ISP). A spokesperson for ISP confirmed there is an internal investigation.

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Black voters grow frustrated with Democratic Party

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Roughly 20 people gathered at Lugar Plaza outside of the City-County Building on July 13 to protest what they saw as the latest example of a local Democratic Party that's too secretive and doesn't listen to the people.

They chanted and held signs demanding that Jason Larrison, who was recently appointed to an empty seat on the city-county council, resign.

Imani Wills, a 32-year-old library worker, was among those whose frustration has reached a tipping point.

Party insiders choosing Larrison over Karla Lopez-Owens was "another brick laid in the wall," she said.

But like so many Black people, Wills grew up in a home that supports and votes for Democrats. She still votes for Democrats for the most part, though she also has strong criticisms of the party at both a local and national level.

"I feel like for so long, the Democratic Party has just kind of banked on the fact that 'we're not Republicans' kind of thing," she said, "and that's just getting really old."

This kind of discontent appears to be more common — and Larrison's appointment has been a rallying point — but it's unclear what this will actually lead to.

At the national level, it's difficult to imagine large num-

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A car parked near the City-County Building displays a sign calling for recently appointed city-county councilor Jason Larrison to resign.

A group of protesters gathered at the City-County Building to protest the appointment of Jason Larrison to an empty seat on the city-county council. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



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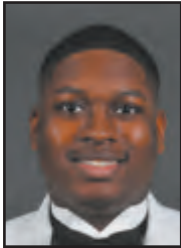
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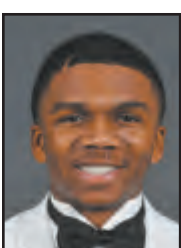
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By STAFF

The Beautillion Militaire Scholarship Program is a 26-session rites of passage program for African American young men in grades 11-12 in Central Indiana public and private schools. The program was started by Jack and Jill of America, Indianapolis Chapter in 1984. Its mission is to further develop the “beaus” to be critical thinkers, culturally grounded, globally conscientious and purpose driven in productive relationships. The beaus attend cultural activities, build peer relationships and are exposed to multiple career development activities through career mentors from the 100 Black Men and others who share their professional journey. The beaus also build their knowledge and skills about health, religion, dating and relationships, and other

topics that prepare them for adulthood. They learn a precision military drill that promotes teamwork and discipline. These experiences culminate with the beaus completing their “Man Plan,” a guide of how they will create and achieve their personal and professional goals.

The 2020 beaus were awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships.

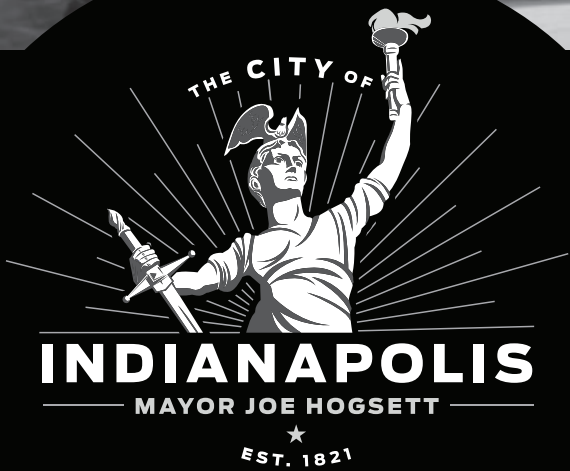
Y. Jayden McMullen was named Mr. Beautillion Militaire. He is the son of Yves McMullen and Gina Monteiro and a graduating senior from Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School. McMullen will receive a \$36,200 scholarship and will major in business administration at Indiana University.

Edreece Redmond II is first runner up.

Bradley Harrington is second runner up.



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bers of Black voters leaving the Democratic Party in favor of the Republican Party.

Zoltan Hajnal, author of “Dangerously Divided: How Race and Class Shape Winning and Losing in American Politics,” writes that public opinion surveys over the last 50 years about government spending show Black voters have their preferences met at basically the same rate as whites when there is a Democratic president and Congress. Black voters are at the biggest disadvantage when there is a Republican president and Congress.

“I don’t see any substantial movement of Blacks away from the Democratic Party,” Hajnal said in an interview. “As long as the Republican Party is such a stark contrast, there’s really nowhere for Black Democrats to go.”

That’s the way Charla Joyce, a 32-year-old professor, feels about the party.

Most Black people believe the Democratic Party is largely racist, Joyce said, but that doesn’t mean there’s an automatic home in the Republican Party, which she said doesn’t even allow conversations about racism, for example, to move forward because they’re stuck on debating whether racism is even real.

“In order to maintain safety, we have to let some stuff go and hope to push the Democratic Party toward addressing our needs,” Joyce said.

She votes for Democrats and considers herself a Democrat “most of the time.” If she ever did vote for a Republican, Joyce said most of her friends and family wouldn’t approve.

Wills said she’s had conversations with her family about not voting for certain Democratic presidential candidates, but they respond by talking about the Supreme Court and other institutions they feel Republicans would harm.

This is part of the reason why authors Ismail White and Chryl Laird say Black voters continue to overwhelmingly support Democrats, a case they present in their book, “Steadfast Democrats: How Social Forces Shape Black Political Behavior.”

They refer to the process as “racialized social constraint,” where voting for Democrats is an expected norm of Black political behavior that gets reinforced through social sanctioning.

The Indiana Republican Party is well aware that many Black voters don’t consider the GOP to be a real option. The party recently announced a new initiative — the Indiana Republican Diversity Leadership Series — to increase minority engagement and ultimately create more minority leaders within the party.

The state GOP’s director of diversity engagement, Whitley Yates, is Black and said in an interview people are tired of “political platitudes” without progress. Yates, 31, grew

up with parents and grandparents who voted for Democrats but said she noticed that cities with Democratic leaders are where Black communities were often worse off.

Black voters over time have become less supportive of government programs and interventions targeted at racial minorities, according to American National Election Studies surveys. Even among Black Democrats, fewer than one-third identify as liberal, according to Pew Research Center, and 55% say it’s necessary to believe in God in order to be moral.

As Yates pointed out, those are qualities that seem to align well with the Republican Party.

Of course, a rightward shift to the GOP isn’t the only possibility for disaffected Black Democrats.

Doris Jones, a 35-year-old carpenter, was at the protest against Larrison’s appointment handing out issues of Liberation, the Party for Socialism and Liberation’s newspaper. But Jones said she still considers herself a Democrat “in a way,” even though she also thinks the party is corrupt.

“A part of me feels a certain way toward Democrats, but I’m basically with my comrades,” she said.

If anyone was going to leave the Democratic Party and have a chance of avoiding pushback, it would be Belinda Drake, who many felt was treated unfairly by the local party by not letting her and another Black candidate run as Democrats for city-county council seats in 2019.

The party said Drake didn’t vote in previous primary elections, even though she indicated on campaign forms that she had. Drake disputed the party’s claim, and the party had skirted that requirement for candidates in the past.

Still, Drake has remained a Democrat and is currently running to represent District 32 in the Indiana Senate.

“You have to be in the game to change it,” she said, citing her political activity that dates back to interning for Rep. André Carson a decade ago.

Drake said she understands the frustration from some following the party’s appointment of Larrison over Lopez-Owens but believes people should channel that energy to bring change.

“Don’t be so discouraged to the point where you lose sight of what it means to stay involved and stay engaged,” she said.

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in mind, the African American Excellence in Education Awards were born.

Emil Ekiyor, former president of Indianapolis Chapter of Indiana Black Expo, brought this idea to life. During the past three years, 200 Black educators were recognized. This year marks the fourth annual event. Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the awards committee, which includes representatives from Indiana Black Expo, Educate Me, the Indianapolis Recorder and Indy K12, felt it was critical the awards take place this year especially with conversations about race and the need to change our society, so it is clear that Black lives really do matter.

Schools cannot operate with teachers alone. This award recognizes the achievements of Black school staff regardless of role. This could include but is not limited to teachers, administrators, cafeteria staff and bus drivers. This year the awards program will be virtual and will be livestreamed on the Indianapolis Recorder’s Facebook page at noon July 18.

The teacher turnover rate is higher if the teacher happens to be Black. Recognition of the hard work done by Black educators is one lever that can be pulled to help retain educators. Being overlooked is the experience that is all too common for some Black educators. Despite being overlooked, they still show up with Black excellence even while sometimes being in hostile work environments. Despite this, they stay for the children.

There is a powerful feeling to be recognized by your community. It makes all the blood, sweat and tears worth it. Please consider watching the awards ceremony so you can learn about the Black excellence in school across our state.

PARTNERSHIP

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said the partnership “will bridge cultural understanding and awareness for all communities that now call Indy home.”

Clark established IMC in 2005 under the same premise that the Recorder was built upon in 1895 — a need to embrace diversity. As the immigrant population grew exponentially in northwest Indy during the early 2000s, larger businesses slowly began to trickle out of the area. Clark, however, didn’t follow suit. The communities that now call Indianapolis home on the northwest side have made Indianapolis a global destination.

Since its creation, the Indianapolis Recorder has also been a voice for the Indianapolis community, Indiana, the nation and internationally — serving as an advocate for those who could not express their thoughts or concerns and supplying truth and justice. The vision of its founders was to create a publication that would speak to and for the people. Today, the Recorder continues in that tradition.

“These two organizations represent a combined history of 140 years in supporting communities of color,” said Berthran Ugeh, chair of the Global Village Initiative at IMC. “The IMC’s global village initiative seeks to expand further the cultural heritage and representation of the northwest side of Indianapolis. We aim to establish this location as a global destination for arts and cultural experiences by creating a sustainable home for our diverse businesses. The partnership with the Recorder will ensure that the beautiful stories of resilience and innovation of this community are shared with the broader Indianapolis community.”



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A model for reparations

By OSEYE BOYD



To say 2020 has been historical so far is probably the biggest understatement of the year.

Not only have we experienced a global pandemic like nothing we’ve ever seen in recent times, we’re also experiencing a second Civil Rights Movement. Many media outlets consider this second wave of the movement a direct result of the murder of George Floyd. I take umbrage to that simplistic viewpoint. Floyd’s death was the proverbial straw that broke the camel’s back. We’ve had marches and protests before, but they always ended and things went back to the way they were before. This time, we gave a collective, “Hell no!” to the status quo. We are tired of racial disparities, inequities and injustices, the prison industrial complex, police brutality, etc. Basically, we’re tired of getting the short end of the stick as a group of people.

So how refreshing was it to see some good happen in 2020? To see that we’re finally being heard and real action is being taken?

The city council in Asheville, North Carolina, by a vote of 7-0, moved to provide reparations to Black residents whose ancestors were enslaved. The council also apologized for the city’s role in slavery, denial of basic liberties to its Black residents and discrimination.

For those wringing their hands, worried about the city’s coffers, the resolution doesn’t include direct payments. Instead, it includes creative solutions to

solve a problem that should’ve been solved a long time ago. COVID-19 continues to bring out the creativity in all of us. The city will create a Community Reparations Commission, and it will be the commission’s job to recommend programs and resources.

“The resulting budgetary and programmatic priorities may include but not be limited to increasing minority home ownership and access to other affordable housing, increasing minority business ownership and career opportunities, strategies to grow equity and generational wealth, closing the gaps in health care, education, employment and pay, neighborhood safety and fairness within criminal justice,” the resolution reads.

For too long the conversation about reparations centered on cash payments and opponents’ inability to conceive how America could deliver these cash payments, how to determine who was owed and if it is unfair to white people. (Don’t you just love how when it comes to Black people, we always have to be fair, but it’s never vice versa. If that were the case, we wouldn’t have these problems.) I’ve long said we don’t need cash payments but rather creative ways to provide actual equity to descendants of slaves. Well, they’ve figured it out in Asheville, North Carolina, and hopefully this city will be a model.

By the way, there are only two Black members of the city council. Yes, a Black man, Keith Young, was the chief proponent of the resolution, but this measure passed unanimously. I don’t know the race or ethnicity of the other five members, but it’s clear they aren’t African American. It’s also clear they had the guts to stand up for what’s right. And reparations for descendants of slaves couldn’t be more

right.

Yes, there are some who are angry, don’t feel responsible for slavery and don’t believe they’ve benefited from white privilege. Who cares? Living in a democracy means you may not always get your way. Majority rules.

America owes this debt. Just because you don’t want to pay the debt doesn’t mean it’s not owed. Try that move at a casino and see what happens. I don’t recall Black America ever forgiving the debt, either.

I explained white privilege in a previous column, and at this point, it’s not a matter of not understanding but a matter of refusing to understand. White people who continue to point out how their lives perfectly illustrate the lack of white privilege are being willfully obtuse, and I have no time for such mendacity.

For every action there’s an equal and opposite reaction, and there are some white proponents of the resolution. One such supporter is David Greenson. Referencing the beating of Johnnie Rush, an unarmed Black man, in August 2017 by a police officer, Greenson said white people need to provide reparations “because our souls are in jeopardy.” While Greenson wasn’t involved in the beating of Rush, he acknowledged his tax dollars paid the officer’s salary.

Greenson gets it. The city council gets it. We need more people who get it.

We need more people to move away from theory and unproductive conversation to action. This is how you right a wrong, America. It’s the moral thing to do.

OPINIONS

Red herrings and Black lives

By LARRY SMITH



In literature, a “red herring” is false information that is designed to obfuscate the truth. Red herrings are a favorite plot device of mystery writers such as Walter Mosley (Easy Rawlins), Dame Agatha Christie (Hercule Poirot, Miss Marple) and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Sherlock Holmes, Mr. Watson).

In “The Da Vinci Code,” author Dan Brown offers the red herring of Bishop Aringarosa, whom the narrative suggests is the grand conspirator. (Interestingly, the name Aringarosa is a rough translation of “pink herring.”) The phrase has a very long and interesting history, but its original meaning refers to a “stinking fish.”

People often use red herrings — knowingly or unwittingly — while making arguments against people or causes that they don’t like. For example, opponents of the Black Lives Matter movement have increasingly employed this tactic. Many of these

opponents are now using the “S”-word (i.e., socialism) and the “M”-word (i.e., Marxism) to try to discredit BLM. They understand that those concepts are anathema to most Americans — especially those who are white.

Further, in making this charge, it’s not an accident that critics point to “brown” countries that have strong socialist leanings, such as Venezuela, rather than to “white” countries like Britain or Israel — which are America’s staunchest allies. This is notwithstanding the fact that few Americans are even able to define communism or socialism, much less to distinguish between the two. (They don’t understand that public schools, post offices, fire departments — and police departments — are all examples of socialist institutions.)

Of course, tagging people and movements as communist or socialist is a time-honored tradition in America. Indeed, the irony is that decidedly anti-democratic ploys — in some ways — are those that are the most decidedly American. The most infamous acolyte of this strategy is the late Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

While influential members within

BLM, such as Alicia Garza and Patrisse Cullors, identify as Marxists, the organization that is known officially as the “Black Lives Matter Global Network” does not describe itself as Marxist (or socialist). Of course, at a certain level, it doesn’t matter whether BLM actually is socialist or Marxist; it’s clear that the organization and most of its adherents are fighting for the dismantling of discrimination that is based on race, sex, gender identity and sexuality. The embracing of “liberation” ideologies is sufficient for many people to oppose BLM — irrespective of particular political labels.

I would hasten to add that other types of objectionable behavior — personal or professional — has rarely “disqualified” people from amassing power, wealth or influence in America. (Think Andrew Jackson or Bill Clinton.) This has been true since before the nation’s founding. Such privilege also explains why millions of people who ostensibly are “proud Americans” shed real tears as the remnants of the traitorous Confederacy are being dismantled, destroyed or simply displaced. In short, it is acceptable for one to be a scoundrel, as long as one is not

perceived as a threat to capitalism.

Still don’t believe that “socialism” is just an excuse to minimize the influence of BLM? Consider the history of Reconstruction. As Ta-Nehisi Coates points out in “We Were Eight Years in Power,” white Americans’ fear during this period was not that government run by Blacks would be bad; their fear was that government run by Blacks would be good. (The latter is precisely what actually happened.) Today, BLM is focused on the audacious goal of ensuring that America lives up to the promises that it enshrined in the Constitution — no matter who is in power. There are too many people for whom that goal is unacceptable.

In the end, the real issue (and fear) is not socialism; it is that Black people will increasingly demand full recognition of our humanity. To be sure, BLM is a flawed movement because it is composed of real people. The same can and should be said of all movements, including the 244 years of the American experiment. Still, the vehemence of many who oppose Black Lives Matter amounts to little more than stinking fish.

We need police reform, but Black Hoosiers deserve much more

By TODD YOUNG



Since the murder of George Floyd and the protests that have ensued, two words have been on my mind: Listen and Act.

I ran for the United States Senate because I wanted to represent all Hoosiers — not just those who look and think like me. To do that effectively, I have to take the time to understand as best as I can what people with different life experiences than me are going through.

I’m embarrassed that nearly two months after George Floyd’s death, Congress has still not passed much-needed police reform. I co-sponsored Sen.

Tim Scott’s JUSTICE Act, but partisan politics kept it from even being debated publicly, much less voted on.

Still, I remain optimistic that Republicans and Democrats will come together to reform procedures, require and fund body cameras, mandate transparency and accountability in use-of-force incidents, and more to ensure that we don’t lose any more innocent lives.

But as I’ve listened to Black leaders across Indiana — not just this summer, but over the last three years — I’ve also heard loud and clear that criminal justice isn’t the only concern that needs to be addressed. Affordable housing, health care, job opportunities and education. These are all issues that you’ve told me are important.

These aren’t issues that only affect Black Americans, but they are issues that disproportionately affect Black Americans due in part to the lingering racism and inequity that dates back decades.

Eviction rates are higher in primarily Black neighborhoods. Black moms and babies are more than twice as likely to die during or after pregnancy. Black families are more likely to live in food deserts with little or no access to healthy groceries.

And while Black American unemployment reached record lows earlier this year, it remains especially challenging for our Black neighbors to get jobs. In fact, it takes an average of five weeks longer for a Black American to get hired, and too many workers are stuck in bad jobs because they’ve been forced to sign non-compete agreements.

Over the last three years, I’ve been working to make progress on these issues.

On housing, I’ve filed bills to end discriminatory zoning laws, reduce unnecessary evictions and make it easier for housing voucher recipients to relocate.

On health care, I’ve partnered with the Indiana Minority Health Coalition to find ways to work together on infant and maternal mortality, like supporting doulas. I wrote the law to raise the smoking age to 21, a measure that will prevent tobacco companies from hooking Black teens on their deadly products. We’re also working in other ways to address high-risk diseases like diabetes and working to lower prescription drug prices.

On education, I’m working so that young Black graduates can have a debt-free post-secondary education through Income Share Agreements. And we’re exploring ways to reform admissions processes that make it harder for Black students to get into college in the first place.

When it comes to jobs, my colleagues and I created Opportunity Zones so people are rewarded for investing in high-poverty neighborhoods. This simple action can help eliminate food deserts and create jobs in distressed ZIP codes. I’m also fighting to give workers the “freedom to leave” by eliminating those unfair non-compete clauses.

None of these ideas will be easy to achieve. To effect the kind of change you’ve been asking for we need a broad coalition of lawmakers. It will take a true partnership without partisanship.

As your U.S. Senator, I want to be a part of that coalition. I will continue to listen. And I will continue to act to ensure all Americans have a fair shot at success.

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Pandemic, racism compound worries about Black suicide rate

By SOPHIA TAREEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Jasmin Pierre was 18 when she tried to end her life, overdosing on whatever pills she could find. Diagnosed with depression and anxiety, she survived two more attempts at suicide, which felt like the only way to stop her pain.

Years of therapy brought progress, but the 31-year-old Black woman's journey is now complicated by a combination of stressors hitting simultaneously: isolation during the pandemic, a shortage of mental health care providers and racial trauma inflicted by repeated police killings of Black people.

"Black people who already go through mental health issues, we're even more triggered," said Pierre, who lives in New Orleans. "I don't think my mental health issues have ever, ever been this bad before."

Health experts have warned of a looming mental health crisis linked to the coronavirus outbreak, and the federal government rolled out a broad anti-suicide campaign. But doctors and researchers say the issues reverberate deeper among Black people, who've seen rising youth suicide attempts and suffered disproportionately during the pandemic.

Mental health advocates are calling for more specialized federal attention on Black suicides, including research funding. Counselors focusing on Black trauma are offering free help. And Black churches are finding new ways to address suicide as social distancing has eroded how people connect.

"There has been a lot of complex grief and loss related to death, related to loss of jobs and loss of income," said Sean Joe, an expert on Black suicides at Washington University in St. Louis. "There's a lot of

hurt and pain in America going on right now, and you only are getting a sense of depth in the months ahead."

Suicides overall have increased. Roughly 48,000 people in the U.S. died by suicide in 2018, with the rate increasing 35% since 1999, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among all ages. For ages 10 to 19, it's second after accidents.

The rates of suicides and suicide attempts for Black adults have trailed white and Native American adults. But newer research shows an alarming rise in Black young people trying to take their own lives.

Suicide attempts rose 73% between 1991 and 2017 among Black high school students while suicidal thoughts and plans for suicide fell for all teens, according to a study published in November in the journal *Pediatrics*. The findings, including troubling suicide trends among Black children, prompted the Congressional Black Caucus to issue a report in December deeming the situation a crisis.

Experts say the reasons are a complex mix requiring more study.

Suicide risk factors include a diagnosis like depression or trauma or having a parent who committed suicide. Many factors are amplified for Black families, who often face higher poverty rates, disproportionate exposure to violence and less access to medical care.

The pandemic has heightened the disparities.

Black people are dying from COVID-19 at higher rates, leaving them to grieve more in isolation with restrictions on funerals and gatherings. Added to the mix is a national reckoning with racism after George Floyd's killing.

"Dealing with racism and



stereotypes and all the inequity that we have to face, it's bandaged up," said Arielle Sheftall, an author of the *Pediatrics* study. "It feels like the bandage is ripped off and everybody is looking at it and staring at it, and we are bleeding profusely."

Part of the problem is the study of suicide remains largely white, with little race research. There's also been a misconception of suicide as only a "white problem."

Michigan psychologist Alton Kirk was among the first to study Black suicides in the 1970s, outlined in his 2009 book, "Black Suicide: The Tragic Reality of America's Deadliest Secret."

"When I first started, a lot of Black people were in denial about suicide," he said. "We had suffered enough. We survived slavery and segregation and all this other stuff. They almost saw it as being a weakness."

While many attitudes have changed, obstacles to health care persist.

For one, there aren't enough mental health professionals.

Also, treatment has traditionally been based on white experiences, potentially leaving some clinicians unprepared.

Each time there's a publicized episode of police brutality against Black people, calls to the Trevor Project's suicide-prevention lines spike immediately. The organization focuses on LGBTQ youth, including addressing racial disparities.

"You're already starting at a different point because you spent your life fighting back racism," said Tia Dole, the organization's chief clinical operations officer. "People are walking around with a half-filled tank of emotional resources because of their identity."

For suicide attempt survivors, navigating the pandemic means more uncertainty.

Kiauna Patterson, who graduated from Pennsylvania's Edinboro University this year, tried to end her life in 2018 as she felt pressure from school and working three jobs to help support family.

Since losing university health care, she meditates daily and

focuses on her goal of becoming a doula.

"You don't really know what's going on or what's going to happen," she said. "You're taking each day, just one at a time, to try and grasp some type of control or calmness."

Pierre, who uses her experiences to counsel others, doesn't want people struggling alone. She created The Safe Place, a free Black-oriented mental health app that's seen more signups during the pandemic.

Others are also trying to fill care gaps.

Donna Barnes, who runs the National Organization For People of Color Against Suicide, plans a free online counseling course. After losing her son to suicide in 1990, she noticed a lack of resources for Black families and started the group.

"It took me four years before I could smile again," Barnes said. "It wasn't easy. My friends and family didn't know what to do with me."

Trinity United Church of Christ, an influential Black church once attended by former President Barack Obama, has met increased need in Chicago with Zoom chats and calls.

The Rev. Otis Moss III used a recent podcast to discuss his sister's suicide, which occurred before his wedding in the 1990s.

He called it an effective medium as people remain isolated with services canceled. Moss said it took years to talk openly about his sister's schizophrenia and to stop blaming himself.

"It is an appropriate time to let people know there are many people who are walking the same road they are walking," he said. "I found how to punch holes in the darkness and witness light shine through."

Face Coverings Required in Marion County to Help Slow COVID-19

The newest Marion County Public Health Order, which took effect on Thursday, July 9, includes the mandate for residents to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces, and in outdoor public spaces where social distancing is not possible.

"With cases increasing across the country, we must be deliberate in our reopening plan," said Virginia A. Caine, director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. "We know that face coverings significantly reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, but that reduction cannot be achieved if many residents choose not to wear them."

"For that reason," said Dr. Caine, "The Marion County Health Department will be mandating the wearing of masks in public places for the foreseeable future."

"This isn't complicated. It's a piece of cloth that could save your life and the lives of those around you. It is the right thing to do," said Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett. "If you are willfully choosing to not follow this order, you are dead wrong in the fullest sense of that expression."

The changes closely mirror the state of Indiana's order issued by Gov. Eric Holcomb, with the following exceptions:

- Residents are required to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces, and in outdoor public spaces where social distancing is not possible. Exceptions to this requirement are listed in the Public Health Order.
- Overnight camps must remain closed.
- Indoor visiting at nursing homes and assisted living facilities remains prohibited.
- Any event with anticipated attendance above 1000 people, such as fairs/festivals, conventions, and sporting events, must submit an event plan for approval by the Marion County Public Health Department.

The cloth face coverings recommended for people to wear are not surgical masks or respirators. Currently, those are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Cloth face coverings are not personal protective equipment (PPE).

The City of Indianapolis will also extend the street closures of Georgia Street, Broad Ripple Avenue, and Massachusetts Avenue through July 19 to accommodate continued restrictions on restaurant and bar capacity.

Marion County residents can request a free face covering at indy.gov/masks. Indianapolis residents impacted by COVID-19 should visit the City of Indianapolis resource guide, which can be viewed at indy.gov/covid.

Individuals who are unable to navigate the city's website can call (317) 327-4MAC between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to talk to a customer service representative.

The most recent COVID-19 data for Marion County is posted at MarionHealth.org/covid-19.

Health Department Announces Change to COVID-19 Test Sites

The Marion County Public Health Department is offering free community COVID-19 drive-through testing at its South District Health Office, located at 7551 S. Shelby Street. Testing is available there on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Testing outside the health department's main building at 3838 N. Rural Street will continue weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday hours have been extended to 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

To register for testing, please visit MarionHealth.org/indycovid. Help with registration is available by calling (317) 221-5515 or (317) 221-8967. All testing is by appointment.

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Washington’s ‘Church of Presidents’ etched in history again

By ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

The Rev. John C. Harper had been rector at the historic St. John’s Episcopal Church for less than a year when the 1963 March on Washington began taking shape. A lay leader in the congregation urged him to steer clear of it — but instead he embraced it. Harper held a service the morning of the march, welcoming a diverse crowd of more than 700 people at the church across from the White House. Black Episcopal choir members sang alongside the St. John’s choir, and the service ended with worshippers holding hands to sing the iconic civil rights movement song “We Shall Overcome.”

“The church has too long been silent on this important issue,” Harper wrote to church members that month. “Now at long last Christians like ourselves are aroused by the injustice of discrimination in any form and by any kind of segregation on the basis of a man’s color.”

The summer of 1963 left a lasting legacy at the yellow-walled house of worship, consecrated in 1816 and often referred to as “the Church of the Presidents” for having hosted every leader since James Madison at least once.

Core principles such as support for equal rights, community engagement and eschewing partisan politics while not shying away from the pressing issues of the moment have guided St. John’s for decades and continue to do so today, after the church once again found itself at the center of an American awakening over racial injustice following George Floyd’s killing.

On the night of May 31, the basement of St. John’s parish house suffered fire damage during protests against police brutality and racism. The following day President Donald Trump staged a photo-op outside after police forcibly cleared the streets of demonstrators, putting the church’s apolitical ethos to the test.

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Washington’s Episcopal bishop, expressed outrage at Trump’s use of the church immediately afterward. But true to the St. John’s way, it did not become a symbol of repudiation of the president in the ensuing weeks.

Instead St. John’s has sought to maintain the spirit of the volunteer effort that sprouted organically the morning after the fire, when parishioners and others showed up to comfort the community — what church leaders called a “ministry of presence” in messages to parishioners.

“What Rev. Harper did was avoid the temptation to be pulled on one side or another, but to just be a graceful place in the middle of it all, and I think that’s exactly what we were doing,” said the Rev. Rob Fisher, rector at St. John’s since last year.



FILE - In this Saturday, May 30, 2020 file photo, police form a line near St. John’s Episcopal Church as demonstrators gather to protest the death of George Floyd, near the White House in Washington. Floyd, a Black man, died after being restrained by Minneapolis police officers. St. John’s, at the epicenter of protests in Washington, has a long legacy on civil rights dating to its embrace of the 1963 March on Washington. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

St. John’s has been a home for parishioners and presidents of all political stripes since Madison, who was in office from 1809 to 1817, famously selected a pew that was then set aside for later commanders-in-chief.

“Everybody checked their partisan politics at the door,” recalled the Rev. Luis Leon, who served as rector from 1994 to 2018.

Beyond the famous faces, St. John’s has a tradition of community engagement that predates Harper and continued after him.

Leon started a Spanish-speaking worship service when he was rector and brought St. John’s into the Washington Interfaith Network, a diverse, nonpartisan local advocacy coalition.

This summer, under Fisher, the church has supported peaceful civil rights protesters by offering prayer and water. An interfaith vigil took place outside last month.

“Church is not something we just go to,” Fisher said, “but sometimes we’re called to be the church.”

Budde connected St. John’s ability “to have real relationships across political differences” to the in-

stinct of its “very civic-minded, very highly educated congregation” to engage big issues.

Another legacy of the late Harper’s rectorship was expanding access to worship at St. John’s, which had no Black members in 1960, according to Grimm.

The church’s surroundings have changed dramatically of late.

Mayor Muriel Bowser renamed a section of the street outside Black Lives Matter Plaza in June, and city workers painted that title in huge yellow lettering on the asphalt.

St. John’s agreed to let the city erect fencing around the church late last month — “very reluctantly,” Budde said — putting a physical barrier between the church and demonstrators.

Asked about the church’s role going forward, Leon predicted that, after future moments of police brutality against African Americans, St. John’s would bear witness to the public’s response.

“I think the place will become an epicenter for demonstrations in Washington,” Leon said. “And how that’s going to change how St. John’s is seen, or how it sees itself, I wouldn’t dare to speculate.”

Local ministers hold a press conference about gun violence

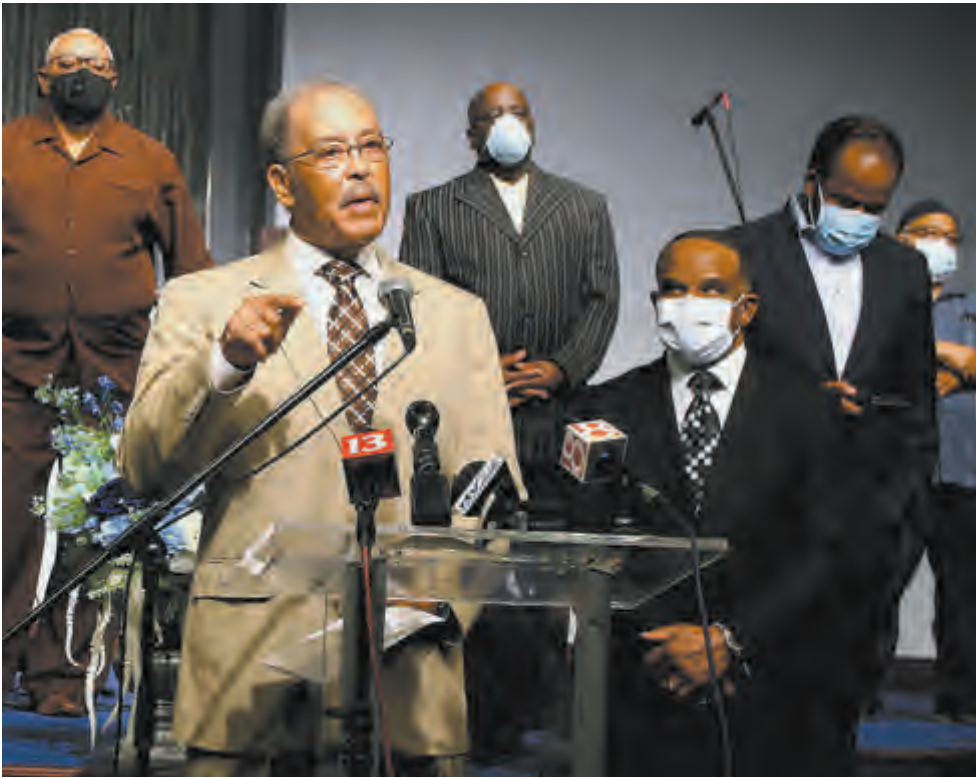
Local ministers gathered recently for a press conference to explain their latest initiatives aimed at lowering gun violence in Indianapolis. Some of the items discussed included the “Peace in the Streets” campaign that was successful earlier and will be introduced again. Community walks will be another way of going into high-crime neighborhoods and seeking their input. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)



Rev. Philip James, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, answers questions from the media. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



Bishop Donald Golder, senior pastor at Temple of Praise Apostolic Assembly, opened the press conference with a prayer.



Olgen Williams, former deputy mayor of Indianapolis, talked about older methods that were used earlier like the “Peace in the Streets” campaign to combat gun violence.



Aaron Williams, director of the “Peace in the Streets” initiative, explains what the community needs to do to end gun violence. He is holding a bookmark from the funeral of Chris Beaty, who was killed May 30 downtown.



Rev. Charles Harrison, pastor of Barnes United Methodist Church and leader of the Ten Point Coalition, explains the initiatives that were introduced.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Pan-African agency and global solidarity
matter in ending hunger

By ANGELIQUE WALKER-SMITH



This is a renewed season of Pan African agency and global solidarity. Recently, 54 African nations called the United Nations to an urgent meeting on racism and asked for an investigation into the killings of people of African descent at the hands of police. The meeting was not only a response to the killing of George Floyd, but to the many lives in the United States and throughout the world extinguished or harmed by racism. The global meeting at the UN was one of many signs of a renewed Pan African spirit — calling for global solidarity to stop racism and the killing of people of the African diaspora. Other signs of this growing coalition of Pan African agency include on-the-street uprisings to change racist systems, policies and practices; rejection of symbols that serve as a reminder of a draconian past of racial violence and hatred; and focus of health disparities that negatively impact people of African descent — revealed again in this COVID-19 season. The roots of Pan African agency go back to the days of the transatlantic slave trade, when the struggle for liberation of enslaved African peoples sparked cross-continental activism. Bread’s Pan African devotional “Lament and Hope” highlights this with a focus on their faith. Activists hope for a future devoid of the public policies and practices that have systematically contributed to the inhumane treatment and discrimination of people of African descent. These policies and practices have contributed to the colonization of the lands of African peoples and have left many African peoples landless and

hungry. In the last century, strategic movements channeled the work and agency of the African diaspora. For example, women leaders participated in Pan African conferences and congresses — including the Manchester Pan African conferences. In the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, African nations attained independence from colonial rule. And a collaborative Pan African spirit supported the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. and elsewhere. These movements served as catalysts unifying the African world in collaborating against apartheid, neo-colonialism and exploitation of land and resources. This has pushed the international community and international institutions to maximize focus on the issues of peace, justice and dignity for the Pan African world. This legacy has helped usher in the renewed Black Lives Matter moment. As the renewed rising of African peoples takes place throughout the world, we need renewed justice-centered relationships and policies to propel us to overcome racism in all its manifestations: poverty, hunger, disease, injustice and climate change. At Bread for the World, we are working toward a strong and prosperous Africa and its diaspora — to protect dignity and prosperity within and outside Africa. In a spirit of oneness and *ubuntu*, we seek a shared understanding of the different contexts in which African peoples reside as we join together to create a public policy agenda for the good of all.

Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is senior associate for Pan-African and Orthodox church engagement at Bread for the World in Washington, D.C.



"If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;"

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 8, Jesus caused swine to rush into what body of water? River Jordan, Dead Sea, Nile, Sea of Galilee
3. In which gospel does Jesus say the scripture cannot be broken? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
4. From Matthew 17, what did Peter find with a coin in its mouth? Ram, Fish, Viper, Raven
5. Who was Jacob's firstborn as mentioned in Genesis 35? Reuben, Ehud, Joshua, Elah
6. Zacchaeus climbed what type tree to see Jesus? Fig, Carob, Sycamore, Box

ANSWERS:
1) New; 2) Sea of Galilee; 3) John 10:35; 4) Fish; 5) Reuben; 6) Sycamore

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How to organize important documents simply and safely

By BEV O'SHEA
NerdWallet

Tax filing deadlines inspire many of us to vow that we're finally going to organize our papers.

Start with understanding what should be kept, in what format and for how long. Then, set up a system to organize your records. It doesn't have to be all-encompassing or perfect — just start where you are.

Organizing will not only make next tax season easier, it will help ensure you or someone you trust can access documents when needed.

WHICH DOCUMENTS SHOULD I SAVE? AND FOR HOW LONG?

Start by gathering documents you should keep forever:

- Birth, adoption and death certificates.
- Marriage certificates and divorce decrees.
- Social Security cards.
- Military service and discharge records.

Next comes documents you may need for many years:

- Property deeds and vehicle titles, until sold.
- Records of home purchase, improvements and expenses, usually until three years after a property exchange transaction.
- Current insurance policies and business licenses.
- Current will and trust documents, and retirement benefit information.

Then, think about tax documents, which you need to save for three years after filing. Certified public accountant John Madison of Ashland, Virginia, says the following documents are a start:

- Investment information, including when you bought and what you paid.
- Medical expense documentation, including health spending accounts.
- Business-related receipts.
- Receipts for charitable contributions.

This tax year has some twists: There's a charitable giving deduction of \$300 per taxpayer in the coronavirus relief package passed in late March, even if you don't itemize. And if you're receiving unemployment benefits or working in a different state during the pandemic, save documents related to those situations.

Finally, think about items such as warranties, other receipts and financial statements.

HOW SHOULD YOU ORGANIZE RECORDS?

First, the bad news: Throwing everything in a shoebox is not an organizational system.

"The shoebox works for no one," says Lynnette Khalfani-Cox, aka "The Money Coach" author and former journalist who covered financial topics. Khalfani-Cox admits that she has done it, too. She says the shoebox is "a way for people to 'maintain' records without putting in an infrastructure and the initial hard work of organizing."

Setting up a filing system can save time and money in the long run, Khalfani-Cox says. You'll be able to find supporting information for tax deductions, for example, or receipts to claim warranty or price protection.

Decide whether you'll organize by topic or year. You may want a physical filing cabinet filled with folders, or a digital version to hold electronic or scanned copies. You can begin to digitize some records by choosing paperless billing and electronic delivery of statements. Then, download those statements as PDFs and drop them into your digital filing system.

No single solution works for everyone; the best system for you is the one you're comfortable with and will stick with, and one that helps you find documents efficiently.

Khalfani-Cox says temporarily dropping things in a box or file, virtual or physical, is fine so long as you go through it periodically — monthly is ideal.

Francine Lipman, a professor specializing in

tax law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, recommends reading statements before filing. That can help you discover and plug money leaks like bank fees or forgotten free trial offers that turned into recurring charges.

She also recommends scanning documents that have the potential to fade, such as receipts, then printing them out.

HOW DO YOU KEEP DOCUMENTS SAFE?

Because these documents contain so much personal data — account numbers, insurance or investment information — they're a gold mine for identity thieves.

Paper documents should go into a locked location. Crucial items — such as birth and marriage certificates, titles, wills, insurance policies — are candidates for a safety deposit box or fireproof safe. Store the safe "somewhere not obvious in the case of a break-in," Madison says,

and keep digital copies of its contents.

When it's time to get rid of documents, shred them — it's a simple way to prevent identity theft.

Once you've made digital copies of the papers in your safe, you may feel comfortable enough to switch from paper records to electronic. It saves space and eliminates the need to shred.

Digital files should be locked and/or password-protected or kept on a removable drive. Or, you can store them in the cloud to access them from multiple devices. Madison says documents should also be encrypted, and the software you use for encryption kept current.

Finally, tell someone you trust how to access your files in an emergency.

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LeBron won't wear social justice message on Lakers jersey

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LeBron James says his thoughts on social justice can't be contained on the back of a basketball jersey.

The Los Angeles Lakers superstar won't wear one of the NBA-approved social justice messages on the back of his jersey when the NBA resumes competition later this month in the Orlando bubble.

"It was no disrespect to the list that was handed down to all the players," James said Saturday in a conference call from Florida. "I commend anyone that decides to put something on the back of their jersey. It's just something that didn't seriously resonate with my mission, with my goal."

As part of the NBA's recognition of the nationwide invigoration of the social justice movement sparked by the death of George Floyd, NBA players are allowed to choose from a lengthy list of possible messages for their jerseys during the league's restart. James is among just a few who declined to choose one of the messages, he said.

"I would have loved to have a say-so on what would have went on the back of my jersey," James said. "I had a couple of things in mind, but I wasn't part of that process, which is OK. ... Everything that I do has a purpose, has a meaning. I don't need to have something on the back of my jersey for people to understand my mission or know what I'm about and what I'm here to do."

The 35-year-old superstar has a long history of social involvement and advocacy for progressive causes. James speaks frequently of what he feels is a responsibility to campaign for positive social change from his powerful position in sports and pop culture.

"This is the mission I've been on for a long time now," James said. "It's great that a lot of people's ears are opening. A lot of people are understanding, a lot of people are recognizing. A lot of people still don't get it, and a lot of people are still afraid to talk about the racism that goes on in America, especially for our people. ... But we have some ears, and we will continue to push the envelope and let everyone know that we are human as well. We don't want to be just be used for our God-given abilities."

JaVale McGee, the Lakers' veteran center, said he will wear "Respect Us" on his jersey in Orlando.

"It's a blessing to have this platform," said McGee, whose asthma has him being particularly cautious during the pandemic. "We have way more of a voice playing basketball. Our fans are basketball fans over anything. This is the biggest platform we can speak about social injustices. That's the best time to talk about it."

James also said he didn't consider not playing in the NBA's restart, believing the league can be a positive force through its visibility and competition. He expressed no concerns for his health inside the bubble.

"I believe the NBA and (Commissioner) Adam Silver, they took all precautionary measure to make sure that we as a league are as safe as we can be," James said. "Obviously, in anything that you do, there can be things that can happen, so we will cross that line if it happens. But we're doing everything to make sure everyone stays safe during this pandemic. Adam Silver has given me no reason to not believe him since he took over. I have no concerns. I'm here 100% and in great health."



FILE - In this March 10, 2020, file photo, Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (23) dribbles during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Brooklyn Nets in Los Angeles. If James gets his way, NBA arenas and other sports venues around the country will be mega polling sites for the November general election. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File)

SPORTS QUIZ

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. What 1982 AL Cy Young Award winner portrayed fictional New York Yankees slugger Clu Haywood in the 1989 baseball comedy film "Major League"?
2. What player, selected fourth overall in the 1978 NBA Draft by the New York Knicks, was handed a lifetime ban from the league in 1986 for a third drug policy violation?
3. The Golf Channel, one of the first TV networks dedicated to a single sport, was co-founded by media entrepreneur Joseph E. Gibbs and what golf legend?
4. What ice hockey invitational tournament, first held in 1923, is played each year in Davos, Switzerland?
5. What team won the inaugural NCAA Division I women's beach volleyball championship in 2016?
6. What former NBA player, whose birth name was Brian Carson Williams, went missing in the South Pacific in 2002 and is presumed dead?
7. What two running backs made up the "Thunder and Lightning" tandem during the 2000 New York Giants NFC championship season?

ANSWERS:

1. Pete Vuckovich. 2. Micheal Ray Richardson. 3. Arnold Palmer. 4. The Spengler Cup. 5. The USC Trojans. 6. Bison Dele. 7. Ron Dayne and Tiki Barber, respectively.



NHRA E3 Spark Plug Nationals at Lucas Oil Raceway Park.

Top: Antron Brown, driver of the Match Tools Top Fuel Dragster, smokes the tires in the semifinal round of the NHRA E3 Spark Plug Nationals. This was only NHRA's second race of the season because of the pandemic.

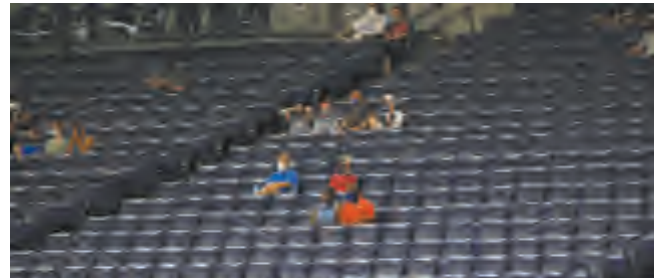
Right: Antron Brown wears a mask due to the pandemic. All fans, race teams and drivers had to wear masks on the grounds. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



First Indy Eleven home game



Both teams took a knee at the beginning of the match. (Photos/David Dixon)



Fans had to practice social distancing during the match at Lucas Oil Stadium.



Indy Eleven warms up in "Black Lives Matter" shirts.



Indy Eleven midfielder Matt Watson heads a ball during the Eleven's 2-0 win over St. Louis FC on July 11 at Lucas Oil Stadium.