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Demetree Wynn, the mother of Dreasjon Reed, speaks at a press conference June 3. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

'They couldn't fix his face': Dreasjon Reed's mother, attorneys give update

By TYLER FENWICK tylerf@indyrecorder.com

Demetree Wynn, the mother of Dreasjon Reed, and the family's attorneys spoke June 3 near the intersection of 62nd Street and Michigan Road to give an update on what they've been doing in the weeks following the fatal police shooting of 21-year-old Reed.

Wynn said Reed's body was released by the coroner's office, but when she looked, she couldn't get past his face. "If you've ever seen my son's eyes, just know they shot his eyes out," she said through tears.

According to Wynn, Reed's left eye was sewn shut, and they "pushed some stuff in" the right eye so she couldn't see the holes. "They couldn't fix his face," she said. "They tried. He had one eyebrow

that was almost at his nose and the other was on his forehead. That's how much damage was done to his face alone."

It's been nearly a month since Reed was shot by police following a chase that ended on foot near where the family held the press conference. Police said Reed had a gun and fired at police first, but the attorneys said they have evidence to show that isn't true.

Swaray Conteh, the lead attorney, said he won't share what that evidence is right now. "We can only say we have evidence that is contrary to the claim that IMPD is making," he said. Attorneys recently released video

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2020 CENSUS Q&A with Tony Mason



Tony Mason By STAFF

The 2020 census is underway, but some things have changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. That doesn't do anything to change how important it is for communities like Indianapolis — with a sizeable Black population — to get a complete response. The census helps determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated over the next 10 years. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates 60% of Marion County residents have completed the census, which is about 5 percentage points behind the state as a whole but in line with the rest of the country. Complete the census online at 2020census.gov. You can also respond to the paper questionnaire sent to your home or call 844-330-2020. To answer more questions about the census and why completing

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Standoff ends, protest continues



"We need laws ... we need justice," four young activists said at a recent rally. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

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A nearly hour-long standoff between demonstrators and Indiana State Police (ISP) June 1 ended after ISP officers momentarily removed their riot gear. Late in the afternoon June 1, protesters began a march they hoped would take them to the governor's mansion. A group of roughly 50 people on foot marched, carrying signs reading messages such as "Black lives matter" and "Blue lives murder" and were trailed by a procession of roughly 80 cars as the protest made its way through downtown. With car horns blaring and chants of "Hands up, don't shoot" echoing through

the crowd, police were on high alert. While members of the Indiana National Guard Reactionary Force stood guard near Monument Circle, officers from ISP and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) were attempting to follow the crowd. Protest organizers were streaming much of the procession on Facebook Live, but never revealed their exact location. As they walked toward the governor's mansion, protesters noticed a line of over a dozen ISP patrol cars blocking off 46th Street. One protester draped in a flag reading "Don't tread on me" stopped the group and informed them, "They don't want us to reach the governor's mansion!" and encour-

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‘IT’S FUNNY HOW TIME FLIES’

Don’t forget about 21st Century Scholars program

By TYLER FENWICK
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Parents of a freshman in high school might feel like they’re getting ahead of the curve by starting to think about college.

In some respects, they’re probably right. But they also could be wrong in one major way.

Students from low-income families can qualify for up to four years of paid tuition at in-state public colleges and universities — and a comparable amount for private schools — from the state’s 21st Century Scholars program.

Students have to sign up by the summer of their eighth grade year, though. “It’s funny how time flies,” said Esther Woodson, manager of student progress at Indy Achieves, which helps get students signed up for the program.

As of May 19, Indy Achieves has helped 636 students apply for the 21st Century Scholars program, Woodson said. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization is still helping students apply digitally.

The deadline to apply is June 30.

“That’s a huge opportunity for students to go and get a postsecondary degree or credential and do it with a huge chunk of their overall cost covered,” said Matt Impink, executive director of Indy Achieves.

Impink noted that less than half of Marion County students are enrolled by the end of their eighth grade year.

Up north in Lake County, where only about 30% of eligible students from the 2020 graduating class are enrolled, Khadijah Brooks is celebrating the end of her high school career at 21st Century Charter School at Gary before going to college with the scholarship in hand.

Brooks finished second in her class and will go to IUPUI as an academic junior because of all of the dual-credit courses she took in high school.

“My parents motivated me a lot to be the best I could,” she said. “I know I want to be successful. I know I want to go to college to get my degree. Why not get a head start?”

Brooks, who will study nursing, said having the 21st Century Scholars help took some pressure off of her to find every available scholarship out there, even though she did keep applying for scholarships to help with books and other expenses.

Aarynn Bernard, who taught Brooks in kindergarten and then helped tutor and mentor her in high school, said Brooks has always been mature for her age, helping other students in class and setting high expectations for herself.

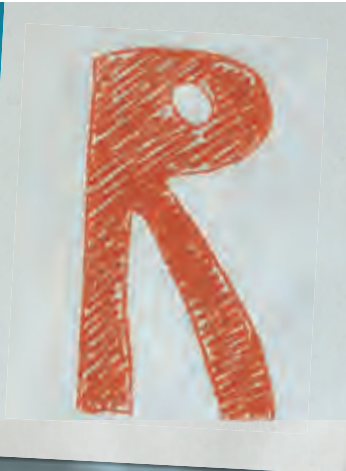




“She’s always very professional, straight to the point,” Bernard said. “She was about basically achieving her success.”

21st Century Charter School at Gary is part of GEO Academies, which is based in Indianapolis.

GEO Academies will open GEO Next Generation High School, a ninth through 12th grade charter school, in the fall of 2020.



Khadijah Brooks is a 21st Century Scholars student and will go to IUPUI in the fall as an academic junior. (Photo provided)



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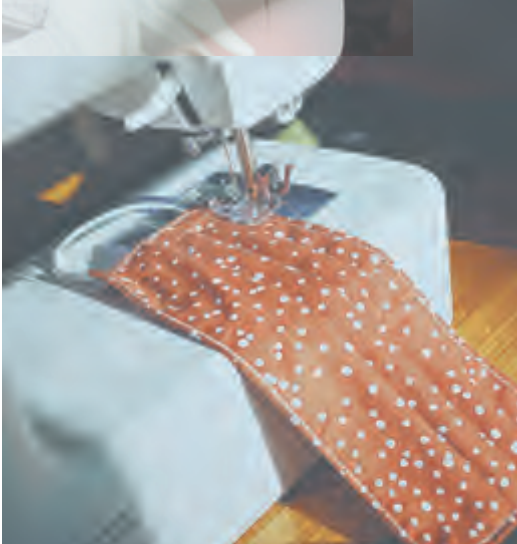



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ESKENAZI HEALTH



‘E-learning’ posed new challenges

By **BREANNA COOPER**
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When Indianapolis school officials announced in March they were switching to online coursework in response to COVID-19, Tammy Mann hoped it would only be for a week. Her son, Mylan, was a few months shy of finishing his junior year at North Central High School.

However, Indianapolis students finished out their academic year totally online. Both Tammy and her son found the experience to be “frustrating and poorly organized.”

“There was no importance put on the e-learning days,” Mylan, 17, said. “It felt like teachers and administration weren’t giving us an incentive to do the assignments, so it felt like I wasn’t really required to do any of the work, so I sort of stopped paying attention to Canvas [online program for classes] notifications.”

E-learning struggles aren’t limited to high school students, however. Abby Thomas, a senior studying public relations at IUPUI, said she and her professors had difficulties with online learning after all of her courses moved to an online format last semester.

“The transition process was honestly a little rough,” she said. “A few of my professors weren’t great with Canvas in the first place, so having to rely on it totally was a challenge and required several relatively severe syllabus changes. ... In all, I would say it took a solid month to iron out the major challenges and to feel like I was actually back in the swing of anything remotely resembling school.”

Despite the struggles Thomas and Tammy and Mylan Mann had with e-learning, all feel the instructors did the best they could under the circumstances.

“They had never prepared for anything like this,” Tammy said.

According to Tammy, teachers at North Central told students that assignments during e-learning would not harm their grades, only raise them. Essentially, then, if a student was passing classes before the transition to e-learning, they would still pass regardless of how they performed on their e-learning assignments.

“They messed up when they said the work you’re doing can only improve your grades and not hurt it,” Tammy said. “That’s like telling a kid not to do it. He did the work, but he didn’t take it seriously, and it was just a lot of busy work. You don’t get a lecture, you don’t see people, it’s just work to fill up the required number of days. He [Mylan] told me he would have rather been in school, and that about killed me,” Tammy added with a laugh.

Rick Doss, director of secondary education for Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, said schools throughout the township, which includes North Central High School, decided to “hold students harmless” for any assignments throughout the e-learning process. However, Doss said it was not supposed to be public knowledge



that students, in theory, could do no e-learning assignments and not have it affect their grades. After a few teachers informed their students of this, Doss said the township was transparent about the plan and encouraged parents to keep their students engaged.

“As diverse socioeconomically as our township is, some students and families aren’t as connected as we would like,” Doss said. “We knew that we had kids that didn’t have devices, so we couldn’t guarantee that all students had access to the content.”

North Central High School hasn’t announced if students will be back in traditional classrooms next academic year, and Tammy said she cringes when she thinks about another semester with e-learning.

Regardless of whether North Central High School students are back in traditional classrooms next semester, Doss said there will be a period of “catching up” to allow students who didn’t have access to e-learning materials or connectivity to learn any key concepts they may have missed. Throughout summer break, township officials will ensure all students have access to laptops and Wi-Fi, so if e-learning is necessary next school year, students will not be held harmless.

Tom Hayes, a journalism teacher at Ben Davis High School, directs students in creating a student newspaper and a yearbook every year. While he’s ready to be back in the classroom — he said he would be back tomorrow if it was possible — he was somewhat prepared for a transition to e-learning thanks to Google Classroom.

“Our online product increased in content during that two months,” Hayes said. “Kids still produced stories and took pictures, so we still produced content, it was just all online.”

Hayes said while he was prepared to transition to

online classes and grade accordingly, students in other classes or programs may have realized grading wasn’t as strict during the last two months of the school year.

Hayes is sure that if e-learning continues into next school year, teachers — along with students — will be more prepared for next semester.

Regardless of the struggles that come with e-learning, questions remain about returning to the classroom without a COVID-19 vaccination readily available.

“At this point, even though I know anyone can get it, I’m still very anxious at the thought of spreading it to my at-risk family and close friends,” Thomas said. “As much as I resent the forced on-line learning we had last semester, I contemplated switching classes [to online only] if they insist we go back in person in the fall if things haven’t really slowed down. It’s not what I want to do, but I’m very, very wary.”

While he doesn’t know when schools will feel comfortable enough to bring children back into classrooms, Hayes is excited to see his students again.

“I think [the pandemic] reinforced my belief that relationships with your kids are everything,” Hayes said. “I always say that high school teachers are prepared to say goodbye to students when graduation comes, it’s exciting for us to see them go to the next level and celebrate that with them. When that’s taken from you in March, it’s a terrible feeling.”

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Tackling ‘the system’ of racism and inequity

By **VOP OSILI**

When did the recorded killing of a Black man become something so casually done?

I, like hundreds of millions of people across the globe, have watched the horrifying video of George Floyd’s murder. Shocked by the brutality, I was at first struck by how easily I as a Black man could imagine the faces of friends, family members or myself in George Floyd’s place.

But something else about that video stabs at me even more.

More than the anguish on George Floyd’s face, what truly haunts me is the evident calm on the face of Derek Chauvin. As George Floyd lay dying beneath him, Chauvin’s face betrayed neither the snarling hate we associate with racism nor the guilt of someone trying to cover up an act they know is wrong.

Completely aware he was being recorded, Chauvin’s face is casual — as though he’s being filmed for one of those “Live P.D.” reality shows. His is the face of a man who fears no consequence, because he expects none. He seems to expect his actions

will be received in the same casual way he committed them.

That he was wrong vindicates some small corner of my belief in human decency. That he and his three fellow officers have now all been fired and charged with crimes does the same.

The calls for police reforms in so many communities are understandable. But laying the upheaval of the past week completely at the feet of our nation’s police, I believe, misses the more important point.

Law enforcement officers are not a species unto themselves. Like the rest of us, they live and work in a system that accepts a certain amount of racism as normal. Their ability to use force with relative impunity is a problem that must be addressed — but exclusively blaming the police for the state we’re in now lets our larger community off the hook a little too easily.

It’s painful to acknowledge that any of us could be a George Floyd. It’s even more painful and complicated to admit that many of us could be a Derek Chauvin, too. Much as we’d like to consider him an outlier, the calm on his face holds a mirror to our own, to the way that so many of us have

come to accept a kind of casual, garden variety racism as the norm. We talk about “systemic racism” as though “the system” isn’t made up of us: everyday people who may hate things as they are, but struggle to believe they have the strength to change them.

There is strength in numbers, however. There is strength in shared action and common cause. That’s why I and other councilors supported and stood with those peacefully protesting on Monument Circle this past weekend: not only to register our own outrage at George Floyd’s death, but to help build the strength we need to confront the inequities that have become our status quo.

While I do not condone the violence or looting that took place afterward, I don’t want to waste the moment to which that outrage has delivered us: A moment when we collectively tackle racism and inequity. When no amount of racism is tolerated, when every racist word or act is confronted.

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aged the group to continue to move forward and confront the police.

As the crowd advanced toward the group of well over 40 officers, all in riot gear, it was roughly 15 minutes after the 8 p.m. curfew imposed by Mayor Joe Hogsett. As they reached the line of officers, many demonstrators took a knee, raising their hands in the air screaming “Hands up, don’t shoot!”

After that, amid the chanting of the crowd, conversations took place: Protesters speaking to fellow protesters, and protesters speaking with officers. At several points, tension arose as words were exchanged. Organizers of the demonstration, however, worked to deescalate the situation, telling members of the crowd to step back. About 30 minutes into the standoff, officers deployed a low-dose pepper ball into the crowd after they said a few dem-

onstrators crossed a threshold that was established by officers earlier in the demonstration.

At one point, protester Anthony Brown stood between police and members of the demonstration, trying to bridge understanding between both groups.

“I was saying, you guys swore you were going to protect and serve,” Brown said. “And, a bunch of people were asking them to serve with us, hand in hand. They did that. I would love to see more cops come out and do that.”

Brown said he hopes this protest will create “listening ears and change,” and said protesters were giving officers examples of what laws they think should be changed and how to move forward.

Nearly an hour after the standoff began, ISP officers briefly removed their riot gear and lowered their batons and weapons, seemingly signaling to protesters they heard what they were saying. Loud cheers and

applause erupted from the crowd, and several members of the demonstration approached police to shake hands and exchange hugs. Others in the crowd, however, viewed the removal of riot gear as an empty gesture and were upset with protesters for engaging with police.

Mat Davis, an organizer who read a list of demands to police and led chants, told demonstrators to not shake hands and hug police.

He led chants of “Stop hugging the police!” as people made their way back toward downtown on Meridian.

Police followed behind in squad cars most of the way, and they were posted at many intersections.

The original plan was to walk to 16th Street in order to avoid downtown, but many people were parked downtown.

They continued to Vermont Street, where Davis, who talked with police earlier, told the group that officers said people would be able to walk to their cars and go home.

“They’ve definitely given us the green light to be able to do that,” Davis said, stopping the group. “We don’t have anything else. I gotta make sure that none of y’all get maced, billy-clubbed, beat up, arrested or none of that. Once we’ve splitten up, we’ve been given the word that they won’t do anything.”

Then he harkened back to one of the most common chants of the night: “Can I ask you a question?” he repeated. “Have the police ever deescalated a m*****n’ thing!”

Everyone shouted no.

Shortly after, people split into smaller groups in order to stay together as they left, with most clearing the area by about 11 p.m.

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Demonstrators walk along 38th Street on May 29 to protest police shootings of Black people. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

The birth of a protest

By TYLER FENWICK
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A group of roughly 10 people, led by Black Panther organizers, crisscrossed the city May 29 looking for a good place to shut it down.

They had a location in mind, but Kwame Shakur, deputy chairman of the New African Black Panther Party, feared police got ahead of him when someone who claimed to be part of the media approached him with a phone asking questions about what he was about to do.

He bailed and lost whoever that was.

Plan B: Shut down an intersection on the north side. It was one lane in each direction; wouldn't require many people.

Cars met in a parking lot nearby. It had to be secret until it was time to execute.

But then Shakur heard about the crowd that had gathered downtown, and the group agreed they could go in and channel that energy. It was 7 p.m. by now.

Plan C: Take over the crowd downtown.

A motorcade took I-465 to I-70 to make it downtown. Family of McHale Rose — the 19-year-old killed by police in the early morning hours of May 7 — was part of the group and passed out goggles before everyone left.

There wasn't a clear way into the downtown protest, though. They thought it looked too blocked off. It was time once again to think of something else.

Plan D: Shut down 38th Street. They met at the combo McDonald's and BP gas station at 38th and Salem streets and started canvassing the area to find anyone willing to join. They needed numbers.

The first person to join the group was Timothy Parker Bay, who was on the gas station side of the parking lot.

It sounded like this was the moment 52-year-old Bay — a muscular, excitable man with red and black

gloves — had been waiting for his whole life.

"I've been excited," he later said as he walked behind the group on Graceland Avenue. "I've been running from my destiny my whole life. God wants me to do something. My prayer's been answered."

The first house the group hit on Salem was a success. Andy and Jacinta Hodges were relaxing on the porch with friends and family when they decided to drop what they were doing and walk to get more people.

Andy and Jacinta are married and have a son in the military. They apologized to the Rose family for their loss.

"It could be our son," Jacinta said as she held her husband's hand. "I feel for them. I couldn't imagine what they're going through."

Rose died just hours after 21-year-old Dreasjon Reed was killed by police following a chase. Police said Rose made a false 911 call to lure police to an apartment complex on the city's north side and ambush them.

Police said they returned fire in both incidents.

But the Rose family say police are hiding what really happened, and they're still searching for answers.

One of the common pleas with neighbors throughout the night was that it could be one of their loved ones next, and that they can't wait until then to stand together.

It worked for some. Others got excited about the prospect of getting involved but said they might join later.

Patrick Saling, a white 21-year-old student at Indiana University in Bloomington, was with the group from the beginning.

He got four children on the side-

walk to chant "Boots on the ground!" as the group, now with about 20 people, made its way south on Capitol Avenue.

Myron Rose and Tomorrow Rose, McHale Rose's father and stepmother, walked with Tomi Rose, his aunt, and Darius McGaughey, his brother. They held signs and wore shirts with Rose's face on them and asked people to join their cause.

"We've always said, 'yours, mine, ours,'" Tomorrow said.

There were about 25 people by the time the group approached 38th and Meridian streets.

Willy Booze, a 71-year-old pastor in a Colts jersey, followed closely behind in his GMC Denali with his hazards on. He prayed with them earlier on a side street, thanking God for leading this group to him.

It was time. "We're taking 38th and Meridian here," Shakur told the people. "We're gonna hold this for a minute."

They blocked traffic going south on Meridian and west on 38th before marching east and taking up all of the lanes.

Jacinta elected to stay behind. She has asthma, her husband explained, and had already walked a long way in sandals.

Two police cars blocked the road at Washington Boulevard and 38th, and the group cheered as people honked and waved.

Keanesha Stone, 33, was taking her 11-year-old son and some of his cousins to the canal for ice cream when she saw what was happening. She parked her car at 39th Street and Washington Boulevard to join the march.

Her son and nieces and nephews were only a few of the children who became part of the protest.

Jayla Keys, 23, was with her 5-year-old daughter when people came up to her house and asked her to join.

"It's a hot day," she said. "Everybody's been out."

There were about 60 people marching when the group turned at Guilford Avenue to go back.

Saling had posted up at the back of the crowd, walking backward with a fist in the air, hardly ever more than 15 feet away from the police cars that

crept along behind the marchers.

It's important to put white bodies between the police and "our Black and brown brothers and sisters," Saling explained as he continued walking backward.

"If they want to hurt them, they have to hurt the white folks that they're not used to going through," he said.

One man, Massiah Harley, 38, joined early in the march on a rickety bike and spent the whole time looping around from front to back.

"Injustice is injustice," he said, "no matter what color or what creed. We gotta stand up against this stuff."

Anthony Smith, 47, said he lives on Pennsylvania Avenue and could hear what was going on outside. He decided to get involved, too.

"I was coming this way to check on my grandma anyway," he said.

Shakur stopped the crowd at Illinois and 38th streets and put the Rose family front and center while traffic was mostly blocked from going in any direction.

He held up his phone for a livestream as the Rose family talked.

"He was 19," Myron, the father, said. "He had a whole life ahead of him. ... I have no more strength, but I'll tell you what, I'll keep fighting for my son."

The group held that intersection for almost a half hour. Some cars managed to turn right from Illinois Street onto 38th Street, and others were directed to make a U-turn if they really wanted to get out of there, though it was basically a guarantee they would get berated in the process.

The crowd began to disperse around 11:40 p.m., and a smaller group moved south of the intersection to block just some of Illinois Street for their send-off.

They put on their "uniform" — a raised fist — and promised they would give a final rallying cry before going to bed that night.

"I —" they shouted, "am a revolutionary!"

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Over the past week, Indianapolis and other U.S. cities have been rocked by street demonstrations. In this one-hour show, community leaders will discuss the deeply rooted problems that triggered those protests — and will look ahead for solutions. Join us for a community conversation moderated by the Indianapolis Recorder's Oseye Boyd and WFYI's Terri Dee. The discussion will air on WFYI Public Television, 90.1 FM, YouTube, and Facebook Live.

Panelists:
- Jeffrey A. Johnson Sr., Senior Pastor, Eastern Star Church
- Darryl Lockett, Executive Director, Kennedy King Memorial Initiative
- Tony Mason, CEO, Indianapolis Urban League
- Vop Osili, President, Indianapolis City-County Council
- Pamela Ross, Vice President of Opportunity, Equity and Inclusion, Central Indiana Community Foundation
- State Rep. Robin Shackelford, Chair, Indiana Black Legislative Caucus



SPOTLIGHT

Winery earns special recognition



By BREANNA COOPER
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When Nicole Kearney opened her winery, Sip & Share Wines, in 2016, she had no idea what it would grow into. With several collections of year-round and seasonal wines, Kearney and her team have been sharing vegan wine around the country by tabling at events and festivals.

Four years later, Key Bank and the Indiana Pacers named the winery Small Business of the Year.

“It lets me know that others see us and what we’re doing,” Kearney said. “For myself as a Black woman wine-maker, I’m one of the 1% [that fit that demographic]. That is an acknowledgement right there.”

Kearney said she was nominated for the award, and was informed by email that Sip & Share Wines received the award. The nominated businesses were judged by their impact on the local community.

Under normal circumstances, the recognition would come with an opportunity in the summer to open a pop-up shop, complete with a window display, in the city to host events and sell their wine. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, Kearney will have to open her pop up shop later in the year. However, COVID-19 has let Kearney get creative in how she celebrates and sells her wine.

Since the pandemic, Sip & Share has held virtual wine tasting events through Google Hangouts. After ordering a sampler set of Sip &

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For those new to wine, Kearney recommends a Riesling — not too sweet but not too dry. She said Sip & Share’s “Intention” wine is a good place to start.

Share’s 7 Words wine series, a group of 17 people or less meet virtually for a wine tasting, accompanied by music and conversation.

“We spend about an hour-and-a-half talking about each wine,” Kearney said. “All of our wines have a very affirming, uplifting name, like Intention, Love, Manifest. We kind of talk about how the names come about, I give them wine tips and education. We just drink good wine and have a lot of fun. ... It’s a wonderful energy exchange.”

Kearney and her team are thinking about continuing the virtual wine tastings even after large gatherings and events can take place again.

“We don’t have a tasting room,” Kearney said, “ ... This has allowed us to expand our reach to places that we normally don’t go. We usually get out to the west coast once a year. Now, I can say, ‘We’re going to California every other week.’”

As for the Small Business of the Year recognition, Kearney views it as the beginning of change in the wine community.

“Wine is historically white, male and money,” Kearney said. “I think that has created this illusion that you have to be one of those things to enjoy wine. ... We as a people deserve to have accessible, affordable wine that’s just as good as what everyone is able to drink, that speaks to us in our own terms and our own cultural vernacular. ... I think this is the dawning of a new day.”

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Super Crossword

FALL NICKNAME

ACROSS

1 'Alto

7 Amount of medication

11 Very close pas. briefly

15 Lay away

19 Handbook

20 Among other things, in Latin

22 A. in Austria

23 Start of a riddle

25 With the stroke of —

26 Busily engaged

27 Actress C'Gardy

28 Actor Ballo

29 Riddle, part 2

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38 Vends again

39 New York port on Lake Ontario

40 Some weather lines

44 Unlaid millennia

45 Gallery works

46 Frat's

47 Riddle, part 3

53 Epitomize

54 Volcano outflow

55 Waikiki whirlpools

58 Coll. e-mail ending

61 Coyote on

62 Stopped sleeping

64 Actress Dana

66 Truckload

67 Riddle, part 4

70 Kid's "I!" game

71 Four-time Indy 500 winner

73 Supreme Court justice

74 Get-out-of-jail fee

76 Metal-beating rock

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80 Riddle, part 5

88 M.o. no. 10

90 I-10, e.g.

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92 Smears with holy oil

93 Engender

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99 Songstress

100 End of the riddle

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107 Flood figure

108 Feeling, informally

109 Riddle's answer

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120 Floor votes

121 "Fair chance"

122 Deleted, with "out"

123 Salsa brand

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10 Clave, e.g.

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12 Natural talents

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31 Wind instrument

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34 General chicken

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57 Impulse

58 Guesses at JFK

59 Judo hall

60 Too large to be strained, maybe

62 Former UN leader Kof

63 Doughboys' conflict: Abbr.

64 Bleach

65 Shout at

68 Magic box

69 Actress

Smith of Tyler Perry films

72 Bully's holder

77 Passing grade, barely

78 Greek philosopher

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81 Shaw playing a clarinet

82 Powerful car engine

83 Cr. (of equal value)

84 Nero's 53

85 Faithful wife of Geraint

86 Suffix with tachatur

87 Booming jets of old

88 Nero's wife

89 Cruisiness

94 Winged ones in heaven

95 Absorb

96 Part on a drama series, say

97 Dreadlocks wearer, often

98 Basked

101 "I love you," in Spain

102 Sushi sauce

103 Vanetti's partner in anarchy

104 3-day lime specification

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112 Rd.'s cousin

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115 Floor cover

116 Relaxing site

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THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



Answers to Weekly Sudoku

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Answers to Super Crossword

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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XIBU EP ZPV HFU JG ZPV DSPTT

CVCCMF CBUI BOE B GBNPVT

EFUFDUJWF? TIFSMPDL GPBNT.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

What do you get if you cross bubble bath and a famous detective?

Sherlock Foams.

EDITORIAL

The mental gymnastics of racism in journalism

By OSEYE BOYD



“Peaceful protest.” I heard and read those words over and over recently. At first blush, those words just describe what happened: the protests were peaceful. We may have published those words in this newspaper. But, something kept gnawing at me the more I heard it.

I realized why the phrase “peaceful protest” irked me so much is it’s reserved for Black people. I couldn’t recall the phrase being used so ubiquitously a few weeks ago when white Americans were demanding government officials reopen the economy. Even when protestors were armed, news anchors and reporters didn’t emphasize the events were peaceful as much as they do when the protestors are majority Black.

One could say the emphasis is happening because many of the protests turned violent so journalists are simply trying to let the public know the rally

was peaceful. That’s true on the surface, but I also know it’s coded language. Black people are violent so not erupting in violence is a surprise. Some think they’re being benevolent by letting Americans know we do know how to behave so don’t be afraid.

It’s expected that we’ll loot and destroy property. I watched a video of a white woman clearly looting and the white woman newscaster had the audacity to wonder if the woman was an employee. Really, lady! If the looter was Black, we know she wouldn’t even utter those words.

And that brings me to my point: racism exists in journalism. Stereotypically, journalists tend to be liberals who are above trotting out tired tropes about Black people. We know that’s a lie. As Dr. King pointed out, the polite racism of white liberals is still racism. I’d venture to say even conservative journalists would say they’re not racist since pretty much most of white America refuses to acknowledge racism exists.

We see it in the way Black people are covered in the news. I can’t even say my white colleagues don’t realize how much they contribute to the narrative

of the scary Black man, Black people as criminals or any other stereotypes about Black people. It’s 2020 and this has been pointed out many times over, yet it still happens.

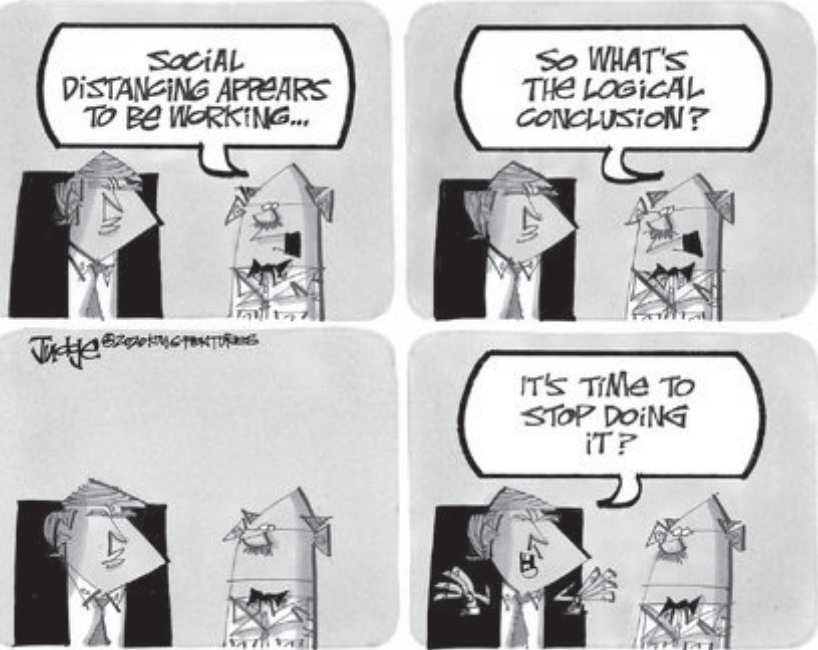
I’m forced to believe, like much of white America (and George Bush), many white journalists don’t care about Black people. We’ve pointed out the almost nonexistent coverage of Black women who are missing while we are inundated with almost nonstop coverage when a white woman is missing. We’ve pointed it out when they automatically run with the narrative from the police even when journalists are taught to question everyone — including your mother. We’ve pointed it out when they turn the Black victim into the criminal. We’ve pointed it out when white women accuse Black men of crimes. Many refuse to listen.

I remember a conversation with a former colleague who I know considers himself to be a pretty liberal guy, and he is. Somehow we got on the subject of race and how he had Black friends because many of his regular sources were Black and he liked them. I told him they weren’t friends and asked

had he ever been to their home or vice versa? Did their children play together? Did they go out to dinner together? Talk outside of work or have a conversation that wasn’t transactional? You know, things friends do. When he said he’d done none of those things, I told him he wasn’t friends with any of those Black people and he didn’t know those people. Their relationship was professional. He was offended. I didn’t care. His surface-level relationship with Black people convinced him he had true friendships.

I thought about this conversation as I watched coverage about the protests. The idea that Black people were looting, shooting and destroying was a foregone conclusion. We had to provide examples otherwise.

You’d think people who are tasked with being unbiased would recognize their bias and work to correct it. For some that is the case. Others are purposely obtuse. As a Black woman journalist I’m tired of watching journalists do mental gymnastics to give white people the benefit of the doubt but are too lazy to do so for Black people. It’s time to do better.



OPINIONS

Lawmakers need your input

By ROBIN SHACKLEFORD



For centuries, our nation has used town halls to create a platform for everyday individuals. The earliest town halls

were used as a planning tool for strategy in the war for our independence, and now is no different.

For the past five years, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) has traveled throughout the state host-

ing town halls to promote discussion on and update our constituents regarding the legislative session of that year. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, these town halls cannot be in person, but that does not mean they will not happen.

This year, in partnership with the Indianapolis Recorder and New America Indianapolis, the town halls will be hosted virtually on June 11 and June 25 at 6:30 p.m., and they will be more important than ever.

On the eve of this year’s town hall, we as a community face multiple pandemics: The novel

coronavirus and racism. Both pandemics have hit the Black community in many ways, and so has the legislation from the 2020 General Assembly.

This year, we saw legislation created by the opposition that would cause incredible detriment, and we have also seen legislation that would have truly benefitted all Hoosiers be denied.

These troubling defeats did not prevent the IBLC from further advocating because we got back up and sprang into action when our community needed us most.

During the global pandemic, we created a task force to

examine the racial disparities of COVID-19 and within our health care system. We have also been vocal in the mistreatment of our Black and brown siblings who have faced difficulties during this time.

We are not finished, though. We are aware that our community is mourning, but we need your help. Policy and political engagement have received a reputation that it is only for the few when it is for the many.

We encourage your participation in our town halls, and we need your input. We are seeking ideas and questions on any legislation that you may be

concerned about because your voice matters, and we cannot progress without it.

Please send your ideas, concerns and questions to the IBLC directly at iblc@iga.in.gov, and visit newamerica.org/indianapolis/events to easily register for the town halls.

We thank you in advance for your input, and we encourage you all to remain safe and alert during these trying times.

State Rep. Robin Shackleford represents the 98th district in the Indiana House of Representatives and is chairwoman of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus.

The revolution will be streamed

By LARRY SMITH



It is usually difficult to know when you’re living in a history-altering moment. Hindsight being what it is, we tend to look back and think “Of course!” But in the day-to-day grind of simply trying to exist, the sights and sounds that herald a zeitgeist can be difficult to decipher. I believe that now is a moment that history will decide was pivotal

to our nation. For whatever reason, the execution of George Floyd has touched a nerve that the murders of Eric

Garner, John Crawford, Philando Castile, Walter Scott, Tamir Rice and scores of others did not. Something is different this time — at least it feels that way.

Maybe it was watching Mr. Floyd, a grown man, calling for his mother as his life escaped his body. Maybe it was the defiant, soulless smirk of the killer staring into the camera. Maybe it was the compounding effect of the recent murders of Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery.

Whatever it is, it seems as though these lives will not have been sacrificed in vain. As Sam Cooke sang plaintively, “It’s been a long time comin’, but I know a change is gonna come.”

Despite my cautious optimism, I am distressed that so many white Americans, and a surprising number of African Americans, are more outraged by the violence that has attended some of the recent protests in response to Mr. Floyd’s execution than they are to the execution itself.

While I don’t condone violence for its own sake, I will not simply dismiss the long-smoldering anger that has exploded across America.

Of course, I am also mindful that there are instigators and imposters who have infiltrated the ranks of legitimate protesters for the purpose of discrediting them. But even if there were no opportunists with hidden agendas, too many Americans — of all races — care more about the destruction of property than the death of people.

A kind of collective cognitive dissonance has bedeviled Americans into eschewing certain types of violence, even as we gleefully embrace others. A recent article in The Atlantic speaks to our dual-mindedness regarding violence, such as our full-throated validation of vigilantism during the Ameri-

can Revolution.

Moreover, we valorize gangsters like Al Capone, Bonnie & Clyde and John Gotti. We canonize Billy the Kid and Jesse James. We flock to movies about Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Speaking of which, some form of violence plays a major role in eight of the top ten grossing movies of all time. (For those who are wondering, the results are much the same even if you “adjust for inflation.”)

The point is that Americans understand violence. We respond to it. We celebrate it. We even love it — except when it is employed by African Americans, Native Americans and other people of color who fight for their humanity.

Consider, for example, the contrast between white Americans’ response to Cliven Bundy, Randy Weaver, David Koresh and others who threatened — or even engaged in — violence with law enforcement officers. The cry of “thugs” and the thunderous leveling of “anti-American” does not apply to men like them. Men who are white.

In any case, the present violence in our nation will end — sooner rather than later. (Insurrections generally are short-lived in our country. And football season is around the corner.)

One day, the crowds will have dispersed. One day, the curfews will have been lifted. One day, the speeches will have ceased. One day, we will return to the status quo ante.

That will be the most important day. Why? On that day, we will decide whether our current “leaders” are leading us adequately. On that day, we will have the opportunity to use our vote as our voice. On that day, we will decide whether we are part of the problem — or part of the solution.

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Recorder hosts upcoming town hall discussions

By STAFF

The frustration and angst African Americans feel aren’t new. After years of slowly simmering under the surface, we’ve reached our boiling point. Recent events in Indianapolis and throughout the country prove we’re well past time for a change. As the fourth-oldest Black-owned newspaper in the country, the Recorder has a legacy of using the power of the media to effect change. In our 125th year of existence we continue to use our platform to push for equity for African Americans. To that end, the Recorder will discuss current events, how these events affect our community and explore possible next steps during several upcoming town hall forums.

7 p.m. June 4 — Where Do We Go From Here: A Community Conversation
In partnership with WFYI, the discussion will focus on the deeply rooted problems that triggered current protests – and look ahead for solutions. The discussion will air on WFYI Public Television, 90.1 FM, YouTube and Facebook Live.
2 p.m. June 6 — The Anguish of Being Black in America

From disproportionate health outcomes, the education gap, mass incarceration and police brutality, Black Americans have a tenuous relationship with America. This virtual town hall will examine the effects of institutional racism and how to dismantle

it. You can watch on Facebook Live.
6:30-8:30 p.m. June 11, June 25 — What Residents Need To Know: A Chat with the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus
The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, Indianapolis Recorder and New America Indianapolis are partnering to offer a series of online public forums to update residents on recent legislative and regulatory changes, the state of minority residents in Indiana and issues related to COVID-19 recovery. Please share your ideas for policy change directly with the Caucus at iblc@iga.in.gov. Join the conversation by registering at newamerica.org or watch on Facebook Live.

CENSUS

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it is important, the Recorder sent questions to Tony Mason, president and CEO of the Indianapolis Urban League and co-chair of Count Me INdy’s Complete Count Committee.

Why is it important to complete the 2020 census?
Mason: Filling out the 2020 census is one of the most important things you can do right now — it’s right up there with voting! The 2020 census will determine congressional representation, help determine the allocation of hundreds of billions in federal funding every year and provide data that will help support communities for the next decade. The results of the count determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners and others will use 2020 census data to make critical decisions such as determining where communities need new schools, health clinics, roads and services for families, older adults and children. The results also will inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. And it’s easy! You

can complete the census quickly and securely at 2020Census.gov, or by calling 844-330-2020 or 844-468-2020 (for Spanish).
I called to fill out my census and still got a mailing saying I haven’t responded yet. Why is that?
Mason: It may just be a matter of timing! If you already responded, the reminder may have been sent before your response was received. Don’t worry — you can just disregard reminder mailings if you’ve already responded. However, the U.S. Census Bureau does conduct other annual household surveys that you may also receive mail for in the future.

I applied for a job as a 2020 census enumerator and haven’t heard back. Do I need to do anything?
Mason: The timeline for hiring these census workers was set back due to coronavirus restrictions, but many cities, including Indianapolis, are resuming the hiring process for staff going out into the field. If you have applied and still haven’t heard anything, you can check the status of your application by logging in to the account created when you applied. You will receive an email notification when the status of your application changes. Status updates also will be available through the online system.

How did COVID-19 affect the 2020 census?
Mason: The pandemic has changed some timelines, but it is essential that we keep moving forward to count everyone in this moment in time. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Census Bureau did adjust operations to protect the health and safety of the American public and Census Bureau employees. But good news — we have been given more time to ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities. The deadline for responding to the Census online, by phone or by mail has been extended from July 31 to Oct. 31. Census takers were originally scheduled to start in May and finish by July 31 in-person interviews at households that had not responded to the 2020 census. The new dates for this operation are Aug. 11 to Oct. 31.

How do I know my information is safe?
Mason: This is a very common question that we get, but I can assure you, your information is completely confidential and protected by law and cannot be shared with any other government agencies, including law enforcement or immigration officials. Federal law (U.S. Code Title 13, Section 9) protects your privacy and keeps your answers safe and secure. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau can

use your responses only to produce statistics. In fact, your information is kept confidential for 72 years, or what is considered a lifetime. Even the president of the United States can’t get access to it under law.
How are people in group housing (hotels, prisons, homeless shelters) counted to make sure we get an accurate count of everyone?
Mason: The goal of the 2020 census is to count every single person living in the United States once – and only once – and in the right place. This includes many people who may be living in non-traditional or transitional housing. The Census Bureau works closely with administrators of nursing homes, universities, correctional facilities and other locations where people live in group settings to ensure a complete and accurate count. The Census Bureau also has special processes in place for counting people who may be experiencing homelessness and who are staying or receiving assistance at emergency and transitional shelters, soup kitchens and non-sheltered outdoor locations. Everyone counts in the 2020 census, and it’s important that each person is represented in this critical reporting that happens just once every 10 years.

As COVID-19 Pandemic Continues, Eskenazi Health Embraces Telemedicine to Safely Serve Patient Needs

By Dr. Broderick Rhyant, Chief Physician Executive, Eskenazi Health Center Forest Manor



Imagine if there was a way for you to speak with your health care provider without having to get in a car or arrange transportation to your doctor’s office, and you did not have to sit in a waiting room for your health care provider to address your concerns.

The way we approach health needs and serve patients has been greatly enhanced by telemedicine, which is the use of technology that makes it possible for physicians to remotely communicate with and visualize patients wherever the patient may be by using a computer or smartphone. This convenient and effective health care technology is giving patients the peace of mind in knowing they may safely see a primary care provider or specialist for expert health care advice and treatment from the comfort of their home. For some, seeing your primary care provider in-person will be optimal. However many patients find e-Visits, scheduled via Eskenazi Health MyChart, can be more convenient and very effective in defining and resolving concerns someone may have. MyChart is a free service provided by Eskenazi Health that offers patients personalized and secure on-line access to portions of their medical records, and it enables patients to securely use the internet to manage and receive information about their health.

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of women in a car who can be heard describing Reed’s death. The video does not show what happened. “They killed this man for no reason,” one woman says. “... Dude was running.” She continues: “He was on the ground shaking. They still shot this man. They tased him. He was on the ground defenseless.” Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department has asked witnesses to come forward but said no one has yet. Meanwhile, the family’s attorneys are waiting for a special prosecutor to be named because city officials — including the mayor — have told them that’s where they’ll get answers to their questions. IMPD Chief Randal Taylor released a statement June 3 saying the community is right to ask for information but it “simply cannot occur” without the direction of an independent pro-

secutor. “This is unacceptable,” Taylor said of the delay in the Marion County Superior Court appointing a special prosecutor. “Our community and this police department deserve better from the criminal justice system.” Conteh said he has sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Justice asking for a federal investigation. He said he has also filed a motion to compel IMPD to release the names of the officer who shot Reed and the officer who made a comment about a “closed casket” funeral. “We’ve been having trouble getting the cooperation of IMPD, and we know the reason for that,” Conteh said. “They are trying to conceal relevant information.”

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New COVID-19 research studies immunity

By BREANNA COOPER
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Researchers at Indiana University’s School of Medicine are looking for volunteers to study immunity for COVID-19.

Volunteers will provide blood samples several times over the next two years for the “Development of Immunity after SARS-Cov2 Exposure and Recov-

ery,” or DISCOVER study, led by Drs. Chandy John and Alka Khaitan. Khaitan said some samples will be tested immediately for any antibodies that may

support immunity against COVID-19 while other samples will be tested later on to gauge how immunity may change over time.

Four different groups of people — those who tested positive and were symptomatic, those who were positive but asymptomatic, people who did not have symptoms but were exposed to COVID-19, and those without symptoms and weren’t exposed — will be tested.

Khaitan said it is important to test those who don’t believe they were exposed to the virus, and haven’t been tested because she believes some in the sample group likely will test positive for the disease. The immunity study, then, will help determine why they never developed symptoms.

“By comparing people who have varying levels of symptoms and exposure to COVID-19, we’ll be able to get a better understanding of how immunity originates and how long it can last,” John said in a statement. “We want to look at immune responses in both children and adults, because understanding the development of immunity in both groups is important to guiding vaccine development, and to understanding how the virus spreads in the community, even in those without symptoms.”

This research could also be significant for Black Hoosiers. In Marion County, African Americans make up 26% of the 10,037 COVID-19 cases.

“So far, our prevalence data from the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] and other reports definitely show a disproportionate infection in African Americans and other minority groups,” Khaitan said. “One component is certainly structural racism in society that leads to disparities in living situations, disparities in jobs that are available to them and known disparities in the health care system. It’s probably not attributed to one thing.”

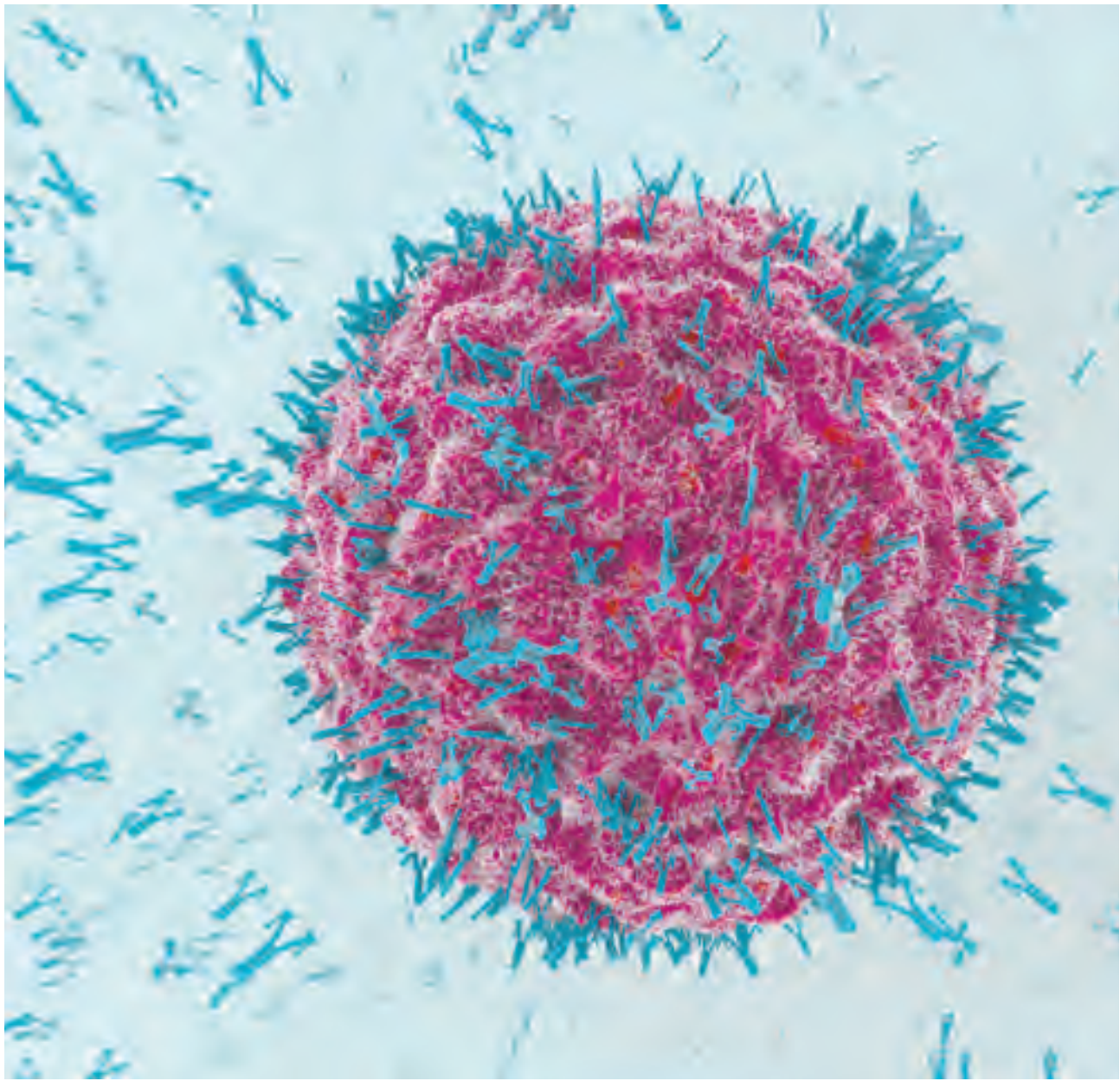
Khaitan said higher mortality rates from COVID-19 in the Black community could also be related to a higher likelihood of comorbidities — such as diabetes and high blood pressure — or genetic differences. Khaitan urged African Americans and individuals from other minority groups to volunteer for the study to help researchers find an effective vaccine.

“We want a vaccine that works for everyone,” Khaitan said. “So if there are differences genetically, we need to know that.”

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A different kind of outbreak

Sometimes, fighting a pandemic means driving long stretches from hospital to hospital across the desert. Other times, it can mean handing out a toy to soothe a nervous child.

Dr. Vikram Krishnasamy has done both in the months since COVID-19 hit the United States. Krishnasamy, a medical officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has been in the field twice — first to help bring home Americans from Hubei Province, China, where the pandemic began; and again to support the tribal government of the Navajo Nation, which sprawls across three Southwestern states.

In that second assignment, Krishnasamy was one of about six CDC staffers who advised Navajo leaders on epidemiology, disease surveillance, and infection control steps as the number of cases there began to rise.

“We drove about 1,300 miles to visit most of the healthcare facilities over a two-week period,” Krishnasamy said. “We walked through their infection control practices and gave them guidance on any issues they were having, and we made sure they were up to speed with the latest guidance published by CDC.”

In mid-February, he was among the CDC staffers dispatched to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Lackland was one of several military bases where flights arranged by the State Department brought Americans returning home from Hubei Province after travel restrictions had been imposed by the government of China in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. Those travelers were quarantined on the base for two weeks.

Krishnasamy monitored the travelers for symptoms and helped develop procedures to isolate, transport, and admit any who showed symptoms of the disease to

a hospital. The people in quarantine included children, who on at least one occasion received donated toys to help them through the quarantine days and daily medical checks.

“There were between 90 and 100 people who were quarantined on a military base in San Antonio with U.S. marshals outside enforcing the quarantine,” Krishnasamy said. Despite the unusual circumstances, “Everybody was great to work with. They understood the seriousness of the situation and were willing to work with us.”

The son of Indian immigrants, Krishnasamy was born and grew up in Columbus, Ohio. He went to college at Kent State University and earned his medical degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University.

“I was interested in a lot of subjects. Medicine was a way to tie it all together and do work that was all about letting people be their best selves,” he says. But he says his interest in public health began before college, during childhood visits to his father’s home in rural southern India.

“It was a life that was very different,” he says. “I think that was my initial inkling that there are population health needs everywhere.”

In 2016, Krishnasamy joined the Epidemic Intelligence Service, the “disease detectives,” where he investigated outbreaks of foodborne illness. In the months before the COVID-19 pandemic, he was part of CDC’s response to the outbreak of severe lung injuries linked to the use of e-cigarettes.

“With COVID-19, we are trying to determine how to respond without having the amount of information we have available to us for other diseases,” he says. “That’s a bit different than my previous outbreak experiences.”

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Biden meets with Black leaders at local church amid unrest



Democratic presidential candidate, former Vice President Joe Biden bows his head in prayer during a visit to Bethel AME Church h in Wilmington, Del., June 1, 2020.AP photo

By **ALEXANDRA JAFFE**
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Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Joe Biden vowed to address “institutional racism” in his first 100 days in office, if elected, as he met with community leaders at a predominantly African American church in Delaware recently amid the coronavirus pandemic to address exploding racial tensions that have begun to reshape the upcoming presidential election.

Biden, the former vice president and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, has struggled in recent weeks to be heard from his makeshift home TV studio over the noise of dueling national crises. But after another night of violent protests, Biden gathered with roughly a dozen local Black leaders during an intimate hometown meeting ahead of a virtual meeting with mayors from Los Angeles, Atlanta, Chicago and St. Paul, Minnesota.

“Hate just hides. It doesn’t go away, and when you have somebody in power who breathes oxygen into the hate under the rocks, it comes out from under the rocks,” Biden said, his face mask lowered around his chin, after several participants shared their thoughts on police brutality.

If elected, he promised to “deal with institutional racism” and set up a police oversight body in his first 100 days in office.

Biden’s low-key, high-touch approach marked a sharp contrast to that of President Donald Trump, who has made little effort to unify the country. The Republican president slammed governors as “weak” during a video teleconference June 1 and demanded

tougher crackdowns on protesters. Trump also lashed out at Biden on Twitter, writing that “Sleepy Joe Biden’s people are so Radical Left that they are working to get the Anarchists out of jail, and probably more.”

Biden’s softer approach may foreshadow how he presents himself in the five months before the presidential election, emphasizing calm and competence as a contrast to a mercurial president. It is an approach that carries the risk of being drowned out by Trump’s much louder voice.

“He’s not in office, and he certainly does not have the megaphone like the person currently occupying the White House does, but I do think our people are looking for someone who can make them feel better during these extremely tough times,” said Rep. Val Demings of Florida, whom Biden is considering as a running mate. “America just needs to be reassured that there’s someone who’s understanding, someone who’s willing to say, ‘Yes, we do have some issues,’ and someone who’s willing to address it.”

Reassurance requires presence, and that has been a hurdle for the former vice president, driven inside by the coronavirus pandemic, still working to adapt to the power of social media as a substitute and without the natural platform of a public office.

Biden delivered a well-received address May 29 calling on white people to shoulder the responsibility of ending America’s systemic racism. But he was largely out of sight over the weekend, which marked the fifth anniversary of the death of his son Beau Biden from brain cancer.

Monday marked just his third public appearance since the pandemic ex-

ploded in mid-March.

Biden and his wife, Jill, marked Memorial Day by laying a wreath at a veterans’ memorial near his Wilmington home, and the former vice president’s campaign posted pictures of him visiting a protest site in the city May 31. Earlier, he wrote a post on Medium expressing empathy for those despairing about the police killing of George Floyd.

In the early moments of the gathering at the Bethel AME church in Wilmington, Biden listened quietly and took notes in a spiral notebook. All the attendees, including Biden, wore face masks but lowered them as they spoke.

“The vice president came to hear from us. This is a homeboy,” pastor Sylvester Beaman said before everyone bowed their heads in prayer.

Biden’s standing with the Black community weighs heavily as he works to deny Trump a second term. African Americans rescued Biden’s flailing primary campaign earlier in the spring, but it’s unclear if they will turn out for him in large numbers in November.

“I want to make something clear. I don’t expect anything from the Black community,” he said, insisting he has never taken their support for granted. The former vice president has been doing cleanup since telling a prominent Black radio host recently that African Americans who back President Donald Trump “ain’t Black.”

The morning gathering featured 15 religious, political and educational leaders, including Democratic Rep. Blunt Rochester. Pasted notices on the main entrance cautioned people from entering if they had a cough or other symptoms that could indicate they

were suffering from coronavirus.

For his part, Trump has refused to wear a mask and has largely ignored social distancing guidelines issued by his administration’s medical professionals.

Much of Biden’s campaign strategy centers on trying to draw a contrast with Trump on temperament and values. He has called the White House contest a battle for the soul of the nation and has been particularly forceful in condemning Trump’s handling of moments of racial tension.

Democrats note that Biden spoke about Floyd’s death before Trump addressed it and has shown compassion for the protesters. Trump has alternated between expressing alarm over Floyd’s death and sympathy for his family and issuing tweets antagonizing protesters and disparaging his political enemies.

In an election that is likely to be a referendum on the sitting president, some Biden aides say privately that the best plan may be to let Trump do himself in.

Yet there is also a recognition that Biden needs to do more than simply wait for voters who may be turned off by Trump to turn toward him. Some Democrats who have criticized Biden for not being more visible during the onset of the coronavirus said he is making the right moves now.

“I’m sure they have some reluctance, understandably, right now to politicize it. That’s not who he is,” said Democratic strategist James Carville. “There might be a time for eloquence, but I think that simplicity is eloquence right now.”

DC Episcopal bishop: ‘I am outraged’ by Trump church visit

By **ELANA SCHOR**
Associated Press

The bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington sharply criticized President Donald Trump for staging a visit to the historic St. John’s Church across from the White House, where he held up a Bible after authorities had cleared the area of peaceful protesters.

The Rev. Mariann Budde, whose diocese St. John’s belongs to, said she was “outraged” by Trump’s visit and noted that he didn’t pray while stopping by the church, a landmark known for its regular visits



from sitting presidents since the early 19th century.

“He took the symbols sacred to our tradition and stood in front of a house of prayer in full expectation that would be a celebratory moment,” Budde said in an interview June 1 after her statement on Trump’s visit was posted to the diocese’s Twitter account.

“There was nothing I could do but speak out against that,” she added, calling for a focus on “the deeper wounds of the country” amid ongoing demonstrations against racial injustice.

Trump’s visit “did not serve the spiritual aspirations or the needed moral leadership that we need,” she told NBC’s “Today” on June 2. “It did not address the grievous wounds that were are dealing with and the agony of our country.”

She said the church was off-guard by the visit.

As protests nationwide flared following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, St. John’s suffered minor damage May 31 from a fire in the church basement. Budde said “our suffering was minimal” compared with businesses that were destroyed by recent looting, even as she defended the goals of peaceful protesters responding to Floyd’s killing.

“We can rebuild the church. We can replace the furnishings of a nursery,” she said, referring to the

damaged area. “We can’t bring a man’s life back.”

The presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, issued his own statement saying that Trump had “used a church building and the Holy Bible for partisan political purposes.”

“This was done in a time of deep hurt and pain in our country, and his action did nothing to help us or to heal us,” added Curry, the first African American to hold that leadership post for U.S. Episcopalians.

Budde took her position at the church in Washington in 2011 after spending 18 years in Minneapolis.

“I want to build up the liberal church again so we can be a legitimate conversation partner in the public arena,” she told The Washington Post at the time.

The bishop, who last year joined other Washington National Cathedral leaders in a statement that excoriated Trump’s “racialized rhetoric,” firmly aligned her faith with the goals of peaceful protesters driven by Floyd’s death to decry systemic racism.

“In no way do we support the President’s incendiary response to a wounded, grieving nation,” Budde said in her statement. “In faithfulness to our Savior who lived a life of non-violence and sacrificial love, we align ourselves with those seeking justice for the death of George Floyd.”

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

No justice, no peace

By JOHNSON A. BEAVEN III

“You shall appoint judges and officials throughout your tribes, in all your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, and they shall render just decisions for the people. You must not distort justice; you must not show partiality; and you must not accept bribes, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of those who are in the right. Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue, so that you may live and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”
Deuteronomy 16:18



There has been a whirlwind of incidents this year resulting in the deaths of African Americans, culminating in an expression of frustration, outrage and protest. This all too common recurring scenario has ignited an explosion of emotions being witnessed in major cities across the country in the wake of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. George Floyd is the latest inductee into the Black death fraternity at the hands of unjust police brutality. Floyd’s life was snatched away as a white police officer placed his knee on Floyd’s neck for at least eight minutes, while Floyd, handcuffed and prostrate on the ground, was gasping for air and pleading for his life with, “I can’t breathe.” This was a modern-day lynching in broad daylight with the officer bearing that similar smug posture from previous eras, over a purchase with a suspected counterfeit \$20 bill. This wrongful and uncalled for act has rightfully sparked continuing protests. My wife and I participated in Faith in Indiana’s civil protest in downtown Indianapolis on May 31. It was a peaceful public demonstration with people of color and our White brothers and sisters all sharing the sentiment of protests exclaiming “no justice,

no peace.” The bent-up frustration and fury over these repeated incidents, along with futile cries for racial justice only being met with insufficient answers and inadequate policy changes and systemic institutional reform, have become exasperating. All of this, while living through an equally lethal pandemic especially to African Americans, have come to a head. Peaceful protests are supported; violent and unlawful activity of anarchy agitators are not condoned. What’s understandable is that good-intentioned people are simply tired and fed up with these types of incidents occurring, resulting without justice. Enraged emotion encased in the soul, as a pressurized heated interior of a volcano, has only one outlet — eruption. An agonizing constancy of prolonged injustice eventually leads to an increased and unending civil unrest and uproar. Law enforcement and judicial systems are a civil necessity, and should be recipients of high societal respect. But this degree of respect is earned though community trust built upon reciprocal respect and fairness.

The swift firing of Floyd’s assailant and his accomplices was an enormous distinctive from many prior cases of a similar nature. That, along with the assailant’s arrest and charges of murder and manslaughter, were steps indicating earnest. The preliminary official autopsy report unfortunately reads as a portent toward the assailant’s absolution, ruling out asphyxia or strangulation as the cause of death. An independent autopsy report finds Floyd’s death was caused by asphyxia. In this seemingly clear-cut case, hopefully history is not a predictor of its outcome. Let not justice be perverted; may justice prevail. In the midst of the destructive aftermath of Floyd’s death, we must not lose sight that the incitement of the decry and protests across this country was the lynching. The fuel igniting the flames of fury is the intemperate and insensitive leader of the “Make America Great Again” nation. That is an America of chaos. The America desired, inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King JR. and borne by his torch bearer Robert F. Kennedy, is an America of community. What’s desired is an America where “mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other” (Psalm 85:10 KJV).

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BIBLE TRIVIA



By WILSON CASEY

- 1 Is the book of 2 Chronicles in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2 How many pieces of silver did Joseph’s brothers get when they sold him into slavery? 0, 2, 19, 20
- 3 Where does it command brides to shave their heads and manicure their nails? Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- 4 From Exodus 28, what fruit was used as a design on priestly garments? Grapes, Pomegranates, Pears, Figs
- 5 In which Psalms does it talk about grease? 1, 23, 119, 150
- 6 From 1 Kings, which prophet was fed by birds? Paul, David, Elisha, Elijah

ANSWERS:
1) Old; 2) 20; 3) Deuteronomy 21:12; 4) Pomegranates; 5) 119:70; 6) Elijah.

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Michael’s Soul Kitchen rebounding from damage over the weekend



Michael’s Soul Kitchen sustained heavy damage during demonstrations downtown. Co-owner Romeo Gerson said it will cost \$9,000 to repair the windows. (Photo provided)

By TYLER FENWICK
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Romeo Gerson started getting phone calls and messages around 3 in the morning May 30 to give him the message plenty of business owners received that night.

His restaurant, Michael’s Soul Kitchen, was damaged during a demonstration downtown.

“I just got in the car and drove down there, and it was a disaster,” said Gerson, who’s the co-owner.

The windows sustained most of the damage, he said, but the inside was trashed. Nothing appears to have been stolen, though.

Gerson and a few other people went back to the restaurant, which is on the corner of Ohio and Talbott streets, a few hours later to clean the mess and board up the windows. They were done by early morning, well before demonstrations began that evening.

Gerson said he was shocked and angry at first, but he came to understand

his business wasn’t necessarily targeted. It was one of many damaged.

“The liquor store next to me was the same,” he said “The barber shop next to me was the same. It was something that happened to everybody.”

Police said about 30 businesses were damaged in total.

What also gave Gerson some relief is that the initial damage was likely done by someone who doesn’t know anything about Michael’s Soul Kitchen — such as the fact that the restaurant teamed up with The Mozel Sanders Foundation to deliver 1,000 meals a week to those impacted by COVID-19.

Gerson said someone shared a video with him showing the person who broke the windows appeared to be a

white man.

Videos shared on social media show quite a few instances of whites being the first to smash windows or otherwise damage property during demonstrations in Indianapolis and other cities.

Speaking generally about anyone who’s been causing destruction to property, Gerson said he agrees with the demonstrators’ goals but thinks they can go after change without doing damage.

Michael’s Soul Kitchen, like so many other businesses, was already under immense pressure because of COVID-19.

The restaurant had 11 employees but is down to three people working.

The plan was to reopen June 1, but Gerson said a realistic reopen date now is two to three weeks out, assuming things settle down by then. There’s no point in trying to reopen if there’s still a threat of damage, he said.

Lots of people have asked how they can help, Gerson said, and he’s been pointing them to a GoFundMe cam-

HELP MICHAEL’S SOUL KITCHEN

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paign, which is already over its goal of \$10,000 as of June 2. The largest donation was \$300.

Gerson thinks it’s possible the donations, along with insurance, will cover expenses. Repairing the windows will cost \$9,000, he said.

“I want to just say thank you,” Gerson said. “I know it’s something bad that happened, but at least it really made me realize that the community out there really wanted to help. It’s good to feel the help, the love, the support.”

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

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ADOPTION

SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2005-AD-016323
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: CECILE MARIE LOCKRIDGE, Minor,
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
Wayne Vaughn of Indianapolis, Indiana, is hereby notified that a petition for adoption of child, named Cede Marie Lockridge (born on July 10, 2002), born to Angela Lockridge and Wayne Vaughn, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Marion County Court Probate Division, 400 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46104 on May 18, 2020. The petition for adoption alleges that Wayne Vaughns consent to adoption of Cede Marie Lockridge is not required pursuant to Indiana Code § 31-19-9-8(a)(2). If Wayne Vaughn seeks to contest the adoption of the child, Wayne Vaughn must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with Indiana Code § 31-19-10-1 in the above named Court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the filing of this Notice. If Wayne Vaughn does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice the above named Court will determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption of Wayne Vaughn will be irrevocably implied, and Wayne Vaughn will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of Wayne Vaughn's implied consent to the adoption. No oral statement made to or by Wayne Vaughn relieves Wayne Vaughn of Wayne Vaughn's obligations under this notice. This notice complies with Indiana Code § 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set for a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana statutes.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
05/29/2020
06/05/2020

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY COURT
CAUSE NO. 49D14-2004-DN-014669
IN RE THE MARRIAGE: DEBORAH M. CASTRO
Petitioner,
vs.
JESSICA M. SANCHEZ-LOZANO
Respondent.
ORDER ON NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The object of the above-styled suit is for Dissolution of Marriage. And, it appearing by affidavit filed that Jessica M. Sanchez-Lozano, the above-named Respondent, is not a resident of this county, and that a diligent search has been made and the Respondent's residence is unknown, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that notice be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper authorized by law to publish notices and published in the County of Marion, in Indiana. Judge, Marion County Civil Division

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
05/29/2020
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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CO. COURT
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2005-GU-015239
IN RE GUARDIANSHIP OF: CHRISTIAN A. ORELLANA REYES.
Minor Child,
YADIRA Y. REYES CABRERA, Petitioner.
SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF SUIT
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above-named and a hearing will be held on May 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Court above-named. The nature of the suit against you is a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Lillian Reyes Cabrera, residence unknown. You must answer the Petition, in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the petition has demanded. Petitioner's attorney is Andrew G. Spear, 1300 N. Pennsylvania St., Suite 202, Indianapolis, IN 46202.
Date: 5/6/2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
05/29/2020
06/05/2020
06/12/2020

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA) SUPERIOR COURT #3
COUNTY OF MARION
CASE# 49D02-2005-DN-016818
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: PETITIONER: TYECHIA N. BEASLEY
Respondent: HERBERT A. HUGGER
NOTICE OF SUIT
This notice is directed to Herbert A. Hugger who is being sued and whose whereabouts are unknown. In addition to the person being served by this summons, there may be others who have an interest in this law suit. Darrell J. Dolan represents the person seeking service by publication, and can be located at 6525 E. 82nd Street, Suite #102, Indianapolis, IN 46250. The nature of this suit against you is a Dissolution of Marriage and the property at issue is marital property. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty days after the last notice of action is published. If you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff / Petitioner has demanded.
Respectfully, Darrell J. Dolan
05/29/2020
06/05/2020
06/12/2020

GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA) MARION COUNTY PROBATE COURT
SS: COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON OF: JANIYA WILKERSON, A Minor Child, VICKIE HALL, Petitioner.
ALIAS ORDER TO APPEAR FOR HEARING
Comes now the Court on the Verified Petition to Establish Guardianship, filed by Petitioner Vickie Hall, and the Court having reviewed said Petition and finding that the Petition requires the Court to hold a hearing, now finds and orders that Father Johnny Wilkerson, 575 N. Rochester Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46222 and all other parties appear in Court on July 13, 2020 at 1:30 pm to address said matters raised therein.
SO ORDERED May 22, 2020
Magistrate
05/29/2020
06/05/2020
06/12/2020

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA) COUNTY OF MARION SS: IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D02-2004-DN-014452
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: ELHOR ADUOMAYEBE
Petitioner, And RICHARD D'QUAN SCROGGINS
Respondent.
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW, Elhor Aduomayeb (Petitioner), by counsel, Flora A. Owolabi, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:
1. That Elhor Aduomayeb, Petitioner, is the wife of Richard D'Quan Scroggins ("Respondent").
2. That the parties have been bona fide residents of the State of Indiana for more than the six (6) months and bona fide residents of Marion County for more than three (3) months immediately preceding the filing of the Verified Petition for Dissolution ("Petition").
3. That Respondent's current address is 531 Brokenbow Trail, Apt 1404, Indianapolis, IN 46214.
4. That the parties were married on August 8, 2019 and separated on or around March 25, 2020.
5. There were no children born into the marriage.
6. That Wife is not now pregnant.
7. That there are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
8. That neither party is a member of the United States Military or otherwise incapacitated.
9. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Elhor Aduomayeb, prays that the Court grant her petition for final dissolution of the marriage.
06/05/2020
06/12/2020
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA) MARION COUNTY SS: IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D14-2005-DC-016858
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: OLUBUKOLA BUNMI SOFOLA
Petitioner/ Wife
EMMANUEL ADE SAMUEL
Respondent/Husband
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW, Olubukola Bunmi Sofola /Wife ("Petitioner"), by counsel, Flora A. Owolabi, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:
1. That Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, Petitioner is the Wife of Emmanuel Ade Samuel ("Respondent").
2. That Petitioner had been a bona fide resident of the State of Indiana and of Marion County for more than six (6) months immediately preceding the filing of her Verified Petition for Dissolution ("Petition"). That Respondent has been unknown.
3. The parties were married on May 10, 2012 in Ikene, Ogun State, and separated on or around October, 2019.
4. There were three children born into this marriage namely, Daniel Oluwadamilare Samuel, male, born on July 16, 2014; male, Deborah Fumilayo Samuel, female, born on 06/09/2015, and David Iteoluwa Sofola, male born on 08/28/2017.
5. That children currently resides with Mother at 7694 Wyckford Court, Indianapolis, IN 46214.
6. That it will be in the best interest of the minor children for the Mother to be awarded custody of the minor children.
7. That Father's whereabouts are unknown and Petitioner has not seen or heard from him since August, 2019.
8. That there are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
9. That Wife is not pregnant.
10. That neither party is a member of the Military or otherwise incapacitated.
11. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties. WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, prays that the Court grants her petition for the final dissolution of the marriage.
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GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF INDIANA) MARION COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2005-EU-015476
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF BETTY BRUNER COOK, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Steven R. Cook was on May 7, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of BETTY BRUNER COOK, deceased, who died on March 26, 2020. All persons having claims against said Estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
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Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF SONDRRA A. LATHAM, Deceased.
Cause No. 49D08-2005-EU-015802
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that LANCE LATHAM was on the 12th day of May 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of SONDRRA A. LATHAM, deceased, who died on the 11th day of April, 2020. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
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CLASSIFIED

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals
Title: RFP #WAVE3-0420
(REVISED 05/27/20)
WAVE 3 Implementation of
SuccessFactors Succession
and Career Development
Modules and EMG Imple-
mentation
Notice is hereby given
that proposals are being
requested by The Health
& Hospital Corporation of
Marion County (HHC) for
the purpose of contracting
with qualified implementa-
tion partners to conduct the
blueprint and implemen-
tation of SuccessFactors
Succession and Career De-
velopment Planning. HHC
has recently implemented
SuccessFactors Employee
Central, Onboarding/Off-
boarding, Recruitment and
Marketing, BenefitFocus,
Performance & Goals Man-
agement, Compensation
and Job Profile Builder. HHC
is also looking to implement
the full suite of SuccessFac-
tors: Employee Central,
Onboarding/Offboarding,
Recruitment and Marketing,
BenefitFocus, Performance
& Goals Management,
Compensation and Job Pro-
file Builder, Succession and
Career Development Plan-
ning for the new division of
Eskenza Medical Group
(EMG).
RFP packages may be ob-
tained by sending an email to
csheckel@hhcorp.org.
There will be a mandatory
pre-proposal conference for
this RFP process. Propo-
sals will not be accepted by
companies who do not par-
ticipate at this pre-proposal
conference. The confer-
ence will take place Mon-
day, June 22, 2020 at 1:30
PM (local time). The pre-
proposal conference will
be held via WebEx. Please
email csheckel@hhcorp.org
to register for the WebEx.
Responses to the RFP must
be mailed to the following
address:
WAVE 3 Implementation of
SuccessFactors Succession
and Career Development
Modules and EMG Imple-
mentation
RFP #WAVE3-0420
Cathy Sheckell, Purchasing
Director
Purchasing Department
Health & Hospital Corpora-
tion of Marion County
3838 North Rural Street,
Room 810
Indianapolis, IN 46205-2930
Email address: csheckel@
hhcorp.org
All sealed responses to the
RFP will be received by the
Purchasing Department of
The Health & Hospital Cor-
poration of Marion County
until 10:00 AM (local time)
on or before Friday, July
17, 2020. Each respondent
must submit one original
hard copy (marked "Orig-
inal") and 6 complete copies
of the proposal, including
the transmittal letter and
other related documenta-
tion as required in this RFP.
A complete electronic copy
of the proposal must be pro-
vided on USB flash drive.
Proposals received after the
hour and date set for receiv-
ing of proposals will be re-
turned unopened.
HHC reserves the right to
accept or reject any propos-
al and to waive any irregu-
larities in proposals.
Minority, Woman, Veteran,
and Disability-owned busi-
nesses are encouraged to
submit information on these
projects.
The Health & Hospital Cor-
poration of Marion County
is an equal opportunity em-
ployer.
CATHY SHECKELL, PUR-
CHASING DIRECTOR
The Health & Hospital Cor-
poration of Marion County
(317) 221-2038
hspaxlp 06/05/20

SUMMONS

State of Indiana
In the Marion Circuit Court
County of Marion
Cause No:
49C01-2004-PL-014996
LUGHNASADH, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
THE ESTATE OF HARRY
KIDWELL, DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF GERALD
SPAULDING, DECEASED,
STATE OF INDIANA,
DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE, ET. AL., "THE
WORLD",
Defendants
NOTICE OF SUIT
You are notified that you
have been sued in the
above-referenced Court.
The above named Plaintiff,
LUGHNASADH, LLC, has
filed a Quiet Title Action in
the above entitled cause.
The Summons and Notice
of Publication is directd to
the following persons who
may have interest in the
following described real
estate located in Marion
County, Indiana that is the
subject of this proceeding,
and whose whereabouts
are known to Plaintiff as
follows: LUGHNASADH,
LLC; The Estate of Harry
Kidwell, deceased, the
estate of Gerald Spaulding,
deceased, State of Indiana,
Department of Revenue;
Auditor of Marion County
Treasurer: John Doe/
Mary Doe, As Unknown
Occupants; and The
"World."
Lot 103 in Boulevard
Square, an Addition to the
City of Indianapolis, as per
plat thereof recorded in Plat
Book 13, page 60 in the
office of the Recorder of
Marion County, Indiana.
Commonly known as: 3039
N. Park Ave., Indianapolis,
IN 46205.
And all other persons
claiming aby right, title or
interest in the described
real estate herein, through
or under them or any other
person or entity, the names
of all whom are unknown to
the Plaintiff.
In addition to the above-
named Defendants being
served by this summons, there
may be other
Defendants who have an
interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the Plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
it in your written answer.
The Publication of Notice is
given pursuant to Indiana
Code 32-20-3-14 and
Indiana Code 43-21-1.
You must answer the
Complaint in writing, by you
or your attorney, on or before
the ___ day of ___, 2020, the
(same being within thirty
(30) days after the Third
Notice of this Suit, and if
you fail to do so, a judgment
will be entered against you
for what the Plaintiff has
demanded.
TEST: 5/1/2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
05/15/2020
05/22/2020
05/29/2020

SUMMONS
STATE OF INDIANA)
THE MARION CO.
SUPERIOR COURT SS:
MARION COUNTY
CAUSE NO.
49D13-2004-MI-013438
SANDRA ESTRADA
Plaintiff,
v.
ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ-
RANGEL
Defendant.
SUMMONS – SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF SUIT
You are notified that you
have been sued in the Court
above named and a hearing
will take place in Marion Co.
Superior Court. The nature
of the suit against you is a
Complaint for Adverse
Possession. This summons
by publication is specifically
directed to Alfonso
Rodriguez-Rangel, residence
unknown. You must answer
the Petition, in writing, by
you or your attorney, within
thirty (30) days after notice
of suit, and if you fail to
do so, a judgment will be
entered against you for what
the petition has demanded.
Petitioner's attorney is
Andrew G. Spear, 1300 N.
Pennsylvania St., Ste 202,
Indianapolis, IN 46202.
Date: 4/8/2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
05/29/2020
06/05/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC PROJECT
Engineering and
Polytechnic Gateway
Purdue University, West
Lafayette, IN.**
Shiel Sexton is seeking
prequalified subcontractor
bids for the Engineering and
Polytechnic Gateway project
for work associated with the
following bid packages:
Contract No. 16 – Masonry
Scope includes: Masonry
and cast stone facade for
the new 5 story building.
Contract No. 17 – Steel
Scope includes: Structural
steel, miscellaneous steel
metal decking, gratings for
the new 5 story building.
**Contract No. 18 – General
Trades**
Scope includes: Exterior
hollow metal doors, frames,
and hardware, overhead
doors, premanufactured
canopies, loading dock
bumpers, miscellaneous
finishes, and fluid applied
insulative coatings.
**Contract No. 19 – Water-
proofing, Air & Vapor Bar-
rier**
Scope includes: Waterproof-
ing for concrete foundation
walls & tunnels and air /
vapor barrier for building
envelope for the new 5 story
building.
**Contract No. 20 – Framing,
Sheathing, EIFS**
Scope includes: Exterior
metal wall framing, exterior
sheathing, wood blocking,
and EIFS for the new 5 story
building envelope.
**Contract No. 21 – Store-
front, Curtainwall, Sun-
shades**
Scope includes: Curtain
wall, window wall, storefront,
vertical sunshades / ter-
racotta screen system and
louvers for the new 5 story
building envelope.
**Contract No. 22 – Metal
Panels**
Scope includes: Metal wall
panels, siding, rainscreen
attachment system, and
metal copings for the new 5
story building envelope.
Contract No. 23 – Roofing
Scope includes: EPDM roof-
ing systems, metal copings,
roof pavers, and gutters /
downspouts for the new
building.
Plans & specifications will
be available Monday, June
1, 2020 and may be viewed
in Shiel Sexton's Plan Room
at 902 North Capitol Avenue,
Indianapolis, IN, 46204.
Plans & specifications may
also be viewed online at re-
prographix.com or isgfi.com,
integrityonlineplanroom.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
Thursday, June 11, 2020 at
1:00 PM (EST) at Potter En-
gineering Building, Room
234, 500 Central Drive, West
Lafayette, IN 47907. Park-
ing available at the Grant
St. Parking Garage 120 N
Grant St., West Lafayette,
IN 47907. If an in-person
meeting is not possible due
to State, Local or University
mandates the meeting will
be held virtual.
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 Tuesday, June
30, 2020 at 2:00pm (EST).
Sealed bids shall be submit-
ted to Shiel Sexton, Atten-
tion: Chris Metzger, at Shiel
Sexton's corporate office,
902 N. Capitol Avenue, In-
dianapolis, IN 46204.
hspaxlp 05/29/20
06/05/20

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ILLEGAL
TO
DISCRIMINATE
AGAINST
ANY
PERSON
BECAUSE
OF RACE,
COLOR,
RELIGION,
SEX,
HANDICAP,
FAMILIAL
STATUS,
OR
NATIONAL
ORIGIN.

Parents bring children to protests to ‘start them young’

By BREANNA COOPER
BreannaC@indyrecorder.com

As protests continue to take place throughout Indianapolis in response to the death of George Floyd, a younger — much younger — generation also is marching.

Over the weekend in Indianapolis, children — ranging from toddlers to teenagers — walked with their parents, participating in the demonstrations by carrying signs and following along in chants.

Terry Clayton, 19, participated in a demonstration at Monument Circle on May 29. After event organizer Lamari Edwards, 20, handed him her mega-phone, Clayton read a poem describing the Black experience in America. In it, he described police brutality and judg-ment, and ended the poem by lying face down on the bricks surrounding the Circle with his hands behind his back, as other demonstrators chanted “It’s not a crime to be Black.”

“It makes me feel scared when I come out of my house,” Clayton said in an interview. “I have to worry if I’m safe in my own car, in my own neighborhood ... I might not even be safe in my own home,” he added, seemingly referencing Breonna Taylor, 26, who was killed by police in her Louisville home after of-ficers raided the wrong house.

Cornelia Anderson, along with her teenage children Mya and Darius, also attended the same demonstration.

“We’ve lost a lot of Black men,” Ander-son said, “and we have to do something about it.”

As Anderson spoke, Mya, 15, nodded in agreement.

“I’m here to show my support and show I care, too,” Mya said. “I know it’s not right, and it’s not fair. You don’t see white people being shot like that.”

During one protest organizers urged demonstrators to remain peaceful to protect the children in the crowd after water was thrown on an officer and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police De-partment (IMPD) officers responded by using pepper spray.

“There’s a little boy here tonight,” Edwards said, gesturing toward a boy of about 5 years old. The police wouldn’t hesitate to hurt him, she said.

Quan Addison, a father of five, said he and his wife are often afraid for their sons. He and one of his toddler son ar-



Cornelia Anderson and her children Maya and Darius. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

rived at Monument Circle about 15 min-utes after pepper spray was deployed.

“You have to start them young,” one protester told Addison as he walked closer to the Soldiers and Sailors Monu-ment, nodding toward the boy.

The children and young adults in-volved in the protests were scared. Not about being at the demonstrations, but about the all too common viral videos of Black men killed by police.

“It hurts my heart,” Edwards said. “They could be my brother or my friend. ... It makes me sick to my stomach.”

Darryl Lockett, executive director of the Kennedy King Memorial Initiative, said while viral videos are common to-day, he never wants to get desensitized. “It is no question traumatic,” Lockett said. “But it’s something that I want to maintain a sense of shock and awe. I don’t want to become numb, because at that point, we become well adjusted to injustice, and we lose that spirit that’s needed to fight against the forces that exist in society ... and to resist that

which is creating that pain and that frustration.”

A teacher in the crowd, who wanted to only be identified as Ms. Felix, said she teaches sixth grade and sees firsthand the effects police brutality have on her students.

“They’re scared,” she said. “We have conversations about police brutality, and things they hear in the news makes it hard for them to focus in school, because they’re afraid of what is going to happen to them when they leave the school.”

Felix said difficulties in academics creates a cyclical process that can lead to young Black men being victimized by police.

“We’re messing up the next generation, and we need to fix it,” Felix said.

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

OPINIONS

It Seems to Me:
Testing is needed before K-12 schools open

By THOMAS L. BROWN



While much attention is being given to the economy of our city and state as related to reopening, there is very little said

about our children start-ing back to school this fall. While our governor seems to be attentive to opening up businesses along with many others who are our paid civil servants, nothing is being dis-cussed about our children go-ing back into the classroom. The fundamental questions become as follows:

What are the plans for our K-12 students to be tested for COVID-19?

What are the plans for teachers and staff to be tested for COVID-19?

What are the plans for Parents/foster Parents to be tested for COVID-19?

These are the questions that must be addressed im-mediately with a positive

intent to serve and protect our children. Not just the children, but families. Educa-tion in our city and state is a big economic enterprise. It is a business as important as beauty parlors, restaurants, churches and other money-making enterprises. Yes, there is the outcry to open these entities. Yet, what is the solution for protecting our children when it comes to reopening our schools this fall? As stated, education is a big economic enterprise. Better yet, it is “big business.” And this business is to serve our children, teachers, staff and families. This cannot be done with schools opening without testing being done on all levels in the educational systems, K-12. Here in our city, we have already been made aware of the very obvi-ous disparities related to race and the poor communities. The Black population has all the indications of reaping the rage of death and sickness of COVID-19.

Today, we already know there is an educational gap in regard to the Black and poor

white population in our city and state. This pandemic in my point of view has truly just begun when it comes to our children and the business of schools. If a full testing initia-tive is not done with parents, students, teachers and staff, there will be a whirlwind of destruction. Presently, our educational system, in my opinion, with this crisis of the pandemic has no clue how to address the problem for the safety of our children. All we want to do is open schools with no clear-cut solutions. Can you imagine kindergar-ten, first graders and second graders with masks on in the class, and at the same time doing social distancing and the teacher attempting to in-struct and facilitate a learning environment?

Yes, we have a pandemic that is impacting the physical health of many and espe-cially a relevant high number of Blacks and poor whites alike. Yet we fail to see or realize that this pandemic has a systemic consequence that is latent. What I mean is it has an impact on the

mind set the consciousness of person or people not to see consequences of decisions that are driven by money and economics. If we put our children back into classrooms without testing because it facilitates money and revenue for our way of business in education this means we are not serious about physical or mental health. It also means our children are pawns and/ or sheep for the slaughter.

I encourage every parent and serious citizen of the city and state to make our civil elected servants be aggressive in putting together an aggres-sive testing program for our children, parents, teachers and staff before they enter school this fall. If this is not done, be aware of the dev-astating consequences that will come to our children and their families. Remember, education and economics in our society is an enterprise. Which means in this capital-istic economic system, profits are the end game. However, be aware that our children should be the end game and not the means.

BRIEFS

The Indianapolis Chapter of the Indiana Black Expo (ICIBE) is accepting nominations for the African American in Excellence in Education Awards.

Nominees may be educators from public, private, charter schools and institutions of higher learning and should exhibit the following characteristics:
Passion and commitment to the profession
Leadership, innovation and creativity
Professional growth and development
Leadership in developing a positive school culture
Highly effective communication and collaboration skills
Positive community relations
According to data from the Indiana Department of

Education in 2016, 79.3% of students in Center Town-ship identified as students of color while 25.1% of teach-ers identified as persons of color.

More than 70 African American educators were recog-nized including Tamara Markey, Indiana’s Teacher of the Year during the 2019 ceremony. Markey teaches at the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township.

The nomination deadline is June 12. To nominate an educator, visit the ICIBE Facebook page and fill out the online nomination form.

Wes Unseld, NBA Rookie of Year and MVP in 1969, dies at 74

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wes Unseld, the workmanlike Hall of Fame center who led Washington to its only NBA championship and was chosen one of the 50 greatest players in league history, died June 2 after a series of health issues, most recently pneumonia. He was 74.

Unseld's family announced his death via a statement released by the Washington Wizards, the franchise he was with throughout his entire 13-season playing career and also worked for as a coach and general manager.

"Those of us who were fortunate enough to spend time with Wes knew him as a generous and thoughtful man whose strong will was matched only by his passion and drive for uplifting others," current Wizards GM Tommy Sheppard said. "His physical prowess, undeniable talent and on-court demeanor may have struck fear in opponents throughout the NBA, but he will be remembered best as a mentor, leader and friend."

A five-time All-Star and, along with Wilt Chamberlain, one of only two players to win NBA Rookie of the Year and MVP honors in the same season, Unseld instantly made the team then known as the Baltimore Bullets into a winner after he was taken with the No. 2 overall pick — behind future teammate Elvin Hayes — in the 1968 draft.

A decade later, Unseld was the MVP of the 1978 NBA Finals as the Bullets beat the Seattle SuperSonics in a seven-game series best known for Washington coach Dick Motta's proclamation: "The opera ain't over until the fat lady sings."

Listed at 6-foot-7 and 245 pounds, Unseld overcame taller players and bad knees with a strong work ethic and lots of grunt work in the paint. He was a tenacious rebounder and strong passer.

Unseld was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988, his first year of eligibility.

"I never played pretty," Unseld said on the day he was elected. "I wasn't flashy. My contributions were in the things most people don't notice. They weren't in high scoring or dunking or behind-the-back passes."

Wesley Sissel Unseld was born March 14, 1946, in Louisville, Kentucky, where he won two state championship at Seneca High School and then stayed home for college, attending the University of Louisville.

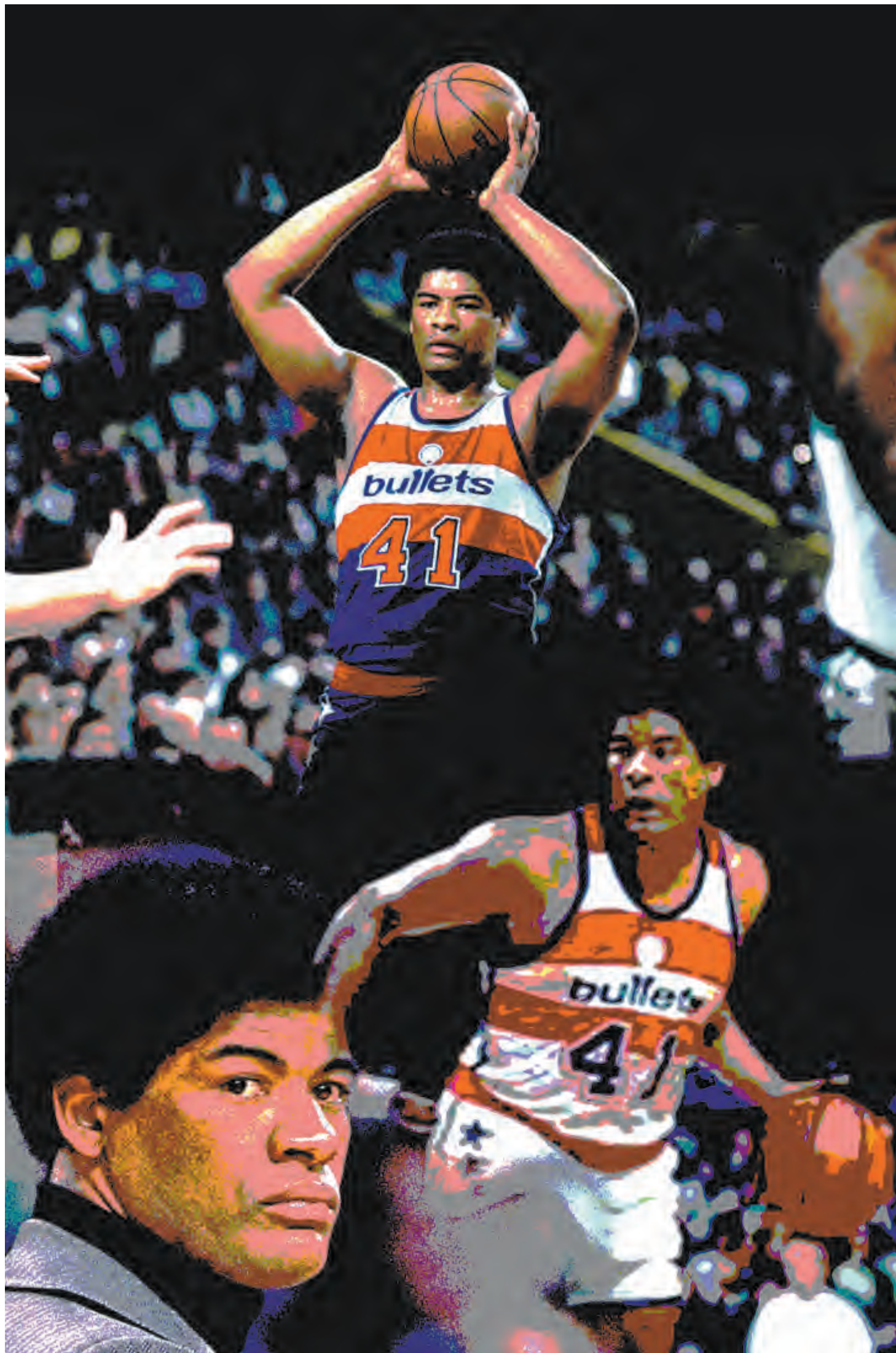
He averaged 20.6 points and 18.9 rebounds over his four years with the Cardinals.

In the NBA, Unseld averaged 10.8 points and 14 rebounds for his career.

His aching knees forced Unseld to stop playing in 1981, but he remained with the franchise that would eventually retire his No. 41 jersey.

"We all admired Wes as the pillar of this franchise for so long," Wizards owner Ted Leonsis said, "but it was his work off the court that will truly leave an impactful legacy and live on through the many people he touched and influenced throughout his life of basketball and beyond."

Unseld initially worked in Washington's front office, then was head coach for nearly seven seasons from 1987-



94, compiling a 202-345 record with one playoff appearance. He also had a seven-year stint as general manager from 1996-03, when the team made one other trip to the playoffs.

After the club's then-owner, Abe Pollin, died in 2009, Unseld said: "I have no doubt that he kept me longer in positions than he should have — and longer than I wanted him to. He was loyal."

Pollin's widow, Irene, said June 2: "Since 1968, Wes was the broad shoulders upon which our team was built, and his Hall of Fame career and the championship that he helped bring

our city speaks for itself. But for us, the loss of Wes is more than that. He and the Unselds are family to us, and when you lose a family member — especially a beloved figure like Wes — the sorrow is unfathomable."

Unseld took a leave of absence from the Wizards for undisclosed health reasons in 2003, ending 35 years of continuous service to the franchise. He had both knees replaced in October of that year and afterward appeared at games only occasionally.

Unseld is survived by his wife, Connie, daughter Kim, son Wes Unseld Jr., and two grandchildren. Wes Jr. is an

assistant coach with the Denver Nuggets.

Funeral arrangements were pending. "He was the rock of our family — an extremely devoted patriarch who reveled in being with his wife, children, friends and teammates," the family's statement said. "He was our hero and loved playing and working around the game of basketball for the cities of Baltimore and Washington, D.C., cities he proudly wore on his chest for so many years."

SPORTS QUIZ

By **RYAN A. BERENZ**



Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen.

1. Name the Boston Celtics' "Big 3" players who helped the team beat the Los Angeles Lakers in the 2008 NBA Finals.
2. "Crash" Davis, "Nuke" Laloosh and "Skip" Riggins are all characters from what 1988 baseball comedy film?
3. What Heisman Trophy winner from the University of Michigan scored a 99-yard kickoff return touchdown for the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXI and was named the game's MVP?
4. What hockey player defected from the Soviet Union and debuted with the NHL's Buffalo Sabres in 1989?
5. In 2001, a fastball from Arizona Diamondbacks hurler Randy Johnson struck and killed a bird in flight. According to ornithologists, what kind of bird was it?

6. The official football used by the NFL is named "The Duke" in honor of what pioneering New York Giants owner/executive?
7. A baseball player who has completed the "Olympics Rings" (aka "platinum sombrero") has done what?

ANSWERS

1. Paul Pierce, Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett.
2. "Bull Durham."
3. Desmond Howard.
4. Alexander Mogilny.
5. A mourning dove.
6. Wellington Mara.
7. Struck out five times in one game.

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