

Addressing systemic racism in Indianapolis

SYSTEMIC RACISM

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For the last several weeks, anyone living in downtown Indianapolis could hear chants of “Black lives matter” and “No justice, no peace” echoing throughout Monument Circle. Anyone walking downtown the morning of May 31 could see crews working to clean up glass and board up business windows after violence ensued the night before.

Some claim officers from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) threw tear gas unprovoked, starting the chaos. IMPD officials claim violence and destruction of property gave them no option but to deploy tear gas canisters on the crowd.

Regardless of which side started the chaos, could it — and the last three weeks of demonstrations — have been avoided?

The recorded murder of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police sent shockwaves throughout the country and the rest of the world. Indianapolis was no exception, with demonstrations popping up downtown, calling for the officers involved to be charged.

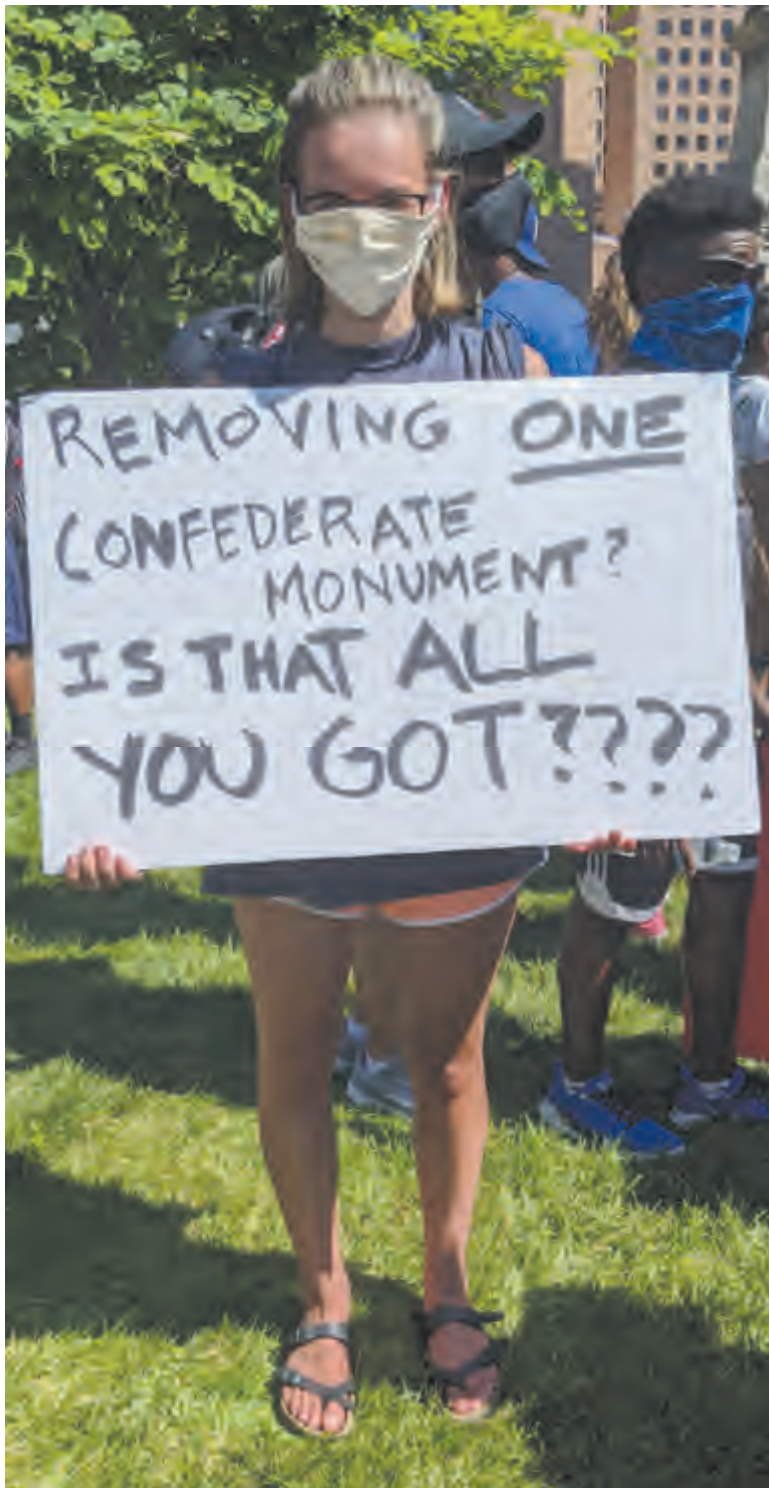
Beyond Floyd's murder, however, Indianapolis was still reeling from the May 6 death of Dreasjon “Sean” Reed. Reed, 21, was shot and killed by an IMPD officer following a car chase recorded on Facebook Live. The demonstrations in memory of Floyd served a double purpose here in Indianapolis: call for justice for Floyd, and call for answers in Reed's death.

Throughout the past few weeks, shouts of “Who killed Dreasjon Reed?” have been heard at demonstrations, and signs demanding answers from IMPD have been raised high in the air during protests.

Despite calls from the community, IMPD did not provide the name of the officer — citing safety concerns — for more than a month after Reed's death. On June 10, Taylor confirmed four-year IMPD veteran Dejour Mercer was the officer involved in Reed's death.

On June 4, Rosemary Khoury was appointed as the special prosecutor on the case by the Marion County Supreme Court.

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This sign received a lot of attention at the statehouse sit-in June 6. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)



Dreasjon Reed

Officer involved in Dreasjon Reed's death named

By **STAFF**

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Chief Randal Taylor named officer Dejour Mercer as the officer who shot and killed Dreasjon Reed on May 6.

Mercer has been with the department for four years, and according to case files was named Northwest district officer of the year just a week before Reed's death.

“As Chief of Police, my responsibility is to protect the safety of all in our city, including our IMPD officers,” Taylor said in a statement. “With that in mind, I am following up on my commitment to be transparent with the community we serve. The disclosure policy will be made available to the public when it is finalized and approved.”

During a press conference June 5, Taylor declined to name the officer involved in Reed's death, citing a safety issue as a result of threats received.

Further, Taylor named 15-year veteran Steven Scott as the officer who made comments about a closed casket funeral for Reed, who was shot multiple times. According to Taylor, Scott was disciplined for his comments.

Reed's death and the car chase that preceded his death were streamed live on Reed's Facebook page.

Check indyrecorder.com for continuous coverage.

Person drives through protest crowd downtown

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A person drove a minivan through a small crowd of demonstrators downtown June 8 on Monument Circle.

No one appeared seriously injured.

A video of the incident posted to Facebook shows the van, which had been stopped by protesters, accelerating through the group.

One person was hit off to the side, and two people ended up on the hood of the vehicle. The van came to an abrupt stop, which sent the two

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‘Nothing short of a war crime’



Protest medics say IMPD confiscated medical supplies during a demonstration May 29. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

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The 1925 Geneva Protocol — an addition to the Geneva Convention — categorized tear gas as a chemical warfare agent and banned its use shortly after World War I. Under this protocol, the United States can still use tear gas on rioting prisoners of war and in rescue missions to recover isolated personnel. However, the protocol dictates civilian casualties must be avoided.

So why then, many community members are asking, did the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) deploy tear gas on protesters during the weekend of May 29?

For nearly three weeks, local activist Cambria York offered medical assistance at nearly every demonstration in Indianapolis. Usually, York and others known as protest medics treat dehydration or rolled ankles. But on May 29 and May 30, they treated protesters and bystanders — one as young as six months old — for exposure to tear gas. Others needed treatment for wounds caused by rubber bullets and pepper balls. To make matters worse, those on the scene say IMPD officers confiscated medical supplies, including inhalers, water bottles and general first aid kits.

In a press conference June 5, however,

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people to the ground.

Some people caught up to the van and smashed in a window and busted a mirror.

Police, who weren't present for the most part during the demonstration, arrived at Monument Circle shortly after and confirmed officers had found the van.

Alexandria Trove, one of the people hit, said she wasn't in front of the van at first but saw it start to push through the group, so she walked over.

Trove, 26, ended up on the hood of the vehicle and was thrown off. She hurt the outside of her right knee and walked with a limp.

Alex Vaughan, 25, said he was a few layers of people in front of the vehicle and landed on his back and head when he fell off of the hood.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department spokesperson Aliya Wishner said in a statement there are "conflicting accounts" of what occurred and that the driver called 911 immediately following the incident.

The driver is cooperating with the investigation, Wishner said.

It was a violent ending to an otherwise normal night of demonstrations in Indianapolis. The group of roughly 40 people gathered at Monument Circle and walked through some downtown streets before meeting back at the Circle.

Most people were starting to leave the area when the van drove through the crowd.

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A minivan drove through a small crowd of demonstrators June 8 at Monument Circle. (Screenshot from Recorder video)

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PREGNANCY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

‘You might not be able to hold your baby’

By TYLER FENWICK
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Kendra Armour had her mind made up a week before her planned cesarean section: She was going to hold her baby girl, even if doctors advised against it.

Armour, 32, had tested positive twice for COVID-19, once in early April and again in early May.

Doctors can’t keep a mother from holding her newborn after birth in that situation, but they strongly advise that women who know they have COVID-19 or show symptoms do so.

But Armour, now a mother of three, took a third test a few days before giving birth. It came back negative, and she didn’t have to go through the psychological cloud of choosing to hold her baby while knowing there was a chance she could spread the disease.

“It’s a different type of hurt,” she said in an interview before giving birth.

Scientists have been scrambling to learn more about COVID-19, which is new to humans, leaving many disappointed with how slowly new information comes out and how often things seem to change. The same is basically true when it comes to understanding how the disease impacts pregnant women and their babies.

Most of what doctors do know comes from smaller studies of pregnant patients in New York City, which became the epicenter of the epidemic in America.

According to the Mayo Clinic, newborns can become



Kendra Armour tested positive twice for COVID-19 while pregnant but eventually tested negative a few days before her planned cesarean section. (Photo provided)

infected by COVID-19 during childbirth or by exposure to sick caregivers after delivery in the same way everyone else can contract the disease: through contact with an infected person’s respiratory droplets.

There is nothing to suggest unborn babies can contract the disease while in the womb.

Although it’s rare, the Mayo Clinic also says infants are at

a higher risk of severe illness with COVID-19.

Aside from potentially giving birth while still infected with the disease, pregnant women have numerous obstacles in their way before they even get to see their baby for the first time.

Doctors are turning to virtual visits in order to avoid in-person contact at an office, and many delivery centers

have made it so there is limited support during delivery and visitation afterward.

“Some patients really like the telemedicine. It’s more convenient for their schedule,” said Dr. Alecia Fields, an OB-GYN with HealthNet. “But there’s some patients that still just want that in-person visit, which is understandable.”

Of course, not everything can be done virtually. When

patients are required to go into the office, Fields said HealthNet requires masks, and patients undergo a screening. No visitors are allowed unless the patient is a minor.

Dr. Cameal Wright, medical director for CareSource Indiana, said some restrictions are starting to loosen, but hospitals are still fertile ground for spreading COVID-19.

“There are still incredibly strict rules in the labor and delivery area,” she said.

Testing is still limited in Indiana. The state health department reported an average of 5,373 new tests per day in May, still short of the department’s goal of 6,300 tests per day, set in April. (The department has only hit its goal 11 times since it began consistently reporting the number of tests in late March.)

Pregnant women initially weren’t included in the high-risk category governments considered for testing priority, but they are now.

The advice medical experts have been giving pregnant women — practice social distancing, wash your hands often, stay home when possible, etc. — is the same advice they’ve been telling the general public.

It’s the same advice Armour has for pregnant women.

“What I’m going through, I don’t want no one else to go through,” she said before giving birth. “You might not be able to hold your baby.”

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Looking for Clues: A COVID-19 Responder Story

In long days at his dining-room table, Dr. John Brooks is looking for clues to bring COVID-19 to an end.

A medical epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), John is the chief medical officer for the agency’s COVID-19 response. He and his team of more than a dozen—all working remotely during the outbreak—examine scores of newly published reports on the disease, compiling the highlights to share with researchers throughout the agency and figuring out how to apply those findings.

“The science is moving so quickly. There are easily a couple of hundred new publications daily,” John says from his makeshift home office, where his cat Cosmo is frequently at his elbow.

John has been part of CDC’s responses to several dangerous diseases over the years. While responders had a built-in base of knowledge to tackle those illnesses, COVID-19 is brand new and has thrown curveball after curveball at those trying to stop it.

“The scale is unprecedented. The speed at which this event has unfolded is unprecedented,” John says. “And it’s like every month, something terrible, something really weird, comes along ... We can’t think of it like anything we’ve known before.”

John came to medicine in a roundabout way. His interest was piqued in 7th grade, when he came across the 1926 book “Microbe Hunters,” which profiled historic disease researchers like Louis Pasteur and Walter Reed. “I was totally enthralled by the detective work aspect of things,” John says. But when he got to college, he says he was intimidated by the pre-med coursework. Instead, he became a geologist specializing in soil chemistry, then got a job interviewing and hiring expert

medical witnesses for a law firm.

He came to CDC in 1998 as an officer in the Epidemic Intelligence Service, the “disease detectives” who trace outbreaks. Today, he’s the chief medical officer for CDC’s Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, where he’s focused recently on putting the president’s national “Ending the HIV Epidemic” initiative into action.

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant he and other CDC responders will be stepping away from their normal research again. But he adds, “We need everybody to focus on this right now. People all around the agency are dropping everything they do to focus on this.”

He also carries a bit of family history into this fight: His mother survived polio at age 3, more than a decade before the discovery of a vaccine, when that disease drove children indoors and closed pools and playgrounds each summer. The long-term effects of the disease left her unable to walk unaided, eventually requiring her to use a wheelchair starting in her 40s.

John hears an echo of those days as countries around the world have to endure sweeping closures to mitigate the spread of this new disease.

“The modern world as we know it has been made possible because of the benefit we’ve had from effective vaccines, and now we have to go back to the old-fashioned ways of preventing disease,” he says. “Over the history of mankind social distancing measures and other non-pharmaceutical interventions aren’t something new. But for our modern society, it may seem very new. I hope one of the lessons learned here is we realize the remarkable benefit that vaccines hold.”

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Commencement goes online for local high schoolers

By: MIKAILI AZZIZ

Cameron Booker looked forward to the traditional in-person graduation ceremony. Unfortunately, that won't happen.

"It's something that I got to see everyone else do. I probably won't experience it until I graduate from college," said Booker, who will graduate from Warren Central High School at 7 p.m. June 13. The school will have a virtual commencement.

In response to health advisory mandates given by Mayor Joe Hogsett and Gov. Eric Holcomb, Indianapolis school district officials decided to hold virtual graduation ceremonies for seniors.

Rich Shepler, principal at Warren Central, was saddened by the sudden, yet necessary changes to graduation traditions.

"Being able to shake their hand and give them a hug at graduation — that's has been taken away from me as much as it has our kids. Truly, it's hit us all very hard," Shepler said.

A boys basketball sectional game between Warren Central and Lawrence Central High School took place on March 6. Several people who attended the game contracted COVID-19 and later died.

"Because of this tragedy, we want to make sure we're doing what's right and what's safe," Shepler added. "Going forward, we're taking all of the necessary precautions."

In addition to a virtual ceremony, there will be an in-person event for the graduates and their families June 16-18.

"We'll walk each family through individually, and Principal Shepler will be there to hand students their diplomas and take photos," said Bre Brown, assistant principal at Warren Central. "This way, there's at least some type of in-person acknowledgement of their accomplishments."

Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) district recently held virtual graduations for Arsenal Technical, George Washington, Crispus Attucks and Shortridge high schools.

"We didn't make this decision lightly," said Aleesia Johnson, IPS



Cameron Booker

superintendent. "We assembled an advisory group of high school seniors to get their ideas. In the end, students wanted to mark their graduation, as scheduled, in June and felt a virtual celebration was a fitting option in a time of social distancing."

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Graduation experience differs for Class of 2020

By MIKAILI AZZIZ

Open houses are a tradition during graduation season, but like many things for the Class of 2020, this celebration has drastically changed.

Lawrence North High School graduate Sofia Solorzano's open house plans look grim as a result of potential COVID-19-related health concerns.

"With everything that's going on, I realized that I can't have too many people in my home," Solorzano said. "It's very sad because in high school you make a lot of friends, and now they can't celebrate with you."

Open houses aren't the only experience students lost this year. Not only were classes moved online, prom and other senior activities were canceled.

"Everything was hard to take in at the beginning," Cameron Booker, a soon-to-be Warren Central High School graduate, said. "I didn't get

to take senior pictures or enjoy the last moments with my baseball team."

Cameron's mother, Yvette, hopes to have a celebration and still adhere to social distancing recommendations.

"Open houses will definitely be different," she said. "We'll probably still try to involve family by doing a drive-by celebration. We still want him to have his opportunity to shine."

Despite the sudden cancellations and modifications, both students are excited about the future. Solorzano, who hopes to become a lawyer, is headed to Ivy Tech Community College to pursue a degree in paralegal studies. Booker plans to obtain an associate's degree in welding and continue to play baseball.

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On June 10, Khoury requested Indiana State Police handle the investigation.

Outrage surrounding Reed's death spiked again June 3, when his mother, Demetree Wynn, hosted a press conference near where her son was killed. Speaking candidly about seeing Reed's body for the first time after his death, Wynn said "They couldn't fix his face," describing the damage done to Reed's face alone. Further, Swaray Conteh, lead attorney for the family, said they have evidence that contradicts IMPD's claims that Reed had a gun.

On June 5, community members gathered outside the northwest IMPD precinct to demand justice and answers.

"We're here to do what we gotta do," organizer Asia Giles said. "Hopefully, it will be peaceful."

The demonstration at the precinct ended without conflict, despite not resulting in any answers from IMPD. A sit-in at the statehouse June 6 and a "Wake up for Black lives" event on the morning of June 7 also did not yield results.

However, Mat Davis of the Indiana Racial Justice Alliance believes the issues in Indianapolis go beyond Reed's death.

"I think that there are many groups who are fighting for Dreasjon Reed,

and that's important," Davis said. "The Indiana Racial Justice Alliance is made up of several groups, and what we're fighting for is systemic changes that need to be addressed for IMPD as an entire institution that affects every aspect of our city."

Whether or not they refer to it as "systemic racism," many demonstrators have felt the same way.

"This is about more than George Floyd or Sean [Reed]," one protester, who declined to be named, said on May 30. "This goes deep."

At the statehouse sit-in, one protest sign getting a lot of attention referenced Mayor Joe Hogsett's June 4 announcement of the demolition of a Confederate monument in Garfield Park.

"Removing one Confederate monument?" the sign read. "Is that all you got?"

Local activist Cambria York said this is a distraction from the real issue.

"I am in general very disappointed by attempts made by Joe Hogsett to placate his community," York said. "The removal of a Confederate monument in Garfield Park, while long overdue, is not what we were asking for. ... It ultimately hurts everyone if we allow ourselves to get distracted by this fluff."

In response to what he plans to do

to further address systemic racism in Indianapolis, Hogsett said he wants to continue to push Project Indy and Indy Achieves, programs helping with job placement and education, respectively. Both programs are race neutral.

Perhaps the biggest step forward in addressing systemic racism in the city was a special resolution, Proposal 182, presented to the city-county council June 8. City-county council President Vop Osili was one of the sponsors of the proposal, which passed unanimously and declares racism a public health crisis in Marion County.

The proposal described racism as a "barrier to health equity" throughout the country, citing inequities in employment, housing, health care and food access, as well as links between school funding and tax revenue that historically put children of color at a disadvantage in education.

Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Public Health Department, said one in four Black children have been exposed to violence and called this proposal a first step in addressing the issues systemic racism causes in Indianapolis. She urged the council to come back with concrete recommendations to help the issue, comparing the proposal to prescribing aspirin for a brain tumor.

Osili is optimistic this proposal will allow the city to undo past injustices through examining data from all city and county departments.

"We don't like to talk about things that are uncomfortable," Osili said. "But, the needle won't move unless we have those uncomfortable discussions and make changes that reverse, as much as possible, negative impacts of decisions we've made historically."

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Indianapolis educator honored for service to community

By MIKAILI AZZIZ

Helen Baker Bundles, former vice president of administration and curriculum at the Center for

Leadership Development (CLD), received the S. Henry Bundles, Jr. Award for Service to the Center for Leadership Development at the Minority Achievers Award and Scholarship Gala on May 7.

Baker Bundles received the award, named in honor of her late husband, S. Henry Bundles Jr., during a virtual gala to honor leaders in Indianapolis.

“I never expected this to happen,” Baker Bundles said. “I was very surprised.”

A lifelong educator, Baker Bundles was a classroom teacher in Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) for 10 years. She also was a classroom teacher at Metropolitan School District of Washington Township as well a reading teacher and vice principal.

Her history at CLD began soon after its formation in 1977 when Bundles initially asked her to come on board as a volunteer.

After retiring from Greenbriar Elementary School in 1988, Baker Bundles became a full-time employee at CLD. Eventually, she worked her way up to become vice president of administration and curriculum.

“One of the things that always caught my attention as a teacher and principal was that teachers would do so many things in addition to teaching and interacting with students,” Baker Bundles said. “Working as a CLD administrator, I was able to relieve the facilitators of a lot of additional responsibilities, so that they could do just that.”

As a facilitator for the organization’s stand-alone program, Baker Bundles taught current CLD President Dennis Bland in 1982. After he graduated from college, Bland returned to the organization and became a facilitator. He was met again by Baker Bundles, who trained him.

“I would describe her as someone who poured her energy into transforming the lives of thousands of African American youth, and did so behind the scenes,” Bland said.

The award is given to individuals who contribute to the longevity of CLD

and its mission, Bland said. Baker Bundles retired from CLD in 2000.

“CLD has probably touched about 50,000 youth since its inception in 1977, and if I were guessing, I would say 48,000 of those have been touched by Helen Baker Bundles, whether they know it or not,” Bland said. “It’s like getting a gift, and not knowing who the gift is from.”

Though the CLD initially began its introduction to students with just one program, Baker Bundles helped develop the curriculum over the course of several years. Today, CLD has more than a dozen programs.

“We added the program ‘Project Mister’ because there was a high rate of infant mortality at the time. Everyone was addressing it from the perspective of teenage girls, but nothing was done to address how boys had a role in the dilemma,” Baker Bundles said.

Dr. Holbrook Hankinson, former CLD volunteer and current interim dean of experiential learning at Depauw University, worked alongside Baker Bundles at CLD. Her contribution is immeasurable, he said.

“Look at the growth of CLD overall. We had one program and four people,” Hankinson added. “They (S. Henry Bundles and Mrs. Baker Bundles) helped build the foundation and stayed with it. When you look at the outcomes, that’s how you see how much she contributed.”

In 2003, the Bundles moved to Sarasota, Florida. Two years ago, the couple attended an annual gala, and the two were able to see how much the organization has grown. Henry Bundles died in 2019.

“We stood at the doorway, and were in awe as we looked at the size of the room with all of the tables. It was amazing to see how much the organization had grown,” Baker Bundles said.

Baker Bundles said she was nervous about accepting the award in front of such a large audience.

“When I thought about going back again to attend an event of this magnitude as an award recipient, I guess in one way, I didn’t mind when I discovered that it was virtual,” Baker Bundles admits, laughing. “I kept thinking, ‘What do I say? How do I talk to that many people?’”

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IMPD Chief Randal Taylor said those supplies ceased to be medical supplies when protesters began using them to counteract the effects of the tear gas.

“Some of my concern initially was things were being projected towards officers,” Taylor said, citing frozen water bottles that were allegedly thrown at IMPD officers May 30. “The hope with tear gas is that it will move people along. ... I’m concerned whenever someone has something to try and negate that for fear of it’s going to continue what happened before.”

While tear gas may be an effective way of clearing out a crowd, there is also the possibility of harming bystanders, which is why the chemical compound is banned in war under the Geneva Convention.

When gas was deployed on a crowd at Monument Circle on May 29,

IMPD Sgt. Stephen Fippen said later only five people were directly hit, but admitted it is impossible to target tear gas as it lingers in the air.

Beyond the inability to target tear gas, York takes issue with saying the supplies are no longer for medical use just because they are being used to treat injuries relating to tear gas.

“To set that kind of precedence is extremely dangerous,” York said. “Then you can say an asthmatic’s inhaler, or water, or milk of magnesia is no longer medicine. Saying that anything that is straight up medical but happens to counteract tear gas is no longer medical is not only unscientific, but a calculated way to delegitimize our role as non-combative support staff.”

While Taylor said IMPD had a reason — such as violence from the crowd or destruction of property — to deploy tear gas, York said the

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Cambria York

actions of IMPD are “nothing short of a war crime,” citing the Geneva Convention.

“According to the Geneva Convention,” York said, “it is unlawful to use against enemy actors in wartime, and it should be illegal to use against civilians. The fact that they are not only using tear gas as, according to their own verbiage, a less than lethal method of crowd control, the phrase ‘less than lethal’ is far from the truth.”

According to IMPD, which follows guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tear gas is an acceptable and safe method to disperse a crowd.

Throughout the country, there have been instances of tear gas resulting in miscarriages and disruptions of the menstrual cycle, as well as death from asthma attacks or other breathing problems.

York, who is CPR and rescue certified, had enough medical equipment in a backpack to assist people after

IMPD seized supplies. However, York and other medics had to use the inhalers they had on their person to reverse asthma attacks after tear gas was used.

Beyond the seizure of supplies, York and Jes Cochran, who trains protest medics to work at demonstrations, said they and other medics had negative interactions with IMPD and state police.

“I personally have no expectation of being treated fairly by the police,” York said. “Not only as an indigenous person, but as a transgender and gay person. ... On Saturday, there were multiple instances of police and National Guard singling out medics and playing it off like they’re trying to coordinate. There’s a lot of not subtle efforts to intimidate.”

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SPOTLIGHT

Creating masterpieces from destruction

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Some may see the boards covering downtown businesses as a sign of destruction. Others, like local artist Shade Bell, view them as an opportunity to rebuild.

After local business owners boarded up their shop windows — either preemptively or after they were smashed during the weekend of May 29 — the Arts Council of Indianapolis and Pattern magazine worked to begin pairing Black artists with businesses to create art out of the boards.

“We were already planning on activating a bunch of store fronts [before the COVID-19 pandemic],” Polina Osherov, executive director of the cultural organization Pattern, said. “So this is sort of in lieu of that. ... With everything going on with Black Lives Matter and recognizing the injustices against Black people, we wanted to be able to draw attention and an opportunity for people in the arts community who are Black to express themselves in a very public way.”

Bell, 24, jumped at the opportunity to get involved in the project as a way to get involved in the protests.

“Seeing everything happen in the last two weeks ... and seeing evil work its ways, I was trying to find my place in how to show support,” Bell said. “I don’t do well in large environments, but I was looking for a way to express myself, and I came across this opportunity, and that’s how I got involved.”

For Neal Taflinger, owner of Homespun on Massachusetts Avenue, where Bell recently completed her mural, getting involved in this project was a no-brainer.

“We were excited that they were going to be focusing on Black artists,” Taflinger said. “Like every facet of our society, the arts community is segregated. ... We’re doing what we can and trying to do a better job and seeking out Black artists, whatever we can do to better engage with the people in our city, we want to do that.”



Shade Bell creates a mural outside of Homespun on Massachusetts Avenue. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

While demonstrations downtown have more or less calmed down, Taflinger said Homespun will leave Bell’s mural up for one week. After that, her mural, along with several others created throughout downtown, will be displayed on the Cultural Trail, Storefront Theater, Gallery 924 and the Indianapolis Opera Center.

Regardless of where it’s displayed, Bell hopes her mural makes people stop and think about the world around them.

“I wanted to make the painting something that you’ll have to look at and to feel and reflect on the current state of the world at the moment,” Bell said. “My message? Black lives matter. You matter. Be unapologetically yourself.”

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“HOW ABOUT HATI!”

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Big appliance brand

6 Bursting, as a balloon

13 Houdini feat

19 Only

21 New York senator

22 Chuck

23 Sudden floods

25 Device used in saltwater aquariums

26 Spanish conquistador

28 Fill in slowly

29 Cagney oraney: Abbr.

28 Seed case

29 Tennis

30 Navratiлова

30 Look a 46-Across, e.g.

32 “For Me and Ivy Gaf” director

35 Ivaine ink squirters

38 Welsh dog

39 Tio-tao-toe row

40 Sumo Web site banners

41 Person paid for getting strikes

46 Airport idler

47 Apian abode

DOWN

1 Mrs. Victor Laszlo, in film

92 Collectible Happy Meal minisures

96 Nine-digit ID issuer

99 Vienna’s land: Abbr.

100 Made a boat move

101 Most twisted, as humor

102 Annual May race

106 Stimulate

107 Ariel Penoir

108 Gold, in Italy

109 With 50-Drown, rum cocktail

110 Hits with high voltage

114 Small cavern

115 Exceeds limits (or what each of this puzzle’s theme items does?)

119 Word before snake or belt

120 Like the jack of hearts

121 In a creepy way

122 Wood dyes

123 Sheets and pillowcases sold as units

ACROSS

35 Made a pick

36 Went badly

37 Venice, e.g.

38 Spotted, miskey cat

42 Hush

43 Swiss capital

44 Brothers Phil and Don of poprock

45 Wash cycle

50 See 108-Across

51 Outer: Prefix

52 Hogs’ place

54 Actor Shewn of “X-Men” films

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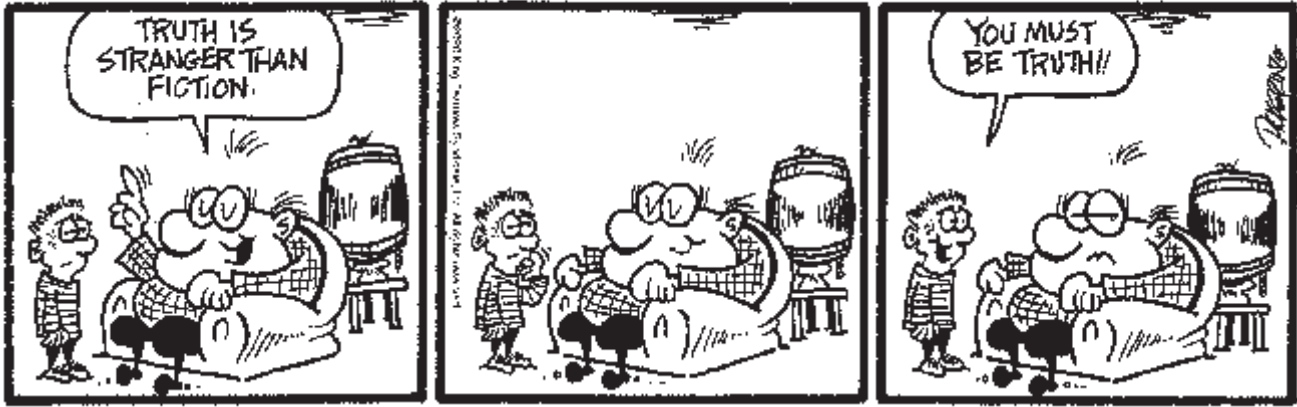
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THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



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

RIDDLE SEARCH – FABRICS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the **UNUSED** letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What fabric would you use to make a clown outfit?**

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LEATHER
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MOLESKIN
MUSLIN
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VELVETEEN
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Riddle answer: _____

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Answer

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Riddle Answer:

Poly-ester.

EDITORIAL

‘Policing in America must change’

By OSEYE BOYD



In the wise words of Whitley Gilbert, “You just have to laugh.” The “A Different World” character uttered those words to Claire Huxtable in a crossover episode of “The Cosby Show” after her father married the much younger Monica to the chagrin of Whitley. Whitley’s words echoed in my head as I listened to Mike O’Meara, president of the New York Benevolent Officers’ Association, angrily pleading with the media to quit vilifying police officers and treating them like animals and thugs. O’Meara’s tone deaf message left me astounded. Former Pacers player Reggie Miller tweeted, “Cry me a river. You’ve been getting roasted for 2 weeks, now imagine the black and brown people their entire lives.” To be clear, the only thing funny about O’Meara’s statement is its utter

ridiculousness, arrogance and audacity. You have to laugh because he feels unfairly treated and prejudged — you know the way Black people feel on a regular basis. Somehow this media moment was supposed to elicit sympathy. Cue the eyeroll. The spotlight is now shining on policing and police departments across the country, and it’s not a good look. Some of the worst moments in policing history for Black people were at the hands of New York Police Department officers — Amadou Diallo and Sean Bell quickly come to mind. Fast forward to today, New York City police officers were the offenders of some of the worst moments during the protests. We saw video of an NYPD officer shoving a young woman to the ground, another driving through a crowd of protesters and several beating a cyclist. Against this backdrop, O’Meara sounds foolish. And, it’s not just NYPD. Police officers everywhere remind us of the good cops and ask us not to judge the entire group based on the bad behavior

of a few. That request sounds familiar. Maybe it’s because that’s what African Americans have been saying since forever. From my perspective, good police officers don’t allow misconduct from fellow officers. That argument is lost if you’re doing nothing to change the cocky, above-the-law attitude some officers have. We don’t need hugging or kneeling with the protesters if you’re not speaking out against wrongdoing and standing up for what’s right. We know police officers commit crimes. We’ve seen them arrested and convicted in our city. In May, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer Jason Norman was charged with two felonies — domestic battery and criminal confinement — and a misdemeanor count of domestic violence after he allegedly beat his wife so severely her right eye came out of its socket. Former IMPD officer Daniel Bullman was sentenced to eight years in prison on domestic violence charges in 2018. David Bisard, then an IMPD officer, was convicted of killing three

people while driving drunk on the job. So, it’s clear police officers aren’t Jesus, and they do commit crimes. Somehow, though, this is never the case when African Americans are involved. It’s always us. And we’re seeing that with the protests. Even when police departments know they’re being watched, they still act with impunity. There’s no policing themselves to behave better in the public eye. On the contrary, it seems their arrogance is causing them to “do it for the ‘Gram” and misbehave even more. Local officers used pepper spray, pepper balls, tear gas and rubber bullets on protesters during the early stage of protests. There’s a discrepancy from the police department and the protesters on when and if such measures were necessary. If we’re seeing these things when police departments are under scrutiny, what happens when America isn’t watching? Policing in America must change. Now.

OPINIONS

Will you answer the call?

By EBONY MARIE CHAPPEL



For the past several days, I have witnessed my city in a way I never thought I would. Downtown is boarded up for the foreseeable future. Hundreds, if not thousands, of people in the streets protesting day and night (sometimes right outside my window), and as of this writing, there is no immediate end in sight. Though I wish we were dealing with better circumstances, I could not be more proud of what I see. People, of all different backgrounds, are rising up in solidarity all over the world not to ask, or suggest but to demand that things change. Many of the actions that have garnered public attention and media coverage are the boots-on-the-ground physical protests and

demonstrations. There are people, who due to one circumstance or another, cannot participate in this manner and some have lamented this fact. Folks with preexisting conditions that make them susceptible to disease (COVID-19 is still here, y’all), folks that are differently-abled like author and disability rights activist Keah Brown who tweeted, “Reminder to self: I am not useless because I cannot physically protest,” often feel left out or like they cannot make any contribution at all. There are others who can’t be involved because they have to work, care for children or do any number of things that would keep them preoccupied but not any less passionate than the droves of people out chanting and pounding the pavement. This week, I spent some time thinking about all of the “unsung heroes” of the movement. My inquiries led me to an article about a woman named

Georgia Gilmore who ran an underground food business to help fund the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA), the grassroots group that organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Gilmore, a single mother of six children who worked two jobs, somehow found the time to organize a group of other Black women cooks who went door to door selling pies, cakes, fish and greens. The women, deemed The Club from No-where, collected the money from their sales and Gilmore was the only one who knew who they were as they worked under anonymity to prevent being caught by their white employers. Gilmore eventually went on to open a restaurant in her home which became a rest haven and headquarters of sorts for Dr. King and many other civil rights leaders. Her place was one where all sorts of people, not just those on the front lines, could come and fellowship with one another. I

can only imagine the thoughts and philosophies that were exchanged at her dining room table. Gilmore is someone I want to spend much more time learning about because her story is one that gives an example of what it means to work within your gifting — aka stay in your lane — in order to benefit the people. Gilmore had already been boycotting the bus system independently because of her own experiences of being discriminated against as a child and adult. She was inspired to use what it is she had at her disposal to help benefit the movement and kept that same energy up until her dying day. She heard the call and leveraged her resources to help make a mighty mark on the world. We all have our roles to play and we need each other to survive. The movement is not only for the foot soldiers and the speakers behind the bullhorn but for the service work-

ers, soothsayers and scribes. It’s for the healers, teachers, c-suiters and the spooks who sit beside the door. It feels to me that a call has gone out far and wide waking us up to the reality of what could be, because Black people have always known what it is — the rest of y’all are finally catching on. The question now is whether or not you will answer. There are as many ways as there are people to address this issue and your voice, your energy and your support is needed. The time is now. Will you answer the call? *Ebony Chappel is is an award-winning multimedia journalist, certified community health worker and program and communications manager for Leadership Indianapolis. Follow her on Twitter @EbonyTheWriter.*

Drew Brees’ Black friends

By LARRY SMITH



Drew Brees is not a racist. That’s part of the problem. Last week, Daniel Roberts of Yahoo Finance asked Brees, superstar quarterback of the New Orleans Saints, how he would react if some NFL players “took a knee” during the upcoming season. Brees responded: “Well, I will never agree with anybody disrespecting the flag of the United States of America or our country. Let me just tell you what I feel when the national anthem is played and when I look at the flag of the United States. I envision my two grandfathers who fought for this country during World War II ... both risking their lives to protect our country and to try to make our country and this world a better place.” Brees admitted that not everything is “right with

our country” and that “we still have a long way to go,” presumably referencing racial discrimination. Still, he believes that “showing respect to the flag with your hand over your heart ... shows unity.” Brees is very popular among players and fans. He has won the NFL’s Walter Payton Man of the Year Award. He has repeatedly been lauded for his work ethic, on-field excellence and philanthropy. More to the point, I have never heard any suggestion that Brees is racist. It would be easy to dismiss him if he had the sullied reputation of the infamous Ty Cobb (or even the forgettable John Rocker). By contrast, Brees is the “All-American” face of the Saints, and arguably of New Orleans itself. The reaction to Brees’ comments was swift, with several athletes, entertainers and others publicly condemning him. Such condemnation has at least two components. One is that Brees seemed oblivious that his words added to the extreme racial tension that has resulted from the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. The other is that it is inconceivable for Brees to have been unaware that his characterization of kneeling is completely false. He had to have known that former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick decided to kneel in protest of police brutality following a suggestion from former NFL player — and retired Army Green Beret — Nate Boyer. Brees’ comments matter because of his success and stature. They’re confounding because of his personal experiences. This man has spent virtually his entire life around Black athletes; I assume that he has fostered genuine friendships with many of them. In short, he has spent more than enough time with Black men to have heard — directly from them — why Kap and other players felt the need to kneel in protest. The fact that he still decided to say what he said is beyond tone deaf; it is willfully grating. Brees has apologized. Twice. I have not spent any

time wondering whether his mea culpas are sincere. (Unlike sports commentator Jason Whitlock, I’m not a would-be “X-Man” whose mutant power is mind-reading.) Regardless of whether Brees expressed contrition because of the hit to his reputation or because he now “gets it,” the fact remains that he can’t “un-say” what he said. And we can’t un-hear or un-read his words. To his credit, Brees has not raised the common — and completely ridiculous — “I have Black friends” or “there’s not a racist bone in my body” defenses. (If there were just one piece of advice that I would offer to my white friends, it would be for them never to respond to a charge of racism with those trite phrases.) The best way that I know to help white people understand our outrage is this: Most of us are as upset about Drew Brees’ seeming lack of concern about Black lives as white people are upset about Michael Vick’s lack of concern about dogs’ lives. In short, this nation will not experience the unity for which Brees appropriately calls until “non-racist” white Americans fully affirm Black people’s humanity. That affirmation includes not irresponsibly confusing our rightful protests with “disrespect” for our nation — the one for which Black people have fought and died in every war since the American Revolution. The Saints and their fans have adopted the tagline “Who Dat?,” which has its origins in mid-19th century minstrel shows. (The phrase is Black vernacular for “Who is that?”) The appropriate question now is “Who are you, Drew?” Your next steps will be crucial to restoring the goodwill that you have spent decades building.

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Community celebrates the life of Chris Beaty



Family and friends gather on the hill at Cathedral High School to celebrate Chris Beaty. Top: Beaty’s mother Debra Cooper. Bottom: Longtime friend and poet Eric Saunders. Left: A. Townsend and Anna Martinez painted a mural of Beaty on a building downtown. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

Romney’s racial justice march spotlights faith groups’ role

By ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

Mitt Romney’s participation in a racial justice march June 7 brought the startling sight of Republicans’ 2012 presidential nominee avowing that “Black lives matter” — a rare statement for a federal lawmaker in his party. But it also illustrated the key role faith groups are playing in propelling the nation toward action against police brutality.

The march the Utah senator joined was organized by Christian churches in the Washington area and, according to attendees, drew more than 1,000 people behind a message that was consciously not aligned with either political party. Romney’s selfie posted from the crowd showed marchers carrying signs that rooted their call for racial equality in the Bible, rather than directing fury at President Donald Trump.

“If there is injustice, we want to correct that. If there is prejudice, we want to change that,” Romney told reporters on Capitol Hill on June 8, saying it was a “privilege” to join Christian marchers.

The church-backed march, which

began in southeast Washington and ended at the White House, was one of many religious demonstrations in favor of action against racism that have taken place since the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. As that diffuse movement enters its second week, Romney’s march alongside faith leaders was a reminder of the moral weight they can bring to the broader debate over how to heal a fractured country.

“I’m grateful to anyone that wants to join in, particularly because of this distinctively Christian response to racial injustice,” Perrin Rogers, pastor at The Triumphant Church in Mt. Rainier, Maryland, said of Romney’s presence, adding that he found it encouraging and surprising.

Rogers said he only realized the GOP senator had joined the march after it was over. The pastor said the presence of “other people of faith” might have provided “a safe space to join in,” and he hopes Romney will follow through by backing action on criminal justice reform.

“I’m hopeful that his presence is not just one for him to have a nice tweet or something like that online, but that it would lead to change in places it should

really change, which is legislation,” Rogers said.

Romney told reporters that he is talking with some fellow Republicans about a police reform proposal that could win bipartisan backing. He described the “great majority” of law enforcement officers as unbiased in their work.

In video posted on social media by NBC News and other outlets, Romney is shown in a white mask and checkered button-down shirt, saying he joined the crowd because “we need many voices against racism and against brutality. We need to stand up and say that Black lives matter.”

His participation harkened back to the legacy of his father, former Michigan Gov. George Romney, who marched alongside civil rights demonstrators in his home state in the late 1960s.

Romney’s office did not tell organizers he would be joining, according to an aide who spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss internal planning. While his presence at a faith-driven march was a matter of timing rather than a deliberate choice, it underscored the influence that Romney’s own faith has had on his decision-making on moral matters.

“No doubt one reason why Mitt

Romney felt he could safely march with them is, it’s a different kind of group than if he was marching with Black Lives Matter,” said David Campbell, chair of the political science department at the University of Notre Dame. “I personally think the fact that you’re seeing mobilization across religious groups, that speaks to how significant this moment is.”

The march’s relatively nonpartisan nature didn’t keep Romney from being the target of an online dig from the president, whom he voted to convict on abuse of power charges at the Senate impeachment trial earlier this year. Trump tweeted about Romney’s “sincerity,” with evident sarcasm, adding: “Hard to believe, with this kind of political talent, his numbers would ‘tank’ so badly in Utah!”

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany also criticized Romney, saying he had offered “very empty words” in contrast to Trump’s work to help the Black community.

Romney, the first major-party presidential nominee who is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, partly grounded his decision to become the only GOP senator supporting Trump’s removal from office in his faith. His move rattled some voters in his conservative state, but it remains unclear whether Romney would suffer political consequences for a vote against Trump assuming he seeks reelection in 2024.

About two-thirds of Latter-day Saints voted GOP in the 2018 midterm elections, according to a nationwide AP survey of midterm voters, but Trump’s job approval among voters from the church trailed that number. The VoteCast survey also found 64% of Utah voters wanting to see Romney confront the president.

The church has a complicated history on racial equality, having barred African American men from becoming priests until 1978. But its current leadership has spoken out after Floyd’s killing, and its president published an op-ed calling for governmental and individual action against racism alongside leaders of the NAACP.

A church spokesman referred a request for comment on Romney’s participation in the march to the senator’s office.



Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, marches with a crowd singing “Little Light of Mine” in Washington on Sunday, June 7, 2020. Romney marched Sunday in the protest against police mistreatment of minorities in the nation’s capitol, making him the first Republican senator known to do so. (Michelle Boorstein/The Washington Post via AP)

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

The other side of anger

By **SHEILA P. SPENCER**

“Open your mouth for those who cannot speak, and for the rights of those who are left without help. Open your mouth. Be right and fair in what you decide. Stand up for the rights of those who are suffering and in need.”
Proverbs 31:8-9 (New Living Translation)



Breonna Taylor

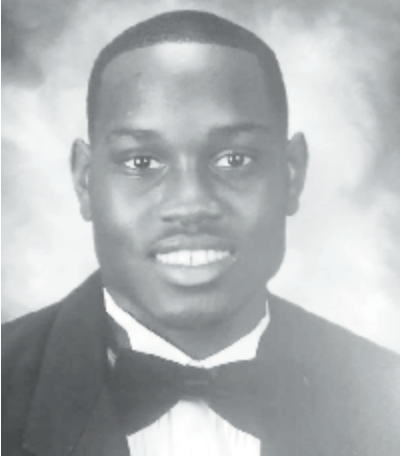
Open your mouth for those who cannot speak. ... I read this hearing the voice of George Floyd saying “I can’t breathe” as the police officer knelt on his neck until he could no longer breathe. This reminds me of the silenced voices of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and all of those who have been victims of violence against Black and brown people. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we still wrestle with the pandemic of systemic racism, which has lasted for centuries.

As African Americans, it is exhausting.

“How are you doing?”

“How are you feeling?”

This season these questions hit different, whether I am asking it or answering. The answer may differ from moment to moment. Nowadays when I ask it, I intentionally pause and allow the person to process. Sometimes, the words flow out easily; sometimes it’s answered in tears. This is the same whether I ask it or answer. One of my friends said, “Rev. Sheila, I am feeling everything all at once. My heart aches, and I’m so angry!” At that moment I was



Ahmaud Arbery

flooded with memories from my journey to Ghana and the words from a worship experience. I told her that I knew exactly how she felt and said “Feel your anger and use it!”

I told her that about the sermon that pastor preached on anger that impacted me deeply. These were his words.

“Be careful with your anger and protect it. Everyone does not deserve or is worthy of your anger. Save your anger for injustice, poverty and for unfair treatment of the innocent. Let the anger light the flame of change, let it rise up in you as a motivating force to make a difference in the world.”

His sermon reminded us that anger can be used as a catalyst for change. I think of all the movements, ministries and organizations that were founded because of an outrage and anger at what was happening in the community and world. Jesus was angry when he saw corruption of the merchants in the temple court and literally flipped some tables (read John 2:13-22). We need to remember that Jesus. It was a righteous anger. This is the anger

that ignited people to birth movements for change. It is the anger that propelled our ancestors to fight for the rights they would never live to see, but they did it for us. The pastor shared if we allow anger to smolder and fester inside us, it will destroy us. But, we can use that anger to rise up within us to make and impact and change. It is this anger that can make us push on toward our goals in the face of problems and barriers. This is my prayer.

One of my elders taught me, “Sheila after you pray, put legs on those prayers and walk in the direction of what you prayed for.” After you fortify yourself with prayer, rise up and do the work that God has called you to do. If God has called you to pray with your feet by marching, do that. If God has called you to be an artist, use your words, music and art to express and inspire. If God has called you to use your platform, spheres of influence and community to speak truth, do that. If God has called you to offer spiritual and financial support to others, do that. If God has called you to offer care and support to others, then do that. There are multiple ways that righteous anger can be the flame that ignites change. Sign up for the “Mass Poor People’s Assembly and Moral March on Washington: A Digital Justice Gathering” on June 20. This event is part of an effort that seeks to address the interlocking injustices of systemic racism and poverty. “Let the anger light the flame of change, let it rise up in you as a motivating force to make a change and a difference in the world. This anger can birth change and shift systems.”

Feel your anger and use it ...
Open up your mouth
Blessed to be a blessing to you,
Rev. Sheila P. Spencer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By **WILSON CASEY**

- 1 Is the book of Acts in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2 Who honored a man by letting him ride the royal steed through city streets? Silas, Hosea, Ahasuerus, Asa
- 3 From Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter’s prayers? Dorcas, Leah, Jezebel, Miriam
- 4 Pharaoh gave what burnt city to his daughter for a gift? Cana, Gezer, Joppa, Bethel
- 5 From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? James, Eliphaz, Noah, Cain
- 6 Where did Gideon meet an angel? Prison, Field, Oak tree, Well

ANSWERS:

1) New; 2) Ahasuerus; 3) Dorcas; 4) Gezer; 5) Eliphaz; 6) Oak tree.

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Make room on credit cards to add options in an emergency

By SEAN PYLES
NerdWallet

Maybe you've been working through credit card debt for a while now. Or maybe you racked it up recently as you prepared for the coronavirus lockdown. Regardless of how and when you got into debt, ridding yourself of this financial burden can free up cash and relieve at least one stressor in an exceptionally anxious time.

If you're in a good financial position right now, meaning you have savings in the bank and a steady income, it's a good time to knock out some credit card debt. Here's how to think about debt payoff now and what tactics you should consider.

GET YOUR BUDGET AND SAVINGS IN ORDER

The economic and personal upheaval of the coronavirus pandemic has made sorting out your budget and savings top financial priorities, even before debt payoff.

Update your budget: Unless you were a grocery-hoarding hermit before the pandemic, chances are your spending habits have shifted. Revise your budget to reflect where your money is going now, accounting for things like expanded grocery expenses and less spending on entertainment, such as concerts and dining out.

Beef up your savings: Preparing financially by increasing your emergency fund is almost always a wise decision. Savings are a source of stability in uncertain times. Work to have at least a month or two of expenses in the bank.

"Now is actually a good time to pay off your debt," says Kate Welker, a certified financial planner in Rochester, New York. "But my advice is build the emergency fund first, because it can get you through a tough time and help you avoid building up new debt in the future."

HOW TO PAY OFF CREDIT CARD DEBT

Though it feels like the world has changed from top to bottom, tactics to pay off debt have largely stayed the



same, says Billy Hensley, CEO of the National Endowment for Financial Education, a nonprofit promoting informed financial decision-making.

"The traditional sort of boring vanilla strategies still seem to work well," Hensley says. "Look at where you can cut expenses now, look at if you can lock in a lower interest rate that could save you a few dollars a month."

The goal is to knock out your debt while you're in a good place financially so you don't have this burden if you lose your job or your income is reduced later on. Don't close credit cards as you pay them off, though. You may need access to that credit if your situation changes.

Consider these tactics:

Ask your creditors for lower interest rates: You may not qualify for any hardship programs being offered by your credit card company, but you might be able to get your interest rate cut. That can make paying off your debt more affordable.

"It's not a bad time to call a lender

and see if they can reduce your rate right now," Welker says.

Be sure you understand the terms of any agreement and get them in writing, including how long the benefit will last and any trade-offs, like having a lower credit limit.

Direct freed-up cash toward debt:

With restaurants closed, travel a no-go and fewer events to buy new clothes for, you might have actually saved money throughout lockdown. Use that money to boost your debt payoff. And if you have federal student loans, which are on pause through September thanks to the coronavirus relief bill, consider putting what you would have paid on those loans toward credit card debt, which likely has a higher interest rate.

Try your luck with a 0% APR card:

For those with good credit, balance transfer credit cards with 0% APR introductory periods are a go-to for making debt more affordable. Creditors aren't handing these out as generously as before, but they're still on

the market. If you qualify, these cards can make your debt payoff faster and cheaper, because for a time your entire payment goes to your balance, not interest.

In addition to these tactics, try to find a debt payoff method that works for you and stick to it over the long haul. Take the debt snowball method, for example: You direct your cash toward your smallest debt first, maintaining minimum payments on the others. When the first debt is paid, focus your payoff efforts on the next-biggest debt. Picking off the smallest balances first can give you some quick wins that will help see you through your debt payoff journey.

This column was provided to The Associated Press by the personal finance website NerdWallet. Sean Pyles is a writer at NerdWallet. Email: spyles(at)nerdwallet.com. Twitter: @SeanLoran-Pyles.



Steward retires

Family and friends held a drive-by celebration for Sgt. Matthew Steward, who retired from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department after 38 years of service. Steward was assigned to the Neighborhood Outreach program.

Steward is the founder and president of Steward Speakers, a nonprofit community-based organization that brings nationally known speakers to Indianapolis. Steward is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and serves as a deacon at New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Indiana University.

Sgt. Matthew Steward displays some of his awards and personal memorabilia during his retirement celebration. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

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ADOPTION OF:)
CEDE MARIE LOCKRIDGE,)
Minor.)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION)
Wayne Vaughn)
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, was filed in)
the Office of the Clerk of the)
Marion County Court Probate)
Division, 200 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)
§ 31-19-8(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 cause not later than)
July (30) days after the date)
of service 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)
child will be adopted and)
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.

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vs.)
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LOZANO)
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PUBLICATION)
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styled suit is for Dissolution)
Of Marriage. The Plaintiff)
appearing by affidavit filed)
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Sanchez-Lozano, the above-)
named Respondent, is not a)
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that that a diligent search)
has been made and the)
Respondent's residence is)
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COUNTY OF MARION)
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49D08-2005-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 above)
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 the 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 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)
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Respondent:)
CABASAG)
Petitioner,)
And)
TAAO TAO RINO)
Respondent,)
IN THE DELAWARE)
COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT)
SS: CIVIL DIVISION)
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FOR DISSOLUTION OF)
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Rino, ("Respondent"),)
by and Counsel, Fatima)
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Court as follows:)
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for at least the past three)
months and an Indiana)
resident for at least the)
past six months.)
3. Respondent resides at)
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Najda Street Abu Dhabi,)
UAE.)
4. Parties were married on)
or about May 01, 2018.)
5. The parties have been)
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for the past twenty-three)
(23) months.)
6. There are no children)
born of this marriage.)
7. There are no joint debts)
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COUNTY OF MARION)
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 take place in Marion Co.)
Superior Court. The nature)
of the suit against you is a)
Petition for Guardianship)
of a Minor. This summons by)
publication is specifically)
directed to Lilian Reyes)
Cabrera, residence)
unknown. You must answer)
the Petition, in writing, by)
your self or 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: 5/6/2020.)
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals
Title: RFP # HRA-0720
HIPAA SECURITY AND PRIVACY RISK ANALYSIS
The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County (HHC) is seeking to contract with a qualified, independent third party vendor who specializes in the assessment of HIPAA security compliance to provide Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act Compliance and Consulting Services. This Request for Proposals (RFP) is to invite interested and qualified vendors to submit proposals in accordance with the instructions provided where the successful responder may be invited to enter into a contractual relationship with HHC for the services outlined in this RFP.
RFP packages may be obtained by sending an email to csheckel@hncorp.org.
There will not be a pre-proposal conference. All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted via email to csheckel@hncorp.org no later than 5:00 p.m., local Indianapolis, Indiana time on Friday, July 10, 2020.
Responses to the RFP must be mailed to the following address: HIPAA Security and Privacy Risk Analysis - RFP #HRA-0720
Cathy Sheckell, Purchasing Director
Purchasing Department
Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County
3636 North Rural Service Road 810
Indianapolis, IN 46205-2930
All sealed responses to the RFP will be received by the Purchasing Department of The Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County until 3:00 PM (local time) on or before Friday, July 31, 2020. Each respondent must submit one original hard copy (marked "Original") and 6 complete copies of the proposal, including the transmittal letter and other related documentation as required in this RFP. A complete electronic copy of the proposal must be provided on USB flash drive.
Proposals received after the hour and date set for receiving of proposals will be returned unopened.
HHC reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and to waive any irregularities in proposals.
Minority, Women, Veteran, and Disability-owned businesses are encouraged to submit information on these projects.
The Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County is an equal opportunity employer.
CATHY SHECKELL, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
The Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County
(317) 221-2038
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PUBLIC NOTICE			
Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/public sale on June 29th, 2020 at 8AM, 7576 W Washington St Indianapolis, IN 46231. List of vehicles to be included in the sale:			
Year	Make	VIN	Sale Price
2002	DODGE	1D4H4R4B73F579561	\$1,500.00
2003	DODGE	1D4H4R4B73F579561	\$1,500.00
2004	HYUNDAI	KM8SB12B34U630385	\$1,500.00
2001	CHRYSLER	2C3AE66GX1H517711	\$1,500.00
1998	ACURA	JH4UA3644WC010613	\$1,500.00
2007	PONTIAC	1G2ZH435N874122277	\$1,500.00
2011	JEEP	1J4G25S80R6157959	\$1,500.00
1997	FORD	1FMDU34X4VUB63941	\$1,500.00
2003	FORD	1FMZU72KX3UB22151	\$1,500.00
2006	FORD	3FAFP07Z76R141611	\$1,500.00
2001	CHEVROLET	2G1WF55E019266399	\$1,500.00
2008	HYUNDAI	KM8JM12B78U859843	\$1,500.00
2012	TOYOTA	1T2E1G80000000000	\$1,500.00
2012	HONDA	5FN9F4H57CB056094	\$1,500.00
2000	DODGE	1B4HS28ZYF205181	\$1,500.00
2007	NISSAN	1N4AL21E17C165782	\$1,500.00
UNK	NATIONS	NO VIN	\$1,500.00
2018	FORD	1FADP5AU8JL101319	\$1,500.00
2013	MDW	1WVTFB13141XCO102	\$1,500.00
2003	ACURA	JH4DC54833S003066	\$1,500.00
2007	CHEVROLET	2G1WB58K379218546	\$1,500.00
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Midtown Economic Council (MEC) will hold a public meeting on June 18th, 2020, at 4 p.m. at 6161 Hillside Avenue (The Hatch), Indianapolis, IN 46220 to consider a proposed development project and bond, not to exceed \$5M, supporting a development project approved for 6201 N College Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46220. Bond proceeds would support qualified development projects and eligible onsite and off-site public improvements. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, public attendance will be limited to 25 people. All attendees are asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing recommendations. Register to attend and/or submit comments or questions in advance either electronically or by mail. Email: info@midtownindy.org Mail to: MEC c/o Midtown Indianapolis, Inc. 3965 N Meridian St., Suite G, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Advance comments must be received by 5 p.m. June 17. A brief period for comments will be offered at the meeting and all advance comments will be read into the record. View project details at: <http://www.midtownindy.org/>. The meeting will culminate with the MEC voting whether or not to make a formal recommendation to the City County Council and Metropolitan Development Commission in support of the subsidy request.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATIONS OF THE INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that as of June 1, 2020 the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO) is established and the following meetings of the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council (IRTC) are cancelled:

- July 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- August 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- August 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- September 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- October 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- October 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- November 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- December 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The IMPO has three committees: Executive Committee, Technical Committee, and Policy Committee. Notice is hereby given that for the duration of 2020, the IMPO Executive Committee, Technical Committee and Policy Committee will be convening at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- The Executive Committee will meet on June 26, 2020, July 24, 2020, August 28, 2020, September 25, 2020, October 23, 2020, November 20, 2020, and December 18, 2020.
- The Technical Committee will meet on August 5, 2020 and October 7, 2020.
- The Policy Committee will meet on August 19, 2020 and October 21, 2020.
- The Technical and Policy Committees will hold a joint meeting on December 2, 2020.

Meetings of the IMPO Executive Committee, Technical Committee and Policy Committee will be re-noticed with date, time and location information closer to the meeting dates in accordance with the Indiana Open Door Law. Questions about meeting accommodations for people with special needs may be made to Anita Bjork, Anita.Bjork@impo.org, 317-327-5136. For more information about the MPO, visit <https://www.indympo.org>.

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NO. 49D03-2005-MF-016233
LOANCARE, LLC
Plaintiff
-vs-
MEGAN L BRADLEY AKA MEGAN L TIPTON, FIFTH THIRD BANK MORTGAGE COMPANY, HEIGHTS FINANCE CORPORATION
Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SUIT
To the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows: Lot 174, in Devonshire, Second Section, an Addition in Marion County, Indiana, as a plaintiff thereon recorded in Plat Book 29, pages 437 to 440 inclusive, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant whose whereabouts is unknown: Megan L. Bradley aka Megan L. Tipton
In addition, to the above named defendant being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Marion County at: Clerk of Marion County Court
200 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204 on or before the 26th day of July, 2020, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
Phillip A. Norman, P.C.
Phillip A. Norman 13734-64
Attorney at Plaintiff
2110 Calumet Ave
Valparaiso, IN 46383
(219) 462-5104
ATTEST: 6/3/2020
Clerk, Marion Superior Court
06/12/2020
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SUMMONS			
STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF MARION SS: IN THE DECATUR TOWNSHIP SMALL CLAIMS CAUSE NUMBER: 49K02-1908-SC-001035 KEVIN DOSS, Plaintiff, vs. ANGELA BUCHANON, Defendant, ALIAS NOTICE TO APPEAR The Plaintiff, Kevin Doss, having come before the Court by way of his Notice of Complaint for Possession of Real Estate, and Motion for Proceeding Supplemental. And the Court having considered the same and being duly advised in the premises now finds that said filings should be set for a hearing. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this matter is hereby scheduled for a hearing on the day of 2020, at, and the Defendant, Angela Buchanon, is hereby ordered to appear. SO ORDERED This day of 2020. JUDGE, Decatur Township Small Claims Court Distribution to: Aaron M. Freeman, 24889-49 8925 Southeastern Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46239 (317) 862-7010 aaron@aarolfreemanlaw.com Angela Buchanon 5112 Westridge Drive Indianapolis, IN 46241 06/12/20 06/19/20 06/26/20			

SUMMONS

MDK # 19-025877
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT #3
SS:
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NO.
49D03-1908-MF-033059
The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificateholders of Popular ABS, Inc. Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-3
Plaintiff,
vs.
Phillip Haltom, as Possible Heir to the Estate of Grace E. Haltom, et al.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Grace E. Haltom and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Grace E. Haltom:
BE IT KNOWN that The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificateholders of Popular ABS, Inc. Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-3, the above named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Elyssa M. Meade, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Civil Superior Court #3 a Complaint against the Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Grace E. Haltom and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Grace E. Haltom, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit: Lot Numbered 120 in Prospect Heights, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 50, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, commonly known as 3558 Terrace Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203.
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion Civil Superior Court #3
Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64)
Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)
Sari E. Barrgrover (28844-06)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
Attorney for Plaintiff
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
P.O. Box 441039
Indianapolis, IN 46244
Telephone: 614-220-6611
Facsimile: 614-220-5613
Email: sef-emdeade@manleydeas.com
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MDK # 19-025877
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT #3
SS:
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NO.
49D03-1908-MF-033059
The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the benefit of the Certificateholders of Popular ABS, Inc. Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-3, the above named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Elyssa M. Meade, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Civil Superior Court #3 a Complaint against the Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Grace E. Haltom and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Grace E. Haltom, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit: Lot Numbered 120 in Prospect Heights, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 50, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, commonly known as 3558 Terrace Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203.
NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
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‘Police huggers’ put movement in a tough spot

By TYLER FENWICK
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Police and members of the National Guard in some cities have found the perfect photo op: walking with protestors, shaking hands, hugging. The Georgia National Guard even did the “Macarena” dance with demonstrators.

Media seem to love it.

FOX 5 Atlanta ran a story with a headline that included the phrase “One perfect moment.”

But it’s those moments that many in Indianapolis were weary of recently when some demonstrators, after marching miles toward the governor’s mansion, embraced police officers who temporarily dropped their riot gear following a tense standoff.

Cameras swarmed. It was the kind of image rehabilitation police departments have been eager for.

At least one officer was then seen walking with the group as they made their way back downtown.

He stayed with them for a few minutes and then later, as he was standing by a squad car, remarked to the lively demonstrators — who were chanting “F**k 12” and agreed police have never deescalated anything — that he was the one who walked with them earlier, as though to say justice is here.

There have been plenty of posts on social media rejecting the notion that demonstrators and police need to come together in that way.

Indy10 Black Lives Matter tweeted, “Making this real clear. We don’t shake hands with the enemy.”

They’re sometimes referred to as “police huggers” at protests.

Kyra Jay, who said she’s been to protests most nights since they started, thinks interacting with police like that is counter-productive to the Black Lives Matter movement.

“Hugging the police, when we don’t have even one demand met on our list, is a slap in the face,” she said in an interview June 4.

(The next day, Mayor Joe Hogsett announced Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department is proposing updates to its use-of-force policy, which has been one of the consistent demands from organizers.)

That was the point Mat Davis, an organizer who recently helped start a group called the Indiana Racial Justice Alliance, made as he grabbed a megaphone when demonstrators near the governor’s mansion stood face-to-face with police. He told people to pull back.

“OK, we done shook enough hands,” he said. “Let’s go!”

In an interview June 8, Davis said those who seek out those made-for-TV moments with police are effectively counter-protesters.

“If you’re not out here to reform criminal justice as a system or make the argument to abolish it altogether and replace it with some other reimagining of public safety, then you’re not out here to push forward the struggle that we’ve been experiencing for 200 years in this city,” he said, referencing the city’s bicentennial.

Zion Smith, who has emerged as one of the leaders for protests, said hugging and shaking hands with police is “pointless.”



A protester holds a sign denouncing people who have hugged and high-fived police during demonstrations. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

“We’re not trying to be buddy-buddy with the police,” Smith, 20, said in an interview June 4. “The police system needs to be reformed. That’s why we’re here. I’m not hugging the police. I’m not shaking a police hand. I ain’t doing none of that s**t.”

Malik Muhammad, one of a few people who helped facilitate the embrace between police and demonstrators near the governor’s mansion, was confronted for his tactics a few days later downtown, where he said the exchange made him uncomfortable.

Muhammad, identified by other media as an Army veteran, had a private meeting with Gov. Eric Holcomb recently. He told WISH TV they talked about specific police reforms.

Muhammad, who is Black, declined an interview for this article.

If embracing and walking with protestors wasn’t part of some staged effort in front of a bunch of cameras, the fact remains it was still highly visible, which led Crystal Wade to believe it wasn’t a genuine gesture.

Wade, 40, said there is a time and place for those sorts of exchanges, but she thought it was probably staged and actually made things worse.

“It would be nice if those gestures were made not just in front of the governor’s mansion,” Wade said in an interview June 5 by IMPD’s Northwest Precinct.

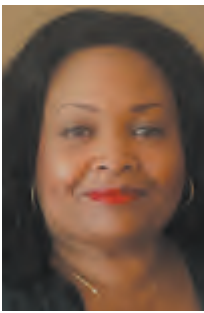
The Recorder also observed some demonstrators high-fiving police officers during a downtown march June 2, though most of those people appeared to be white.

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COLUMN

White Americans must repair the historical damage done to Blacks

By JUDIE CARMICHAEL BROWN



It is ironic that I was asked to pen this column on May 31. I kept my annual tradition of watching the 2008 film “Before they Die” about the

Tulsa Massacre and decimation of “Black Wall Street.” However, on this 99th anniversary of the burning, looting and killing of our ancestors and the desecration of this former prosperous Black community, I was distracted by recurring images of George Floyd’s murder.

As a proud, fourth generation Minnesotan, the distress and headache caused by watching his demise at the hands of police who have sworn to “protect and serve” is still painful. Like many I have cried endlessly and have raged loudly about this horrible incident that has torn the scab off more than 401-plus years of abuse. Having lived in the south side of Minneapolis not far from brother Floyd’s death, my heart aches for all who live with the physical reminder that our neighborhood, city and lives have forever changed.

For too many decades to count many of us have been walking around numb, our survival depended on it. To relive or reminisce about previous similar incidents is so traumatizing we buried them deep to prevent depression, heart attacks and mental breaks. The ensuing national and worldwide protests have shed light on the way Black people have been marginalized and mistreated, and the culmination of so many acts of

aggression has opened the well of emotions unexpressed, primarily anger.

Misinformation fed to generations about life for Blacks in this broken country has created systemic practices and cultural conditioning of policing that has permeated every facet of our lives. Black Americans are clear and fully aware of our history, disenfranchisement and the role many white Americans have played in it.

Although brother Floyd’s tragic transition “changed the world,” according to his daughter Gianna, this movement is about history because it is history that allowed those policemen to murder him. A history that begins with the stealing of our ancestors and raping of Mother Africa’s natural resources, both crimes committed to create wealth for generations of whites across the globe. To iterate a portion of that history to the unknowing, here is a partial list. It is because:

The involuntary enslavement and the selling and separation of our families, land stolen during Reconstruction and sharecropping as a created form of continued repression and poverty.

Jim Crow laws were enacted to incarcerate Blacks for nonexistent or minor infractions; the Red Summer of 1919 when more than 25 white mobs incited riots, looted and killed Black communities. Where the atrocities and loss of life, homes and revenue was never recognized or recovered; and the practice of redlining by banks who accepted our deposits but would not issue home or business loans.

A cash bail system is designed to keep us in jail while more than 27% of Blacks live below poverty; and the history of police (slave

patrols) for Blacks are built on persecution; because slavery still exists in our penal system and white corporations are making money on the continued incarceration of Black people; because nationally over 38% of inmates are Black and over 32% of our children are arrested.

Our natural hair loose or in locs keeps us from employment and graduation; the education-to-prison pipeline exists; and higher education is not affordable or accessible; Blacks account for 36% of COVID-19 cases and 35% of deaths; Blacks are 11.9% or the workforce but 17% of essential line workers and 16.7% of those unemployed.

Many of us live in food deserts; and access to health care and health disparities are real; and because of military service to a country that has never acknowledged our humanity, gerrymandering and Black voter suppression exists.

Every time we built self-sustaining communities they were burned and looted and its residents were murdered; the more than 4,000 recorded hangings of Black men, women and children; all of the victims named and unnamed that have suffered and died at the hands of police who are never charged.

The generational trauma caused by historical events have emerged in the form of mostly peaceful protests, but unless white Americans recognize their failure, nothing will intrinsically change.

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Goodell's confession falls short again

By **DANNY BRIDGES**

One doesn't have to be Mensa material to see through the skewed logic of one Roger Goodell when it comes to race relations in America. The NFL commissioner has taken his marching orders from 32 of the richest white men in the country for 14 years now, all the while making them and himself even more wealthy by virtue of commandeering the most powerful and lucrative sports enterprise in the world. Along the way, he's disregarded everything from drugs, domestic violence, concussions, labor strife and certainly race relations in this country, one that provides the very platform for the aforementioned obscene wealth being accrued.

While all the aforementioned is impressive in the eyes of his employer, his crown jewel was the way in which he systematically was able to "amicably settle" the Colin Kaepernick grievance which in turn served as the official blackballing of a man from ever playing in the NFL again for nothing more than a peaceful protest of police violence aimed at Black citizens. The agreement was confidential and neither Goodell nor the NFL apologized for their transgressions.

Clearly money changed hands, and life went on accordingly for all parties despite the unconscionable way the league had behaved, clearing the way for the NFL to continually print more money than the Federal Reserve and restoring normality to the football world.

Since that less-than-epic settlement there have been repeated instances of police brutality against Black citizens, and when the heinous murder of George Floyd occurring at the hands of a corrupt policeman emerged on tape in one of the very cities the NFL has a franchise in, it once again was determined they had to act swiftly.

After consulting with a slick public relations firm, Goodell released a video in which he stated that the NFL was wrong earlier about police brutality, apologizing for such, and pledging to listen more and work with the players in the league to find appropriate solutions for progress. While that no doubt pleased both the owners and his P.R. firm, Goodell stopped short of apologizing to Kaepernick for his peaceful protests, leaving one to think the NFL still doesn't get it.

Instead of taking this moment to recognize how the NFL disgracefully treated those who simply knelt during the playing of the national anthem, he completely overlooked the opportunity to rectify the disrespectful way in which the matter was handled, opting instead to not even mention Kaepernick by name and ignoring the unconscionable manner in which the NFL "resolved" the matter.

Goodell clearly bungled the chance to publicly speak to Kaepernick, and admit that the NFL was wrong in terms of how they treated him. It was also a chance to stand center stage and officially join forces with Kaepernick and work together to foster real change in the constant fight against racism. The question is, if you and I can see these easy solutions, why can't the NFL? Perhaps the owners don't care about it enough to step up and make an impact and are content to take all that television and merchandise revenue to the bank, all the while turning a blind eye to a societal problem as they puppeteer their subservient commissioner into doing what's always best for the collective bottom line. The NFL in this case stands for "No Financial Losses" and that mantra is certainly priority one.

I've never looked to sports to offer a moral compass and you shouldn't either, but with all their self destruction these past four years, I assumed the NFL would someday wake up and take advantage of an opportunity to reduce some pain, but I'm not counting on that. The fact is, football fans, you can't either.

All the NFL has to do if they are serious about doing their part in terms of improving race relations in this country is embrace those Black individuals who suit up every Sunday and join them, along with Kaepernick, to foster real change. Something tells me they won't.

Danny Bridges, who thinks Roger Goodell will once again waste his enormous platform for change, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.



FILE - In this Oct. 2, 2016, file photo, San Francisco 49ers outside linebacker Eli Harold, left, quarterback Colin Kaepernick, center, and safety Eric Reid kneel during the national anthem before the team's NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys in Santa Clara, Calif. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File)

Colin Kaepernick has more support now, still long way to go

By **ROB MAADDI**
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When Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the national anthem to take a stand against police brutality and racial injustice in 2016, he was mostly alone.

Politicians, team owners and fellow players criticized him, fans burned his jersey, and he was booed even at home. Four years later, his protest is widely viewed as prescient.

Even NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell apologized to players for not listening to them earlier and encouraged them to protest peacefully.

"We, the National Football League, condemn racism and the systematic oppression of Black people," Goodell said in a video released June 5. "We, the National Football League, admit we were wrong for not listening to NFL players earlier and encourage all to speak out and peacefully protest. We, the National Football League, believe Black lives matter. I personally protest with you and want to be part of the much needed change in this country."

Global opinion has shifted so much that more people are now vilifying those who attack Kaepernick or misrepresent his stance.

New Orleans Saints star quarterback Drew Brees issued a public apology June 4 after he was excoriated by teammates, other athletes and fans for saying he "will never agree with anybody disrespecting the flag of the United States."

That sentiment has been voiced loudly by Kaepernick critics and President Donald Trump reiterated it recently, saying on Twitter: "I am a big fan of Drew Brees. I think he's truly one of the greatest quarterbacks, but he should not have taken back his original stance on honoring our magnificent American flag. OLD GLORY is to be revered, cherished, and flown high... We should be standing up straight and tall, ideally with a salute, or a hand on heart. There are other things you can protest, but not our Great American Flag - NO KNEELING!"

Brees responded on social media in a post addressed to the president's Twitter handle.

"Through my ongoing conversations with friends, teammates, and leaders in the black community, I realize this is not an issue about the American flag. It has never been," Brees wrote. "We can no longer use the flag to turn people away or distract them from the real issues that face our black communities."

"We did this back in 2017, and regretfully I brought it back with my comments this week. We must stop talking about the flag and shift our attention to the real issues of systemic racial injustice, economic oppression, police brutality, and judicial & prison reform. We are at a critical juncture in our nation's history! If not now, then when?"

"We as a white community need to listen and learn from the pain and suffering of our black communities."

We must acknowledge the problems, identify the solutions, and then put this into action. The black community cannot do it alone. This will require all of us."

George Floyd's death, which ignited nationwide protests over racial injustice and police brutality, awakened many people to the root of the issues that led to Kaepernick peaceful demonstration — an expression meant to raise awareness of such issues, not demean the flag or the anthem. The 32-year-old Kaepernick hasn't played in the NFL since 2016.

"The protest is really trying to hold us accountable for the things we say we believe in. It's about equality and justice for all," said Houston Texans wide receiver Kenny Stills, who has been taking a knee since Week 1 of the 2016 season.

This week, San Francisco 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said Kaepernick deserves respect and admiration for starting the protest. Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll praised him for his courage and sacrificing his career. Hall of Fame coach Tony Dungy compared Kaepernick to Muhammad Ali.

"There's a lot of parallels between Colin and my father," said Ali's daughter, Khaliah. "He stands 100 percent with integrity no matter the cost. He made an unwavering commitment for the betterment of his people and took an unapologetic stance against injustice. I have had many people attempt to discourage our support of Colin, which is unthinkable to me. He is a friend to our family, he is loved and honored."

The NFL and its teams have voiced their support for equality and called for change. In a video released June 4, 2018, NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes and several of his peers asked the league to "condemn racism and the systemic oppression of Black people" and "admit wrong in silencing players from peacefully protesting."

Goodell did so in his strongest statement since Kaepernick and other players began their protests.

"Without Black players, there would be no National Football League," Goodell said. "And the protests around the country are emblematic of the centuries of silence, inequality and oppression of Black players, coaches, fans and staff. We are listening. I am listening, and I will be reaching out to players who have raised their voices and others on how we can improve and go forward for a better and more united NFL family."

Kaepernick still wants an opportunity to play. A workout in Atlanta last November that was organized by the NFL turned chaotic and resulted in no job offers.

"Colin is a talented football player," Seahawks star Russell Wilson said. "I remember playing against him; the man could play some football. But he stood up for something far more greater than football. And that's people's lives. He was standing up for people that have come and gone and for everyone who is African American and the oppression that has been going on."