

‘Defund’ police is a lofty demand, but not totally unfeasible in Indy

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When protesters first hit the streets in Indianapolis in late May and early June, their chants were the familiar ones.

“No justice, no peace!”
“If we don’t get it, shut it down!”
“What do we want? Justice! When do we want it? Now!”

And then came a new slogan, one that wasn’t difficult to memorize: “Defund the police!”

Some people want to see police departments abolished so public safety can be reinvented from ground up. Others want to see spending on pub-

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Hogsett announces partnership to ‘chart new path’ for public safety

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The city of Indianapolis will partner with the Criminal Justice Lab at the New York University School of Law to create a new approach to public safety and eventually make policy recommendations, Mayor Joe Hogsett announced at a press conference June 15.

The partnership includes Anne Milgram, who led the disbanding of the police department in Camden, New Jersey, in 2012 and is the founding director of the Criminal Justice Lab.

Hogsett said the effort will be divided into five steps:

- Bring together stakeholders from public health agencies, including community members, educators and law enforcement to create a new definition of justice and public safety.
- Broaden sets of data used to define public safety. Hogsett gave the example of using high school graduation rates as a potential determinant of public safety.
- Data analysts will track and monitor those public safety measures, and public safety agencies will be held to a standard defined by the community.
- Propose changes to public safety policies depending on the findings. (Hogsett said he’ll make it clear to the city-county council that “nothing is off limits.”)
- Generate community-driven report cards, ensuring people can hold their government accountable.

“In all truthfulness, this is the first time in my career, other than Camden, that I feel there is a real possibility of systemic change,” Milgram said.

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A protester raises a sign above her head during a demonstration outside of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department’s Northwest District. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



Dreasjon Reed’s mother, Demetree Wynn, walks with Elder Lionel Rush of Greater Anointing Fellowship Church before a press conference June 2 near Michigan Road and 62nd Street. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

Dreasjon Reed’s family sues city, IMPD

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The family of Dreasjon Reed, who was fatally shot by Indianapolis police in early May, has filed a lawsuit against the city, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and individual officers for using “excessive and deadly force.”

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Juneteenth celebrations

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Juneteenth celebrations not only look different this year, but there’s renewed interest in the holiday that commemorates the end of chattel slavery for all African Americans.

COVID-19 social distancing restrictions and recommendations have canceled or moved most commemorations online for virtual celebrations.

In addition, recent protests to end police brutality and racial inequity and injustice have sparked vigor in a holiday often overlooked — by all Americans.

President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863, and in doing so freed millions of enslaved African Americans. However, due to either slave owners purposefully withholding information or slowly-moving news, the news of liberation didn’t reach Galveston, Texas, until June 19, 1865. Since then, June 19 — or Juneteenth — commemorations have been held annually to remember the day every enslaved African American was finally freed.

Thanks to legislation introduced by former State Rep. Bill Crawford in 2010, Indiana became the 34th state to recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday observance.

Here are some of the Juneteenth events happening locally.

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Indianapolis Recorder, along with the Study for African American Life and History, IUPUI Program in Africana Studies, Urban Patch, Flanner House, Kheprw Institute and Recorder Women’s Auxiliary will host a Juneteenth Celebration to discuss history, culture, community, the arts and racism.

■ When: 6-8 p.m. June 19 and June 20
■ Where: Facebook.com/IndyRecorder

BLACK OUT FOR BLACK LIVES JUNETEENTH EVENT

The local activist group Black Out For Black Lives will celebrate Juneteenth at 7 p.m. June 19 at the Indianapolis War Memorial. The group will explain the history and significance of Juneteenth.

The group also will call for justice in the deaths of African Americans who have been

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A black and white portrait of Sharon Barner, a Black woman with short, dark hair, wearing a dark patterned jacket, a white and dark beaded necklace, and hoop earrings. She is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression.

“I am black. I am a mother.”

We see our sons and daughters in George Floyd, Dreasjon Reed, Breonna Taylor and so many others. On the other side of our sorrow, anger and despair, we dig deep to unleash our unrelenting commitment to fight injustice, tell our stories and build allies.

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lic safety — police departments in particular — cut back to some degree and redistributed to education, housing, mental health, areas that are well understood to have an impact on crime.

“Defund them, refund us!” has become a common chant that reverberates off of the buildings downtown.

Elected officials in some cities — such as Minneapolis, where George Floyd was killed by police — have pledged to take similar action, but there aren’t many details yet.

In Indianapolis, there appears to be at least some momentum behind the idea of cutting back on public safety funding from people who actually have the power to do that, even if it’s currently not the position held by the mayor and chief of police.

City-county councilor Ethan Evans, who represents District 4 on the north-east side, said there are some councilors who have been talking “behind the scenes” about how to “get things started,” but he declined to go into more detail.

“I’m not saying totally take away all funds, but we should be looking at ways to address these problems and shifting how we view our police,” said Evans, who is on the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee.

Leroy Robinson, who chairs the committee, did not respond to a request for comment.

Public safety and criminal justice combine to make up 60% of the city-county budget. The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department alone accounts for about \$254 million, which is about 31% of the money for city departments and about 22% of the entire city-county budget.

The budget process begins in early August, when councilors will begin to consider priorities for the next city budget. Meetings may not be physically open to the public at that point because of the pandemic, but they will be available to the public in some capacity.

City-county council President Vop Osili said in an interview at a recent protest that “defund” is a big word.

“I don’t think that’s the word we want to use on that, because ‘defund’ means basically you take all the money away, and we know that we cannot do without our police force,” he said.

That’s the dilemma that quickly sprang up when “defund the police” became a louder, more sustained demand.

What does it mean? Depends on who you ask.

Patrisse Cullors, one of the co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement, said in a recent interview on the podcast “Deconstructed” her goal involves “decreasing the police’s ability to be in contact with Black people.”

Cullors, a self-described police and prison abolitionist, said reforms that don’t do that simply aren’t effective because they do nothing to change the structural racism within police departments.

Abolishing policing as it is in the United States seems to be a more popular goal now than in 2014 — when Michael Brown Jr. was killed by police in Ferguson, Missouri, which launched the Black Lives Matter movement — but that also doesn’t appear to be the immediate goal of many who say they want to “defund” police.

What most people seem to mean when they call for the defunding of police is a version of the following: Cut back spending on police departments drastically and redistribute that money to other resources and departments while also limiting the role of police so armed officers don’t show up to situations that don’t require violent intervention.

It’s not as catchy of a slogan as “defund the police.”

Tom Stucky, executive associate dean at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI, said research has made it clear that spending more money on criminal justice doesn’t lead to a safer society.

Using the analogy that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,

Stucky said there are issues such as mental health and food insecurity that are underlying factors in crime, and police just aren’t well equipped to deal with those problems.

“We have made the criminal justice system our default response to a number of social problems that we don’t handle well otherwise,” he said.

Part of Stucky’s possible reimagining of public safety is a system in which people who aren’t necessarily sworn police officers respond to a burglary, for example, that’s called in the day after it happens.

It’s very unlikely there would need to be an arrest made at the scene in that scenario, so the person responding makes the report and leaves police free to respond to situations where their presence could actually be useful: an armed robbery in progress, for example.

Beryl Cohen, executive director of the National Association of Social Workers Indiana Chapter, said it’s not enough to simply move in a direction where social workers and other service providers are the ones responding to non-violent scenes, though.

The details matter.

Are service providers part of the police department? Do they come through a partnership with a local clinic? Is there an armed officer nearby in case of an emergency?

“If there was one, easy solution to this whole problem, we would’ve done it a long time ago,” Cohen said.

IMPD already does something similar to what people are asking for with the Mobile Crisis Assistance Team, or MCAT.

The program — which started as a pilot in the East District — initially involved teams of officers, paramedics and clinicians who focus on calls regarding mental health and addiction in order to keep people out of jails and emergency rooms.

Indianapolis EMS pulled out of the partnership in late 2018, but the program continues with officers and clinicians working together.

The Center for Criminal Justice Research at the Indiana University Public Policy Institute evaluated the pilot program in 2017 and found MCAT transported a person to jail less than 2% of the time and that 85% of IMPD East District officers surveyed said the program was a good additional resource in responding to emergencies.

Researchers at the Public Policy Institute are currently conducting another study to evaluate its effectiveness.

City officials have also pointed to the Assessment and Intervention Center (AIC), which will divert non-violent, low-level offenders from jail and connect them with treatment and wraparound services. The AIC is scheduled to open later this year at the Community Justice Campus.

But when it comes to actually taking money from IMPD and redistributing it elsewhere, Mayor Joe Hogsett isn’t on board yet.

Hogsett recently announced a partnership with the Criminal Justice Lab at the New York University School of Law to “chart a new path” for public safety in Indianapolis.

Hogsett said “nothing is off limits” when the time comes for policy recommendations. When asked specifically about the possibility of scaling back funding in public safety, he said that’s “putting the cart before the horse.”

IMPD Chief Randal Taylor was asked about the same thing by city-county councilor Robinson during a virtual Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee meeting June 10.

“That certainly would not be my recommendation,” he said, while noting he understands “defund” doesn’t necessarily mean to abolish.

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If nothing is off limits, that means it’s possible the city could meet one of the community’s consistent demands of taking money from Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) and reallocating it to other departments and resources.

Hogsett said that’s “putting the cart before the horse,” though.

Milgram agreed with Hogsett but said that’s one of the difficult questions that has to be raised right now when it comes to reforming a criminal justice system.

“We don’t know where this will end,” she said. “What we know is we’re committed to the process.”

Hogsett also announced there will be an external investigation of the way police handled protests in late May and early June, including IMPD’s violent arrest of a woman the first night of curfew, which was

recorded and quickly spread online.

Hogsett noted there are Black residents who were denied access to city pools in the 1960s and saw their neighborhoods bulldozed in the 1970s, realities that must be accounted for when considering what Indianapolis is going through today.

“The mistrust we see today has roots that are both shallow and deep,” he said. “If any resident feels mistrust is unwarranted and you haven’t heard of the example I just mentioned, you have an obligation to learn from and a responsibility to listen to your community.”

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IMPD and the city have not properly trained and supervised officers on the use of excessive force, the lawsuit claims.

The lawsuit names as defendants IMPD officers Dejourne Mercer, who shot Reed, and Steven Scott, who was heard on a Facebook Live video saying Reed’s funeral would be a “closed casket.”

IMPD has said Reed fired a gun at Mercer, who then returned fire, during a chase on foot near Michigan Road and 62nd Street.

The lawsuit alleges Mercer lied about Reed shooting at him in order to “cover up this heinous act.”

“At no time prior to fatally shooting Reed did Officer Mercer command Reed to drop any weapon or warn Reed that he [Officer Mercer] was going to shoot,” the lawsuit says.

“None of the police officers involved in the chase did anything to intervene or prevent the fatal shooting of Reed.”

The lawsuit says there is “objective

evidence” that contradicts IMPD’s claims. The family’s attorneys have also said there is evidence Reed didn’t shoot at Mercer, but that evidence hasn’t been presented.

Chief Randal Taylor and Deputy Chief of Police Kendale Adams are also named as defendants. They started the chase with Reed on a highway around 6 p.m. but eventually called for backup.

“It is unclear whether Chief Adams or Chief Taylor were acting in their official capacities as IMPD officers and whether either or both could have initiated a traffic stop,” the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court of Southern Indiana on June 16, which would have been Reed’s 22nd birthday.

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The Onyx House helps immigrant families settle into a new life

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The only things Chindanu brought with him to the United States in June of 2016 were \$50 and hope. Like so many others, Chindanu came to America searching for opportunity. He was admitted to the Indiana University McKinney School of Law. But also like so many others who come for the possibilities, Chindanu found his share of struggles. Immigration paperwork cost thousands of dollars; tuition was expensive; food wasn't always abundant. "I had nobody," said Chindanu, who came to the U.S. alone from Nigeria. That's where The Onyx House stepped in to help. Founded by Uche Christian in 2003 in Nigeria, The Onyx House helps immigrants — most of whom are from African countries — with basic needs while they adjust to a new life in America. That could mean providing a temporary place to live, helping with food, offering support and even handing out cash assistance.

Chindanu said The Onyx House helped with tuition and gave him \$2,000 for immigration paperwork, along with food assistance and smaller amounts of money here and there. "It's very fulfilling and satisfying knowing someone's watching your back," he said. "God can use anybody to make an impact on your life." The Recorder is using only the first name of immigrants interviewed for this article, since they are currently undocumented. Unfortunately, there's a false perception that immigrants get everything for free, Christian said. There's this idea that the government just gives them health care, a place to sleep, education, all of that. "Nothing can be farther from the truth," he said. One of the most difficult parts about immigrating to the United States is getting a Social Security number. Until then, immigrants are forced to basically live as much of their lives as they can in the shadows, for fear of possible deportation or other punishment. The COVID-19 pandemic has made

it especially difficult to get all of the right paperwork and identification. Cathy, who came to the United States in June of 2018 from Zambia, said she hasn't been able to get a Social Security number or a driver's license. It's been draining, but of all the help she's gotten from The Onyx House, Cathy said the greatest has been wisdom. "You have to strive," she said. "You have to be strong. You have to trust the Lord. Remember whatever you do, God is on your side." The Onyx House came to America in 2008 and is headquartered in south Indianapolis. With about seven staff locally, Christian said the organization can help anywhere from seven to 15 families at a time. Christian, who also travels the world as an evangelist, came to America as a college student in 2003 with the promise of an athletic scholarship to play soccer at the University of Indianapolis. There was a coaching change, though, and he didn't end up with a scholarship. He didn't know exactly what to do in that situation, given he was in an

unfamiliar country. Christian said he worked long hours to pay his tuition instead of going back home and got his degree in information systems in 2008. He also has a master's degree in health informatics from IUPUI and works as an architecture contractor for the state. Christian is the alumni board president at the University of Indianapolis. "I have it so easy now," he said while laughing. "All that pain and suffering I had helped me to the point where I have empathy." The Onyx House usually helps people for the first three to six months they're in America, Christian said, but if they ever fall on hard times after that, they're welcome to come back. "We can't change the world," he said, "but I think we can make a difference."

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killed.
■ **When:** 7 p.m. June 19
■ **Where:** Indianapolis War Memorial, 55 E. Michigan St.

COMMUNITY PEACE WALK
Edna Martin Christian Center (EMCC) will have a Community Peace Walk, starting at EMCC's Leadership and Legacy Campus. Participants are encouraged to bring signs or other art and wear either black, red, gold or green. EMCC will provide refreshments following the walk.
■ **When:** 10:30 a.m. June 19
■ **Where:** Edna Martin Christian Center's Leadership and Legacy Campus, 2255 N. Ralston Ave.

INDY JUNETEENTH VIRTUAL EVENTS
Join others for an week of virtual activities to celebrate Juneteenth. Indy Juneteenth will showcase red cocktails — a staple of Juneteenth

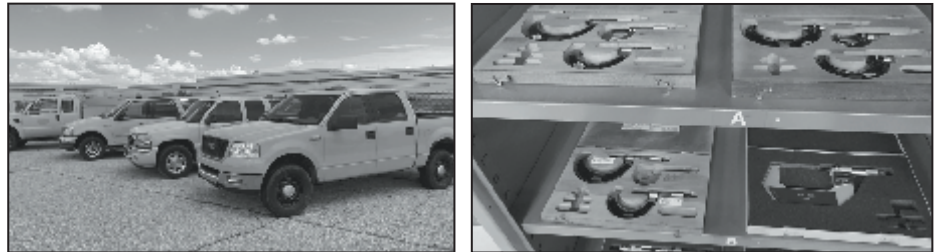
— and feature performances from spoken word artists during "Red Light Special" on June 18. On June 20, the group will host a virtual party from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a drum circle and live DJs.
■ **When:** Now through June 20
■ **Where:** Visit indyjunteenth.com

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS
Due to COVID-19, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis moved its Juneteenth commemoration online, making it the theme for its monthly Virtual First Thursday. Two former museum board members discuss race and acceptance in the video.
■ **Where:** Facebook.com/childrensmuseum

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Teaching science through farming

By MIKAILI AZZIZ

The Youth Farm Initiative at the Felege Hiywot Center is not only youth led, but the program is providing them with hands-on STEM education as well as teaching life skills that may be useful as they grow.

Ethiopian-born Aster Bekele, founder of the Felege Hiywot Center, immigrated to Indiana in August of 1973. Bekele noticed something significant missing in her new surroundings.

“Coming from Ethiopia, it didn’t matter how many people were around me, I couldn’t see anyone that looked like me,” Bekele said.

Feeling homesick, Bekele filled the void by talking to local children about her experiences in Ethiopia. She noticed the children were often distracted by leisure activities instead of doing homework after school, so she started an after-school program to resolve the issue.

The program, located in the Martindale-Brightwood area, was off to a rough start.

“I really wanted them to love science, but I was doing it with science books and other mainstream forms of education,” Bekele said. “I couldn’t get them connected. I thought to myself, ‘What should I do? I’m trying everything.’ And then, finally, a girl in my program asked me ‘Can we plant flowers?’”

For Bekele, this moment of clarity was the seed that blossomed into the Youth Farm Initiative. Asking the youth what they wanted to do became the philosophy behind the program.

On a typical day, students start their mornings by watering and weeding plant beds. The scientific element of STEM is practiced every day.

“We use the scientific theory by initially asking them what they want to plant,” Bekele said. “And then,



Aster Bekele, founder of the Felege Hiywot Center.

with what you grow, how does it affect your body? If you don’t have a taste for it, what does it mean? What do you have to do to make it be palatable for you? We come up with different seasonings and things of that nature. There’s a ton of science involved.”

Afternoons are dedicated to professional development. Scientists from Eli Lilly and Co. often visit to teach students how to conduct experiments. Teachers and media profes-

sionals also visit to teach students about their career fields.

Naomi Davis, a sophomore at Purdue University, entered the Youth Farm Initiative in middle school and never left.

“My favorite part about the program is being able to directly help students that look like me,” Davis said. “I love being able to make the impact on the community that we desperately need.”

Students use farming to cater to

the needs of the community. A few of the neighborhood residents’ favorites are kale, tomatoes and collards, all of which can be found at the on-site farmers’ market.

“Another thing we really try to work on is building community partnerships, so we frequently go to Hillside Neighborhood Association meetings,” Davis said. “We talk to the elders in the community to see how things were in the past, and how we can help in the future.”

In addition to STEM and community involvement, the program also teaches students other important life skills.

One student, 13-year-old Alex, was killed in 2006. To help the other students deal with this tragedy in their own way, Bekele asked them the question she always does: “What do you want to do about it?”

The youth decided to plant a tree and perform a play in his honor. For Bekele, this solidified the fact that students could handle taking part in any situation.

Willie Hawkins, president of the Hillside Neighborhood Association, said the relationship with the Youth Farming Initiative has grown since it began about four years ago. The Hillside Neighborhood Association meets the first Monday of every month, and the youth are always present at the meetings. The youth also participate in community cleanups and giveaways that occur throughout the year.

“They’ve become a part of the neighborhood association and they really inspired us,” Hawkins said. “She inspires the youth, not only with farming, but with giving back and community awareness.”

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SPOTLIGHT

A new way to porch party

By MIKAILI AZZIZ

For the past several years, “porch party season” officially kicked off every May. However, this year, the initiative underwent rebranding. Porch Party Indy was transformed into Social Distance Porching. Locals are encouraged to walk onto their front porches, lawns, balconies or front stoops every day at 5 p.m. to wave at one another. “When we realized that our normal approach to porch parties would be unhealthy with COVID-19, we were afraid that we would have to cancel the initiative,” said Joanna Taft, executive director of the Harrison Center. “Then we realized how many people were feeling lonely and isolated. We knew then that porch parties were needed more than ever.” The porch party movement, known as Porch Party Indy, was started by the Harrison Center in 2014. The initiative expanded to all of Indiana in 2016.

Sitting on the porch and socializing with neighbors is becoming a fading tradition as porches slowly disappear from homes and people gravitate to backyards with privacy fences. Other forms of modernization, such as air conditioning and televisions, also have pulled locals inside their homes and further away from porches. Porch parties are an organized way to socialize with neighbors and family. “We were losing the porch tradition that was so active in our urban neighborhoods for so long,” Taft said. Barbara Cash, a resident of Herron-Morton, noticed a surge in neighbors who are out and about during the pandemic. “I think the social distancing has made porch parties better,” Cash said. “There were several routine families that you would see out on their porch at 5 p.m. prior to COVID-19, but now almost everybody is either out on their porches or out walking. I’ve seen the porching just expand, and I think that it will continue beyond COVID-19.” Cash hopes that as more fences go up in backyards, it will push neigh-

bors to their porches. “I really hope we can maintain this community, openness, camaraderie up and down the block,” she said. Michelle Bova and Joe Wiesinger reside just north of the downtown area. Since the couple moved to the area three years ago, they’ve always known porch parties to be a neighborhood tradition. “I feel like before COVID-19, porch parties were very organized, and now it’s just very organic and regular,” Bova said. “I hope that even after this passes, it remains a routine.” The value of social distance porching lies in interacting with neighbors Wiesinger said. “When we’re sitting around our porches, we’re still able to have a conversation with them,” he said. The Harrison Center plans to continue the social distancing approach until the porch parties can return to normal.

“I’ve already been thinking about when I go back to work, and how I’m going to get back at 5 p.m. in time for the porch parties,” Bova said with a laugh. “I’ve just become accustomed to it!”

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Jimmie Luton, 102, and her daughter, Pearl, will celebrate Luton’s 103rd birthday on June 21 with a socially distant porch party. Luton will sit on her porch as passersby say “Happy birthday” to her. The Harrison Center found a creative way to continue the porch party initiative with Social Distance Porching. (Photo provided)

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by Helene Hovanec

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EDITORIAL

Black trans lives matter too

By OSEYE BOYD



When we say Black lives matter, exactly whose lives are we talking about? Are we talking about any and everyone who's Black, or are we talking about only those we like, love or agree with? Are we talking about only Black males, or are Black females included? Does gender or sexual orientation make a difference in who we count and who we exclude? Do Black lives matter only as it relates to police brutality? Or, do Black lives matter when we're harming each other? I'm not posing these questions in jest, but I really want to know who matters to us? Riah Milton and Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, two Black transgender women, were killed recently. Their lives mattered. Unlike countless deaths of Black transgender women before them, their deaths have not gone unnoticed and have sparked national outrage and demonstrations. It's about time. Black women, in general, but Black trans women, in particular, live a precarious life. Black trans women are often targets of violence. This year at least 14 transgender or gender-nonconforming people have

been killed. That number was 26 in 2019. Black trans women are the majority of those killed, according to the Human Rights Campaign. I'm willing to bet that number is underreported as trans women often are misgendered. "It is clear that fatal violence disproportionately affects transgender women of color – particularly Black transgender women – and that the intersections of racism, sexism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and unchecked access to guns conspire to deprive them of employment, housing, healthcare and other necessities," the HRC said. No one except their loved ones seems to care about Black trans women. Police departments misgender them. If arrested, transgender women often are housed in male facilities where they are subject to abuse. We often treat transgender women or gender-nonconforming people with disgust or derision — as if their purpose in life is to make us comfortable. We often say we don't agree or understand their lifestyle — as if our opinion matters. I'm here to tell you, if you're not living your life for approval from anyone, chances are no one is seeking your approval either. During a recent protest, a gender-nonconforming person was shown during our Facebook Live coverage. Predictably, the disparaging comments came. People had no problem calling this person an "it." Isn't it ironic that we treat people who make us

uncomfortable the same way white people treat us — even as we're asking to be treated with humanity? This person was out there protesting, possibly in harm's way for the rights of Black people while other Black people who weren't at the protest were making disparaging remarks. The irony is astounding. But we don't even see it. You can agree or disagree, like or dislike, understand or not a trans person's lifestyle — or gay person's lifestyle — but it shouldn't be unreasonable to ask that you treat all people, especially Black people, as people. If a person is out there fighting for you while you're watching the protest and typing in the comments section, the least you can do is offer some encouraging words. To me it's just common sense: If I'm asking you to treat me with humanity then I should be willing to extend that same treatment toward others. It's not that difficult to recognize someone's humanity. But here we are in 2020, calling people "shim" and "it." The grade school antics have to stop, Black people. If we haven't learned we all we got by now, when will we? Black people, we all deserve to be treated with human dignity and respect. When we say Black lives matter, let's truly mean all Black lives.

OPINIONS

‘On the precipice of real and lasting change’

By ANDRE CARSON



As a Black man — and an American — I was horrified when I saw the video of George Floyd being held down and murdered by a group of police officers in Minneapolis. As a former law enforcement officer, it made me even more certain what I and many others have known for a long time: Our criminal justice system is rigged against Black people, and it needs to change. The crisis of police brutality toward Black people has been going on for generations. In our community, nearly every Black parent has “the talk” with their children at a certain age. But this conversation isn't about how life begins; it's about how Black lives, and futures, can be ended in an instant at the hands of the very people who swore an oath to protect and serve. I'm no stranger to this threat. At the age of 17, I was unjustly arrested outside of a mosque. It was a pivotal moment in my life that showed how the color of my skin makes me, and people

like me, a target of needless suspicion and hostility. Since then, I have made reforming our criminal justice system a focal point of my career in public service. We've had successes, but change has been frustratingly slow, and we continue to lose Black lives to this epidemic of brutality and racism. But thanks to the massive engagement and advocacy we have seen over the last few weeks, I believe we are turning a corner toward justice. I want to thank all of the Hoosiers, and people across America, of all backgrounds who have loudly and proudly proclaimed, “Black Lives Matter.” Because of your tireless and bold advocacy, I believe we are on the precipice of real and lasting change. Last week, Congress took a big step in this direction by introducing the Justice in Policing Act of 2020. This landmark piece of legislation is the culmination of years of work and collaboration with a large coalition of stakeholders like the Congressional Black Caucus and many civil rights organizations. If passed, it will implement unprecedented and much-needed reforms to ensure better policing across America. This includes

strong efforts to stop racial profiling, ban chokeholds and no-knock warrants, eliminate qualified immunity for law enforcement, demilitarize police forces, establish training programs to change the culture of law enforcement, finally make lynching a federal crime, and much more. I'm particularly pleased that it also includes a provision I fought for requiring officers to use dashboard and body cameras. This is a great start, and I will keep working to get this bill passed. But we can't forget that making change at the local and state levels is equally important, since many decisions regarding law enforcement are made locally. Local oversight of Merit Protection Boards and review of Use of Force procedures are equally important to prevent the unnecessary and inappropriate use of lethal force. Perhaps most importantly, we have to keep up the grassroots advocacy that has helped propel our movement forward. I felt this powerful energy when I joined protestors at night in downtown Indianapolis. A few days later, I was honored to attend and speak at a massive Black Lives Matter rally, also in downtown, on a Saturday afternoon. It turned out to be the biggest protest

against racial inequality our city has seen in decades, and it was organized by a group of young women who turned their anguish into action. We gathered by the thousands to honor the lives of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Dreasjon Reed, Aaron Bailey and the countless other Black people whose lives were tragically cut short. While we can't bring them back, we can continue to say their names, and honor their memories by enacting reforms that save lives in the future. I have faith we will achieve this thanks to the passionate energy and advocacy of everyday Americans who are saying, “enough is enough.” *Rep. Carson represents the 7th District of Indiana. He is a Member of the Congressional Black Caucus and one of three Muslims in Congress. Rep. Carson sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Intelligence Committee, where he is chairman of the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence and Counterproliferation. Contact Rep. Carson at carson.house.gov/contact.*

Unpacking ‘defund the police’

By LARRY SMITH



In the weeks since George Floyd was executed before our eyes, there has been a growing chorus of voices calling for drastic — perhaps unprecedented — changes to our law enforcement system. For example, the call to “defund the police” has gained stunning momentum. Once a fringe idea that no “serious” politician would touch, the “defund” movement is becoming a reality in some municipalities — including Minneapolis. However, there is disagreement among proponents regarding exactly what this slogan means. The intra-group debate among left-leaning activists regarding “defund the police” can be contentious. Some argue that the phrase is not literal: It's meant to shock the conscience and to draw attention to abuses – not a call for actually disbanding police departments. They say that one merely needs to conduct research “to understand what defund

means.” However, such research actually leads to more confusion. For example, The New York Times reports activists such as Mariame Kaba say the phrase means precisely what it says. Inevitably, this lack of agreement has muddled the message. The civil rights protests of the 1960s generally were well planned by leaders of various organizations — usually led by Dr. King — who coordinated their strategies. The leaders didn't always agree, especially during the latter part of the decade. However, they generally had the same (or least not very dissimilar) goals. Conversely, today's demonstrators against police brutality frequently lack such coordination. And they shun hierarchical leadership. One result of this “distributed leadership” approach is the lack of a unified (and unifying) message. My point is not to disparage today's protest movement. Indeed, the lack of a clearly designated leader is advantageous in that momentum is not stalled if said leader is assassinated or otherwise indisposed. However, being leader-less (or “leader-full”, as modern protesters sometimes call themselves) means that divergent strategies, lack of clear goals and unclear messages — such as “defund the police” — are likely. Space constraints allow me to address only one meaning of the “defund” movement; I'll examine the literal one. The United States is the most violent “first world” country. We have approximately 330 million residents — and nearly 400 million guns. Our citizens murder each other (frequently with guns) at a ridiculous rate. Suppose that the police were eventually phased out, with the bulk of their funding going to other first responders, social workers and mental health professionals (as has been proposed). While I strongly believe that police officers are often engaged in situations that should be handled by other professionals, there are many situations in which well-trained and disciplined law enforcement officers are the best option. As bad as the history is regarding law enforcement and African Americans, the alternative is potentially worse. Specifically,

there would either be heavily-armed “security teams” hired by wealthy whites to “protect their neighborhood” and/or heavily-armed, roaming bands of George Zimmerman-wannabes who would be quick to attempt “citizens arrests.” Anyone who doubts this scenario doesn't know, or simply ignores, American history. The “twist” would be that such groups would be confronted by roving bands of heavily armed Black folks. Imagine such scenes being played out across the country. Moreover, what would we do when there is an “active shooter” at a school? Rely on armed teachers? Armed parents who rush to the scene? And who's going to chase people who rob homes, stores or banks? Who's going to deal with drunk drivers? How would we determine “jurisdictions” for the “neighborhood watch”? To whom would they be accountable? Explain to me why “vigilante justice” — and the predictable retaliations — would not reign supreme. While I know that not every activist wants to completely disband the police, I am greatly concerned that not enough people who do have carefully thought through the implications. As a Black man, I am very wary of law enforcement's abuses with people who look like I do. (Marvin Gaye sang about “trigger happy policing” 50 years ago.) Knowing the 150-year-or-so history of police departments — especially how they were formed in the wake of slavery — is never far from my mind. Still, in the end, I'm a pragmatist. Those of us who understand how the political process works in America, as well as the history of civil rights legislation, tend to advise caution in proceeding without detailed planning. Outrage fuels us, but it's not a strategy. Memes inspire us, but they don't pass legislation. Bullet points provide clarity, but they're not a plan. There are no shortcuts to winning this war.

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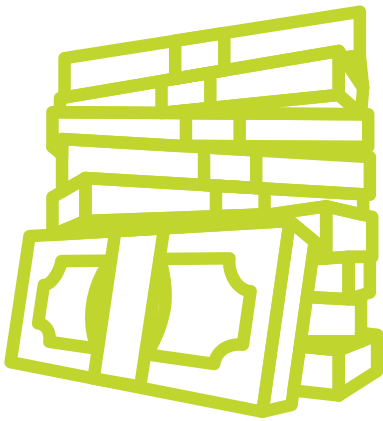
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‘We’re risking our lives’

By BREANNA COOPER
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Ahead of an afternoon sit-in at the Statehouse on June 6, a protester grabbed a megaphone and stood on a bench, overlooking a crowd of hundreds of people. Pulling down his face mask, he told the crowd of racial disparities in the fight against COVID-19, and why he — an African American man — was out protesting during a global pandemic.

“We’re risking our lives to be out here,” he told the crowd. “That’s how important this is.”

In Marion County, African Americans make up 28.3% of the population. However, 33% of COVID-19-related deaths in the county are Black people. While the exact reason COVID-19 is hitting the Black community in Indianapolis — and around the country — harder is still unknown, many people, including the city-county council in Proposal 182, cite inequities in health care as a factor.

Dr. Curtis Wright, president and CEO of Eskenazi Medical Group, said while there are ongoing studies looking to determine if there is a genetic factor at play, socioeconomic factors — such as employment and access to health care — provide a much clearer explanation for the disparities.

Regardless of why Black Hoosiers are more likely to die of COVID-19, one thing is clear: protesting in the middle of a pandemic is risky.

However, so is being Black, according to activist NiSean Jones.

“It all just goes to say that, as a Black person in America, I risk my life everyday, regardless of COVID-19,” Jones, 22, said. “I would rather risk my life and fight for something that I know will be beneficial in the long run during a pandemic than stay home because of a disease I can be treated for. You can’t treat yourself for racism. You just have to fight it on the front lines.”

Jones is a co-founder of the local group Black Out For Black Lives and has been out protesting and organizing for the past several weeks. Throughout the demonstrations people have been passing out masks and hand sanitizer, and on June 6, the Indiana State Department of Health offered free COVID-19 testing in the Statehouse parking lot.

“I’ve been out here all week,” said one woman waiting to be tested. “So, I figured I might as well get tested.”

Despite the precautions being taken by many protesters — wearing masks and washing their hands frequently — many involved in the protests are prepared to be blamed for any potential COVID-19 spikes that may arise in the future. Wright, however, thinks there’s more to a spike than a few weeks of



Protestors seated on the Statehouse lawn wore masks to help decrease the spread of COVID-19. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

protests.

“I think any activity that brings people in close proximity without the precaution measures puts people at risk for COVID-19,” Wright said. “I think that protest activities in general are in open air which we know has reduced transmission rates. ... Plenty of folks are also out, due to the reopening of businesses, socializing without masks on and not socially distancing.”

From Jones’ perspective, the fears these protests will result in a COVID-19 spike stem from an issue

with the protester’s message.

“People weren’t worried about a second wave when they reopened the economy to appease corporations,” Jones said. “So why are they worried about it when we’re being vocal about an assault on Black lives?”

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County Health Department Hosts Three COVID-19 Testing Sites

The Marion County Public Health Department is hosting three COVID-19 community testing sites offering free drive-through and walk-up testing in an area of the county most impacted by the virus.

The newest site for drive-through and walk-up testing for COVID-19 is in the parking lot east of the health department’s main building, 3838 N. Rural Street, available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Testing is also being offered on the west side at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 4400 W. 16th Street, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m.–7 p.m., and on the east side at Warren Central High School, 9500 E. 16th Street, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 a.m.–2 p.m.

“We are incredibly thankful for all the opportunities we have had with numerous community leaders across Marion County to provide COVID-19 testing for residents especially in areas that have been identified as having a greater risk of complications from the virus due to disparities in healthcare,” said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department.

The criteria for testing at these sites include those who are experiencing the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Chills
- Muscle pains
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste/smell

Testing is also for anyone in the following groups, with or without symptoms:

- Seniors over 65 years of age
- Those with weakened immune systems
- Frontline essential workers
- Those who have participated in local demonstrations
- Underlying health conditions

Residents with symptoms of COVID-19 or who meet other testing criteria can register by visiting

MarionHealth.org/indycovid. For more information, or to get assistance in registering, please call (317) 221-5515 or (317) 221-8967. All testing at these sites is by appointment only.

Keep Your Cool in Hot Weather

Summer and hot weather go together, so the Marion County Public Health Department offers a reminder to take steps and stay cool when temperatures rise.

The main things affecting the body’s ability to cool itself during extremely hot weather are:

- High humidity. When the humidity is high, sweat won’t evaporate as quickly, which keeps your body from releasing heat as fast as it may need to.
- Personal factors. Age, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug and alcohol use can play a role in whether a person can cool off enough in very hot weather.

Those who are at highest risk include people age 65 and older, children younger than two, and people with chronic diseases or mental illness. These vulnerable populations should be closely monitored in hot weather.

Ways to prevent illness or death from the heat include staying in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible and do not rely on a fan as a primary cooling device during an extreme heat event. Also, it’s recommended to drink more water than usual and not wait until you feel thirsty to get a drink.

Even young and healthy people can get sick from the heat if they participate in strenuous physical activities during hot weather. They should limit outdoor activity, especially midday when the sun is hottest, and wear and reapply sunscreen as indicated on the label.

Resources on staying health and safe in the hot weather are available at CDC.gov.

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Funeral services held for Mr. Indianapolis



Cathedral High School football players lined the driveway raising their arms in a show of respect as the funeral procession for Chris Beaty left Cathedral High School to go to Crown Hill Cemetery. Beaty was an alumnus of Cathedral High School and Indiana University.



Debra Cooper, Chris Beaty's mother, and Addison "AT" Simpson, one of Beaty's best friends, hold hands at the grave site.



Robert Woods, 2018 alumnus of Cathedral High School, leads the procession out of the school gym following the funeral mass.



Rhonda Cooper, Beaty's sister, delivered the second reading at the mass.



Pallbearers carry Beaty's casket to the burial plot.

Racially divisive symbol: What is the Meriwether Monument?

By **LINDSEY HODGES**
The Aiken Standard

NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C. (AP) — A century-old monument with a racially divisive inscription in downtown North Augusta will be the end point of a Black Lives Matter march planned for June 20.

While recent dialogue around race and reform has once again expanded to discussion around buildings, statues and even military bases named for Confederate figures, North Augusta is home to the Meriwether Monument — erected in 1916 — that honors a sole white man who died in the race-related Hamburg Massacre that claimed eight lives.

It stands atop a hill in Calhoun Park in downtown North Augusta and will be used as a symbol to illustrate racial injustice during a Black Lives Matter march. The march will begin at 5 p.m. at the North Augusta Municipal Building.

THE HAMBURG MASSACRE

The Hamburg Massacre took place 40 years before the monument was placed in North Augusta.

On the day of the massacre — July 8, 1876 — there was a dispute between white men and a Black militia. One white man, Thomas McKie Meriwether, was killed. Seven Black men were also killed: Allen Attaway, Jim Cook, Albert Myniart, Nelder Parker, Moses Parks, David Phillips and Hampton Stephens, according to a S.C. Historical Marker in North Augusta located

about a mile away from the Meriwether Monument.

The Black men were killed either trying to escape a barricaded warehouse, or they were executed after white people captured 25-30 Black people and executed four of them.

The text of the historical marker telling the story states “87 whites were charged in the massacre but were never tried for it.”

MERIWETHER MONUMENT AND LOCAL ACTION

The names of the seven Black men are nowhere around the Meriwether Monument, but they are memorialized around a mile away on a headstone located off Barton Road near the historic Society Building. The S.C. Historical Marker is located at the same site.

The monument in Calhoun Park was erected to honor the 23-year-old Meriwether, and uses racially divisive language. The monument states Meriwether, who is called a “young hero” on one side of the obelisk, “found forever the grateful (sic) remembrance of all who know high and generous service in the maintaining of those civic and social institutions which the men and women of his race had struggled through the centuries to establish in South Carolina.”

The words on the inscription were brought to the attention of North Augusta City Council in September 2017, when local journalist Kenton Makin called on government officials to remove the monument or denounce its

inscription for being racially divisive.

In November 2018, North Augusta Mayor Bob Pettit introduced the idea of using a design competition to create a similar sized structure to serve as a counterpoint to the Meriwether Monument, as well as an educational component.

A March 2019 resolution denounced the monument, stating it “contains text offensive to, and inconsistent with the beliefs of, current day North Augusta citizens.”

That resolution also formed a committee, chaired by Pettit and including eight members and one ex-officio member, tasked with developing a plan for future additions to Calhoun Park.

The committee has been meeting since; the last meeting took place in February.

Pettit said the COVID-19 pandemic caused the work of the committee to halt.

“The ideas expressed at (a) meeting with the leaders of First and Second Providence Baptist Churches caused some rethinking of the specifics the committee was thinking about. I’m hopeful to schedule a committee meeting soon,” Pettit wrote in a recent email.

Local historian Wayne O’Bryant, who has worked with the mayor regarding Hamburg and the monument before, mentioned there is a group working on coming up with something acceptable to place at the park. He said there have been some great ideas about something that will work.

He said the monument glorifies “the one white man that ended up getting

killed in something that was trying to overthrow black people’s rights.” He warned leaders years ago, he said, that the inscription on the monument would become more widely known and cause protests.

LOCAL PROTESTS

O’Bryant said what happened with George Floyd, a Black man killed after a police officer knelt on his neck for around nine minutes, is something he’s seen many times with his own eyes, but said right now is a chance to fix what is wrong and move on. Floyd’s death has sparked protests around the world calling for an end to police brutality.

A protest planned for June 20 in downtown North Augusta will begin at the North Augusta Municipal Building at 5 p.m. and end at Calhoun Park where the monument is located.

North Augusta City Council will vote on June 15 on a demonstration or parade permit for the march. Protests have already taken place in nearby Aiken and Augusta, and more are planned.

North Augusta march organizer Brandy Mitchell called the monument a “sore topic” in North Augusta, and said she does not believe the monument reflects the city.

“I feel that it’s best that the statue is removed from the center of our town,” Mitchell said.

North Augusta City Council, as part of the March 2019 resolution, has stated the monument should not be removed or altered.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

'Lord, get your kids!'

By RAE KARIM

A few years ago, I was in conversation with a sister and fellow ministry colleague about this thing called life. We talked of how people go about life in their own way, doing what they deem best for them. Sometimes what’s best for them, in their eyes, doesn’t always look and feel like the best for those around them. To this day, I remember her finishing words of that conversation, which I in turn interpreted as a prayer, “Lord, get your kids!”



It was a statement, a command, a desire for God to move. It also gave me a different perspective. I was reminded that all of us, even when we don’t act like it, are God’s children.

Today those words resonate with vigor, “Lord, get your kids!” This time around, I realize it’s not just for God to do the work. We, God’s kids, have a part to play. It’s not a part to play with and it’s not a part to be played part time. This is real, gritty, serious work. In the last few weeks we have seen God’s kids (at the least by way of creation) act in unimaginable ways. We have also seen God’s kids stand up and speak out against these acts. As a result, we have made waves that have led to

great change. We have also heard bandwagon apologies and seen bantering posts and changes in policy for the sake of particular winds of doctrine called the dollar and the decision. But we, God’s kids, who have been on the receiving end of these unimaginable acts and who have been able to intelligibly read between the lines of posts, policies and apologies are not backing down. We are not giving up or stepping back under the pretense of pacification. No ma’am! No sir! No way! No how! Not only do God’s kids have rights, but we also have responsibilities. The Message Bible (MSG) and The Living Bible (TLB) translations of Isaiah 62:6-7, respectively, give us insight and instruction on how to uphold

them. MSG — “I’ve posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem. Day and night they keep at it, praying, calling out, reminding God to remember. They are to give him no peace until he does what he said, until he makes Jerusalem famous as the City of Praise.” TLB — “O Jerusalem, I have set intercessors on your walls who shall cry to God all day and all night for the fulfillment of his promises. Take no rest, all you who pray, and give God no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes her respected and admired throughout the earth.” We are to continue to stand on the wall, calling out, praying, reminding God to remember day and night as protesters, prophets, pastors, prayer warriors, organizers, teachers, writers, creatives, business owners and the like. We are to give God no rest until our right to uncompromised provision and protection, uninhibited love and joy, and every other promise God made to us is fulfilled. We are in place: ready, willing and able to give God no rest until it happens. We are in place: ready, willing and able to take no rest until it happens ... until we, God’s kids, have our rights fully restored, not only for us, but for those who blazed trails before us and the legacy we now build for those to come. In the words of my sister and ministry colleague, “Lord, get your kids,” and to that I add, we won’t give you any rest until you do.

Rae Karim, formerly chapel director at Christian Theological Seminary, is now pastor at First Christian Church of Honolulu. She can be reached at pastoraefcc@gmail.com.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By WILSON CASEY

- 1 Is the book of Mark in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2 From Genesis 32, who was "greatly afraid and distressed" about a reunion with a brother he had wronged? Joseph, Jacob, Esau, Peter
- 3 In Numbers 20, who died on a mountaintop after being garment stripped? Moses, Abraham, Noah, Aaron
- 4 What city was beat down and sowed with salt? Shechem, Caesarea, Gaza, Berea
- 5 Who lost all his horse-drawn chariots in a sea? Ornan, Balaam, Pharaoh, Benaiah
- 6 Where did Abraham meet angels? River, Tent door, Juniper tree, Prison

ANSWERS:

- 1) New;
- 2) Jacob;
- 3) Aaron;
- 4) Shechem;
- 5) Pharaoh;
- 6) Tent door

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LGBT activists see hard work ahead despite Supreme Court win

By DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — LGBT-rights activists are elated by a major Supreme Court victory on job discrimination, and hope the decision will spur action against other biases faced by their community despite Trump administration efforts to slow or reverse advances.

In most states, it remains legal to discriminate against gay and transgender people in housing and public accommodations, leading activists noted. And they decried continuing violence and discrimination directed at transgender Americans, notably trans women of color.

The Trump administration has sharply restricted military service by transgender people and last week formally overturned Obama-era protections for transgender people against sex discrimination in health care. And there are pending lawsuits over transgender participation in school events.

“This is a landmark victory for legal equality, but unfortunately we have a lot of work still to do,” Alphonso David, president of the Human Rights Campaign, a national LGBT-rights organization, said of the Supreme Court ruling.

The high court decided 6-3 that the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 — by prohibiting workplace sex discrimination — protects gay, lesbian and transgender people from discrimination in employment. The opinion was written by Justice Neil Gorsuch, one of President Donald Trump’s two appointees to the court.

Even with the high court ruling, David said there’s a pressing need for enactment of the federal Equality Act, passed by the House of Representatives last year but stalled in the Senate. It would extend to all 50 states the comprehensive anti-bias protections already provided to LGBT people in 21 mostly Democratic-governed states — addressing such sectors as housing, public accommodations and public services.

That goal will be difficult to accomplish, David said, unless Trump is defeated in the November election and Democrats end Republican control of the Senate.

Former Vice President Joe Biden, Trump’s likely election opponent, hailed the Supreme Court ruling as “a momentous step forward for our country,” and said he looked forward to signing the Equality Act.

James Esseks, director of the American Civil Liberties Union’s LGBT and HIV Project, said the June 15 ruling — while momentous — was insufficient.

“There are important contexts where sex discrimination is still legal under federal law: businesses open to the public and recipients of federal grants, like soup kitchens and drug treatment programs,” he said.

“The Equality Act would plug those holes,” he added. “It would also update the range of businesses covered under the federal civil rights law so that forms of discrimination like racial profiling in stores and by ride-sharing services become illegal.”

Shannon Minter, one of the lawyers challenging Trump’s transgender/military policy, said the court’s decision will strengthen those challenges.

“This validates the rulings of four federal district courts that the military ban is impermissible sex discrimination,” said Minter, who is legal director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

Minter also depicted the court ruling as “an extremely forceful rebuke” to the administration’s efforts to justify stripping away health care protections for LGBT people under the Affordable Care Act.

Gorsuch, in his decision, noted that multiple LGBT-rights issues remain unresolved, such as pending



lawsuits over transgender athletes’ participation in school sporting events.

The U.S. Justice Department has intervened in a federal civil rights lawsuit seeking to block transgender athletes in Connecticut from competing alongside other girls in interscholastic sports. A statement signed by Attorney General William Barr argues against the inclusive policy of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

Courts also are dealing with cases about transgender students’ access to school bathrooms and locker rooms.

The court’s decision is unlikely to end longstanding disputes related to employers who have religious objections to employing LGBT people, although some leading religious conservatives voiced dismay at the majority opinion.

Travis Weber, vice president for public policy at the conservative Family Research Council, called the ruling “unfortunate” and said it could complicate the ability of faith-based organizations to defend certain policies in court.

“The Supreme Court has teed up years of social conflict,” said the National Association of Evangelicals. “The decision provides significant protections for LGBT people but leaves unanswered how the right for people and organizations to exercise their religion — to live according to their deeply held convictions — will be safeguarded.”

The federal Civil Rights Act provides exemptions for faith-based groups to use certain discriminatory employment practices that accord with their religious beliefs — for example, Catholic schools’ policies against hiring people who have a same-sex spouse. The high court’s ruling is likely to be cited in future litigation over the scope of those exemptions.

The court ruling came at a moment when many LGBT activists are aligning with the Black Lives Matter movement and other groups protesting police brutality and racial injustice. Major LGBT groups have been placing increased emphasis on the problems facing transgender women of color, who often encounter myriad forms of discrimination as well as violence.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, at least 14 transgender people have been killed in the U.S. so far this year, including two Black transgender women slain last week.

The Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund said it would swiftly make use of the court’s decision to bolster ongoing lawsuits in North Carolina and Georgia challenging government employers’ refusal to cover certain medical procedures for transgender people.

“Our work to eliminate structural discrimination and violence remains incomplete — most notably for the Black transgender women in our community,” said the fund’s executive director, Andy Marra.

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CASE NO. 49D04-2004-DN-014452
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ELOHOR ADUOMAYEBE
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And
RICHARD D'QUAN SCROGGINS
Respondent.
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW, Elohior Aduomayebe, ("Petitioner"), by counsel, Flora A. Owolabi, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:
1. That Elohior Aduomayebe, Petitioner is the Wife of Richard D' Quian Scroggins ("Respondent").
2. That the parties have been bona fide residents of the State of Indiana for more than the six (6) months and bona fide residents of Marion County for more than three (3) months immediately preceding the filing of the Verified Petition for Dissolution ("Petition").
3. That Respondent current address is 531 Brokenbow Trail, Apt 1404, Indianapolis, IN 46214.
4. That the parties were married on August 8, 2019 and separated on or around March 25, 2020.
5. There were no children born into the marriage.
6. That Wife is not now pregnant.
7. That there are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
8. That neither party is a member of the United States Military or otherwise incapacitated.
9. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Elohior Aduomayebe, prays that the Court grant her petition for final dissolution of the marriage.
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RICHARD D'QUAN SCROGGINS
Respondent.
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8. That neither party is a member of the United States Military or otherwise incapacitated.
9. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Elohior Aduomayebe, prays that the Court grant her petition for final dissolution of the marriage.
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STATE OF INDIANA
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CASE NO. 49D14-2005-DC-016858
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Petitioner/ Wife
And
EMMANUEL ADE SAMUEL
Respondent/Husband
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW, Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, ("Petitioner"), by counsel, Flora A. Owolabi, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:
1. That Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, Petitioner is the Wife of Emmanuel Ade Samuel ("Respondent").
2. That Petitioner had been a bona fide resident of the State of Indiana and of Marion County for more than six (6) months immediately preceding the filing of her Verified Petition for Dissolution ("Petition").
3. That Respondent has been unknown.
4. The parties were married on May 10, 2012 in Ikene, Ogun State, and separated on or around October, 2016.
5. There were three children born into this marriage namely, Daniel Oluwadamilare Samuel, male, born on July 16, 2014; male Deborah Fumilayo Samuel, female, born on 06/09/2015; and David Iteoluwa Sofola, male born on 08/28/2017.
6. That children currently resides with Mother at 7694 Wyckford Court, Indianapolis, IN 46214.
7. That it will be in the best interest of the minor children for the Mother to be awarded the sole custody of the minor children.
8. That Father's whereabouts are unknown and Petitioner has not seen or heard from him since August 2019.
9. That there are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
10. That Wife is not pregnant.
11. That neither party is a member of the Military or otherwise incapacitated.
12. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties. WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, prays that the Court grants her petition for the final dissolution of the marriage.
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
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IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
OLUBUKOLA BUNMI SOFOLA
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And
EMMANUEL ADE SAMUEL
Respondent/Husband
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW, Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, ("Petitioner"), by counsel, Flora A. Owolabi, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:
1. That Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, Petitioner is the Wife of Emmanuel Ade Samuel ("Respondent").
2. That Petitioner had been a bona fide resident of the State of Indiana and of Marion County for more than six (6) months immediately preceding the filing of her Verified Petition for Dissolution ("Petition").
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7. That it will be in the best interest of the minor children for the Mother to be awarded the sole custody of the minor children.
8. That Father's whereabouts are unknown and Petitioner has not seen or heard from him since August 2019.
9. That there are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
10. That Wife is not pregnant.
11. That neither party is a member of the Military or otherwise incapacitated.
12. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties. WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, prays that the Court grants her petition for the final dissolution of the marriage.
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF DELAWARE
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
JAY-AR-JIM MAGO CABASAG
Petitioner,
And
IVY TAOAO TAO RINO
Respondent.
IN THE DELAWARE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
SS: CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 180C2-2004-DN-000130
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW the Petitioner, Jay-Ar-Jim Mago Cabasag, ("Petitioner"), and by Counsel, Fatima A. Skimin would show the Court as follows:
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2. Petitioner's address is 2401 N Walnut Street, Apt. 14, Muncie, IN 47303. Petitioner has been a Delaware County resident for at least the past three months and an Indiana resident for at least the past six months.
3. Respondent resides at 7171 Sea Star Building, Najda Street Abu Dhabi, UAE.
4. Parties were married on or about May 01, 2018.
5. The parties have been living separated and apart for the past twenty-three (23) months.
6. There are no children born of this marriage.
7. There are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
8. That Respondent/Wife is not now pregnant.
9. Neither party is in active member of any branch of the United States Military.
10. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage.
WHEREFORE, Jay-Ar-Jim Mago Cabasag, prays that the Court grant my Petition for change of my name from LOUJIMA MITCHELL to TANYA SUZETTE JACKSON and that said Petition will be heard by the Court on September 22, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Any person has the right to appear at this hearing and to file an objection.
So Ordered: May 27, 2020
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Marion County Court
06/19/2020
06/26/2020
07/03/2020

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D04-2004-DN-014452
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
ELOHOR ADUOMAYEBE
Petitioner,
And
RICHARD D'QUAN SCROGGINS
Respondent.
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW, Elohior Aduomayebe, ("Petitioner"), by counsel, Flora A. Owolabi, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:
1. That Elohior Aduomayebe, Petitioner is the Wife of Richard D' Quian Scroggins ("Respondent").
2. That the parties have been bona fide residents of the State of Indiana for more than the six (6) months and bona fide residents of Marion County for more than three (3) months immediately preceding the filing of the Verified Petition for Dissolution ("Petition").
3. That Respondent current address is 531 Brokenbow Trail, Apt 1404, Indianapolis, IN 46214.
4. That the parties were married on August 8, 2019 and separated on or around March 25, 2020.
5. There were no children born into the marriage.
6. That Wife is not now pregnant.
7. That there are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
8. That neither party is a member of the United States Military or otherwise incapacitated.
9. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Elohior Aduomayebe, prays that the Court grant her petition for final dissolution of the marriage.
06/05/20
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06/19/20

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D04-2004-DN-014452
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
ELOHOR ADUOMAYEBE
Petitioner,
And
RICHARD D'QUAN SCROGGINS
Respondent.
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW, Elohior Aduomayebe, ("Petitioner"), by counsel, Flora A. Owolabi, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:
1. That Elohior Aduomayebe, Petitioner is the Wife of Richard D' Quian Scroggins ("Respondent").
2. That the parties have been bona fide residents of the State of Indiana for more than the six (6) months and bona fide residents of Marion County for more than three (3) months immediately preceding the filing of the Verified Petition for Dissolution ("Petition").
3. That Respondent current address is 531 Brokenbow Trail, Apt 1404, Indianapolis, IN 46214.
4. That the parties were married on August 8, 2019 and separated on or around March 25, 2020.
5. There were no children born into the marriage.
6. That Wife is not now pregnant.
7. That there are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
8. That neither party is a member of the United States Military or otherwise incapacitated.
9. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Elohior Aduomayebe, prays that the Court grant her petition for final dissolution of the marriage.
06/05/20
06/12/20
06/19/20

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2002-EU-008584
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEWEL SMITH, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that APRIL N. SMITH, was on April 16, 2020 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of JEWEL SMITH, deceased, who died on September 5, 2018. A11 persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 16, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
06/12/20
06/19/2020

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
MARION COUNTY SS:
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D14-2005-DC-016858
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
OLUBUKOLA BUNMI SOFOLA
Petitioner/ Wife
And
EMMANUEL ADE SAMUEL
Respondent/Husband
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW, Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, ("Petitioner"), by counsel, Flora A. Owolabi, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:
1. That Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, Petitioner is the Wife of Emmanuel Ade Samuel ("Respondent").
2. That Petitioner had been a bona fide resident of the State of Indiana and of Marion County for more than six (6) months immediately preceding the filing of her Verified Petition for Dissolution ("Petition").
3. That Respondent has been unknown.
4. The parties were married on May 10, 2012 in Ikene, Ogun State, and separated on or around October, 2016.
5. There were three children born into this marriage namely, Daniel Oluwadamilare Samuel, male, born on July 16, 2014; male Deborah Fumilayo Samuel, female, born on 06/09/2015; and David Iteoluwa Sofola, male born on 08/28/2017.
6. That children currently resides with Mother at 7694 Wyckford Court, Indianapolis, IN 46214.
7. That it will be in the best interest of the minor children for the Mother to be awarded the sole custody of the minor children.
8. That Father's whereabouts are unknown and Petitioner has not seen or heard from him since August 2019.
9. That there are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
10. That Wife is not pregnant.
11. That neither party is a member of the Military or otherwise incapacitated.
12. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties. WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Olubukola Bunmi Sofola, prays that the Court grants her petition for the final dissolution of the marriage.
06/05/20
06/12/20
06/19/20

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2004-EU-014977
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA C. GROTE, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE Superior Court of Marion County, Probate Division. Notice is hereby given that Jacob A. Lawrence was, on the 15th day of May, appointed personal representative of the estate of Rita C. Grote, deceased, who died on the 20th day of March, 2020.
A11 persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this May 15 day of 2020.
MARION COUNTY PROBATE COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
CLERK
Jacob A. Lawrence, #91751-49 EADS MURRAY & PULCONE, P.C. 9515 East 59th Street, suite B Indianapolis, IN 46216 (317) 536-2565
06/19/2020
06/26/2020
06/19/2020

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D04-2004-DN-000130
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW the Petitioner, Jay-Ar-Jim Mago Cabasag, ("Petitioner"), and by Counsel, Fatima A. Skimin would show the Court as follows:
1. Petitioner, Jay-Ar-Jim Mago Cabasag, is the husband of Ivy Taotao Rino, ("Respondent").
2. Petitioner's address is 2401 N Walnut Street, Apt. 14, Muncie, IN 47303. Petitioner has been a Delaware County resident for at least the past three months and an Indiana resident for at least the past six months.
3. Respondent resides at 7171 Sea Star Building, Najda Street Abu Dhabi, UAE.
4. Parties were married on or about May 01, 2018.
5. The parties have been living separated and apart for the past twenty-three (23) months.
6. There are no children born of this marriage.
7. There are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
8. That Respondent/Wife is not now pregnant.
9. Neither party is in active member of any branch of the United States Military.
10. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage.
WHEREFORE, Jay-Ar-Jim Mago Cabasag, prays that the Court grant my Petition for change of my name from LOUJIMA MITCHELL to TANYA SUZETTE JACKSON and that said Petition will be heard by the Court on September 22, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Any person has the right to appear at this hearing and to file an objection.
So Ordered: May 27, 2020
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Marion County Court
06/19/2020
06/26/2020
07/03/2020

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D04-2004-DN-014452
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
ELOHOR ADUOMAYEBE
Petitioner,
And
RICHARD D'QUAN SCROGGINS
Respondent.
VERIFIED PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
COMES NOW, Elohior Aduomayebe, ("Petitioner"), by counsel, Flora A. Owolabi, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and says:
1. That Elohior Aduomayebe, Petitioner is the Wife of Richard D' Quian Scroggins ("Respondent").
2. That the parties have been bona fide residents of the State of Indiana for more than the six (6) months and bona fide residents of Marion County for more than three (3) months immediately preceding the filing of the Verified Petition for Dissolution ("Petition").
3. That Respondent current address is 531 Brokenbow Trail, Apt 1404, Indianapolis, IN 46214.
4. That the parties were married on August 8, 2019 and separated on or around March 25, 2020.
5. There were no children born into the marriage.
6. That Wife is not now pregnant.
7. That there are no joint debts or assets between the parties.
8. That neither party is a member of the United States Military or otherwise incapacitated.
9. That there has been an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage of the parties WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Elohior Aduomayebe, prays that the Court grant her petition for final dissolution of the marriage.
06/05/20
06/12/20
06/19/20

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2002-EU-008584
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEWEL SMITH, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that APRIL N. SMITH, was on April 16, 2020 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of JEWEL SMITH, deceased, who died on September 5, 2018. A11 persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 16, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
06/12/20
06/19/2020

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2002-EU-008584
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEWEL SMITH, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that APRIL N. SMITH, was on April 16, 2020 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of JEWEL SMITH, deceased, who died on September 5, 2018. A11 persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 16, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
06/12/20
06/19/2020

DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2002-EU-008584
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEWEL SMITH, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that APRIL N. SMITH, was on April 16, 2020 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of JEWEL SMITH, deceased, who died on September 5, 2018. A11 persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 16, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
06/12/20
06/19/2020

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MATTER OF THE UN-
SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
ETTA J. SMITH, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
49D08-2006-EU-01 8370
In the matter of the Estate of Etta J. Smith, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Margaret L. Stewart was on June 8, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Etta J. Smith, deceased. Who died on the 17th day of May, 2020. A11 persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this June 8, 2020.
Myla Eldridge, Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County
Claire E. Lewis, 115 North Girls School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214, (317) 484-8115.
06/19/2020
06/26/2020

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
SS: PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA C. GROTE, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE Superior Court of Marion County, Probate Division. Notice is hereby given that Jacob A. Lawrence was, on the 15th day of May, appointed personal representative of the estate of Rita C. Grote, deceased, who died on the 20th day of March, 2020.
A11 persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this May 15 day of 2020.
MARION COUNTY PROBATE COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
CLERK
Jacob A. Lawrence, #91751-49 EADS MURRAY & PULCONE, P.C. 9515 East 59th Street, suite B Indianapolis, IN 46216 (317) 536-2565
06/19/2020
06/26/2020

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2004-EU-014977
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA C. GROTE, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE Superior Court of Marion County, Probate Division. Notice is hereby given that Jacob A. Lawrence was, on the 15th day of May, appointed personal representative of the estate of Rita C. Grote, deceased, who died on the 20th day of March, 2020.
A11 persons who have claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this _____ day of May, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Marion County Court
06/19/2020
06/26/2020

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2004-EU-014977
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA C. GROTE, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE Superior Court of Marion County, Probate Division. Notice is hereby given that Jacob A. Lawrence was, on the 15th day of May, appointed personal representative of the estate of Rita C. Grote, deceased, who died on the 20th day of March, 2020.
A11 persons who have claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this _____ day of May, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Marion County Court
06/19/2020
06/26/2020

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2006-EU-018129
IN THE MATTER OF THE UN-
SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JOAN D. SAUNDERS, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Carol J. Jarrell was on June 15, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Joan D. Saunders, deceased, who died on the 15th day of May, 2020. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this June 4, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
06/12/20
06/19/2020

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 49D08-2005-EU-017337
IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE UN-
SUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF GUY HALFAKER, DECEASED.
PETITION FOR
ISSUANCE OF LETTERS
FOR UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
Cathy Halfaker, Petitioner, an interested party being first duly sworn, states:
1. Decedent's Name, Date of Death, etc. Decedent, GUY HALFAKER, Age 63, died May 21, 2019.
2. The Decedent is believed to have died intestate without leaving a Last Will & Testament.
3. At the time of such death, the Decedent, GUY HALFAKER, was domiciled in Marion County, Indiana.
4. Heirs. The names, age, relationship to such Decedent and place of residence of each known heirs of the Decedent's estate are as follows:
Name Age Relationship Address
Cathy Halfaker Adult Wife 1419 Hoyt Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203
5. Solvency of Estate. It is believed by this Affiant that Decedent's estate is solvent.
6. Personal Representative. The name and mailing address of the person requesting to serve as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate is Cathy Halfaker, vss xxxxx-5349, glob 12/17/1938, 1419 Hoyt Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203. Said Cathy Halfaker is entitled to be appointed because she is most familiar with the financial and business affairs of said Decedent.
7. Creditors: The Clerk of the Court is requested to serve a copy of the Notice of Administration by ordinary mail upon the following creditors: none.
8. Probable Value of Estate: The probable value of the Decedent's property estate valued at approximately \$100,000.
9. Counsel for Personal Representative. The name, business address, Supreme Court Disciplinary number and telephone number of the counsel who will represent the personal representative of Decedent's estate is: Larry Pleasant, 7508 Madison Ave., Indianapolis,

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2005-JP-017190
IN RE THE PATERNITY OF:
ATENEYA MAYHUERE
MORALES
MARISOL F. MAYHUERE
MORALES,
Petitioner/Mother,
and
JOSE MANUEL SANCHEZ
GAMBOA,
Respondent/Father.

ORDER TO APPEAR
Comes now the Petitioner/
Mother, Marisol F. Mayhuere
Morales, having filed her
Verified Petition to Establish
Paternity and the Court hav-
ing read said motion and
being duly advised in the
premises now finds that said
Motion should be set for pre-
liminary hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE OR-
DERED, ADJUDGED, AND
DECREED that this matter
is set for August 14, 2020
at 9:00 a.m., 1 hour, Room
E156, (EF) an preliminary
hearing on (one hour allot-
ted).

All parties to appear in per-
son. Should the court deter-
mine the necessity to con-
duct this hearing remotely, IT
IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT
that due to the COVID-19
Emergency, and pursuant to
the authority granted under
Orders issued by the Inda-
na Supreme Court granting
emergency relief, the Court
mschudlesthse preliminary
hearing to be conducted via
video conference.

Counsel shall provide court
staff with their emails and
the email addresses of
their clients. After all email
addresses have been pro-
vided, the Court will issue
an email invitation for the
video conference to each
email address. The person
receiving the email should
click on accept, which will
set the event on the recipi-
ent's outlook calendar and
will also have the ability to
mute themselves when not
speaking/testifying to mini-
mize background noise.
No person participating in
the videoconference hear-
ing is permitted to record
the hearing by any means
except for the Court. The
Court will be recording the
audio of the hearing in the
same manner as in-court
hearings to maintain the re-
cord in this case.
For best results as to audio
and video quality, partici-
pants should utilize a lap top
computer for the hearing.
Videoconferences are "on-
the-record" court hearings.
All participants are expect-
ed to conduct themselves in
the same manner as if they
were present in the Court
room. Counsel shall ex-
change any exhibits within
48 hours of the hearing.
If video is unable to an in-
dividual user, call in infor-
mation will also be provided.
However, the Court Orders
participants to use video
when available.

Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
06/12/20
06/19/20
06/26/20

SUMMONS

MDK # 19-025877
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION CIVIL SU-
PERIOR COURT #3
SS:
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NO.
49D03-1908-MF-033059
The Bank of New York Mel-
lon 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 SUM-
MONS BY PUBLICATION**
TO: The Unknown heirs,
devises, legatees, ben-
eficiaries 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 undersigned
Plaintiff, by its attorney, El-
yssa M. Meade, has filed in
the office of the Clerk of the
Marion Civil Superior Court
#3 its Complaint against De-
fendant The Unknown heirs,
devises, legatees, ben-
eficiaries of Grace E. Haltom
and their unknown creditors;
and, the unknown executor,
administrator, or personal
representative of the Estate
of Grace E. Haltom, upon
that inquiry, the Court has
found that said cause of action
is for default on the promi-
sory note and to foreclose
a mortgage on the following
described real estate in Mar-
ion County, State of Indiana,
to wit:
Lot Numbered 120 in Pros-
pect 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, Indianapo-
lis, 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 Defen-
dant for the relief demanded
in the Complaint.

Dated _____, Clerk,
Marion Civil Superior Court
#3.
Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover
(28840-64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Nicholas M. Smith
(31800-15)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
MANLEY DEAS KOCHAL-
SKI LLC
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Indianapolis, IN 46244
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Email: self-ermeade@
manleydeas.com
06/12/2020
06/19/2020
06/26/2020

SUMMONS

SUMMONS – SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NO:
49D13-2006-MF-018439
WEI MORTGAGE, LLC
Plaintiff
-vs-
ESTATE OF LESTER CARL
DAVIS
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SUIT
To the defendants above
named, and any other per-
son who may be concerned,
You are notified that the Court
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 Number 71 in Ritter Park
Revised 2nd Section, an
addition to the City of India-
napolis, as per plat thereof
recorded in Plat Book 28,
pages 211 and 212, 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:
Estate of Lester Carl Davis
In addition, to the above-
named defendant being
served by this summons,
there may be other defen-
dants who have an interest in
this lawsuit.
An answer or other appro-
priate 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 2nd day of
August, 2020, (the same be-
ing 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 de-
manded.

Phillip A. Norman, P.C.
Phillip A. Norman 13734-64
Attorney for Plaintiff
2110 Calumet Ave
Valparaiso, IN 46383
(219) 462-5104
ATTEST
Clerk, Marion Superior Court
06/19/20
06/26/20

SUMMONS

SUMMONS – SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MARION SUPE-
RIOR COURT
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NO:
49D05-2005-MF-016233
DANCARE, 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 per-
son 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, Sec-
ond Section, an Addition in
Marion County, Indiana, as
per plat thereof, 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 defen-
dants who have an interest in
this lawsuit.
An answer or other appro-
priate 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.
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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ATTEST: 6/3/2020
Clerk, Marion Superior Court
06/12/2020
06/19/2020
06/26/2020

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
Claim 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
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06/12/20
06/19/20
06/26/20

SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
MARION COUNTY SS:
THE MARION CO.
SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO.
49D13-2004-MI-013438
SANDRA ESTRADA
Plaintiff,
v.
ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ-
RANGEL
Defendant.
SUMMONS – SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF SUIT
You are notified that you
have been sued in the Court
above-named and a hearing
will take place in Marion Co.
Superior Court. The nature
of the suit against you is a
Complaint for Adverse
Possession. This summons
by publication is specifically
directed to Alfonso Rodriguez-
Rangel, residence unknown.
You must answer the
Petition, in writing, by
you or your attorney, within
thirty (30) days after notice
of suit, and if you fail to
do so, a judgment will be
entered against you for what
the petition has demanded.
Petitioner's attorney is
Andrew G. Spear, 3300 N.
Pennsylvania St., Ste. 202,
Indianapolis, IN 46202.
Date: 4/8/2020
Myia A. Eldridge, Clerk
06/19/20
06/26/20
07/03/20

IT SEEMS TO ME

Personal reflections of the freedom movement then and now

By THOMAS L. BROWN

Fortunately, I grew up in that period when my father, Dr. Andrew J. Brown, had established a connection in 1956 with Dr. Martin L. King Jr. and the freedom movement. At that time I was 14 years old. The Montgomery Movement and Bus Boycott was live and was grabbing the attention of many in the USA. When my father invited King to Indianapolis, I was able to witness Kings’ presence at our house. I recall at that time he was a young man and my father was 33 years of age. Of course I was allowed to observe King’s presence and my dad’s interactions. As it was in those days, you could be seen but not heard around adults. Little do many know, King made additional visits to our home along with other freedom fighters. That history is another story that could be told.

During that time the “movement” was referred to as the freedom movement, not the Civil Rights Movement. Even when I joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), we referenced ourselves as freedom fighters. Even when SNCC and Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) began the bus demonstration, we referred to it as the freedom riders. My beginning with SNCC started in the late winter of 1962. I was assigned to Selma, Alabama, in 1963. As a SNCC field secretary, I had the responsibility of being an organizer in as related to nonviolent strategies and tactics for change in Dallas County where Selma was the county seat. It must be remembered: SNCC’s purpose was to bring “liberating change” to the Black community. We would emphasize a “freedom agenda” not a “civil rights agenda.” In the early ‘60s we referenced the activities as freedom initiatives. We sang freedom songs, and when it came time, we organized freedom demonstrations not “protest demonstrations.” That included lunch counter sit-ins and picketing encounters, which in all intentions, ended with violent reprisals by Sheriff Jim Clark and other law enforcers. Ultimately, many young

people would end up in jail where once again they sang their freedom songs.

As a field secretary of SNCC we did intensive nonviolent instruction for young people. Of course at that time nonvio- lence was the “mantra of the spirit of freedom” proclamation. Nonviolence action was our civil disobedience to the unjust “Rule of Law” in the South. Interestingly enough, when we demonstrated, we were arrested for “inciting a riot.” Instruc- tion on how to demonstrate was also part of the training. These organizing initiatives were very much ridiculed by many adults for the primary reason that these young stu- dents’ lives were on the line for destruction and/or jail time. However, these young people had an enthusiasm for free- dom. The term “justice” at that time did not have relevance. Why this was so, is another story to be told. I would just add, “justice” in the South for Blacks meant “stay in your place and be according to the ‘Rule of Law.’”

Today, the mantra is “No justice, no peace” and “Black Lives Matter.” In addition, the media on all fronts use the term “protests.” Does it have meaning? I would agree it has mean- ing, however there is that important application of “edu- cating our participants” on the various strategies of “direct action.”

The “Rule of Law” in our society and/or culture has its own ethics of violence. This is a fact of historical truths of the very founding of this nation. Conceptually, we use violence to bring peace, which is an illusion and an outright lie. Our nation’s justice is not peace it is oppression upon the poor and people of color. Peace, under the “Rule of Law” is oppression in the USA. Just maybe it is we need to reevaluate our “Rules of Law” with a need to change our laws that manifest equal- ity, not competition but cooperation. Before we get equality we must be free and cooperate in designing the “Rules of Law.” Here is my “mantra” for the protest: No new Rules of Law, no justice. No nonviolence, no peace. All Human Lives Matter.

Martindale-Brightwood library turns a new page

By BREANNA COOPER
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Opening up a library is stressful enough, but doing so in the midst of a global pandemic makes the process that much more difficult. Luckily, Nikki Johnson is up for the challenge.

Johnson, the branch manager for the soon-to-be open Martin- dale-Brightwood branch of the Indianapolis Public Library, has been working for months to pre- pare a long-term and short-term plan for how the library will op- erate during COVID-19 and in the future, as well as plan how work- ers will keep patrons and materi- als safe from COVID-19.

Johnson used guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Marion County Public Health Department to cre- ate spacing to accommodate social distancing in the library.

Following guidelines for all library branches, all material returned to the branch will be quarantined and disinfected to curb the spread of the virus. Fur- ther, Johnson said the branch will be opened at a limited capacity following its June 20 opening.

The library had been in the same space — the Brightwood Shopping Center — since 1972. The move wasn’t far, just across the street at 2434 N. Sherman Drive, easily accessible on foot or public trans- portation. And while COVID-19 has put a damper on large com- munity gatherings, Johnson and her staff are looking ahead on how to use the new 15,000-square-foot building.

“Right now, we’re keeping

VISIT THE LIBRARY!

The Martindale-Brightwood branch will open to the public June 20 and will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Materials will be avail- able for curbside pickup every day from noon to 5 p.m.

programs that we’ve historically provided and have modified them so they’re virtual or contact free,” Johnson said. “We look forward to starting our summer reading pro- gram once the restrictions have been lifted.”

Beyond books and program- ming, the Martindale-Brightwood branch provides neighborhood residents with resources to benefit them in their daily lives.

Amina Pierson, executive direc- tor of the Martindale-Brightwood Community Development Center, said the center has been using the library for years to help young adults find job opportunities. Now, she said, the capabilities of the branch to help residents has grown.

“The new library is part of the revitalization of Martindale- Brightwood,” Pierson said. “It’s a major gateway in the neigh- borhood, and it’s a place to go for people of all ages, and it’s modern- ized and revitalized.”

Johnson also sees the move as a chance to continue the library’s mission of serving the community.

“A community’s library is there to serve as the greatest asset to neighborhood resources and lifelong learning,” Johnson said. “We’re an advocate and a promot- er for all of those services.”

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Pike Township Fire Department is seeking qualified candidates to establish a Firefighter hiring list. Application period will run from now until July 3, 2020.



IPS held discussion roundtable about race

By MIKAILI AZZIZ

Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) on May 12 held a virtual racial discussion, “Let’s Talk: An Honest Conversation About Race,” which focused on how systemic racism affects students— inside and out- side of school.

Kristian Stricklen, IPS chief communications and engagement officer, was moderator. Panelists included IPS School Board of Commissioners Presi- dent Michael O’Connor, Vice President Evan Hawk- ins, Racial Equity Office Director Patricia Payne and Superintendent Aleesia Johnson.

The district’s racial equity initiative requires train- ing for all staff — “everybody who touches the life of a child: school bus drivers, food service people, etc.,” Payne said. The racial equity team’s vision is to es- tablish an IPS community where student outcomes cannot be predicted by race or ethnicity.

“It’s really crazy when you know who’s going to be at the bottom, even before the test is given. That’s what we’re working against,” Payne noted.

Johnson described COVID-19 as a blessing in dis- guise for the district as training virtually allows the district to reach a larger number of people at once than in-person training.

“I hope our community will respond to the pleas for justice with an affirmation that we are ready to engage so we can begin healing from our racist past, understand the impact it has had and continues to have on Black people and imagine a new future,” said Johnson. “Determining the best path forward will not be easy, but we will fail our children if we leave them a legacy of racism that we can begin undoing now.”

O’Connor said he is on a constant mission to “un- learn” his implicit bias as a white man.

“Even as enlightened as I like to think I am, I am a human being guilty of having learned a set of biases because of the system in which I was brought up,” O’Connor added. “All those systems were built to favor people like me. People who look like me call and say, ‘What should I be doing?’ The reality is, we know what we should be doing.”

Hawkins, who has felt isolation in the business world, shared his experiences as a Black man.

“To be a Black man in America means deal- ing with the microaggressions and the insensitive humor — the ‘Oh, we’re just joking. Don’t take it personal.’ It’s just downright exhausting.”

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Commissioner Rob Manfred says baseball season in jeopardy

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred says there might be no major league games this year after a breakdown in talks between teams and the players' union on how to split up money in a season delayed by the coronavirus pandemic.

The league also revealed several players on big league rosters have tested positive for COVID-19.

Two days after union head Tony Clark declared additional negotiations futile, Manfred reversed his position of last week when he said he was "100%" certain the 2020 season would start.

Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem sent a seven-page letter to players' association chief negotiator Bruce Meyer asking the union whether it will waive the threat of legal action and tell MLB to announce a spring training report date and a regular-season schedule.

These were just the latest escalating volleys in a sport viewing disagreements over starting the season as a preliminary battle ahead of bargaining to replace the labor contract that expires on Dec. 1, 2021.

"It's just a disaster for our game, absolutely no question about it," Manfred said during an appearance on ESPN. "It shouldn't be happening, and it's important that we find a way to get past it and get the game back on the field for the benefit of our fans."

Spring training was stopped because of the pandemic on March 12, two weeks before opening day, and the sides reached an agreement March 26 on how to revise their labor deal to account for the virus.

Since then, the hostility has escalated to 1990s levels as the sides exchanged offers. MLB claims teams can't afford to play without fans and pay the prorated salaries called for in the March deal, which included a provision for "good-faith" negotiations over the possibility of games in empty ballparks or neutral sites.

The proliferation of COVID-19 outbreaks around the country over the last week, and the fact that we already know of several 40-man roster players and staff who have tested positive, has increased the risks associated with commencing spring training in the next few weeks," Halem wrote in his letter to Meyer, which was obtained by the AP.

Halem sent Meyer a letter with a sarcastic tone Friday accompanying MLB's latest offer, and Meyer responded with a hostile timbre Saturday as the sides memorialized positions ahead of a possible grievance before the panel chaired by independent arbitrator Mark Irvings. Halem's letter Monday asked the union for many clarifications of its positions.

"I note that both the NBA and NHL, two leagues which you repeatedly reference in your letter, do not intend to resume play until about Aug. 1, and both intend to resume play at a limited number of sites with a quarantine approach," Halem wrote. "Please let us know the association's views on quarantining players in league-approved hotels (like the NBA's Disney World model) when they are not at the ball-

park if conditions worsen over the next few weeks."

Clark had issued a statement Saturday that told MLB: "It's time to get back to work. Tell us when and where." The union then said it might file a grievance seeking additional economic documents and money damages that could total \$1 billion or more.

"Players are disgusted that after Rob Manfred unequivocally told players and fans that there would '100%' be a 2020 season, he has decided to go back on his word and is now threatening to cancel the entire season," Clark said in a statement June 15.

"This latest threat is just one more indication that Major League Baseball has been negotiating in bad faith since the beginning," Clark added. "This has always been about extracting additional pay cuts from

"Rob Manfred and the owners are walking back on their word...AGAIN," tweeted Washington pitcher Max Scherzer, a member of the union's eight-man executive subcommittee. "The fans do not deserve this. So I'll say it one more time, tell us when and where."

MLB has made three economic offers, the last offering to guarantee players 70% of their salaries as part a 72-game schedule beginning July 14 and increasing the total to 80% if the postseason is completed.

Players previously offered two proposals, holding their position that no additional pay cuts were acceptable beyond the prorated salaries for 2020 that they had agreed to in March. That deal called for \$170 million in salary advances and a guarantee of service time credit if no games are played this year.

Manfred had threatened a shorter schedule, perhaps of about 50 games. The union could respond by filing a grievance, arguing players should be paid for the season of 119 games they initially proposed. The union's first plan would result in salaries of nearly \$3 billion.

Players are angry following five years of flat salaries, a lost grievance claiming the Chicago Cubs manipulated the service time of star third baseman Kris Bryant in violation of the labor contract and allegations several teams did not properly use revenue sharing proceeds, which the union called "tanking."

Players hope to see documents detailing regional sports networks' agreements with teams, financial interests of MLB owners in RSNs and real estate ventures adjacent to ballparks, plus MLB affiliated companies such as the MLB Network, MLB Advanced Media and BAM Tech. During a grievance, they would ask Irvings to order document production.

In their March agreement, the sides vowed to "work in good faith to as soon as is practicable commence, play, and complete the fullest 2020 championship season and post-season that is economically feasible, consistent with" a series of provisions.

Absent Manfred's consent, the agreement said, the season would not begin unless there were no travel restrictions in the U.S. and Canada impacting play, no restrictions on mass gatherings at all 30 regular-season ballparks and no health or safety risks in playing in front of fans at the regular stadiums. But it also provided that the sides "will discuss in good faith the economic feasibility of playing games in the absence of spectators or at appropriate substitute neutral sites."

MLB told the union it would lose an additional \$640,000 for each regular-season game played with no gate revenue and does not want to extend the regular season past Sept. 27 because it fears a second wave of the coronavirus could endanger the postseason, when \$787 million of broadcast revenue is earned.



players and this is just another day and another bad faith tactic in their ongoing campaign."

Manfred said ahead of last week's amateur draft that the chance of a season was "100%."

He reversed his position June 15.

"I'm not confident. I think there's real risk; and as long as there's no dialogue, that real risk is going to continue," Manfred said on ESPN. "The owners are 100% committed to getting baseball back on the field. Unfortunately, I can't tell you that I'm 100% certain that's going to happen."

Players think Manfred is delaying to shorten the schedule — and their pay.

"So, Rob, explain to us how you can be 100% sure that there's going to be baseball but not confident there will be baseball at the same time?" Cincinnati pitcher Trevor Bauer tweeted. "The tactic is to bluff with 'no season' again and delay another 2-3 weeks."

Halem asked the union for written permission to go ahead with the season.

SPORTS QUIZ

By RYAN A. BERENZ

1 In 1982, the California Angels retired No. 26 in honor of the Major League Baseball franchise's first owner. Who was he?

2 In Super Bowl XXVII, the Dallas Cowboys' Leon Lett was enroute to a fumble return touchdown, but he had the ball swatted away before he crossed the goal line, resulting in a touchback. What speedy Buffalo Bills receiver forced Lett's fumble?

3 In the final round of the 1995 Open Championship, what Italian golfer sunk a 60-foot putt on the 18th hole to force a playoff with eventual winner John Daly?

4 In what team sport would you find two "bails" balanced atop three stumps?

5 How many home runs did Jose Canseco's identical twin brother, Ozzie, hit during his 24 Major League Baseball game appearances?

6 Syracuse University basketball stand-out Rony Seikaly was the first draft pick ever selected by what NBA expansion team in 1988?

7 In 1999, the New Orleans Saints traded eight draft picks to the Washington Redskins in order to select what Heisman Trophy winner from the University of Texas?

ANSWERS

1. Gene Autry.
2. Don Beebe.
3. Costantino Rocca.
4. Cricket.
5. Zero.
6. The Miami Heat.
7. Ricky Williams.

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