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Archive: Voting should not be taken for granted

By BRANDON A. PERRY

If you are registered to vote, then you have unspeakable power — the power to transform your city, our state and our nation.

On Nov. 6, voters will have an opportunity to decide who will be president of the United States, governor of Indiana and the occupants of other important state and local offices that have an impact on our lives everyday.

Local community and civil rights groups strongly encourage voters to get involved during this election.

“There is a lot at stake,” said Chrystal Ratcliffe, president of the Greater Indianapolis Branch of the NAACP. “Now more than ever, it is important that people get out and exercise their right to vote.”

Throughout the year the NAACP has conducted voter awareness and registration drives, while also listening to the concerns of residents. Ratcliffe said there is a serious need to elect individuals who will help find solutions related to issues such as economic development, criminal justice, education, and civil rights and voting rights.

“We also need to look at health care, because we have so many people who are still without it, including students and children,” Ratcliffe said. “When you look at economic development and health care, they are tied together.”

Joe Slash, president of the Indianapolis Urban League, noted that every vote is needed because some candidates are in very close campaigns that might be decided by a small number of votes.

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Suicide Awareness Week and the Black community

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Suicide Awareness Week, which began Sept. 6, aims to erase the stigma surrounding mental health issues and suicide. For African Americans — who are more likely to have mental health issues and less likely to receive care — the need is greater.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, Black adults are 20% more likely to report serious psychological distress than white adults, largely due to the psychological stresses created by systemic racism. The American Psychological Association in 2019 found that viral videos of police killings and violence against African Americans can produce trauma symptoms, including those of post traumatic

stress disorder, in Black people.

However, according to Dr. Carrie Dixon of the Indiana Association of Black Psychologists, current events are rarely brought up in therapy sessions, potentially leaving the root causes of someone’s mental health struggles out of the conversation.

“Therapists are not likely to ask

you about any type of current events that are taking place,” Dixon said.

“So, if you’re Black and your neighbor or cousin has been killed by a white policeman and that is contributing to your depression, you may not realize that it’s a contributing factor, and you may not bring it up

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Dig Indy project could bring jobs, cleaner communities to Indianapolis

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Working with sewage isn’t glamorous, but the workers at Citizen Energy’s Dig Indy project may make Indianapolis a cleaner — and more prosperous — place to live.

Right now, thanks to an outdated system, heavy rainfall can lead to sewage in Indianapolis being released back out into neighborhoods before it reaches a sewage treatment facility. This combined

sewage overflow, which happens in predominately Black and brown communities, can lead to health problems such as E. Coli and salmonella. In Indianapolis, the current sewer system can overflow over 60 times a year.

Mike Miller, construction manager for the \$2 billion Dig Indy project, said after the project is completed in 2025, 95% to 99% of combined sewage will be prevented from entering local waterways. The

project, which began in 2012 in compliance with the federal Clean Water Act, consists of six rock tunnels 250 feet underground stretching for 28 miles.

“The tunnels collect sewage at discreet points,” Miller said. “It goes into small brick enclosures and those are basically big storage tanks ... so when it rains, the sewage will go into a tunnel and wait until the rain is done to prevent it from going into the river.”

So far, Miller said the project has collected over 2 billion gallons of sewage.

“These waterways are parts of much larger systems,” Miller said. “It also benefits our friends to the north and south. ... Our combined sewage won’t be impacting our downstream neighbors.”

Dan Considine, director of corporate communications for Citizen’s Energy, knows firsthand the impact cleaner water can have on a community. Growing up in Chicago, Considine remembers seeing signs warning against fishing in the open water, or children playing in the creek — which he described as basically an open sewer — due to sewage overflow.



A tunnel boring machine 250 feet underground. (Photo provided)

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Ex-cop who shot Black man reaches plea on unrelated charge

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A white former South Bend police officer whose fatal shooting of a Black man last year roiled then-Mayor Pete Buttigieg’s presidential campaign has agreed to plead guilty to a felony charge stemming from an alleged on-duty sexual encounter he had a month before that shooting.

A plea agreement filed Sept. 2 calls for Ryan O’Neill to plead guilty to a ghost employment count, while prosecutors would drop a felony charge of official misconduct and a misdemeanor public indecency charge, the South Bend Tribune reported.

A probable cause affidavit filed in March with the sex-



Ryan O’Neill

ual-encounter charges states that O’Neill was in his police cruiser, in uniform, on May 16, 2019, when he pulled up next to a woman and solicited her for a sex act. O’Neill paid her \$20 before that sex act, it states.

A special prosecutor filed those charges against O’Neill, 44, in March after

finding that he was justified in the unrelated fatal June 16, 2019, shooting of Eric Logan. O’Neill had said he shot Logan, 54, after he refused his orders to drop a knife while O’Neill was investigating a report of a person breaking into cars.

The special prosecutor, Ric Hertel, said during a March news conference that evidence showed Logan approached O’Neill with a knife and the officer feared for his safety when he fired two shots, one of which struck Logan in the upper abdomen.

O’Neill resigned weeks after the shooting. The fallout from Logan’s killing presented Buttigieg with some of the toughest moments of his bid to win the Democratic

nomination for president.

Buttigieg, who ended his presidential campaign in March, stepped away from the campaign trail and faced angry residents at an emotional town hall in South Bend, a city of about 100,000 residents, a quarter of whom are Black.

A federal lawsuit that Logan’s family filed against O’Neill and the city of South Bend accusing O’Neill of using excessive deadly force is pending.

O’Neill was scheduled to appear Sept. 8 before a St. Joseph Superior Court judge on his plea agreement, which calls for him to serve no jail time and serve two years of probation, although that probation could end early with no violations. He

would also agree not to seek or accept any public employment, including as a police officer.

If the judge rejects the plea deal, the case would proceed to trial, according to court documents.

That affidavit filed in March regarding the sexual-encounter charges states that O’Neill faces a ghost employment charge along with the two other counts but does not elaborate. Instead, it cites Indiana’s ghost employment statute, which includes among its descriptions of ghost employment a public employee who accepts property from a government entity for “duties not related” to their job.



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Sit-in on Indiana Avenue

About 75 people gathered on Indiana Avenue near the “Black Lives Matter” mural for a sit-in Sept. 5. Organizers called for transparency from Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and reminded those in attendance why Indiana Avenue is important to Black life in Indianapolis.

Above: Most people sat in the shade along the sidewalk while a DJ played music and organizers spoke. (Photos/Tyler Fenwick)



Rep. André Carson raised a fist while listening to speakers.



Tyshara Loynes, who helped organize the sit-in, spoke about the historical significance of Indiana Avenue.

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Once Chicago updated its sewer system, however, Considine recalls an increase in jobs and recreation along the water, which helped to boost the local economy. “In the 1990s when they began to build the tunnels and after 25 years, the rivers and streams in the Chicago area have really been reformed,” Considine said. “... If you go to the Chicago River today, you can catch bluegill and bass, and Lake Michigan has benefited immensely. There have been tremendous quality of life improvements, and what used to be old factories and warehouses that closed in the ‘70s and ‘80s are now houses and businesses because the water is clean again. We could see that in Indianapolis.”

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EXHALE app aims to help women of color

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Katara McCarty has been using meditational apps to focus on her emotional and mental well-being for years. However, as a Black woman, she’s never felt represented in any of them, so she decided to make her own.

The EXHALE app, now available for Apple and Android phones, specifically addresses the needs and traumas of Black, Indigenous and Women of Color (BIWOC). McCarty, a 47-year-old life coach, came up with the idea while sheltering in place and reflecting on the stress and trauma stemming from systemic racism. “We [BIWOC] are the most marginalized people in our society,” McCarty said. “The idea came to me in April, and it came out of grief, out of a real heaviness for my community. So I just went to work ... and I really felt like the plan was divine. It felt like it was about more than myself.” Along with her husband and two daughters, McCarty created the app using a platform that didn’t require knowing code, and despite long nights of recording meditations and learning about various breathing techniques, McCarty said it never truly felt like work. Instead, it felt like healing. “I learned that there is even more in me than I knew,” McCarty said. “ ... The more I leaned into meditations and breath work, and diving into the technical parts of creating an app ... I was like ‘Girl! You just put out an app!’ It was beautiful to see there was so much more in there, in myself. It’s a reminder that there’s space in me, there’s resources and there’s greater potential.” McCarty understands the specific trauma that

Practice mindfulness and meditation!

EXHALE is currently available for free in the Apple Store for iPhones and Google Play store for Androids.

Black women face in the United States. Born to a white mother and Black father, McCarty was abandoned by her mother at a hospital in Kokomo. She and another Black girl were adopted by a Black woman. McCarty recalls feeling too white for Black spaces and too Black for white spaces. It wasn’t until becoming a mother at 19 and leaving an abusive relationship that McCarty began unpacking years of repressed trauma. “I knew there were some things that I was holding in my heart and mind for a long time that were not allowing me to show up fully, and I could feel that I was shrinking parts of me,” McCarty said. “My two girls are so inspiring. They make me want to be better and do better.” McCarty began seeing a life coach — a friend from her church — and eventually became a coach herself. She started seeing a therapist, something many Black women don’t do. According to Johns Hopkins University, Black women suffering from mental health issues are half as likely to seek help than white women. A big reason for that, McCarty said, is a lack of representation and cultural understanding in the mental health community. This ultimately led to the creation of EXHALE. “There has to be representation,” McCarty said. “This is why I created the app. You cannot look at a Black woman as a white person leading a rehabilitation facility or group, without having blind spots. You have to be able to see all of her, which includes her Blackness. If those specific needs aren’t addressed or brought up, people of color are going to leave those environments.”

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SPOTLIGHT

Podcast club explores ‘whiteness’

By STAFF

A new podcast club explores how “whiteness” and the concept of race have shaped American history.

The club, hosted by Leadership Indianapolis, began in early September but runs through October. There are eight virtual gatherings in total.

Each week, participants will listen to segments of the podcast “Seeing White,” produced by Scene on Radio, and discuss issues covered in the podcast. The club meets 5:30-7 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 22. Register at leadershipindianapolis.org.

Registration is \$25, which allows Leadership Indianapolis to compensate staff for their time and expertise. If cost is an issue, contact Kelly Doucet at kdoucet@leadershipindianapolis.com.

The organization chose “Seeing White” because, as civil rights leader Rev. William J. Barber II said, racism is America’s original sin. The COVID-19 pandemic, along with nationwide protests and unrest, have prompted many to start digging deeper into issues concerning race.

“This series provides an opportunity to learn



about how and why specific events unfolded in history, better understand the experiences of others, and come together to discuss these complicated issues with people outside of our most direct social spheres,” Leadership Indianapolis wrote on its website.

“Seeing White” is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and other podcast platforms.

Join the podcast club

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Death of Chadwick Boseman puts focus on colon cancer and African Americans

By Lauren Victoria Burke
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The death of actor Chadwick Boseman from colon cancer at age 43 has brought new attention on the disease and how it disproportionately impacts African Americans.

Boseman was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer at 38. It later advanced to stage 4. Boseman was filming movies that included completing his own stunts while undergoing cancer treatment that included chemotherapy. The actor died on Aug. 30. His death caught many who worked closely with him by surprise.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in both men and women in America. It is the second most common cause of death related to the disease. African Americans are disproportionately impacted with a 20% greater rate than whites and an even greater degree of mortality.

Every year on average 140,000 Americans are diagnosed with colon cancer with about 50,000 succumbing to the disease. For African Americans the death rates are higher. Diets high in animal fat and low in fiber are associated with the development of colon cancer. Cigarette smoking, obesity, lack of exercise and vitamins C and E deficiency are also contributing factors tied to colon cancer.

Dr. Wayne Frederick, who is the president of Howard University and a medical doctor, where Boseman graduated in 2000, commented on Boseman’s trip to Howard University’s commencement in 2018 as the featured graduation speaker. Frederick focused on the importance of knowing what one’s family history is and knowing what close



relatives died of. He instructed that if you’re unclear how a close relative died you should investigate and find out.

“When I was in medical school, we got screening guidelines that it should start at 50. What we are seeing now is individuals getting colon cancer now is much younger. It is something for us to watch,” said Frederick on Roland Martin Unfiltered on Aug. 31. Martin broadcast a two-hour tribute in honor of Boseman on his daily show.

“African Americans are much less likely to get the generic screening,” he added. Frederick also mentioned that popular historian Dr. Ibram X. Kendi was diagnosed with colon cancer at 36.

In January 2018, Kendi learned he had colon cancer after a colonoscopy. Though the cancer spread to his liver, further tests revealed that Kendi was cancer free after six months of chemotherapy and surgery. In January 2019, Kendi wrote

“What I Learned From Cancer” in The Atlantic. Kendi was trying to complete another epic work, “How to Be an Antiracist,” as he was being treated for colon cancer.

“In the hours of each day when I managed to submerge myself inside the writing zone, the metastatic cancer was an afterthought. The symptoms from the six months of chemotherapy, from January to June last year, were an afterthought: my marathons of tiredness, the bubbling nausea, my hands and feet tingling and darkening and drying and blistering, making them unusable at times,” Kendi wrote regarding this cancer battle.

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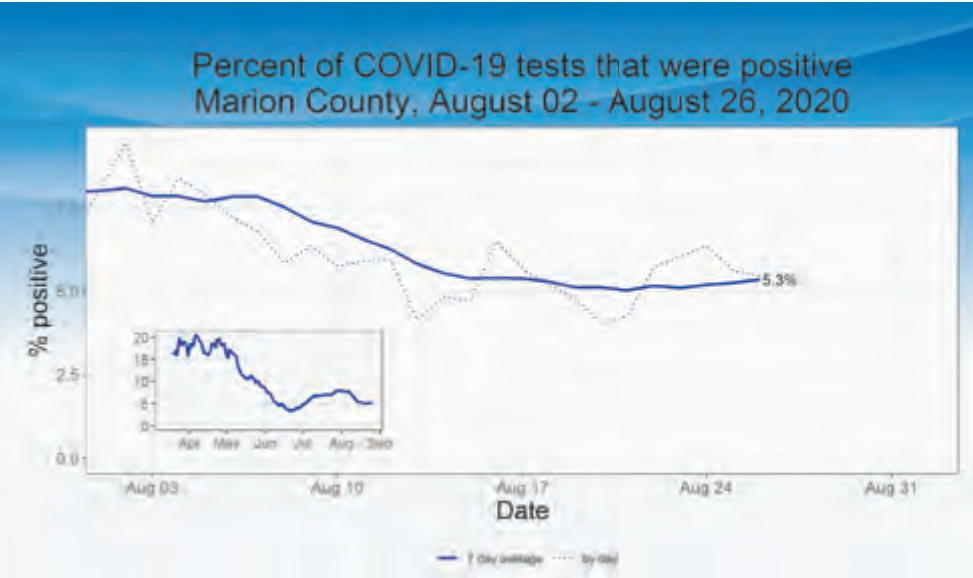
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Bars, nightclubs can reopen at 25% capacity



The percentage of COVID-19 tests that came back positive in Marion County declined throughout August, which is one of the reasons officials relaxed some of the health restrictions.

By TYLER FENWICK
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Marion County bars and nightclubs were allowed to reopen at 25% capacity on Sept. 8, but all other health restrictions remained unchanged. Mayor Joe Hogsett made the announcement during a COVID-19 update Sept. 3.

Bars and nightclubs can have outdoor seating at 50% capacity. Dancing and live entertainment aren't allowed, and bar seating is still closed. Bars and nightclubs should close at midnight, and customers must stay seated at tables and must wear a mask when walking around.

Hogsett said Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Health Department, will "go full 'Footloose' on your business if you're operating as a dance club."

Caine said three violations for bars and nightclubs will lead to closure for a minimum of 30 days.

City officials have cited bars and nightclubs as consistent sources of problems related to social distancing and wearing masks, and they were ordered to close for a second time July 24. Caine said the reason bars and nightclubs have to close at midnight is because many of the health complaints came after then.

Hogsett and Caine credited Marion County residents for improved trends in daily case counts and other metrics. Hospital admissions for COVID-19, for example, are down to about 14 per day

now, compared to more than 20 on some days in early August.

"This progress does not mean it's time to relax," Caine said.

The county mask mandate is still in place. Restrictions that still stand from the last public health order in July include a limit of 50 people for social gatherings and a 50% capacity cap for indoor religious services.

Bars and nightclubs being allowed to partially reopen the day after Labor Day was reminiscent of when the county eased restrictions before Fourth of July weekend, when cases began to spike again.

Aside from an improvement in hospitalizations, Marion County has seen fewer new cases per day and emergency room visits for COVID-19 symptoms. Cases per 100,000 people has been steady at about 13 since early August, and the number of deaths related to COVID-19 has hovered around one per day.

Caine said the county is also doing an adequate number of tests per day to get a large enough sample.

As has been the case in recent months, it is increasingly younger people who make up most of the cases. Those below 40 represented just over a fourth of cases in March but now account for about 60% of cases.

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Honors keep coming for Maurice Broaddus

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Maurice Broaddus continued racking up the honors recently when he was announced as one of the winners of the 2020 Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards.

His book, "Pimp My Airship," won in the Genre category. There were eight winners in all, ranging from drama to nonfiction.

Broaddus has had a good run this summer, including an announcement from AMC Networks that it will adapt his novella, "Sorcerers," into a TV series. Plus, HarperCollins recently published the paperback edition of his 2019 young adult novel, "The Usual Suspects."

But the Indiana Authors Awards is a special one.

"It's been on my radar probably for as long as I've been publishing books," Broaddus said.

Winners receive \$5,000 and an opportunity to make a \$500 donation to an Indiana library of their choice.

Broaddus, a middle school teacher at The Oaks Academy, said he has several speaking invitations from middle schools in his inbox right now. It's part of what comes along with a string of honors, and Broaddus sees it as an opportunity to fulfill part of his mission as a writer: being active in his community.

It doesn't make authors like Broaddus a liar when he says he doesn't write for the fame or recognition. Awards equate to credibility, and authors — plus actors, athletes, politicians and so on — can choose what to do with that.

"Pimp My Airship," published in 2019, follows a spoken word poet called Sleepy, who, along with finding himself on the wrong side of the authorities in this sci-fi Indianapolis landscape, is learning how to use his gifts for good.

The book is in the steampunk genre,



Maurice Broaddus, one of eight Indiana Authors Awards winners. (Photo/WildStyle Da Producer)

which incorporates advanced technology in a Victorian-era setting. That's code for "we're gonna exclude Black people as much as possible," Broaddus said, so he wanted to revisit the city's racial history, including the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and redlining.

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Other Indiana Authors Awards winners:

- Phillip Hoose (children's) for "Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team that Awakened a City"
- James Still (drama) for "The Jack Plays"
- Melissa Stephenson (emerging) for "Driven: A White-Knuckled Ride to Heartbreak and Back"
- Chris White (fiction) for "The Life of Adrian Mandrick"
- Ross Gay (nonfiction) for "The Book of Delights"
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Surge Academy fellows hope to push, develop each other

By TYLER FENWICK
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Evan Taylor had heard good things about Surge Academy from colleagues in other cities and figured he should give it a shot too when the fellowship for education leaders of color decided to come to Indianapolis this year.

The 16 Surge Academy fellows begin meeting this month and will continue through March 2021. They'll bounce ideas off each other, learn from one another and develop executive skills such as finance, strategic planning and change management.

Surge Academy is part of Surge Institute and is now in four cities. The fellowship program came to Indianapolis through a partnership with The Mind Trust.

That's another reason Taylor was interested in applying. He's a district math coach for Indianapolis Public Schools and believes in the traditional public school model through and through.

The Mind Trust has been an education reform leader in Indianapolis, advocating for mayor-sponsored charter schools and Innovation Network Schools, which are operated by outside organizations that partner with IPS.

The Mind Trust said in a press release its support of Surge Academy is an organizational commitment to address racial equity. Kateri Whitley, director of



India Hui, executive director at Thrival Indy Academy



Evan Taylor, district math coach for Indianapolis Public Schools

communications, said The Mind Trust did not play a role in selecting the fellows.

Taylor hopes to learn how to better advocate for traditional public schools. Charter school leaders often pitch their schools as a place where Black students can thrive through a more autonomous learning environment. Taylor doesn't see the school reform movement as an evil, black-and-white issue but still feels conflicted about charter schools' place in the education of Black children.

"We still have a civic and moral responsibility to make good on the promise of quality education," he said.

Noemi Cortes, program director for Surge Academy, said the program leaves outcomes to participants, but it doesn't have to be focused on education. Participants can fill a void in their communities. A fellow in Chicago became the city's first chief equity officer, for example, while a fellow in Kansas City started a coffee shop in her neighborhood.

Fellows will meet once a month (mostly virtual) for a "pretty intense day," Cortes said.

"One of our biggest hopes in working together is that through this program people are actually able to fellowship — literally be able to develop a sense of community with each other — and then disrupt these silos we tend to have in education," she said.

That's part of what India Hui is looking forward to. Hui is the executive director at Thrival Indy Academy and offers plenty of professional development for her staff, but it's rare to have that opportunity for herself.

Local leaders of color know each other well enough, Hui said, but this will be a new context to learn from each other and help each other grow.

"We've not been able to work in a space where we're challenging one another and pursuing dreams," she said.

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in therapy."

While Dixon believes questions related to racial trauma should be standard for all therapists, she said Black psychologists and psychiatrists are more likely to bring up the issue than white doctors, which is why the need for representation, she said, is so great.

"There has to be more of an insistence from the community as a whole for greater representation," Dixon said.

According to Mental Health America, a nonprofit mental health advocacy group, 58.2% of African Americans living with a mental health issue in 2018 did not receive treatment. Dixon said a lack of representation, inaccessibility to health care and historical practices of doctors using Black patients as "guinea pigs" lead to African Americans in need of mental health care not receiving it.

Dixon said increasing represen-

tation will not only make Black patients feel safer and increase the likelihood they will seek help, but it would also prevent incorrect diagnoses.

"[Symptoms of mental health issues] are going to be interpreted differently depending on who is doing the interpretation," Dixon said. "So, if I as a Black therapist am asking a Black client questions from a standardized test, I might have to go off the script a bit to talk about connection with family and systemic racism issues and what impact that is having on the client."

Dixon said if a white therapist is unaware of cultural differences and doesn't understand the significant impact structural racism can have on someone's mental health, they are more likely to diagnose a Black patient with a severe illness and prescribe them stronger, "more toxic" medication.

Mental Health America found African Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with schizophrenia and are less often diagnosed with mood disorders compared to white people with the same symptoms.

According to Dr. Dorothy Simpson-Taylor, a member of the Indiana Association of Black Psychologists, 132 Americans die by suicide each day — 1 attempt every 28 seconds. Within the African American community, suicide is the third leading cause of death in males ages 15 to 24.

And while, according to Mental Health America, Black people are less likely than whites to die from suicide, Black teenagers are over 5% more likely to attempt suicide than white teenagers.

By reducing the stigma surrounding mental health and making mental health care more accessible and representative of the community, Dixon said we may be able to reverse

some of the problems the Black community faces today in terms of mental health care.

"Historically, African Americans have been reluctant to seek mental health treatment and medical treatment because of mistrust and mistreatment," Dixon said, citing experiments on enslaved individuals and a lack of empathy toward Black patients from white doctors. "... We get the point with COVID. We have a disproportionately higher number of Black folks contracting and dying from COVID because of our health problems being more pervasive. ... Why is it we're more vulnerable? We haven't received the proper treatment. We have good reason to not trust the institutions to do right by us."

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VOTING

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For instance, polls show that the presidential election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, as well as the Indiana U.S. Senate race with Joe Donnelly and Richard Mourdock, are in a statistical dead heat and running neck and neck in the polls.

"If you think your vote is not important, just wait until you see someone lose an election by one vote," Slash said. "There's been too many times in history that elections have been decided by very close votes, and those who stayed at home could have had an influence on the outcome."

Voting came at a price

Voters, especially African-Americans and other minorities, are being warned to never take the opportunity to vote for granted.

"Your franchise of the right to vote is second to none," Slash said. "Too many people in today's generation don't realize that we were once denied that right."

With the passage of Fourteenth Amendment in 1868, Blacks were finally made United States citizens and Black men were officially given the right to vote (women, regardless of race, were not eligible to vote until the Nineteenth Amendment was passed in 1920).

Yet, some states, mostly in the South, developed special laws that created obstacles designed to disqualify African-Americans from voting, such as poll taxes and literacy tests. In addition, terrorist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan used outright violence to intimidate Blacks from voting or running for public office.

As a result, thousands of brave activists, Black and white, from the Jim Crow era and the civil rights movement, sacrificed their freedom, their jobs and often their lives in the fight to hold America to its promise of the right to vote for each and every citizen.

Ratcliffe cited the three Selma-to-Montgomery marches in Alabama in 1965 as an example of what had to be endured in order for minorities to have basic voting rights.

Hundreds of nonviolent marchers were attacked and beaten by state and local police during the marches, which drew national attention to the need for voting rights and led to the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which outlawed discriminatory voting practices and provided stronger enforcement of rights laws.

"Historically, we weren't allowed to vote because we were considered second class citizens, and voting rights came from us having to go through a

bloody battle," Ratcliffe said. "We have come a long way with the Voting Rights Act."

Current shenanigans

Ratcliffe and Slash noted that while it is important to remember the challenges of the past, voters must also be ready to deal with the challenges of the present.

"It's a new Jim Crow now, and a lot of these laws disenfranchise the vote in a lot of ways," Ratcliffe said.

Slash agreed, adding, "There are a lot of efforts to turn back the clock on civil rights and a renewed emphasis on states rights, which got us in the struggle in the first place."

In recent years, for example, voting rights activists have expressed concerns about stringent voter ID laws that have been passed in several states, including Indiana. Supporters of such laws say that they are needed to prevent voter fraud, while opponents charge that they can make voting more challenging for those who might have had difficulties obtaining ID, such as low income voters, the elderly and minorities.

Nationally, Ratcliffe and Slash noted, federal civil rights laws led to an increase in minority voters and elected officials, but legislators in some states are redrawing congressional and legislative districts to reduce that political strength.

Currently, the U.S. Supreme Court is reviewing a key provision in the Voting Rights Act that would require federal permission to change voting laws. Rights activists are also concerned about the court's 2010 ruling that gave special interest groups the right to spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns.

The Center for Responsive Politics has reported that since then, more than \$840 million has been spent by "super" political action committees on campaigns.

"I really have a problem with that because it means powerful interests who have tons of money can buy our candidates, and therefore, our elections," said Indianapolis voter Louis Thomas "The only way to keep the voice of the people from being drowned out is for all of us to vote."

Locally, efforts have been made to provide voters with "satellite" polling locations that make it easier for them to vote early at a location that is closer to their residence than the county clerk's office downtown. Advocates of early voting say it helps citizens avoid the possible logistical hassles of voting on Election Day.

However, when the satellite voting proposal has come up before the Marion County Election Board, it has been vetoed by its lone Republican member.

"What amazes me is how we can't get people together to go and protest for the right to vote," Ratcliffe said "If you have enough people involved you can change things."

She also lamented what she has noticed is the small number of young adults involved in efforts to secure voting rights. Recently, the NAACP held a meeting for volunteers willing to help voters at polling places for \$50 and free lunch. None of the attendees were under the age of 45.

"Our younger generation doesn't see the need to fight for these things," she said. "We have to look at ways to reach them and inspire them to take this mantle and move forward."

Slash agrees, saying that if the importance of voting rights is not taught to youth, the past, with its limited voting opportunities could repeat itself.

"If the younger generation doesn't pay attention we'll have to start this civil rights fight all over again," he said. "And the people of my generation don't want to have to go through that again."

Take this to the polls

Make sure you bring photo identification that meets the following requirements:

- Shows your name, which must conform to the name on your voter registration record; (conform does NOT mean identical)
- Shows your photograph
- Includes an expiration date indicating the document has not yet expired (or expired after Nov. 2, 2010, the date of the last General Election), except for certain military IDs; and was issued by the United States or the State of Indiana (a student ID from a public university is allowed, but not from a private institution).

NOTE: The address on your photo ID does NOT need to match the address on your voter registration record.

Last minute information:

Voters who have difficulty at the polls or have questions can notify the following organizations.

- Marion County Republican Party (317) 635-8881, Indyrepublicans.com
- n Marion County Democratic Party (317) 637-3366, Marioncountymocrats.org
- For general election information, call the Marion County Election Board at (317) 327-VOTE or visit Indy.gov/election.

EDITORIAL

Consider others; wear the mask

By OSEYE BOYD



If someone would’ve told me back in March that asking, requiring or suggesting people wear a mask would cause fights, assaults with bodily fluids and even deaths, I probably would’ve laughed and told that person to stop making up stories.

I never thought something like a mask would be so controversial that it would cause adults to behave in the most vile, disgusting, vitriolic ways. I understand when people say they don’t like wearing masks or don’t want to wear masks, but to take it to the level of spitting or coughing on people or hitting someone about a mask is extreme. I mean it’s just a piece of cloth that can be removed.

But here we are months into a pandemic and we don’t seem to be better off than when COVID-19 first hit the U.S. Although we’ve been told

more than a bazillion times to social distance and wear a mask, many of us refuse to do so.

This is America, they say, not a communist country. We have rights that won’t be trampled on. Many of those who refuse to wear a mask don’t believe the novel coronavirus is real or don’t think it’s as bad as government officials are saying. Some also believe it’s a slippery slope to losing the liberties that we’ve come to expect as Americans living in these United States.

As an American, yes, you have rights. However, your rights end where mine begin. If not wearing a mask puts others in jeopardy — even if you don’t believe it does — is it asking too much to just comply? (See what I did there?)

You never know what illnesses someone is dealing with. Everyone doesn’t always look “sick.” Chadwick Boseman was a great example. It wasn’t until recently that people noticed his weight loss and gaunt appearance. Little did we know he had been dealing with colon cancer for four years and un-

dergoing chemotherapy. For much of that time he looked to be the picture of health — at least what we saw.

Countless people in the Black community have asthma, diabetes and high blood pressure — underlying conditions — and no one knows as they go about their day-to-day lives.

This tells me that Americans are selfish. We talk a good game, but we don’t care about others if it inconveniences us or we don’t agree. This brings me back to the whole freedom issue.

This lets me know that not only are we selfish, but we are either forgetful or ignorant. It used to be a common occurrence during my childhood and teen years to see “No shirt, no shoes, no service” signs posted on the window of stores and other businesses. It was understood that a business would turn you away if you didn’t comply. These privately owned businesses had the right to do this. Now, maybe people protested like they’re doing with masks and we just didn’t see it because cell phones weren’t a thing, but I don’t remember watching the news

or reading a newspaper article about someone getting into a fight because they couldn’t go into a store barefoot or shirtless.

In my lifetime I’ve seen seatbelts go from optional to mandatory and smoking in public places banned. There was a big stink about both. I’ll tell you, I was never for the seatbelt thing. It took away the ability to look cool while driving. Yes, that was my reasoning and it sounds so silly now. I was all for the smoking ban because I don’t smoke and didn’t want smoke in my hair or on my clothes, nor did I want to get lung cancer from secondhand smoke. In both situations, my thought process was only about what I liked or didn’t.

The U.S. didn’t collapse and we didn’t lose our freedoms. We came to accept the safety benefits of wearing a seatbelt and the health benefits of not exposing people to cigarette smoke. Both of these were permanent changes. The masks are temporary — unless we never get it together and the pandemic never ends.

OPINIONS

Chadwick Boseman is a real-life hero

By LARRY SMITH



“Hero” is a word that we usually take for granted. It is a word that we grossly overuse. It is a word that we tend to apply carelessly and without thinking. With that backdrop in mind, I offer that — as a writer — I strive to be deliberative and thoughtful. Thus, when I apply the word “hero” to Chadwick Boseman, I do so with conscious intentionality and with linguistic integrity.

Boseman, whose recent death sent shockwaves throughout the world, was a hero. Is a hero. (Using the phrase “Chadwick Boseman was...” is, quite literally, painful to me.) The reaction to his death, especially for Black people, is not merely due to his iconic, and now immortal, role as Black Panther. Of course, the critical and commercial heights to which Boseman’s best-known role elevated him are enough to solidify his place in cinematic history. Yet, Boseman’s heroic status goes well beyond such material success. It is the

juxtaposition of that transcendent role in relationship to his grounded, selfless humanity that merits such an exalted perch.

Some may question the propriety of so highly honoring a man who spent his all-too-brief life pretending to be other people. Yet, I urge those people to consider — among other things — the list of real-life heroes who Boseman portrayed. Jackie Robinson. James Brown. Thurgood Marshall. On the surface, the first of these men was a mere baseball player. The second was a mere entertainer. The third was a mere attorney. Though there is nothing inherently wrong with any of those professions, there is nothing inherently laudatory about them.

But each of these men played roles that forever altered the American story. Robinson will forever remain the man who integrated Major League Baseball (in the modern era). His signing with the then-Brooklyn Dodgers swatted back segregation, just as his civil rights activism did once he laid down his glove for the final time. Brown was a man who stopped a riot on April 5, 1968 — the day after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

He was a man who edified his people by unapologetically declaring, “Say it loud! I’m Black and I’m proud.” Marshall was the quintessential civil rights attorney who once held the record for the most appearances before the Supreme Court. Later, he became the first African American to be elevated to that very court — the pinnacle of jurisprudence. Thus, even Boseman’s choices as an actor spoke to his values and his character.

Boseman was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2016. As the years passed, he must have known that his death was not far off. Boseman’s mother, who raised him to be a devout Christian, had admonished him not to have people “make a fuss over him.” Thus, his illness remained unknown to all but a few family members and close friends. Despite his physical deterioration, he kept up a pace that would have been dizzying even for a healthy man. The fact that he kept making movies, kept visiting children in cancer wards, kept making media appearances and kept encouraging friends — all while battling colon cancer — is a set of facts about which one can only marvel. Further, at this crucial historical mo-

ment, Boseman’s example represents the strength, the resilience, the brilliance and the aspirations of Africans in America. In the play “Life of Galileo,” legendary author Bertolt Brecht has a character lament, “Unhappy (is) the land that has no heroes.” Galileo responds, “No. Unhappy (is) the land that needs heroes.” Black America needs heroes. Chadwick Boseman is a hero.

Legendary director Spike Lee cast Boseman in his recent war movie, “Da Five Bloods.” Lee, who is not known for being generous with praise, said the following about selecting Boseman for the film: “This character is heroic; he’s a superhero. Who do we cast? We cast Jackie Robinson, James Brown, Thurgood Marshall. And we cast T’Challa.”

Do you believe in heroes? I do. Cancer claimed Chadwick Boseman’s life, but it cannot damage his legacy. Boseman forever.

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Help your community: fill out the census

By ANDRÉ CARSON



Despite our many different opinions, I believe every reader of this paper can agree on one thing: 2020 has been an extremely challenging year. We are battling a once-in-a-century pandemic that is especially deadly for African Americans and highlights the need for a better-funded and more equal health care system. The pandemic has also created an economic crisis that exposes our commu-

nity’s need for resources to help those who are out of work, underemployed or lack affordable child care. We are also engaged in a struggle for racial justice and reforms to policing that ensure law enforcement better reflects and protects the diverse communities it serves.

The common thread among these different, ongoing struggles is people’s desire to stand up and be counted. We all want to be recognized, acknowledged and understood by our leaders, so they are better able to help us and our loved ones thrive. Thankfully, every Hoosier and every American has the opportunity to do that this year by completing the U.S. census.

Every 10 years, our country undertakes this massive count of its residents. The census isn’t only conducted to determine where Americans live; it also helps give our leaders a better understanding of who we are, what we look like and what resources our communities need. In a year that has further revealed America’s deep divisions, filling out the census is an important and powerful step we must all take to help reduce these inequalities.

The census helps determine the level of federal funding that states, counties and cities receive — for education, health care, public safety, economic development and much more. It is also the basis for the redrawing of legislative districts, which is the hallmark of representative democracy.

As Black people, we are painfully aware that governments have a long history of neglecting and silencing our communities and ignoring our most basic needs. However, if we all take the time to fill

out our census forms, we can create a greater visibility and a stronger voice that cannot be ignored.

We have work to do! This year, our congressional district’s response rate has been among the lowest in the state. Thankfully, there is still time to reverse this troubling trend. Americans have until Sept. 30 of this year to submit their census forms, which can also be done online at 2020Census.gov.

I encourage everyone who hasn’t done so to fill out the census form before time runs out. You can complete this process online, by mail or over the phone. For many, it will take just minutes. This small task can make a big difference in shaping the future of our communities. Perhaps most importantly, it is a powerful way we can challenge the long history of inequality in America. It is easy for those who want to maintain this inequality to discount us individually. But when we join together, through actions such as completing the census and making it as accurate as possible, we are stronger than ever.

Don’t miss this opportunity — and duty — to make your voice heard. Fill out your census form today. Visit 2020Census.gov for more information.

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Getting rid of the civic engagement gap

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The consequences of what’s come to be called the civic engagement gap can be especially apparent during major election years.

Research has consistently found that people who make more money are more engaged than people who make less money, as measured by working for a campaign, serving on a board of directors and contacting elected officials, among other things. Researcher Eric van Holm from Arizona State University also found cities with increasing income inequality have lower rates of civic participation.

Perhaps no act signifies civic participation more than voting. Black voter turnout took a sharp dive to 59.6% in 2016, Pew Research Center found. It was the largest decline on record between general election years. That’s compared to a 65.3% voter turnout for whites in 2016.

In the end, campaigns and news media focus the bulk of their election strategy and coverage on what white suburbanites want.

Narrowing the engagement gap isn’t as simple as lecturing people on the importance of voting or getting involved. It takes real work.

Lesley Gordon, a board member for IndyHub, believes part of the challenge is getting rid of intimidation.

“A lot of times we think civic engagement gets very formal,” she said.

IndyHub’s flagship event, IndyVolved, features virtual events throughout September to help millennials and Gen Zers — people in their 30s down to teens — get connected to volunteer and service opportunities. It’s a chance to find a passion and get involved.

Gordon, event chair for IndyVolved, said there’s an “indirect tie” to direct political engage-

ment, with some participants finding their voice in policy ideas or get-out-the-vote campaigns.

Voting is one of the simplest things you can do to get engaged, said Joanna Nixon, director of 10 East Arts. The organization set up a voter headquarters at 2301 E. 10th St. to encourage people to register to vote, as well as keep voters educated about the basics.

Knowledge about things such as voter ID laws and early voting opportunities is “pretty low” in the near east side area, Nixon said, but that’s likely in part because voter registration is so low. If people aren’t registering to vote, they don’t have a reason to know how to request an absentee ballot.

The voter headquarters will focus on voter registration until Oct. 5, the last day to register to vote in Indiana, and then will shift more to voter education and removing barriers such as transportation. Anyone in Marion County can go to the headquarters.

Education’s role in civic engagement

Studies show parents who talk with their children about current affairs can have a positive influence on their civic development, but that’s often a luxury reserved for affluent families.

In her book, “No Citizen Left Behind,” Meira Levinson from Harvard University writes that civic education should be an ongoing part of school curriculum, just like students have a math and English class almost every semester.

Levinson and others advocate for urban schools, especially those that serve students from historically disenfranchised groups, to take on a bigger responsibility in teaching the role of political action and other civic duties.

But that’s a fairytale land for under-resourced and over-



A woman takes a picture of workers at a voter registration booth on Indiana Avenue. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

tested American schools.

Shawnta Barnes, the dean at Enlace Academy’s middle school, said the school doesn’t have specific civics curriculum but has added a social justice component to homeroom classes.

Ideally, Barnes said a good civics education would teach students about themselves, their place in society and how government works. It would also teach that adults aren’t the only people who can get involved and make change.

“I want students to know you don’t have to become an adult to have power,” she said. “You can use your voice now.”

Indianapolis Public Schools offer two classes — Citizenship and Civics, along with Applied Citizenship and Civics — with similar descriptions. Basically, students learn how to get involved in policymaking, the relationship between society and government, and their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

Many high schools don’t have specific civics curriculum,

instead requiring students to complete some form of volunteering or service learning before graduating or brushing over the subject in a U.S. government or history class.

There is very little incentive for schools to provide a robust civics education, especially as urban schools often face pressure to focus on raising test scores.

Graduation requirements laid out by the Indiana State Board of Education include references to “civic life” and “civic identity” in the social studies section, but the only reference to “civic engagement” simply says students should explain why it’s important.

The state’s ISTEP+ tests, given to students starting in 10th grade, only include English and math.

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GET INVOLVED

IndyHub is hosting its flagship event, IndyVolved, throughout September. Learn more at indyhub.org/indyvolved.

- 8:15 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday of the month — Hear from local nonprofits about their work and how to get involved on IndyHub’s Facebook page.
- 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 — Lilly Family School of Philanthropy will host a digital workshop to help 20- and 30-somethings learn how to make an impact.
- Ongoing — IndyHub will keep its social media updated with opportunities from civic organizations throughout the city.

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Sickle cell treatment improving locally, but still ‘sort of a problem’

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Adult sickle cell disease patients have had a treatment option to reduce pain and the need for blood transfusions for about two decades now.

Hydroxyurea, approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 1998, still isn’t used as widely as it probably should be, though.

That’s because on one hand, sickle cell disease experts say health care providers don’t have enough knowledge about the medication or view it as too intensive of a treatment (Hydroxyurea is also used to treat cancer of the white blood cells). On the other hand, patients can also lack understanding about their options or have a stigma against medication.

Gary Gibson, president and CEO of the Martin Center Sickle Cell Initiative, believes shortcomings on the provider side lead to reluctance for patients, even if the provider recommends treatment.

“The patient wants to know that the provider knows what they’re doing,” Gibson said. “If they don’t have that comfort level when the doctor says, ‘Hey, I want to try you on this new thing,’ if the patient isn’t comfortable,

they’ll be reluctant.”

Gibson said some patients are also nervous about the rare, although sometimes serious, side effects, including hair loss and infertility.

Access to Hydroxyurea has improved over the last year locally, Gibson said, as more doctors are willing to prescribe it and more patients are willing to take it, but it’s still “sort of a problem.”

Hydroxyurea was approved for pediatric patients 2 and older in 2017.

Part of the Martin Center’s role in the community is to make sure patients and providers are educated about sickle cell disease and treatment. The 2020 Indiana Sickle Cell Conference on Sept. 25 features sessions for health care providers, social service providers and patients. Learn more at the-

martincenter.org.

Dr. Griffin Rodgers, director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, said another problem is providers who do prescribe Hydroxyurea are sometimes unsure later about how to adjust treatment.

Providers just aren’t confident in what parameters to follow, he said during a recent virtual sickle cell disease workshop hosted by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

The FDA has approved other treatments for sickle cell disease in recent years, but Hydroxyurea remains much more accessible financially for patients with inadequate insurance or no insurance. Adakveo and Ox-bryta, for example, are each priced at about \$100,000

per year — or, in other words, a little more than twice the median household income in Marion County.

Shirley Miller, a 64-year-old sickle cell patient in North Carolina, said most of her severe pain episodes came around her high school years. She’s always worked full time and had private insurance, and she hasn’t had a blood transfusion related to sickle cell disease since 1997.

“I’ve learned how to take care of myself,” Miller said at the sickle cell disease workshop.

Miller said she knows there’s a distrust of the medical field, which is why she thinks education is important. For those struggling with pain episodes, Miller said she started learning how to cope better with hers

in her 30s by combining her medication with distractions such as talking to friends and family.

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CDC campaign led 1 million U.S. adults to quit smoking

Findings from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study published in Preventing Chronic Disease show that CDC’s Tips from Former Smokers© (Tips©) campaign led more than 1 million U.S. adults to quit smoking during 2012–2018. The campaign also reports an estimated 16.4 million U.S. adults attempted to quit smoking during that same time period.

The 1 million quits was measured by the number people who stopped smoking for at least a year, and the 16.4 million quit attempts were measured by the number of people who stopped smoking for 1 day or more during a 3-month period. Both of these numbers mark a milestone for Tips, the first federally-funded anti-smoking ad campaign.

“The Tips campaign effectively highlights the real-life consequences of smoking in a way that statistics cannot,” said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D. “Personal stories from former smokers about the impact smoking has had on their lives have served an important role in helping others to quit.”

Cigarette smoking remains the leading cause of preventable disease, disability, and death in the United States. Cigarette smoking kills more than 480,000 Americans each year. For every person who dies because of cigarette smoking, at least 30 people live with a serious smoking-related illness.

Research shows that emotional, evidence-based campaigns like Tips are effective in raising awareness about the dangers of smoking and helping people who smoke to quit. When the campaign airs, calls to quitlines increases.

“Hard-hitting campaigns like Tips are great investments in public health,” said Letitia Presley-Cantrell, PhD, acting director of CDC’s Office on Smoking and Health. “As part of a comprehensive

approach, these campaigns can help reduce the considerable burden of disease and death caused by smoking in the United States.”

In March 2012, CDC launched the Tips campaign, which shows real people who are living with serious long-term health effects from cigarette smoking and secondhand smoke exposure. Through the campaign, people share compelling stories about their smoking-related diseases and disabilities and the toll these conditions have taken on them.

The campaign also features non-smokers who experienced life-threatening episodes as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke, and family members affected by their loved one’s smoking-related illness.

In addition to the harm it does to people’s lives, cigarette smoking also has a significant impact on the U.S. economy. Smoking costs more than \$300 billion a year—including nearly \$170 billion in direct medical care for adults and more than \$156 billion in lost productivity.

By helping people to quit smoking, Tips saves lives and helps reduce smoking-related costs. For more information on the Tips campaign, including links to the ads and resources to quit smoking, visit CDC.gov/tips.

The Indiana Tobacco Quitline, 1-800-QUIT-NOW, is a free phone-based counseling service that helps Marion County residents quit smoking. Services include one on one coaching for Tobacco Users who have decided to quit and support for family and friends who want to help loved ones stop smoking. Services are available seven days-a-week in more than 170 languages.

A trained quit coach will work to provide solutions tailored to each person’s needs. More information is also available at QuitNowIndiana.com.

Former Catholic brother returned to face Mississippi charges

By MICHAEL REZENDES
Associated Press

A former Catholic brother has been extradited from his home state of Wisconsin to Mississippi, where he faces sexual battery charges in a case involving two impoverished Black boys who say they were pressured as men into accepting paltry payouts to settle their abuse claims.

The men have accused Paul A. West, once a Franciscan Friar and fourth-grade teacher, of molesting them in Mississippi, Wisconsin, and New York while they were elementary school students.

West, 60, did not contest his extradition at a hearing in Outagamie County, Wisconsin, on Aug. 17. He arrived at the Leflore County Jail in Greenwood, Mississippi, earlier this week following an investigation by the Mississippi attorney general's public integrity division. West also has been charged with second-degree sexual assault of a child in Wisconsin.

The men making the allegations, La Jarvis Love and Joshua Love, both 37, are cousins who grew up together and encountered West in the 1990s, when he was a teacher and later the principal at the St. Francis of Assisi School in Greenwood, Mississippi. Three years ago, the cousins reported that West sexually assaulted them on school grounds and on road trips, including one to a New York summer camp established by the Franciscans, a Roman Catholic religious order.

As The Associated Press first reported, nearly two years ago La Jarvis Love and Joshua Love each agreed to settle their claims for \$15,000 — far less than most clergy abuse victims receive. A third man, Joshua's younger brother, Raphael, also alleged West sexually abused him and reported the abuse to church authorities in 1998, after which West returned to Wisconsin. Raphael Love rejected a settlement similar to those signed by his brother and cousin.

In November, La Jarvis Love and Joshua Love filed a lawsuit in federal



In this Monday, June 10, 2019, file photo, Joshua Love, 36, holds a photograph of himself taken at about the time he says he was sexually abused at St. Francis of Assisi School by two Franciscan friars, Brother Paul A. West and the late Brother Donald Lucas, in Greenwood, Miss. Love and his cousin La Jarvis Love have accused West, once a Franciscan friar and fourth-grade teacher, of molesting them while they were elementary-school students. West has been extradited from his home state of Wisconsin to Mississippi. (AP File/Wong Maye-E)

district court in New York, claiming the Franciscans pressured them into signing low-ball settlements that required their silence about their allegations. At the time they signed the settlements, they were not represented by an attorney.

“They felt they could treat us that way because we’re poor and we’re Black,” Joshua Love told the AP.

American bishops pledged in 2002 that, when settling clergy sex abuse claims, they would stop using nondisclosure agreements because they may contribute to clergy abuse cover-ups. However, religious orders such as the Franciscans are not bound by the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which contains the provision on nondisclosure agreements.

On Sept. 2, La Jarvis Love said he was pleased to learn West was in

custody, adding that the experience of stepping forward to identify West had taught him courage. “It’s crazy that you can learn something from someone you hate,” he said. “It took a lot of courage to come forth because you never know how people are going to take this kind of thing.”

Mark Belenchia, the Mississippi coordinator of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, lashed out at the Jackson Diocese and the Franciscan order for failing to take more decisive action against West in 1998, after the first abuse allegation, and for offering La Jarvis Love and Joshua Love low-ball settlements with non-disclosure clauses after they reported their abuse.

“They were harmed as children and they were harmed as adults,” Belenchia said of the Love cousins. “The Diocese of Jackson and the Franciscan order

ought to be ashamed of their performance.”

A Wisconsin attorney who represented West at his extradition hearing did not return calls.

Father James Gannon, the leader of a Wisconsin-based group of Franciscan Friars, negotiated the settlements. Last summer, he denied that racism or the Loves’ poverty were factors in the amount of money offered or the confidentiality agreements. “Absolutely not,” he told the AP. He did not return a call seeking comment on West’s arrest.

In 2006, the Catholic Diocese of Jackson, which includes Greenwood, settled lawsuits covering 19 victims — 17 of whom were white — for \$5 million. That average payout of \$263,000 for each survivor is 17 times that offered to each of the Loves. Payments in more recent settlements nationally have ranged far higher.

Gannon also attempted to negotiate a similar agreement with Raphael Love, Joshua Love’s younger brother, who is serving two life sentences in a Tennessee prison for a double homicide he committed as a juvenile. Raphael Love refused Gannon’s offer because, he said, the amount was not enough to hire a criminal attorney willing to argue that he deserves a new trial.

The Franciscan Friars, based in Wisconsin, have been traveling in their trademark brown robes and sandals to serve the poor among the Mississippi Delta’s Black citizenry since the early 1950s. Like other Catholic religious orders, Franciscans are subject to the authority of the bishop overseeing the diocese in which they work, but they report to their leaders in the U.S. and at the Vatican.

Last year, when the Jackson diocese released a list of priests and brothers credibly accused of child sex abuse, West and a second Franciscan brother, Donald Lucas, were among them. Joshua Love alleges he was also sexually abused by Lucas, who was found dead at St. Francis Church in 1999, in an apparent suicide.

It’s not a secret:
I just gotta love you

By JAMES A. WASHINGTON

OK, so what’s the point? I mean, salvation and born again and new life and love thy neighbor, all of these principles, what do they actually mean?

When all is said and done, particularly now when the world makes so little sense, what is life all about?

One of the revelations about being delivered is recognizing the precious nature of existence. I believe I exist at the absolute whim of God. That whim, I know, stems from God’s unconditional, absolute and explicit love for me. “God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son...” John 3:16. My job, I believe, is to reciprocate and love him and you in kind. A so-called great philosopher once expounded, “I think therefore I am.”

I believe I am, simply because God said so. I am because he is. You know, like when you were little and someone disputed your word and your only response was “Uh huh! It’s true because my mama or my daddy said so.” That was it. Regardless of whatever other nonsense was spoken at you, the truth rested comfortably in your parents’ word. That word we would defend unconditionally because we knew its foundation to be anchored in love for us.

So here we are, living and breathing creatures in the universe. I submit to you that God’s word about us is pure. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 says it simply enough: “Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”

OK, fear God and keep his commandments. Mom used to say, “Be home by eleven. Do what I tell you and we’ll get along just fine.”

In many ways God tells us over and

over again such simple truths. Yet, we continue to forget them, relying less on the concept of delayed (yet eternal) gratification and more in favor of instant I-want-it-now pleasure. The world offers finite fragile flesh, while the Lord delivers infinite and tangible spirituality. I don’t know if I’ve heard a minister preach this or if it’s my own notion that heaven is one big “now.”

Existence in heaven knows no boundaries of time: no past, no future, just now. Time will be measured in eternity and not in minutes, hours or days. That revelation alone should shake many of us up. I know it does me to recognize that even if I don’t know or do not truly understand it all, it’s got to be true because my daddy said so.

Therefore, time as I know it will not exist upon my death. Consciousness as I know it will also not exist upon death. Existence as I know it will not be what I think it is, but “my eternity,” “my newness,” “my amness” will be in direct relation to the Alpha and the Omega’s love for me.

At times it’s quite unimaginable to try to comprehend God, but Jesus on the other hand is Lord. He is man. Jesus is me and I am him. That’s my reality, and following God’s commandments is my map. Can you spell right relationship with God? Can you say I am because he said so?

It’s so simple, it’s mind boggling. This love thing is contagious, and may you and I never recover from its infectious splendor. In the moment of death will I know the essence of how much God loves me? I just want to be given the eternal opportunity to love him back. At least here on Earth, I know how. I just gotta love you.

May God Bless and keep you always.

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Influenza clinic at St. Rita

Franciscan Health Immunization Services distributed flu vaccines recently at St. Rita Catholic Church. Flu shots were available for free if the person applying was covered by their insurance. Health officials are encouraging the community to get their shots as soon as possible, especially with COVID-19 still posing a threat. The Knights of Peter Claver, St. Rita Council #97, and Christ the King Court #97 hosted the clinic.

Above: Terilyn Crawford (l) received her flu shot from Franciscan Health representative Kelle Johnson. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



St. Rita Deacon Oliver Jackson was ready to get his flu shot from Laura Harris.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK



Confronting
gigantic challenges

By JOHNSON A. BEAVEN III

Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds ... Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me!” ... For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army. 1 Samuel 17:4-5, 8, 16 NLT



Challenges are inevitable in life from the womb to the grave, confronting us through different situations of all shapes and sizes. They come in the form of circumstances or conditions presenting some serious difficulty, pressure or hardship potentially arousing high levels of stress. They often appear gigantic or something formidable, bringing frustration and fear as it did to the Israelite army.

First Samuel 17 contains the amazing story of David, the young Israelite shepherd who takes on the challenge of a Philistine champion fighter named Goliath. From a human perspective, David is seen as a

dwarf compared to a giant. After inquiring and understanding what the reward would be in conquering the intimidating, imposing and impenetrable giant (verses 25-27), David accepted the challenge, telling the Israelite King Saul, “Don’t worry about a thing. I’ll go fight this Philistine” (verse 32). The contest concluded like this. In making his approach toward Goliath, the young, yet anointed David picked out five smooth stones from a stream and put them in his pouch, with his shepherd’s staff and sling in hand. As Goliath approached David, apparently the giant only noticed the staff in David’s hand for he barked in disdain, “Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks?” After David’s confident reply of certain victory, Goliath makes his move to attack David, who on the run toward Goliath reached in his pouch, took out one stone and slung it — BAM! The stone struck and sunk into Goliath’s forehead. Goliath stumbled, falling face down to the ground. The sharp-shooting David stunned the giant opponent with one of the five smooth stones from the stream, and then proceeded to finalize the victory by slicing off the head of the giant Goliath with Goliath’s sword. There are many insights and lessons in this entire story of how to and how not to approach challenges in life in order to con-

quer them, especially spiritual battles. One insight is that challenges that confront us do not have to crush us if we know how to respond to them. A primary lesson is that trying times against a Goliath are times to trust God. How can we express trust in trying times and put faith in God to give us victory? We have to remember the previous deliverances by the hand of the Lord, as David did regarding the lion and bear (1 Samuel 17:34-37). We have to rely on the name of the Lord, not on human ingenuity or instrumentation (1 Samuel 17:38-39, 45). We have to recognize that the battle is the Lord’s, not ours (1 Samuel 17:47). God’s supernatural strength always wins out over natural strength, human means or mere prowess. Whatever challenge you may be confronted with in this season, place your trust in God, who will turn your test or trial into a triumphal testimony. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm. Psalm 20:7, 8 NIV

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Should students gamble on an income share agreement?

By CECILIA CLARK
NerdWallet

Students watching the COVID-19 pandemic play out have reason to be wary of taking on additional loans for college. With what could be a slow economic recovery, signing up for an additional bill that comes each month, no matter what, might sound like a bad idea.

Federal student loan payments are currently paused. But those repayments are scheduled to resume next year before current students can take advantage of the halt. And while government income-based repayment plans and forbearance can offer a respite for economic hardships, interest still continues to add up. Private loans are even less forgiving and almost always require a co-signer.

But there's an alternative emerging: income share agreements, or ISAs. With these agreements, students borrow money from their school or a third-party provider and repay a fixed percentage of their future income for a predetermined amount of time after leaving school.

Depending on the terms of the agreement and the student's post-graduation salary, the total repaid could be much more or far less than the amount borrowed. It's a gamble that could be worth it for students who've exhausted federal aid and scholarships. Here's why.

NO CO-SIGNER REQUIRED

Most students need a co-signer to qualify for private student loans. Co-signers are on the hook for any missed payment, and a large balance can be a burden on their credit report. As families look to make ends meet, they may need that borrowing leverage for themselves.

Income share agreements are co-signer-free. Instead of credit history, students typically get an ISA based on their year in school and major. The best terms are often reserved for students in high-earning majors near graduation, like seniors studying STEM fields. But high earners also risk having to repay a larger amount.

If an income share agreement isn't the right fit for you and you need additional funding without a co-signer, consider a private student loan de-



signed for independent students. These loans are often based on your earning potential and don't require co-signers. They may also offer flexible repayment options based on salary or career tenure.

UNEMPLOYMENT SAFETY NET

With an income share agreement, if you're unemployed — or if your salary falls below a certain threshold, which can be as low as \$20,000 or as high as \$40,000 — you don't make payments. No interest accrues, and the term of your agreement doesn't change.

That makes these agreements an option for students in times of economic uncertainty, says Ken Ruggiero, chairman and CEO of consumer finance company Goal Structured Solutions, which is the parent company of student loan providers Ascent and Skills Fund and provides funding for school-based ISAs.

"I like the idea of not having to make a payment when you're going into a recession or right after the recovery happened," he says.

If you're a junior, senior or graduate student poised to enter the workforce soon, that could make an income share agreement more attractive. Tess Michaels, CEO of income share agreement provider Stride Funding, says she's seen a significant increase in inquiries since the pandemic forced schools to shut down in March.

But freshmen and sophomores have more time to wait out the economic fallout. If you're further from starting your career, weigh the recession-related benefits of an income share agreement against the risk of giving up a percentage of your future income. Remember, you won't know the total cost of an ISA when you sign up.

BUT IT'S NOT RIGHT FOR ALL STUDENTS

Some colleges offer income share agreements to all students regardless of major or tenure. Still, many of these programs prioritize upperclassmen, making it harder for freshmen and sophomores to qualify.

But an income share agreement

might be the wrong move even if you're graduating soon. If your income is higher than average after graduation, you might pay much more than you received.

Let's say you get \$15,000 from a private ISA company and agree to pay 9% of your salary for five years. If you earn \$51,000 a year (the average starting salary for a college graduate) for the length of your term, you'll repay \$22,950. That is equivalent to a 10.6% interest rate. In that case, a private student loan could be a better option. Fixed rates are hovering around 4%, though independent students will likely pay more.

Income share agreements have fewer protections for borrowers than student loans. Tariq Habash, head of investigations at the Student Borrower Protection Center, says that while consumer protection laws apply to these agreements, "ISA providers will say there isn't really legal clarity because they're new and different." He said that he saw the same thing with payday loans and fears ISAs will take advantage of the most vulnerable students.

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- TRAILER-GENERIC	MVIN16584IND	TRAILER	\$2,005.00
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Antron Brown, driver of the Marco Tools Global Electronic Technology Top Fuel Dragster, loses in the second round of Top Fuel eliminations.



J.R. Todd, in the DHL Toyota Camry Nitro Funny Car, loses in the semifinal round. He did, however, record the fastest elapsed time at 3.91 seconds and a speed of 331.28 miles per hour. (Photos/Walt Thomas)

Hilton hopes to add to Colts legacy with healthy season

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

Indianapolis (AP) — Ryan Grigson was working in Raleigh, North Carolina, the first time he spotted T.Y. Hilton.

He went to dinner after filing the day's scouting reports and started watching a midweek Sun Belt Conference game on a fall night in 2011. The receiver from Florida International instantly jumped off the small screen and onto Grigson's radar.

Over the next several months, Grigson went through game tape, researched his surprise find and, in April 2012, as the Indianapolis Colts' new general manager, moved up five spots to take Hilton in the third round of the NFL draft. It was an absolute steal.

"When he steps on the field, he knows what to do," said Grigson, now a senior football adviser with Cleveland. "His hand-eye (coordination) is off the charts and he has a knack for making big plays. He's one of those people who was just born to play the game and if you start talking trash with him, he'll torch you."

Defensive backs around the league, past and present, learned that the hard way.

But the moves, the playmaking skills and the passion Grigson discovered remains evident as Hilton embarks on his ninth and perhaps final season with the Colts. At age 30, the Colts' second-longest tenured player remains the No. 1 receiver — someone Jacksonville will try to take away Sept. 13.

"My work speaks for itself. But these last two years I've been a little banged-up, so this year if they want me to prove it, I'll prove it," Hilton said. "I want to be a Colt for life, but it takes two sides."

Hilton certainly has earned the right to stick around after rising to the top of the 2012 receiver class despite being the 13th selected.

Seven of the 12 receivers taken ahead of Hilton lasted four or fewer seasons. The four first-round picks — Justin Blackmon, Michael Floyd, Kendall Wright and A.J. Jenkins — were gone before 2019. Mohamed Sanu's recent release makes Philadelphia's Alshon Jeffery and Hilton the last two of the baker's dozen still on rosters.

Not enough?

Hilton also leads the group in productivity. His four Pro Bowl selections and five 1,000-yard seasons are more than the other 12 combined, and his four 70-catch seasons equal everyone else's total.

Grigson saw it right from the start.

He took Hilton with the 92nd overall pick and by the middle of his rookie season, it was readily apparent the 5-foot-9, 183-pound Hilton would eventually become Reggie Wayne's successor.

Hilton didn't just make impressions inside the organization. In September 2016, Philip Rivers watched Hilton catch six passes for 174 yards, including the 63-yard TD pass with 1:17 left



T.Y. Hilton

in the game to give the Colts a 26-22 victory over the Chargers. It was one of the reasons Rivers cited for signing with the Colts in free agency.

"As a passer, it's a little bit like a jump shooter as you get rolling," Rivers said after hooking up with Hilton for a long touchdown during a simulated game at Lucas Oil Stadium. "I kind of mentioned to him, 'If we keep going like this, we're going to be tough to stop.'"

Hilton is motivated, too, after missing 10 games because of injuries the last two seasons. When he doesn't play, the Colts aren't the same: Indy is 1-11 without Hilton.

Lately, though, his calming voice in the locker room has become equally important as he mentors a group of mostly young teammates in the receivers room.

"Being able to go out there, ask him questions, him demonstrating how to release or how he looks at (a coverage) and his perspective of a play is pretty cool," rookie Dezmon Patmon said. "It's always good having that vet out there, that presence."

Hilton also continues to chase milestones.

He needs three starts for No. 100, 80 receptions and 677 yards to pass Hall of Famer Raymond Berry (631 catches, 9,275 yards) for third in franchise history, and six TD catches to pass Jimmy Orr (50) for No. 4.

How much longer can Hilton play at an elite level?

Even Hilton has acknowledged his next contract will be his last, regardless of length, and the Colts drafted two more receivers in April — Michael Pittman Jr. in the second round and Patmon in the sixth — after taking Parris Campbell in the second round a year ago.

But Grigson knows better than to bet against Hilton.

"The analytics were not good for a guy his size, from a smaller school," Grigson said. "But he's so smart and so competitive and he's such an interesting guy because he has a sandlot sort of quality about him. He just knows how to produce."



Purdue Polytechnic holds off Shortridge

Purdue Polytechnic made a late defensive stand to stifle Shortridge's comeback attempt in a 14-12 win Sept. 4. Shortridge had multiple chances to score in the first half but had two touchdowns called back on penalties and threw an interception at the goal line. The Blue Devils went on to miss the extra point after their first touchdown and didn't convert a two-point conversion after their second.

Above: Shortridge wide receiver Joseph Jones (2) returns a kickoff. Jones was one of the Blue Devils' best offensive weapons of the night. (Photos/Tyler Fenwick)



Top left: Shortridge defensive back Nate Bateman (5) tackles Purdue Polytechnic tight end Da'Vieon Reynolds (20).

Top right: Purdue Polytechnic running back Vaeshon Horst (7) stiff-arms a Shortridge defender near the goal line.

Bottom left: Purdue Polytechnic wide receiver Josiah Duckett (4) scores the Techies' first touchdown of the night.

Bottom right: Shortridge running back Kyrell Allison (24) takes a hand-off to the right side.



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