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By CARLTON WATERHOUSE

A friend and former coworker of mine made an odd statement to me one day that really grabbed my attention. He said, "A decision not to vote in an election is a politically legitimate choice." Against my protest, he went further to say "the sacrifices made to secure the right to vote for African-Americans did not require voting as civic responsibility." Since he was a former campaign worker and strategist for the Democratic National Committee, I was genuinely surprised to hear him say this. I disagreed, shaking my head to register my strong disapproval, but continued to listen. He often took views contrary to Black middle class "common sense" but was also one of the most intelligent and "down for the cause brothers" I knew, so I kept my cool and listened further. "When African-Americans feel that voting is ineffective and that the political system has failed them, it is very reasonable for them to

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Police have a legitimacy problem to address first

By TYLER FENWICK
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Lauryn Smith sat on the sidewalk during a sit-in on Indiana Avenue earlier in September and thought about whether it's actually possible for police to have a good, trusting relationship with the community.

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IMPD Northwest District Commander Lorenzo Lewis talks with protesters Kyra Jay (middle) and Michael Gould (right) about police protocol and the facts of the investigation into Dreasjon Reed's killing. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

City leaders, community members disagree on demilitarization



Police with masks, shields and batons stand on the south side of Washington and Meridian streets May 31, facing protesters on the other side. (Photo/Screenshot from Recorder video)

By BREANNA COOPER
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When protesters came face to face with Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) officers downtown May 30, the anger and confusion from the crowd was palpable. "Why are you dressed like that?" one protester shouted toward the officers, who were covered in riot gear: protective helmets and gloves and armed with batons — and as protesters would soon realize — tear gas canisters. When someone in the crowd, as IMPD alleges, threw a water bottle, the officers responded with tear gas — a chemical agent banned in war — and chaos ensued, resulting in an injured

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IU School of Medicine to participate in COVID-19 vaccine trial

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Researchers at the Indiana University School of Medicine will be looking for volunteers to receive a two-round COVID-19 vaccination when the trial resumes in the United States.

The trial comes to the school via a partnership between biopharmaceutical company AstraZeneca and Oxford University. The vac-



Dr. Cynthia Brown

cine, AZD1222, is one of only four vaccines currently in the third — and final — stage of clinical trials to prevent COVID-19. The trial has been temporarily halted in the United States due to one patient getting sick, although it is not yet known if the vaccine caused the illness. "Throughout this pandemic, our doctors and researchers have been on the frontlines, working to treat those suffering from COVID-19 and

investigating ways to stop its spread," said Dr. Jay L. Hess, dean of the IU School of Medicine. "Never has that work been more important, and our leadership continues with this crucial study taking place right here in Indianapolis. The Hoosiers who participate will have the chance to be part of a study that, if successful, could help scientists turn a corner on combatting this disease." Dr. Cynthia Brown, the lead

researcher for the trial, said volunteers will be closely monitored to test the effectiveness and the risks of the vaccine. Researchers are also looking to make sure the test group is representative of the community. However, Brown said she understands why Black and brown communities would be skeptical of a vaccine, especially one that was developed so quickly. "I hear your concerns," Brown said. "Historically,

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It is possible, she decided, but not likely. “How do you want to form a relationship if we can’t trust you? That makes no sense,” she said. Therein lies the problem for Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department as it tries to add more officers and sell the community on its “beat policing” model. There’s a legitimacy problem that has to be addressed first.

Why is the answer more police?

IMPD has a staffing goal of 1,743 officers but is consistently short of that — currently by about 85 officers. The department’s proposed 2021 budget, which would be a \$7.3 million increase from 2020, includes the money to reach that goal. The idea is IMPD needs more officers in order to shrink the geographic size of patrol areas from “zones” to “beats.” Despite still being short of its staffing goal, the department recently announced a move from 78 beats to 106. This process began in 2016. Mayor Joe Hogsett said in an interview the beat policing model allows for officers to build relationships with community members in ways that just aren’t possible with zone-based

policing. This way, Hogsett said, residents can go to police officers they actually know because officers are supposed to have more time to get out of their cars and get to know the communities where they patrol. If those officers don’t spend their whole shift responding to calls, the thinking goes, they can get to know residents’ concerns and earn the trust of people who have information about crime activity. IMPD Chief Randal Taylor said mistrust comes from things that have happened in the past and currently the department “does a great job with citizens.” “I don’t believe anyone in the community has always has bad experiences with the police,” he said in an interview. Two IMPD officers were recently indicted on charges including battery after they were caught on camera beating a woman in May during protests that were sparked in part by the fatal shootings of Dreasjon Reed and McHale Rose. These incidents often hurt the relationship between the police and community. “We’re not gonna be able to change overnight,” Taylor said, “because the

injustices have happened over a period of time.” IMPD Deputy Chief Josh Barker used to be a beat officer in the area of 10th and Rural streets in the early 2000s and said he took pride in getting to know the residents and business owners. “I think that those interactions are happening, but it’s definitely been a process to get back to that style of policing,” he said. Hogsett said he’s just trying to help the department get back to where it was before Indianapolis Police Department merged in 2007 with the sheriff’s department to become IMPD. The department took on more responsibilities and couldn’t keep up with staffing — plus there was a hiring freeze during former mayor Greg Ballard’s administration — which led to a zone-based model. “For too long we have lived in a city where in too many neighborhoods they don’t really know their officers,” Hogsett said.

‘I see that as shady’

Monique Buckley, standing outside of her car near 42nd Street and Post Road, shook her head no when asked if she could see herself having a conversation with an officer. “I see that as shady,” she said. After going back and forth on whether it’s realistic to think police and his neighbors can have a good relationship, Diondray Owens, standing next to Buckley, thought about all the possible ways that interaction might go sideways. What if he moves too quickly and the officer thinks he’s reaching for a gun? It’s these types of fears that have to precede any kind of conversation about trust and cooperation with police. Gallup published a poll in August that showed 48% of respondents have a great deal or quite a lot of confidence in police, which marks the first time in 27 years it’s been below 50%. About three-quarters of Black respondents said they have some or very little confidence in police. Another July poll from Gallup

showed 80% of Black respondents want police to spend the same amount of time or more in their area, but what these responses don’t capture is an apparent generational divide. Smith, who said police can’t hope to build a relationship without trust, is a 20-year-old college student at IUPUI. Her generation seems more likely to outright reject these attempts by police to make inroads with the community. Then there are those like 53-year-old Anthony Fultz. His father still works in the Cook County Sheriff’s Office in Chicago, where Fultz is from, and his mother is retired from there. He moved to Indianapolis in 2011. “All cops ain’t bad, but they all ain’t good either,” he said. Fultz is clear that he doesn’t believe police are going to transform any high-crime or violent neighborhoods for the better — he’s much more optimistic about the community getting resources to help itself — but that doesn’t mean police are the “enemy,” he said.

What’s the impact on crime?

Indianapolis saw a decline in homicides last year for the first time in nearly a decade, but there were already 127 homicides this year through Aug. 29. There were 159 homicides in all of 2018, which was the last record-setting year for Indianapolis. The city’s murder rate in the late 1990s and early 2000s was better than it has been in recent years, but it was also much lower in 2011 and 2012 when there were fewer officers. Taylor said it’s possible that even if all goes well, the department’s strategy could just lead to a reduction in low-level crimes and not violence. Violent crime outside of homicide has declined this year. The department will look for “small victories” in the short term, Taylor said.

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In January 2022, the College Football Playoff (CFP) kicks off at Lucas Oil Stadium. The impact of the game, however, is already being felt. The CFP Foundation and its primary platform, Extra Yard for Teachers, has recently invested in the creation of an eLearning lab to provide valuable resources to teachers as they transition to online learning.

The latest investment will drive the efforts of Teach Indy. Funding from the CFP Foundation will support Teach Indy in driving the recruitment, development, recognition and retention of high-quality teachers for Indianapolis schools.

“Teachers are the backbone of Indianapolis Public Schools, providing socially and emotionally supportive learning environments that ensure access to high-quality curriculum and instruction,” said Aleesia Johnson, IPS superintendent. “The opportunity to recognize and support those working on the front line of our district through the Teach Indy partnership and College Football Playoff Foundation is a well-deserved bonus.”

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opt out as a way of showing their rejection of the system,” he asserted. He went on to note that it was neither foolish nor immoral behavior. At that point, I set aside my knee-jerk reaction to his comments and thought about his point. It was straightforward enough. He was arguing that African-Americans and others who are not served by the political system need not invest their time and energy into something that consistently fails them. In his view, not voting as a political act was an exercise in civic responsibility. I found that hard to swallow and pointed out that their “political act” had real consequences in their

daily lives. “From education to economics, the political system structures and determines the world we live in,” I maintained. He countered by acknowledging that it was true in theory, but then asking whether it was true in fact. At that point, a light went on in my head. I had confused the theory of democracy and the “right to vote” with the reality of selecting from a group of candidates who often lack the commitment, the insight or the skill to improve the lives of America’s disaffected. “If the political system only provides candidates who despise you or disregard your interests,” I thought, “how can

voting be a civic or moral obligation?” I saw then that elections could be used to create an illusion of legitimacy for an illegitimate system. I realized he was right. I conceded, “Of course ... elections could be shams that people reject by not voting at all to show that they do not buy into the charade. I agree that their choice to do so can be a political act.” With that, I changed my view of the voting process and elections. I no longer romanticized or exalted voting as a moral act or civic virtue. Instead, I saw it for what it is: a tool to achieve political outcomes. When you see voting as a tool, then you recognize that, like a hammer or a

screwdriver, its value is in helping to accomplish goals. It should never be confused with the goal itself. The political dysfunction that grips our country today results from most of us lacking social goals and visions that we are working toward. Instead, we want the world to be better, and we vote with the hopes that it will happen — much like playing the lottery. We then blame the people elected if it is not “better” for us. We fail to realize, though, that the world has been made better for someone as a result of elections and the entire political system. The question is, who has the world been made better for and how can we enter and

expand that group? The answer is that we can use elections along with lobbying, protesting, organizing, etc. to do so. Deciding that politics does not matter and opting out gives control to others who will continue to make the state and city work for them. If we want the system to work for us, we have to work the system. Like any tool, it responds to the skill and the effort that we put into it ... nothing ventured, nothing gained.

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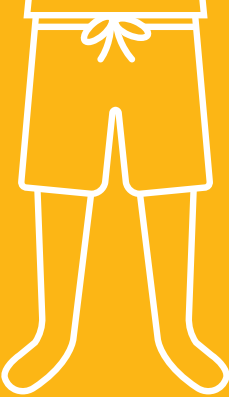
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By DYLAN PEERS MCCOY
Chalkbeat Indiana

After a cautious start, Indianapolis Public Schools plans to reopen classrooms in person for students in all grades next month.

The plan is based on improved coronavirus data in Marion County. Students up to fifth grade will return full time, and middle and high schoolers will return for two days of in-person learning each week. The city's average positivity rate — the percentage of people who test positive for the coronavirus — has hovered near 5% for several weeks, according to state data.

"We have been watching our health data very closely and are excited to have seen some movement," said Superintendent Aleesia Johnson at a media briefing Sept. 15.

It could affect close to 33,000 students who attend schools tied to IPS, although some independent innovation schools are already operating in person. Families will have the option to sign up for virtual instruction.

The decision to reopen classrooms

is a significant step for the district, which first chose to return 100% virtually in July when positivity rates were higher and many feared the outbreak was getting worse. IPS is now one of just two districts in Marion County that have not resumed in-person instruction. The other, Washington Township, approved a plan to return in person.

The IPS reopening will be phased in over the first three weeks of October. Students in prekindergarten through third grade will return for a week of in-person school on Oct. 5. The next week, which was initially part of a fall break, all students will have remote learning.

Classrooms will reopen for all students on Oct. 19. Elementary school children will attend full-time in person, and sixth through 12th grade students will attend in person two days per week and study remotely three days per week.

While the safety concerns of reopening in person weigh heavily on most school leaders, there are also many reasons to return. Parents rely on schools to provide child care. And

they are a crucial connection for the most vulnerable children, providing food and access to health care.

At the same time, the education students receive remotely is unlikely to be as good as it would be in-person. In IPS, the average attendance rate has reached almost 80%, but that's lower than the district would expect in person, officials said.

Even students who attend class may struggle to stay motivated staring at a screen. And it's especially challenging, parents say, for small children to focus on online classes.

IPS will offer an optional full-time virtual program. It is still in the works, but it may vary by school, said Warren Morgan, the district's chief academics officer. That's different from the plan outlined in the summer when the district had intended to have a small number of teachers educate students from multiple elementary schools.

Virtual instruction could entail teachers educating students both in-person and remotely, creating specialized sections for virtual students, or relying on other staff in the build-

ing, Morgan said.

"We're learning from other districts," he said. "A big piece of that is actually gathering the data of how many students actually opt in."

After IPS announced plans to return to school virtually, county and state officials have released more guidance. The Marion County Public Health Department allows in-person classes to continue for some students if the positivity rate remains below 13%. IPS is creating its own metrics that are similar to the county guidelines but slightly more cautious. If the rate goes above 11%, only pre-K through third grade students would remain in person.

Other districts across Indiana that began the school year virtually are now grappling with the same question of when and how to resume in person. School systems including Hamilton Southeastern, South Bend and Portage have either returned or begun discussing plans to reopen.

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High honor for local dessert and catering business

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The team of family members at Marsha's Specialty Desserts and Tierney's Catering have heard from plenty of naysayers over the years. There was the commercial real estate agent who said they wouldn't be able to sustain their business by "selling cakes." There were those who thought the small kitchen would never allow them to cater an event with hundreds of people.

More than 30 years of doing this work — and almost 10 with a storefront in Avon — should be enough to put those doubts to rest, but just in case...

Marsha's Specialty Desserts and Tierney's Catering was designated Indiana Artisan in August, meaning it's considered to be among the best in the state.

"For something wonderful to happen, especially in the midst of all the disaster, all the tragedy that's going on in the world, it was wonderful to have something positive to come about," co-owner Marsha Quarles said.

This was the first time M&T's, as it's known, applied for the Indiana Artisan distinction. From there, a jury of culinary professionals — other sections include retail and arts — judged its work.

M&T's won for its cream cheese pound cake and sock-it-to-me pound cake. Quarles said other popular items are the hot fudge sundae cupcake, Reese's Peanut Butter Cup shooter and peach cobbler



L-R: Michelle Avant and Marsha Quarles, sisters and co-owners of Marsha's Specialty Desserts & Tierney's Catering in Avon, stand next to some of their top-selling desserts. (Photos/Tyler Fenwick)

bar. M&T's is currently open for curbside pickup only at 10834 E. U.S. Highway 36. Call 317-271-8300 to pre-order.

Quarles and her family have always loved to organize events and bring the food and treats.

"It's like a work of art for us," said Michelle Avant, Quarles' sister and co-owner. "It's so much fun."

Their grandfather told them how good they were at baking and planning, and when the family came together as he was dying 15 years ago, he encouraged them to take what had been a home-based operation to the next level.

Quarles' mother made her take a cake decorating class, which Quarles didn't want to do. But she did anyway and pressed forward.

Now, the business consists

of Quarles, her aunt, mother, brother, husband, son and Avant. Their cousins help too.

"When we get together, it's in his spirit," Avant said of her grandfather. "He's the center of everything, of our love together."

Even during a pandemic, the Indiana Artisan designation has brought along more business and recognition. Social media has gotten more traction too.

"Being an entrepreneur is hard work," Quarles said. "You have to have the get-up-and-go; you have to have the gumption; you have to be able to put your work out there for somebody to critique it."

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SPOTLIGHT

Banned Books Week and Black authors

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Sept. 20 marks the beginning of Banned Books Week, a celebration of literature deemed too taboo for American classrooms. Some books on the list contain graphic violence or blasphemy. But for Black authors included on the list, including Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison, oftentimes simply writing about the Black experience in America can be controversial.

In past years, the Indianapolis Public Library has commemorated Banned Books Week through programming. Due to changes caused by COVID-19, nothing is planned for 2020. However, the library system has made an effort to spotlight books written by Black authors, specifically books highlighting the importance of antiracist activism. In honor of Banned Books Week, here are three books written by prominent Black authors to pick up throughout the week, all of which are available through the Indianapolis Public Library system.

“I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,” Maya Angelou

This autobiographical coming of age story depicts growing up Black and poor in the South. In it, Angelou describes the racism and abuse she endured, examples of Black excellence and adversity. Despite being on the bestseller list for two years, the book is banned in Alabama for “inciting bitterness and hatred towards white people.” In Colorado, the book was challenged as a “lurid tale of sexual perversion,” for describing Angelou’s molestation as a child and the subsequent effect the abuse had on her as an adolescent.



Maya Angelou, author of “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings”

In a 2009 interview, the late author and poet said ignorance may be behind why the book was banned.

“I’m always sorry that people ban my books,” Angelou said. “Many times, I’ve been called the most banned. Many times my books are banned by people who never read two sentences.”

“Go Tell It on the Mountain,” James Baldwin

Published in 1952 by writer and commentator James Baldwin, “Go Tell It on the Mountain” depicts the lives of Black people in Harlem during the early 20th century and speaks frequently about religion and racism. Along with a scene depicting rape and violence against women, the book is also banned for depicting a young boy coming to terms with his homosexuality.

“Beloved,” Toni Morrison

When Toni Morrison died in 2019, she was lauded as being one of the most prolific Black female writers in the country. With dozens of novels and plays, Morrison focused largely on the role of race and woman-

hood in society. Her 1987 novel “Beloved,” however, placed her on the banned books list.

Set in Ohio after the Civil War, “Beloved” is based on the life of Margaret Garner, an enslaved woman who killed her child to keep her from a life of slavery. The novel was challenged as late as 2016 when Richard Black, a Republican member of the Virginia State Senate, said the book was “moral sewage” and was too violent to be taught in high school English courses.

In a 2009 interview, Morrison warned against censorship of literature and art. “I contemplate with dread the erasure of other voices, of unwritten novels, poems whispered or swallowed for fear of being overheard by the wrong people. ... That thought is a nightmare.”

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there has been mistreatment of minorities in trials, absolutely. But patient safety is first and foremost in any clinical trial.”

Brown said recipients of the vaccine will meet with a researcher 28 days between the first and second round of the vaccine, and again 90 days after the first dose. Patients will also be able to speak on the phone with doctors about any possible side effects from the vaccine.

“I think this definitely has been a faster process in drug discovery and development,” Brown said. “The government put a lot of money in development, and regulators are going to have to take a careful and close look.”

Much of the early work for this vaccine was done in the United Kingdom, where 500 people received the vaccine in July. Researchers in the UK found a second dose of the vaccine boosted response. Brown said some of the most common side effects were standard for most vaccines, swelling or pain at the injection site and fatigue. Thirty thousand Americans are expected to participate in this trial.

To be included in the study, participants cannot have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past. Although there are still many unknowns surrounding the virus, it’s believed that if you’ve had it in the past, you likely have some degree of immunity.

When enrollment resumes, researchers will use All In for Health to find registered volunteers. Brown said they’re looking to bring in volunteers as quickly as they can and to get a sizeable, diverse enrollment.

“Historically, minority populations have been under-represented,” Brown said. “Looking at our sample of volunteers, we’re trying to oversample Black and Hispanic people to bring more minorities in. In the big picture, Black and Hispanic communities have had greater complications [from COVID-19]. And, our recruitment team has a good background, and we’re going to try to focus in on those communities early on.”

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Super Crossword

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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IMPD’s proposed budget prompts long meeting and criticism

By TYLER FENWICK
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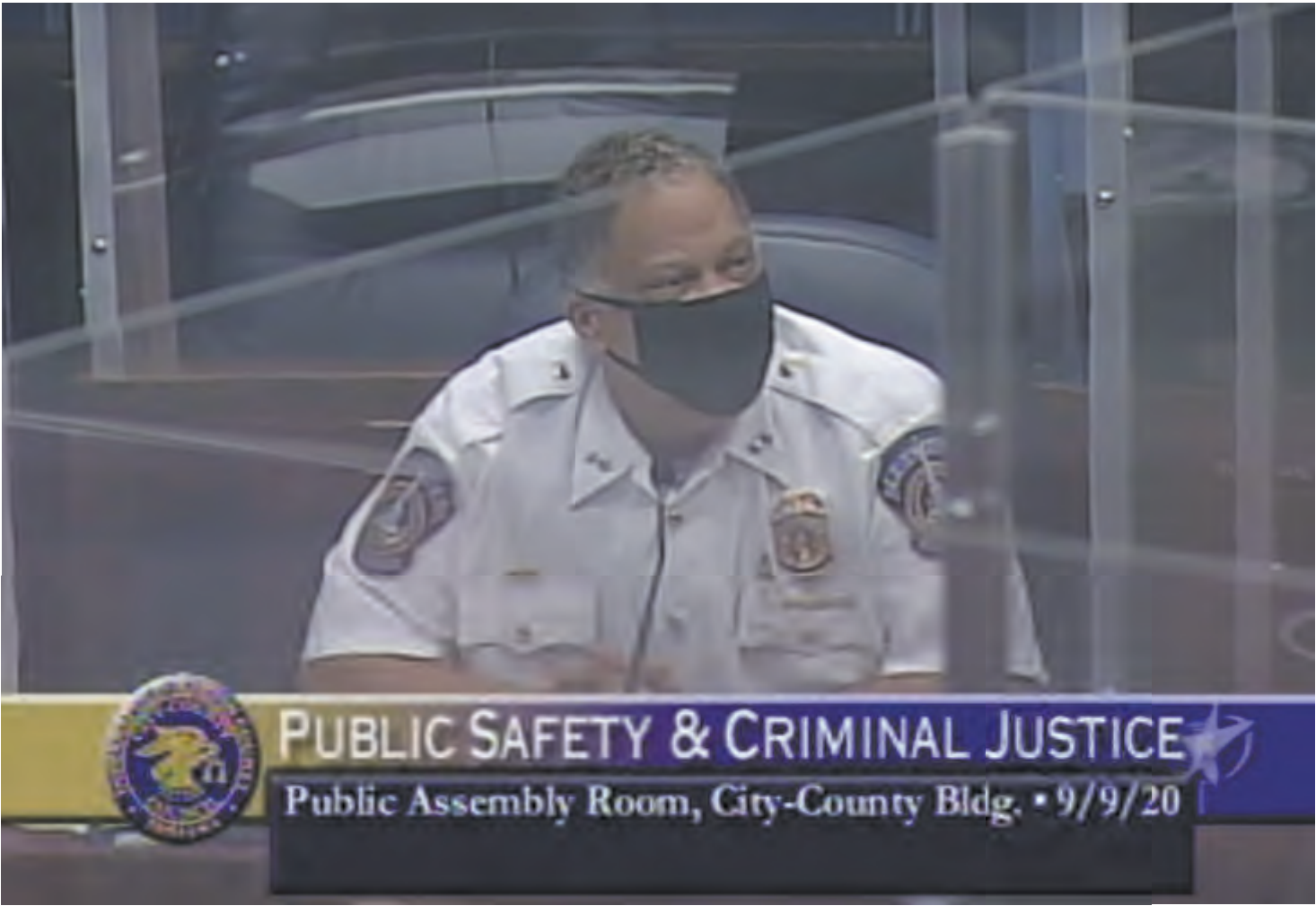
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officials presented the agency’s proposed 2021 budget to the city-county council’s Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee on Sept. 9, which turned into the latest iteration of the debate about appropriate police funding.

IMPD’s proposed 2021 budget clocks in at about \$261 million, a \$7.3 million increase from the 2020 budget.

As expected, plenty of people took advantage of the public comment period in person and through the on-line portal (attendance is still limited at city-county council meetings) to voice their opposition to the department’s proposed budget, which would account for almost 30% of the city budget.

“The police are not the right actors to address systemic issues that Indy needs to work on,” one person wrote. “Work on food deserts, our education system and job opportunities. Address the core issue, not the symptoms.”

One man who said he was at the protest May 29 said an 18-year-old in Iraq has better “trigger discipline” than he saw that night from IMPD,



IMPD Chief Randal Taylor speaks at the city-county council’s Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee budget hearing Sept. 9. (Screenshot)

bringing up that the department used tear gas — a chemical banned in war — against civilians.

“These tactics outlawed in war are hardly ethical for policing a community,” he said.

Another person wrote in: “The increase in funding for IMPD in the face of constant failures on the part of the department to effectively handle the issues facing our city is like trying to put out a fire by throwing gasoline on it.”

The majority of costs and increases (\$214.6 million) are for salaries and

benefits. The budget also includes a \$1.1 million increase for capital expenditures such as bomb suits, motorcycles and drones, as well as \$400,000 for body-worn cameras.

Public comments lasted two hours before committee chairperson Leroy Robinson said any unread written comments could be entered into the meeting minutes for the record.

Missing from councilors throughout the meeting was any indication that there’s support for “defunding the police.” There was still some scrutiny, though.

“We want the law enforcement to protect our communities,” councilor Keith Graves said, “but I also think that we want to know that, particularly in the Black community, that interactions are not death sentences.”

City agencies and departments are presenting their budgets to the appropriate council committees. The city-county council will adopt the final budget in October.

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Substance use disorder stigma: the ‘scarlet letter’

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They say when white folks catch a cold, Black folks get pneumonia. The saying usually applies to economic disparities, but what about when white folks face a harsh stigma over substance use disorder and recovery?

Many advocates say African Americans face an especially tough stigma for a variety of reasons. Addiction can be seen as a sign of weakness or a lack of religious faith. African Americans are supposed to find inner strength to march through life’s difficulties.

“Culturally and historically, these are not things we are taught to talk about,” said Gina Fears, assistant director of recovery and community services at Public Advocates in Community Re-Entry (PACE). “Looking for outside help for any issue is not something that historically we were taught to do.”

September is National Recovery Month, and the Recorder will join PACE to host a virtual town hall, “The Voices of Recovery: Celebrating Connections,” at 10 a.m. Sept. 19. The town hall will be streamed on PACE’s and the Recorder’s Face-

book pages.

Shron Rucker, a diversion specialist at PACE, wrote about two definitions of “stigma” he prefers: a mark “burned into a criminal or slave” and a mark “indicative of a history of disease or abnormality.”

The consequences of stigma can be deadly. Take opioids for example. The crisis of opioid abuse and overdose began primarily with rural whites around 2013, but the introduction of fentanyl, which is 50-100 times more potent than morphine, into drugs such as cocaine looped African Americans into the damage.

A 2018 study in the Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice found 53% of opioid deaths in Indianapolis occur within just 5% of the city — on the near east and near south sides — and researchers said fentanyl-related overdose death is growing especially quickly for Black residents.

Education is an important part of this. A lack of education about substance use can help lead to addiction. The Americans with Disabilities Act and Affordable Care Act (or Obamacare) classify addiction as a disability, but too many still believe addiction is a “mind over matter” issue.

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Fears smoked crack cocaine in the 1980s and ‘90s and went to rehab in 1996. Like many, Fears hates thinking about how the crack epidemic was dealt with compared to the opioid epidemic now. “That bears a stigma in itself,” she said because some mothers and fathers are still in prison for crack. It reinforces to their children that substance use is a crime, Fears said, so why would they want to search for help?

Stigma is a “scarlet letter,” she said, and she hopes the Sept. 19 town hall prompts those in the recovery community to do their part.

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EDITORIAL

A conversation with journalists

By OSEYE BOYD



I’ve been in this profession a long time now, and one of the recurring questions I hear from the public is why I or my media organization covered a particular topic the way we did — or why didn’t we cover an issue.

In addition to the criticism for what we do, local media also is lumped in with national media,

and we often get criticized for the coverage of those organizations. That’s not to say local media is above critique, but don’t judge your local media based off of what CNN does.

If you’ve ever wondered how or why journalists do what we do, you’ll have the chance to ask us in a few days.

“Chew on This: Why Does Local Reporting Matter?” is an opportunity for the public to discuss journalism and ask actual journalists those questions you’ve always wanted to know. Sponsored by Indiana Humanities, the virtual discussion with journalists will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 22. You can register on eventbrite.com. Cost is \$10.

Also, this conversation is an opportunity for journalists to explain why we may choose to cover one issue or event over another and give insight on

how newsrooms work today. Believe me, you can’t believe everything you see on TV or in the movies. Newsrooms have changed drastically in my career. The things I did as a copy clerk in college and even as a cub reporter are no longer done. The internet changed the game — in positive and negative ways.

I think some may be surprised to learn how small newsrooms are today compared to even 10 years ago. The size of a newsroom also helps determine its coverage. Fewer people means more events or issues will be missed. Many readers may not realize the connection between advertising, circulation and staffing, or realize the difference between online advertising revenue vs. print advertising revenue (advertising revenue is what keeps newspapers alive, by the way).

I love talking about journalism, and I love talking about Black people. While the journalism I do is specifically for Black people, it is still rooted in journalistic principles and ethics. The foundation of what I do isn’t based on race or ethnicity and is actually cemented in the Constitution. However, as a Black woman, I often see the world through a different lens than my white colleagues. At the Recorder, I’m able to connect my love of journalism with my desire to educate and empower Black people. I call it a perfect personal and professional symbiosis.

As an African American woman, I often share the frustrations voiced by others when discussing media

coverage as it relates to race. I also often vent about sexist coverage and wonder who dropped the ball and allowed an article into print.

Sometimes in my criticism I forget how challenging aspects of this job can be. While I love the pressure of deadlines, deadlines aren’t for the faint of heart. Unfortunately, our deadlines aren’t always our sources’ most pressing concern. I can’t tell you the amount of praying, crossing fingers and bargaining with the universe to get a source to call back before deadline I’ve seen in a newsroom — or how much I’ve done! For a reporter, one of the best feelings in the world is to finally exhale a sigh of relief because your story is complete and on time to your editor.

Most journalists I’ve worked with over the years want to give readers the best, most accurate story possible. It often comes down to time, lack of sensitivity to certain issues or blind spots and not intent when journalists get it wrong or miss the mark.

Conversations such as the one Sept. 22 can help shed light on the process of reporting and allow readers to share their expectations and offer critiques as well as commendation.

I’m excited and honored to participate in these simultaneous conversations with other journalists from different media outlets in Indiana. Dan Grossman, managing editor of Nuvo, and I will be co-facilitators of one of the conversations. Please join us for what is sure to be an engaging conversation.

OPINIONS

The truth about critics of BLM

By LARRY SMITH



Mark Twain is credited with coining the phrase, “History doesn’t repeat itself, but it often rhymes.” Of course, the aphorism rings true regardless of who created it. For example, the condemnation

of Black Lives Matter and its leaders is reminiscent of similar complaints that critics directed at the Civil Rights Movement and its leaders. (Dr. King’s enemies called him a “Marxist” — among other names.)

Indeed, the words and actions of anti-BLM “patriots” echo the pronouncements of “nationalists” who always claim to be defending their country from agitators, anarchists, communists, etc. Before Hitler rose to power in Germany, he directed his Sturmabteilung to foment violence in the streets. Then he would claim that only he could clean up the mess. Sound familiar?

Am I arguing that the enemies of BLM are all Nazis? No. But I am explicitly arguing that the propaganda in which they engage — and the white supremacy that they embrace (whether explicitly or latently) — is similar to

Nazism.

What is now officially the “Black Lives Matter Global Network” was created in 2013 “in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin’s murderer.” Irrespective of false narratives, BLM is centered on fighting the racism-fueled degradation, oppression and murder of Black people. Opponents of BLM cite certain statements from the organization’s website, including the following: “We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families...” Another example is, “We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking...” Critics also cite statements from some of BLM’s leaders, at least one of whom is a self-identified Marxist.

Such views run counter to the beliefs of most African Americans, especially older ones, who tend to be socially conservative. Still, BLM’s critics pretend not to understand that its supporters distinguish between the organization and the broader fight for Black equality. I am a political centrist and a Christian. Both characteristics more or less describe the majority of African Americans. While I don’t embrace every aspect of BLM as an organization, I fully support its mission to force

America to recognize and to respect Black people as fully human. I have no patience for anyone who does not share that mission.

Further, roughly 50% of all Americans support BLM. No sane person argues that half of the population is Marxist. (Of course, sanity is in short supply in 2020.) The sad truth is that most of the people who are “concerned” about communism and socialism don’t even know the differences between the two ideologies. Their knowledge is limited to “communism (or socialism) is bad.”

Most importantly, this issue is much broader than politics. I cite my Jewish friends’ unwavering loyalty to Israel for comparison. Jewish people embrace Israel whether they are Democrats or Republicans, liberal or conservative, religious or non-religious, etc. Justice and equality are to Black people what Israel is to Jewish people.

When people (of whatever race) ask things like, “Why do (x) Black lives not matter?”, “What about the Blacks killed in Chicago?” — or when they criticize LeBron James for his activism — we know immediately that they don’t actually care about Black people. I’ll offer an analogy: Those whose mission is to fight breast cancer are not criticized for “ignoring” heart disease or for not fighting pancreatic cancer. Thus,

critics of BLM are being obtuse and disingenuous. Further, white critics of BLM take refuge in a false sense of legitimacy because a handful of Black folks “cover” for them. If you value justice, you suggest positive changes to how freedom fighters approach their work. You don’t denigrate their cause.

If history demonstrates nothing else, it is that the majority of white Americans have never supported movements for racial and economic justice. For example, in 1966, Gallup conducted a poll regarding Dr. King’s favorability. His ratings were 33% “favorable” vs. 63% “unfavorable.” (Not coincidentally, the right wing accused him of starting riots while he claimed to be non-violent.)

Ultimately, it is neither BLM’s leadership nor its platform that causes so much anger among anti-BLM critics. It is the fact that BLM and its allies — of all races — are standing up for Black people. Even if BLM embraced the American flag, baseball and apple pie, the enemies of racial equality would still react with hatred. Dr. King would say the same thing — if he hadn’t been murdered by patriots.

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Rate of food insecure Hoosiers increases during COVID-19

By STEVE SMITHERMAN



According to Feeding America, Hoosiers are more likely to face hunger than the national average. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the rate of Hoosier families who are food insecure has increased, meaning more families across Indiana are in need now more than ever.

Food insecurity means that at some point during the month, an individual is unsure of where their next meal is coming from. It also means that even if an individual receives food subsidies from programs such as the Supplemental Food and Nutrition Program (SNAP) or Women, Infant and Children (WIC) benefits, they could run out of these benefits before the end of the month. When they run out, the individual may need to utilize a

food bank or a congregate meal location such as a soup kitchen, or they face the threat of going hungry.

There are many factors that cause food insecurity, including inconsistent employment hours, low wages and unsafe living circumstances that leave people without adequate housing or refrigeration to properly store foods. At CareSource, we explored how the COVID-19 pandemic has made the cause of hunger relief even more vital and how people can help, as food insecurity continues to influence Indiana citizens’ social determinants of health.

COVID-19 has increased the rate of families who are food insecure.

According to Feeding America, prior to COVID-19, food insecurity was at the lowest point since the Great Recession. Thirty-seven million people, including 11 million children, were food insecure. Since March 2020, when COVID-19 caused many states to close schools, businesses and social service agencies, there are now more than 54 million people, including 18 million children, experiencing food insecurity. Additionally, Feeding Indiana’s Hungry estimates food insecurity will rise by 40% among Indiana residents in 2020 due to COVID-19. One in five Hoosiers will be at risk of hunger, including 414,500 children.

Food insecurity is also a significant factor for children and the elderly.

Many children rely on food subsidy programs delivered through school systems that do not operate year-round. As we have experienced since March 2020, these programs have left a gap for many children who are now being homeschooled. These children may also lack proper transportation to utilize breakfast and lunch programs due to COVID-19. Additionally, the virus poses serious health risks to the elderly population. Since the pandemic began, seniors have been asked to stay indoors, making it more difficult to access nutritious food, per a Feeding America article.

Food is a basic need. Much like housing and

clothing, many basic needs have been elevated as important because of COVID-19.

We believe COVID-19 highlighted the number of individuals in our communities who are truly living paycheck to paycheck and are in need of community resources when a crisis strikes. As unemployment skyrocketed during the pandemic and there were delays in getting resources to lower income working families, families found themselves turning to food banks to survive for the first time.

Help the cause: Become aware, vote and get involved.

There are three key actions people can take to make a positive impact on hunger and other social and civic issues. First, become aware of the needs of the community. Once a person has a basic understanding of these needs, the second most impactful action that a person can take is to vote for elected officials that are interested in changing policy to address the issues. And finally, commit yourself to getting involved. Find a cause you care about, like child hunger or senior meal programs and donate or volunteer to these causes.

CareSource’s Life Services program addresses crucial social determinants of health such as food insecurity. The Life Services strategy includes a robust hunger initiative focused on three aspects of hunger issues — food access, food insecurity and food education. We believe that many of the hunger issues that individuals face are symptoms of bigger root issues such as poverty, disparity, racism and discrimination. We are committed to assisting our members and providing them with greater access for socioeconomic needs, physical and clinical needs and behavioral health needs. Visit caresource.com to find community-based resources to assist with food insecurity issues or to connect with a case manager or Life Coach who can help.

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officer and civilian deaths.

It isn't just about riot gear and weapons, but the militarization of policing is also about the violent tactics and intimidation used to subdue suspects, experts said. Thomas Stucky, association professor of criminology at IUPUI, said there is an "inherent contradiction" between the military and policing that makes the militarization of police potentially problematic.

"The military is very much a group setting and involves a specific objective they work together to meet," Stucky, a former police officer, said. "Police work is very different. It involves discretion and individual choices on the part of the officer."

HISTORY OF MILITARIZATION

The militarization of police, however, is not new, and certainly not unique to Indianapolis. While the War on Drugs in the 1970s and the crack cocaine epidemic of the 1980s was notorious for an increase in police militarization, the process actually started during Prohibition in the 1920s. To combat bootlegging and mafia activity, police throughout the country began stocking up on semiautomatic weapons and tactical vehicles.

In recent years, the militarization of police has made headlines in Ferguson, Missouri, when officers showed up to protests following the death of Michael Brown in tanks and tactical gear. In Indianapolis, activists view IMPD and Indiana State Police (ISP) officers arriving to protests with riot gear as proof officers are trying to escalate situations.

While police say they want better relations with the community they're sworn to protect and serve, residents say such tactics do little to build trust and a positive relationship.

"They came trying to start s**t," one protester said May 30, referencing IMPD officers near Monument Circle. "We don't have helmets and s**t, we just got on regular clothes. We aren't trying to start anything."

Stucky said the most effective course of action to bridge the gap between officers and civilians would be to have conversations and building better relationships.

"I'd like to tell you I have the blueprint for how to do that," Stucky said. "... Relationships are built over time and nurtured and developed over time. Good relationships recognize that experiences may be different."

Stucky said both parties, police departments and communities, need to work together to come to a mutual understanding.

"It's absolutely clear that within the African American community, their perspectives and experiences have been very different than majority communities," Stucky said. "We would all be well served to start from a place of trying to understand different perspectives. That discussion has to start with an open mind and requires hard work from both sides."

Stucky said, however, he understands why civilians, particularly Black civilians, would feel a heightened sense of danger when police show up to protests in riot gear.

Mat Davis, the leader of the Indiana Racial Justice Alliance (IRJA), frequently reminds anyone at protests that "Police don't de-escalate a g*****n thing." This belief has led Davis and the IRJA to call for defunding IMPD and reallocating funds to community organizations to prevent crimes before they happen by addressing the root causes.

CLASHES OVER FUNDING

Despite calls from the community and Indy10 Black Lives Matter, Mayor Joe Hogsett proposed earlier this year that IMPD would receive more funding in the 2021 fiscal year. Next year, IMPD will receive \$261 million, roughly \$7.8 million more than the department received in the 2020 budget.

While nothing in the budget confirms any of this money will go toward tactical gear, some community members have expressed concern that more funding will ultimately lead to more militarization of the police — and more civilian deaths — in Indianapolis.

Before Hogsett's 2021 budget was released, the ACLU of Indiana released the following statement:

"IMDP's budget makes up more than 30% of the city's budget. As Mayor Hogsett works with the city council to begin the 2021 budget process, we

must shift resources away from law enforcement and towards Black and Brown community-based initiatives that support true safety, health and well-being. ... We can demand that our local officials, including city council members and mayors, stop allocating funds for more officers and more militarized equipment."

Statistically, when police are more militarized, Black and brown communities are more likely to be negatively impacted, according to a 2018 study by Northwestern University.

In the study, researchers found "militarized police units are more often deployed in areas with high concentrations of African Americans, even after adjusting for local crime rates and other community rates. ... But there is no firm evidence that SWAT teams lower an agency's violent crime rate or the rates at which officers are killed or assaulted."

However, the study did find that the more militarized the police are, citizens are more likely to engage negatively with police and have a distrust of officers.

Stucky, the IUPUI professor, said he isn't surprised by the findings, arguing that by showing up in riot gear, police are implying they are "ready for a fight" and view the public as a threat.

TOXIC TO MENTAL HEALTH

Dr. Carrie Dixon, a psychologist and member of the Indiana Association of Black Psychologists, knows firsthand the impact police brutality and a fear of police in general can have on the mental health of Black individuals. Moreover, she said police officers, particularly white police officers, have a fear of Black people ingrained in them.

"History has shown that white officers do not perceive compassion as readily when they're dealing with a Black person as they do while dealing with white people," Dixon said. "Black people, they see as dangerous, whether conscious or unconscious. White policemen are more apt when they see someone in mental health crises, they are more apt to see that person as being dangerous if it's a Black person. It's just in their DNA."

The issue of mental health and

military-style policing has come under scrutiny following the death of Daniel Prude, 41, in Rochester, New York. Police were initially called to respond to Prude's mental health crisis in March. After an altercation — which included Prude having a bag placed over his head as he sat naked in the street — Prude died a week later from complications from asphyxia. A day before his death, Prude had been in the hospital following another mental health episode.

Many organizers throughout Indianapolis, including NiSean Jones of Black Out for Black Lives, voiced concern about the training individuals go through before becoming police officers.

"It should take longer to become an officer than it does a beautician," Jones told a group during a protest. On average, a cosmetology license takes 1,400 hours, whereas police officers need just 672 hours of basic training to join the force.

Part of that training, according to Dixon, should include how to best handle mental health issues in those they are apprehending to avoid unnecessary injury or violence.

"Policemen need to learn to understand mental illness and how to de-escalate the problem," Dixon said. "They can't do that by yelling and threatening someone who is already out of control. They need training on that, along with training of how to respectfully restrain a subject, especially one who is under mental duress."

In a previous interview with the Recorder, Indiana State Police (ISP) Superintendent Doug Carter conceded officers are expected to be "superhuman," but getting changing the current style of policing to one community residents are advocating for would take decades.

Many in the community don't feel they can wait decades, however.

"If you want to see change happen for the better," Stucky said, "continuing to do what you've been doing may not be the best approach."

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COVID-19, other health issues influenced by where you live, experts say

By HILARY POWELL

When Marion County Health Commissioner Dr. Virginia Caine fell down a flight of stairs recently, a pill to treat her arthritis became a way to cope with the pain.

But she forgot her insurance card on a trip to the pharmacy, and the out-of-pocket price of her prescription — \$230 — gave Caine sticker shock.

It's the same sort of shock her uninsured patients often experience, she said. And that sort of financial pressure is magnified during the COVID-19 crisis.

"If I had to decide between 'Am I going to keep my lights on' or 'I got to pay my rent,' medical care may be the least of my priorities related to those former two issues," she said.

Caine and other experts recently spoke to WFYI and the Indianapolis Recorder about how poverty and other living conditions affect health. These factors — known as social determinants of health — can explain why pockets of African Americans and Latino Hoosiers experience more COVID-19 cases than any other group.

Indiana's health department is hoping to change that trend. Last week, it announced a partnership with local health departments to add nearly 100 testing sites for COVID-19.

In Marion County, for example, most low-paying jobs are held by members of the Black and Latinx communities. That means they face a greater risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Experts say these are just the latest indicators of disparities that leave minority groups on the losing end.

Dr. Broderick Rhyant, chief physician with Eskenazi Health Center Forest Manor, said environmental factors are mostly to blame.

"Social determinants of health cannot be ignored," he said in discussion with WFYI and the Recorder.

Black Hoosiers also are more likely to live with relatives in densely populated, impoverished areas, Caine said. Lack of reliable transportation, affordable housing and fresh food can plague these areas.

"You may have this intergenerational family of people living in an apartment



After the onset of COVID-19, Shepherd Community Center added a weekly food distribution to its outreach efforts to help families who live in a food desert. A grant also will help provide food deliveries to families who have difficulty accessing fresh food. (Photo provided)



compared to their white counterparts, which increases risk of for COVID-19, but probably also access to primary care," Caine said. "[Someone says,] 'I've got symptoms and I want to know whether I'm infected or not.' Testing may not be available for them in the areas and the places where they reside ..."

A state health department spokesperson says half of its drive-thru testing sites since the beginning of the pandemic have been directed to minority and vulnerable residents. The agency says more than 56% of those tested are members of minority groups.

"We want every Hoosier to be able to

find testing when they need it so that we can reduce the spread of COVID in our communities," State Health Commissioner Dr. Kris Box said.

State officials said three dozen local testing sites opened this month, with nearly 60 others scheduled to open by Oct. 1.

Caine says improved health also can come from more doctors being culturally competent — and identifying with the challenges their patients face.

"Black babies are less likely to die if they are treated by Black physicians," she said. "That's really controversial and that's hard to hear, but we're speaking to cultural competency and understanding shared experiences."

Better, more equitable care is what Indiana University Health hopes to provide with a new \$500,000 grant program. The program aims to address social and environmental determinants of health.

Organizers at Shepherd Community Center, which serves much of Indianapolis' east side, said their grant will be effective because workers are familiar with the issues neighbors face.

"We know poverty really impacts all areas of someone's life," said Andrew Green, assistant executive director at Shepherd. "We take a relational approach and create long-term relationships."

Noting that hunger can impact proper health care, he said some of the IU Health grant will help take care of

families' basic needs.

"A lot of times, if you haven't experienced it, you might think of third-world poverty, but I think what [poverty] really looks like in our neighborhoods here in Indy is more of an access issue," he said.

Since the pandemic began, Shepherd has added a weekly food distribution to help families who live in food deserts. With the grant money, they'll start organizing daily home deliveries of food boxes to neighbors who struggle to get access to fresh food.

They'll also fund telehealth follow-up appointments from a local paramedic.

Jamal Smith, director of government affairs and strategic partnerships at IU Health, said it was critical to talk with community leaders and evaluate neighborhood quality of life surveys when considering grant money.

And he said coronavirus highlights social impediments that have been longstanding.

"The need to invest in our communities before our community members come inside of our hospital is critical."

To find a testing site, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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The Flu Vaccine is Important for Older Residents

For many years, health care professionals have recognized that people 65 years and older are at high risk of developing serious complications from flu compared with young, healthy adults.

This risk is due in part to changes in immune defenses with increasing age. While flu seasons vary in severity, people age 65 years and older often bear the greatest burden of severe flu disease.

In recent years, for example, an estimated 70-75% of seasonal flu-related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older, and 50-70% of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations have occurred among people in this age group.

A flu vaccine is the best protection against flu and has many benefits. The vaccine is known to reduce flu illnesses and the risk of more serious flu outcomes that can result in hospitalization or even death.

Flu vaccination can also reduce the severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that almost everyone 6 months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine each year by the end of October. However, as long as flu viruses are circulating, vaccination should continue throughout flu season, even into January or later.

Flu vaccines are updated each season as needed to keep up with changing viruses. Also, immunity wanes over a year so annual vaccination is needed to ensure the best possible protection against flu. A flu vaccine protects against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season.

Flu vaccines for 2020-2021 have been updated from last season's vaccine to better match circulating viruses. Immunity from vaccination fully sets in after about two weeks.

Because of age-related changes in their immune systems, people 65 years and older may not respond as well to vaccination as younger people. Although immune responses may be lower in older people, studies have consistently found that flu vaccine has been effective in reducing the risk of medical visits and hospitalizations associated with flu.

People 65 years and older should get a flu shot, not a nasal spray vaccine. They can get any flu vaccine approved for use in their age group with no preference for any one vaccine over another.

While regular flu shots are approved for use in people 65 years and older, other special vaccines are designed specifically for this group: high dose flu vaccine and adjuvant flu vaccine. A medical care provider can determine which vaccine is best on a case-by-case basis.

Also important to older adults is the pneumococcal vaccine, which protects against pneumococcal disease, such as pneumonia, meningitis, and bloodstream infections. Just like flu vaccines, a medical care provider can determine which vaccine is best for each patient.

Pneumococcal pneumonia is an example of a serious flu-related complication that can cause death. The vaccine is available. The pneumococcal vaccine and the flu vaccine can be given at the same time.

In addition to getting a flu shot, people 65 years and older should take the same everyday preventive actions that the CDC recommends for everyone, including avoiding close contact with people who are sick, staying at home when sick, covering coughs, and washing hands often.

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US election spotlight mostly bypasses mainline Protestants



FILE - This Friday, June 12, 2020 file photo shows St. John’s Episcopal Church next to a large “Black Lives Matter” banner on the AFL-CIO building near the White House in Washington. In 2020, mainline Protestant denominations, including the Episcopal, United Methodist and Presbyterian-USA churches, are now deeply engaged in campaigns against racism and voter suppression. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

By DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The images were vivid: President Donald Trump brandishing a Bible outside an Episcopal church in Washington that had been boarded up amid racial injustice protests. Episcopal leaders reacted with outrage at what they deemed a cynical photo-op.

“He didn’t say a prayer. It was used as a matter of partisan politics,” said Michael Curry, the denomination’s presiding bishop.

That flare-up was notable for another reason. It’s one of the few times that a mainline Protestant denomination entered the national spotlight amid a volatile election year abounding in political news about evangelicals and Catholics.

There’s been a steady stream of news about certain evangelical leaders — their close alliance with Trump, their occasional defiance of coronavirus-related restrictions on worship services. Meanwhile, Trump’s Democratic rival, Joe Biden, is being assailed by some fellow Catholics, including bishops, for his support of abortion rights.

Rarely garnering national attention are the mainline Protestant denominations that dominated America’s political and civic leadership for much of its history, beginning in colonial times.

These denominations, including the Episcopal, United Methodist and Presbyterian (U.S.A.) churches, are now deeply engaged in campaigns against racism and voter suppression. Yet they haven’t generated controversies this year as headline-grabbing as those involving evangelicals and Catholics.

“Mainline Christians are often quieter in their public rhetoric,” said

Florida-based Bishop Kenneth Carter, former president of the United Methodists’ Council of Bishops.

“But my experience has been, in every city I’ve lived ... that many mainline Christians do the heavy social lifting in their communities on issues such as homelessness and food insecurity.”

Carter noted that the United Methodists, the largest mainline denomination with about 7 million U.S. members, is politically diverse. Its members include Democrat Hillary Clinton, former presidential candidate, senator and secretary of state, and conservative Republican Jeff Sessions, a former senator and U.S. attorney general.

“In every mainline church, you’ll find members who are Republican and Democrat,” said the Rev. John Dorhauer, president and general minister of the 800,000-member United Church of Christ.

“What that means is that the pastor and church culture have created a setting where, no matter what your political view is, you’re free to worship here,” he said. “When a pastor crosses the line, you risk saying to a member of a church, ‘Your own beliefs are not valued here.’”

In general, mainline denominations discourage their pastors from making political endorsements from the pulpit, or from issuing voter guides the way some conservative churches do.

“We don’t endorse or oppose a particular candidate, but we do try to uphold moral principles and values that are key to our faith,” said Curry.

Through the mid-20th century, most Protestants in the U.S. belonged to mainline churches, but now they are outnumbered by evangelicals. Polls in recent years indicate that about one-quarter of U.S. adults identify as evan-

gelical, and less than 15% as mainline Protestant. The collective membership of the seven biggest mainline denominations is now about 16 million.

The mainline churches have been politically active in a number of less-partisan ways, notably in registering voters and recruiting poll watchers. In many cases, they also have aligned with the widespread protests against racial injustice and police violence against Black people.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) launched a Rally for Justice march Aug. 28 from its headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, the city where Breonna Taylor was fatally shot by police during a raid on her home in March. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — the second-largest mainline denomination with 3.5 million members — sponsored a prayer service in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Sept. 2 in response to outrage over the wounding of Jacob Blake by an officer who fired seven shots into his back.

At that service, Paul Erickson, bishop of the ELCA’s Greater Milwaukee Synod, denounced racism as “that toxic poison that is harming us all.”

Elizabeth Eaton, the presiding bishop of the ELCA, said whites make up 94% of the denomination — the biggest share among the major mainline denominations — and hopes it can prove its commitment to racial justice after periods in the past “where we did not engage.”

Among the relatively small number of mainline clergy with national prominence is a Disciples of Christ pastor from North Carolina, the Rev. William Barber, a long-time Black civil rights activist and leader of the Poor People’s Campaign who has been outspoken against systemic racism.

Three mainline denominations now have Black leaders holding the top clerical post — exemplifying a broader commitment in mainline communities to diversity and racial justice.

Curry became the Episcopalians’ first Black presiding bishop in 2015; the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) elected the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II in 2016 as the first Black leader in its more than 300-year history; and the Rev. Terri Hord Owens became the first Black woman to head any of these denominations when she was elected the Disciples of Christ’s president in 2017.

“We’re seeing the emergence of leaders who not long ago wouldn’t have been heard from,” said Nelson.

Most mainline denominations have seen membership drop sharply in recent decades. The number of Presbyterians, for example, has fallen from about 2.5 million in 2000 to some 1.3 million today.

Some defections have come as several of the denominations moved to ordain LGBT clergy and recognize same-sex marriages, and the United Methodist Church faces a seemingly inevitable schism next year over those same issues.

Another challenge for the mainline churches is one confronting many other faiths: Persuading young people to participate.

“Young people want to be engaged with people who are doing stuff,” Owens said. “It’s not just what kind of music you play. It’s what are you doing to change and shape society.”

“We all recognize the declining numbers,” Owens added. “We have to be visible doing the work of justice. It’s hard work for all of us.”

Chadwick Boseman buried near South Carolina hometown

By ANDREW DALTON
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chadwick Boseman was buried near his South Carolina hometown six days after he died at his home in Los Angeles, according to a death certificate obtained by The Associated Press.

The “Black Panther” star was laid to rest Sept. 3 at Welfare Baptist Church Cemetery in Belton, South Carolina, about 11 miles from Boseman’s hometown of Anderson, the Los Angeles County Certificate showed. Anderson held a public memorial for Boseman a day later.

Boseman died at his home near Griffith Park in Los Angeles on Aug. 28, the record said.

The immediate cause was listed

as multiple organ failure, with the underlying cause of colon cancer, which his family said previously that he had been diagnosed with four years earlier.

Boseman had surgery to remove the colon cancer in 2016 after his diagnosis, and in March of this year had laparoscopic surgery to remove cancer that had metastasized, the record showed.

The document lists Boseman’s profession as “artist,” and his industry as entertainment.

Very few outside of his family knew that Boseman, who played “Black Panther” in four Marvel movies and also starred in the Jackie Robinson biopic “42,” had been battling colon cancer when he died at age 43.



SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Prayer legs

By SHEILA P. SPENCER



Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind, They took the time and prayed for me.

I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed for me.

"Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it?" James 2:14

"You've been in my spirit all week and I've been praying for you. But this morning, I said ... I'm going to reach beyond the prayer and call you." This was my friend's message to me early Friday morning. Her spirit's intuition was laser sharp and the hour-long conversation that followed was exactly what both of us needed. We prayed over a specific situation and less than five minutes later, the resolution came. Her initial prayers covered me, but her taking the step to follow up and directly reach out to me connected me.

The encounter reminded me of the quote from one of my prophets and sheroes, civil rights advocate and justice warrior Fannie Lou Hamer. "You can pray until you faint, but unless you get up and try to do something, God is not going to put it in your lap." The sages taught me that after we pray, we need to put legs on it by stepping out in the direction of what we prayed for. Prayers fortify us to take the actions that we are called to do. During our conversation, my friend shared that she was reminded that prayer is not a substitute for following through on what was shared during the prayer. "For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half

starved and say, 'Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!' and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup — where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous non-sense?" James 2:15-17

This scripture confirms that prayers need legs. After praying, we need to walk in the direction of what we prayed about. There was a man who was a paraplegic and his friends cared and prayed for him. But these friends did something more and put legs on their prayers. They heard that Jesus was nearby and they carried him there. The place was packed and the entrance was jammed. They put legs on their prayers. When they weren't able to get in because of the crowd, they removed part of the roof and lowered the paraplegic on his stretcher. Impressed by their bold belief, Jesus eventually healed him and he walked out on his own. I believe Jesus was impressed by those who knew the connection between prayer — God talk and God action.

We live in a world that is waiting for us to follow through on what we prayed for. Prayers fortify us to take the actions that we are called to do. Put legs on those prayers and walk in the direction of the words of our prayers.

My dear friend prayed for me, had me on her mind, She took the time and prayed for me.

I'm so glad she prayed and put legs on the prayers and reached out to me.

Praying first and walking it out, Rev. Sheila P. Spencer

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Land sale profits helped fund GOP candidate's Congress bid

INDIANAPOLIS(AP) — Profits from family property sales boosted the personal finances of an Indiana state senator who has given at least \$1 million toward her campaign for a congressional seat, according to a published report.

Republican Sen. Victoria Spartz claimed only her legislative pay of about \$71,000 as earned income last year on disclosure reports, but she and her husband have largely made their money buying, selling, leasing and farming land, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

Spartz is facing Democrat Christina Hale in a costly campaign for central Indiana's 5th Congressional District seat in the November election. Spartz won the June primary over 14 other Republican candidates after flooding TV screens and mailboxes with ads. Her money made up more than three-quarters of her campaign funding.

Spartz recently told the newspaper without giving details that the money for her congressional campaign came from property sale profits, and that she and her husband decided to invest in the political race after at first intending to buy or build a new house.

State and local property records show that Victoria and Jason Spartz have owned several properties over the past 15 years or so and now own at least 134 acres of farmland, residential parcels and vacant commercial property in Hamilton County just north of Indianapolis.

"Jason and Victoria do not speculate or flip real estate, but actually invest real money in real estate," said Catherine Seat, Spartz's campaign manager. "It usually takes a while to get returns in these investments."

Seat said the couple has "worked hard, saved money, and been successful in business. We need more of those skills in Congress."

In one deal, the family owned Spartz Farms last year sold a 34.5-acre property in Noblesville that until recently included an auto junkyard for \$5.1



million after buying it for \$920,000 in 2004, according to property records.

The developer who bought the land is planning a \$31 million business park project for the site along the major suburban Indianapolis east-west route of 146th Street. That road linking Interstate 69 and Indiana 37 had not yet been built when Spartz Farms bought the land, but real estate experts say, even as early as the 1990s, it was obvious the area would be developed.

"It always had the potential," said Tim Monger, a former president and CEO of the Hamilton County Economic Development Corp. who is now a senior vice president for Indianapolis-based Resource Commercial Real Estate. "I think most people could see that."

Another Spartz family owned entity, however, lost a 34-acre site in Noblesville to foreclosure in 2010 after plans to attract a Target store to the property fell apart.

The family had bulldozed and filled in wetlands at the site in 2007 before state environmental regulators stopped the work because they had failed to obtain state and federal permissions, The Indianapolis Star reported in February.

"This project was a casualty of the major real estate crash in 2008, where Target had to cancel all projects," Seat said. "Therefore, it went back to the bank with deed in lieu of foreclosure. That is a risk every investor always faces."

Photo: Tom Davies, AP
State Sen. Victoria Spartz, R-Noblesville, speaks during a legislative hearing on Oct. 1, 2019, at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis. A published report says profits from family property sales boosted Spartz's personal finances as she has given at least \$1 million toward her campaign for central Indiana's 5th Congressional District seat.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2009-EU-030932
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARGARET ELLEN WEBB,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that SARFA LYNN JORDAN, was on September 9, 2020, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of MARGARET ELLEN WEBB, deceased, who died August 10, 2020. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 7, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
09/18/20
09/25/20

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Marion County Superior Court
In the Matter of the Estate of William Lora Freese deceased.
Cause Number:
49008-2008-EU-029165
Notice is hereby given that Gary A. Freese was on August 25, 2020, appointed personal representative of the estate of William Lora Freese, deceased. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this day of August 25, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
09/18/20
09/25/20

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION ss:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2008-EU-030112
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF JAMES E. PLYMATE, Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Brian K. Plymate was on September 1, 2020, appointed personal representative of the estate of James E. Plymate, deceased. All persons who have claims against this estate, Whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within 9 months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana on September 1, 2020
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
09/11/20
09/18/20

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION ss:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2009-EU-030229
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
DONOVAN P. DAY, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on September 8, 2020, Michael P Day II was appointed as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Donovan P. Day, who died on the 10th day of August, 2020. All persons having 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 the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated this September 8, 2020
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
09/18/20
09/25/20

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49D08-2006-EU-019877
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
VIOLET D. MITCHELL,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Malynnda Hardy, was on July 7, 2020 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Violet D. Mitchell, deceased, who died April 15, 2020. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 7, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
09/18/20
09/25/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is requesting participation from registered MBE, WBE, VBE and DOBE firms interested in providing bids for the construction of SD-19-018D, 21st and Butler Ave. Drainage Improvements Ph. II for The City of Indianapolis. The bid date is September 17, 2020. The following trades may be included in the construction: Concrete, Seeding/Erosion Control, Excavation, Hauling, Construction Engineering, and Maintenance of Traffic. Calumet also requests sub-contractors to provide additional MBE/WBE/DOBE participation concerning supply of materials, engineering, shipping, transportation of goods, fuel, or other items incidental to its work. If a MBE/WBE/DOBE cannot perform all work, please notify us. Email quotes@calumetcivil.com for more information.
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PATERNITY

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
CIRCUIT COURT OF
MARION COUNTY
NICHOLAS FINK,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
ALICIA WALTERS,
Defendant
KELCIE FINK,
Intervenor
49C01-1405-JP-000166

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is Order to appear, and to invite. And to the following defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: ALICIA WALTERS. In addition to the above named defendant being served by this summons, there may be other parties who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must answer it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

NOTICE OF SUIT
FOR CONTINUANCE
Comes now the Intervening party, in person and by counsel, John A. Kassiss and having filed her motion for continuance of the court and having been fully advised in the premises finds that said motion should be GRANTED. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the hearing now set for August 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. is continued to the 1st day of Oct., 2020 at 3:00 p.m. with 1hr., MK hours of the court's time allotted. Hearing will be held remotely and a separate invite and instruction will be sent. ALL OF WHICH IS HEREBY ORDERED. ADJUDGED and DECREED this 27th day of July 2020.
Dated this 12th day of August, 2020.
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
09/04/20
09/18/20

PATERNITY

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
PASCUALA SILVERSTE MORENO,
Petitioner,
AND
HECTOR EZEQUIEL BERNAL,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the court above named. The nature of the suit against you is order to appear. And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: HECTOR EZEQUIEL BERNAL. In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of _____, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. ORDER TO APPEAR as the Petitioner, PASCUALA SILVERSTE MORENO, by Counsel, John A. Kassiss having filed her Request for Hearing in the above captioned action, and the Court, being duly advised in the premises, now orders as follows:

That this matter is scheduled for a Hearing on the 19th day of October, 2020, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. with 30 minutes of the Court's time allotted.
That the parties are ordered to appear at this hearing without any further notice. Dated: August 18, 2020
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
09/11/20
09/18/20
09/25/20

PATERNITY

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION CO. CIRCUIT COURT
PATERNITY
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2008-JP-029983
IN RE PATERNITY OF OSCAR LUIS TEJADA RAMOS,
MINOR CHILD,
DORADO DE MARIA GONZALEZ RAMOS,
Petitioner,
vs.
OSCAR A. TEJADA BONILLA,
Respondent.

SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF SUIT

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named and a hearing will take place in Marion Co. Superior Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Petition for Dissolution. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Oscar A. Tejada Bonilla, residence unknown. A hearing is set in this matter for January 8, 2021 at 9:00am. You must answer the Petition in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the petition has demanded. Petitioner's attorney is Andrew G. Spear, 1300 N. Pennsylvania St., Ste 202, Indianapolis, IN 46202.
Date: August 31, 2020
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
09/04/20
09/11/20
09/18/20

PATERNITY

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PATERNITY DIVISION
CAUSE NO.
49C01-2008-JP-028447
IN THE MATTER OF AXEL M. MARTINEZ-YAH BY NEXTEL FRIEND PETITIONER
ANTONIO MARTINEZ-RUIZ
Petitioner
VS
BIANCA C. YAH-MARTINEZ
Respondent

ORDER ON NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The object of the above-styled suit is for Establishing Paternity/Custody/Permission to travel.
And, as appearing by affidavit filed by Bianca Yah-Martinez, the above-named Respondent, is not a resident of this county, and that a diligent search has been made and the Respondent's answer is unknown.
IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED that notice be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper authorized by law to publish notices and published in the County of Marion, in Indiana.
August 20, 2020
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk
09/04/20
09/11/20
09/18/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Bowen Engineering Corporation (a General Contractor) An Equal Employment Opportunity Employer, is seeking Certified MBE/WBE owned business bids for Carmel WWTP Phosphorus Removal. Subcontracting opportunities available are for: Excavation, Trucking, Seeding, Concrete, Reinforcing Steel Placement, Masonry, Painting, Pre-Engineered Buildings, Instrumentation/Controls, and HVAC Electrical. Interested and Certified MBE/WBE business parties should contact Danielle Love at 317.842.2616 to discuss subcontracting opportunities. All bids and applications for the SRP/EPA documentation must be submitted on or before the bid date of September 18th, 2020 @ 2:00 pm EDT. Plans are available for viewing at Bowen Engineering Corporation, at: http://subs.bowenengineering.com/planroom/ Job Name: phos Password: *****
Please return the required documents that will be listed in the plan room hspaxlp 09/11/20
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS FOR THE CLARA KNOTTS PARK BROADWAY DRAIN, 7.448 FEET, MORE OR LESS IN LENGTH IN SECTIONS 17, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, CLARK TOWNSHIP WILL BE OPENED AND READ ON THE 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9:00 A.M. BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING, ONE HAMILTON COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING, INDAVILLE, INDIANA 46060-2230.
All bids must be on proposal forms furnished by the Hamilton County Surveyor and accompanied by a bid bond in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid amount. The bidder shall also execute a FORM 96 as required by the State Board of Accounts and include a notarized non-collusion affidavit with the bid documents.
Plans and specifications for the project are on file in the office of the Hamilton County Drainage Board, 101 West O's Office at One Hamilton County Square, Suite 188, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This is a federally funded project, Davis-Bacon Wage Rates will apply. WBE/MBE Businesses are encouraged to bid.
A non-refundable fee of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) is required. Check payable to the Hamilton County Treasurer.
ALL BIDS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY ON or before A.M. September 28, 2020.
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh, Executive Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)
Notice of Public Meeting
IndyGo is soliciting Public Comment as it Seeks to Purchase New Site.
IndyGo is considering purchasing property to meet the needs of our growing organization.
Join us on Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 PM for a virtual public meeting to learn more and give feedback on the following sites under consideration:
• 9503 E. 33rd Street, Indianapolis, IN
• 2900 Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN
• 6550 E. 30th Street, Indianapolis, IN

IndyGo is committed to providing increased service as part of the Marion County Transit Plan (MCTP), which means we need more space for increased operational and administrative functions. Learn more and leave public comment by visiting https://www.indygo.net/expand/. To preregister for the public meeting, visit this link: https://bit.ly/2Ratxap.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the school corporation known as Indianapolis Public Schools (the "School Corporation") that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the School Corporation will meet at the John Morton-Finney Center for Educational Services, 120 East Walnut Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) on October 29, 2020, to consider the following additional appropriation of the Bonds (the "Bonds") which the Board has submitted to the Board of Commissioners such additional appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time:
An appropriation in the amount of \$5,350,000 from the proceeds of the Bonds, and all investment earnings thereon, for the amount of the renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Project") in the School Corporation, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project and the issuance of Bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of Bonds by the School Corporation.
The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary school facilities in the School Corporation.
Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation.
In light of the changing circumstances as they relate to COVID-19 and the Indiana Governor's Executive Orders regarding social distancing, the School Corporation's website prior to the scheduled hearing to receive up to date information about meeting logistics.
Dated this 18th day of September, 2020.
/s/ Susan Collins Secretary, Board of Commissioners
Indianapolis Public Schools
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PUBLIC NOTICE

AutoReturn will be having an abandoned vehicle auction 09/24/20 at 12:00 PM. The auction will be held at 2451 S. Michigan, Indianapolis, IN 46221. Viewing is at 10:00 AM. All vehicle release prices as of 09/10/2020. The following vehicles will be sold:

Year	Make	Model	VIN	Body	Amount
1999	ACURA	TL	VJUN45645XA015718	4 DOOR	\$ 805.00
2002	AUDI	A6	WAUML64B22N116603	4 DOOR	\$ 780.00
2007	AUDI	Q7	WAUZZY74L67D040825	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 830.00
2002	BMW	3 SERIES	5B0BA4747D0170573	4 DOOR	\$ 850.00
2003	BUICK	LESABRE	1G4HP52K43U124484	4 DOOR	\$ 760.00
2006	BUICK	TERRAZA	5GADV23L06D195377	VAN	\$ 780.00
2002	BUICK	CENTURY	2G4WS52J121278335	4 DOOR	\$ 815.00
2002	BUICK	LESABRE	1G4HDS52J41208351	4 DOOR	\$ 880.00
2001	BUICK	LESABRE	1G4HP52K41412032	4 DOOR	\$ 830.00
2000	BUICK	LESABRE	1G4HR54K6YU138515	4 DOOR	\$1,780.00
2004	CADILLAC	CTS	1G6D5W77440101265	4 DOOR	\$ 705.00
2003	CADILLAC	ESCALADE	1GXEK63N2R3131435	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 710.00
2001	CADILLAC	DEVILLE	1G8KD54V1U5242161	4 DOOR	\$ 730.00
2002	CADILLAC	DEVILLE	1G8KD54V22U281016	4 DOOR	\$ 755.00
1997	CADILLAC	DEVILLE	1G6KD54V1U926716	4 DOOR	\$ 830.00
2006	CADILLAC	DTS	1G6KD57V66U212900	4 DOOR	\$ 830.00
2009	CADILLAC	CTS	1G6DU57V75017139	4 DOOR	\$ 860.00
2005	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	1GCGE14112S2315697	PICK UP	\$ 705.00
1987	CHEVROLET	S-10 PICK-UP	1G1JL1246Y21253733	PICK UP	\$ 730.00
2001	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1VH5K519162555	4 DOOR	\$ 730.00
2002	CHEVROLET	TRAIL BLAZER	1GND1S3562252222	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 730.00
2003	CHEVROLET	MONTTE CARLO	2G1VW15K639229629	2 DOOR	\$ 735.00
2004	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1VH5K549459610	4 DOOR	\$ 735.00
2002	CHEVROLET	S-10 PICK-UP	1G1JL1246Y21253733	PICK UP	\$ 730.00
2002	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	1G1JH52K7420298	4 DOOR	\$ 755.00
2004	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1VH52E249452826	4 DOOR	\$ 755.00
2005	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1Z5S2F45F167247	4 DOOR	\$ 755.00
2007	CHEVROLET	MONTTE CARLO	2G1VW15N57925639	2 DOOR	\$ 755.00
2006	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1J1Z5S1F36F249098	4 DOOR	\$ 760.00
2002	CHEVROLET	MINIMA	1G1JL1246Y21253733	PICK UP	\$ 755.00
1998	CHEVROLET	VENTURE	1GNDX031WD161292	4 DOOR	\$ 780.00
2002	CHEVROLET	MONTTE CARLO	2G1VW12E829334270	2 DOOR	\$ 780.00
2006	CHEVROLET	EQUINOX	2CNDL31P966120051	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 780.00
2010	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1Z5E88AF278318	4 DOOR	\$ 780.00
2002	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	1G1JL1246Y21253733	PICK UP	\$ 780.00
2002	CHEVROLET	TRAIL BLAZER	1GND1S35622161673	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 805.00
2003	CHEVROLET	ASTRO VAN	1GNDM19J73B105646	VAN	\$ 805.00
2004	CHEVROLET	AVANLANCE	3GNEK12T04G207686	PICK UP	\$ 805.00
2001	CHEVROLET	BLAZER	1GND1S35622161673	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 840.00
1997	CHEVROLET	ASTRO VAN	1GND1S35622161673	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 850.00
1990	CHEVROLET	ASTRO VAN	1GND1S35622161673	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 860.00
1999	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	1G1JF12T8X1712975	2 DOOR	\$ 860.00
2004	CHEVROLET	BLAZER	1GNC3S18X1K4108921	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 860.00
1979	CHEVROLET	BLAZER	CKU1R8F167663	4 DOOR	\$ 880.00
1998	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1Z5E88AF278318	4 DOOR	\$ 885.00
2006	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1VH5K549459610	4 DOOR	\$ 885.00
2007	CHEVROLET	EQUINOX	2CNDL31P966120051	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 890.00
2004	CHEVROLET	TRAIL BLAZER	1GND1S35622161673	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 905.00
2004	CHEVROLET	COLORADO	1GCGCS196148195165	PICK UP	\$ 905.00
2004	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1Z5E88AF278318	PICK UP	\$ 905.00
2006	CHEVROLET	MALIBU MAXX	1G1JL1246Y21253733	PICK UP	\$ 905.00
2006	CHEVROLET	EQUINOX	2CNDL31P966144922	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 920.00
2000	CHEVROLET	MONTTE CARLO	2G1VW12E1Y9200788	2 DOOR	\$ 928.75
2010	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1VW5E5N5A1227043	4 DOOR	\$ 935.00
2012	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	3GNFL45E55CS32063	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 940.00
2002	CHEVROLET	MINIMA	1G1JL1246Y21253733	PICK UP	\$ 955.00
2002	CHEVROLET	OTHER	3G8K3C34F92M111246	PICK UP	\$1,310.00
2003	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1VH52E249452826	4 DOOR	\$1,480.00
2000	CHEVROLET	MONTTE CARLO	2G1VW12X119360919	2 DOOR	\$1,605.00
2016	CHEVROLET	OTHER	1G1P3GS80G7204149	4 DOOR	\$1,780.00
2006	CHEVROLET	UPLANDER	1GNDV03L9X0105678	VAN	\$2,005.00
2003	CHRYSLER	TOWN-COUNTY	2C4GP54LX3R198768	VAN	\$ 705.00
2001	CHRYSLER	PT CRUISER	3C4FY4H8Y1N591816	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 730.00
2006	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	1C3EAL46X0N249231	4 DOOR	\$ 735.00
2007	CHRYSLER	300	2C3LAJ53G9H7635504	4 DOOR	\$ 755.00
2002	CHRYSLER	PT CRUISER	3C4FY4H8Y1N591816	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 830.00
2003	CHRYSLER	PT CRUISER	3C4FY4H8Y1N591816	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 830.00
2010	CHRYSLER	TOWN-COUNTY	2A4R5B5D12A4R14507	VAN	\$ 950.00
2005	CHRYSLER	300	2C3JA53G95H122368	4 DOOR	\$1,855.00
2006	DODGE	CHARGER	2B3KA53J26H323377	4 DOOR	\$ 730.00
1997	DODGE	RAM	1B7HC1623V5170029	PICK UP	\$ 735.00
2004	DODGE	DURANGO	1D3B4D5B2F803216	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 755.00
2002	DODGE	RAM	1D4GP24R83B340653	VAN	\$ 755.00
2006	DODGE	GRAND CARA	2D4GP44L96B768471	VAN	\$ 755.00
2003	DODGE	CARAVAN	1D8GP45383B191505	VAN	\$ 780.00
2003	DODGE	RAM	1D7H1R823T512161	PICK UP	\$ 780.00
2011	DODGE	AVENGER	1B3BD4F8B3N572684	4 DOOR	\$ 780.00
2013	DODGE	DART	1C3CDFB4HDD219540	4 DOOR	\$ 780.00
2003	DODGE	DURANGO	1D4H55243F514001	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 805.00
2007	DODGE	DURANGO	1D8H4823T7F539900	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 830.00
1998	DODGE	CAMPERANGER	1D3B4D5B2F803216	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 830.00
2001	DODGE	STRATUS	1B3E46X31N712725	4 DOOR	\$ 880.00
2004	DODGE	DURANGO	1D4H55243F514001	SPORTS UTILITY	\$ 880.00
1994	DODGE	SPIRIT	3B3AA44K5RT324192	4 DOOR	\$1,305.00
1993	DODGE	CHARGER	2C3CDX8B6GD463945	4 DOOR	\$1,760.00

Pacers need an established coach

By DANNY BRIDGES

It's been three weeks since the brain trust that is Indiana Pacers owner Herb Simon and President of Basketball Operations Kevin Pritchard decided to part with Nate McMillan and begin the quest to appoint new leadership just days after granting him a well-deserved contract extension. Citing another first round exodus from the playoffs as their reasoning, they've dived in to the intrepid water better known as the available coaching market and are destined to fail due to their history of underpaying a coach to labor in the obscurity of a bargain basement mentality. When they jettisoned McMillan, I quickly proclaimed the next coach would be no better than the one they had, and that's looking like a good prediction based on the list of alleged potential candidates they're considering for next season.

I'll skip the vast majority of the embarrassing list and focus on one Mike D'Antoni, who has been rumored for some time as the front runner and recently reported as the pending new sheriff in town. D'Antoni recently tendered his badge in Houston, where the long-time veteran coach compiled a 217-101 mark in his four years at the helm of the Rockets. While his career credentials are solid enough, his price tag doesn't come close to what the Pacers will offer him or other available and established coaches such as Billy Donovan or Tyrone Lue. Instead, the Pacers will continue their tight-fisted approach and be forced to settle for a less qualified coach who will accept the opportunity despite the lack of top-tier talent on the current roster to go along with a paltry contract. The fact that the aforementioned names are all out of reach financially sums up the entire situation with this

team, and clearly it all starts with an owner who likes to hide behind the title of a good steward of the franchise as he keeps his checkbook under lock and key. Until the Pacers decide to pay market value for an established coach (you know, one like McMillan), they will be mired in mediocrity, and that's really a crying shame. How many sweetheart deals can Simon continue to accept from the Capital Improvement Board before his loyal fan base sees a financial commitment that is commensurate with building a legitimate contender? The luxury tax that the NBA imposes on owners that go beyond the salary cap isn't insignificant, but it's a prerequisite in terms of winning a championship. Today's successful NBA coaches are also part psychologists and part baby sitters, so you must dish out the money for a good one. To those loyal fans I mentioned, you've got a better chance of hitting

PowerBall and the Hoosier Lottery on the same night than the Pacers shelling out real money for a proven coach. If you think I'm being harsh, well, you're wrong. The Pacers are counting on you accepting their frugality, and to date you have. Next season they'll try to tell you this is your year, and expect you to tender a deposit for your season tickets. Just for kicks, ask them to allocate some of your hard-earned money to a capable, established coach, one who really isn't breaking the bank, but rather getting paid for what they're actually worth. *Danny Bridges, who thinks the cliché you get what you pay for was written with NBA coaches in mind, can be reached at (317) 370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.*

LN wins 'Battle for Lawrence'



Above: Lawrence Central quarterback Charles Vaden scores a touchdown with a defender hanging on his jersey. (Photos/David Dixon)

Left: Lawrence North quarterback Donaven McCulley, an IU commit, was 6 of 9 passing for 108 yards and rushed 11 times for 96 yards as the Wildcats beat Lawrence Central, 28-21.



Neveal Hackshaw uses his head to advance the ball down the field as the Eleven lost to Louisville City FC, 3-1. (Photos/David Dixon)

Indy Eleven downed by Louisville



Both teams took a knee during the national anthem.

Center Grove too much for Ben Davis



Near left: Ben Davis defensive back Aneill Boatright tackles Center Grove quarterback Tayven Jackson and causes a fumble. Far left: Ben Davis quarterback J'Uan Swanson throws a quick out route for a big gain, but the Giants lost to Center Grove, 35-12. (Photos/David Dixon)

Attucks defeats Manual



Emmerich Manual's Risque Earls makes a catch over Crispus Attucks defender Diego Pettiford. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Manual running back Keith Horton evades Attucks defenders, but the Tigers still won, 30-18.



Indy Eleven forward Andrew Carleton (30) congratulates Indy Eleven forward Nick Moon (17) on scoring the first goal of the match against Sporting Kansas City II on Sept. 9 at Lucas Oil Stadium. The Eleven won, 2-1. (Photo/Jeffrey Brown)