

## Police: Sheriff's deputy shot man; no gun found at the scene

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A Marion County Sheriff's Office deputy shot a man April 10 in Broad Ripple while serving a warrant, but investigators didn't find a gun at the scene, according to police.

The sheriff's office learned 30-year-old William Manery, wanted on out-of-state warrants including vehicular aggravated assault and possession of a stolen vehicle, was in the 6300 block of Westfield Boulevard. Preliminary information said he was possibly armed and dangerous.

Deputies found Manery alone in a white Jeep Cherokee at 5:25 p.m. and approached the vehicle. Manery was asleep in the driver's seat, police said.



An Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department car parked at a crime scene. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

Deputies told Manery to get out of the car, at which point he turned on the vehicle and reversed into a marked police car. He continued in reverse for approximately 50 feet, according to police, and hit a curb in the parking lot. He then accelerated forward and hit another unmarked and unoccupied sheriff's vehicle.

Deputies ran toward Manery, and one deputy shot Manery "multiple times," according to police.

An update from police said a gun was not found at the scene or in the vehicle.

Manery stopped driving, and deputies removed him from the car and applied first aid until Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services arrived.

Manery went to the hospital in serious but stable condition and is now listed in good condition, ac-

cording to the last update from police April 11.

Marion County Sheriff's Office deputies don't have body cameras, but Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers who responded to the scene did have body cameras that were activated.

The deputy who shot Manery is on administrative leave, as is standard procedure in these incidents.

The IMPD Critical Incident Response Team will conduct the criminal investigation at the request of the sheriff's office. The Marion County Prosecutor's Office is part of the ongoing criminal investigation.

The sheriff's office will conduct a separate administrative investigation.

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## Johnson & Johnson vaccine pause causes additional anxiety



Recent reports of very rare, but severe blood clots in six women ages 18 to 48 caused the FDA to halt administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which was administered during a recent pop-up vaccination clinic. (Photo/Farah Yousry)

By FARAH YOUSRY

On normal days, the gym at this Indianapolis school would be filled with students in physical education classes. But on April 10 it was the scene of a pop-up vaccination clinic.

And the mood was just as upbeat. One nurse brought her husband to KIPP Indy Legacy High School to get vaccinated — to cheers from everyone around.

At the entrance to the gym, volun-

teers used laptops to help people check in. Most got their shots without a wait. After all, community workers had pre-registered 200 area residents to make the experience as easy as possible.

"We went to stores; we could do it easily on our phone," said Angelia Moore, vice president of the Edna Martin Christian Center, which helped organize the clinic. "So we had a team that if someone said they didn't know how, we helped them do it. We called and did it for them."

Martindale-Brightwood has been hit hard by COVID-19. So the local KIPP charter school, Community Health Network and the Edna Martin Christian Center worked together on the clinic.

It was designed to help people who found it hard to sign up for a vaccine — and residents who were reluctant to get a vaccine. Like 22-year-old Desta Dauwitt Ricketts.

On April 10, he rolled up his sleeve for a shot. The clinic used the Johnson

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## Indiana senators answer questions from Martindale- Brightwood group

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Both senators from Indiana, Mike Braun and Todd Young, spent about a half hour answering questions during the monthly ONE VOICE Martindale-Brightwood meeting April 14.

Braun and Young, both Republicans, took questions over Zoom on topics ranging from the minimum wage to gentrification to the 2020 election and former President Donald Trump.

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## New grant helps Horizon House 'grow forward'

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A \$1.4 million grant from Lilly Endowment will go toward the creation of six peer support specialist positions at Horizon House, a day center for Indianapolis residents experiencing homelessness.

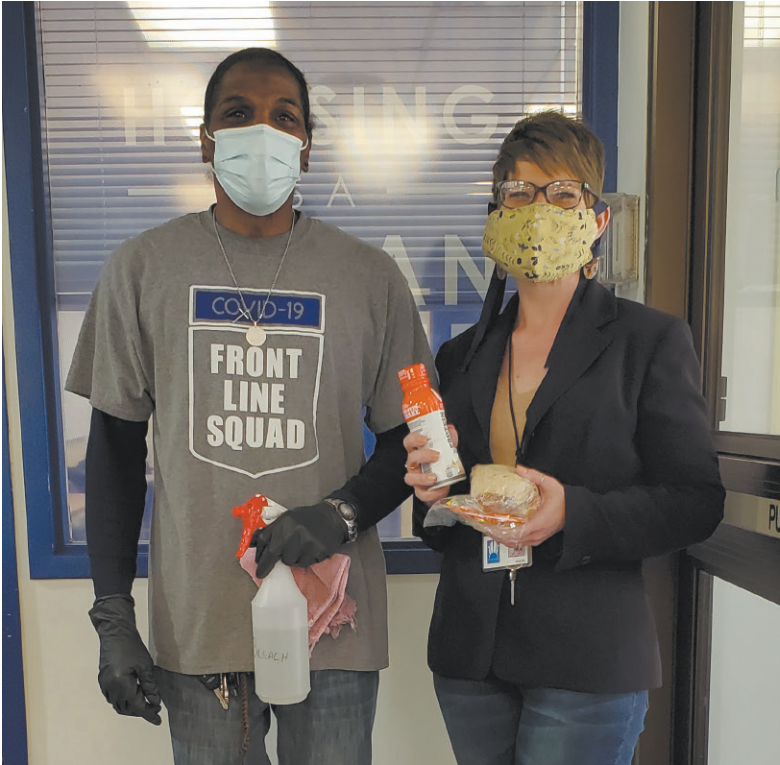
The specialists will work with Indianapolis residents who are currently homeless, as well as individuals who have recently received housing, to overcome barriers in employment, substance abuse disorder and assist in housing retention, among other things.

Kevin Williams, a trained peer support specialist, said homelessness isn't a stand-alone issue, and specialists have to know how to handle

many situations, such as substance abuse disorder and mental health issues.

"There are multiple tiers of situations that transpire when you're dealing with homelessness," Williams said. "Some people choose to be there, others have mental issues that don't allow them to stay in one place safely, and you have to help them navigate that recovery process."

Marcie Luhigo, director of development communications at Horizon House, said recovery means different things to different people. For some, it's recovery from the trauma stemming from being homeless, or the trauma that led one to become homeless in the first place. For others, it's recovery from substance abuse disorder



Peer support specialist Kevin Williams and Marcie Luhigo, director of development communications at Horizon House. (Photo provided by Horizon House)

or mental health issues.

Williams got his start in peer recovery in 2015, but his personal journey in recovery began in 2002.

"I got what I call a nudge from a judge," Williams said. "I had two choices: go to prison or do something different. So, I got a sponsor and did what was recommended, but I always felt that it was something bigger in my heart."

Williams is a few weeks shy of finishing his latest certification to work as a specialist and said the process has taught

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# Cop, police chief resign 2 days after Black motorist’s death

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BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. (AP) — A white Minnesota police officer who fatally shot a Black man during a traffic stop in a Minneapolis suburb and the city’s chief of police resigned April 13, moves that the mayor said he hoped would help heal the community and lead to reconciliation.

Officer Kim Potter and Police Chief Tim Gannon both resigned two days after the death of 20-year-old Daunte Wright in Brooklyn Center. Potter, a 26-year veteran, had been on administrative leave following the shooting, which happened as the Minneapolis area was already on edge over the trial of the first of four police officers in George Floyd’s death.

Gannon has said he believed Potter mistakenly grabbed her gun when she was going for her Taser. She can be heard on her body camera video shouting “Taser! Taser!”

Brooklyn Center Mayor Mike Elliott said he was “appreciative” that Potter submitted her resignation but that he had not asked for it. Elliott said he was not sure if it was because she had heard that she would soon be fired. He said he hoped her resignation would “bring some calm to the community,” but that he would keep working toward “full accountability under the law.”

“That’s what we’re going to continue to work for,” Elliott said. “We have to make sure that justice is served, justice is done. Daunte Wright deserves that, his family deserves that.”

The mayor said the new police leadership was committed to working with community leaders and protesters, who say Wright was racially profiled.

“We’re hoping that we’re turning over a new leaf now,” he said. “I’m confident of that now.”

Wright was shot as police were trying to arrest him on an outstanding warrant. “I’ll Tase you! I’ll Tase you! Taser! Taser! Taser!” the officer is heard shouting on her body cam footage released April 12. She draws her weapon after the man breaks free from police outside his car and gets back behind the wheel.

After firing a single shot from her handgun, the car speeds away, and the officer is heard saying, “Holy (exple-



**Getty Images**

tive)! I shot him.”

Potter sent a one-paragraph letter of resignation.

“I have loved every minute of being a police officer and serving this community to the best of my ability, but I believe it is in the best interest of the community, the department, and my fellow officers if I resign immediately,” Potter wrote.

Wright’s father, Aubrey Wright, told ABC’s “Good Morning America” on April 13 that he rejects the explanation that Potter mistook her gun for her Taser.

“I lost my son. He’s never coming back. I can’t accept that. A mistake? That doesn’t even sound right. This officer has been on the force for 26 years. I can’t accept that,” he said.

Protests erupted, heightening anxiety in an area already on edge as the Derek Chauvin trial progresses. Floyd, a Black man, died May 25 after Chauvin, who is white, pressed his knee against Floyd’s neck.

Chauvin and three other officers were fired the day after Floyd’s death. Potter initially was placed on administrative leave during the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigation into Wright’s death.

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, the police union, issued a statement saying “no conclusions should be made until the investigation is complete.”

Body camera footage Gannon released less than 24 hours after the shooting shows three officers around a stopped car, which authorities said was pulled over because it had expired registration tags. When one officer attempts to handcuff Wright, a second officer tells him he’s being arrested on a warrant. That’s when the struggle begins and Potter shoots Wright.

He died of a gunshot wound to the chest, according to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner’s office.

Potter has experience with investigations into police shootings. Potter was one of the first officers to respond after Brooklyn Center police fatally shot a man who allegedly tried to stab an officer with a knife in August 2019, according to a report from the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office.

After medics arrived, she told the two officers who shot the man to get into separate squad cars, turn off their body cameras, and not to speak to each other. She was also the police union president for the department and accompanied two other officers involved in the shooting while investigators interviewed them.

Court records show Wright was being

sought after failing to appear in court on charges that he fled from officers and possessed a gun without a permit during an encounter with Minneapolis police in June.

Demonstrators began to gather shortly after the shooting, with some jumping atop police cars.

Brooklyn Center is a modest suburb just north of Minneapolis that has seen its demographics shift dramatically in recent years. In 2000, more than 70% of the city was white. Today, a majority of residents are Black, Asian or Latino.

Wright’s death prompted protests in other U.S. cities, including in Portland, Oregon, where police said a demonstration turned into a riot April 12, with some in the crowd throwing rocks and other projectiles at officers.

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**Minimum wage**

Both senators said the minimum wage should rise and fall based on the cost of living in a particular area.

Some states and cities probably need a minimum wage above \$15 an hour, Braun said. He hinted that a state like Indiana could use a minimum wage in the ballpark of \$10.50 to \$12. (Indiana has had the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 since 2009.)

“If you raise it and don’t take into consideration not only income but cost of living, you’re gonna lose jobs in the process,” Braun said.

Young said the bottom line is people need enough to live on.

“People need enough to be able to take care of a couple kids,” he said. “People need enough to afford health care and food and the essentials of life.”

**Gentrification**

The moderator asked both senators a detailed question about if they would support a bill requiring developers who get help from the federal government to set aside 1.5% of the money in a fund that would help longtime residents pay their increased property taxes.

Neither senator staked out a firm position on the hypothetical bill.

“I will look at anything that makes sense that’s gonna help on the housing front with both entry-level housing and senior housing,” Braun said.

Young said he thinks the federal government would be challenged in

court if it tried to do something like that since property taxes are primarily a state and local issue.

**Taxes**

President Joe Biden said during his campaign he would not raise taxes on anyone with an income over \$400,000, though the administration has since clarified that benchmark applies to families, not individuals.

Young said it was a good campaign promise but thinks it’s unlikely since Biden recently unveiled a \$2 trillion infrastructure plan. The plan calls for an increase in the corporate tax rate — lowered from 35% to 21% under Trump — to cover costs.

Braun said the federal government should not raise taxes and instead “live within its means.”

“The more you raise the tax, the less incentive there’s gonna be to grow your business and create jobs and all of that,” he said.

**2020 election and Trump**

Was the 2020 presidential compromised, as Trump and other Republicans claimed after Biden won?

“Not systemic fraud, not widespread fraud,” said Braun, who planned to vote against certifying Arizona’s Electoral College votes but reversed his decision after the violence at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

“But there were a lot of things done

in certain places,” he added. “Indiana would not have been one of them.”

Young said he had a fair amount of insight into the election because of his role as chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, which ended in January.

“The 2020 election was legit,” he said. “Any irregularities that might have occurred were not nearly enough to change the outcome.”

Young was also asked about his feelings toward Trump. He said he supported a lot of the economic initiatives: lower taxes, deregulation, etc.

“Our styles are very different,” Young said. “You may have picked up on that a little bit.”

**Mixed reactions from attendees**

Linda Johnson, who represents St. Rita Catholic Church on ONE VOICE, thought the senators tried to get out of answering some questions by saying the issue really belongs to state or local government.

Johnson, 75, used voting as an example. Young didn’t dispute the 2020 election results but said he doesn’t

want the federal government to “nationalize” elections with blanket rules and regulations.

It was an insincere answer, Johnson said, because some Republicans in Congress tried to “squash what the people said” by crying foul without evidence or not certifying the election results.

Still, she said, it was good to hear directly from the senators.

“Every time you have that interaction, that’s good for them,” Johnson said, “and you have to say, ‘What am I getting that’s good for me?’”

Hattie Carlis said she was disappointed with the senators’ answers concerning gentrification and thought they ducked out of the minimum wage question by not acknowledging that the federal government establishes what the floor is.

“If they’re not gonna come with authenticity to the voter, which none of them are because they’re politicians, then there’s no need to come,” said Carlis, a 62-year-old web designer. “Basically, it was a game being played.”

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& Johnson vaccine, which calls for a single shot and is more convenient for many working people. Many residents who came in the clinic had waited for a single-dose vaccine because of that convenience. Having trusted community organizations and partners bring a clinic to their area was an added incentive.

“The shot was really easy, 1-2-3,” Ricketts said at the clinic. “And I’m just kind of ready to get this thing moving along, so that we can have a better future.”

His mood has changed now that the federal government has called for a pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Health officials say there have been reports of very rare, but severe blood clots in six women ages 18 to 48.

Ricketts is worried about family members who also got the Johnson & Johnson shot.

“I don’t really care about myself, personally,” he said. “I really care about my little sister, my mom that got the Johnson & Johnson, especially my mom.”

He’s having second thoughts about his own shot, too.

“It is kind of scary. And I do ... feel like maybe I shouldn’t have got it. I should have just stuck to my gut and not got it.”

Health experts have worked hard to overcome vaccine hesitancy. Now, they’re worried that problems with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine could set their efforts back.

“If we offer Johnson & Johnson in the near future, would they come out?” Community Health Network Vice President Dawn Moore asked. “Probably not as wholeheartedly as they did before.”

Community is getting in touch with its clinics that used the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. It’s providing information about trouble signs and symptoms of blood clots.

Meanwhile, Moore notes the pandemic has pushed health care professionals to act quickly — with vaccines authorized for emergency use. Still, she said people should get their shots.

“I do not want individuals to use this as a reason not to get vaccinated,” she said. “We have not found these issues at all with Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.”

She adds that having the FDA put a pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine shows the level of transparency in the vaccination process. It’s also a testament to how efficiently cases are being monitored to ensure vaccine safety, she said.

Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Public Health Department, said the pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine brings the potential for trouble.

“I think unfortunately, I think it could have a major impact,” said Caine, who got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. “So, for those people who are sort of straddling the line, not sure about getting a vaccine, I think it’s definitely going to take a hit.”

And, she said, that could have a significant impact for Black Americans — an increase in COVID’s death toll.

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# Strike a pose: Indianapolis celebrates National Poetry Month



(From L-R): Kiera Amstutz of Indiana Humanities, author Maurice Broaddus, Manon Voice, Ann Markel and Mayor Joe Hogsett cut the ribbon for BookMark Indy on April 12. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

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When local poet Manon Voice recited her favorite poem — Mari Evans’ “I Am A Black Woman” — for a small crowd gathered at City Market on April 12, she shared a piece of what she described as Indianapolis’ “rich, vibrant, diverse literary scene.”

The spoken word artist, who was downtown to celebrate the launch of BookMark Indy — a program designed to promote and celebrate local literary talent — said she owes much of her career to the city that allowed her to find her own voice.

“I started out here in the open mics and the cafes,” Voice said. “That shaped me into being a better writer and ... was a huge part in me becoming a spoken word artist. Our scene in the city is so diverse, and you can be your own kind of writer and still be celebrated and have a place here.”

Throughout April, which is National Poetry Month, and May, BookMark Indy will host several events, including a haiku competition May 31 in honor of poet Etheridge Knight. Through programming and a website, bookmarkindy.com, Hoosiers can learn more about the poets, authors and commentators who called Indianapolis home, including Kurt Vonnegut, Mari Evans and Booth Tarkington, as well as stay connected with modern writers working in the city.

“History comes to us from our writers,” Mayor Joe Hogsett said at the BookMark Indy ribbon-cutting ceremony. “You get to know a place the best by listening to those who observe it.”

Getting involved with BookMark Indy isn’t the only way you can get involved in National Poetry Month festivities.

At 9 p.m. April 15, Lasana Kazembe’s production “The Voodoo of Hell’s Half-Acre: A Blues Poetry Opera” will be broadcast from The Cabaret theater

on WFYI. The opera, which Kazembe wrote in 2015, focuses on the life of poet and writer Richard Wright and his journey from the South to Chicago during the Great Migration.

Kazembe, who teaches elementary education and urban education studies at IUPUI, said art is an effective way of teaching history, particularly history that is often purposefully left out in many American classrooms.

“In my research, I look at art as an acronym, ‘A Revolutionary Tool,’” Kazembe said. “The function of art is to create change and to create dialogue ... and it’s essential because it presents an opportunity for people to deal with contentious issues and difficult subject matter. It grabs your attention and makes people become engaged and curious.”

Kazembe was inspired to write the opera after decades of reading Wright’s work, including his 1940 novel “Native Son.” He hopes the takeaway from the performance, which includes a nine-

piece musical ensemble, is that Wright used his work to advocate for change and bring attention to issues such as imperialism and white supremacy.

“He existed not only as a creative artist, but one with deep political sensibilities,” Kazembe said. “His was a personal struggle for identity and freedom.”

This National Poetry Month, local poet Michael Collins said poets are more important to the community than ever.

“The pandemic has been hard for writers,” Collins said. “The more you isolate yourself, the less contact you have with the community, the less real you are. But, we survived the Donald Trump years, we survived the pandemic and we’re getting back out there. Poets are still vital, and we still have a message.”

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Local spoken word artist Manon Voice reciting Mari Evans’ poem “I Am A Black Woman” during the launch of BookMark Indy on April 12. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

WRITE AWAY!

BookMark Indy will offer several events throughout April and May to celebrate Indianapolis literary icons of the past and present. These events are in person and admission is free.

**What:**  
A projection show featuring the yearbook photos of Shortridge High School alumni Kurt Vonnegut, Dan Wakefield, Madelyn Pugh and Marguerite Young.

**When:**  
8:30-10 p.m. April 20-22:  
Lights on Shortridge, 3401 North Meridian St.

**What:**  
Mari Evans work will be shared by the mural depicting her, and guests can chalk the sidewalk with excerpts from Evans’ poetry.

**When:**  
3 -5 p.m. May 3, 448 Massachusetts Ave.

**What:**  
Poet Tony Brewer will recite his poem inspired by C.L. Moore

**When:**  
4-7 p.m., May 15, Monument Circle

**What:**  
Swinging Syllables: A Head-to-Head Haiku Competition to Honor Etheridge Knight  
Poet Etheridge Knight was known for tackling serious topics through haikus. Join Dr. Adam Henze for a haiku competition featuring influential haiku writers from Indiana. The winning poet will receive a cash prize of \$250. To register, visit [bookmarkindyhaikus.eventbrite.com](http://bookmarkindyhaikus.eventbrite.com). You can watch on Indiana Humanities Facebook and YouTube pages.

**When:**  
7 p.m. May 31, virtual  
For a full list of poetry workshops available throughout the month, visit [www.indianauthorsawards.org/events](http://www.indianauthorsawards.org/events)

### Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Insurance giant  
6 Italian side dish  
13 Govt. media watchdog  
16 Once lived  
19 Cheek makeup  
20 Put out of memory  
21 “Impressible!”  
22 Skiing peak  
23 “Glamorous” singer who’s a member of the nobility?  
25 Dodgy  
27 Not disproven  
28 “This Old House” ailer  
30 Hot and heavy  
31 Size above med.  
32 Kind of camera, for short  
33 “Raise Your Glass” singer being scandalous?  
36 Cheese variety  
38 With 82-Across, Tour de France, e.g.

39 Resident doctor  
40 “Kiss From a Rose” singer after lots of coaching?  
44 Inits. on an ambulance  
45 — Romeo  
48 “Marat/Sade” playwright  
49 With 35-Down, short, easy putts  
50 Cup edge  
51 Lowly  
53 Hostelry  
54 Tilted text: Abbr.  
56 “Material Girl” singer of high birth?  
58 “— chance!”  
59 Neither’s partner  
60 Bit of dust  
61 Galena, e.g.  
62 Ending for peer  
63 “Every Breath You Take” singer working as a spy?  
68 — -TURN (traffic sign)  
71 Suffix with mountain

72 Writer Haley  
73 Clutch sitter  
74 Moby Dick’s pursuer  
78 “Have You Ever?” singer doing commercials for Mac computers?  
81 Brazilian soccer great  
82 See 38-Across  
83 Make an exit  
84 Negatives  
85 In the style of  
86 Readily bent  
87 — -deuce  
88 Needle hole  
89 “Yeah!” singer as a deacon?  
92 Cheese variety  
95 Co. leaders  
96 Cry of pain  
97 “Hot in Herre” singer on edge?  
100 Vehicle navig. aid  
101 Bar bill  
104 UFO pilots  
105 Outer: Prefix  
106 Decided by ballot  
109 Deviate

111 “You Were Meant for Me” singer whom everyone treasures?  
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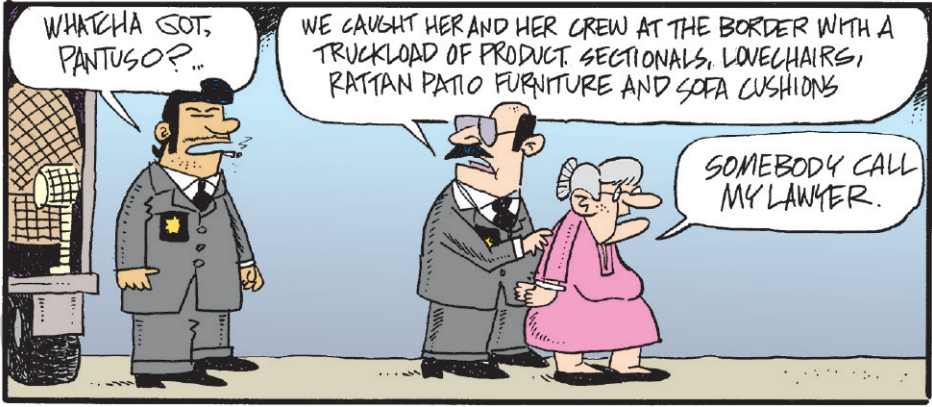
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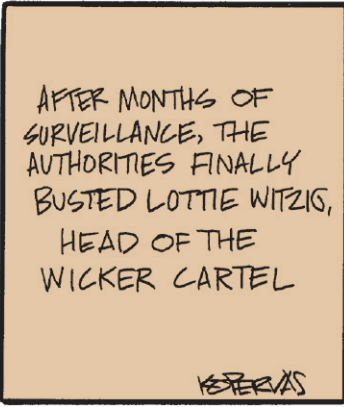
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41 Nevada city  
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43 Ringo who was knighted  
44 Downy duck  
46 Air blowers  
47 “Ah, me!”  
50 Kind of paint  
51 Nautical  
52 Shangri-la  
54 Seeing red?  
55 “— is human ...”  
56 — -dovey  
57 Super 8, say  
60 Sculpt  
64 At no time, to bards  
65 Lake craft  
66 Crop off  
67 Too gaudy  
68 Not a thing  
69 Big oil gp.  
70 Northeast, on a map

75 Doth own  
76 It’s a pain  
77 Lager, e.g.  
79 Time between flights  
80 “Do I have a volunteer?”  
81 In addition  
85 “Hey, sailor!”  
86 Filmmaker Jean— Godard  
88 Nav. rank  
89 Cartoon pic  
90 Cowardly evasions  
91 Shucks  
93 Fiscal sums  
94 Oz resident  
95 Leachman of “Phyllis”  
97 Lowest point  
98 “Beloved” actress  
99 Yank in Europe, say  
100 Skein bird  
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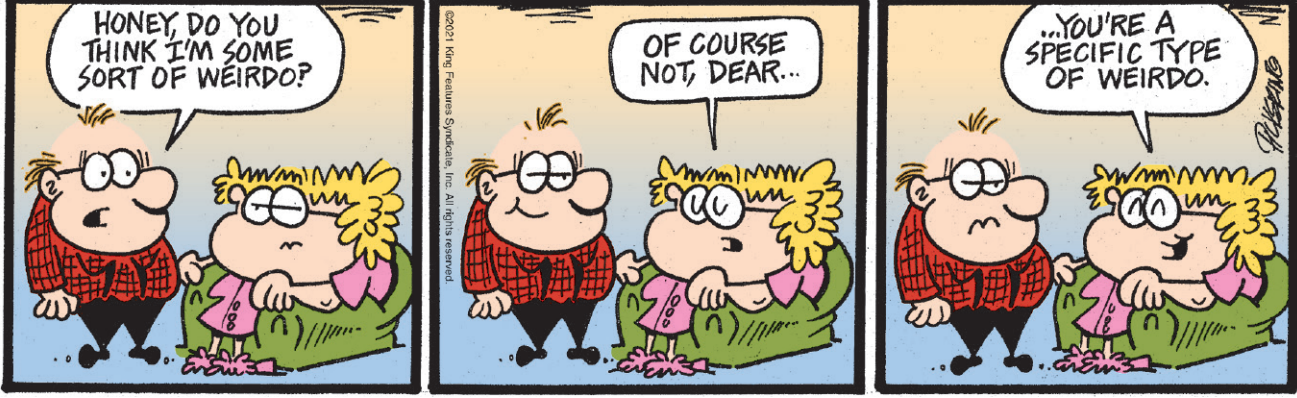
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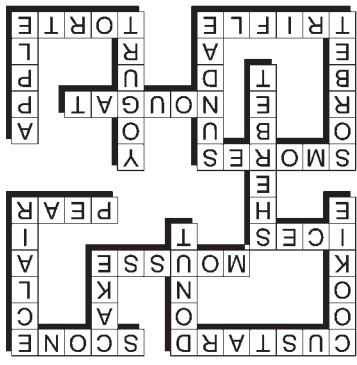


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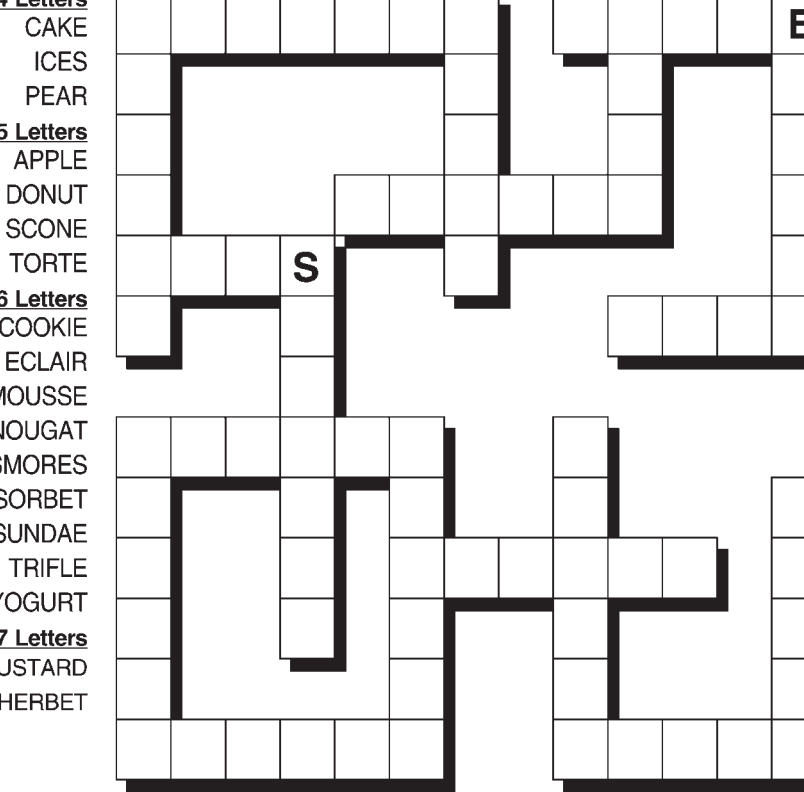
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by Linda Thistle

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# Bloom Project to honor ‘kings’ at virtual event

By TYLER FENWICK  
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The Bloom Project will honor four high school seniors during a virtual event at 4 p.m. April 18.

The students — or kings, as the organization prefers — have gone through the Bloom Project’s programs, which include mentoring and career and college readiness, and have started fundraising for their scholarships.

The ceremony, Expressions of Gratitude, is available for ticket holders only. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. Register at [tinyurl.com/bloom-projecteog](https://tinyurl.com/bloom-projecteog).

This is the seventh year for Expressions of Gratitude, which usually happens in December. The pandemic delayed the event this year, leaving less time to fundraise. The students’ scholarship amount is



L-R: Jonathan McCullough, Shawn Gooch, Frederick Murray and Ashaune Rhea will be honored at a virtual event from the Bloom Project. (Photo provided by Arnetta Scruggs)

based on how much money they raise through sponsorships and donations.

Arnetta Scruggs, the Bloom Project’s founder and executive director, said each senior received about \$1,500 last year.

“A lot of our young kings wouldn’t have other opportunities to attend college if they didn’t have this funding,” she said.

Scruggs estimated about 80% of students have gone

on to a four-year college, but the scholarship money is also good for trade or technical schooling.

Shawn Gooch, a senior at Franklin Central High School, joined the Bloom Project in eighth grade and said the program helped take him out of his comfort zone and grow as a person. He’s one of the seniors who will be honored at the event.

“I wasn’t really a confident speaker,” Gooch said, “so they

got me to believe in myself in speaking in public places.”

Gooch said he plans to attend IUPUI and study psychology with a minor in criminal justice. He wants to be a criminal analyst or perhaps a counselor for children in the criminal justice system.

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EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

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him a lot about not only the residents he works with, but about himself, as well.

“It’s definitely taught me about compassion and how to be more understanding,” Williams said. “If we don’t have these conversations, we stay stagnant. We can move forward, but growing forward is different, and having trainings and conversations like this help everyone involved grow forward.”

While both Williams and Luhigo agree that a \$1 million grant won’t solve homelessness in Indianapolis, Luhigo said it’s a step in the right direction, and the more people — city and state officials, non-profit directors and community members — working together, the better.

She also believes the peer support specialist program and others like it will reduce the stigma those experiencing homelessness face and start conversations about why homelessness occurs in the first

place.

“As peer support becomes more established in Indianapolis, you’ll see success stories come out of it, and that will help greatly,” Luhigo said. “It’s really important that we really come to a place where we understand that a lot of times, people who have become homeless are not the only ones who experience substance abuse, domestic violence or mental health issues. These issues occur in every [economic] class. ... A person falls into homelessness because they didn’t have the same resources.”

A 2020 report from the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention and the Indiana University Public Policy Institute found roughly 1,588 Indianapolis residents were experiencing homelessness. About 88% of those individuals were sheltered in emergency shelters, transitional housing or safe havens when the study was conducted in

January.

Despite making up 28% of the Indianapolis population, 54% of the homeless population in Indianapolis are Black. Throughout the state, 28% of Black Hoosiers live in poverty — a catalyst for homelessness — compared to the 20% national average.

The grant will be allocated over the course of five years. In that time, Luhigo hopes peer support specialist programs get the recognition she said they deserve.

“We really hope to demonstrate that peer support is best practice,” Luhigo said. “When working with individuals in recovery, it’s becoming the go-to vehicle where people are finding tremendous success.”

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# City will award crime prevention grants based on need in each city-county council district

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Indianapolis will adjust its crime prevention efforts by allocating grants according to which city-county districts have the greatest needs.

The Council District Crime Prevention Grants Program will support new or existing projects, services and programs that show potential to reduce crime in Marion County. Grants range from \$500 to \$4,000.

The pilot program launched at the end of March, and applications are open until April 30. The Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), will administer the program.

Indianapolis has awarded crime and violence prevention grants for years, including at least \$2.3 million each of the last three reporting years, according to CICF.

Violent crime has dipped, but criminal homicides were up by nearly 40% in 2020 to a record high 215.

## How it works

The idea behind the program is an acknowledgement that violence is more prevalent in some areas of Marion County than others.

“Crime and violence don’t affect neighborhoods across our city equally,” LeRoy Robinson, chair of the



Mayor Joe Hogsett stands behind Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Randal Taylor at the Frederick Douglass Park Family Center on Aug. 20, 2020, to announce a new round of crime prevention grants. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

council’s Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee, said in a press release, “but our past efforts to prevent violence and criminal activity have not always reflected that reality.”

The Polis Center at IUPUI provides district-level data to show where the need for more funding is. Each district is rated on a scale from zero to 100. The highest scores are in districts that surround downtown to the west, north and east, as well as the far east and northeast sides.

Districts in the top tier, with a score above 80, will each receive \$40,000. The money will come from the \$3 million the Office of Public Health and Safety allots for crime prevention grants each year.

Every council member had the opportunity to select funding priorities. Councilor Keith Graves, for example, identified employment and high school education completion for District 13.

and dispatched calls for police service in the three zip codes that included the most participants.

A study from the public policy institute and Wayne State University in Detroit said there wasn’t enough data to make an informed conclusion about various outcomes for participants, including arrests and employment.

Now, the city is banking on getting better results by letting some areas take precedent because of the specific crime issues there.

“The opportunities and challenges Indianapolis has in regards to preventing crime are specific to each neighborhood and community,” Alicia Collins, director of community leadership at CICF, said in a press release. “What works in one neighborhood might not be the best approach in another. There is no one-size-fits-all.”

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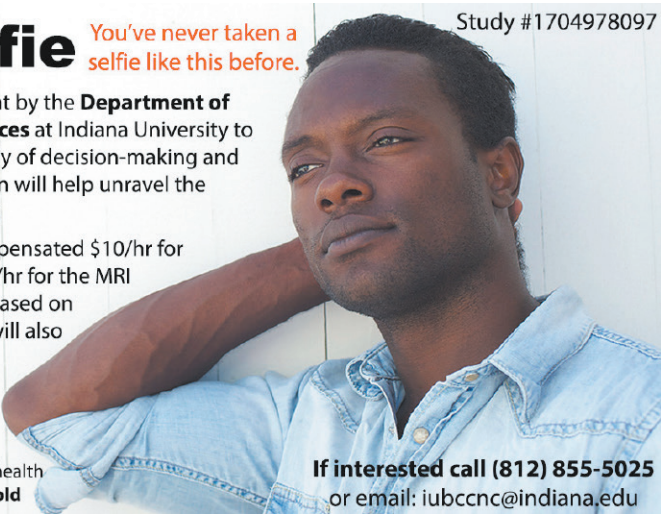
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# Indianapolis Public Schools struggles to recruit racially diverse staff, review shows

By AARICKA WASHINGTON  
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Indianapolis Public Schools' percentage of employee applicants of color has declined, according to a recent audit of recruitment and retention presented to the school board.

As a part of the antiracism policy that the district adopted in June, officials are analyzing not only what students are experiencing and learning in schools, but also how the district hires and treats the people who lead those students every day.

"What we are doing now is lifting these words off the page and putting them into action," said Patricia Payne, the district's director of racial equity.

According to its policy, the district aims to increase the diversity of job applicants through partnerships and programs and to boost retention by ensuring staff feel supported and included.

The audit, which was conducted earlier this school year, revealed that the district still has a lot of work to do.

The audit looked into how the district treats racially diverse applicants, new hires and employees seeking promotions. It revealed that the district had fewer staff of color at schools compared with certain other school districts and that staff of color were not likely to recommend others to apply to the district.

The audit also found that staff felt the onboarding process lacked clarity around job responsibilities and that the district didn't clearly outline paths for career advancement. The latter, in particular, led to "confusion and frustration," respondents of color said.

IPS employs more than 5,000 people, according to its website. Staff of

color make up 43% of district leaders, 26% of teachers and 65% of support staff, according to the district.

During their March 25 meeting, school board members said they wanted the race and equity work to be more consistent and proceed quickly. Shonterrio Harris, the district's manager of equity advancement, said IPS is putting some of the recommendations in place and will prioritize others in coming school years.

The audit recommended changing online platforms to better track staff of color, holding targeted events to find candidates of color and mentoring for new hires. The district adopted a new online tracking system of candidates in February.

Board member Diane Arnold sought specifics about putting plans in place, saying, "It's important that we stay on top of this."

Superintendent Aleesia Johnson said she and her team would provide quarterly reports to the board.

Board member Will Pritchard called the efforts critical to the district.

"I would like to see some things quicker," Pritchard said. "I would love to see some parts of it put into place by the next school year."

The audit also highlighted some district successes: having a significant number of Black leaders, including half the executive team and Johnson, the first Black woman to hold the title.

The district also has mandated racial equity training for all staff.

Auditors reviewed more than 50 documents, conducted focus groups and looked at surveys of 2,180 respondents.

The audit findings come at a time when many school districts across the nation are wrestling with how to be



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antiracist from their staffing decisions to their curriculum, especially after a summer of police brutality and calls for racial justice.

IPS is not alone in the struggle to hire and retain staff of color. School districts in Indianapolis, throughout the state and nationwide also have labored over trying to recruit teachers and other staff of color.

State data shows that in IPS, 40% of students are Black, 32% are Hispanic and 22% are white. But the percentages of teachers of color among IPS' nearly 2,400 educators are disproportionate: 73% of teachers are white, 21% are Black, and 3% are Hispanic.

Matthew Jackson, a 10-year veteran IPS fine arts teacher, has seen the effects of not having a proportionate number of Black teachers in schools. "It's definitely become like a big sore thumb when it comes to looking at

my Black students and seeing that I may be the only Black teacher on their schedule," said Jackson, who teaches at Crispus Attucks High School.

He applauds IPS for its mandatory racial equity training, but he questions what the district is doing to attract and retain Black teachers. He thinks the district struggles with giving staff members a voice and including them in decision-making.

"Even with COVID-19 crisis, we haven't been given any options to voice our opinions for our safety or how we feel. We're just told what to do," Jackson said. "I think a lot of problems that occur could be avoided if we had a voice before big decisions were made."

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EDITORIAL

We’ve been here before: Living in a perpetual loop of déjà vu

By OSEYE BOYD



Another week, another column about the same damn thing: police brutality.

The names change, but the story remains the same. It’s a story that is centuries old now — yet it’s brand new to some. It still hurts. As a matter of fact, it hurts more because the pain is compounded. Every time a Black person is killed by the police, it

brings old wounds back to the surface and it provides a fresh hurt for the families who are now traumatized. It’s like a nightmare we can’t awake from.

You think maybe people will finally get the picture. Maybe change will happen during our brief respite from killing unarmed Black men, women and children, but then we soon realize the honeymoon period is over and here’s another death.

I started my Saturday with news about the police harassing Army 2nd Lt. Caron Nazario. The next day I learned about two police-action shootings. One fatal. William Manery was shot by a Marion County Sheriff deputy in Broad Ripple. Daunte Wright, 20, was killed in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, by 26-year veteran police officer Kim Potter. Potter has since resigned and has been charged with second-degree

manslaughter. The Brooklyn Center chief of police Tim Gannon said Potter mistook her service weapon for her Taser when she shot and killed Wright. He’s since resigned as well.

Let me just digress here and say I need more information on this gun and Taser mix-up. Are we to believe the Taser and handgun look the same, have the same weight and feel and operate in the same manner? This reasoning doesn’t seem plausible to me. I know after she shot her gun, Potter expressed “disbelief” at what happened. If this is a common occurrence, then we need to address this issue ASAP. If it’s not a common problem, we need to understand how one confuses the two. At least I need to understand because it seems like an officer with 26 years on the police force would know how not to make such a mistake.

The fact that these recent events happened against the backdrop of the Derek Chauvin trial and lawmakers in Maryland overriding the governor’s veto to pass what’s been called a “sweeping” police reform bill isn’t lost on me. The bill is an effort to listen to the people of Maryland and create better accountability for police officers. It seems just as you think there could possibly be an inkling of progress, just a little, you get a swift kick in the gut and a reminder that this is America.

I haven’t watched the video of Daunte Wright’s

murder. I don’t think I ever will. I’m tired of seeing Black men killed. It’s traumatizing, frustrating and exhausting to watch. I’m tired of watching Black pain and Black trauma on repeat.

I know for some watching the video of George Floyd dying felt different. It was a long, drawn out death. Whereas many times shooting incidents are much quicker. I don’t care how long the video is, it all feels the same to me: another Black person dead. Another family destroyed.

As I watched the video of Nazario and the cops who pulled him over and read about Wright, my head filled with all of the reasons white Americans — and some Black — will use to blame the victims. These tired comments are on repeat as well, and every time the person uttering those words thinks he or she is saying something profound that’s never been heard before. It’s so exhausting.

This column is hard to write. Not because I don’t have the words, but because I have too many words. I have too many emotions. I have too many thoughts. I’m all over the place. I have so much in me that the only real way to release it all is to scream and cry.

Maybe one day I won’t have to write another column about police brutality and the murder of another unarmed Black person at the hands of law enforcement officers. I’m really looking forward to that day.

OPINIONS

‘Y’all Gon’ Make Me Lose My Mind’

By LARRY SMITH



Trauma.

If there is one word that can approximate what African Americans are experiencing — en masse — it is trauma. Trauma comes from a Greek word that means “wound.”

When people endure a large explosion, even if they’re only in the vicinity of the blast radius, the concussive force of the explosion literally rattles their brain (even if they’re wearing a helmet). There is no such thing as walking away injury-free after one comes into close contact with an exploding bomb. In the same way, the psycho-social force of racial trauma, even when African Americans experience it vicariously, affects us. Racial bombs are constantly being detonated and their aftermath is evident.

There are many potential responses to such trauma. One response is numbness. Another is avoidance. These responses are based on the universal human need for self-preservation. The

mind — the psyche — can endure only so much before it has a psychotic break. Trauma.

When someone asks, “How are you?” there is a “correct” and expected answer. That answer is “I’m fine.” That response is so axiomatic that it’s invariably one of the first lessons that one learns when studying a language other than their native one. But that answer is often a lie. It’s a lie that is not meant to deceive so much as it’s meant to conceal. It’s also meant to protect — both the one who asks and the one who answers.

When we’re experiencing trauma, we understand that truthfully answering that question would impose on the one who asks a responsibility to do something about the condition of the one who honestly answered. So as not to burden the other person, most of us simply respond as expected: “I’m fine.” But, what if we’re not fine? What if we’re at our wits’ end? What if the compounding pain of merely living is causing us to literally lose our mind? Trauma.

For the record, acknowledging the trauma that African Americans face neither ignores nor negates the suffer-

ing of others. But I am not a member of those other groups and this is not about the “Oppression Olympics.” I am a Black man in America. My existence is centered in that reality. It is the only experience that I have. And the fact that I personally identify more closely as a Christian than as a Black man is irrelevant. Each of us has the free will to embrace whatever identity we choose, but that does not prevent others from deciding for themselves who — or what — we are.

Many of us try, in vain, to pretend that the identities that others assign to us don’t matter. That is a lie. If I am pulled over by a police officer, my religion doesn’t matter. If I attend service at a white church, my income is an afterthought. Imputed identity carries historical weight and contemporary pressure.

Speaking of being pulled over by the police, the criminal “justice” system is at the heart of much of our collective trauma. In 1972’s “No Name in the Street,” James Baldwin asked: “Does the law exist for the purpose of furthering the ambitions of those who have sworn to uphold the law, or is it seriously to be

considered as a moral, unifying force, the health and strength of a nation?”

A few sentences later Baldwin exhorted: “If one really wishes to know how justice is administered in a country, one does not question the policemen, the lawyers, the judges, or the protected members of the middle class. One goes to the unprotected—those, precisely, who need the law’s protection most!— and listens to their testimony.”

For all my unprotected brothers and sisters, all is not lost. Those who post laughing emojis at our pain — or who even laugh in our faces — will not prevail. Sometimes we simply sit in silence. But, in the inimitable words of Amanda Gorman, we know that “quiet isn’t always peace.”

My prayer is that each of us who have the emotional and mental maturity to acknowledge our condition will gain access to trauma-informed care. In the meantime, let us love each other. Let us strengthen each other. Let us support each other. There will be glory after this.

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Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta president on reparations: ‘... there should be a discussion about redress’

By STACY M. BROWN



Count Raphael Bostic, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, among the growing and vocal majority who support reparations as a way to address the consequences of racism and inequality in America.

“There are definitely merits to it in the sense that, if people have been harmed by laws, then there should be a discussion about redress,” Bostic told

CNN Business in an interview posted March 29.

“The legacies of past racism are still present in our society,” said Bostic, who in 2017 became the first Black president of a regional Fed bank.

“We have to think about what things are necessary to offset the impacts of those old systems that still flow through.”

In the interview, Bostic specifically called out systemic obstacles that inhibit wealth building among minorities, including redlining and other forms of housing discrimination.

“We have African Americans today who have a lot less wealth,” he said, “in part because they have not been able to inherit the wealth that would have accrued had their ancestors been able to accrue that wealth.”

As federal lawmakers ponder H.R. 40, legislation led by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas) that forms a commission to study reparations, some U.S. municipalities have moved to address systemic racism and forms of redress to African Americans.

Oakland, California, Mayor Libby Schaaf announced the city would begin a guaranteed income project that would provide \$500 per month to Black and Indigenous families.

The assistance, which targets low-income families of color in the 426,000-population city, will last 18 months.

Schaaf detailed that the money comes with “no-strings attached,” and recipients can use it as they please.

“We have designed this demonstration project to add to the body of evidence and to begin this relentless campaign to adopt a guaranteed income federally,” Schaaf told the local ABC News station.

Evanston, Illinois, a city where 18% of its more than 74,500 residents are Black, approved the Local Reparations Restorative Housing Program, which provides up to \$25,000 for housing down payments or home repairs to African Americans.

In September, California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law historic legislation that paves the way for African Americans and descendants of slaves in the Golden State to receive reparations for slavery.

The bill, authored by California Assemblywoman Shirley Weber, establishes a nine-person task force that will study the impact of the slave trade on Black people.

It does not commit to any specific payment, but the task force will make recommendations to legislators about what kind of compensation should be provided, who should receive it and what form it would take.

“After watching [the presidential] debate, this signing can’t come too soon,” Newsome declared during a videoconference with lawmakers and other stakeholders, including the rapper Ice Cube, who championed the bill.

“As a nation, we can only truly thrive when every one of us has the opportunity to thrive. Our painful history of slavery has evolved into structural racism and bias built into and permeating throughout our democratic and economic institutions,” the governor stated.

Last summer, Asheville, a North Carolina city where Black people make up just 11% of the more than

92,000 residents, formally apologized for its role in slavery. The city council voted unanimously to provide reparations to African American residents and their descendants.

“Hundreds of years of Black blood spilled that fills the cup we drink from today,” said Councilman Keith Young, one of two African American members of the city council that voted 7-0 in favor of reparations.

“It is simply not enough to remove statutes. Black people in this country are dealing with systemic issues,” Young declared.

Asheville’s resolution doesn’t include monetary payments to African Americans but promises investments in areas where Black people face disparities.

Earlier this year, Congress debated H.R. 40, a bill that doesn’t place a specific monetary value on reparations but focuses on investigating and presenting the facts and truth about the unprecedented centuries of brutal enslavement of African people, racial healing and transformation.

The bill would fund a commission to study and develop proposals for providing reparations to African Americans.

The commission’s mission includes identifying the role of federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery, forms of discrimination in public and private sectors against freed slaves and their descendants and lingering adverse effects of slavery on living African Americans and society.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee, who sits on numerous House committees, including Judiciary, Budget, and Homeland Security, has made the reparations legislation her top priority during the 117th Congress.

“I think if people begin to associate this legislation with what happened to the descendants of enslaved Africans as a human rights violation, the sordid past that violated the human rights of all of us who are descendants of enslaved Africans, I think that we can find common ground to pass this legislation,” she pronounced.

“Can anyone imagine that we’ve never gotten a simple, effective, deeply-embedded, and well-respected apology?”

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# Publishing public notices one tool for government transparency

By STEVE KEY

It's time to debunk the myth of the financial burden advertising public notices places on local government units. The cost is the No. 1 cited reason given by representatives of local government associations while testifying for the elimination of the publication requirement for a specific public notice or all public notices. They don't say the interests of legal due process or government transparency will be better served through the elimination. They can't because they know the chances average Hoosiers will ever see the notices on their government websites are slim and none. So it comes down to cost as their argument. Reviewing information provided to me by two Indiana newspapers — one a major daily and the other a weekly in a mid-size county — pokes holes in the cost argument. For the east-central Indiana weekly, the average cost per public notice for local government units in 2019 was \$95.57. For the northern Indiana daily, that average was \$85.78. I was surprised to see that the average for the weekly newspaper was larger, but looking at the data, it comes down to fewer public notices published because there are fewer government units that publish their notices in the weekly newspaper, so the weight of notices placed by townships increases the average. Six of the 10 townships only published one notice during the year — their annual financial report, which ranged in cost from \$152 to \$307. The financial report is a larger than normal sized public notice, particularly for townships because they have to add a list of expenditures that no other local government unit is required to publish. Ironically, that average cost will decrease if Senate Bill 409, authored by Sen. Rick Niemeyer, is approved during this legislative session. His legislation would eliminate the list of expenditures from the published yearly report for townships. The daily published 1,927 public notices for local government units, compared to 289 for the weekly. That would be expected in an urban county

with more local government units. An interesting note was that the average cost per notice dropped down to \$73.69 if you took the county treasurer out of the picture. The average cost for the three notices published by the treasurer was \$7,834 because of the size of the tax sale notice. The daily's county has an unusual number of properties each year subject to the tax sale. For the weekly paper, the county auditor spent the most taxpayer dollars for public notices — \$7,608, but it also published the most public notices (36 with an average cost of \$211 for them). The auditor is required to publish the chart every year that shows the different tax rates in effect across the county, which would push that average cost up. Except for the auditor, the most any government unit paid to publish public notices was \$2,381. Hardly an amount that would hamper any government unit's ability to serve their community. (Full disclosure: the cost for public notices for county units in both counties would be higher because most of notices would be published in two newspapers in a county. Although that wouldn't be the case in a third of the counties because they only have one newspaper.) As the Hoosier State Press Association continues to fight legislation that would move publication of public notices from newspapers to posting on government websites, beyond all the arguments for government transparency and how the public will never see the notices on government websites, publishers might want to take a look at the cost to local government to place public notices in their newspaper(s). I think one will find the cost argument against publication to be a weak point for Hoosiers who value government transparency. Don't forget that 63% of adult Hoosiers said in an American Opinion Research survey in 2017 that notices should be published in their local newspapers even when told it could cost the government unit several thousand dollars.

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# ELEVEN FIFTY ACADEMY AND IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNER TO ACCELERATE YOUR TECH CAREER

by Kara Kavensky

Ivy Tech Community College has teamed up with Eleven Fifty Academy to create the “Accelerate Your Tech Career” (ATC) program, which is an educational partnership designed to accelerate students into careers in tech. The Accelerate Your Tech Career collaborative cohort enrollment is underway. Both Ivy Tech Community College and Eleven Fifty Academy are focused on building a local tech talent ecosystem that benefits the individual, their employer, and their community. Through this agreement, Ivy Tech Community College will issue credit towards completion of their students’ software development certificate when students complete the accelerated Web Application Development Certificate offered through this collaboration. The Ivy Tech Eleven Fifty partnership is designed to increase the students’ marketability and meet the demands of a growing tech workforce in Indiana. Eleven Fifty Academy’s immersive, high-intensity, project-based bootcamps provide an accelerated means to ramp quickly into a career in technology as a web developer or software developer. “Accelerate your Tech Career is a great program for those who wish to add technical skills to their career portfolio or for those who want to dip their toe in tech and jump start a tech career,” says Linda D. Calvin Vice President, School of Information Technology, Workforce Alignment, Ivy Tech Community College. “It’s also a producer of opportunity for those who are unemployed or underemployed to create a new pathway to financial freedom!” More good news for students is that scholarships may cover most of

the cost. In 2022, Workforce Ready Grants and PISA (progressive income share agreement, a zero interest, “pay it forward” program that is substantially better than a student loan or ISA) will be available to pay for this continued program that rapidly prepares graduates to enter the workforce of high-paying careers 16x faster than via a traditional 4-year college degree, at substantially less cost, with similar placement and salary outcomes. “Engaging with partners like Ivy Tech Community College helps us reach our goal of helping thousands enter the tech workforce,” says Scott A. Jones, President and founder of Eleven Fifty Academy. “The Academy and Ivy Tech share a history of working together to benefit communities across our state, and we are looking forward to helping even more individuals radically transform their lives through knowledge of technology, applied across many industries. Practically every company has a website. And they all need to be concerned about cybersecurity now. Through this partnership, we offer those skills rapidly, in a way that results in high graduation and placement rates into high compensation careers.” Eleven Fifty is dedicated to skilling up individuals from diverse backgrounds, reducing barriers to entry for technology careers in web development, cybersecurity, application development, and UX/UI. The Academy is approved to accept the GI Bill for all of its courses and grant funding, such as through the CARES Act, may cover tuition for any student who is underemployed or underemployed. Eleven Fifty Academy has consistently been named by CourseReport as one of the Best Coding Bootcamps in the nation. Eleven Fifty has a graduation rate of over 80% depending on the cohort, and approx. 70% place-

ment rate into jobs paying entry-level compensation averaging over \$55,000 to start. Many graduates are earning over \$100,000 within 18 months of completing the Eleven Fifty immersive curriculum. And, now, Ivy Tech offers a certificate or degree for students in the program. The non-profit Academy, now in its 7th year, has skilled up over seven hundred entry-level developers through their immersive learning experience. The Academy’s Apprenticeship Program with the U.S. Department of Labor places their employer partners in an excellent position for bringing on even more developers. Ivy Tech has designed the innovative and comprehensive School of Information Technology to offer courses that respond to current and future

industry demands. Careers in these fields continue to show promising growth and opportunities for students interested in pursuing a two-year degree and joining the workforce, transferring to a four-year institution, or even preparing for industry certifications. Ivy Tech School of IT has nine different programs, from software development, a nationally recognized cybersecurity program, to Network Infrastructure, and computer science and informatics degrees which transfer to four-year institutions. In the near future, the school of IT will offer a robust Cloud Computing program, as well as a cyberpreneurship degree in partnership with Martin University. Learn more at [ivytech.edu/computers](http://ivytech.edu/computers). or [elevenfifty.org](http://elevenfifty.org)



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## African American women and vulnerability: rethinking STD disclosure

By **AJASHA M. LONG**

Research indicates that African American women have the highest rates of herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2), compared to other ethnic groups, with a national prevalence rate of 48%. This means that about 1 in 2 African American women are living with HSV-2. Herpes simplex viruses are common skin infections. With HSV-2, symptoms typically manifest on or around the genital and anal region. With HSV-1, symptoms typically manifest on or around the mouth as “cold sores” or “fever blisters.”

Some individuals living with HSV-2 show no symptoms at all. For various reasons, some African American women may choose to refrain from disclosing their HSV-2 status. With multiple factors working against them in society, such as the stereotyping of African American women as promiscuous or sexually deviant, African American women may often feel pressured to present themselves in a socially desirable manner. In attempting to defy these stereo-

types, full disclosure may be withheld.

Despite everything they are faced with, historically African American women have proven to be one of the most resilient groups of people in society. Disclosing one’s STD status can seem like a very frightening experience. However, it doesn’t have to be. Part of addressing STD-related stigma is remembering that contracting an STD is not the end of the world or the end of life. It does not mean a person will never find love or will never be able to have a satisfying sex life. In fact, disclosing personal information such as one’s HSV-2 status to a partner before sexual engagement has the potential to enhance trust, honesty and selflessness in a relationship. These characteristics are all necessary components of a sustainable partnership. Women can view disclosure as an opportunity within vulnerability. Additionally, women can learn to view disclosure as an opportunity to “weed out” incompatible partners, as opposed to viewing disclosure as an absolute chance for rejection.

### Tips for disclosing an STD status:

Disclose your status prior to sexual activity with a partner. Make sure you are engaging in sexual activity with a trusted partner.

When discussing one’s status with a partner, speak from a place of empowerment, as opposed to speaking from a place of defeat or shame. Remember, research indicates that the herpes virus is a common societal concern.

If you struggle with shame or guilt about living with an STD, consider reaching out to a mental health professional to help process these feelings.

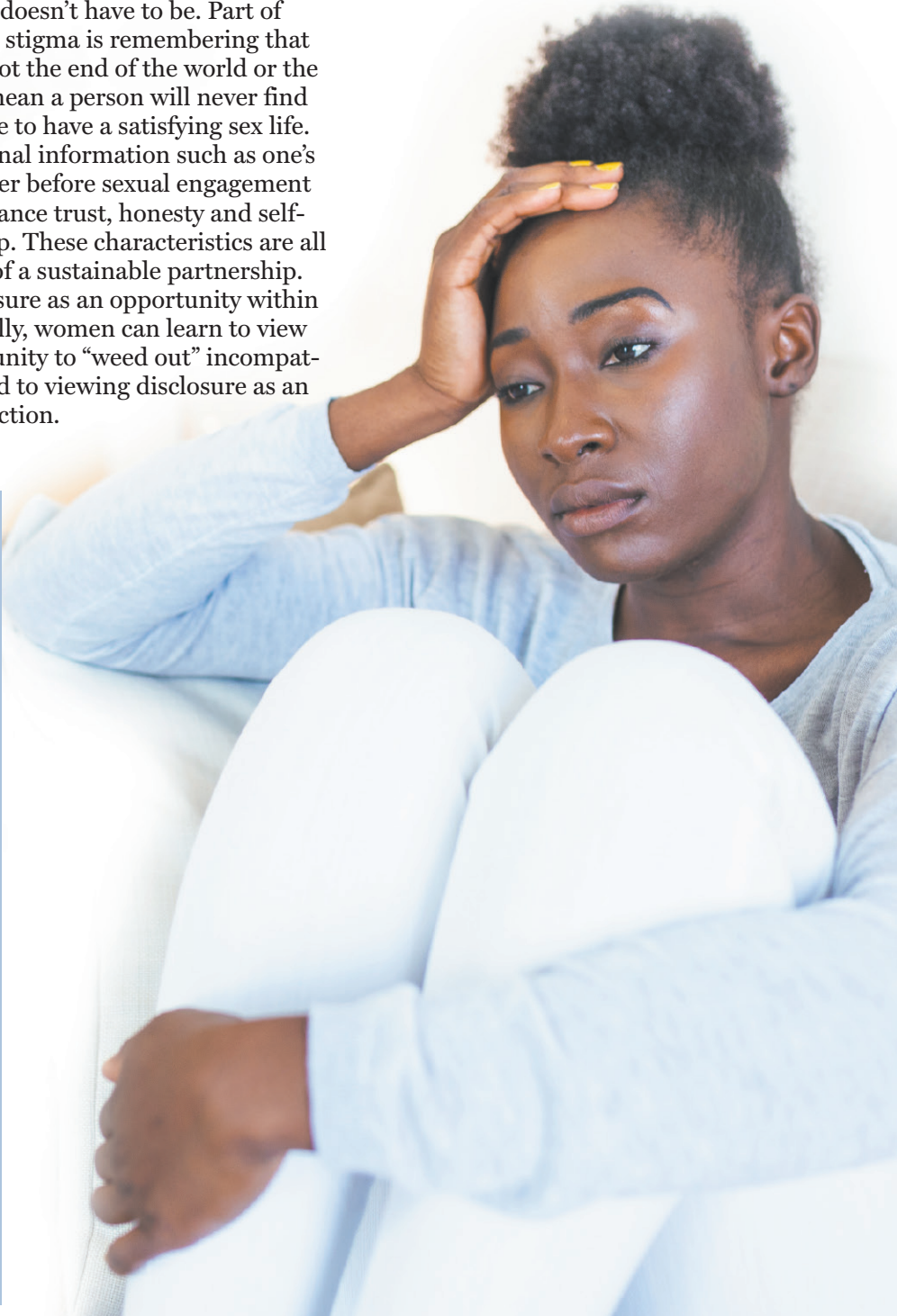
Understand that disclosure is a reciprocal process. If you choose to disclose, be sure to also ask your partner about their sexual health history.

Anticipate possible reactions. Some people may be thankful that you were honest with them, others may choose not to proceed with the relationship. No matter the reaction, remember that disclosure is a great opportunity to gather information about a person’s thoughts and beliefs. Remember their response is not about you as a person.

Be proud of yourself. Disclosure conversations can be uncomfortable. Reward yourself for taking such a courageous step!

If you (or someone you know) is struggling with self-disclosure or other psychological effects of HSV-2, consider enlisting the help of a licensed mental health professional.

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## National Infant Immunization Week Highlights Importance of Vaccines

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National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is April 24–May 1, 2021. Each year, NIIW focuses on the positive impact of vaccination on the lives of infants and children – and this year a priority is to ensure that families stay on track for routine checkups and vaccinations, even during COVID-19.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend children continue to attend well-child appointments and receive recommended vaccinations during the pandemic.

As in-person learning and play become more common, following the recommended childhood immunization schedule vaccination is even more urgent to help provide immunity against potentially life-threatening diseases.

Doctors can safely see children, even during the pandemic. Medical offices and local health departments are taking steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and can make sure children are receiving the vaccines they need to prevent outbreaks of infectious diseases.

During NIIW, the Marion County Public Health Department encourages everyone to remind loved ones and community members to schedule children’s routine well-child visits and vaccinations. Communicate through websites, social media channels, virtual events at the national, state and local levels and by using the hashtag #ivax2protect.

The Marion County Public Health Department offers vaccines for children for a reduced cost through its district health offices and the ACTION Health Center. More information is available by calling the Immunization Program at (317) 221-2122 or visiting [MarionHealth.org](https://MarionHealth.org). Services are available by appointment.

Families who need help paying for childhood vaccines can also ask a healthcare provider about the Vaccines for Children program. For help in finding a local healthcare professional who participates in the VFC program, parents can visit [www.cdc.gov/features/](https://www.cdc.gov/features/)

vfcprogram.

“National Infant Immunization Week provides a valuable opportunity for our community to tell people how important it is for children to be vaccinated,” said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. “It is important to follow the recommended immunization schedule to protect infants and children by providing immunity early in life, before they encounter potentially life-threatening diseases.”

Protecting babies from whooping cough and flu begins before a baby is born. All pregnant women are recommended to receive the whooping cough vaccine (Tdap) and inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV) during each pregnancy.

Vaccine-preventable diseases continue to circulate around the world, so vaccination is necessary to protect everyone from potential outbreaks. Even when diseases are rare in the U.S., they can still be common in many parts of the world and unvaccinated individuals can bring them to this country, putting other unvaccinated people at risk.

Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. They protect entire communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious diseases.

Families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials must work together to help protect the entire community. Healthcare professionals remain parents’ most trusted source of information about vaccines for their children. They play a critical role in supporting parents in understanding and choosing vaccinations.

The U.S. has the safest vaccine supply in its history. As new information and science become available, vaccine recommendations are updated and improved.

For more information about vaccines, please visit [cdc.gov/vaccines/](https://cdc.gov/vaccines/) parents, or call the Marion County Public Health Department’s Immunization Program at (317) 221-2122.





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By **DAVID SHARP** and **MARIAM FAM**  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Islamic leaders are using social media, virtual town halls and face-to-face discussions to spread the word that it's acceptable to be vaccinated for the coronavirus during daily fasting that happens during Ramadan, the most sacred month of the year for Muslims.

During the holy month, Muslims across the world abstain from all food and drink from sunrise to sunset before typically congregating for evening prayers and iftar meals. The vaccine discussion centers on whether an inoculation amounts to the prohibited act of ingesting something while fasting.

It doesn't, said Mohamud Mohamed, imam of the Maine Muslim Community Center, who is working to assure Muslims at his Portland mosque that getting the vaccine is perfectly fine but finds that some people are clinging to misperceptions.

"There is a lot of bad information going around," said Mohamed, who devoted his address during recent Friday prayers to promoting the vaccine.

He and others seeking to reassure the faithful have the theological backing of top Islamic authorities. Saudi Arabia's highest cleric, Grand Mufti Sheikh Abdulaziz Al Sheikh, and Sunni Islam's top religious leader in Lebanon, Grand

Mufti Sheikh Abdul-Latif Derian, have both said that getting the coronavirus vaccine does not constitute breaking one's fast.

Still, Safiya Khalid, a city council member in Lewiston, about 30 miles north of Portland, sparked a lively conversation among fellow Muslims when she raised the issue on social media. Others questioned whether the vaccine violated fasting — until an imam weighed in.

"We need more communication," said Khalid, who has already had her first vaccine dose and will get her second shot during Ramadan. "You can do this and protect your community and your family."

On New York's Staten Island, imam and NYPD chaplain Tahir Kukaj said he has heard all sorts of misconceptions about vaccines, and some "people tend to believe nonsense rather than facts."

But protecting others is a core teaching of Islam, and Kukaj said Muslims are taught to do whatever they can to save lives. Getting vaccinated is a way to do that: "Of course, we have to save our own life first."

Out west, the Utah Muslim Civic League has partnered with the Salt Lake County Health Department to put on two vaccination clinics including a drive-through one at a mosque that was held before Ramadan. The group also organized a virtual town

hall featuring imams and health professionals to discuss issues surrounding vaccination and fasting.

The goal is raising awareness and "myth-busting," said the league's executive director, Luna Banuri, who found that many community members had wanted to avoid getting vaccinated during Ramadan.

"When you are starting the month of fasting, there's a sense of resolve. ... So a lot of folks are trying to make sure that there are no disruptions during that period," she said. "Even if they believe that they can take the vaccine and it doesn't affect their fast ... (what) they're not wanting to do is to get sick."

Medicine and fasting is nothing new. Muslims may forgo fasting if they fall ill and make up for "missed" days at a later time, after Ramadan.

"If you miss a day because of the effects of the vaccine, then that is not a sinful act," said Ahmed Abdirahman, a respiratory therapist at a Portland hospital and community service coordinator at the Maine Muslim Community Center. "Protecting lives is the ultimate goal in Islam."

Dr. Hasan Shanawani, president of the American Muslim Health Association, said he's encouraging everyone to be vaccinated even if that means getting the jab during Ramadan.

A lung specialist, he said he has treated dozens if not hundreds of people with COVID-19 and seen firsthand

the horrific toll the disease can take.

"This is not just a decision that weighs on you," Shanawani said from his office in Michigan. "It weighs on everybody."

Similar conversations have played out in other countries.

The British Islamic Medical Association circulated a WhatsApp message reassuring people that "taking the Covid-19 vaccines currently licensed in UK does not invalidate the fast during Ramadan as per the opinion of the majority of Islamic scholars."

Association vice president Dr. Wajid Akhter said there is a growing understanding among Muslims in his community of the importance of not delaying vaccinations due to Ramadan. But for any who may be wavering, he emphasized that COVID-19 represents a threat that cannot be ignored.

"How many fasts are you going to miss if you catch COVID? How many fasts are you going to lose if you get long COVID? ... And how many fasts will you lose if you die from COVID?" Akhter said. "You're never going to fast again."

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## SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

# Ramadan — the month of fasting is here

By **MICHAEL SAAHIR**



*"O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint, G\_d Consciousness." (Qur'an, chapter 2, verse 183)*

For 29 or 30 days every year, Muslims around the world unite in the discipline of fasting during the Islamic month of Ramadan, which corresponds roughly from April 13 to May 13.

The Muslim faithful will not eat or drink anything from an hour before sunrise until sunset. The fast of Ramadan is a complete fast that encompasses much more than controlling and disciplining our physical appetites. This annual fast is also a controlling of our tongue (speech), our anger and all other emotions. Additionally we discipline our spiritual life by increasing and strengthening our usual five daily prayers. The Muslim faithful fast (restrain themselves) on many levels — but all for the same reason: for the Good Pleasure of Allah.

Another common act of Muslims during Ramadan is the reading of the entire Qur'an — from cover to cover — by reading 1/30th of the sacred text

each day. Due to this reading practice it is common among Muslim children to have read the entire Qur'an numerous times.

Another measurement of Ramadan is given in 10-day increments. The first 10 days is the seeking of Allah's mercy. The second 10 days is the seeking of G\_d's forgiveness, with the last 10 days seeking freedom from hellfire.

Muslims take the fast of Ramadan very serious, anticipating the blessings that accompany the fast. It is with a spirit of willful submission that the Muslim fast for Allah, and for Allah only with a keen focus to bring our flesh under our command and control. Allah has made each human being responsible for controlling our flesh. Anything that interferes with the fasting Muslim to control our flesh is denied.

Everyone is able to fast on some level, whether physically, mentally or spiritually, but it is best to fast on all three levels if possible. The Muslim who is ill or on a journey Allah instructs us that we are not to fast on those days. One should not be ashamed if they can't fast on the physical level. Instead they should feed a poor person and enjoy Allah's blessings.

Imam W. Deen Mohammed gave this advice to help us with controlling our physical appetites and

passions. He said, "Man means a developed mind that rules over the forces of the Jinn, those people who are not able to rule over the forces of the physical body because they have neglected the cultivation of their minds."

Imam Mohammed encouraged that we fight to control our lust. He said, "This is not necessarily speaking to the lust, or the powers and desires that we identify with sex. But, it is speaking to all those forces that are in the biological form, or in the physical body, such as, hunger for material wealth, hunger for sex, hunger for physical worship, and what we call, vanity. All these forces are forces of the physical body, and these forces can influence the other appetites that we have for culture or art, etc."

Upon the completion of the 30-day fast the Muslim community will gather for a special prayer and sermon in a ceremony called Eid Al-Fitr. This is a joyous occasion that is accented with the sharing of gifts, visiting the sick and enjoying our family and friends.

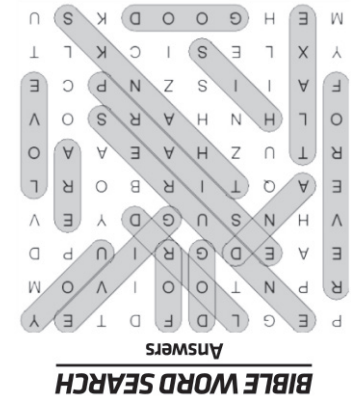
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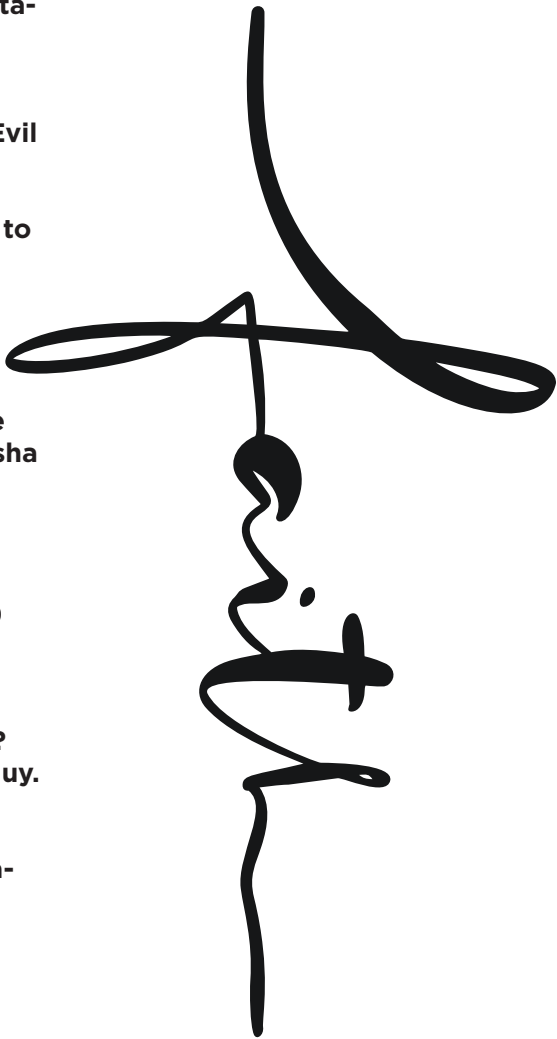
- 1. Is the book of Gilead in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Solomon asked, what biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder? Woman's scorn, Evil brother, Tax collector, Wine
- 3. From John 1:42, what name did Jesus give to Simon Peter? Macedonia, Nahu, Cephas, Eli
- 4. In Psalms 68 what are the dove's feathers covered with? Manna, Gold, Leaves, Blood
- 5. From John 3, who came to Jesus under the cover of night? Elijah, Amos, Nicodemus, Mesha
- 6. Who was the "Gloomy Prophet"? Gehazi, Joel, Jeremiah, Jehoshaphat

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Wine; 3) Cephas; 4) Gold; 5) Nicodemus; 6) Jeremiah



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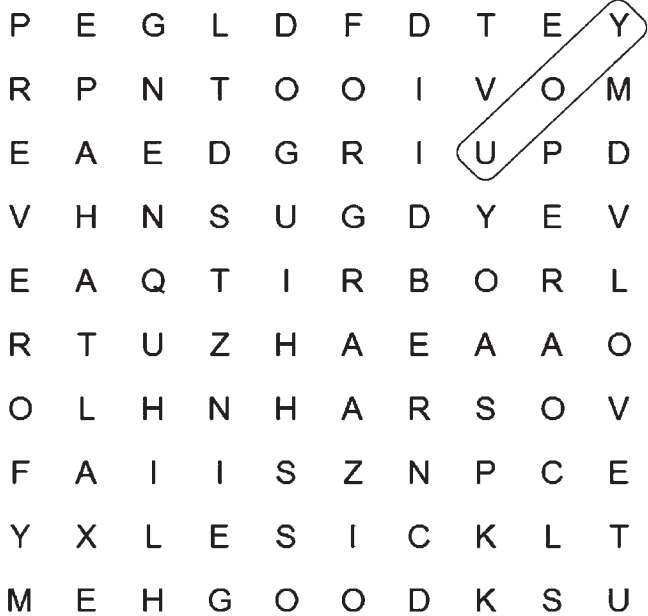


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## After Amazon: Labor tries to regroup in wake of Alabama loss

By **PAUL WISEMAN** and  
**ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**  
AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the strongest public support and the most sympathetic president in years, the American labor movement just suffered a stinging defeat — again.

Amazon warehouse workers in Bessemer, Alabama, overwhelmingly voted against joining the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union in much-anticipated election results announced April 9.

Amazon and business groups celebrated the decision, saying warehouse workers got a chance to weigh the pros and cons of union membership — and voted to reject it.

But labor activists argue that the lopsided vote shows how unfairly the odds are stacked against union organizing efforts and highlights the need for Congress to reform U.S. labor law. The House last month passed such legislation — the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act — but it looks likely to die in the Senate.

The Bessemer results “reveal a broken union election system,” Celine McNicholas, labor counsel at the left-leaning Economic Policy Institute, said in a statement. “It is clear that if policymakers do not reform our nation’s labor law system, then they are effectively denying workers a meaningful right to a union and collective bargaining.”

The retail union complains that Amazon plastered the Alabama workplace with anti-union posters and forced employees to sit through mandatory sessions in which the company disparaged the union. Labor organizers, by contrast, had to catch employees outside the warehouse gate to make their pitch.

“The law failed the workers,” said Benjamin Sachs, a labor law professor at Harvard Law School. “The law gives employers far too much latitude to interfere in workers’ ability to make a choice to join a union. That choice should be for the workers to make, not the employers to make.”

Amazon supporters note that the company paid an average \$15.30 an hour — more than double minimum wage in Alabama — and offered health care and other benefits. “Union representation is a choice for workers,” said David French, spokesman for the National Retail Federation. “But many clearly prefer opportunities in a



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competitive marketplace that provides strong wages and benefits.”

Randy Korgan, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters’ national director for Amazon, rejected the idea Amazon pays competitive wages at a time when \$15 an hour has become the minimum wage in some states. Korgan said he made more than \$15 an hour himself as a warehouse worker in the early 1990s.

“Using the minimum wage as barometer is a huge mistake,” Korgan said. “This is not minimum wage work and for any employer to pat themselves on the back and use this as a guiding post shows they don’t understand how difficult this work is.”

American unions have been declining for decades. The percentage of workers who belong to unions peaked at 34.8% in 1954, according to the Congressional Research Service. By last year, their share of workers had fallen to 10.8%, the Labor Department reports.

America’s unionization rate is one of the lowest in the world; it compares to 90% in Iceland, 67% in Denmark, 28% in Canada and 17% in Germany, according to the International Labor Organization.

Labor activists say companies routinely punish employees who try to organize unions — and get away with it. Even when workers do agree to unionize, companies often negotiate in bad faith. “The current system is expecting a degree of heroism from people that most of us don’t possess,” said Thomas Geoghegan, a pro-union labor lawyer and author.

Economists have tied the decline

in unions from their 1950s heyday to the growing gap in income between the richest Americans and all the rest. Unions not only raised wages for their own members; they also effectively pressured other employers to offer better pay and benefits.

A 2011 study by economists at Harvard University and the University of Washington found that the collapse of organized labor accounted for at least a fifth of the growth in inequality between 1973 and 2007.

As concerns about inequality have risen, public support for unions has grown. Gallup reported last year that 65% of Americans support unions, the most since 2003 and up from a low of 48% in 2009.

Unions also have a backer in the White House and Democratic control of the House and Senate. President Joe Biden promised to be “the most pro-union president you’ve ever seen.” During the union drive at Bessemer, he pointedly expressed support for workers’ right to choose a union, and he supports the PRO Act.

Passed 225-206 by the House, the act would reverse Right to Work laws, currently in effect in 27 states, which prevent unions from collecting dues from workers who refuse to join — but still benefit from union contracts.

It would also give union organizers more control over how and where union votes are held and empower the National Labor Relations Board to fine companies that don’t comply with the board’s orders.

But the Senate appears to lack the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster,

which will ultimately doom the effort. “The Democratic Party can’t deliver because of the filibuster,” Geoghegan said. “It’s heartbreaking.”

Even without a legislative victory, he said, Biden could boost unions by steering federal contracts to companies with collective bargaining agreements.

Michael Lind, founder of the New America think tank and author of a history of the American economy, said American unions are hobbled by the way they are forced to organize — company by company or workplace by workplace, as in the case of the Amazon warehouse in Bessemer. Many European countries, by contrast, organize union representation by whole industries or sectors.

“Let’s just admit that enterprise-based bargaining is a rotten collapsed building,” Lind said. “Let’s start from scratch with sectoral bargaining.”

Adam Ryan, a 32-year-old part-time Target employee in Virginia who founded a group called Target Workers Unite in 2019, notes that unions have for years been focused more on contract negotiations rather than the radical strikes they organized decades ago.

“A lot of times the stereotypes the corporations use to dissuade people from going to unions are largely true — the idea that they are third parties and they come in and take dues out of your paycheck and they really don’t do much for you when you need them,” he said.

Ryan argues that unions must reform themselves “to change people’s sentiments towards them or people need to learn that there are different strategies of labor organizing that can be driven by the rank and file.”

Others say, despite labor’s long losing streak, it’s too soon to count unions out. Philip Dray, author of “There is Power in a Union: The Epic Story of Labor in America,” recalls the United Auto Workers’ protracted struggle to organize workers at Ford and Cesar Chavez’ fight to unionize California farm workers.

“Workers’ collectives have never been an easy fit with this country,” Dray said. “Unions have frequently lost a battle against formidable opposition, only to go on and win the war.”

*D’Innocenzio reported from New York. AP Business Writer Alexandra Olson in New York contributed to this story.*

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-ES-008353 IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF WALTER LESLIE, DECEASED ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of March, 2021, Elieus Percell was appointed personal representative of the estate of Walter Leslie, deceased, who died on the 4th day of January 2021. 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 within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dates at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 10th day of March, 2021. Clerk of the Probate Court of Marion County 5320-919028 04/09/21 04/16/21

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-007267 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT A. FULTON, DECEASED ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of March, 2021, Michael J. Fulton was appointed personal representative of the estate of Robert A. Fulton, deceased, who died on the 29th day of December, 2021. 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 within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 2nd day of March, 2021. Clerk of the Superior Court Marion County 5320-919212 04/09/21 04/16/21

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-008557 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS EDWARD BROWN, DECEASED ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) Notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2021, Michael G. Brown was appointed personal representative of the estate of Thomas Edward Brown, deceased, who died on February 12, 2021. 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 within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this March 18, 2021, /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County Prepared by: H. Kennard Bennett, Atty# 415-49 29825-49 BENNETT & McCLAMMER 5366 Winthrop Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46220 (317) 931-0944 5320-919176 04/09/21 04/16/21

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-009049 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ELDRIDGE, DECEASED ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of March, 2021, James Albert Stotts was appointed executor of the estate of Shirley Kay Stotts, deceased, who died on or about February 23, 2021. 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 within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this March 18, 2021, /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County Prepared by: H. Kennard Bennett, Atty# 415-49 29825-49 BENNETT & McCLAMMER 5366 Winthrop Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46220 (317) 931-0944 5320-919176 04/09/21 04/16/21

In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division IN the Matter of the Estate of Robert Eldridge, Deceased Notice is hereby given that on March 22, 2021, Brenda Lee Tyler was appointed personal representative of the estate of Robert Eldridge, deceased, who died on May 22, 2003, which domiciled in Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana. 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 within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this March 22, 2021, date. Clerk of the Marion County Probate Court 5320-919115 04/09/21 04/16/21

STATE OF INDIANA ) MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-010280 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF PEARL LEROY SMITHART, DECEASED. ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, Notice is hereby given that Lisa Lee Lawrence was, on the 26th day of March, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Pearl Leroy Smithart, deceased, who died on the 18th day of January, 2021. 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, Marion County, Indiana, this 26th day of March, 2021. Clerk of Marion Superior Court 8 Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana Attorney No. 7024-32 Attorney at Law 2455 Stonehaven Drive Avon, IN 46123 (317) 293-5000 5320-918987 04/09/21 04/16/21

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-010517 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY L. LAMPKINS, DECEASED ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) Notice of hereby given that Vicki A. Bonner was, on March 29, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Betty L. Lampkins, deceased, who died January 14, 2021. 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 March 29, 2021. CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT Jennifer Norton Attorney No. 28709-49 Norton Estate Planning & Elder Law Firm, LLC 3750 N. Meridian Street, Ste 300 Indianapolis, IN 46208 (317) 572-8696 5320-919164 04/09/21 04/16/21

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-010608 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VANETTE F. ASH, DECEASED ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) Notice is hereby given that BRENT F. ASH was, on March 30, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of VANETTE F. ASH, deceased, who died January 4, 2021. 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 March 30, 2021. CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT Jennifer Norton Attorney No. 28709-49 Norton Estate Planning & Elder Law Firm, LLC 3750 N. Meridian Street, Ste. 300 Indianapolis, IN 46208 (317) 572-8696 5320-919165 04/09/21 04/16/21

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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE SHELBY SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF SHELBY ) CAUSE NO. 73D01-2103-EU-000015 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY KAY STOTTS, DECEASED ) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ) Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of March, 2021, James Albert Stotts was appointed executor of the estate of Shirley Kay Stotts, deceased, who died on or about February 23, 2021. 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 within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this March 31, 2021, /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County Prepared by: H. Kennard Bennett, Atty# 415-49 29825-49 BENNETT & McCLAMMER 5366 Winthrop Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46220 (317) 931-0944 5320-919176 04/09/21 04/16/21

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PATERNITY

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49C01-1106-JP-023307 IN RE: THE PATERNITY OF: Christopher Burnett Minor Child (Paternity Only) Keyon Burnett Petitioner, v. Keyona Patton Respondent. ORDER GRANTING MODIFICATION OF CUSTODY Comes now the Keyon Burnett, self represented, having filed a Verified Motion To Modify Custody Without An Agreement and comes now/nat Keyuana Patton, self represented/with counsel, in accordance with the Court's order, and concluded. The Court now finds that there has been a substantial change in applicable factors as to warrant a modification in the current custody order. The Court now ORDERS as follows:

1. The current custody order is modified, and custody of the minor child(ren) shall be granted to Keyon Burnett. 2. Keyuana Patton will pay support to Keyon Burnett in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_ per week, per the Child Support Guidelines Worksheets attached. 3. Keyuana Patton shall have parenting time in accordance with the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines OR a deviation from the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines is warranted and parenting time shall be as follows: So ordered this Judicial Officer 5320-918908 04/02/21 04/09/21 04/16/21

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Audit & Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana, will be held at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The meeting is noticed and will be held via electronic means due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Public Health Emergency in accordance with Indiana Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. Attendees may join by phone using the following information: Phone number: 1-565-655-0001 Access code: 157-857-9043 Paul Babcock President and Chief Executive Officer of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana 5320-919420 04/16/21

NOTICE OF MEETING Notice is hereby given that an Executive Session of the Board of Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana, will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The meeting is noticed and will be held via electronic means due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Public Health Emergency in accordance with Indiana Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. The session will be held to discuss collective bargaining, initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing, the implementation of security systems, the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties, receipt of information about prospective employees/prospect employees, personnel matters, bids, proposals or arrangements that will be competitively awarded among health care providers, recruitment of health care providers, competitive marketing strategies and strategic planning of the Corporation. Paul Babcock President and Chief Executive Officer of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana 5320-919421 04/16/21

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SUMMONS

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NOTICE OF MEETING Notice is hereby given that a Board meeting of the Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana, will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The meeting is noticed and will be held via electronic means due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Public Health Emergency in accordance with Indiana Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders. Attendees may join by phone using the following information: Phone number: 1.415.655.0001 Access code: 157.234.6401 Paul Babcock President and Chief Executive Officer of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana 5320-919422 04/16/21

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Request For Proposal 21-01-383 On-Site Clinic and Wellness Program Summary: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo) is seeking an onsite health and wellness clinic to provide health primary health care services and most importantly engage all full-time active employees in wellness activities. The goal of the wellness program is to improve awareness of healthy living and overall well-being of IPTC employees. The program will ideally help

of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action 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 thirty (30) days after the Third Published Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. The Name and Address of the Attorney Representing the Plaintiff is: Kathleen S. Crebo HOCKER & ASSOCIATES, LLC 5320-919301 04/16/21 04/23/21 04/30/21

Plaintiffs, Vs. JIF INVESTMENTS LLC, DELTON HINDERLITER, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS AND The unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff, in addition to the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff, 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 thirty (30) days after the Third Published Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. The Name and Address of the Attorney Representing the Plaintiff is: Kathleen S. Crebo HOCKER & ASSOCIATES, LLC 5320-919301 04/16/21 04/23/21 04/30/21

Plaintiffs, Vs. JIF INVESTMENTS LLC, DELTON HINDERLITER, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS AND The unknown husbands, wives, widows, widowers, surviving spouses, heirs, legatees, devisees, grantees, children, descendants, mortgagees, creditors, administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, successors, assigns, if deceased, of all persons above named, all persons, associations, partnerships, partners, trustees, assigns, representatives, successors, corporations, or claimants, who assert any title to claim upon or interest in the real estate herein described, all women once known by any of the names or designations above stated, whose names may have been changed and the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff, in addition to the names of all the spouses of persons above named; described and designated as defendants to this action who are married and whose names are unknown to Plaintiff, 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 thirty (30) days after the Third Published Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. The Name and Address of the Attorney Representing the Plaintiff is: Kathleen S. Crebo HOCKER & ASSOCIATES, LLC 5320-919301 04/16/21 04/23/21 04/30/21

SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION COUNTY COURT COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO.: 49D03-2001-MF-001699 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON BANK, THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWTAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-36CB, MORTGAGEE, PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-36CB Plaintiff -vs- ESTATE OF ALBERTA L. BAYLIFF, THE HEIRS, DEVISEES LEGATEES AND CREDITORS WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERTA L. BAYLIFF. Defendant(s) being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows: Lot Number Three Hundred Forty-six (346) in Block 20, in P. H. Jameson's Second Belmont Addition to the Town of West Indianapolis, now in the City of Indianapolis, the plat of which is recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana More Commonly Known As: 1134 S. Pershing St., Indianapolis, IN 46221 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: The Heirs Devisees Legatees and Creditors Whether Known or Unknown of The Estate of Alberta L. Bayliff

In addition, to the above-named defendant being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you are notified or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Marion County at: Clerk of Marion County Court 200 East Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 on or before the 30th day of May, 2021, the summons being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. Phillip A. Norman, P.C. Phillip A. Norman 13734-64 Attorney for Plaintiff 2110 Calumet Ave Valparaiso, IN 46383 (219) 462-5104 ATTEST: Clerk, Marion Superior Court 5320-919416 04/16/21 04/23/21 04/30/21

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT ) SS: PROBATE DIVISION ) COUNTY OF MARION ) CAUSE NO. 49D05-2103-CJ-008634 DORNIATA JACOBS, individually and as parent and next friend of minors, DENIA JACOBS and DENYHA JACOBS, Plaintiffs, v. NIOUDNIV LAGUERRE and Belaval Laguerre, Defendants. SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION – NOTICE OF SUIT 1. Nioudniv Laguerre and Belaval Laguerre have been sued in the Court identified above. 2. This Notice is being

directed to Defendants, Nioudniv Laguerre and Belaval Laguerre, whose whereabouts are currently unknown, and any other individuals who may have an interest in the lawsuit captioned Dornita Jacobs, individually, and as parent and next friend of minors, Denia Jacobs and Denyha Jacobs v. Nioudniv Laguerre and Belaval Laguerre, Cause No. 49D05-2103-CJ-008634, in the Marion County Superior Court Civil Division 5. 3. A Complaint for Damages was filed on March 12, 2021, by Plaintiffs, Dornita Jacobs, individually and as parent and next friend of minors, Denia Jacobs and Denyha Jacobs, against Defendants, Nioudniv Laguerre and Belaval Laguerre. Defendants' negligence directly, and proximately caused a collision that occurred on November 21, 2019, in Marion County, Indiana, and resulted in the Plaintiffs sustaining injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature. 4. Nioudniv Laguerre and Belaval Laguerre, you must answer to the Complaint, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the last notice of the action is published. To Wit: Schiller Law Offices, LLC, 210 East Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032, you fail to do so, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages. Dated at Clerk of Marion County Courts 5320-919098 04/09/21 04/16/21 04/23/21

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# Force Indy era begins at Barber

By DANNY BRIDGES

To simply say Rod Reid is more than ready would be a gross understatement. You can see the anticipation in his facial expressions when discussing the debut of Force Indy's USF 2000 race team at Barber Motorsports Park this weekend. With all the preparation and testing completed, it's now time for the moment the enthusiastic team principal has been planning on for some time.

With a stellar resume that includes some 40 years in motorsports, including a highly successful campaign with the NXG carting program which has touched thousands of young drivers, Reid took time from his busy schedule to talk with me during the IndyCar Series open testing sessions last week at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and it's obvious the team is ready.

"We've worked extremely hard in preparing for the season opener and feel we're in a pretty good position to be successful at Barber," said the affable yet highly focused Reid. "Our test sessions at Barber were helpful and informative so now it's time to see how we stack up against the rest of the field in actual race conditions."

One of the subjects Reid discussed with me was the level of confidence he has in his driver Myles Rowe, who won the job based on his accomplishments to date as well as other intangibles that stood out.

"I looked for skill, someone who'd be open to coaching and would also understand our mission and Myles checked all those boxes," added Reid before taking me to meet his talented young driver.

Like Reid, Rowe understands the shear gravity of the opportunity and covets the chance to work closely with Penske Racing, which is providing technical support and other resources as part of a combined effort between the two organizations. Having a mentorship of sorts from the most successful racing organization in the history of the sport is huge, and Rowe clearly gets the fact just how truly fortunate he is.

"This opportunity is beyond anything I could've imagined," stated the polite and soft-spoken 20-year-old from Powder Springs, Georgia, who will be piloting the No. 99 entry in the two races this weekend in Alabama. "I understand the expect-



Force Indy's USF 2000 race team will compete at Barber Motorsports Park. Myles Rowe, a 20-year-old from Powder Springs, Georgia, will drive No. 99.

tations and intend to work hard in achieving the best possible results both on and off the track," added Rowe before departing IMS with Reid to their next engagement.

Can the Force Indy Team find success in their inaugural foray? Absolutely. They also know there'll be a lot of eyes on them in the racing paddock, but something tells me this group is going to distinguish itself and find victory lane before the season is over.

Notes: Myles Rowe is also a student at the prestigious Pace University in New York City, where he's studying film and photography. It's

incredible to me how a young person can balance all that responsibility, but he's doing just that.

You can watch Force Indy compete at Barber Motorsports Park on April 17 with livestreaming coverage of race one at 8 a.m. and race two at 3:50 p.m. Check out [roadtoindy.tv](http://roadtoindy.tv) or [USF2000.com](http://USF2000.com) for complete coverage.

*Danny Bridges, who thinks Rod Reid and Myles Rowe have all the right stuff about them to be successful, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at [bridgeshd@aol.com](mailto:bridgeshd@aol.com).*

## Pacers end winning streak with loss to Clippers



Above: Former Pacers superstar Paul George goes up to block Caris LeVert's shot. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Right: Pacers forward Justin Holiday tries to finish over George. Holiday scored eight points in the Pacers' 126-115 loss to the Clippers on April 13.



Pacers guard Malcolm Brogdon had a team-high 29 points.