

## One of Indy's oldest residents gets vaccinated



**Bernice Bohannon and her nephew, Ken White. Bohannon, 111, received her first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine March 16. Bohannon has lived through two pandemics. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)**

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Bernice Bohannon is living through her second pandemic. She received her first dose of the Pfizer vaccine March 16, just two days after her 111th birthday. The longtime Indianapolis resident is among the oldest people in the world to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

She was 8 years old when the 1918 influenza pandemic began. Between September 1918 and February 1919, 10,000 Hoosiers died of the flu, and over 350,000 people were infected statewide. Bohannon doesn't remember much from that time, but said she wasn't too concerned about getting vaccinated against COVID.

Her nephew, Ken White, said she waited a little while to see what happened to others receiving the vaccine, but had no side effects from her first dose. She is scheduled to get her second dose April 7 at IU Health University Hospital.

After more people are fully vaccinated, Bohannon is planning ahead for future family events. Usually, her family, friends and her Bethel AME Church community help her ring in her birthday every year. This year, however, COVID-19 made that impossible. While she made a batch of brownies for the group of relatives able to see her, including White and nephew Samuel Goodlow, her 111th birthday celebration was a lot different than previous birthdays.

Of course, with 111 years under her belt, Bohannon has a lot of memories — and advice — to share with family and friends. “Just be good. Love everybody,” she tells folks looking to achieve longevity. “Don't go out at night and do all that stuff. Stay home.”

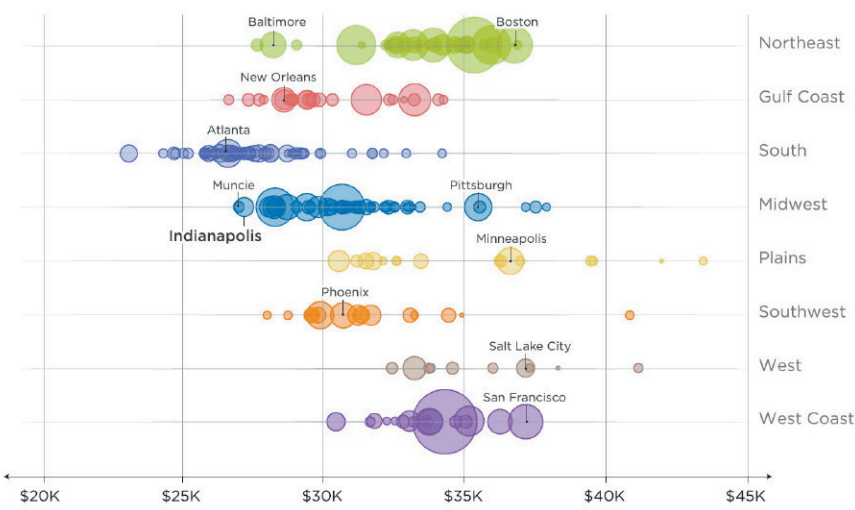
Thanks to CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions, Bohannon is able to live independently. Aides are there to help with household tasks, such as taking out the trash and meals. In her downtown home, White said it isn't unusual to find her knitting, a hobby she's had for decades.

A self-taught seamstress, Bohannon used her talents to make money while she watched over her two sons and daughter. All three of her children, as well as her husband of 54 years, Buford, are deceased.

Bohannon said she's seen plenty of change throughout her life, one of the highlights being the election of President Barack Obama in 2008.

Ahead of her second vaccination, Bohannon is looking forward to things going back to normal so she can continue seeing more loved ones regularly.

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This graph in a report from The Polis Center at IUPUI shows the regional differences in intergenerational economic mobility, as measured by median adult household income for children from low-income families. Circle sizes are proportionate to population size. (Screenshot from The Polis Center report)

## Report: Indianapolis ranks among worst cities in economic mobility

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A report from The Polis Center at IUPUI shows children born to low-income families in Indianapolis in the 1980s grew up to earn less than their peers in almost any other large city.

The authors of the study note Indianapolis has low economic opportunity overall, but there are also clear disparities when it comes to race and neighborhood.

Black children from low-income families earn \$9,000 less than white children at age 35, according to the report, and even children whose parents' incomes were low could earn more as adults if they lived in a neighborhood with more high-income families. Children from segregated neighborhoods earn less as adults.

Local leaders spoke March 25 at a virtual event to discuss the report and systemic issues related to race and economic mobility. “People's mistakes are really irrelevant when they're in a system that doesn't work for everybody,” Allison Luthe, executive director

of the Martin Luther King Community Center, said at the SAVI Talks event. SAVI is a data system part of The Polis Center.

Low-income children from Indianapolis grew up to earn \$27,000 per year on average, the same as their parents' income 35 years earlier, the report says. That means economic mobility is worse in Indianapolis than any other city in the Midwest, except for Muncie and Anderson.

The report defines economic opportunity as children born to low-income families earning enough as adults to support their household.

On average, white people born in the '80s have earned more than their Black counterparts, but the Indianapolis area's low ranking in economic opportunity is driven by especially poor

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## Black doctors navigate systemic racism to fulfill a mission

By **FARAH YOUSRY**

When Rhonda Bayless' mother got chemotherapy treatment for lung cancer, she would put on full make-up, her most luscious wig and most chic set of clothes. Not to show off, she was in no mood for that.

“She felt like as a Black woman, she needs to present herself in a certain way so that she can receive a certain level of care,” Bayless said. “When you engage with the health care system [as a Black woman], you need to make sure that you look a certain way, so that they won't treat you as some kind of other way.”

Bayless, executive director of the Center of Wellness for Urban Women in Indianapolis, says as Black women, she and her mother experienced their fair share of racism in the health care system.

One thing that helped improve that experience is having a Black doctor like her current OB-GYN.

That's not to say that Black people are a monolith, she



**Jamel Hill and his family on Match Day, when medical students learn where they will go for their residency. Hill will be a resident physician of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Kentucky University. (Photo provided by Jamel Hill)**

said. “But being able to have certain conversations with her that I haven't been able to have with other people,”

Bayless said. “And having an understanding of what is happening with my body. If I say, ‘Oh, my job is stressful, because of microaggressions,’

she'll go, ‘OK, I get that.’” Still, there aren't enough Black doctors to fill such demand. While Black Americans represent over 13% of

the population, only 5% of doctors are Black.

### Stark reality of classroom racism

Alejandro Mongalo will soon be one of them.

He's finishing his final year as a medical student at Indiana University School of Medicine. He will then start working as a resident physician of internal medicine at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, where he grew up.

Holding back tears, he said he is the first doctor in the family — and nothing about this journey was easy.

Mongalo's mother is Black and his dad is a Latino immigrant from Nicaragua. As a child, he was surrounded by a diverse Black and brown community that was suffering from a wide range of health disparities.

Despite being groomed by his mom since middle school to become a scientist, Mongalo started out as a

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model and actor. He then founded a real estate firm to help lower-income community residents navigate housing options.

As he approached his 30s, he had a reckoning. “When I was making the most money ... I felt the most inner turmoil and emptiness,” Mongalo said. “I felt like I wasn’t really fulfilling a purpose that was truly impacting my community as greatly as I wanted.”

He realized becoming a doctor was his true calling, but it took two years to get accepted to medical school. What helped him the most, besides tenacity and hard work, was the mentorship of Black academics who steered him toward preparatory programs offered by historically Black colleges.

Mongalo said Drew “had a structured program and that was how I finally got to be in an environment where people who look like me would be supported and I was able to continue to get the mentorship that I desperately needed.”

He finally got accepted to Indiana University School of Medicine. When he thought the uphill battle was coming to an end, he was faced with a stark reality at IU’s campus in Terre Haute. “From the very beginning I felt like I stood out,” Mongalo said. He also felt a pervasive racism, both inside and outside the classroom.

People would tell him to speak English when he phoned his Spanish-speaking grandmother.

And he recalled a troubling classroom discussion about how some genetic characteristics may lead to certain ailments and diseases.

“A student said, ‘Oh, this is probably the reason why we should have tighter immigration control, because all the people coming from out of this country bringing all their diseases into our country.’

“And those kind of comments when they’re not checked in the classroom by the professor, or they are engaged with comical banter with other students or the professor, that is when a person like me who has immigrant family, who has people from out of this country, feels not only hurt, but I feel excluded.”

Mongalo’s experience is not an anomaly. A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine shows 17% of



Jamel Hill and his family gather for prayer during Match Day, when medical students learn where they will go for their medical residency. (Photo provided by Jamel Hill)

medical residents in surgical programs in the U.S. face racism. Many choose not to report it for fear of retaliation, including through poor evaluations.

Mentorship as a savior and guide

It all took a toll on Mongalo’s mental health and at times he considered quitting. But at the hardest times, he found people at IU who would stand by him. One is Antwoine Haywood, assistant dean of students at the medical school and assistant professor of radiation oncology.

“The first thing that people notice is the spelling of my name, compared to other Antoines, it’s misspelled and this comes down to the fact that I grew up with a mother who was an immigrant and had a sixth-grade education,” he said. “And I have six siblings and I lost my father to gun violence.”

Haywood, who also is Black, holds a Ph.D. and is engrossed in the way

the medical system treats underrepresented scientists and physicians. He understands what Mongalo has been going through.

Going into medical sciences, he, too, felt like an outsider. Until his mentor posed a question matter-of-factly: “He asked me, ‘When are you getting your Ph.D.?’” Haywood recalled. “I was like, ‘What? Me? Ph.D., how?’ It was his question that made me feel like this is real. It is something I can do.”

Having experienced the importance of mentorship, Haywood tries to give back to IU’s Black students.

At IU, new task forces are looking at ways to strengthen equity. Haywood said there are a lot of honest conversations underway to make health equity and diversity “part of the institutional fabric, not just a one-off initiative.”

Navigating challenges

Another of Haywood’s mentees is

Jamel Hill, a Black medical student in his fourth year at IU.

Hill also said he has faced microaggressions and racism — inside the classroom and while working at the hospital. Twice, a white patient told a doctor or nurse that they did not want “the Black doctor” to see them.

“And I often ... maybe for lack of a better explanation, just push that off to ignorance,” he said.

Geoffrey Young of the Association of American Medical Colleges said some progress is being made but it is not nearly enough. To improve the medical system, he said there must be changes to the barriers that affect Black and brown communities’ access and success in higher education.

“Some of the systemic barriers are inequity in education, or quality of education, inequities in access to health care, and other issues that are really systemic and part of systemic racism,” said Young, the association’s senior director for student affairs and programs.

Young and his colleagues advise member schools about the importance of using holistic admissions processes that go beyond standardized testing.

“To not only look at that applicant’s metrics like their MCAT score and GPAs,” he said. “But also look at [the applicants’] experiences and attributes, and how their presence and their skills and experiences will likely enrich and enhance the learning environment.”

Despite all the hardships, Hill just landed his dream job as a resident physician of physical medicine and rehabilitation in the University of Kentucky. He starts in about three months and will be the second doctor in his extended family.

“I think for me, it was really important to show the people who are coming behind me that we can do this, you can do this, everything that you need is already within you,” he said.

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# Future of IndyGo projects on uncertain track

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The future of mass transit in Indianapolis hangs in the balance after the House Committee on Roads and Transportation held a hearing on Senate Bill 141 on March 24.

Authored by Sen. Aaron Freeman, R-Indianapolis, the bill would require Indiana public transportation entities — namely IndyGo’s planned expansion of the Blue and Purple Lines — to raise a certain level of revenue before receiving local income tax revenue for projects. Currently, state law requires counties to raise 10% of annual operating expenses for projects and 25% of the project funding must come from fares and charges. These funds, Freeman said during debate, haven’t been met by IndyGo.

IndyGo CEO Inez Evans, however, said the company has raised the necessary funds and Freeman and co-authors of the bill are ignoring information from the Legislative Services Agency (LSA).

“The original contention from the author of the bill contended that IndyGo needed to be held accountable to taxpayers to raise 10% of the funding,” Evans told the Recorder. “They went to the LSA to do a financial assessment, and they came back and put a footnote in their review and said IndyGo was in compliance with the statute ... but they don’t agree now with the LSA interpretation.”

Freeman said that’s not the case. “In regards to the change in the fiscal note, as a state senator, I have no involvement in that process,” Freeman said in a statement. “The evaluation of the fiscal impact is done by the non-partisan Legislative Services Agency. As I understand it, there was a misinterpretation of the law provided by a non-lawyer, and it has since been rectified, resulting in the revised fiscal note.”

According to the fiscal note on the bill, IndyGo in 2019 was required to raise 25% of Red Line operating expenses from fares. However, the fare revenue is not specific to Red Line riders, meaning any fare revenue IndyGo receives was counted toward the 25% requirement, and financial analyst Bill Brumbach concluded fare revenue



from IndyGo satisfied that requirement.

During the House committee hearing, Rep. Robert Behning, R-Indianapolis, raised concerns that the Blue Line, which would cut through the west side of the city, would impact traffic flow due to designated lanes for buses. He introduced an amendment that would prohibit IndyGo from creating designated lanes, which would reduce the number of lanes available to drivers on both Washington Street and 10th Street.

During testimony Evans said the need for designated lanes is twofold. First, the federal grants received for the Blue Line were designated for a fixed guideway project, which has five components necessary, including designated lanes. If the bill passes with the amendment prohibiting designated lanes, IndyGo communications director Lesley Gordon said the company would lose the money it’s already spent on the project. If the company decided to go forward with the project without designated lanes, IndyGo would have to apply for grants for corridor projects, which do not require designated lanes and are more competitive. Further, Evans said fixed guideway projects have long-term benefits for the whole community, not just IndyGo riders.

One of those benefits is revamped and safer streets.

As part of the Blue and Purple lines, the former expected to cost \$200 million and the latter \$168 million, Indianapolis streets would be repaved, sidewalks reconstructed and the septic systems updated.

Karlee Macer, former Democratic member of the Indiana House of Representatives, testified against the bill, describing the planned projects as being about more than mass transit. “Everything is still the same in the community,” Macer said regarding her childhood in Indianapolis. “Same well water, same septic system, some people even use oil to heat their homes 15 minutes from here. This is more than mass transit to our community. This is a generational lifeline.”

Evans views this bill not just as an attack on IndyGo, but as an attack on Indianapolis’ poor and minority communities. “Of the population IndyGo serves, 70% are persons of color,” Evans said. “When you look at the Purple Line alone, 61% of the population it serves is a minority population, and 30% are low income. The money that’s on the table from the Federal Transit Administration will significantly help bring our infrastructure to a higher stan-

dard.”

Freeman said during testimony Marion County can’t afford these expansions, and argued the focus should be on improving roads, not mass transit. However, Evans said the money that’s already been spent on the expansion projects can’t be reimbursed.

“The entire project for the Purple Line is about \$168 million with 50% coming from the federal government,” Evans said. “IndyGo has already spent \$37 million on the Purple Line in anticipation of getting 50% back. If the bill passes, we don’t get anything. Citizens have paid \$37 million and don’t have anything to show for it but 15 buses.”

The bill, which passed in the Senate 32 to 17 on Feb. 23, was held by committee chair Jim Pressel, R-Rolling Prairie, after debate went over the allotted time. Pressel now gets to decide if the bill will get another hearing. If a vote isn’t held by April 8, the bill will die. At this point, Pressel said he hasn’t decided if there will be a second hearing.

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# IPS proposal: Move 600 students to IndyGo for transportation, enforce walk zones

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Indianapolis Public Schools officials proposed cutting traditional yellow bus service for about 600 students and transitioning them to IndyGo as the district looks for spending cuts to close an \$18 million budget gap.

The district presented its proposal to the school board March 25, and the board will vote on it April 29. The transition would start next school year.

The district chose the students based on three criteria:

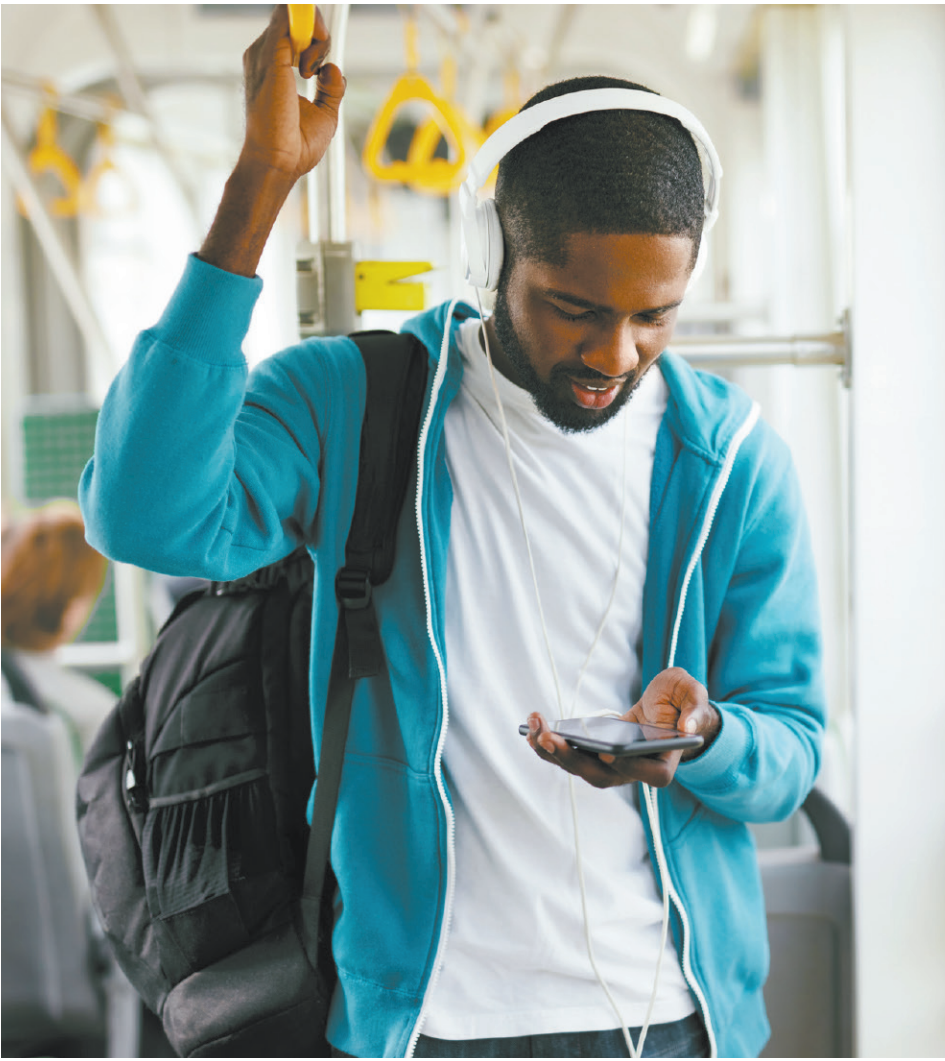
- Total travel time from home to school would be less than 50 minutes, which is a half hour shorter than district guidelines for yellow buses.
- Students would have to walk less than 0.7 miles total, including from home to the bus and from the bus to school.
- Students would need to be able to get to school without transferring buses.

Zach Mulholland, the district's executive director of operations, said the average travel time for the 600 students would be about 24 minutes, and almost 90% of students would have a shorter travel time with IndyGo than they would on a yellow bus.

Any IPS high school student can opt in to making IndyGo their transportation provider, meaning they would give up yellow bus service.

"We realize this is a significant shift for the district and for the students, and there's going to be an adjustment and accommodation for that," Mulholland said.

IPS has had a relationship with IndyGo since launching a pilot for high school students in 2018. All high school students currently have universal bus access — including nights,



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weekends and holidays — as part of a pilot program. Starting next school year, the 600 students and others who opt in will be the only ones who get a bus pass.

Brayana Peacock, a 10th grader at Crispus Attucks High School, said she uses IndyGo to get home after volleyball and track practice because her mother isn't always able to get her.

She recommended implementing something like a buddy system for safety, and Mulholland said that's

something the district will consider. "All in all, the public transportation, it is very effective and efficient," Peacock told the school board.

IPS also will enforce walk zones starting next school year to save money on transportation, a move that will affect about between 5,500 and 7,000 students. The district has provided transportation in most school walking zones because there haven't been enough crossing guards, but IPS will

have more to accommodate walkers.

District policy defines walking zones as the following:

- Elementary school students who live within 1 mile of school.
- Middle school students who live within 1.25 miles of school.
- High school students who live within 1.5 miles of school.

The board will not need to approve enforcing walk zones since it's already part of district policy. The district will make exceptions to its transportation adjustments for students with special needs.

The district's \$18 million budget shortfall is because of a decrease in per-student funding from the state and a decline in enrollment.

Superintendent Aleesia Johnson said the goal is to save \$3 million to \$4 million on transportation annually with the changes, which also include bus route consolidation.

External studies show IPS spends about twice as much on transportation per pupil than similar urban districts. Johnson said that's partly because the district has an expansive school choice program, which means students get bused all over, and the district has been lenient with its transportation accommodations over the years.

Johnson said the district could be more ambitious with changes and save \$17 million.

"We also know to pull on every single lever is not tenable at this time," she said.

Johnson called the current proposal a "strong first step."

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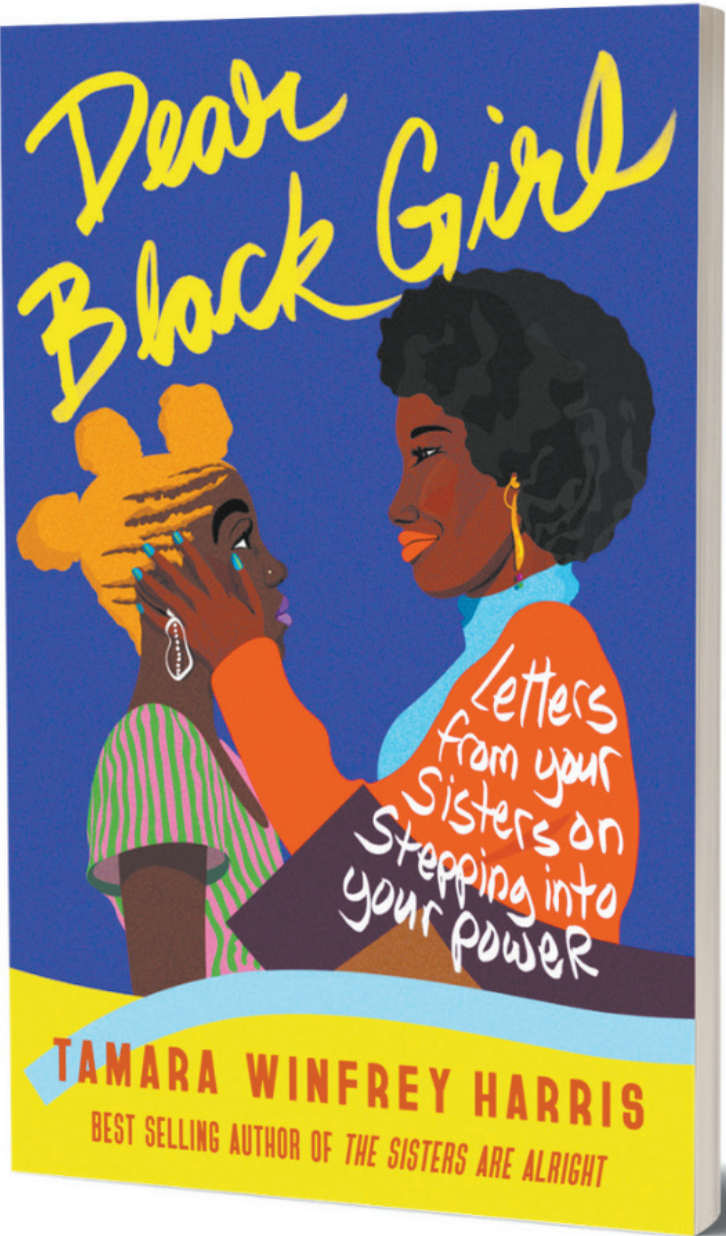
Dear Black Girl

By EBONY MARIE CHAPPEL



Name a book that every Black girl should read. Perhaps your choice is a haunting tale of repressive beauty standards like Morrison’s “Bluest Eye” or Angelou’s heroic biography “I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings.” Maybe you’d suggest Souljah’s streetwise epic “Coldest Winter Ever” or Vanzant’s empowering guide “Don’t Give It Away.” Enter Tamara Winfrey-Harris’ “Dear Black Girl,” a love letter for us, by us, that’s powerfully positioned in this moment to remind Black girls of all ages that the only gaze that matters is our own. Winfrey-Harris, author of “The Sisters Are Alright,” says that the idea for Dear Black Girl started as a simple letter writing campaign for a local youth group she was working with. “I just thought it would be a neat idea if the girls could leave with a letter from a Black woman. I just offhandedly went on Facebook and said, I need twelve letters. Can anyone write them for me?” she said. “We showed up and showed out like we do ... and I knew this had to be a thing.” Winfrey-Harris collected more than 50 letters from as far away as Europe and placed them into the hands of those young women. She then set off on a mission to curate this experience in book form so that Black girls all over the world could experience this magic for themselves. “I was surprised that women were willing to be so vulnerable and so open because it’s hard for us. Black women can’t afford to be vulnerable a lot in this

society that hates us,” she said. “Dear Black Girl,” which consists of more than 30 letters, covers a large variety of subjects from navigating sexuality and gender identity to overcoming challenging familial relationships and reentering society post-incarceration. Her goal was to make sure that each note was affirming to all Black girls. “I wanted Black girls to see themselves in all the ways they show up in the world and the ways that they really are and not how society wants them to be,” said Winfrey-Harris. “I feel like very often you will see the queer girls left out of the discussion or books would leave out important things some of us experience like sexual assault which we know 60 percent of Black women will experience by age 18. No one wants to talk about it so it was important for me to get those things in.” Like most things, debuting a book during the pandemic age is no simple feat, but Winfrey-Harris has benefited from the collaboration of BIPOC-friendly book stores, social media groups and online communities for writers of color. “There are so many places online and on social media where people of color are amplifying the creativity of other people of color and I think it’s just amazing,” she said. The Indianapolis Recorder held a book launch event with Winfrey-Harris on March 29 on Facebook Live. “I hope that I can get this into as many Black girls’ hands,” said the writer, adding that she hopes local youth-serving organizations will leverage their resources to address the heavy themes in the book without shying away. “I just want Black girls to feel loved.” “Dear Black Girl” is available for purchase anywhere that books are sold. A second edition of Winfrey-Harris’ first book, “The Sisters Are Alright,” will be re-released later this year.



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Local letter writers in ‘Dear Black Girl’

*DeShong Perry-Smitherman, age not disclosed, corporate communications professional/mentor*

Growing up, I always thought I would be somebody. But — when I got pregnant at 16, people just thought that I’d give up on life. But — what people didn’t know was that even at a time when I was going through — what some would call a shameful time for myself and my family — I still had huge dreams, goals and ambitions that

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# Annual Carlos Castro Fall Creek Clean-Up



The well known Dirty Dozen Hunting and Fishing Club held its annual Carlos Castro Fall Creek Clean-Up recently in and around the area of Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Assembly Church on Fall Creek Parkway. In conjunction with the Outdoor Youth Exploration Academy, several volunteers began the task of picking up trash and debris that passing motorists have thrown out their windows driving through the area. Free food and drinks were provided for the workers. (Photos/ Curtis Guynn)

## Rent assistance program to reopen April 5



By STAFF

Applications for the city’s rent assistance program will reopen April 5 with about \$30 million available. Eligible households can receive up to three months of assistance, including a combination of back rent to April 1, 2020, and future rent. Learn more and apply at [indy-rent.org](http://indy-rent.org). Even though applications aren’t open yet, tenants should still enter their contact information on the waitlist because those on the list will be the first ones who have an opportunity to apply. The U.S. Department of Treasury defines eligible recipients as households that meet all of the following criteria:

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs or experienced a financial hardship because of COVID-19;
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability;
- Has a household income at or below 80% of the area median.

The program has distributed \$33.8 million in rent assistance to 15,949 households, according to the

city. Applications closed in early December 2020, and there was a delay in reopening applications because of shifting guidance from the federal government. Funding for the next round of rent assistance will come from the second COVID-19 stimulus passed in December 2020. The city expects to receive more funding through the recently passed American Rescue Plan. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently extended the national eviction moratorium through June 30. The ban applies to those who earn less than \$99,000 a year and couples who make under \$198,000. Renters also have to attest on a declaration to their landlord that they can’t afford their rent and that being evicted could result in them becoming homeless or living with others. Landlords have filed for about 12,700 evictions in Indianapolis since March 15, 2020, according to Eviction Lab. The vast majority of those filings came after the state lifted its eviction moratorium in mid-August. Indianapolis ranks among the worst cities when it comes to the number of evictions landlords file.



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# New Democratic Party chair and vice chair have big goals

By **BREANNA COOPER**  
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Mike Schmuhl and Myla Eldridge were named chair and vice chair, respectively, of the Indiana Democratic Party during the party’s reorganization meeting March 20. The pair has a long history of federal and local government expertise — Schmuhl worked for Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg’s mayoral and presidential campaign; Eldridge served as the Marion County Clerk for two terms — a combination Schmuhl said will benefit them going forward.

“I think that we’re a good team,” Schmuhl said. “Myla has such great experience in Marion County at the local level, and her work she’s done on voting rights and ... access to the ballot, her experience coupled with mine I think makes for a really good team. We’re ready to get started.”

Building the party throughout the state and increasing voting access are among their biggest goals for their four-year term. Schmuhl said many Democratic voters throughout the state feel a disconnect between the work they’re doing and the state party, an issue they’re hoping to change through outreach.

“We want to ensure we are orga-



**Mike Schmuhl**

nizing grassroots and building up infrastructure there year round, and ... making sure we’re not just in the communities during election season, but we’re there regularly,” Schmuhl said.

Both recognize, however, gaining political power in a Republican-dominated state will be no easy feat. Beyond standard partisan issues that often create gridlock, political tension in the Indiana Legislature made headlines recently after several Black leaders were verbally attacked during debate on the House floor.

Eldridge, who became the first



**Myla Eldridge**

African American Marion County Clerk in 2014, said while diversity in politics is increasing, leaders must remain vigilant about discrimination.

“I think because of all the rhetoric prior to this year ... and all the misinformation that has been put out, we can never give up,” Eldridge said. “Being an African American woman, I think it’s very important and critical that we always address any type of discrimination, anyone who is treated unfairly, it’s our job to stand up and expose it.”

To combat misinformation, the duo wants to create a “megaphone” for

their party to share information they think is critical for voters to know, which Schmuhl said is often diluted by Facebook and the internet.

“We want to communicate with all 92 counties,” Schmuhl said. “... People aren’t getting facts anymore to make good decisions, and so one of the things we’re looking at doing is creating a strategy that pushes back against misinformation and conspiracy theories so we can really be front and center in Hoosiers’ minds and ... keeping them better informed.”

Neither leader thinks Indiana will become a blue state overnight, but both say investing in young leaders throughout the state and making sure that all Hoosiers have the right to vote will help the party grow. And with that growth, Schmuhl said, will bring greater access to health care, education and workplace protections. Throughout their first year as chair and vice chair, Schmuhl and Eldridge said the goal is to work together to make the state Democratic Party stronger than ever before.

“I’m just ready to roll up my sleeves and start the work,” Eldridge said.

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## REPORT

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results for low-income white children, who rank in the bottom half of 1% of all zones in the country for low-income white children.

Outcomes for Black children in Indianapolis are in the 23rd percentile nationally.

Patrice Duckett, executive director of the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center, said people in her community on the west side work hard every day — not just at a job but in life in general — and still feel stuck.

“They can’t seem to get over the hump,” she said.

Measuring differences between neighborhoods is less straightforward than measuring differences between race because people can move multiple times.

To account for that, the report includes research from Harvard University economist Raj Chetty, who

measured intergenerational economic mobility of children who move between neighborhoods at different ages.

“As it turns out,” the authors wrote, “every year that a child spends in a disadvantaged neighborhood has an incrementally negative effect on their outcomes as adults, regardless of their race, income, or other demographic characteristics.”

That means a child who moves to a higher-opportunity area at age 6 is better off in adulthood, on average, than a child who does so at age 7.

The authors suggest public-private partnerships as a way to increase four types of capital within communities: physical capital (infrastructure such as roads), human capital (health, education, etc.), technology capital (software, expert knowledge, etc.) and labor

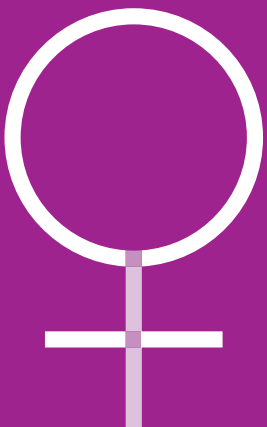
capital.

Public interventions such as direct cash payments and development grants can come from governments, the authors wrote, and private intervention could include small business loans and banking opportunities.

“These and other opportunities allow families the opportunity to achieve economic mobility within their own communities,” the authors wrote, “encouraging economic investment, stabilization, and growth in these areas.”

The report — “Equity in Economic Opportunity How Race, Place, and Class Impact Economic Mobility in Indianapolis” — is available at savi.org.

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# Setting the record straight on the COVID-19 vaccine

By STAFF

To combat misinformation and concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine, MDwise, Eskenazi Health and the Marion County Public Health Department are offering a free virtual event to share information about the available vaccines at 7 p.m. April 7.

The “Take the Fight to COVID” event will include a panel discussion and question period with Marion County Public Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine, Vice President of Health Plan Operations for MDwise Tor-

riaun Everett, Director of Pharmacy at PharmD Randall Taylor and Chief Medical Officer at Eskenazi Health David Crabb. The event will be moderated by Tina Cosby, public affairs director of Radio One Indianapolis.

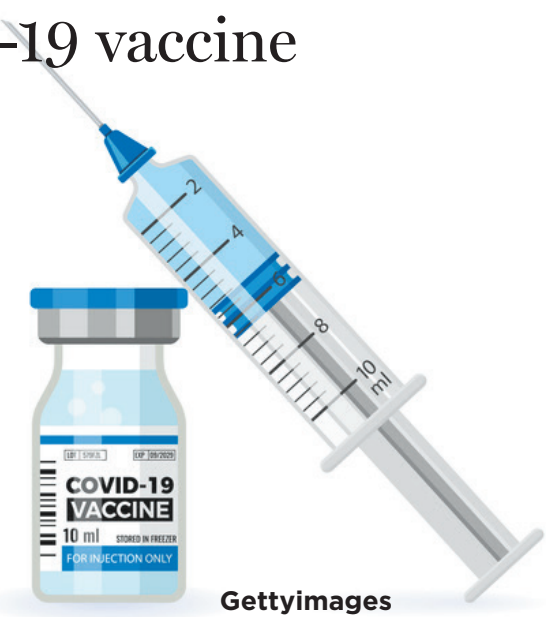
“We believe it’s important to acknowledge barriers to vaccination acceptance while at the same time maintaining respect for difference,” Jessica Cromer, president and CEO of MDwise, said.

Caine hopes the event leaves attendees with the information they need to make the best decision for

their health.

“As health leaders, we’re coming together to help members of our community become better informed about the COVID-19 vaccines,” Caine said in a press release. “The more you know, the better prepared you will be to make the right decision for you and your family members about getting the vaccine.”

To register for this event, visit [MDwise.org/IndyFightsCOVID](https://MDwise.org/IndyFightsCOVID). You can also call into 888-475-4499 and enter webinar ID number 944 0066 1927 at 7 p.m. April 7.



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EDITORIAL

Big, national trials cause heartbreak, collective trauma

By OSEYE BOYD



Since the jury selection began for the trial of Derek Chauvin, I’ve been wrestling with how much energy I want to invest. I want justice for George Floyd and his family, and that’s why I’m struggling. I’m torn with how much to watch. As a journalist and editor of a newspaper dedicated to serving the Black community, I’m tasked with keeping up with pertinent issues. This trial falls into that category and deserves my attention. However, as a Black American, I’m afraid to watch this trial. I don’t know if I can watch and listen to witness testimony day after day only to have a not guilty verdict in the end. I’m afraid of having my heart broken once again by a justice system that seems to work exactly as it was designed — against us — but now purports to work for us. It doesn’t take a national case for us to see how the courts fail us. We can look at countless situations and see bias and failure at every turn. But the failure of these trials has a bigger impact on our collective psyche. We don’t bear witness to every trial. We don’t always have video of a man’s murder by a police officer, and we don’t always see a cop

behave so callously. With these big, national trials, though, we can watch the trial in its entirety. We see the facial expressions. We have opinions on questions posed to witnesses and the answers given. We hear the defense attorney ask witnesses to describe what they saw, how they felt, how they wanted to help Floyd and the police officers wouldn’t let them. We hear them say they pleaded with Chauvin and other police officers to stop, that they told them Floyd couldn’t breathe and he was dying. We hear the defense accuse those witnesses and the entire crowd of being angry, agitated and a threat to police officers. We listen and become enraged because angry and agitated seem like appropriate reactions when you see an officer of the law kneeling on a man’s neck, killing him. We learn more facts such as Floyd was tortured for 9 minutes and 29 seconds not 8 minutes and 46 seconds as previously thought. Eight minutes and 46 seconds was bad enough. You can’t even argue it was a split-second decision. You can’t even argue he was afraid for his life as is the standard line in these situations. This trial seems like all the evidence is there to convict Chauvin, but we know it’s far from open and shut. Lawyers are gonna lawyer and try to convince the jury of Chauvin’s innocence or at least plant seeds of doubt.

This trial is traumatic. I watched the trial of George Zimmerman. I watched it daily. I watched it at work. I watched it when I got home. I was convinced there was enough evidence to convict Zimmerman of murdering Trayvon Martin. He wasn’t convicted. He was acquitted. I cried. I was angry. I was frustrated. My heart broke — and breaks — for his parents. Instead of being grateful and fading into the background to live a quiet life, Zimmerman publicly trolled Black folk at every opportunity. He taunted us. He became a braggart. I don’t want us to deal with that heartbreak, anger or disgust again. And that’s why I’m struggling with this trial and approaching it with caution. It’s my duty to stay informed, and I do. I read articles from each day’s proceedings. We have the trial on in the newsroom, so I can glance at it on occasion. I can’t, however, watch this trial with regularity. The fear of the outcome is too visceral. My eyes water and my stomach turns at the possibility that Chauvin could be acquitted. I’m realizing these trials are just another way for America to gaslight us, inflict collective trauma on us. Tell us justice is blind and the system is fair only for us to put our faith in the system and be let down again. I pray that doesn’t happen this time, but precedent has been set many times over.

OPINIONS

The rebirth of Jim Crow

By LARRY SMITH



“Everybody shouldn’t be voting. ... Not everybody wants to vote and if somebody is uninterested in voting, that probably means that they’re totally uninformed on the issues. Quantity is important, but we have to look at the quality of votes, as well.” Those are the sad and sick sentiments of John Kavanagh, who is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives. He made the remarks publicly. In front of an audience. On camera. (Frankly, I give him credit for his honesty in championing voter suppression.) More than 250 bills have been introduced to roll back voter access in 43 states. (Mr. Kavanagh must be proud of the fact that at least 24 laws have been proposed in Arizona since January.) These bills are designed to ensure that fewer people vote. That isn’t hyperbole; the express purpose of these proposed laws is to disenfranchise voters — in

the guise of preventing “fraud.” However, multiple studies (including those that were sponsored by Republicans) have shown that voter fraud is nearly non-existent in the U.S. For example, one study found that, out of roughly 1 billion votes cast between 2000 and 2014, there were only 31 cases of potential fraud, and not all of those cases have even been investigated. What about the argument that ID laws (perhaps the most common tactic) increase “voter confidence” in the electoral process? Not so much. As law professor Justin Levitt has pointed out, studies show that people who live in states that have more restrictive voter ID laws usually don’t have more confidence in elections than those who live in states that have less restrictive laws. Oh well ... The bottom line is that such bills are a direct result not only of Donald Trump losing last year’s election “in a landslide”; the other driving factor is that Republicans are losing ground in states that formerly were reliably red, such as Georgia. Speaking of which, the final version of the bill in Georgia — which Gov. Brian Kemp signed under a paint-

ing of a slave plantation — scrapped some of the more odious provisions at the last minute. But “less horrible” is a pitifully low bar when it comes creating laws. Not coincidentally, some of the laws are being proposed in four states that voted for President Joe Biden, despite the fact that their legislatures are controlled by Republicans: Pennsylvania, Arizona, Wisconsin and Michigan. Further, three states in which Donald Trump won by fewer than five points — Texas, North Carolina and Florida — also have jumped on the voter suppression bandwagon. (Florida is considering new voter restrictions in spite of fact that even most Republicans want voting to be easier, such as by adding more days for early voting.) Iowa cut early voting and will be closing polls an hour earlier. I could go on. Sadly, the drive to disenfranchise Americans, especially Black ones, isn’t new. This nation has seen poll taxes, literacy tests, grandfather clauses (which were used to allow white men to get around poll taxes and literacy tests), guessing the number of jellybeans in a jar and myriad other barriers used to

suppress our vote. More recently, when the U.S. Supreme Court severely curtailed the Voting Rights Act in 2013, 22 jurisdictions engaged in voter suppression laws within just three weeks. Those actions disproportionately affected Blacks, Hispanics and young voters. In short, we are living in the midst of the most far reaching and comprehensive effort to reduce ballot access in decades. I don’t normally believe in reincarnation, but Jim Crow has been given another shot. The tactics vary from state to state, but the intent is the same. Unfavorable electoral math (for Republicans) is at the heart of these measures; voter suppression (especially of African Americans) is at its soul. Roughly 81% of people who voted Republican in 2020 are white. That party’s voter base is shrinking. Unfortunately for them, their voter suppression efforts won’t solve that problem. Here’s a thought: Why not simply start appealing to a broader section of the electorate? Larry Smith is community leader. Contact him at [larry@leaff-llc.com](mailto:larry@leaff-llc.com).

‘The road to real change’

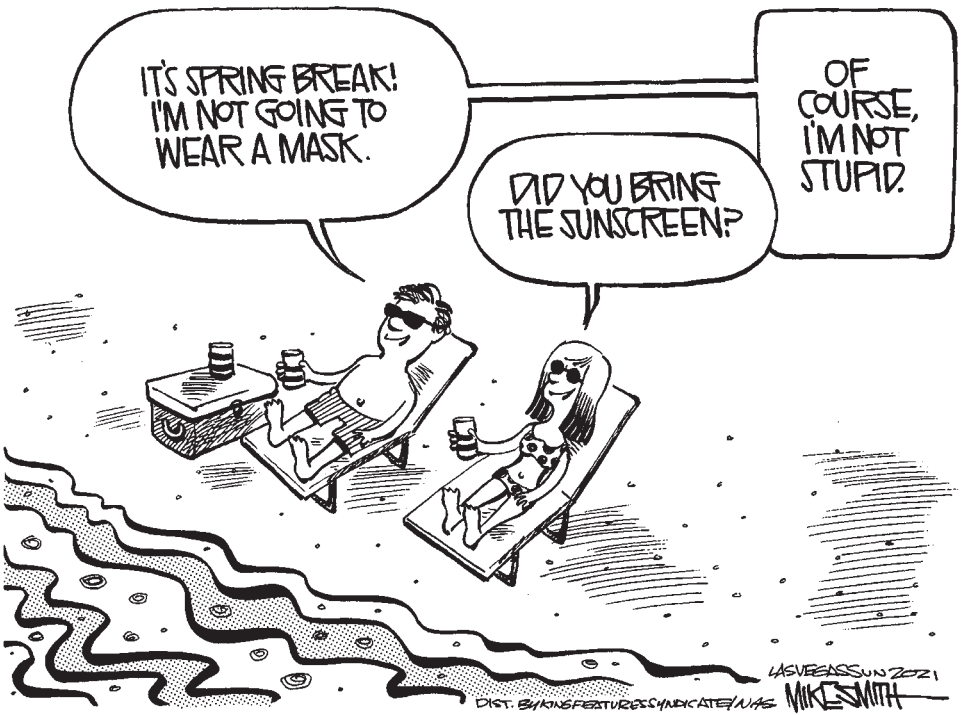
By VOP OSILI



In February 2020, the Indianapolis City-County Council unanimously adopted a special resolution directing city and county departments and other agencies to use “all available tools to assist in the elimination of racial and social disparities in Indianapolis and to promote equity within the City-County workplace and in delivery of City-County services.” The resolution was signed by Mayor Joe Hogsett, Prosecutor Ryan Mears, Sheriff Kerry Forestal, County Auditor Julie Voorhies, Assessor Joseph O’Connor, Treasurer Claudia Fuentes, Clerk Myla Eldridge, and Recorder Kate Sweeney Bell to offer a statement in support. Just weeks after the resolution passed, the world around us shut down due to COVID-19. Barely 60 days later, George Floyd was murdered. As Langston Hughes so presciently wrote in 1951, dreams, too long deferred, finally exploded into global calls for change. Of course, Black people have been calling for racial equity — and calling out racial inequities — for centuries. The crises of the pandemic and the excruciating events that followed the murder of George Floyd became a crucible through which much of America began to see, at last, the festering realities of structural and systemic racism which had long been decried.

Across the country commitments to change soon followed. City and state governments, corporations, anchor institutions, professional sports teams and many others articulated commitments to dismantle systemic racism in policy and practice. Here in Indianapolis, a large group of corporate and community partners signed on to the Indy Racial Equity Pledge, committing themselves to “meaningful action to address the issues of racial equity and justice in Central Indiana” and to publicly share their progress on those commitments. Anthem, for example, vowed to leverage “our role as a national health leader to address factors driving racial and health disparities in our healthcare system and society” and backed up that commitment with a pledge of \$50 million over the next five years to address those issues across the country, starting with Indiana. Pacers Sports & Entertainment announced a majority of all philanthropic dollars spent annually will fund solutions to racial equity and social justice issues. In November 2020, Gov. Eric Holcomb named Karrah Herring Indiana’s first chief equity, inclusion and opportunity officer.

In August 2020, the council held the city’s first-ever annual budget hearings requiring all agencies to explain how their funding requests would impact racial equity in our community. Every city and county department was tasked with answering a series of equity-centered questions on programs, policies, hiring, spending and data that allowed the council to analyze budget proposals not only for fiscal soundness, but on the degree to which equity was integrated as a top priority. The same process is being followed in this year’s budget hearings, and in the lead-up to it. Depending on your perspective, these commitments and others like them offer many reasons to



be optimistic — or many opportunities to be disappointed, yet again. I’m choosing optimism. In my career as an architect, I’ve seen communities devastated by natural disasters strengthen and improve building codes so new construction better withstands challenges. We have the opportunity now to rebuild our community following the social and economic impacts of the past year, with equity as our new and stronger building code. As with any new code, accountability will either be key to our success, or central to our failure. It’s incumbent upon all of us as residents of Indianapolis to hold our local institutions — including the city-county council — accountable for the promises made. My pledge to you, readers, is to use my role as president of the council and my space in this column to do just that. To continue talking about this until we’ve cleared a path to dispassionate, clear-eyed, consistent inclusion of equity in all discussions and decisions. Because down that path lies the road to real change. It has cost us all far too much to get here to turn back now. Vop Osili is president of the Indianapolis City-County Council.

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# Apprenticeships aim to create more urban farmers



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Growing Places Indy will expand its urban farming initiatives with two apprenticeship programs, one for adults and another for high schoolers, to develop more Black farmers.

The adult program — Grow Getters — lasts one year and is broken into four terms: summer, fall, winter and spring. Candidates should be able to commit 20 to 25 hours per week throughout the program, though the program is unpaid. Applications are open until May 1.

The youth program — Young Grow Getters — is open to those ages 16 to 18. Participants will earn \$10 an hour and work an average of 15 hours per week over six weeks. Applications are open until April 30.

Each program starts in June and will have 10 participants. Learn more at [growingplacesindy.org](http://growingplacesindy.org).

Victoria Beaty, executive director of Growing Places Indy, said urban farms could also play a role in reducing food insecurity.

“We can never feed an entire state with a few urban farms,” she said, “but we can supplement people’s incomes by putting urban farms in the communities where they don’t have access to grocery stores.”

Participants in the Grow Getters and Young Grow Getters programs will get experience not just in farming, but in other parts of the food system by taking field trips to restaurants, organizations and farms. The adult program also includes business development classes and help sourcing land to start a farm.

Beaty said the apprenticeship prob-

ably isn’t a fit for someone who just wants to have a small garden at their house.

Growing Places Indy started its urban farming programs in 2012, but it was only during the summer and students weren’t paid.

The most recent census from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 2017, shows Indiana’s 94,350 farmers are overwhelmingly white and older. A little more than 99% of farm producers — anyone involved in making decisions — are white. The average age of a farm producer is 55.5, and about 30% are 65 or older.

Beaty said urban farming could be an attractive option for younger people who want to farm but don’t want to move to a rural community.

Danielle Guerin, farm manager at Growing Places Indy, is 31 and has been farming for about eight years. She also started Soul Food Project to help serve the Martindale-Brightwood community.

Guerin will help lead the apprenticeships and hopes one of the results is creating more collaboration among urban farmers to better serve Indianapolis.

The most important thing, Guerin said, is having a passion for growing food and helping people. From there, the program can teach the mechanics of farming.

“It’s hard work,” she said of urban farming. “You’re gonna be burnt out. You’re gonna be tired. You’re gonna break your body down.”

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# Eskenazi Health to Assist During Special Health Insurance Open Enrollment Period

By Dr. Broderick Rhyant, Chief Physician Executive, Eskenazi Health Center Forest Manor



Individuals who are in need of health insurance or are interested in finding a better option for themselves and their families, may take advantage of a Special Open Enrollment period for 2021 that is currently under way.

In the recent past, there has only been one open enrollment period each year and after that everyone is locked out unless there is a life changing event. In 2020, the open enrollment period took place from Nov. 1-Dec. 15.

In accordance with an Executive Order signed by the President, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that this Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for the Health Insurance Marketplace would officially be available to consumers in the 36 states that use the HealthCare.gov platform (which includes Indiana) that began on February 15, and will continue through Saturday, May 15.

This special opportunity is available for those who are uninsured, under-insured, or already enrolled in a plan through the Marketplace and wanting to switch to a different plan, and Eskenazi Health has a team of knowledgeable and highly-trained financial counselors ready to help secure the best health insurance policy for you and yours.

This invaluable period of time to enter the Marketplace will also help people who lost their jobs and health insurance benefits perhaps due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

and those that have too large of an income for Medicare/Medicaid.

To provide the safest environment for everyone during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, highly experienced and knowledgeable Eskenazi Health navigators will be meeting by appointment only 1:1 with patients both in-person while using social distancing guidelines, and virtually.

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Virtual appointments may be scheduled through MyChart, which can be accessed at [Eskenazi-Health.edu](http://Eskenazi-Health.edu). In-person and virtual appointments can also be made by calling 855.202.1053.

*All plans offered in the Marketplace cover these services among others: Ambulatory patient services (outpatient care without being admitted to a hospital); emergency services; hospitalization (surgery and overnight stays); pregnancy, maternity and new born care (before and after birth); mental health and substance use disorder services; prescription drugs and rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; and preventive and wellness services.*

*The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many Americans to lose their health care coverage and with the expert assistance from Eskenazi Health financial counselors, everyone may receive the very best health care insurance expertise and advice during this limited Special Enrollment Period.*

# Leveraging CARES Act Funding to Earn More \$\$

by Emil Ekiyor,  
[Founder of InnoPower](#)

The time is ripe to create an environment that encourages and supports people of color to explore ways to upskill into the growing and lucrative tech workforce. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics is forecasting a job growth rate of 22% for software developers between 2019 and 2029, compared with 4% for other occupations. The average starting salary for a software developer in Central Indiana is \$54k, and this is just a starting point, as the earning potential only increases. We need to take advantage of opportunities that exist right now for individuals to make the leap into a career in tech. InnoPower, which means “the power of innovation”, was created to leverage innovation initiatives to accelerate economic advancement opportunities in Black Communities.

We must communicate a different message to students and professionals than what antiquated structures and society tell us. We must create an environment and secure resources that allow people to overcome systemic biases and artificial deficits. We must create revenue generating opportunities for people to own homes, land, businesses, and investments that yield positive returns. African Americans want

to acquire transferable assets and generational wealth. Careers in Tech can be leveraged to help close the opportunity and wealth gap.

As the Government allocates economic and workforce development recourses to help people and communities rebound from the economic downturn caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we are positioned to take advantage of these available resources with the availability of CARES Act funding through Eleven Fifty Academy.

Eleven Fifty Academy’s immersive, high-intensity, project-based boot camps provide an accelerated means to ramp quickly into a career in technology as a web developer, software developer, or cybersecurity professional. A large number of students begin Eleven Fifty with zero experience or exposure to coding before enrolling. Eleven Fifty provides an environment that welcomes and nurtures students from diverse backgrounds. Their career services team provides mentoring, internships and assistance with placement into high-paying jobs.

For anyone wishing to transition careers or grow professionally, the cost can be a huge hurdle to overcome. If someone wants to improve their professional skill set, this opportunity is open to everyone. Eleven Fifty Academy students are benefitting from the extension of the CARES Act, which can cover the entire cost

of one of their boot camps. The Academy is approved to accept the GI Bill for all of its courses and CARES Act dollars may cover up to 100% of tuition for any US Veteran who is underemployed or looking to improve their skillsets. The CARES Acts Funding dollars are expected to be available until September of 2021, empowering graduates with a direct pipeline to the workforce of high-paying careers at a fraction of the cost and 16x faster than via a traditional 4-year college degree, with similar placement and salary outcomes. Eleven Fifty is currently enrolling both full-time and part-time classes for April and May, which allow students to be ready for a new career in as

little as 90 days.

InnoPower is working with Eleven Fifty and other community organizations across Indiana to ensure that communities of color are aware and are in a position to maximize this opportunity. As people navigate the Covid-19 Pandemic and economic downturn we all need options to improve professionally and generate additional revenue and Eleven Fifty Academy gives people the option, especially with the CARES Act funding window.

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## You could be at risk for colorectal cancer — so get screened

By FARAH YOUSRY

Black Americans are 20% more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and are more likely to develop it at a younger age than whites. When they get it, studies show, they are also up to 35% more likely to die from it.

This disparity has been going on for years, according to Dr. Douglas Rex, distinguished professor emeritus at Indiana University School of Medicine and director of Endoscopy at Indiana University Health.

He says it is important to remember colon cancer is regarded as preventable — but only with timely screening.

“So when we do screening we have two goals in mind. One is to identify cancers that have not spread and therefore are curable and so we can prevent death by finding an early cancer,” he said.

Screening with a colonoscopy can also identify polyps, where the cancer started. “So, when we remove those, we actually prevent the cancers from ever developing,” Rex said.

The effectiveness of screening for colorectal cancer has sparked calls for lowering the recommended age for Black Americans to start.

The new draft of federal guidelines recommends that everyone start screening at age 45 — down from 50. Still, some, such as the American College of Physicians, say African Americans should start at 40.

Although screening is highly effective in reducing mortality, only 60% of those who need it actually get it. That’s lower than screening rates for breast and cervical cancers. And Black Americans are the least likely to complete screening.

### Health care access inequity

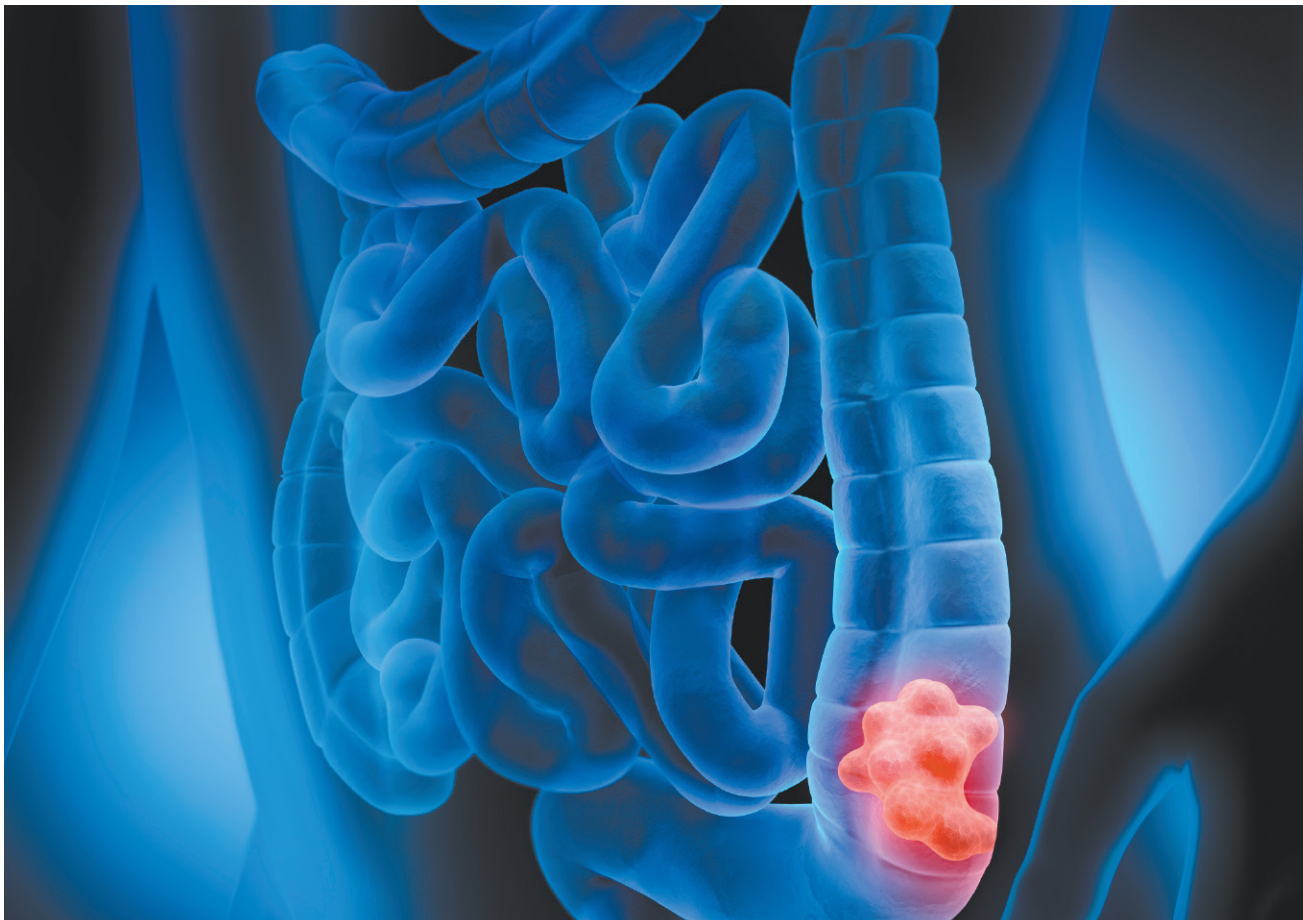
Like many health disparities, the reasons behind the colorectal cancer disparity are complex and at times interrelated, Rex said.

“Because of the lack of screening and access to care, African Americans get more cancers, and these cancers have progressed to a later stage,” he said. “They’re more likely to have [the cancer] spread by the time that they’re diagnosed.”

He believes the biggest problem is health care access inequities. Improving access could help lessen the disproportionate burden of cancer on Black patients, he said.

Rex points to the Veteran Affairs health system, where patients, regardless of racial or financial background, have more equal access to services at no cost.

“There are really no racial barriers to care — or if there are, they are less than in the private system,”



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he said. “And so within that system, the mortality of African Americans from colorectal cancer is very similar to whites. So, equal access to care is associated with comparable mortality.”

### Related issues

Generally, Black Americans suffer from higher rates of chronic diseases. Many are related to socioeconomic factors such as access to healthy food, time for exercise, environmental pollution and daily stress levels.

“There are a variety of medical issues that are more common in African Americans and some of these are also associated with [higher] colon cancer risk and so those include factors like obesity and diabetes mellitus,” he said. “And so those factors may also be contributors to racial differences in the risk of colon cancer.”

Researchers are also investigating how such factors can influence the operation of genes — and lead to the disparity in cancer rates.

Research suggests the invasive nature of screening — which involves a long tube called a colonoscope inserted into the rectum — might cause reticence

among some at-risk individuals.

In one study, the reticence seemed equal among Black and white American men due to “cultural concepts [of] masculinity and homophobia,” the authors wrote.

In another large survey, over half of the Black Americans said they perceive or experience racism in the health care system. Those who reported racism were less likely to have completed a colorectal cancer screening.

Rex recognizes these challenges and says health care systems need extensive outreach and education programs to increase access to screening.

“It’s critical to consider yourself at risk, if you hit the right age” he said. “Or if you haven’t hit the right age, but you have a family history of colon cancer ... [ask] your doctor to provide a screening test for you.”

*This story was reported as part of a partnership between WFYI, Side Effects Public Media and the Indianapolis Recorder. Contact Farah Yousry at [fyousry@wfyi.org](mailto:fyousry@wfyi.org) or 857-285-0449. Follow her on Twitter @Farah\_Yousrym.*

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Encouraged for All Eligible Residents

The Marion County Public Health Department is urging all Indiana residents age 16 and older to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at [OurShot.IN.gov](http://OurShot.IN.gov) or by calling 2-1-1.

All three COVID-19 vaccines that received emergency use authorization in the United States underwent rigorous testing and proved to not only be safe, but also highly effective at preventing COVID-19-related hospitalizations and deaths.

Receiving any of these vaccines will greatly reduce the risk of serious illness due to the virus. Health leaders recommend that residents take the first vaccine available to them.

“The COVID-19 vaccines were developed by cutting red tape, not corners,” said Dr. Virginia Caine, director and chief medical officer of the Health Department. “Thanks to the lifesaving protection of the vaccine, COVID-19 cases in nursing homes are now close to zero. I encourage everyone in our community 16 and older to receive the vaccine and the protection it offers for you and your family.”

The health department recently announced mobile vaccine clinics for Marion County, with the first held in late March at Eastern Star Church resulting in the vaccination of 300 neighbors. Three additional clinics are planned in April in partnership with local churches, community groups, and health agencies, with dates to be announced.

Additional efforts to make vaccines more accessible to our community include IU

Health’s program offering free rides to a vaccine appointment for those who need them. Residents in need of transportation to a vaccine appointment can call 888-IUHEALTH (888-484-3258) and choose option 9.

Homebound residents can request to have a vaccine brought to them through the State of Indiana’s Homebound Indiana program. People who are interested can contact their local Area Agency on Aging at [iaaaa.org](http://iaaaa.org) by calling 800-986-3505.

“The new guidance for fully-vaccinated individuals recently issued by the CDC offers us hope for returning to favorite activities and moments missed from the last year,” continued Dr. Caine. “But in public, we must all continue to do our part: wearing a mask, washing our hands, and socially distancing from others regardless of vaccine status to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and bring us closer to ending the pandemic.”

Those who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 are still encouraged by medical professionals to receive the vaccine, as contracting the virus may only provide limited protection. Residents can expect to feel some side effects after receiving the vaccine, including fever, chills, tiredness, headache, or aching at the injection site. These side effects are normal signs that your body is building protection and typically go away in 24-48 hours.

Information about the COVID-19 vaccine in Indiana is available at [OurShot.IN.gov](http://OurShot.IN.gov).

### ABCs of Diabetes Classes Offered Online

The ABCs of Diabetes is a free, four-part series of diabetes self-management classes offered each month by the Marion County Public Health Department. Classes include instruction on medications, nutrition, exercise, monitoring, complications and available community resources. Registration is open to anyone with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Family members and friends are also welcome.

Due to COVID-19, the ABCs of Diabetes is currently offered online. Registration is required one week prior to first class so that materials can be mailed in advance. To see the schedule of classes and to register, please visit [MarionHealth.org/diabetes](http://MarionHealth.org/diabetes) or call 317-221-2094.



Georgia’s new GOP election law draws criticism, lawsuits



By BEN NADLER and JEFF AMY  
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Critics of Georgia’s new Republican-backed election law issued fresh calls March 29 to boycott some of the state’s largest businesses for not speaking out more forcefully against the law, a day after advocacy organizations filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging it.

In a letter to more than 90,000 parishioners, Bishop Reginald Jackson, who presides over more than 400 African Methodist Episcopal churches in Georgia, said the law is “racist and seeks to return us to the days of Jim Crow.”

Jackson is calling for corporate leaders at companies like Coca-Cola and Delta Air Lines to speak out in opposition.

“If we cannot persuade them or if they refuse to oppose this legislation then we will organize and implement a boycott of their companies,” the letter says.

Coca-Cola said in a statement that the company has been engaged in “advocating for positive change in voting legislation.”

Delta Air Lines issued a statement touting some parts of the law, such as expanded weekend voting, but said “we understand concerns remain over other provisions in the legislation and there continues to be work ahead in this important effort.”

In a separate letter, the children of

some of the nation’s most notable civil rights leaders said that far “too many of our lawmakers failed to take a stand and corporations did not go far enough to ensure every voting citizen had fair and equitable access to the most basic of American rights.” The letter was written by Bernice A. King, the daughter of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; Al Vivian, the son of the Rev. C.T. Vivian; and John-Miles Lewis, the son of U.S. Rep. John Lewis.

A lawsuit filed March 28 by organizations including the Georgia NAACP, against Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and other members of the State Election Board, asks a judge to find that the law violates the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act and to block state officials from enforcing it.

The complaint argues that Republican “officials have resorted to attempting to suppress the vote of Black voters and other voters of color in order to maintain the tenuous hold that the Republican Party has in Georgia.”

The change to Georgia’s election law was made after Democrats won the presidential contest and two U.S. Senate runoffs in the once reliably red state.

The complaint was filed by the Georgia NAACP, Georgia Coalition for the People’s Agenda, League of Women Voters of Georgia, GALEO Latino Community Development Fund, Common Cause and the Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe.

The new election law was signed by Republican Gov. Brian Kemp, just hours after it cleared the state legislature. It is part of a tide of GOP-sponsored election bills introduced in states across the country after former President Donald Trump made false claims about election fraud.

The Georgia law adds a photo ID requirement for voting absentee by mail, cuts the amount of time people have to request an absentee ballot and limits where drop boxes can be placed and when they can be accessed. It also bans people from handing out food or water to voters waiting in line and allows the Republican-controlled State Election Board to remove and replace county election officials.

Republicans in Georgia argue that the law is needed to restore voters’ confidence.

“Georgia’s Election Integrity Act that I signed into law expands early voting and secures our vote-by-mail system to protect the integrity of our elections,” Kemp said in a recent tweet. “The Peach State is leading the nation in making it easy to vote and hard to cheat.”

In an interview, Raffensperger said he supported some of the changes but is against other aspects of the law.

Raffensperger said that requiring a photo ID for mail-in ballots “is a much superior way of going, because it’s an objective measure and not a subjective measure.” But he said he does not support provisions that remove him as the

chair of the State Election Board and replaces him with an appointee of the state legislature.

A separate lawsuit filed by the New Georgia Project, Black Voters Matter and Rise Inc. seeks to block the law on similar grounds.

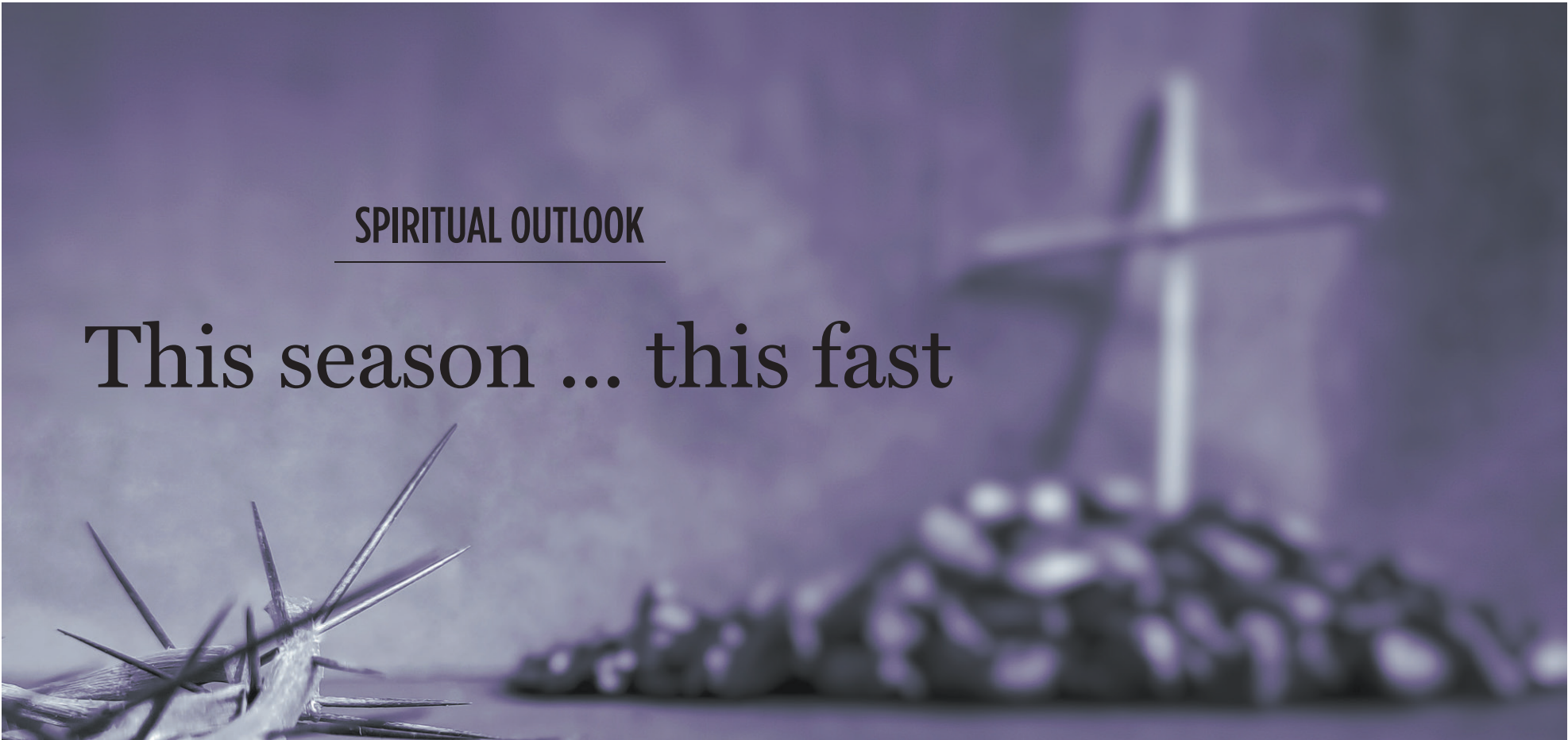
Sen. David Lucas, a Macon Democrat, said Republicans shouldn’t be surprised that two lawsuits have already been filed.

“You did it, you voted for it, and now you’ve got to live with it,” Lucas said. “We’re going to spend the whole next year in the courthouse.”

Also March 29, a Democratic lawmaker who was arrested after protesting the law returned to the state Capitol. Rep. Park Cannon, of Atlanta, was arrested and charged with two felonies after she knocked on the door to Kemp’s office while he was on live television speaking about the voting bill he had just signed.

After Cannon walked with Martin Luther King III in a march around the Capitol, supporters with raised fists formed an aisle for Cannon to walk through to the House chamber. Cannon didn’t respond to questions from reporters as she walked into the chamber.

Republicans, meanwhile, said Cannon was grandstanding. Republican Sen. Randy Robertson said Cannon had ignored warnings and lawmakers needed to stand behind the police and state troopers who guard the Capitol.



SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

This season ... this fast

By SHEILA P. SPENCER



We have come through the season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation, reminding us of the 40 days that Christ spent in the wilderness. During this season, some of us may have chosen to fast. It was a season of voluntarily giving up something that was a part of our regular rhythm. It was a season where for a temporary, preset period of time, life was different.

40 days.  
960 hours.  
15,600 minutes.

It seems like this entire last year has been preparation for Lent. A year ago, we entered a season of multiple pandemics. Social distancing and quarantine, alternating between virtual

and in-person classes, shutdowns, pandemics of systemic racism and presidential elections. We have been in the midst of an extended season where we have involuntarily given up things that are a part of our regular rhythm. It is a season that has lasted more than 40 days.

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This holy season is different for me. In the past, this has been the season where I have focused on what to release, and then I pick it back up when the Lenten season ends. It has been the season where I embraced practices then put them aside when the Lenten season ends.

But this season was different. I chose to let go of things that I don’t want to pick up again when the season ends. This season I want to

embrace practices that I plan on continuing to practice.

This season the fast that I want to take will last beyond the Lent season and remain.

This is the kind of fast day I’m after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I’m interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once.

“Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer. You’ll call out for help and I’ll say, ‘Here I am,’” Isaiah 58:6-9.

This season we will journey through

the crucifixion of Christ on Good Friday, reflect on Holy Saturday and celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Sunday. In spite of all the changes and things we have had to do, the gift is that Christ and the Resurrection will always come through. This part of the season will always be true — Christ and the Resurrection will always come through. We may weep on Good Friday and reflect on Holy Saturday, too. But the gift is that Christ and the Resurrection always come through.

Always!  
Blessed to be a blessing to you,  
Rev. Sheila P. Spencer

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Psalms in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What type of musical accompaniment is given as instructions for recitation of Psalms 4? Flutes, Stringed instruments, Shofars, Mandrakes
3. From Matthew 6, what did Jesus say not to use when we pray? Loud curses, Impure thoughts, Vain repetitions, Wandering shifts
4. 1 Chronicles starts with how many chapters of genealogy? 3, 5, 7, 9
5. From Esther 1, King Ahasuerus lived in what city? Ur, Shushan, Antioch, Tarsus
6. Who was the first son of Moses and Zipporah? Haggai, Gershom, Mark, Zebudah

- ANSWERS:
- 1) Old;
- 2) Stringed instruments;
- 3) Vain repetitions;
- 4) 9;
- 5) Shushan;
- 6) Gershom

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Philippians 2:9-11

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By TIM SULLIVAN  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Nearly all the wreckage along Lake Street has been hauled away. The fire-swept buildings have been torn down or repaired. The police station is empty, its entryway sealed with stacked concrete blocks like a street corner pharaoh's tomb.

The street, the focus of so much violence when protests raged through Minneapolis after George Floyd died in police custody, looks almost normal in places.

Supermercado Morelia is again selling pickled cactus slices and two dozen varieties of Mexican cookies. At the Dur Dur grocery store, they're back to offering goat meat, rice in 20-pound bags and cheap money transfers to East Africa. Hufan Restaurant Cafe is trumpeting "the best Somali and American cuisine." The drive-thru at Popeyes is open every night until 11.

But look again, because plenty has also changed along Lake Street, a beacon for immigrants for more than a century.

The heart of the miles-long commercial and cultural corridor is struggling to recover. Politicians are bickering about rebuilding funds, crime is up across the city and the corridor is bracing for more protests as a former police officer goes on trial in Floyd's death. And even when Minnesota's notorious winter surrendered recently to sunny, spring-like weather, the sidewalks in the hardest-hit neighborhoods remained quiet.

"There's a void," said Chris Montana, founder of one of America's few Black-owned micro-distilleries, Du Nord Craft Spirits, whose nearby warehouse was ransacked and set on fire during the protests.

At LV's Barber Shop, the door is locked, and the black barber chairs are layered in dust. At what was once Minnehaha Liquors, there's nothing but an old metal sign pointing to an empty lot. There's the dentist who hasn't returned to work, the bulldozed post office and the Mexican party supply store that keeps its door locked in the middle of the day because the staff is worried about crime.

Lake Street cuts a long path through Minneapolis, from the upscale bars at the street's west end, through the immigrant commercial enclaves, to the leafy neighborhoods of middle-class bungalows that reach to the Mississippi River. It also cuts a path through the city's history of immigrant life and deeply embedded inequality.

Over 100 businesses and organizations, many run by immigrants or racial minorities, were destroyed or displaced when the protests turned violent, said Allyson Sharkey, executive director of the nonprofit Lake Street Council.

"People already had their savings wiped out by the first three months of COVID, so when the property destruction hit, there just wasn't any money left to rebuild," Sharkey said.

Anger at politicians and law enforcement runs deep among business owners.

"I called 911 — no help," said Abe Demmaj, an Ethiopian immigrant whose small furniture store was nearly emptied by looters. "I called the mayor's office. I called the governor's office."

Since then, nearly all the help has come from donations and private grants.

State assistance has become mired in a stark partisan and geographic divide, with Republican legislators pushing back against Democratic Gov. Tim Walz's proposed budget, which includes \$150 million to help businesses rebuild in Minneapolis and neighboring St. Paul.

The Lake Street Council estimates that small businesses sustained about \$250 million in uninsured damage along the corridor, from broken windows to large buildings that had to be torn down.

"The big fish can survive without help," said Pinky Patel, whose family dry cleaning business was looted and partially burned and did not have enough insurance. "For us, it's a problem."

Violence flared for days after the May 25 death of Floyd, a Black man who pleaded that he couldn't breathe as officer Derek Chauvin pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for about nine minutes during an arrest.

Chauvin, who is on trial on murder charges, worked out of the department's 3rd Precinct, a Lake Street fixture that quickly became a target of rioters. Police eventually abandoned the station as protesters took it over and set parts on fire.

The station is in the heart of Lake Street's working-class immigrant neighborhoods, where race and ethnicity and language jumble together.

The neighborhoods have been welcoming immigrants for more than a century, since newly arrived Norwegians, Germans and Swedes did the shopping on Lake Street. When some neighborhoods fell into poverty in the 1970s and '80s, leaving a grid of cheap stores and empty buildings, new waves of immigrants brought them back.

First came the Somalis and Ethiopians fleeing war and poverty. Then came Latinos, many from Mexico. Immigrant entrepreneurs forged middle-class lives serving their working-class neighbors, who could not afford the stores in Lake Street's more exclusive

neighborhoods.

"Immigrants made this community," Demmaj said. "If you wanted to be an entrepreneur, this was the place to build something: restaurants, day cares, stores."

Over the past couple of decades, the neighborhood has become home to war refugees and hipsters, Somali restaurants and small nightclubs. You can now get \$3,000 bicycles along Lake Street's immigrant corridor and 10-pound bags of Mexican candy to fill party pinatas (complete with warnings — in Spanish and English — to brush your teeth afterward).

Many hope the end of Chauvin's trial will mark the beginning of the real recovery. A conviction, many here believe, is a foregone conclusion. Patel said the officer's actions were "inhuman."

But as jury selection was underway, new graffiti started appearing around Lake Street, ominous messages scrawled in black spray paint: "No Justice, No Street!"

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SS: CIVIL DIVISION, )  
COUNTY NO. 1 )  
COUNTY OF JOHNSON )  
CAUSE NO: 41D01-2102-AD-000010  
IN RE THE ADOPTION OF: WILLIAM EMERY RENNAKER  
A MINOR CHILD, KYLER CASTRO, Petitioner  
NOTICE TO UNNAMED FATHER  
The unnamed putative father of the child born to Brittany Rennaker on March 1, 2011, or the person who claims to be the father of the child born to Brittany Rennaker on March 1, 2011, is notified that a Petition for Adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of the Johnson Superior Court, 5 East Jefferson Street, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

If the unnamed putative father seeks to contest the adoption of the child, the unnamed putative father must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above-named court within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. This notice may be served by publication.

If the unnamed putative father does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above-named court shall hear and determine the petition for adoption. The unnamed putative father's consent is irrevocably implied, and the unnamed putative father loses the right to contest the adoption or the validity of the unnamed putative father's implied consent to the adoption. The unnamed putative father loses the right to establish paternity of the child, by affidavit or otherwise, in Indiana or any other jurisdiction.

Nothing Brittany Rennaker or anyone else says to the unnamed putative father of the child relieves the unnamed putative father of his obligations under this notice.

Under Indiana law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father.

This notice complies with IC 31-19-44 but does not exhaustively set forth the unnamed putative father's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult an Indiana adoption attorney.

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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION SS: )  
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: )  
BRANDON HARRIS, )  
Petitioner, )  
AND SYDNEY MITCHELL, )  
Respondent. )  
49010-2102-DN-001198 )  
SUMMONS BY )  
PUBLICATION )  
The State of Indiana to the respondent, above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution Of Marriage  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to this summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are unknown.

And to the following whereabouts are unknown: Sydney Mitchell  
In addition to the above respondent being served by this summons there may be other parties who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must also, ver the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the day of , 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the petitioner was demanded.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk  
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DISSOLUTION

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION SS: )  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT )

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: CHELSI BLUITT  
Petitioner, and  
WILLIAM SW ANSON  
Respondent.

49D16-2102-DC-000562  
NOTICE OF SUIT FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
The State of Indiana to the Respondent, William Swanson, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued for Divorce on February 1, 2021, in the Court named above. The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of the above Note Marriage.

This summons by publication is specially directed to the following: William Swanson, address unknown.

And to any other persons whom may interest in the name or address of the persons spouse, widow, widower, heir or other person who may have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, On or before the 29 day of April, 2021, the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit). The Final Hearing for the Divorce is Scheduled on May 25, 2021 at 2:30 pm in Marion County Superior Court #2. If you take no action in this case after the receipt of this summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage or make a determination regarding any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and debts.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk  
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
COURT OF )  
CIVIL DIVISION )  
SAUL HERNANDEZ )  
RIVERA )  
Petitioner )  
Vs )  
WENDY C. ENAMORADO )  
ORDONEZ )  
Respondent )  
CAUSE NO: 49D13-2011-DN-039776  
49D16-2011-DN-039776  
MOTION FOR FINAL HEARING  
The Petitioner now States that sixty (60) have passed since the last filing of the Verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and request that this matter be set for final Hearing on the next available hearing date. Entry date: 02/23/2021  
File Stamped/ ordered: 02/23/2021 hearing Scheduling Activity Status Conference Scheduled for 04/19/2021 at 9:15am AM.  
Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk  
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DISSOLUTION

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION SS )  
IN THE MARION COUNTY )  
SUPERIOR COURT )  
CIVIL DIVISION )  
CAUSE NO: 49D06-1902-DC-007165  
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: ANDREA AVALOS  
Petitioner, and  
ADAN GALLEGOS  
Respondent  
ORDER ON NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
The object of the above-styled suit is for Petition to show Mother as Sole Custodial Parent and Issuance of passport to minor child Without consent of Non-Custodial Parent.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that notice be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper authorized by law to publish notices and published in the County of Marion, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Judge, Marion County March 15, 2021  
DISTRICT CLERK  
Huelskamp & Associates  
1809 Prospect Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46203  
5320-918368

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DISSOLUTION

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COUNTY )  
SUPERIOR COURT )  
SS: )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO: 49D14-1901-DN-002504  
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: )  
ADAN GALLEGOS )  
PENALZOZA, )  
Petitioner, )  
AND SUGAR IVAN )  
URDAPILLETA AGUILAR )  
Respondent. )  
49010-2102-DN-001198 )  
SUMMONS BY )  
PUBLICATION )

The State of Indiana to the respondent, above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are unknown.

And to the following whereabouts are unknown: Sugar Ivan Urdapilleta Aguilar  
In addition to the above-named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 16th day of May, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST:  
Clerk of Marion County Daniel Tucker  
Attorney for Petitioner TUCKER LAW, LLC  
117 S. State Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46201  
Office: (317) 917-2001  
5320-918905

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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT )  
SS: )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CASE NUMBER: 49C01-210-MI-005208  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: )  
McKinley Torrence Phillips )  
Petitioner, )  
ORDER SETTING HEARING AND )  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR )  
CHANGE OF NAME )  
The State of Indiana to the respondent, above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of the above Note Marriage.

This summons by publication is specially directed to the following: William Swanson, address unknown.

And to any other persons whom may interest in the name or address of the persons spouse, widow, widower, heir or other person who may have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, On or before the 29 day of April, 2021, the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit). The Final Hearing for the Divorce is Scheduled on May 25, 2021 at 2:30 pm in Marion County Superior Court #2. If you take no action in this case after the receipt of this summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage or make a determination regarding any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and debts.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk  
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION SS: )  
IN THE MARION COUNTY )  
CIRCUIT COURT )  
CAUSE NO: 49C01-2102-MI-006901  
IN THE MATTER OF: )  
NATHANIEL HUGGINS, )  
AN ADULT, )  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME )  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR )  
CHANGE OF NAME )  
Notice is hereby given that I have filed in the Office of the Clerk of Marion County Circuit Court my Petition for change of my name from Nathaniel Huggins to Nathaniel Wiggins and that said Petition will be heard by the Court on the 4th of May, 2021 or as soon thereafter as may be convenient with the Court, at 9:00 A.M. Any person has the right to appear at this hearing and to file written objections on this matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing.

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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION, ss: )  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT )  
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF: )  
SHAKKEAH WILLIAMS )  
Petitioner )  
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2103-MI-007520  
ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME )  
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Shakreeah Williams, filed a Petition in the Marion Circuit Court requesting that her name be changed to Tonette Williams. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on May 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing.

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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF MARION SS: )  
IN THE MARION COURT )  
CAUSE NO. 49001-2103-MI-007837  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: )  
MINOR: KALAWK ABEDNECO )  
TURENG THANG )  
HLA MAY )  
Petitioner )  
ORDER SETTING HEARING )  
Comes now Petitioner, Hla May, by counsel, having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name Of Minor, and the Court finds that the matter should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter shall be heard on May 11, 2021, at 9:00 AM. This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing.

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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT )  
SS: )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NUMBER: 49C01-2103-MI-008770  
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: )  
MARK THOMAS HARDING )  
ORDER SETTING HEARING AND )  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR )  
CHANGE OF NAME )  
MARK THOMAS HARDING, whose mailing address is 6843 E 52ND STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46226, and if different, my residence address is: , in the MARION COUNTY, Indiana, hereby gives notice that MARK THOMAS HARDING has filed a petition in the MARION COURT requesting that his name be changed to MARK THOMAS HARDING SMITH.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on June 4, 2021, at 9:00 AM. This matter will be heard remotely, and the Court will issue a WebEx/Zoom invitation for attendance at the hearing.

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk  
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NAME CHANGE

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COUNTY )  
SUPERIOR COURT )  
PROBATE DIVISION )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
ESTATE DOCKET: 49D08-2103-EU-009470  
IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE )  
OF ANNA G. SHAW, )  
DECEASED )  
NOTICE OF )  
ADMINISTRATION )  
IN SUPERIOR COURT )  
OF MARION COUNTY, )  
INDIANA. )  
In the matter of the Estate of ANNA G. SHAW, deceased, Cause No. 49D08-2103-EU-009470

Notice is hereby given that on March 19, 2021, DONETTA C. BERRY was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ANNA G. SHAW, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of March, 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 this 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 March 19, 2021.

Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court  
/s/ Michael J. Kerschner  
Michael J. Kerschner, Attorney #19214-49  
Katz Korin Cunningham PC  
The Emolie Building  
334 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 464-1100 (317) 464-1111 (Fax)  
5320-918759

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
SS: PROBATE DIVISION )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO: 49D08-2102-EU-006937  
IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
UNSUPERVISED )  
ESTATE OF MARY JANE )  
ESKRIDGE, Deceased. )  
NOTICE OF )  
ADMINISTRATION )  
Notice is hereby given that Brent Eskridge was on the day of March 17, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Jane Eskridge, deceased. 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 17th day of March, 2021.  
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division  
G. Thomas Blankenship  
Attorney at law #2773-49  
7050 Madison Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227  
(317) 783-3167  
5320-918913

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COUNTY )  
SUPERIOR COURT )  
SS: PROBATE DIVISION )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-007423  
IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE )  
OF ELI HARRIS, DECEASED )  
NOTICE OF )  
ADMINISTRATION )  
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division, of Marion County, Indiana, Notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2021, Michelle Garba was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Eli Harris, who died on January 20, 2021. Said personal representative was authorized to administer said estate without Court supervision.

All person 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 this first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after decedent's death, which is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Clerk of Marion Superior Court, Probate Division  
Date: March 5, 2021  
This instrument prepared by: Meridith Hammer, Esq. (Attorney #2890-49)  
404 Ruskin Pl  
Indianapolis, IN 46205  
(317) 446-8844, 800-222-9006 (fax)  
MeridithHammerLegalGroup.com  
Attorney for Michelle Garba & Estate Eli Harris  
5320-918587

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

49D08-2103-EU-008554  
STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION COUNTY )  
SUPERIOR COURT )  
SS: PROBATE DIVISION )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-008554  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF: CATHERINE L. BLACK, DECEASED )  
NOTICE OF )  
ADMINISTRATION )  
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana, Notice is given that Ruth Hurlie was, on MARCH 11, 2021, appointed personal representative of Catherine L. Black, deceased, who died on February 23, 2021, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of the MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, Probate Division within three (3) months from the date of this 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 Marion County, Indiana, this MARCH 11, 2021.

CLERK OF MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Shane A. Toland  
TOLAND LAW FIRM  
7748 Madison Avenue, Suite C  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227  
5320-918746

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
SS: PROBATE DIVISION )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO: 49D08-2001-EU-000542  
IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE )  
OF NANCY A. MUESSIG, )  
DECEASED )  
NOTICE OF )  
ADMINISTRATION )  
Notice is hereby given that Kathleen Parker was, on the 7th day of January, 2020, appointed personal representative of the estate of Nancy A. Mueessig, deceased, who died on November 15, 2019, and is authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

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 this 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 11, 2021.

CLERK OF MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Shane A. Toland  
TOLAND LAW FIRM  
7748 Madison Avenue, Suite C  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227  
5320-918746

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
SS: PROBATE DIVISION )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO: 49D08-2001-EU-000542  
IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE )  
OF NANCY A. MUESSIG, )  
DECEASED )  
NOTICE OF )  
ADMINISTRATION )  
Notice is hereby given that Kathleen Parker was, on the 7th day of January, 2020, appointed personal representative of the estate of Nancy A. Mueessig, deceased, who died on November 15, 2019, and is authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

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 this 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 23, 2020

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk  
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT )  
SS: PROBATE DIVISION )  
COUNTY OF MARION )  
CAUSE NO: 49D08-2102-EU-006937  
IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
UNSUPERVISED )  
ESTATE OF MARY JANE )  
ESKRIDGE, Deceased. )  
NOTICE OF )  
ADMINISTRATION )  
Notice is hereby given that Anita M Suttler was on February 24, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the unsupervised estate of James T. Cox Sr., deceased. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana February 24, 2021

Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk  
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Lynn E. Jackson, #4858-49  
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
IN THE MARION County Superior Court  
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of KEVIN M. FARRELL, DECEASED.  
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Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 18 day of March 2021.

Clerk, Marion County Superior Court  
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IN RE THE ESTATE OF: )  
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In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana, Notice is given that Anita Gray was, on March 2, 2021, appointed personal representative of Joyce A. Eaker, deceased, who died on November 2, 2020, and is authorized to administer the estate Without court supervision.

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Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this March 2, 2021

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OF ELI HARRIS, DECEASED )  
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Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this March 11, 2021.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals  
Title: RFP #0421-ITSTAFFING Generalized Staffing for Information Technology & Services  
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The expectation for this RFP is that respondents will use their own workforce or team of consultants to complete the project(s).  
RFP packages may be obtained by sending an email to csheckel@hhcorp.org  
Responses to the RFP must be mailed to the following address:  
RFP Generalized Staffing for Information Technology & Services  
#0421-ITSTAFFING  
Cathy Sheckel, Purchasing Director  
Purchasing Department  
Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County  
3838 North Rural Street, Room 810  
Indianapolis, IN 46205-2930  
Email address: csheckel@hhcorp.org  
All sealed responses to the RFP will be received by the Purchasing Department of The Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County until 5:00 PM (local time) on or before Friday, April 16, 2021. Proposals received after the hour and date set for receiving of proposals will be returned unopened.  
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CAUSE NO. )  
49D02-2102-MF-006606  
Wilmington Savings Fund  
Society, FSB, as trustee of  
Stanwich Mortgage Loan  
Trust I  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Lyle B. Webb, et al.  
Defendants.  
NOTICE OF SUIT  
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PUBLICATION  
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and their unknown creditors;  
and, the unknown executor,  
administrator, or personal  
representative of the Estate  
of Colson Webb:  
BE IT KNOWN, that  
Wilmington Savings Fund  
Society, FSB, as trustee of  
Stanwich Mortgage Loan  
Trust I, the above-named  
Plaintiff, by its attorney, J.  
Dustin Smith, has filed in  
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the Marion Superior Court  
#2 its Complaint against  
Defendant The Unknown  
heirs, devisees, legatees,  
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and their unknown creditors;  
and, the unknown executor,  
administrator, or personal  
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of Colson Webb, and the said  
Plaintiff having also filed in  
said Clerk's office the affidavit  
of a competent person  
showing that the residence  
and whereabouts of the  
Defendant, The Unknown  
heirs, devisees, legatees,  
beneficiaries of Colson Webb  
and their unknown creditors;  
and, the unknown executor,  
administrator, or personal  
representative of the Estate  
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Court #2  
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Stephanie A. Reinhart  
(25071-06)  
Sarah E. Barrgrover (28840-64)  
Chris Wiley (26936-10)  
Nicholas M. Smyth (200-15)  
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Tina

By Dwight Brown  
NNPA News Wire Film Critic

She's like an eternal flame. Can't remember when she wasn't around. Can't imagine life without her. That's the magic that some music legends can create. They get people to think about them in the past, present and future. The here, now and always.

Tina Turner's journey into the world of professional music began in 1957 when she, as Anna Mae Bullock, became the star singer with the Ike Turner's Kings of Rhythm band. The 1960 hit song "A Fool in Love" and a name change to Tina Turner kickstarted her on the road to fame and formed her persona as the "Queen of Rock 'n' Roll." In this fairly comprehensive 118-minute tribute by directors Dan Lindsay and T.J. Martin, Turner, in her own words, describes various pivotal epochs in her life and career. Confessions, revelations, setbacks and breakthroughs.

Yes, Angela Bassett, Oprah Winfrey, MTV's Kurt Loder and her manager Roger Davies appear and recollect their interactions too. Rare footage, audio tapes (a pivotal 1981 interview with People magazine), personal photos and new interviews abound. But no one and nothing leaves a stronger impression than the reflective 79-year-old Turner reminiscing and explaining the pitfalls and rewards of her stardom: "The goodness did not balance out the bad."

Measured, thoughtful and determined to tell her story, she goes back to that fateful time, meeting the brilliant, troubled musician/showman Ike Turner and being enthralled then dismayed: "I was 17 years old. I was young, naive." Once the floodgates open, it all comes back to her. The live shows, recording studios, Ikettes and physical and emotional trauma. Then fleeing her husband, reviving her career, working in nightclubs and dreaming of filling rock stadiums one day. The hardest memories to express are the times with Ike. Though, once the world could see how much she'd suffered and transcended, that scenario became part of her branding, like it or not. A blessing and a curse.

The good part is that music fans and everyday people related to her courageous story. The trouble is that mentioning the bad times retraumatized her. She thought she could abolish that part of her PTSD by revealing it all in her 1986 bestseller, "I, Tina: My Life Story," co-written with Loder. It had the opposite effect. The bio fueled even more attention toward the nightmarish parts of her life. The 1993 film "What's Love Got to Do With It," which earned Oscar noms and \$56 million at the box office, continued to hold that same spotlight on her.

In 2019 as she sits in a chateau in Zurich, Switzerland, with her attentive husband Erwin Bach never far away, she displays a calm and wisdom that people reach as they face life's last chapter. Proud about the Grammys and huge stadium performances, like the 1988 concert at Rio de Janeiro's ginormous Maracanã soccer stadium for 180,000-plus fans. Satisfied with her 1985 performance in "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome," which shows her dexterity as an artist.

Listening to her personal anecdotes and seeing how she has gracefully aged is like sitting at the feet of a great aunt waiting breathlessly for her to retell her life stories. She may tire of the exercise, but her fans will not. And hearing one more time how the



denial of love from her mom, dad and Ike made her look for love as a performing artist never gets old.

As a life album, the choices in timing, content and emphasis by editors Taryn Gould and Carter Gunn with T.J. Martin are beyond question. Their pacing is so rhythmic two hours-plus go by in a flash. The musical score by Danny Bens and Saundra Jurri-aans ("The White Tiger") adds the right amount of verve to the playlist of Turner's hits. Credit cinematographers Dimitri Karakatsanis and Megan Stacey for filming Turner with a regal lighting that makes her look like a queen on a throne. Kudos to directors Lindsay and Martin for showing a certain reverence for their subject. They may not ask the hardest questions, or delve into the subject of Ike enough for audiences to figure out why he was so abusive and if he had regrets. Yet they find ways to get their heroine to open up just enough about her troubles, achievements and her peace of mind.

In between the memories and testimonies, a parade of songs and extraordinary performances keep the footage vibrant. "Proud Mary,"

"River Deep Mountain High" and "Nutmash City Limits." "Let's Stay Together," "Private Dancer," "We Don't Need Another Hero." It's all on her jukebox. If there is one song or performance that is missing, it's her obscure but brilliant, moody interpretation of Joni Mitchell's classic, "Edith and the Kingpin." Her jazzy, earthy rendition is on Herbie Hancock's 2007 Grammy-winning album "River: The Joni Letters." Turner's smoky, raspy voice was made for jazz, though she used it for rock, pop, R&B and soul. Listening to this particular vocal makes you wonder why she didn't record a jazz album as a fitting coda to a wondrous career.

If Tina Turner needs any further proof that she is truly loved — besides records sales, bestselling books and throngs of concert goers — she likely got more verification on March 27. That's when her fans and curiosity seekers tuned in by the droves to HBO for this retrospective. A touching evocative diary that chronicles Turners' past and present and cements her legacy.

Premiered on HBO and streams on HBO Max on March 27.



## Final Four set in men's NCAA Tournament



Ethan Thompson (#5) of the Oregon State Beavers drives against the Houston Cougars in the Elite Eight. Thompson scored 11 points in a game where the Beavers shot the ball better than Houston but gave up 19 offensive rebounds and committed more turnovers in a 67-61 loss. (Photo/Jack Dempsey/NCAA Photos via Getty Images)



Davion Mitchell (#45) and Mark Vital (#11) of the Baylor Bears celebrate their team's 81-72 win over the Arkansas Razorbacks in the Elite Eight on March 29 at Lucas Oil Stadium. Mitchell finished with 12 points and led the team with eight assists. Baylor will play in the Final Four for the first time since 1950. (Photo/Jamie Schwaberow/NCAA Photos via Getty Images)



Michigan head coach Juwan Howard at-tempted to lead his team to the Final Four, where he and the famed Fab Five took the Wolverines in 1992 and '93. (Photo/Trevor Brown Jr./NCAA Photos via Getty Images)



Johnny Juzang (#3) of the UCLA Bruins lays up a basket against top-seeded Michigan in the Elite Eight on March 30 at Lucas Oil Stadium. Both teams struggled shooting, but Juzang carried the Bruins with 28 points in a 51-49 win, becoming the first player to score at least half of his team's points in a victory to clinch a spot in the Final Four since Oscar Robertson did so at Cincinnati in 1960, according to Stats Perform. (Photo/Jamie Schwaberow/NCAA Photos via Getty Images)



Houston Cougars head coach Kelvin Sampson celebrates with his team after their 67-61 win over Oregon State in the Elite Eight on March 29 at Lucas Oil Stadium. Sampson coached at Indiana for two seasons, from 2006 to 2008, but was fired after NCAA infractions. (Photo/Jamie Schwaberow/NCAA Photos via Getty Images)

## Woodson deserves our respect moving forward

By DANNY BRIDGES

When Michael Dean Woodson was appointed Indiana University's fifth men's basketball coach in the past 20 years, many people were surprised. Despite a stellar career as a player and coaching tenures with two NBA teams to his credit, the unreasonable faction that is the beloved "IU Nation" lit up various social media platforms voicing their dismay and concerns that their candidate wasn't chosen to replace the recently jettisoned Archie Miller, who was handed \$10 million just to leave Monroe County quickly and quietly. Many were convinced the new coach should be a cream of the crop hire with a track record of success in the college game, and of course there were those who pointed to the prerequisite for the new sheriff in town to be a member of the IU family. Even yours truly, who really doesn't care who runs the show in Bloomington, had a candidate in mind, and while I'm probably the only person in the state who wanted Rick Pitino,

I, too, was a bit taken aback by the Woodson hire. It's not because he's not qualified to take the reins and run with the opportunity, as he clearly is. He made his bones some time ago in the NBA coaching ranks, and anyone who can lead at that level can certainly make the transition to college, provided they have talent and a strong staff of assistant coaches, including those who can be effective at recruiting. I have no doubt Woodson can assemble the aforementioned staff, and I certainly feel he can coach. The bigger question is can he tolerate the win-now mentality that comes with the job, and will the expectations of the big donors wear thin upon him if he doesn't catch lightning in a bottle right out of the gate? With the cupboard at Woodson's new professional address being somewhere between bare and second tier in terms of true Division 1 talent, the biggest challenge for the immediate future will be what can be accomplished this offseason for a new coach who will undoubtedly have to look hard at both

the transfer portal and junior colleges for a quick infusion of talent. As if all that isn't enough, Woodson must also determine which players he will ask to return on scholarship and which he will bid farewell to. Navigating that process will be key to any early success he may experience while building a foundation for the future. The real elephant in the room is how patient the Indiana faithful will be with a man who clearly bleeds cream and crimson. Will they give him more time and importantly more respect than their previous coaches received? If Woodson is indeed granted the time and support he deserves, he may be able to make the program relevant once again. If not, the revolving door will continue and another search will undoubtedly begin. Contrary to popular belief, the search that landed Woodson wasn't an extensive one, and after Brad Stevens made it clear he had no desire to leave the Boston Celtics for the college fish-

bowl that is IU basketball, the focus reportedly turned to Ohio State's Chris Holtmann, who also said no thanks. Woodson was apparently the choice at that point and quickly agreed to a six-year contract that will pay him \$23 million over that time. Again, will "IU Nation" allow one of their own to orchestrate a new era or will they turn on him if there isn't significant progress shown by year three of his deal? Based on history, the answer to that is easy, but just maybe Woodson will be left alone to run the program as he sees fit and in the process set his own mark and enforce it as he tries to rebuild a once proud program that has been clearly dysfunctional for some time and in need of a strong leader whose voice must be the only one that counts as things move forward. Danny Bridges, who feels Mike Woodson is imminently qualified and can be successful despite the obstacles at IU, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.