

Prominent Black pastor dies at 87



Services for Rev. Fitzhugh L. Lyons, Sr.

Viewing will be noon-7 p.m. June 11 and 9-11 a.m. June 12. Homegoing service will be 11 a.m. June 12 at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 2624 E. 25th St.

Fitzhugh Lyons

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Rev. Fitzhugh Lyons Sr. died May 27.

Lyons was pastor emeritus at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, where he began preaching in 1981. He retired from Galilee in 2019 after 50 years of preaching and teaching.

Lyons was a mentor for many, including Kenneth Allen and Dr. Michael Bluitt.

"He was a legend in his own right," said Allen, an Indianapolis Public Schools board member. "Chicago had Jesse

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Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) CEO Jackie Nytes announced the library's equity plan April 27. Current and former employees have accused Nytes and leadership of IndyPL of racist and discriminatory behavior. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

'The library is run like a plantation;'

Indianapolis Public Library leadership accused of racism

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Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) leadership are quick to share the work they've done in dismantling systemic racism: building branches in underserved areas, broadening collections to represent minority communities and creating an equity plan following the 2020 protests.

If you ask many former and current Black employees, though, you'll hear a much different story. Former and current employees have described racism, ableism and sexual harassment from library workers and leadership.

During a virtual board meeting May 24, former library employee Bree Flannelly detailed her experiences as a Black woman within the organization. The conversation got off to a rocky start when board President Judge Jose Salinas muted Flannelly before she could share her experiences.

She was unmuted after board members Patricia Payne and Khaula Murtadha — both Black women — told Salinas to let her speak.

Salinas did not respond to a request for comment.

In her address to the board, Flannelly said she felt "dismissed" during her five years at Central Library. She reflected on several instances of racist rhetoric coming from library staff and leadership, including staff members referring to Black patrons as "porch monkeys."

In an interview with the Recorder, Flannelly said library staff frequently exhibit "racist, homophobic, sexist and ableist" behavior. Flannelly said these biases frequently impact the level of service Black and minority patrons are

given and create a "toxic" work environment for workers of color. For example, Flannelly, who has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, said an unnamed supervisor expressed concern that she "lacked the ability to follow through" when she pitched programs.

IndyPL CEO Jackie Nytes, who has served in that position since 2012, acknowledges the library "isn't perfect," but everyone in the organization is "on a journey." She said anti-racism efforts from leadership are "extensive, sincere and engaging people at all levels of the organization."

Payne, who has served on the board for six years, said while the library is doing great things — such as requiring staff to go through Indianapolis Public Schools' racial equity training and expanding branches — it isn't enough. She said racism, sexism and homophobia are rampant in the organization, and administrators of color are usually treated far better than Black staff members.

"The library is run like a plantation," Payne said. "You have the house employees, which is not the word I want to use, but they're receiving favor and the field employees are receiving punishment."

Payne said after the board meeting, she and Murtadha received letters from staff — all afraid to come forward — about their experiences with discrimination. Payne, however, isn't worried about speaking out.

"Why should I be worried? I'm telling the truth," Payne said. "Somebody has to stand for the truth. ... Somebody has to speak up for those who are hurting."

Payne has remained on the board because she knows the importance of a library in a

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Police shoot man they say charged them with a knife



IMPD released a photo of a knife they say a man charged at officers with before officers shot him. (Photo provided by IMPD)

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Indianapolis police officers shot a man May 31 after they say he charged them with a knife in a home.

The incident, which happened shortly before 5 a.m. at 21 S. Colorado Ave., started with officers responding to a report of a domestic disturbance involving a knife, according to an update from Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

Dispatch was on the phone with officers as they arrived and gave them updates, including a man saying he was going to kill a woman. IMPD said the officers announced themselves and told everyone inside to exit the house. Officers then entered the house.

According to police, an adult man, later identified as 35-year-old Curtis Walker, came out of a room and charged the officers in a "rapid and aggressive manner."

IMPD said it is believed two officers fired shots, and Walker was hit "multiple times." IMPD did not say how many times the man was shot or if both officers shot him.

Police shared photos of the scene, including one of a serrated knife.

IMPD's last update said

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InnoPower minority business conference to focus on entrepreneurship, competitiveness



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The 2021 InnoPower Minority Business Week will feature more than 150 speakers and five days of virtual programming, including a global summit focusing on connecting U.S. and African entrepreneurs. The conference will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 14-18.

Innopower founder and CEO Emil Ekiyor said the conference is especially important this year because it will help

teach leaders, such as educators, entrepreneurs and investors, how they can uplift the most vulnerable populations, which disproportionately suffered from issues such as finding jobs or keeping their businesses open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each day of the conference will focus on one of five themes: competitiveness, education, workforce development, entrepreneurship and going global. These five themes help emphasize the different approaches that must be taken

to cultivate minority talent and create an equitable society, InnoPower event chair Rupal Thanawala said.

Ekiyor said workforce development day speakers will focus on teaching methods to develop minority talent and help organizations reach vulnerable communities to seek potential employees.

Linda Calvin, vice president for the School of IT at Ivy Tech Community College, will speak on workforce development day about ways companies can

hire more employees from minority populations. During her session, she will talk about how businesses can develop partnerships with schools such as Ivy Tech to create a talent-to-workforce pipeline that puts students straight into a job and helps companies function more efficiently.

"Diversity fuels innovation," she said. "Companies that have a more diverse staff and diverse teams will see a bigger yield in revenue and in innovation."

The entrepreneurship day sessions

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community. But to be effective, she said, library staff have to know how to work with a diverse community.

According to Payne and others, the controversy isn't limited to library staff.

Nytes has faced controversy for making racist remarks. After Chinese visitors came to Central Library, Nytes commended staff for handling "those Chinese people," a statement she said was taken out of context. Further, staff members said she referred to a Latina teenager as a "Mexican jumping bean," an allegation Nytes denies.

Flannelly, who served as an activities guide at the library, left her job in February after her health began to decline, which she attributed to stress from the job. Flannelly described "constant gaslighting" from Nytes and her supervisors. She said one incident of bullying from her supervisor was swept under the rug. Nytes said an investigation into Flannelly's allegations took place but could not disclose what happened to the employees in question, citing personnel issues.

Flannelly made her intention to address the board known beforehand. On May 21, Nytes sent an email — obtained by the Recorder — to board members, implying Flannelly was fabricating the discrimination she faced.

"I want to give you a heads up that we will have a former employee coming to speak at the board meeting during the public comment section," Nytes said in the email. "This is the young woman ... I mentioned in an email two weeks ago who sent us a letter of concern about her perception that two employees in the Curve at Central need to be demoted because they created a toxic work environment and were not qualified for their positions."

The email went on to mention Flannelly was upset because her friends didn't get promoted or hired, an allegation Flannelly called "ridiculous."

"That's just nonsense," Flannelly said. "This experience has just been hurtful, being told that the constant harm I'm facing isn't a big deal and that I'm not capable of perceiving reality. I felt like, no matter what I do in that workplace, people will find a way to demean, discredit and disrespect me."

According to Nytes, complaints of racism and discrimination from workers are few and far between. For any Black staff raising concerns, Nytes hopes they consider the changes being made in the organization.

"I would want them to reflect on what's really happening and really make that list of what things are really going on," Nytes

said. "What are the steps that are being taken, how have people really been treated, what commitments have been made in the strategic plan? ... I think it's important to make a fair assessment about our situation, and I don't think it's anywhere near as negative as some are portraying."

Flannelly said this is Nytes gaslighting Black library staff.

"People have been terrorized there to the point they wanted to leave," Flannelly said in response. "It's sad because so many people are afraid to speak up, because they just want to do their jobs. ... I have so many things going on in my life, I don't have the energy to make up nonsense. The stuff I brought up literally happened."

Beyond racism allegations, library leaders have been accused of covering up sexual harassment. A current employee, who asked to remain anonymous to protect employment, said a former supervisor told a patron seeking career advice she "could be a pole dancer, but you'd have to get in better shape." According to the employee, library leadership considered the statement a joke.

IndyPL did not respond to request for comment on this issue, citing a personnel issue. However, the library did confirm the supervisor in question is no longer employed.

Flannelly has called for an external investigation into library leadership and said Nytes stepping down would be a good path forward for the library.

She isn't alone.

Several former and current employees — many of whom spoke off the record out of fear of losing their jobs — also said Nytes should resign.

Former board member Terri Jett, who served on the board for three years, said a new CEO has "been a long time coming," and Nytes' treatment of Black staff has caused a retention problem.

"The library could have a greater impact if the employees of color, who are very knowledgeable and have a lot of expertise, were given the freedom to do their work," Jett said. "They are not, and it's out of blatant disregard and disrespect, and the evidence of that is there have been a lot of librarians of color who have left who probably would have stayed if they were respected and given the freedom to shine."

One former employee, Sarah, who worked in IndyPL for nearly 14 years, said there was no way to safely call out racism in the library. After she quit, she was accosted by a former manager for sharing a social media post calling out racist practices in li-

braries. Sarah's full name isn't used because she worries her career could be jeopardized if she decides to return to a public library setting.

"Every Black employee has racism stories," she said. "Someone would say something that would be racially insensitive, and if you complained, nothing was done, and you always feared retribution. And at smaller branches, people are going to know it was you who said something, so it was career suicide to complain."

Michael Torres, president of the Library Workers Union and a current employee of IndyPL, said he feels safe speaking out because of his position in the union. He's served as president for 14 years, and while he can't say there weren't racism concerns before Nytes became CEO, the issue is more pronounced since she took over in 2012.

"Issues do start at the top," Torres said. "Jackie is our biggest problem. There are so many examples of how she dismissed Dr. Terri Jett and dismissed her opinion and expertise as a Black woman."

For example, Torres referenced an incident where Jett asked for documentation to prove Nytes' claims that teenagers coming to the Warren and Pike branches after school were causing issues before approving a \$400,000 increase in security. Nytes refused, even though she answers to the board. Torres said this is just one example of a Black woman being disrespected by library leadership.

Stephen Lane, a special collections librarian, said many don't speak out for fear of getting fired.

"I think she does have this air of being invincible and she can get through any kind of controversy," Lane said.

Despite the criticism, Nytes said she has no intention of stepping down.

"I am not considering [it]," Nytes said. "We are very deep into some very important work, and the most important thing to do right now is to continue to move forward."

While the inner workings of a library may not seem important to patrons, Flannelly said people should consider that libraries are a public service funded by tax dollars.

"All [IndyPL] tries to do is cover stuff up," Flannelly said. "They're literally wasting taxpayers' dollars sending these people to trainings. They aren't qualified to communicate with the community."

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LYONS

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Jackson, Atlanta had Martin Luther King, Indianapolis had Fitzhugh Lyons."

Lyons was the former president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) where he served as president for 20 years. City-county councilman Monroe Gray honored Lyons with a proclamation Aug. 7, 2005, naming the day Rev. Fitzhugh Lyons Sr. Day, according to Recorder archives.

"He was like a dad and a brother to me," said Bluitt, Lyons' general secretary at IMA.

As Bluitt and Lyons worked closely together, they also developed a good friendship.

One of Bluitt's favorite memories was celebrating Lyons' 74th birthday. For a long time Bluitt wanted Lyons to go boating with him, however, Lyons was afraid of water. They celebrated Lyons' birthday with dinner at Bella Vita Lakeside Grille on Geist Reservoir. After dinner, Lyons got on Bluitt's boat, and they stayed on the boat well throughout the night.

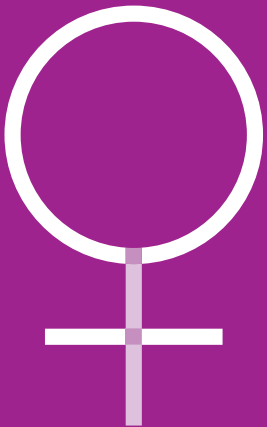
Lyons also was pivotal in the establishment of Eskenazi Hospital. According to Bluitt, Lyons led a campaign which assembled people to vote for the hospital's construction.

"I just want to help somebody," Bluitt said Lyons repeated many times.

Although he retired, Lyons continued to be a community servant and leader. IMA will honor Lyons by naming its monthly breakfast meeting after him.

"We rejoice because he is now in heaven with his savior, who he preached about for over 50 years," Allen said.

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IPS to expand virtual options through partnerships with charters



Indianapolis Public Schools board members approved partnerships with charter organizations May 27 to expand virtual learning options for students. (Screenshot)

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Indianapolis Public Schools will offer two full-time virtual options to students next school year through partnerships with Phalen Leadership Academies and Paramount Schools of Excellence.

The school board voted 5-1 to pass the agreements, which last five years each. Board member Taria Slack was not present at the meeting May 27.

The partnerships add to a portfolio of innovation schools, which are operated by charter organizations and nonprofit managers but are still part of IPS.

PLA Virtual Learning Academy will be a K-12 school with 2,000 seats for K-8 and 500 seats for ninth through 12th grade. Paramount Online Academy will be a K-8 school with 558 seats.

The district will pay \$500 per student who lives within the district's boundary. If every seat is filled and every student lives within the IPS boundary, the district would pay a little more than \$1.5 million.

That's on top of the per-student funding that comes from the state, which is 85% of the level brick-and-mortar schools get.

The district recently approved a plan to move about 600 high school students from traditional yellow bus service to IndyGo as part of an effort to cut spending. The district needs to find about \$18 million in cuts because of lower enrollment.

Superintendent Aleesia Johnson said she believes in-person learning is still ideal for the "vast majority" of students but that it's still important to have options for families who want to do virtual learning.

The district surveyed families who chose the full-time virtual option in April and found 60% of respondents said they wanted to have the option again next school year. About 70% said they had a "favorable or highly favorable" experience with virtual learning.

The response rate was low, though, with only 653 responses out of roughly 5,000 students who are virtual.

Board member Will Pritchard voted yes but said the low response rate was one reason it was difficult to reach a conclusion.

"I wonder if that alone is justification for opening this door," he said.

Pritchard also said it seems like an option the district wouldn't have pursued if not for the COVID-19 pandemic and that he would have liked

the agreement to be on a shorter time frame — something like two years instead of five. (All of the district's innovation agreements are for five

years.)

Board member Susan Collins, the lone no vote, said she's received hundreds of emails from parents and "influencers" asking for equity in a return to in-person learning. She said virtual learning, though necessary during the pandemic, isn't equitable, in part because it can be "isolating and non-engaging."

Board member Diane Arnold said she voted yes because of the uncertainty surrounding education needs.

"I don't know what the future is for virtual schools," she said. "Two years ago, it wasn't an issue, but it certainly is an issue now. Maybe in two years we won't need it, but I do think it's still necessary."

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will teach attendees essential skills for starting and scaling a business and creative methods for problem-solving.

Mambu Sherman, vice president of global philanthropy for JPMorgan Chase & Co., will discuss the results of a study conducted by the company to determine challenges Indianapolis small business owners face. Some of the difficulties for minority owners include access to capital and lack of support from those involved in small businesses, such as bank executives, policymakers and funders.

The competitiveness day will focus

on the importance of a competitive mindset in creating an equitable environment, Ekiyor said. Education day speakers will talk about new practices teachers can use to help students more effectively prepare for different careers and will celebrate different education entrepreneurs who have implemented some of these techniques. The Going Global Summit on day five will focus on making connections between U.S. and African entrepreneurs in order to create international business opportunities.

Doneisha Posey, vice president of diversity, equity and belonging for Ivy

Tech, will be an emcee for the workforce development day. Posey said the InnoPower conference is important because it brings multiple community leaders together to have important conversations regarding equity and uplifting vulnerable populations.

Ekiyor said although attendees with different backgrounds, such as Black professionals, nonprofit employees and policymakers, have different lessons to learn from the conference, he hopes every attendee sees the opportunities that are present in Black communities.

“The biggest opportunity we have as

a nation is to unleash the unbeatable potential that exists in our Black communities,” he said.

Register for the free virtual conference on the InnoPower website, innopow-erindy.com, or watch the conference broadcast June 14-18 on the Indianapolis Recorder Facebook.

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Walker was listed in critical condition at Eskenazi Hospital.

Police said an officer was also injured as a result of crossfire from another officer. He took a bullet to his ballistic vest, police said, and is listed in good condition.

That was the second time in three days an IMPD officer was shot.

On May 29, police said a man shot a female officer “multiple times” following a car chase near the 1600 block of West 30th Street. Police initially responded to a report of two people shot around 3:40 p.m. at the 6400 block of Keystone Avenue. Officers found the alleged suspect and tried to stop him, which is when he fled in a car.

The officer has since been released from the hospital.

IMPD said it is believed five officers and the alleged suspect “exchanged gunfire,” and the suspect was shot. The suspect is listed in critical condition at Eskenazi Hospital.

IMPD said officers had body cameras that were activated in both incidents.

Officers who fired their guns are on administrative leave, which is standard.

The IMPD Critical Incident Response Team will conduct an internal investigation, and IMPD Internal Affairs will conduct an administrative investigation.

The civilian-majority Use of Force Review Board will conduct a mandatory hearing for any use of deadly force. The board will make an advisory finding, which will be limited to determining whether the officers’ actions were within department policy.

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Racial disparities in pools remain prevalent as swimming season begins

A young boy learns to swim at the YMCA. (Photo/YMCA of Greater Indianapolis)



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Memorial Day weekend is the beginning of pool season, but racial disparities related to swimming and pool safety continue for Black people.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the USA Swimming Foundation, 64% of Black children have very low or no swimming ability, 58% of Black children are considered at-risk swimmers, and Black children are over five times more likely to drown in a swimming pool than white children of the same age.

The CDC also found Black children between the ages of 11 and 12 are 10 times more likely to drown in swimming pools than white children of the same age, and USA Swimming Foundation discovered African American children and their parents are three times more fearful of drowning than white children and parents. Another study from USA Swimming Foundation stated 65% of Black children would like to swim more than they do.

Recognizing the data, Indy Parks wants to solve the disparity. However, racial barriers of the past continue to be felt today. African Americans were not allowed in many public pools, creating generational trauma that may have later appeared as a fear of water, said Kim Campbell, deputy director of operation and programs at Indy Parks and Recreation.

“I think the statistics speak for themselves,” Campbell said.

Racism in public pools coupled with generational trauma led some parents to avoid teaching their children how to swim. Nikki Fleming, Pool Safely campaign leader for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), said there is only a 13% chance that a child will learn how to swim if their parents don’t know

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how to swim. CPSC created the Pool Safely campaign to reduce child drownings and non-fatal submersions, and it studies racial disparities within pooling.

Ronnetta Spalding, chief communications officer at Indy Parks, said the organization aims to have people of color as lifeguards, but the disproportionate number of Black people who don’t swim makes it challenging, especially since lifeguards at Indy Parks double as swim instructors.

To combat the disparities, Fleming hopes people take advantage of local organizations that offer swimming and water safety lessons.

Organizations around Indianapolis such as the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis and Indy Parks offer swimming and water safety programs throughout the summer. Swimming lessons cost \$45 for members of the YMCA and \$68 for non-members. The YMCA offers scholarships for those in need. Contact Indy Parks at 317-327-PARK to learn more about swimming lessons and payment assistance.

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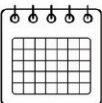
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Caring nurse helps neurosurgery clinic work smoothly

By FARAH YOUSRY

Growing up, Rachel Jones wanted to be a teacher. But that changed as she got older and began ironing the uniform her dad wore as a certified nursing assistant. “He used to take care of people in their homes. And he had ... good stories to tell; they really trusted him,” Jones recalled.

In fact, he was so good at his job that a couple of families wanted him to relocate with them to other states. These sorts of stories made Jones go into nursing.

Today, Jones is in her 30s and has been working as a registered nurse for nearly a decade. At Eskenazi Hospital’s neurosurgery department, she channels the same passion her dad once did — and her patients can feel it.

One of them is Stephanie Nelson.

When Nelson went to Eskenazi for spine surgery, she was in pain and pretty worried — until she met Jones.

“She would take the time to hold your hand and say, ‘Everything’s going to be alright,’” Nelson said. “You know, and not many nurses are going to take the time, not because they are neglecting you or anything, but they’re busy, they got a lot of people to take care of.”

But no matter how busy Jones was, she always made Nelson feel like she mattered.

“Like you’re a very important person,” Nelson said.

Eskenazi’s neurosurgery clinic is bustling with patients every Monday and Wednesday. There are few “no-shows,” so the waiting area is lined with patients ready to see a surgeon.

That means surgeons will be working around the clock. And it’s a sign that Jones is doing her job.

It’s not uncommon for clinics to see no-show rates as high as 39%, according to national data. That’s due to a lot of factors, such as patients forgetting about an appointment, having a last-minute conflict or not having transportation.

Jones understands all of that but does not let it get in her way. She also knows her patients at Eskenazi are among the most vulnerable, so she puts in extra care and effort.

Dr. Brandon Lane, the attending neurosurgeon at the clinic, sees this everyday. He says it makes his work go seamlessly.

“In many ways [Jones] has more direct exposure to the patients than many of the physicians and other nurses within the department,” Lane said. “Therefore, we are extremely fortunate for her skill and grace in coordinating outstanding care on all fronts.”

For example, when the clinic sends an automated appointment reminder to a patient, Jones follows up with a phone call. “I always start by asking, ‘How are you doing today?’ And I listen.

“I will call you and make sure you know where you’re supposed to be: ‘You take this elevator, you do this, and you do that.’”

She also tries to get to



Rachel Jones, a registered nurse at Eskenazi Hospital’s neurosurgery department, decided to go into nursing after watching her father, a certified nursing assistant, care for patients. (Photo/Farah Yousry)

know the patients, which can give them a sense of ease at a stressful time.

“So typically, I make that connection with them first on the phone. So, when they come in, I’m like, ‘Hey, I’m Rachel, we met on the phone,’ and we kind of go from there.”

If Jones discovers something that might affect a patient’s care or health outcomes, she asks permission to share it with their neurosurgeon — and their primary care doctor.

It’s common for physicians to find a note from Jones saying that a patient has just lost a relative or is going through a difficult personal situation.

“You know, just to let them know, they may need some extra TLC,” she said. “The doctors have a lot of work, so I try to make sure they know they need to slow down with this patient.”

Jones’ ability to strike deeper connections with her patients sometimes plays an important role in determining when a patient’s surgery is booked — and even in their post-op experience.

If a patient can’t get pre-surgery requirements fulfilled — such as a COVID-19 test or imaging — Jones explains the situation to colleagues in other departments at

Eskenazi. The goal: to get requirements fulfilled as soon as possible so the patient can have surgery on time.

If it weren’t for such efforts, patients could see their surgeries delayed for weeks or even months due to busy surgery schedules.

Nelson was one of these patients.

Delaying her surgery would have meant living with sharp back pain for an extended period of time. When she finally got her long-awaited surgery scheduled, Jones promised she would visit — even though that’s not part of her job duties.

Knowing how busy Jones is, Nelson told her, “No, you won’t.”

But Jones showed up anyway. “She checked up on me and was very compassionate,” Nelson said.

And though Jones does not perform any surgery, it’s not uncommon for her to receive thank you notes from patients.

Nelson said, “I wish there were more people like her.”

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Resha Woods-Sutherland was named 2021 Crown H.E.R. Miss Indy Juneteenth.
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The Crown H.E.R. Miss Indy Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant was held May 29 at the Theatre at the Athenaeum. Crown H.E.R. Miss Indy Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant is a platform to display the talent, beauty, skills and appreciation of African American women. H stands for healing; E stands for empowering; and R stands for respect. Participants ranged from 22 to 50 years old. The women had a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship to help with their college education or business. Miss Indy Juneteenth represents a woman of intelligence, dignity and talent and should be a role model for African American women. Indy Juneteenth will host the pageant each February to close Black History Month. The first event was supposed to be in February 2020 and then 2021, but both were postponed because of COVID-19.

Indianapolis teens can get Pfizer vaccine

Teenagers ages 12 and up can now get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The Marion County Public Health Department will host two mass vaccination clinics at local high schools starting June 2. Walk-ins are accepted, but the health department recommends registering children in advance at ourshot.in.gov, or by calling 211. Parent or caregiver consent is required, and someone must be present with a child when they receive the vaccine.

Teenagers can get the first dose from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 12 at Arsenal Technical High School, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 19 at Warren Central High School. Second doses will be available at the same locations July 10 and July 17, respectively.



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Currently, 36% of Marion County residents are fully vaccinated, including 21% of the county's Black community. Caine said recently she wants 50% of the county to be vaccinated before she can advise to drop the mask mandate.



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EDITORIAL

Black men: America’s scapegoat for violence

By OSEYE BOYD



I’ve been thinking about violence a lot lately. June just began, and we’ve already surpassed 100 homicides. I’m fearful the numbers will continue to climb as warm weather usually brings more people out and about, which leads to more opportunities for altercations. Those altercations often turn deadly. Fast. I’m especially worried about teens and young adults — the demographic that’s often involved in homicides. More specifically, I’m worried about Black teens and young adults, specifically Black males. We’re losing a lot of our young Black men and women over petty beefs. The issues that get one all riled up in their teens and 20s often mean nothing 20 or 30 years later. I’ve had friends killed in their late teens and early 20s. I saw how it devastated their families and our community. The big issue back then is ridiculously minute today. We march for peace, hold vigils and prayer circles for peace in our city, but violence continues. Why? What can we do to stop the violence? When I was growing up, rap music and video games were blamed. More recently, Grand Theft Auto bore the brunt of the blame. We continue to

perpetuate the belief that Black people, particularly Black men, are savage and violent; that murdering each other is in their nature. We point to statistics to substantiate this claim. However, we don’t seem to look at society in its entirety. We don’t seem to look at how violent America is and has been since the very beginning. We don’t look at how capitalism — our obsession with materialism — contributes to the violence that exists in our society. I know I don’t have the answers when it comes to how to stop violence in our city, but it’s evident what we’re doing isn’t solving the problem. And let’s face it, we may never wipe out violence completely. You can’t control or predict the actions of others — unless we make “Minority Report” a reality. As I think about the violence we continue to experience, though, I can’t help but wonder what the root causes are. If you are honest about America, you know this country is obsessed with violence. We love to see the good guy take down the bad guy, and that usually happens through violence. It’s in our language, our movies, our TV shows, our cartoons, our music, everywhere. War is a necessary evil. We must go to war to protect our interests. Talking and diplomacy is for the weak. Even in our personal lives, we must fight, shoot, stab or do whatever it takes to defend ourselves and our property.

It seems to me in a country where violence is celebrated, there will be violence. We seem to want it both ways. We want to glorify violence, but then tell people violence isn’t acceptable. We say some people are susceptible to negative influences but then continue to create violent products. We don’t want restrictions on guns. We want the ability to buy as many guns as we want as easily as possible. Well, there are consequences. As the old saying goes, “you reap what you sow.” We continuously sow seeds of violence, and we reap more violence. And it’s not just Black males. There’s a long history in this country of portraying Black men as dangerous savages. The idea of “Black-on-Black” crime was just a new spin on an old story. Black people are no more violent than any other group of people. Poverty and proximity play a huge role in the violent deaths of Black men and women. For all of the attention Black crime receives —and we should do all we can to stop it — we spend very little time focusing on how to stop white men from committing mass murders. We spend a few days, weeks on the latest mass murder and then it’s on to the next one as if this isn’t some type of phenomenon that deserves the same attention Black males receive. Why don’t we examine our culture of violence for a change to see how much that plays a role in the violence in our society. I refuse to assign violence to Black men only when our entire culture is violent.

OPINIONS

Democracy’s slow death

By LARRY SMITH



The slogan of The Washington Post is “Democracy Dies in Darkness.” That phrase likely originated with Damon Keith, the legendary federal judge who died in 2019. Judge Keith’s grandparents were born into slavery; he was born into Jim Crow. Yet, he served on the bench for 52 years. Judge Keith was a staunch protector of democracy. He knew all too well what it costs to maintain it. Judge Keith would have recognized that, today, democracy is not merely dying in darkness; it is being murdered in broad daylight. In the simple — and supremely powerful — words of Sen. Raphael Warnock, “Some people don’t want some people to vote.” Donald Trump is at the epicenter of this phenomenon. While president, he told the world that he would not concede the election if he lost. (Several people who know him said the same thing.) This is a rare example of Trump telling the truth. Yet, it should not be surprising that he managed to betroth

the truth to a lie. He lost the election, yet claimed that it was stolen. His deception is known as “the big lie.” His lie has led to death threats directed at Republicans who have the integrity to uphold our laws. Of course, the big lie is rooted in an even bigger lie. At its heart is the lie of white supremacy. Trump and millions of his followers (though not all of them) believe that white men are God-ordained to rule the world. This belief is the basis for the Lost Cause mythology regarding the Civil War. It is the basis of Nazism. The fact that Trump is an extreme narcissist doesn’t cancel out this fact; it amplifies it. What should we do to combat these democracy-threatening lies? The moral argument is failing. Gladys Sicknick, the mother of the late Officer Brian Sicknick, has said that she is “disgusted” by the Republican lawmakers who derailed a bipartisan inquiry into the Jan. 6 insurrection. They can’t bring themselves to get to the bottom of the worst internal threat to our democracy since the Civil War. Even a letter from Capitol police officers didn’t move them. (So much for “Blue Lives Matter.”)

Rationality itself is failing. Despite numerous recounts in several states, false audits have taken place, are currently taking place or are being proposed in states such as Arizona, Georgia, Wisconsin and Michigan. Ostensibly, these efforts are to instill voter confidence. Yet, the fact is that voter confidence is so low among Republicans due to the incessant spreading of the big lie. Even Trump-appointed judges and election officials who voted for him cannot pry the delusion of a stolen election from his followers. The Democratic Party is running out of options to preserve democracy. What are the solutions? No matter what it takes, they must pass both the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. I have resisted calling for an end to the filibuster — until now. Leadership of the Senate changes so frequently that the potential costs seemed to outweigh the benefits. Now, that risk should be taken. But, if Democrats don’t want to completely ban the filibuster, they could have a carve-out for extremely important decisions, including voting rights and the Jan. 6 investigation. Even a return to the standing filibuster would be infi-

nitely preferable to what we have today. This state of affairs was predictable. In 1857, just a few years before the Civil War began, the incomparable Frederick Douglass delivered a prescient speech. He said in part: “Let me give you a word of the philosophy of reform. The whole history of the progress of human liberty shows that all concessions yet made to her august claims have been born of earnest struggle... If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground; they want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters... This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, and it may be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.” If Democrats believe in democracy, they must act decisively.

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The mental struggle of being Black

By LESLIE NICOLE SMITH



Waking up every day is an absolute blessing. I’m grateful to be alive. Grateful for my health, family and friends. Grateful for life! But to be honest, many of us are exhausted from the race and skin color conversations. Tired of the necessary protests. Tired of the necessary DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) professional development and

trainings at work. Tired of the fear. Tired of getting ideas stolen at work. Tired of the hate. Tired of being misunderstood. Tired of explaining ourselves. Tired of the news stories and hashtags. Tired of driving through rural Indiana on high alert. Tired. Exhausted. Fatigued. Overwhelmed. When I found out that I was having a boy seven years ago, I was angry with God. This should be a joyous occasion, but it was not ... at first. Why would God choose me to birth (and raise) a Black boy in America? I was scared. Terrified. Anxious. Why? Because I would have to teach him to be cautious at all times. What to wear. What not to wear. How to react in certain situations. Two educated parents with excellent jobs raising Black children in America. It seems so simple, but it wasn’t. I was angry, sad and unsure of how I would protect my son even though we have done “everything right.” Black moms and dads are intelligent. We are talented. We are mommies and daddies, sons and daughters. Friends and family. Entrepreneurs and executives. Managers and teachers. Yet, we’re still not protected and have to fight for our freedom and equality. Yet, there is hope. I’m encouraged by our allies who advocate on our behalf and the friends in my network who work daily to learn and teach more about our culture, our hurt and our lives. I’m encouraged by our generation and the next generation for having the courage to stand up and speak

up. They do not back down and are passionate about their voices being heard. And I’m encouraged to encourage you to find a space where you can be yourself and share your story. We’ve literally been on an emotional roller coaster over the past year ranging from George Floyd’s murder to quarantine life to virtual learning to police brutality to protests across the world to Kamala Harris being the first Black woman in the White House to losing loved ones due to COVID-19. I urge you to talk. Go to therapy — it’s healthy. Talk to a counselor, pastor or trusted friend. You’re no less of a man or woman for talking through your emotions. In fact, I promise it only makes you stronger, wiser and provides a sense of healing. We may have to fight, but we don’t have to fight alone. Grab your brothers and sisters. Love on each other. Get the help that you need. And most importantly, call on the God who made you to give you the confidence to persevere. You are chosen. You are here for a purpose. Live in that purpose. Walk out that purpose. Exemplify the confidence in knowing that “you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9 ESV Yes, we are royalty.

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NEW SCHEDULE FOR COVID-19 CLINICS

The Marion County Public Health Department changed the operating hours for two COVID-19 vaccination clinics. The new schedule went into effect June 1. The health department revised its hours to reach more residents throughout the summer. Children ages 12-17 can now receive the Pfizer vaccine with parental consent.

Call the health department hotline from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 317-221-2100 with any questions or concerns about the vaccine.

Clinic locations and hours:

3685 Commercial Drive, Indianapolis (west side) — Pfizer vaccine

9 a.m.-5p.m. Monday and Friday

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday

Closed Wednesday and Sunday

9503 E. 33rd Street, Indianapolis (east side) — Moderna vaccine

Closed Monday and Sunday

7 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday

NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH

Indiana, along with 29 other states, will recognize National Reunification Month, which recognizes families involved in the child welfare system that have successfully reunified.

In Indiana, 68.6% of children who exit the foster care system successfully reunite with their parents. Mackida Loveal and Trip Outreach Center and Indiana Department of Child Services Marion County will host a community event that will include giveaways and activities June 18 at 4150 N. Keystone Ave. for families involved with child welfare.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Indy Pride Inc. will begin this year’s Pride events with a virtual panel discussion about ballroom history and culture 6:30-7:30 p.m. June 3 on the Indy Pride Facebook page as part of the Indy Pride Education Series.

Ballroom allows LGBTQ+ people to build chosen families and communities through a passion for the art and shared identity. The panel will explore the ballroom community in Indianapolis as well as other parts of the country.

Justin Sears-Watson, artistic director at Phoenix Rising Dance Company and Phoenix Rising Dance Studio, will be the moderator and panelists include Intyce Makeveli, Jeter Gucci and Tre’mont 007.

Attendees are encouraged to submit their questions through the comment box during the event on Facebook Live.

JPMORGAN CHASE TO AWARD GRANTS

JPMorgan Chase & Co. will offer up to \$5 million to communities that submit ideas that support economic success of Black and Latinx women to the 2021 AdvancingCities Challenge, an annual competition conducted by the company.

The application for the challenge should address multi-dimensional, systemic challenges, center around Black and Latinx women’s experiences and emphasize change at the local level, according to the website. Black and Latinx women are encouraged to apply.

The application is open until June 28 and can be completed at jpmoprganchase.com. Winners will be announced between October and December.

How to Prepare to Receive COVID-19 Vaccinations

Broderick Rhyant M.D., chief physician executive at Eskenazi Health Center Forest Manor



As millions of Americans decide to receive COVID-19 vaccines, some are hesitant to do so because they’ve learned of the aftereffects some people are experiencing after being inoculated.

A mild fever, headache, fatigue, joint pain, and pain or swelling at the site of the vaccine are all relatively common side effects after receiving a COVID-19 shot, and fortunately those discomforts last no more than a day or two. It is important to note that some people experience no side effects.

When you have side effects, that’s a sign that your immune system is at work trying to build up that immunity that keeps the coronavirus at bay, which is exactly what’s supposed to happen.

So once your first or second vaccine is scheduled, here are a few suggestions for you to consider to help the experience go well.

The night before your appointment, make sure to get a good night’s sleep—it will help your immune system work to its fullest potential. If your appointment is around a mealtime, you should also eat beforehand and drink water.

One very important aspect to this process is to be ready to expose your upper arm when it’s time for the injection, and you might want to choose to offer your less dominant arm for the shot in case post-inoculation soreness sets in.

After getting the shot, you’ll be asked to wait for 15 minutes or so before leaving the doctor’s office to ensure you don’t have an allergic reaction. If you’ve had an allergic reaction to a vaccine in the past, you may be asked to wait 30 minutes.

Be sure to bring home the vaccine card that you’ll receive and take a photo of it, and store it in a safe place. That card will provide evidence of vaccination and be a good reminder of which vaccine you received, the dates of your dose or dosages and any follow-up appointments required.

Children ages 12 years and older may now receive the two-shot Pfizer vaccine with parental consent. The other two COVID vaccines are available for everyone 18 years and older. To schedule an appointment, you can sign up at ourshot.in.gov or call 211. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are permitted.

People who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their health care provider immediately. If you are ill with flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, please call your health center or clinic before coming to your appointment. If you are an Eskenazi Health patient, please call 317.880.7666 before coming to your appointment. Health care professionals are available 24/7 to answer questions on symptoms and direct you to the most appropriate care. It is important to first call before arriving at Eskenazi Health.

Advertorial

Personifying Persistence

by Kara Kavensky

Raina Camara Tiendrebeogo moved from the west African country Burkina Faso in 2010 to go to school in Wisconsin. She did not speak English, knew one friend in Wisconsin and had a suitcase filled with ambition and tenacity. Raina is one of five girls from a country that only educates girls enough to marry them off. However, Raina’s mother had a plan for each of her daughters and getting a strong education beyond the meager levels encouraged in Burkina Faso was a foundation of this plan.

Possessing a high level of motivation and determination, Raina learned English so she could navigate transportation, buy food, and learn how to get around LaCrosse, Wisconsin. She had never experienced a winter like that before, but she persevered. Raina heard an advanced manufacturing engineering associates degree offered at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She earned this degree with honors while working full time on a night shift from 9pm until 6am, often with a 7:30am class to attend. While other students were off doing fun things, Raina focused on school and work to pay for her tuition, books, apartment, and food. While in Iowa, she met her husband, Abdoul, through mutual friends.

After Raina and Abdoul were married, they moved to the Boston area for Abdoul’s job as a software developer with an insurance company. Raina looked for work opportunities and discovered that the competition for jobs in the northeast was mostly dependent upon college degrees. She enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University and earned her general studies degree with a focus on human resources while pregnant with their first child and when their baby boy was a few months old, Raina started her Masters in Business Administration from the same university.



“It is important to me to be a good example and show them what is possible and give them the life they deserve and getting her education was a way to get there,” says Raina, who worked for an investment bank.

The cost of living, including child-care, inspired Raina and Abdoul to look at moving to another area of the U.S. Abdoul’s employer has a large office in Carmel, so the couple moved to Indiana. Raina was pregnant at the time and after maternity leave was over, her short-sighted new manager let her go from her human resources position indicating that “working remotely” wasn’t working for him. While this was a depressive and disappointing period in Raina’s professional life due to not finding immediately employment, she decided to try something new.

From women in his office, Abdoul

had heard about a women’s meetup group with Salesforce and Raina attended a meeting.

“The meeting was very informative and many women were working in the Salesforce ecosystem at various employers and they all had various backgrounds, which was encourage,” says Raina, who enrolled in the Salesforce Trailblazer program.

At a subsequent Salesforce Women in Tech Group meetup, Raina heard Eleven Fifty Academy mentioned, and someone gave a testimonial about the availability of CARES Act dollars. Raina researched Eleven Fifty and spoke with Alex in admissions. When Raina speaks of how transformative Eleven Fifty Academy has been in her life, she gets teary. After graduating

as a web developer, Raina got a job, which she loves, as a marketing cloud mobile and social specialist for a Salesforce platform with OffPrem.

Raina arrived in the United States with not much more than a dream. She was already very determined, and having two small boys has given her a deeper sense of motivation to be a great example for her children.

“Since I moved here, I have been surrounded by people who have helped guide me and I have had to overcome those who have attempted to block me from my dreams,” states Raina, who was the only female of color in her class and the only one with an accent. “Don’t be afraid to be you. Be yourself and you will be great!”



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Study blames climate change for 37% of global heat deaths

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP Science Writer

More than one-third of the world's heat deaths each year are due directly to global warming, according to the latest study to calculate the human cost of climate change.

But scientists say that's only a sliver of climate's overall toll — even more people die from other extreme weather amplified by global warming such as storms, flooding and drought — and the heat death numbers will grow exponentially with rising temperatures.

Dozens of researchers who looked at heat deaths in 732 cities around the globe from 1991 to 2018 calculated that 37% were caused by higher temperatures from human-caused warming, according to a study May 31 in the journal *Nature Climate Change*.

That amounts to about 9,700 people a year from just those cities, but it is much more worldwide, the study's lead author said.

"These are deaths related to heat that actually can be prevented. It is something we directly cause," said Ana Vicedo-Cabrera, an epidemiologist at the Institute of Social and Preventative Medicine at the University of Bern in Switzerland.

The highest percentages of heat deaths caused by climate change were in cities in South America. Vicedo-Cabrera pointed to southern Europe and southern Asia as other hot spots for climate change-related heat deaths.

Sao Paulo, Brazil, has the most climate-related heat deaths, averaging 239 a

year, researchers found.

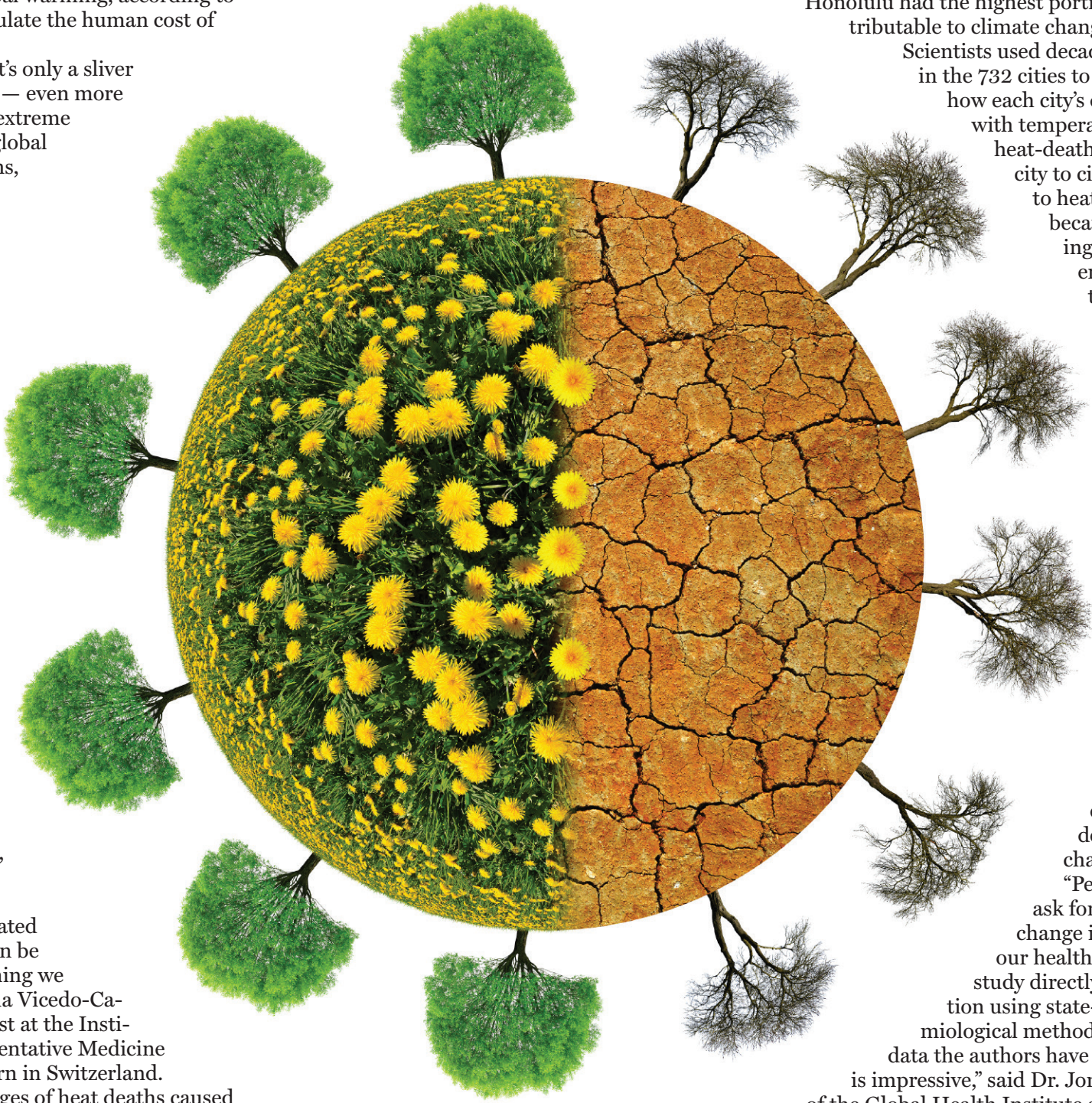
About 35% of heat deaths in the United States can be blamed on climate change, the study found. That's a total of more than 1,100 deaths a year in about 200 U.S. cities, topped by 141 in New York. Honolulu had the highest portion of heat deaths attributable to climate change, 82%.

Scientists used decades of mortality data in the 732 cities to plot curves detailing how each city's death rate changes with temperature and how the heat-death curves vary from city to city. Some cities adapt to heat better than others because of air conditioning, cultural factors and environmental conditions, Vicedo-Cabrera said.

Then researchers took observed temperatures and compared them with 10 computer models simulating a world without climate change. The difference is warming humans caused. By applying that scientifically accepted technique to the individualized heat-death curves for the 732 cities, the scientists calculated extra heat deaths from climate change.

"People continue to ask for proof that climate change is already affecting our health. This attribution study directly answers that question using state-of-the-science epidemiological methods, and the amount of data the authors have amassed for analysis is impressive," said Dr. Jonathan Patz, director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin.

Patz, who wasn't part of the study, said it was one of the first to detail climate change-related heat deaths now, rather than in the future.



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Vaccines are important for preventing disease and protecting the health of the community. As vaccination efforts continue to slow the spread of COVID-19, the Marion County Public Health Department says this is a good time to understand the importance of following the vaccination schedule from birth to adulthood.

When a woman is pregnant, she shares everything with her baby. Any vaccine a woman gets is not only protecting her, but is giving the baby some early protection. A woman should get a flu shot and whooping cough vaccine, also called Tdap.

Whooping cough can be serious for anyone, but for a newborn, it can be life-threatening. Up to 20 babies die each year in the United States due to whooping cough. About half of babies younger than one year old who get whooping cough need treatment in the hospital.

The younger the baby is when he or she gets whooping cough, the more likely he or she will need to be treated in a hospital. It may be hard to know if a baby has whooping cough because many babies with this disease don't cough. Instead, it can cause them to stop breathing and turn blue.

When a woman gets the whooping cough vaccine during pregnancy, her body will create protective antibodies and pass some of them to the baby before birth. These antibodies will provide the baby with some short-term, early protection against whooping cough.

Changes in the immune, heart, and lung functions during pregnancy make it more likely to get seriously ill from the flu. Catching the flu also increases a woman's chances for serious problems for a developing baby, including premature labor and delivery. A flu shot protects a baby for several months after birth from flu-related complications.

An OB-GYN or midwife may

recommend a woman receive some vaccines right after giving birth. Postpartum vaccination will help protect from getting sick and passes some antibodies to the baby through breastmilk. Vaccination after pregnancy is especially important for those who did not receive certain vaccines before or during your pregnancy.

The baby will also get his or her own vaccines to protect against serious childhood diseases.

Keep in mind that many diseases rarely seen in the United States are still common in other parts of the world. Talk to an OB-GYN or midwife about vaccines if international travel during pregnancy is planned. More information is available at [CDC.gov/travel](https://www.cdc.gov/travel).

Even before becoming pregnant, it is important to stay up to date on all vaccines. This will maximize protection for mom and baby. For example, rubella is a contagious disease that can be very dangerous if contracted during pregnancy. Rubella can cause a miscarriage or serious birth defects. The best protection against rubella is the MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine.

A pre-pregnancy blood test will show any immunity to rubella. Most women were vaccinated as children with the MMR vaccine, but consulting with a primary care physician can help confirm this.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has guidelines for the vaccines needed before, during, and after pregnancy at its website, [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

To learn more about low-cost vaccines available through the Marion County Public Health Department, please visit MarionHealth.org/immunize or call the immunization program at 317-221-2122.

Tulsa pastors honor ‘holy ground’ 100 years after massacre

By **PETER SMITH**
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — When white attackers destroyed the prosperous Black neighborhood of Greenwood 100 years ago, they bypassed the original sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of North Tulsa.

By the church's own account, the attackers thought the brick veneer structure was too fine for a Black-owned church. The mob destroyed at least a half-dozen other churches while burning and leveling a 35-square-block neighborhood in one of the nation's deadliest spasms of racist violence. Estimates of the death toll range from dozens to 300.

On May 30, First Baptist's current sanctuary throbbed with a high-decibel service as six congregations gathered to mark the centennial of the massacre and to honor the persistence of the Black church tradition in Greenwood, as shown in the pulsing worship, call-and-response preaching and heavy emphasis on social justice.

Greenwood is "holy ground," said the Rev. John Faison of Nashville, Tennessee, who preached at the service and is assistant to the bishop of social action for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship.

He said the centennial both honors the victims of the massacre and "celebrates the resilience and the resurgence of an amazing people of God."

The commission that organized the centennial designated May 30 as Unity Faith Day and provided a suggested worship guide that each congregation could adapt, including scriptures, prayers and the singing of "Amazing Grace."

Particularly at historically Black churches, speakers emphasized a call for financial reparations — both for



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the few centenarian survivors of the massacre and for the wider, economically struggling North Tulsa area, where the city's Black population is largely concentrated.

"The main problem is that our nation is always trying to have reconciliation without doing justice," Faison said. "Until repentance and repair are seen as inseparable, any attempt to reconcile will fail miserably."

The Rev. Robert Turner, pastor of nearby Vernon African Methodist Episcopal Church, which also traces its roots to before the massacre, echoed that sentiment in an interview before his own church's service.

"It's not a tragedy that's left in 1921.

It's a tragedy that continues to live each day that lacks justice," said Turner, who protests weekly outside Tulsa City Hall, calling both for reparations and for a posthumous criminal investigation of the massacre's perpetrators.

Some churches recognized 13 still-active congregations that operated in Greenwood in 1921, including many that had to rebuild their destroyed sanctuaries.

Some historically white churches also observed the centennial.

Pastor Deron Spoo of First Baptist Church of Tulsa, a Southern Baptist church less than two miles from the similarly named North Tulsa church, told his congregation that the massa-

cre has been "a scar" on the city.

The church has a prayer room with an exhibit on the massacre, accompanied by prayers against racism. It includes quotations from white pastors in 1921 who faulted the Black community rather than the white attackers for the devastation and declared racial inequality to be "divinely ordained."

Also recognizing the massacre was South Tulsa Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist congregation in a predominantly white suburban part of Tulsa.

Pastor Eric Costanzo grew up in Tulsa but didn't learn of the massacre until attending seminary out of state. When he later saw an exhibit on the massacre at the Greenwood Cultural Center, he recognized its enormity.

In an interview, he said he hoped that the "bridge we created between our communities" remains active after the centennial to confront "a lot of the hard topics our city and culture faces."

The Rev. Zenobia Mayo, a retired educator and an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), is also working to continue those conversations after the centennial. She said her family never used to talk about the massacre, even though her great-great-uncle, renowned surgeon A.C. Jackson, was among its most prominent victims.

Elders in the family sought to protect their children from the trauma of racist violence, she said. "They felt not talking about it was the way to deal with it."

But now Mayo hopes to host discussions on racism at her home with mixed groups of white and Black guests.

"If it's going to be, let it begin with me," she said.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

When a loved one converts to Islam

By **MICHAEL SAAHIR**

"Verily never will Allah change the condition of a people until they change it themselves (with their own souls)."
Qur'an 13:11



Converting to a new religion — not just a denominational shift — can be just as much challenging as it is exciting. The learning of new knowledge and conceptualizing new understandings can be quite mentally and spiritually stimulating and refreshing; however, for many new converts to Al-Islam, regardless of their age, one of their biggest challenges can be the response of family and friends, especially for the youngster who is very much endeared to obeying and respecting their parents — individuals who, in some situations, are still dependent on parents.

For hundreds of thousands, maybe over 1 million Muslim Americans, this has been our journey to Islam (properly called "Al-Islam"). "What will momma say? How will daddy react?" Converting to Al-Islam is much more than one going from one Christian denomination to another Christian denomination because these denominational religious expressions are all under the realm of Christianity, i.e., Bible and Jesus Christ as Lord. For example, to convert from Baptist to Apostolic, or from Presbyterian to Catholicism, may require only a change of rituals or biblical emphasis; however, when one converts to Al-Islam, it is often a family news flash, even sometimes a family upheaval.

The convert to Al-Islam now has a

different holy book, the Qur'an, for guidance. Though still highly respectful of Jesus Christ, the convert to Al-Islam has added Prophet Muhammed, prayers and peace be upon him, to his religious conversations and life demonstrations. And "Lord have mercy," if the convert changes her or his childhood name to an Islamic name, this, for many parents, can be super challenging — especially if the son was named after his father. So, what does one do when a loved one converts to Al-Islam?

Often family dinners and social gatherings suddenly become a challenge because your loved one is now a finicky eater who is constantly asking, "What kind of meat did you use to season those collard greens?" Or the words of the prayer over the meal end with "in the name of Jesus." These are real concerns that come when a loved one converts to Al-Islam. How can we be more accepting and inclusive? The answers come with time — open conversations that are based on respect and trust that the creator will work it all out.

It is important to understand that one does not "convert" overnight. Often months, if not years of comparing religious ideologies while pondering personal and community concerns — often quietly and internally — occurs on various levels. The Qur'an states in Chapter 13, Verse 11: *"Verily never will Allah change the condition of a people until they change it themselves (with their own souls)."* Very often the person who converts to Al-Islam, for a variety of reasons, became dissatisfied with their previous religiosity as a means to achieve spiritual, social and

mental success and independence. They found in Al-Islam viable concepts which they understood to be the answers to their many years of pondering and reflecting on life challenges and life's promises. That is why the more the convert reads and studies Al-Islam, they repeatedly say three words: "That makes sense!"

Your converted loved one is still a person of faith, an indebted duty that adherents of Al-Islam owe to Allah. Family rights are also crucially important to all Muslims, especially the rights owed to parents. The Qur'an explicitly forbids the child to ever say "uhmp" to their parents. The Muslim is to never speak back to their parents. Allah, in Chapter 31, verses 14-15 of the Qur'an teaches us to obey our parents unless "they strive to make you join in worship with Me things of which you have no knowledge. Obey them not yet bear them company in this life with justice ..."

During the 1950s to 1970s many African Americans converted to the idea of Islam due to the blatant racism that openly permeated the American mindset in education, science, politics, employment and neighborhood redlining of real estate; quite frankly, racism systemically ingrained in every aspect of American life. The converts during this middle 20th-century era had tired of trying to work with — and work within — a system that seemed bent on denying them the fulfillment of life that our creator endowed upon all of his creation. Upon hearing just a portion of the message of Islam, something new and refreshing resonated within their souls and gave insights to their minds that no other religious in-

stitutions were teaching — at least not in the neglected ghettos of America. Sadly, fast forward to the year 2021 and we still find that some of these same injustices lingering, and praises be to Allah, conversions to Al-Islam continuing!

To conclude what may be just the tip of the iceberg of a long overdue conversation, let's summarize with these few words. The conversion of your loved ones to Al-Islam is a good thing on all levels of life. As the years pass most agree that witnessing the positive changes in the lives of their converted loved ones have benefitted everyone, maybe even saved the sanity and the lives of your loved ones. They no longer condone smoking, cursing, alcohol and drug abuse or disrespecting women. And if the new convert is still enslaved by the above-mentioned vices, at the least, they know that within Al-Islam there are solutions to those evils.

It was their dissatisfaction with their former life that led them to Al-Islam. Dear People, your converted loved one still loves you and needs you very much. The commonalities between Islam and Christianity are far more abundant than our differences. Hopefully, as the years pass, we also will discover that even our perceived "differences" are actually just different ways of saying the same thing, that our creator is one, and we all owe obedience to him!

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Honoring Chris Beaty

Family and friends celebrated the life of Chris Beaty with a prayer vigil and balloon lift near the location where Beaty was shot and killed outside his apartment building on May 30, 2020. Beaty was killed amid the chaos downtown during protests following the police shootings of Dreasjon Reed, George Floyd and others.

Other activities to honor Beaty included a golf outing and dinner. Scholarships named after Beaty are given to students at Cathedral High School and Indiana University. Beaty was a star football player and a graduate of both schools. (Photo/Curtis Guyonn)

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lot in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. How many beasts rising out of the sea did Daniel have a dream about?

3. From Judges 3, who was the left-handed Benjamite that killed Eglon?

4. In 2 Kings 4, who purified a pot of deadly stew with flour?

5. From Judges 1:6, what king had his thumbs and toes cut off?

6. Whose biblical name means "messenger"?

ANSWERS:
1) Neither; 2) 4; 3) Ehud; 4) Elisha; 5) Adoni-Bezek; 6) Malachi

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 104:31, 33

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‘The foundation of the wealth:’ Why Black Wall Street boomed

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — In a century-old family story about a teenage aunt who liked to drive her luxury car down the trolley tracks of Tulsa, Kristi Williams still savors a tiny, lingering taste of how different life could have been for all Black Americans after slavery.

On May 31, Tulsans commemorated the 100th anniversary of a two-day assault by armed white men on Tulsa’s prosperous Black community of Greenwood, known around the country as Black Wall Street, calling attention to an era of deadly mob assaults on Black communities that official history long suppressed.

But Williams, and other descendants of the freed Black people enslaved by Native American nations who once owned much of the land under Tulsa, say there’s another part of Black Wall Street’s history that more Americans need to know about.

It’s one that has important lessons for contemporary racial issues in the United States, including the long debated matter of reparations, descendants and historians say.

Unlike Black Americans across the country after slavery, Williams’ ancestors and thousands of other Black members of slave-owning Native American nations freed after the war “had land,” says Williams, a Tulsa community activist. “They had opportunity to build a house on that land, farm that land, and they were wealthy with their crops.

“And that was huge — a great opportunity and you’re thinking this is going to last for generations to come. I can leave my children this land, and they can leave their children this land,” recounts Williams, whose ancestor went from enslaved laborer to judge of the Muscogee Creek tribal Supreme Court after slavery.

While U.S. officials quickly broke Gen. William T. Sherman’s famous Special Field Order No. 15 providing 40 acres for each formerly enslaved family after the Civil War, U.S. treaties compelled five slave-owning tribes — the Choctaws, Chickasaws, Cherokees, Muscogee Creek and Seminoles — to share tribal land and other resources and rights with freed



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Black people who had been enslaved.

The financial stability allowed Black Native American Freedmen to start businesses, farms and ranches, and helped give rise to Black Wall Street and thriving Black communities in the future state of Oklahoma. Black Wall Street alone had roughly 200 businesses.

And while some tribes reputedly gave their Black members some of the worst, rockiest, unfarmable land, that was often just where drillers struck oil starting in the first years of the 20th century, before statehood changed Indian Territory to Oklahoma in 1907. For a time it made the area around Tulsa the world’s biggest oil producer.

The oil wealth, besides helping put the bustle and boom in Tulsa’s Black-owned Greenwood business district, gave rise to fortunes for a few Freed-people that made headlines around the United States. That included 11-year-old Sarah Rector, a Muscogee Creek girl hailed as “the richest colored girl in the world” by newspapers

of the time. Her oil fortune drew attention from Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Dubois, who intervened to check that Rector’s white guardian wasn’t pillaging her money.

The wealth from the tribal allotment also gave rise to Williams’ family story of great-aunt Janie, “who learned to drive by going behind the trolley lines” in Tulsa, with her parents in the car, Williams’ uncle, 67-year-old Samuel Morgan, recounted, laughing.

Little of that Black wealth remains today.

In May 1921, 100 years ago this month, Aunt Janie, then a teenager, had to flee Greenwood’s Dreamland movie theater as the white mob burned Black Wall Street to the ground, killing scores or hundreds — no one knows — and leaving Greenwood an empty ruin populated by charred corpses.

Black Freedmen and many other American Indian citizens rapidly lost land and money to unscrupulous or careless white guardians that were

imposed upon them, to property taxes, white scams, accidents, racist policies and laws, business mistakes or bad luck. For Aunt Janie, all the family knows today is a vague tale of the oil wells on her land catching fire.

Williams, Grayson and other Black Indian Freedmen descendants today drive past the spots in Tulsa that family history says used to belong to them: 51st Street. The grounds of Oral Roberts University. Mingo Park.

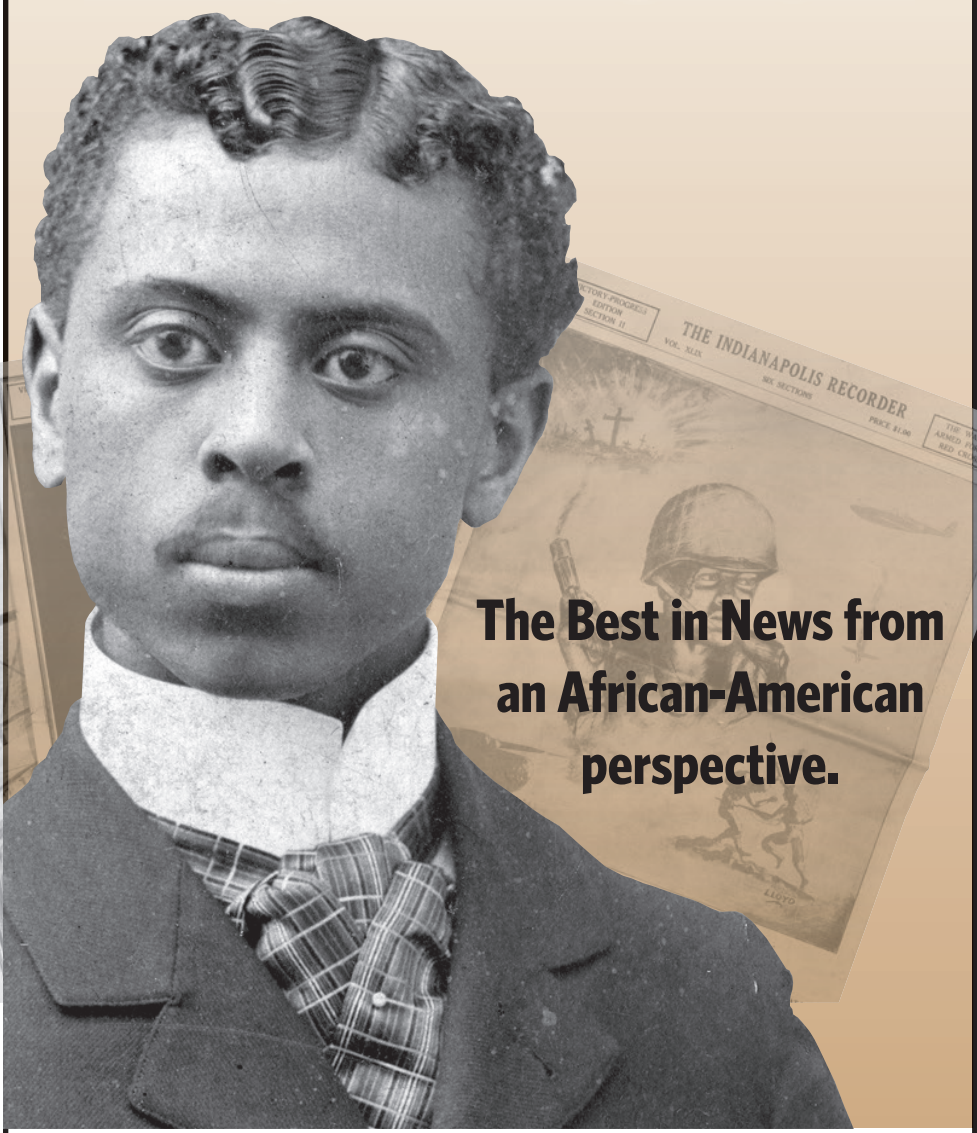
That’s yet another lesson Tulsa’s Greenwood has for the rest of the United States, says William A. Darity Jr., a leading scholar and writer on reparations at Duke University.

If freed Black people had gotten reparations after the Civil War, Darity said, assaults like the Tulsa Race Massacre show they would have needed years of U.S. troop deployments to protect them — given the angry resentment of white people at seeing money in Black hands.

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2105-)
MI-006235)
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE:)
SAN THANNY)
Petitioner)
ORDER RESETTING)
PETITION FOR NAME)
CHANGE HEARING)

The Court set the verified Petition for Name Change Hearing for SAN THANNY on May 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. The petitioner appeared for hearing, however, publication has not been completed. The Court has set the hearing to August 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. for the publication timeline to be completed. This hearing will be held remotely by WebEx. A separate WebEx invitation will be sent with instructions to join the hearing. Dated: May 21, 2021 /s/ Cheryl Lynch Judge, Marion Circuit Court Clerk

All parties of record 06/04/21, 06/11/21, 06/18/21
5320-921376

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NUMBER: 49C01-)
2103-MI-010516)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
PETITION)
OF JUDITH MARIE MEIER)
ORDER SETTING HEARING)
COURT NOW THE PETITIONER,)
JUDITH MARIE MEIER,)
having filed her Amended Petition)
for Name Change.)
And the Court having read)
and examined said motion)
and being duly advised in)
the premises now finds that)
the prayer thereof should be)
granted.)
IT IS THEREFORE)
ORDERED, ADJUDGED)
AND DECREED that this)
matter shall be set for a)
hearing on July 27, 2021,)
at 9:00 a.m. This matter)
may be heard in person)
at 200 East Main Street,)
Room W-504, Indianapolis,)
IN 46204; or it may be heard)
remotely. If so, the Court)
will issue a WebEx/Zoom)
invitation for attendance)
at the hearing.)
So Ordered: 5/5/2021)
/s/ Susan Boatright)
Magistrate of the Marion)
Circuit Court)
MARK D. SHAVER)
Attorney at Law)
5330 Madison Avenue)
Indianapolis, IN 46227)
(317) 783-9204)
5320-921398)
06/04/21,)
06/11/21,)
06/18/21)

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2105-)
MI-016307)
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE:)
J E A N N E T T E A N N)
L O C K W O O D ,)
Petitioner.)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
NAME CHANGE)
Jeannette Ann Lockwood,)
whose mailing address is)
3917 Grand Oak Pl., Apt. 4)
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217,)
in Marion County, Indiana,)
hereby gives notice that)
Jeannette Ann Lockwood has)
filed a petition in the Marion)
Circuit Court requesting that)
her name be changed to)
Jeannette Ann Lockwood.)
Jeannette Ann Lockwood's)
attorney is Robert D. Haas,)
#17983-49, Blankenship &)
Haas, 7050 Madison Avenue,)
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227.)
Notice is further given that)
the hearing will be held on)
said Petition on August 27, 2021)
at 9:00AM.)
This matter will be held)
remotely and the Court will)
issue a WebEx invitation for)
attendance at the hearing.)
Jeannette Ann Lockwood,)
Petitioner)
Dated May 20, 2021)
Mya A. Eldridge)
Clerk, Marion County)
Superior/Circuit Court)
5320-921572)
06/04/21,)
06/11/21,)
06/18/21)

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2105-)
MI-016489)
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE)
OF:)
DEBORAH ANN "DOBA")
CRAIG,)
nee DEBORAH ANN)
BECKAGE)
Petitioner)
ORDER SETTING HEARING)
AND)
NOTICE OF FILING PETITION)
FOR CHANGE OF NAME)
Notice is hereby given that)
on May 17, 2021, Deborah Ann)
("Doba") Craig, nee Deborah)
Ann Beckage, an adult female,)
filed a Petition in the Marion)
Circuit Court, located at Room)
W-506, City-County Building,)
200 E. Washington Street,)
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204,)
on the 27th day of August,)
2021, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. This)
matter will be heard remotely)
and the Court will issue a)
WebEx/Zoom invitation for)
attendance at the hearing.)
In accordance with Indiana)
Code § 34-28-2-3(a), Notice)
of the Petition is being made)
by three (3) weekly publications)
in The Indianapolis Recorder, a)
newspaper of general)
circulation in Marion County,)
Indiana, with the final)
publication not less than thirty)
(30) days before the date of)
the above hearing.)
Dated at Indianapolis,)
Indiana, the 18th day of)
May, 2021.)
/s/ Susan Boatright)
Magistrate, Marion Circuit)
Court)
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge)
Clerk of the Circuit Court of)
Marion County, Indiana)
Distribution:)
Tony H. Abbott)
Foley & Abbott, LLC)
151 N. Delaware Street,)
Suite 1130)
Indianapolis, IN 46204)
(317) 261-0900)
5320-921337)
06/04/21,)
06/11/21,)
06/18/21)

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: CIVIL DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CASE NO. 49D08-2102-)
EU-036634)
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:)
ELVIRA COMEZ,)
Petitioner,)
and)
RODRIGO VARGAS,)
Respondent.)
S U M M O N S B Y)
P U B L I C A T I O N)
The State of Indiana to the)
respondent above named,)
and any other person who)
may be concerned.)
Your 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 respondent)
whose address is:)
and to the following respondent)
whose whereabouts are)
unknown: Rodrigo Vargas.)
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 answer the Complaint)
in writing, by you or your)
attorney, on or before the)
18th day of July, 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 the debt of the)
petitioner has demanded.)
INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID)
SOCIETY, INC.)
By /s/ Madonna F. McGrath)
Madonna F. McGrath,)
Attorney for Petitioner)
12/11/2020)
ATTEST:)
Clerk of the Marion)
SUPERIOR COURT)
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge)
Name: Madonna F. McGrath)
INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID)
SOCIETY, INC.)
Address: 615 N. Alabama)
Street, #122)
City at Indianapolis,)
Indiana 46204)
Phone No. (317) 635-9538)
madonna@indyals.org)
Attorney for Petitioner)
5320-921341)
06/04/21,)
06/11/21,)
06/18/21)

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: PROBATE DIVISION,)
TERM 2021)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-)
ES-07080)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
SUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
JUDITH A. GLAZE,)
Deceased.)
N O T I C E O F)
A D M I N I S T R A T I O N)
In the Superior Court #8,)
Probation Division, of Marion)
County, Indiana)
Notice is hereby given that)
JAMES D. McDole was on)
May 20, 2021, appointed)
personal representative of the)
Estate of Judith A. Glaze,)
deceased, who died on)
December 30, 2020.)
All persons who have claims)
against this estate, whether)
or not now due, must file the)
claim in the office of the clerk)
of this court within three (3))
months from the date of the)
first publication of this notice)
or within nine (9) months)
after the decedent's death,)
whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated at Indianapolis,)
Indiana, this May 20, 2021.)
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge)
CLERK, Marion Superior)
Court #8)
Probate Division)
Attorney for the Estate:)
Charles E. Hostetler)
H O S T E T T E R &)
A S S O C I A T E S)
515 North Green Street,)
Suite 200)
Brownstown, Indiana 46112)
(317) 852-2422)
5320-921512)
06/04/21,)
06/11/21)

Altman, Poindexter & Wyatt)
LLC)
Anne Hensley Poindexter)
90 Executive Drive, Suite G)
Carmel, Indiana 46032)
(317) 350-1000)
Notice of Administration)
Cause No. 49D08-2105-)
EU-015750)
In the Superior Court of)
Marion County, Indiana,)
Notice is hereby given that)
Kevin Anderson and)
Catherine Macaluso were,)
on the 10th day of May,)
2021, appointed Co-Personal)
Representatives of the Estate)
of Margaret Ross Anderson,)
deceased, who died on the)
4th day of December 2020.)
All persons who have claims)
against this Estate, whether)
or not now due, must file the)
claim in the office of the clerk)
of this Court within three (3))
months from the date of the)
first publication of this notice,)
or within nine (9) months)
after the Decedent's death,)
whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred.)
Dated at Indianapolis,)
Indiana, this May 20, 2021.)
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge)
Clerk of the Probate Court of)
Marion County)
Mya A. Eldridge, Clerk of the)
Superior Court)
5320-921338)
06/04/21,)
06/11/21,)
06/18/21)

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
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EU-07080)
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COUNTY OF MARION)
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: CIVIL DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2102-)
EU-036634)
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:)
ELVIRA COMEZ,)
Petitioner,)
and)
RODRIGO VARGAS,)
Respondent.)
S U M M O N S B Y)
P U B L I C A T I O N)
The State of Indiana to the)
respondent above named,)
and any other person who)
may be concerned.)
Your 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 respondent)
whose address is:)
and to the following respondent)
whose whereabouts are)
unknown: Rodrigo Vargas.)
In addition to the above)
respondent being served by)
this summons there may be)
other parties who have an)
interest in this lawsuit. If)
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attorney, on or before the)
18th day of July, 2021, (the)
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petitioner has demanded.)
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By /s/ Madonna F. McGrath)
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12/11/2020)
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: CIVIL DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-)
EU-017654)
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:)
IRMA GRACIELA DE LEON)
ARJUALVA)
Petitioner)
VS.)
CARLOS ANTONIO)
PESQUERA CORTEZ)
Respondent)
ALIAS ORDER TO APPEAR)
The Court hereby issues this)
Alias Order to Appear)
at a hearing in the above)
captioned Court on the 20th)
day of July, 2021, at 1:00)
p.m. for one (1) hour(s) of)
the Court's time. All parties to)
this case are ordered to)
appear to the Court and give)
testimony as to the matters)
in front of the Court. Pending)
matters may be heard and)
determined in the absence of)
a party. Hearing will be virtual.)
So ordered on May 18, 2021)
Magistrate, D10)
Distribution:)
Patricia L. Rios)
429 East Vermont Street,)
Suite 103)
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202)
Ph: 317.781.8565)
5320-921305)
06/04/21,)
06/11/21,)
06/18/21)

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: CIVIL DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D14-2102-)
PH-000421)
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:)
SHOLA MUSIBAU ALLI)
Petitioner,)
And)
ABIMOLA ISLAMIAHYALLI)
Respondent)
NOTICE OF SUIT)
The State of Indiana to the)
above-named Defendant, 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 Respondent)
whose whereabouts are)
unknown: ABIMOLA)
ISLAMIAHYALLI)
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)
18th day of July, 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 the debt of the)
petitioner has demanded.)
So ordered on June 24, 2021)
Magistrate, D10)
Distribution:)
Patricia L. Rios)
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Ph: 317.781.8565)
5320-921305)
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: CIVIL DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-)
EU-07080)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
SUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF)
JUDITH A. GLAZE,)
Deceased.)
N O T I C E O F)
A D M I N I S T R A T I O N)
In the Superior Court #8,)
Probation Division, of Marion)
County, Indiana)
Notice is hereby given that)
JAMES D. McDole was on)
May 20, 2021, appointed)
personal representative of the)
Estate of Judith A. Glaze,)
deceased, who died on)
December 30, 2020.)
All persons who have claims)
against this estate, whether)
or not now due, must file the)
claim in the office of the clerk)
of this court within three (3))
months from the date of the)
first publication of this notice)
or within nine (9) months)
after the decedent's death,)
whichever is earlier, or the)
claims will be forever barred

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT

feet East of the Southeast
 corner thereof; thence North
 157.5 feet; thence West 66
 feet; thence South 157.5
 feet to the South line of said
 quarter section; thence East
 66 feet and along the South
 line of said quarter
 section 66 feet to the place
 of beginning.
 commonly known as
 0224 West Erie Avenue,
 Indianapolis, IN 46217.
 0224 WEST ERIE AVE.
 Defendant is hereby notified
 of the filing and pendency
 of said Complaint against
 them and that unless they
 appear and answer or
 otherwise defend thereto
 within thirty (30) days of
 the last notice of this action
 being published, judgment by
 default may be entered
 against said Defendant for
 the relief demanded in the
 Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion
 Superior Court #12

D. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
 Stephanie A. Reinhart
 (25071-06)
 Thomas M. Smith (31800-
 05)
 Chris Wiley (29636-10)

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5320-920942

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE BOONE SUPERIOR
COURT) SS:
COUNTY OF BOONE)
ESTATE DOCKET:
06D01-2105-EU-000083
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ESTATE OF JANICE F.
MCHENRY,
DECEASED
NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that
MICHAEL L. MCHENRY
was, on May 27, 2021,
appointed as Personal
Representative of the Estate
of JANICE F. MCHENRY,
deceased, who died on May
6, 2021.
All persons who have claims
against this estate, whether
or not now due, must file
the claim in the office of the
Clerk of this Court within
three (3) months from the
date of the first publication
of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the
decendent's death, whichever
is earlier, or the claims will
be forever barred.
DATED at Indiana this May
27, 2021.
BOONE County Superior
Court
Attorney for personal
representative:
Doris Brauman Moore
Brauman Moore Law
Offices
128 East Main Street
Brownsburg, Indiana 46112
Telephone: (317) 858-5000
Fax: (317) 858-5009
Attorney Number: 21958-32
5320-921601

06/04/21;
06/11/21

Indiana's Finest Wrecker will be having an auction/
public sale on June 14th, 2021 at 8AM.
7576 W Washington St Indianapolis, IN 46231
List of vehicles to be included in the sale:

Year	Make	VIN	Sale Price
2010	NISSAN	1N4AA5AP1AC809829	\$1,500.00
1973	MPV	SCL4C5GA0150	\$1,500.00
2015	HYUNDAI	KMHEC4A48FA133707	\$1,500.00
2006	CHEVROLET	2G1WT55XK69341972	\$1,500.00
2000	CHEVROLET	1GCCS1959J8296354	\$1,500.00
2005	GMC	1GKDT13S352147974	\$1,500.00
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Grand Slam leaders pledge to address Naomi Osaka's concerns

By HOWARD FENDRICH

The leaders of the four Grand Slam tournaments reacted June 1 to tennis star Naomi Osaka's stunning withdrawal from the French Open by promising to address players' concerns about mental health.

The pledge came in a statement signed by the same four tennis administrators who threatened the possibility of disqualification or suspension for Osaka on May 30 if she continued to skip news conferences.

The four-time major champion and No. 2-ranked player was fined \$15,000 when she didn't speak to reporters after her first-round victory at Roland Garros on May 30. The next day, Osaka pulled out of the tournament entirely, saying she experiences "huge waves of anxiety" before meeting with the media and revealing she has "suffered long bouts of depression."

Osaka, a 23-year-old who was born in Japan and moved with her family to the U.S. at age 3, said she would "take some time away from the court now, but when the time is right I really want to work with the Tour to discuss ways we can make things better for the players, press and fans."

Tennis players are required to attend news conferences if requested

to do so; Grand Slam rules allow for fines up to \$20,000 if they don't show up.

"On behalf of the Grand Slams, we wish to offer Naomi Osaka our support and assistance in any way possible as she takes time away from the court. She is an exceptional athlete and we look forward to her return as soon as she deems appropriate," the statement from those in charge of the French Open, Wimbledon, U.S. Open and Australian Open said. "Mental health is a very challenging issue, which deserves our utmost attention. It is both complex and personal, as what affects one individual does not necessarily affect another. We commend Naomi for sharing in her own words the pressures and anxieties she is feeling and we empathize with the unique pressures tennis players may face."

French tennis federation President Gilles Moretton, All England Club Chairman Ian Hewitt, U.S. Tennis Association President Mike McNulty and Tennis Australia President Jayne

Hrdlicka pledged to work with players, the tours and media "to improve the player experience at our tournaments" while making sure the athletes all are on a "fair playing field, regardless of ranking or status."

In a separate statement issued June 1 to the AP via email, International Tennis Federation official Heather Bowler said the sport will "review what needs to evolve" after Osaka "shone a light on mental health issues."

"It's in all our interests to ensure that we continue to provide a respectful and qualitative environment that enables all stakeholders to do their job to their best ability, without impacting their health, and for the good of the sport," Bowler wrote.

Various tennis players, including sisters Serena and Venus Williams, offered support for Osaka.

Venus Williams, a 40-year-old who has

won seven Grand Slam singles titles and another 14 in doubles with her younger sibling, said at a news conference after her first-round loss June 1 at Roland Garros that she finds it "definitely not easy to do press, I think, for any person."

Asked how she handled that over her professional career, Williams responded: "For me, personally, how I deal with it was that I know every single person asking me a question can't play as well as I can and never will, so no matter what you say or what you write, you'll never light a candle to me. So that's how I deal with it. But each person deals with it differently."

Others praised Osaka

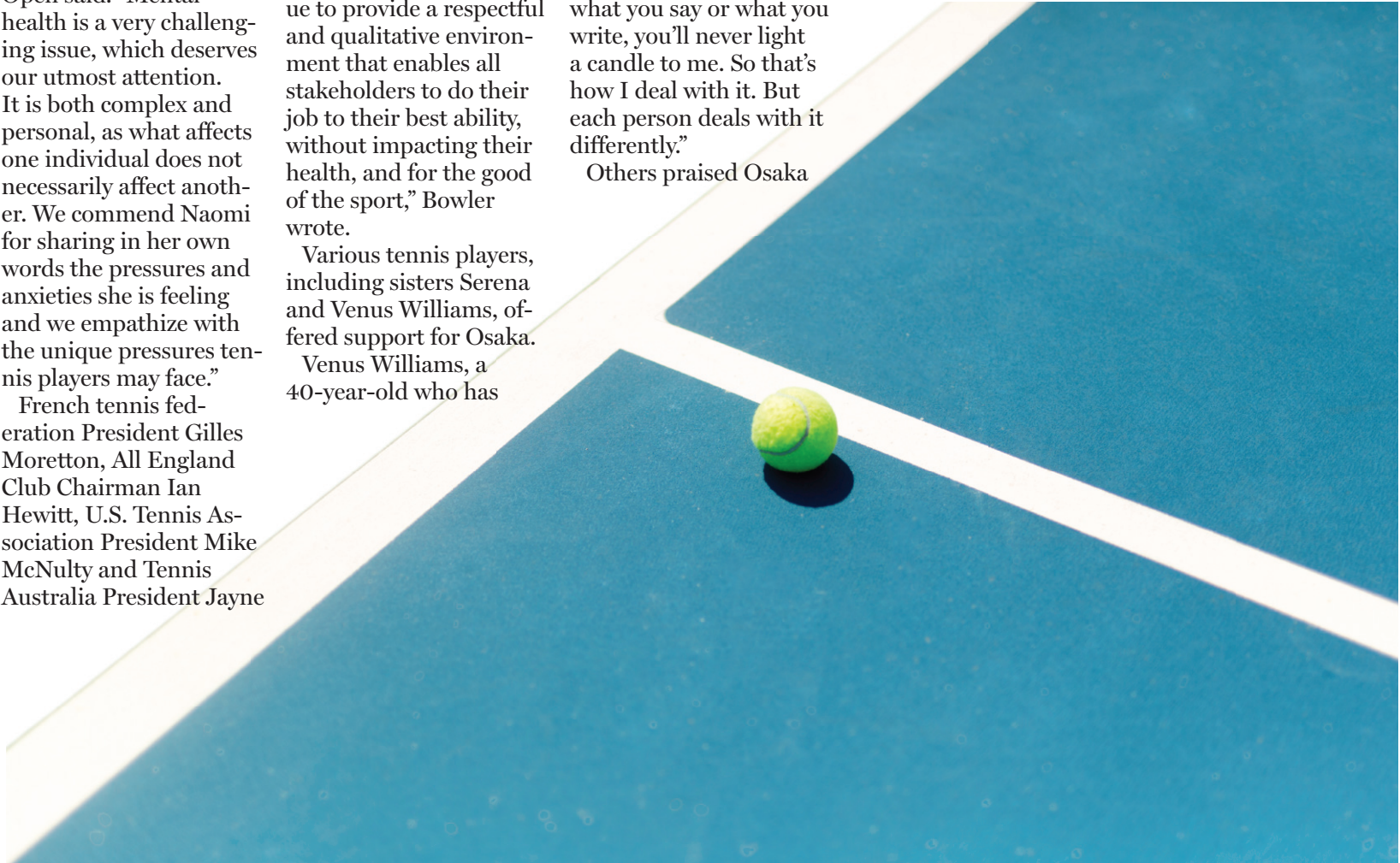
for being forthcoming about her personal story in her statement on social media.

"It's hard. Nobody really knows what anyone is going through, no matter how much they choose to show on the outside. I had no idea about her. But I respect her openness," 20-year-old American pro Ann Li said after her victory. "Our generation is becoming more open and open, which can be a good thing and also a bad thing sometimes. I hope she's doing OK."

Gael Monfils, a 34-year-old from France who also won June 1, offered a sentiment surely shared by many around tennis, from tournament and tour officials to athletes to the sport's fans.

"We need Naomi. We need her definitely to be 100%," Monfils said. "We need her back on the court, back (at) the press conference — and back happy."

AP Sports Writer Sam Petrequin in Paris contributed to this report.



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Hansel Enmanuel has become a phenomenon. The SOH Elite star has one arm and still dominates. (Photos/David Dixon)

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