

'IT JUST HAS ME HURTIN':

Amid homicide rise, 23 Black women killed so far this year

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Sabrina Manley will remember her sister as someone who was always energetic, the book smart type who stayed involved in the community and tried to help people through a nonprofit she was in the process of expanding.

All of it was cut short. Latisha Burnett was killed July 12 at her home on the northwest side near Indianapolis Motor Speedway. She was 43.

"We can't function," Manley said. "We're so torn because she was such a positive person."

Burnett left her job as a computer programmer to start her nonprofit, WITT, about five years ago, Manley said. WITT, which stands for We In This Together, was a resource for women coming out of the criminal justice system. Manley said she was working with Burnett to buy and repair properties for young people who need housing.

Burnett's mother, Carolyn Manley, said she's struggled to eat and sleep over the last month, and she's been seeing a psychiatrist.

"I've been sick deep down inside," she said. "It just has me hurtin'."

Burnett's family believes it was a



Latisha Burnett was killed July 12. She was 43 years old and started a nonprofit to help women coming out of the criminal justice system. (Photo provided by family)

partner who killed her, though the case is unsolved, according to IMPD records.

Burnett was one of 23 Black women killed in Indianapolis this year as of Aug. 4, according to a review of IMPD records. That number includes one unborn baby. July was the deadliest month so far, with five deaths. Four remain unsolved, and one was exceptionally cleared, meaning police identified a suspect but can't make an arrest. Twenty-one of the women were killed by a firearm.

There were 150 criminal homicides in Indianapolis as of Aug. 4, putting the city on pace for another record-breaking year. (Note: IMPD includes homicides that happened in 2020 but weren't deemed homicides until 2021; the Recorder includes only homicides that happened in 2021.)

La Keisha Jackson, a city-county councilor who represents a district on the far east side, said society in general doesn't give enough attention to Black women when it comes to talking about

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Screenshot from a diversity, policy and human resources committee meeting where a disagreement occurred about IndyPL CEO Jackie Nytes' role in the climate study.

Funding loss adds urgency to IndyPL's internal climate process

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Members of the Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) board of trustees all agree an internal climate study ought to take place. However, the board isn't unanimous on how to conduct the study.

"Everyone is in agreement that a look at the culture in the library is needed," said Hope Tribble, chair of the Diversity, Policy and Human Resources Committee. "We're looking to be very intentional ... and make sure we're doing it in the best way possible to address the issues."

Dr. Khaula Murtadha and Dr. Patricia Payne argue community members and members of an equity council should be the ones gathering information because, as Murtadha said during the July board meeting, it would allow the study to capture "the complexity, the good, the bad and the ugly." Under her initial proposal, Murtadha would oversee the

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GANGGANG leaders bring fine art fair to Indianapolis

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When Malina Jeffers and Alan Bacon formed the cultural development firm GANGGANG, they wanted to provide Black artists in Indianapolis with opportunities to expand their portfolios and get more eyes on their work — including bringing together a group of 18 artists to create the Black Lives Matter mural downtown last summer.

Now, with help from business partners, Jeffers and Bacon are bringing together 38 Black artists from around the country for a multi-day fine art fair, starting with a preview night Sept. 2.

Held at the Stutz building, 1060 N. Capitol Ave., BUTTER will

include works from artists such as Kerry James Marshall, Kaila Austin and Courtland Blade, and will also incorporate local DJs and live bands for a multi-sensory experience.

"We've been to several art fairs around the country, and I was wondering if we could bring a sense of that to the Midwest," Jeffers said. "There are art shows here in town that feature Black artists, and we just thought we could do shows better justice and be more intentional and authentic and figure out how we can elevate the narrative around the Black talent in Indianapolis."

Not only will BUTTER give Indianapolis residents a chance to peruse fine art downtown, it



"Colored King" by Kyng Rhodes will be on display at BUTTER. (Photo provided)

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also gives the artists full equity for any artwork sold. Unlike other fairs where artists either have to pay to showcase their work or pay the organizer a portion of their earnings, artists at BUTTER will keep 100% of the money they make from their art. It also gives up-and-coming artists the experience of working with a curatorial

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Indiana court ruling won't end extra unemployment payments

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana will continue paying out the extra \$300 in weekly federal unemployment payments despite a court ruling that the state's Republican governor had the authority to cut off the benefit Aug. 17.

Those payments will continue because the state must give recipients a 30-day notice that they will stop, which extends past the scheduled Sept. 6 end of the federal pandemic unemploy-

ment programs, Indiana Department of Workforce Development spokesman Scott Olson said.

Gov. Eric Holcomb decided to withdraw Indiana from the programs in mid-May, but a Marion County judge ruled that Indiana law requires the state to procure all available federal unemployment benefits for residents.

The state resumed making the payments in July after an Indiana Court of Appeals panel turned down the state's request to immediately block the order.

A different appeals court panel, how-

ever, overturned that judge's decision in a 3-0 ruling released Aug. 17, finding that the federal pandemic unemployment programs were intended to be temporary and differed from the already existing unemployment benefits system.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of several unemployed workers and the group Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis, also forced the state to resume its participation in federal programs that makes gig workers and the self-employed eligible for assistance for the first time and an-

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study.

Tribble said bringing in an independent third-party to oversee the study would make library staff feel more comfortable about participating.

“There is a heightened awareness and sensitivity around this, and we want to make sure that all the employees feel comfortable and

have a sense of access to this,” Tribble said. “We would be well-served by looking at a third party to do this, because their independence has the ability to create that space where everyone feels safe.”

At the most recent board meeting, Murtadha and Payne said several outside

studies since 2018 did not lead to any changes in the library, which is why they want community involvement.

Board President Jose Salinas said library attorney Robert Scott needs to determine whether Murtadha’s involvement with the study is a conflict of interest.

Scott could not be

reached for comment.

Salinas said several library staff members said they would feel uncomfortable if a board member was involved in the study. Further, he said Murtadha didn’t show up to a Diversity, Policy and Human Resources Committee meeting she was invited to in order to discuss the

climate study process. Murtadha, who is not a member of the committee, confirmed she didn’t attend, but did not elaborate further.

Michael Torres, president of the Library Workers Union, said he hasn’t heard any concerns from staff about Murtadha’s involvement.

While Salinas ac-

knowledges many library staff members don’t want Nytes — who came under fire in May for alleged racism — to be involved in the study, some workers are concerned the board won’t prohibit her involvement.

“If [Nytes] serves in any kind of capacity in the climate study, it will come out in a way that’s beneficial to the administration and not the workers,” Stephen Lane, special collections librarian and member of the Library Workers Union, said. “She needs to let go of that power, and I know that’s hard for her and scary for her, but we need to make sure that we are collecting the right data and making things better for the library workers.”

Nytes previously assumed she would have a role in the study, now she’s following the board’s lead.

“I am eager to move forward with a climate improvement process that can identify concerns, their root causes, and a path toward solutions that improve The Library for all employees,” Nytes said in a statement. “The Library board of trustees is tasked with our organization’s governance, and the next step is in their hands. They are currently in discussions to determine what the process looks like and how I — and any other staff — should be involved.”

While an internal climate process has been discussed for several months, a recent announcement that the Central Indianapolis Community Foundation (CICF) will withhold funding from IndyPL added a sense of urgency. On Aug. 10, the organization said it will withhold money from a \$28 million fund until a “measurable change toward a more equitable internal environment is evident.”

Some library personnel are concerned other organizations may follow CICF and withhold funds.

In an internal email obtained by the Recorder, IndyPL’s Chief Public Services Officer John Helling told staff CICF’s decision would not impact 2021. However, programs scheduled for 2022, including the Summer Reading Program and several world language programs, would likely be affected.

Salinas said the board hopes to have the climate process completed by the end of the year.

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School teachers, staff adjusting to in-person learning

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Evan Taylor remembers what it felt like in March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic upended education. It wasn't just the uncertainty and quickly pivoting to virtual school; people were praising teachers, calling them heroes.

Life was hard, yes, but Taylor felt appreciated. Now it's August 2021. School is back — in-person for the most part — with plenty of lessons learned but still some of the same feelings of unease.

The praise for teachers, though?

"It's dissipated a bit," said Taylor, a math teacher at Center for Inquiry School 70.

Taylor sees almost all of his students in person every day and, like other teachers, feels like students and teachers would be in a much better position to go back to virtual learning if they have to. But in-person learning also means teachers like Taylor, who often work into the evening to help students and families, are feeling burnout only a couple of weeks into the school year.

It's part of the capitalist mindset, Taylor said: "You're not doing your best if you're not tired and exhausted at the end of the day."

Some teachers see a

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potential saving grace in mask mandates. Indianapolis Public Schools, Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township and other districts initially had some variation of a mask-optional policy but have since made masks

mandatory, regardless of vaccination status.

The moves came as COVID-19 case totals increased, largely because of the more transmissible delta variant. There were 1,452 new student cases reported to the state health department

in the seven-day period ending Aug. 13.

Masks won't reduce the lofty expectations teachers face, but they could cut back on the likelihood of another transition back to virtual school.

Eric Parquet, direc-

tor of human resources at Metropolitan School District of Pike Township, said he heard from teachers after school started Aug. 3 that they wanted a mask mandate, which the board implemented Aug. 12. (Initial guidance said

students and staff weren't required to wear a mask if they provided documentation that they had been vaccinated or tested positive for antibodies.)

That helped "ease some tension," Parquet said, although he added the beginning of the school year has still been stressful for teachers as everyone adjusts to an education scene that's as normal as it's been since the pandemic started. Some students haven't been in a classroom in a year and a half, Parquet noted.

David Johnson III, a math teacher at Lynhurst 7th and 8th Grade Center in Wayne Township, where students and staff have to wear masks, teaches students in the 11-13 age group, so some of them aren't even eligible to be vaccinated. Lynhurst has reported no new cases for students, teachers or staff.

Johnson said this school year started much smoother than he anticipated, though he still does think about the possibility of having to go virtual again, especially because of how sudden it seemed to happen the first time.

"If it does happen, the kids are used to it," he said. "My colleagues, we're used to it."

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AALFI: harnessing 'the collective power of the Black community'

BY KIAHNA DAVIS



Black Philanthropy Month is in full swing, and its goal is to inspire and inform investment in Black giving in all forms. The African American Legacy Fund of Indianapolis

(AALFI), a fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation, is excited to join in this celebration and awareness of Black giving. Started as an idea by a handful of thoughtful community activists and established in 2019, this organization has found its legs. We have been running toward its mission to harness and promote the collective power of the Black community to positively impact the city of Indianapolis.

To date, AALFI has raised over \$300,000 with contributions from over 100 individuals and families who continue to understand the importance of Black giving within our city. In December 2020, through a partnership with The Indianapolis Star, AALFI invested over \$150,000 to youth-serving organizations in Indianapolis that served majority-Black youth, had

a Black leader and whose board was majority Black.

During its executive planning, AALFI adopted its engagement opportunities to kick off each August during Black Philanthropy Month with membership and donor drives throughout the month. Moving into February of each year, AALFI will convene a learning journey to engage its members in our key focus areas of education, health, economic opportunity, and Black-led, Black-served and Black-governed organizations. After the learning journey, grant applications will be open to Indianapolis-based community organizations, with awards announced each August.

AALFI is looking to round out our founding members as we move into our first year of full engagement. If you are interested in learning more, please email info@AALFI.com, or you can visit AALFI.com. And you are invited to join us at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at Block Bistro to learn more about AALFI and our commitment to uplift and move the social, mental and economic state of African Americans forward.

Kiahna Davis is a steering committee and founding member of African American Legacy Fund of Indianapolis (AALFI).



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victims of violence. She said changing that involves learning more about what's behind the killings, whether it's related to the pandemic, domestic violence or other factors. "If we have the males dying and the women now at an alarming rate, we're leaving kids fatherless and now motherless," Jackson said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women in America experience the highest rate of homicide — 4.4 per 100,000 women. Roughly 55% of these homicides were related to domestic violence. Black women are more likely than any other racial demographic to be killed by a firearm.

"There needs to be more media coverage and PSAs [public service announcements] to let women know the risks of staying," Danyette Smith, founder of Silent No More, said. "You have to know what resources are out there for you, because staying in an abusive relationship could lead to death."

Smith created Silent No More, an organization that provides domestic violence survivors with resources and support, just a few months after leaving an abusive situation.

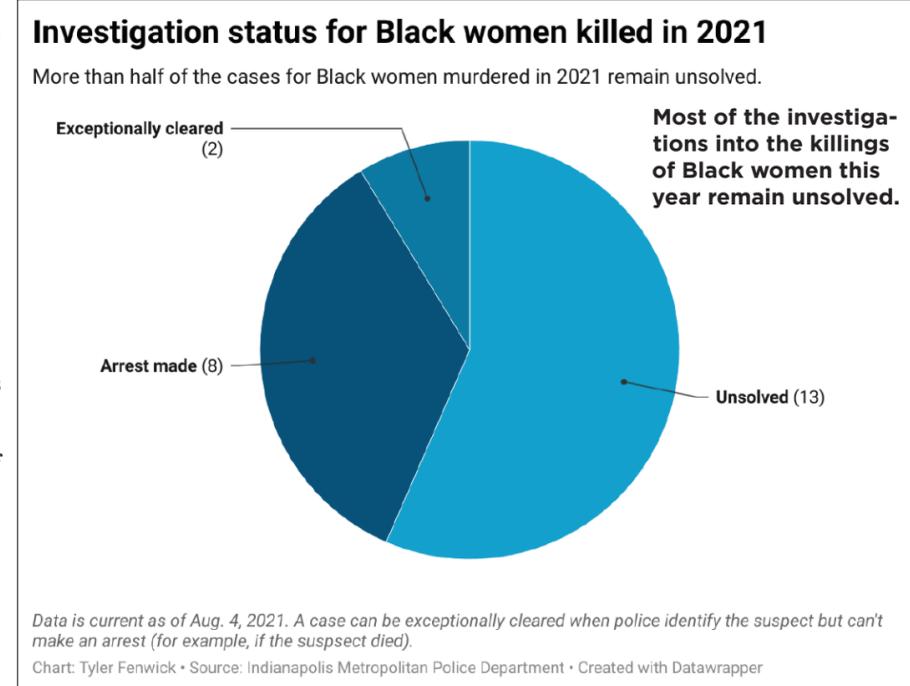
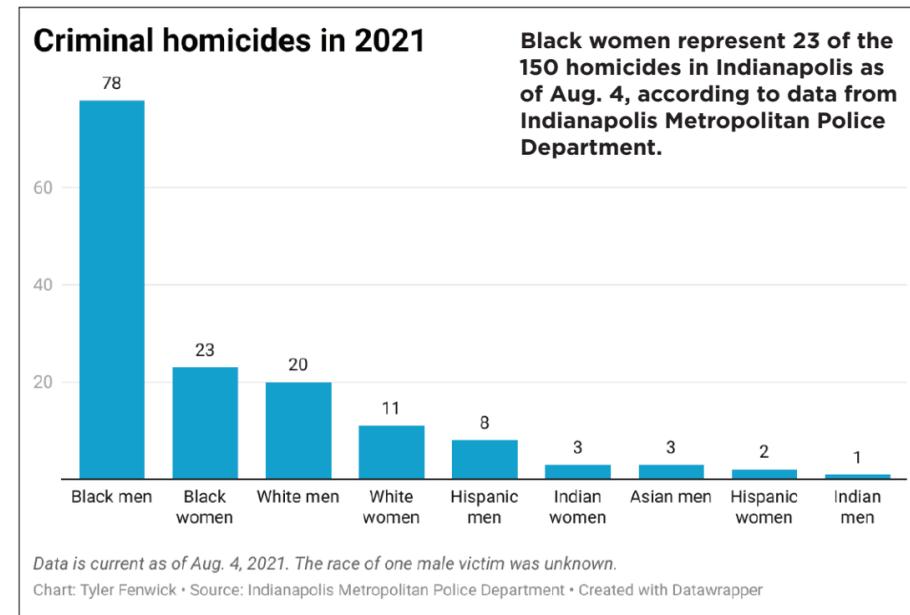
Smith was a victim of domestic violence for 10 years. During that time, her partner frequently threatened her life and hit her so hard she had to have two plates implanted in her eye to hold her cornea together. After leaving her partner in 2014, Smith said she was unsure of what resources were available to her.

"Domestic violence was swept under the rug," she said. Smith described difficulty finding help and support and said, as a Black woman, she experienced extra barriers to getting assistance.

COVID-19 has only exacerbated those barriers and caused a spike in the number of women killed by their partners.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the rate of domestic violence-related homicides in Indiana has increased 100%, according to Colleen Yeakle, coordinator of prevention initiatives at Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This is, in part, because many people were isolated in an abusive situation, and also because many shelters and service providers had to close their doors.

Dena Simpson, coordinator of housing services for Coburn Place, said many organizations are still challenged by the pandemic, and COVID-19 put a spotlight on inadequate services and gaps. Barriers to support during the pandemic, which she said are often faced by women of color, increased the



"opportunity for that increase" in violence. Simpson said she's seen people return to unsafe relationships throughout the course of the pandemic, oftentimes related to a lack of resources and hope.

"Many of the service providers in the last year had to decrease capacity, but the need is still there," Simpson said. "There have

been resources that have come through for housing, but it's still not enough to ensure individuals are safe and supported."

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team. "That very process elevates the event, for both the audiences and the artists themselves," Bacon said.

Each artist will have a handful of pieces available for purchase. While there's no theme for the fair — Bacon said they wanted artists to show the world from their own unique lens — Jeffers said the show is sending a message to the predominately white art exhibitions in the United States.

"Less than 1% of art shown in this country is made by Black artists," Jeffers said. "With 38 Black artists exhibited in Indianapolis, BUTTER can be considered political in itself."

The art fair will end with a testimony service, led by Ebony Chappel and Sarah J. in the City, to allow the community to share how 2020 impacted their mental and spiritual health.

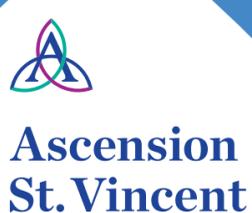
"It will help us hear and heal each other," Jeffers said. "... When you think about what it means to be a Black creative in general, you need togetherness and testimony."

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By TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Lights out. For most people, that means it's time to sleep, but not you. Lights out means time to turn 'em back on, pump up the music and get the party started. And for those in the new novel "Blackout" by Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk and Nicola Yoon, it's time to fall in love.

Obviously, there was a mix-up. There was just one job opening at the Apollo corporate headquarters, but two candidates were offered the position and both were there for orientation. Oops.

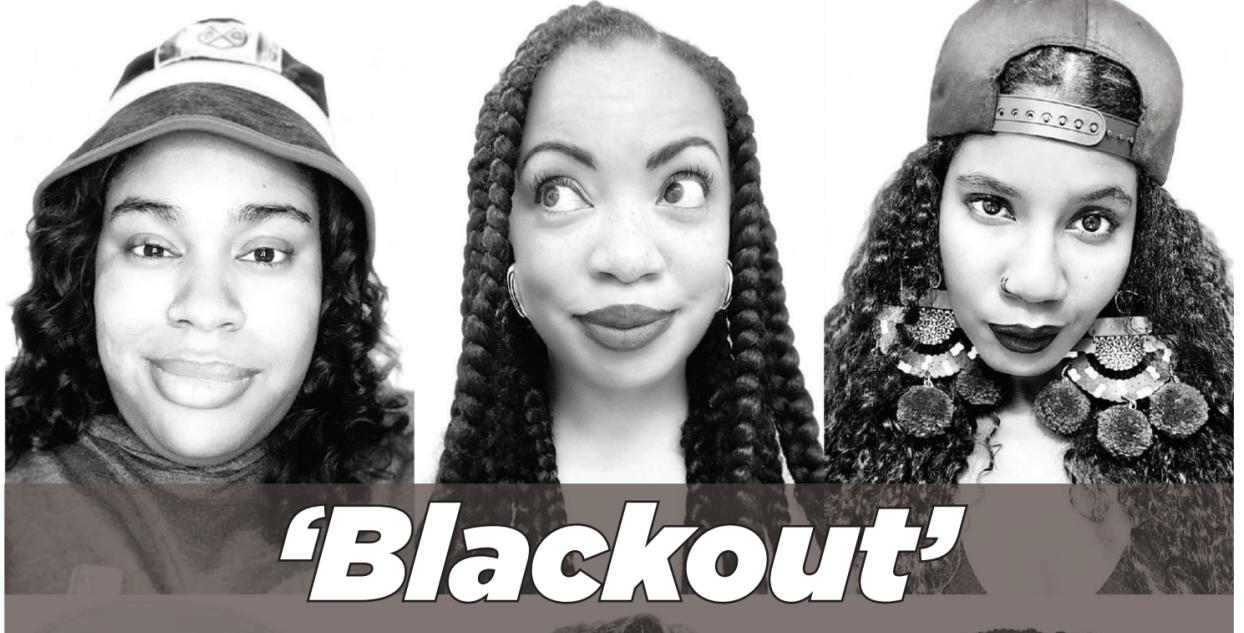
Bad on the company. Worse for Tammi Wright, whose heart was shattered upon seeing Kareem Murphy walk into the lobby. He'd broken up with her a few weeks before, and she thought she was over him. Apparently not, but she wanted that job so she'd wait, even if she had to do it somewhere near his fine self.

And then the lights went out. It had been stiflingly hot that day and Manhattan's power grid couldn't handle it. Without A/C, buildings were vacated, people milled around, and Kareem suggested they start walking home to Brooklyn. Tammi thought he was out of his mind, but he had a DJing gig that evening, do-or-die, and there was nothing else to do.

JJ Harding Jr. was on the subway when the blackout hit, but he didn't worry until he noticed Tremaine Wright a few seats away. Tremaine was claustrophobic, as JJ knew, and he could see that Tremaine was almost freaking out. He didn't want to intrude if the claustrophobia was a sensitive secret. JJ knew all about secrets.

The residents at the Althea House were playing cards when the blackout started, and the most beautiful woman Nella had ever seen walked into the building. Lana was trying to figure out how to tell her best friend, Tristan, that she liked him a whole lot more than just like. Kayla Simmons was sitting on a tour bus, contemplating a love rectangle.

Grace was in Seymour's Ryde, heading for Brooklyn, and the party was



about to start ...

OK, yes, it's a story that's contrived and convenient. Yes, it's a lot of meet-cute. It's predictable, too, but reach a little deeper and "Blackout" is a pretty intriguing concept.

It is, in fact, the ultimate in collaboration: six authors, cooperating on one single story that arcs through six different couples on one dark night makes for an interesting tale, in part because each of the authors brings her

own style to the table here. The characters aren't interchangeable, nor are the situations, which gives readers a strong sense that the people in these tales are more dimensional. You can feel the same heat they're feeling. You'll believe that they're heading for the same place and that things are gonna get even more interesting.

Want to go, too?

Then check for "Blackout" in your local YA section. Despite its strong

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Ailey



By **DWIGHT BROWN**
NNPA News Wire Film Critic

Gifted artists create a spirit so strong it lives on long after they're gone. That's the case with legendary choreographer/dancer Alvin Ailey. It's like he never left. Never passed on.

Documentary director Jamila Wignot records the history, evolution and continuation of Ailey's work during the renowned Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's 60th anniversary year. Choreographer Rennie Harris, founder of Rennie Harris Puremovement, a hip-hop dance theater company based in Philadelphia, is creating a dance piece ("Lazarus"), which is dedicated to Ailey's style. As he choreographs, he puts his mission into context: "A dancer is a physical historian. Valued community information is stored in a dancer's body."

As Ailey's legacy is brought forward, former members of AAADT and other admirers reflect and pay tribute to their mentor. Judith Jamison (Ailey dancer, 1965-1979; artistic director 1989-2011): "Alvin breathed in. We are his breath out. That's what we're living on." Bill T. Jones (Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company and guest AAADT choreographer): "Choreography was his catharsis." Their reverence, along with that of dancer George Faison, stage manager Bill Hammond and others, attests to Ailey's ethos and artistry, which left a spiritual impression on his disciples and the performing arts community.

Director Jamila Wignot, with photos, footage, performances and vintage interviews with Ailey, paints a genius'

portrait that was brushed with achievements and adversity. Her archive is aided by Daniel Bernard Roumain's musical score and Naiti Gámez's perfectly lit cinematography. The keen abilities of editor Annukka Lilja help the director and archival producer Rebecca Kent assemble all the anecdotes, details, clips and other vestiges of Ailey's bio into a coherent and respectful life-journey album.

The tragedies of the artist's truncated existence (died at age 58) are on view too. Bouts with mental illness. The slow, deadly progression of AIDs, a scourge that challenges his life until its last chapter, when he would sit on a couch in his studio to continue his craft. Not the ending one would suspect for a dancer born in Texas who came to New York City in 1954 to live out his dreams: "I had beautiful things inside me I wanted to get out." Some of those beautiful things became classic dance pieces, such as his iconic "Revelations," his quintessential blend of African American heritage, music and the Black experience.

An 82-minute non-fiction film is not enough time for any documentarian to recount and depict all the aspects of Ailey's life. It touches on him being a pioneer in the arts at a time when Black dance companies were few and far between. The nuts and bolts of him building AAADT aren't as in-depth as historians may like. The inside scoop on a man arrested for stalking at Columbia University is not detailed, which may disappoint leering gossips. Respect seems to be the key here. Other details



can be found on a Google search or should be included in a bio-feature film or miniseries if some smart producer decides to tell the whole story.

There are those in life who were meant to break through and set stan-

dards. Ailey is one of them. His accomplishments and legacies are verified by this reverent and galvanizing film. A doc that celebrates dance that's a reflection of Black life as created by a gifted pioneer.

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other that provides extra weeks of aid.

Holcomb sought to withdraw the state from all those programs, saying Indiana businesses had many job openings they were struggling to fill.

Holcomb praised the appeals court ruling, saying it confirmed he acted properly by withdrawing from the optional federal programs.

"These programs assisted Hoosiers in a time when some businesses were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic," Holcomb said in a statement. "Since that time, businesses are adapting so that they can remain open while maintaining a safe environment. Currently, Indiana has more than 143,000 job openings and I know there are even more out there."

More than two dozen Republican-led states terminated early their involvement in the federal programs that Congress adopted in March 2020 to support workers affected by the pandemic.

The \$300 payments have more than doubled Indiana's average \$280 weekly unemployment payment, which has a maximum of \$390 a week. Nearly 170,000 people in Indiana collected the extra \$300 payments before Holcomb announced the state's withdrawal in May, according to the state's Department of Workforce Development.

State officials have said those collecting the extra payments would not be asked to refund the money regardless of the outcome of the legal fight.

Attorneys who filed the lawsuit against the state didn't immediately comment on the appeals court's ruling.



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EDITORIAL

Black women matter too

By OSEYE BOYD



So far this year, 23 Black women were killed in our city. Twenty-three. Many of them died by gun violence. As so often happens with Black women, we're invisible.

Black men get the bulk of our attention when it comes to violence, specifically gun violence, as they make up the bulk of victims and perpetrators. So, it makes sense that we have a blind spot. Black women are in that blind spot.

The precarious life of Black women is often overlooked or ignored. To overlook or ignore, though, implies a purposeful action. I don't even think Black women are considered important enough to even think about. We just don't matter.

Oh, we give lip service to the importance of Black women. Sure, we're called queens, but we're also called bitches, hoes, thots, hood rats and other disparaging names. Why is it I could only quickly think of just one positive word but a plethora of pejorative ones? And queen is only reserved for those who act a certain way, i.e., respectable to a man's standard. Queens matter. Queens are valuable, but if you do anything unbecoming of a queen — whatever that is — you have no worth.

We think we have to trade one gender for another as

we both can't have value at the same time. Blockbuster movies of the '90s focused on the perilous life of Black boys and young men. Who can forget Charles Dutton's pinnacle line in "Menace to Society"? "Being a Black man in America isn't easy. The hunt is on, and you're the prey." Dutton should've won an Oscar off that line alone. He delivered it with so much force and it resonated so deeply. Around that time there was a definitive movement to focus on how important Black fathers are to Black boys. Focusing on the role of Black fathers in the lives of Black girls on a large scale came much later.

I established I'm a womanist early on when I began writing this column. I go hard for Black women. Our lives are just as valuable as Black men's. Now, some Black men will take that to mean I'm anti-Black men just as some white people will take my stance against white supremacy to mean I'm anti-white. I'm not against Black men, but I am against misogyny and sexism. So, if you, a Black man, happen to be a misogynist or sexist, then I have a fundamental difference with you just as I do a racist.

So, if you're thinking 23 Black women killed out of 150 isn't that many, we have a fundamental difference. While the number may not be as high as the number of deaths of Black men, it's a significant number of women who senselessly lost their lives. Unfortunately, it seems domestic violence or intimate partner

violence plays a role in the deaths of women. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports Black women have the highest rate of homicide and 55% are related to domestic violence. We're also more likely to be killed by a firearm. That means a Black woman could likely die at the hands of someone who professed to love her.

I really want that to sink in. Black women are being killed by people who tell them "I love you" or at the very least are supposed to like them — not random strangers, not enemies. People Black women trust. That's a key difference when it comes to violence between men. Men often have beef that spirals out of control. There's no trust. Violence isn't the way to resolve conflict, but it's not a surprise when two people dislike each other and it occurs. However, no one expects to be killed by a loved one. It's the antithesis to love.

Instead of policing Black women's bodies how about we police the behavior of those who harm them? How about we do a better job at valuing Black women — regardless of their queen status — and protect them? That doesn't mean she doesn't have agency or can't defend herself, but it means when we see harm done to Black women — regardless of who the perpetrator is — we stand up for her.

Let's go just as hard for Black women as we do for Black men.

OPINIONS

Should we stay or should we go?

By LARRY SMITH



What do you do when you have a major decision to make and all your options are bad? You endeavor to pick the least bad one and hope that you're right. When it comes to making decisions

about Afghanistan, any course of action is bound to have serious consequences regarding our foreign policy, and even our domestic security.

Before I go further, let me state unequivocally that I don't have all the answers when it comes to Afghanistan. Perhaps I don't have any. I also recognize that I am sitting in the comfort of my office, pontificating, with absolutely nothing at stake. With that established, I will offer some thoughts regarding President Joe Biden's decision to withdraw from that nation — and the manner in which he did so.

First, I don't know whether leaving is the right decision — for us or for the people of Afghanistan. On the one hand, our military clearly is a stabilizing force (no pun intended). There is perhaps no better evidence of that than

the heartbreaking humanitarian catastrophe that immediately ensued after our irresponsibly executed withdrawal. Further, the swift collapse of Afghanistan's civilian and military leadership guarantees that the country will return to the medieval-type rule of the Taliban.

On the other hand, most Americans have lost the appetite to continue what could, in a literal sense, become an endless war. We have spent billions of dollars fighting combatants and engaging in what we euphemistically refer to as "nation-building." Understandably, there is a strong impulse to cut our losses.

The ultimate question, of course, is whether our blood and treasure were worth the effort. The answer truly depends on who one asks. There should be no argument against the fact that the U.S. has met the original two goals that we set for invading Afghanistan: "disrupting" (i.e., killing) the people who committed the 9/11 attacks and preventing another such attack on American soil.

Regarding the former, we have killed thousands of fighters and leaders, of whom Osama Bin Laden was the most important (at least symbolically). Regarding the latter, fewer than 200 Americans have been killed in terrorist

attacks in America during the last 20 years. (New York City alone has foiled 50 such plots.) However, our hasty exit likely will lead to Afghanistan again becoming a safe haven for terrorist organizations.

If our leaving results in another horrific attack on America, will those who agree with the withdrawal change their minds? If it doesn't, will those who opposed the withdrawal change theirs? In either case, those concerns place U.S. interests at the center of the debate. However, we have a moral obligation to consider the interests of the 39 million people who call Afghanistan home. At a minimum, we must do everything within our power to resettle the Afghans who risked their lives to help our military and civilian workers. Anything less would be a complete moral failure on our part.

Importantly, the situation in Afghanistan is a microcosm of the internal crisis that Islam faces. Just as the West is struggling to determine whether liberal democracy will endure, the Islamic world is in a battle between modernity and those who are willing to die (or kill) to resist it. The simple truth is that Islamists kill more followers of Islam than they do any other group of people. Only Muslims can solve that problem.

When it comes to Afghanistan, I see three potential ways to address the challenge going forward. One is for Muslim countries to create a multinational force to challenge the Taliban. That simply is not going to happen. Another possibility is a popular uprising of millions of patriotic Afghans against the Taliban. Given that Afghanistan is not so much a unified country as it is a confederacy of tribes and warlords, I strongly doubt that will happen. Third, the rest of the world could completely isolate the Taliban. While this option could have the best chance of occurring, Pakistan, Russia, and China are already doing business with them. (The Chinese even received an official delegation of the Taliban.)

Even as the Taliban sustained incredible losses on the battlefield, they were fond of telling their adversaries: "You have the watches, but we have the time." In short, the greatest military cannot defeat the deepest ideology. Will America have to return to this fight? Time will tell.

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'This isn't a hoax. This isn't a game.' It's reality.

By LESLIE SMITH



I'm confused. The date was Aug. 11, 2021. The time was 2:25 p.m. I received the following message from my children's school district superintendent. "We have continued keeping close track of reported positive cases and student/staff quarantines. We are experiencing similar increases as our

state and county. As of today (August 11), there have been 61 cases and 630 quarantines." [FYI: School started on July 29.]

"Now that we've looked at the data, I want you to be aware of the actions we'll take in the coming days." Step 1: Meet with [blank] County Health Department

I have arranged a meeting with the [blank] County Health Department and the other [blank] County superintendents for later this week. During that conversation, we'll discuss any updated recommendations as a result of our Orange status."

Make it make sense. I continue to see politicians fighting each other as they disagree on whether a mask should or should not be worn in schools. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) clearly recommends that masks be worn inside for school children since they cannot be vaccinated. But it's now up to the child or the parents? So, is this no longer public health? But a game of Russian roulette. Why can't the superintendent decide for our children without having to discuss the matter with other superintendents? How many children will need to be infected for them to take action? I thought he was responsible for the health and safety of our babies. I'm confused.

My youngest child's school has had 11 cases during his first 14 days of school. However, last year, there was one case during the first 2 1/2 months of school. One! So, was it just pure luck that there was only one case? Was it just pure luck that there were only 13 cases during the first 2 1/2 weeks of school last year

in the entire district versus the 61 this year? Was it the immaturity of the virus that there were 220 students quarantined in the entire district last year during the first 2 1/2 weeks of school versus the 630 this year? Keep in mind that school has only been in session for 14 days, but the number of children who are currently infected with COVID-19 is more than 4.5 times the amount in the first 2 1/2 months of school in 2020.

I'm confused.

Yes, we are a free country (for most of us but that's a different column). But where do we draw the line? There are vaccines to protect the population for those who are over 12. But what about my babies? How are they supposed to be protected? What if their fellow classmate has a weakened immune system? What if they can't advocate for themselves? I challenge our school districts, government, superintendents and everyone else to put politics aside. It's time to protect our babies. I'm tired of the bickering. Tired of the anxiety. I fear daily wondering if my child will be infected next. There's proof in data. There's proof in numbers.

Can we just have all the children wear masks? And if there's another alternative to protect our babies, please share. I just want all of our children to be safe.

This isn't a hoax. This isn't a game. This is reality. Signed,
Still confused

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Members of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council went to Bradford Woods in Martinsville to work on team building and leadership. (Photo provided by Marion County Commission on Youth)

High school students bring young people's interests to the mayor

By TYLER FENWICK
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A group of 25 high school students from around Marion County will get a chance to help shape local public policies that impact young people through the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council program.

The members, who represent schools from all nine townships, will meet with the mayor and other officials monthly to share feedback on specific issues, including mental health and how pandemic-related unemployment has impacted children.

Bernard Mickle, director of youth engagement, outreach and empowerment at the Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY), said sometimes Mayor Joe Hogsett gives the students specific things to look at for the next meeting. MCCOY partners with the city to run the program.

Joseph Jideonwo, from Cathedral High School, said he wanted to be part of the program because young people can benefit Indianapolis.

"I wanted young people to have a voice and say in politics and how the city is run," he said.

Aside from reporting back to the mayor on issues affecting young

people, members of the council are expected to be active in the community. In 2019, for example, some students participated in an event to raise awareness for mental health.

Nya Malott, from North Central High School, said one issue she wants to focus on is how the COVID-19 pandemic affected youth, especially when it comes to job loss. In the long term, doing this kind of work now could be good practice for dealing with future challenges.

"We're gonna end up growing up in Indianapolis and wherever else," she said. "Being in this program and being this young, we're gonna be able to see the problems that are going on so when we're older we can actually fix it."

All students on the council are either juniors or seniors. This is the fourth cohort since Hogsett reestablished the youth leadership council in 2018.

"Over the coming year, these promising students will have the opportunity to make a real difference for our community, learning key leadership skills along the way," Hogsett said in a statement.

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Experian North America launches groundbreaking initiative to accelerate financial inclusion in underserved communities

Inclusion Forward - Experian Empowering Opportunities™ helps clients advance diversity goals by creating greater and more affordable credit access

COSTA MESA, CA (August 10, 2021) - Leading information services company Experian today announced the launch of **Inclusion Forward - Experian Empowering Opportunities™**, a first-of-its-kind initiative to help clients identify and directly support underserved and vulnerable communities. **Inclusion Forward™** harnesses Experian's data, analytics and technology to help clients create and provide more affordable credit access.

"At Experian, we believe every consumer deserves access to fair and affordable credit. In fact, it's our mission to drive financial inclusion and help facilitate that access," said Craig Boundy, Chief Executive Officer of Experian North America. "Through **Inclusion Forward™**, we will expand our work in helping clients better serve and provide greater financial opportunities for all consumers."

This is the latest step in Experian's work to help the more than 100 million consumers who are restricted by traditional scoring methods. In 2019, the company introduced **Experian Boost**, empowering consumers to contribute positive payment history for accounts including cell phone, utility, streaming service, internet and more, directly to their Experian credit report. This helps build their credit history and can potentially increase their credit scores. Experian introduced **United for Financial Health** in 2020 to empower and protect vulnerable people and communities, enabling them to improve their financial wellbeing through education and action.

"Closing the wealth gap is key in racial equity efforts," said Wil Lewis, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer for Experian. "By unlocking the power of Experian data, clients can better understand the financial challenges consumers from diverse backgrounds may face and help achieve their diversity, equity and inclusion goals. This can lead to creating solutions and education for all consumers, so they can achieve their life goals."

Experian begins rolling out **Inclusion Forward™** to clients later this month.

As part of its longstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion for its employees and the communities in which it operates, Experian has been recognized for three consecutive years as a **Great Place to Work**, one of **Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For**, and a **2021 Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion**. In addition, the **Human Rights Campaign Foundation** gave Experian North America a perfect score in its **Corporate Equality Index** for the third year in a row.

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Both of Andry Rakotomalala's parents are "Malagasy", which means they are from Madagascar. Andry was born and lived in Madagascar for five years until his parents, who are both physicians, moved their family to Cameroon, where the Rakotomalala's spent twelve years. When Andry was seventeen, they moved to Kenya where he spent the last two years of high school at an American international boarding school in Kijabe.

A high school counselor at Andry's school introduced him to Anderson University, located a mere 12,755 miles away across the globe from Kenya.

"My dad is a pediatric surgeon and my mom is a general practice doctor, so we moved around so they could provide medical care to populations in need," says Andry, who majored in family science at Anderson University. "My goal was to be a family life specialist and help families navigate through challenging times, then someone suggested project management."

Andry began an MBA in Project Management at Anderson after completing his undergraduate degree. Referring to himself as a "professional intern", Andry had a couple internships at Anderson University, then landed



an internship at Rook Security, which is now Sophos. While he was at Rook, he developed an interest in cybersecurity and began exploring cybersecurity as a passive hobby.

After graduating with his MBA in 2016, Andry became a business analyst intern with then-named TinderBox, which rebranded to Octiv and was recently acquired by Conga. Finally breaking free from the "intern" moniker, Andry began consulting on implementation processes and during the pandemic, he

explored a shift to cybersecurity and discovered Eleven Fifty Academy.

"The CARES Act provided me with an opportunity to do cybersecurity part-time while still working," states Andry, who started the EFA Cybersecurity course in November of last year. 2020.

Andry really liked the class, indicating that a lot of information comes at you all at once and he really enjoyed it. His understanding of cybersecurity concepts grew from his experimentation with

solutions, and experiential failures which illuminated a path towards success. "The instructors broke things down into chunks, and gamified the learning process, which I sincerely appreciated," says Andry, who now works with OnPrem Solution Partners.

His advice to prospective students, "If there is anyone who is looking at the Eleven Fifty Academy course, they are already on the right path. Eleven Fifty will give you the op-

portunity to level up. Prepare for a very rewarding and challenging experience, and like anything else, you get out what you put into it."

An instructor of Andry's shared that you must make choices to stay focused, "you have time for it, you make time for it".

Andry has two sisters and one of them is interested in becoming a student at Eleven Fifty Academy, from Madagascar.



US health officials call for booster shots against COVID-19

By **MATTHEW PERRONE** and **MIKE STOBBE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. health officials announced Aug. 18 plans to dispense COVID-19 booster shots to all Americans to shore up their protection amid the surging delta variant and signs that the vaccines' effectiveness is falling.

The plan, as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health agencies, calls for an extra dose eight months after people get their second shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. The doses could begin the week of Sept. 20.

"Our plan is to protect the American people, to stay ahead of this virus," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said as the agency cited a raft of studies suggesting that the vaccines are losing ground while the highly contagious variant spreads.

People who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine will also probably need extra shots, health officials said. But they said they are waiting for more data.

The overall plan is subject to a Food and Drug Administration evaluation of the safety and effectiveness of a third dose and a review by a CDC advisory panel.

The announcement came the same day the Biden administration said it would require nursing homes to mandate vaccinations for staffers in order to continue receiving federal funds. Hundreds of thousands of nursing home workers remain unvaccinated, despite the heightened risk of fatal infections among elderly residents.

Officials said it is "very clear" that the vaccines' protection against infections wanes over time, and they noted the worsening picture in Israel, which has seen a rise in severe cases, many of them in people already inoculated. They said the U.S. needs to get out ahead of the problem before it takes a more lethal turn here and starts leading to increasing hospitalizations and deaths among the vaccinated.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's foremost expert on COVID-19, said that one of the key lessons of the coronavirus is that it's better to "stay ahead of it than chasing after it."

Dr. Mark Mulligan of NYU's Langone Health center welcomed the announcement, saying: "Part of leadership is being able to see around the corner and make hard decisions without having all the data. It seems to me that's what they're doing here."

Top scientists at the World Health Organization bitterly objected to the U.S. plan, noting that poor countries are not getting enough vaccine for their initial rounds of shots.

"We're planning to hand out extra life jackets to

people who already have life jackets, while we're leaving other people to drown without a single life jacket," said Dr. Michael Ryan, the WHO's emergency chief.

The organization's top scientist, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, said the evidence does not show boosters are needed for everyone, and she warned that leaving billions of people in the developing world unvaccinated could foster the emergence of new variants and result in "even more dire situations."

U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy rejected the notion that the U.S. must choose between "America and the world."

"We clearly see our responsibility to both, and we've got to do everything we can to protect people here at home while recognizing that tamping down the epidemic across the world is going to be key," Murthy said.

White House officials noted that the U.S. has donated 115 million doses to 80 countries, more than all other nations combined. They said the U.S. has enough vaccine to dispense boosters to the American people.

Israel is already offering booster shots to people over 50 to control its delta surge. And European medical regulators said they are talking with vaccine developers about the idea.

Last week, U.S. health officials recommended a third shot for some people with weakened immune systems, such as cancer patients and organ transplant recipients. Offering boosters to all Americans would be a major expansion of what is already the biggest vaccination campaign in U.S. history. Nearly 200 million Americans have received at least one shot.

Some experts have expressed concern that calling for boosters would undermine the public health message — and reinforce opposition to the vaccine — by raising more doubts in the minds of people already skeptical about the shots' effectiveness.

Experts believe health officials will recommend that the booster be the same brand of vaccine that people received initially.

As for why the vaccines appear to be less effective over time at stopping infections, there are indications that the body's immune response to the shots fades, as it does with other inoculations. But also, the vaccines simply may not protect against the delta variant as well as they do against the original virus. Scientists are still trying to answer the question.

Officials said the eight-month timeframe was a judgment call about when vaccine protection against severe illness might fall, based on the direc-

tion of the current data. "There's nothing magical about this number," the surgeon general said.

The call for booster shots is a stark reminder that nearly 20 months into the outbreak, the U.S. is still unable to contain the scourge that has killed 620,000 Americans and disrupted nearly every part of daily life.

Just weeks after President Joe Biden declared the country's "independence" from COVID-19 on July Fourth, emergency rooms in parts of the South and West are overloaded again, and cases are averaging nearly 140,000 per day, quadrupling in just a month.

In making its announcement, the CDC released a number of studies conducted during the delta surge that suggest that the vaccines remain highly effective at keeping Americans out of the hospital but that their ability to prevent infection is dropping markedly.

One of the studies looked at reported COVID-19 infections in residents of nearly 15,000 nursing homes and other long-term care facilities. It found that the effectiveness of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines against infection fell from about 74% in March, April and early May to 53% in June and July.

The study examined all COVID-19 infections, with or without symptoms. The researchers said more work is needed to determine if there was a higher incidence of infections that resulted in severe illness.

Another study was a look at 21 hospitals. It found that the vaccine's effectiveness in preventing COVID-19-associated hospitalizations was 86% at two to 12 weeks after the second dose, and 84% at 13 to 24 weeks after. The difference was not considered significant.

A third study, conducted in New York state, found that protection against hospitalizations stayed steady at about 95% over the nearly three months examined. But vaccine effectiveness against new laboratory-confirmed infections declined from about 92% in early May to about 80% in late July.

Also, the CDC released Mayo Clinic patient data from Minnesota that showed that in July, when the delta variant was prevalent, Moderna's vaccine was 76% effective against infection and Pfizer's 42%.

Some scientists had been looking for signs that hospitalizations or deaths are increasing, as a necessary indicator that boosters might be needed.

To some leading scientists, the new studies "would not be sufficient, in and of themselves, to make the case for a booster," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious-diseases expert at Vanderbilt University and liaison to an expert advisory panel that helps the CDC form its vaccination recommendations.



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Health Coalition Urges Hoosiers to Rethink Their Drink

Imagine filling a bathtub with 2-liter bottles of soda. If that sounds like a large amount of soda, it is. Yet the typical Hoosier child consumes enough sugary drinks each year to fill the average 30-gallon bathtub, equal to 56 2-liter bottles.

Top 10 is a local coalition, including the Marion County Public Health Department, which is committed to improving the health of Indianapolis residents, is launching a "Rethink Your Drink" campaign this month to encourage people to choose drinks without added sugars.

The campaign will place a special emphasis on reaching Black and Hispanic parents and teens, who see twice as much advertising for sugary drinks as whites and, therefore, consume more of those drinks.

"Indy's kids are sweet enough," said Rhonda Bayless, executive director of Center for Wellness and Urban Women, a member of Top 10. "None of us would encourage our kids to drink that much sugar, but many of us do so without realizing how much sugar is hidden in many popular drinks."

Sugary drinks include not only sodas but also sports drinks, energy drinks, fruit juices and sweetened teas and coffees.

"Most of us know that sodas contain sugar," Bayless said, "but most of us don't realize how much sugar. Just one 12-ounce can of soda often contains as much as nine teaspoons of sugar. That's like eating four glazed donuts."

Other drinks — some even marketed as good for you — are also loaded with sugar.

A 20-ounce sports drink also contains approximately 9 teaspoons of sugar, and many fruit drinks are loaded with added sugars.

"The American Heart Association recommends that kids limit added sugars to 25 grams per day, and almost all sugary drinks are over this daily limit," said Julie Pike, a registered dietitian with Riley Children's Health, also a Top 10 member. "In fact, sugary drinks are the largest source of calories and added sugar in kids' diets. Even drinking one sugary drink a day significantly increases the risk for obesity and Type-2 diabetes."

"In Marion County, 40 percent of our youth are either overweight or obese," Pike said. "Certainly, the amount of added sugars, especially liquid sugar, in their diet plays a large role in that."

Too much sugar leads to other problems as well, including higher risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, Type-2 diabetes and tooth decay.

So, if you don't fill your bathtub — or children — with sugary drinks, what do you fill them with?

Water is the number one option, but the "Rethink Your Drink" campaign highlights others as well.

"Healthier drink options include water and low-fat milk," Pike said. "When you're at the grocery store, take a look at the nutrition facts label on the back of the package. You want the 'added sugar' to be zero."

"And if you're out at a restaurant, opt for water, low-fat milk or unsweetened tea."

The Top 10 coalition's education campaign will run throughout 2021, reaching out to people through community programs as well as social media.

Plan to attend all four classes.

Registration required 1 week prior to first class.

Register by calling 317-221-2094

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First Baptist Church North celebrates 136th church anniversary



Members of First Baptist Church North Indianapolis recently celebrated the 136th church anniversary. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the celebration was held outdoors, under a tent. (Above) Members of the praise team sing during the celebration. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



Vop Osili, president of the Indianapolis City-County Council, presented senior pastor Rev. Ivan Douglas Hicks with a proclamation from the city-county council.



Linda Thomas, praise team member



The men's chorus performed during the anniversary service.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

The collision on Damascus Road

By JOHNSON BEAVEN III



"One day I was on such a mission to Damascus, armed with the authority and commission of the leading priests. About noon, Your Majesty, as I was on the road, a light from heaven brighter than the sun shone down on me and my companions. We all fell down, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is useless for you to fight against my will.' 'Who are you, lord?' I asked. And the Lord replied, 'I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. Now get to your feet! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and witness.'" Acts 26:12-16 NLT

In the book "Rethinking the Successful Church: Finding Serenity in God's Sovereignty," Samuel D. Rima writes to help ministry leaders along their journey of service to God to be fully aware of and accept God's sovereignty over the ministry and to find serenity and success in God's sovereignty, especially when desired results may not materialize.

This perspective is applicable to us as individuals in our pursuit for personal success in life. A stark reality in life is that what we want and our way to achieve it can clash and be at odds with God's sovereign purpose and providential guidance in our lives.

Since God's plans do not always coincide with our plans, our plans thusly can collide with God's sovereignty. We therefore must come to grips with this tension, but more importantly, its implication for our lives.

A collision occurs when objects collide, or when competing philosophies, opinions and cultures clash.

The most familiar type of collision is vehicles colliding on the street. In similitude, when our plans clash with God's plans, a collision has

occurred at the intersection of My Plans Street and God's Sovereign Way. This is a collision of wills — ours verses God's, which can result in us becoming frustrated because things are not going as we envisioned. It is here where the rubber really meets the road, testing the integrity of our relationship with God and the sincerity of our "yes Lord, to your will; yes Lord, to your way."

This clash can create a brick wall that, if we cling to our plans to maintain control of our lives, we will find ourselves continually pounding our heads against it to no avail. Whenever at this point, it is crucial to understand that God is more concerned that his name is honored and glorified by us fulfilling his sovereign purpose and good pleasure than satisfying our selfish desires and demands for what we want (Romans 9:17; Galatians 1:15-

16; Revelation 4:11).

Saul, also known as Paul, had planned a career path leading to a resume profile of prestige and power, which he had achieved substantial success. But his life path was turned upside down at the collision on Damascus Road — the place of his transformational encounter with Jesus Christ (Acts 9:1-6; 26:9-18). At this collision, God interrupted Saul's well-laid out plans for personal success. A part of Saul's profile of success was being the champion persecutor of Christians, and opposer of the name of Jesus. Yet God's sovereign success profile for Saul was the reverse, to become the persecuted and a prominent proclaimer of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

You must come to grips with "what I see as success for me may not be what God sees as success for me."

This became Saul's piercing reality in the words of our Lord, "it is useless (hard) for you to fight against my will."

Whenever you experience a clash between your desire and God's purpose, the least costly yet most rewarding decision is to compromise your plan and come into agreement with God. Just acquiesce as Saul did — step back, seek and search out God's purpose and direction for your life (Acts 9:6a). Why? Because anything against God's sovereign purpose will not stand (Proverbs 19:21) but surely fail and come to nothing (Acts 5:38-39).

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Historic American church set to integrate its slavery ties

By **MARK PRATT**
Associated Press

The great contradiction of Boston's Old North Church is that a site pivotal to the freedom of the nation is the same place where slave owners and traders once worshiped.

Now, with a \$75,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities announced Aug. 17, the foundation responsible for the preservation of the church campus and the visitor experience plans to overhaul its educational programming to better reconcile and integrate those ties to slavery.

The grant is one of \$28.4 million in grants for about 240 projects nationwide.

"We'll be able to address what I call the paradox of the Old North Church," said Nikki Stewart, executive director of the Old North Foundation, which is distinct from the active Episcopal congregation that still uses the site for religious services. "People see us as a symbol of liberty and independence, but the reality is that the church benefitted from the enslavement of Africans."

For example, the famous steeple was financed in part by the sale of logwood, the harvesting of which was dependent on slave labor, she said.

The church, built in 1723, is known to generations of schoolchildren as the place where in 1775 two lanterns in the steeple signaled that the British were heading to Concord and Lexington "by sea" and set Paul Revere on the ride that ignited the American Revolution.

The links to slavery have always been known, but just how strong those ties were came to light several years ago after the foundation started a program to highlight the connections of several congregants to the Colonial chocolate-making trade.

One of those chocolatiers, it turned out, was Newark Jackson, who was also a sea captain and smuggler who trafficked in slaves.

"That was really a punch in the gut to our whole organization," Stewart said.

Further research found that Jackson was killed during a mutiny aboard a ship in 1743 that at the



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time was transporting 15 slaves, 13 of whom were children.

Like most cultural organizations, the Old North Foundation suffered greatly during the pandemic. The church welcomed about 150,000 visitors in 2019. It shut down completely for a while, and Stewart estimates that current visitation is still only about half what it was.

The grant will help change the educational experience in three ways: through the narratives the staff tells to visitors; through updated exhibits and interpretive signage; and through new online and digital programming designed for children.

"It is our hope that through this plan that all Americans will be able to see their stories in the Old North Church," Stewart said.

BRIEFS

Inauguration of new president

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Indianapolis will hold the inauguration ceremony for Dr. Lionel Rush at 6 p.m. Aug. 22 at Grace Apostolic Church, 649 E. 22nd St.

Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield, presiding bishop of the 13th Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church, will be installed as president

of the Council of Bishops of the AME church.

Bishop Donald Golder, pastor of Temple of Praise, is master of inauguration services, and the Very Reverend Bishop Dr. Allen Hall is the chief celebrant and homilist.

Public art sculpture dedication

Roberts Park United Methodist

Church, 401 N. Delaware St., will celebrate the 200th anniversary with the dedication of a public art sculpture "When I Was Hungry and Thirsty" at noon Aug. 29. The bronze sculpture of Jesus with a bowed head and extended hand is located on the east side of the church. Timothy Schmalz created the sculpture.

Bishop Julius Trimble, general superintendent of the United Methodist Church and episcopal leader of

the Indiana Conference, will lead the dedication.

In addition to the public art sculpture, a new accessible entrance ramp at the front of the church and a newly planted weeping tree also will be dedicated.

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Black Owned Business Block Party

Local civil rights group DON'T SLEEP hosted a Black Owned Business Block Party recently at Flanner House. Products and services were available from 140 businesses. A vaccine clinic was also available, and children enjoyed a kids zone and back-to-school giveaway.



Tamika Jacks, Fitness Baddes in Action, waist trainers, shows Danishia Smith how to use her product. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



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within seven (7) days the Indianapolis Airport Authority may declare the bid deposit forfeited. The Indianapolis Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held in the Auditorium at IAA's Building No. 280 at 3747 South High School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241, on August 25, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. E.T. After the meeting, attendees may meet with local sub-contractors and DBE/MBE/WBE/VBE firms. Please note that masks and social distancing protocols will be enforced. Should special assistance or accommodations be needed for an individual's participation in this meeting, please contact Relay Indiana @ 800.743.3333 (TDD compatible) and have them connect you to 317.487.8578. For general information or questions, please contact Katie Adkins directly at 317.487.8578. INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA By: Mario Rodriguez Executive Director 5320-926599 08/20/21

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Request for Proposal RFP21-07-411 Landscaping Services Summary: IPTC is seeking a professional landscaping service to maintain its eight (8) sites. View RFP Online at https://www.indygo.net/procurement/bid-opportunities/ Procurement Schedule: 8.13.2021 Issue of RFP on IPTC Website 8.20.2021 Virtual Pre-Proposal Meeting 1:00PM EST 8.24.2021 Questions due IPTC Procurement 1:00 PM EST 8.27.2021 IPTC Responses due by EOD 9.2.2021 RFP Proposals due IPTC Procurement 1:00 PM EST TBD Vendor Interviews (if necessary, by appointment) 9.23.2021 IPTC Board Meeting (Via Remote Connection) 5:00 PM EST 5320-925897 08/20/21, 08/27/21

Public Notice Re: Request for Proposals Wide Area Network (WAN) August 20th and 27th, 2021 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library ("IndyPL") by issuing this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is seeking proposals ("Proposals") from Qualified Vendors ("Vendors") to provide quotes for a layer 2 Ethernet Network, commonly known as Metro Ethernet, or MPLS, or Wide Area Network (WAN) to connect its public libraries and administration building. The mechanism of how the network is delivered should be transparent to the Library and should present itself as a layer 2 Ethernet Network. The library will entertain proposals with a term of up to five years in length. IndyPL is seeking Vendors whose combination of experience, personnel, and processes will provide timely, cost-effective, and exemplary Services. It is the intent of IndyPL to work with the selected Vendor for the Services to reach an agreed upon fee for the Services. This RFP describes the Services and contains an overview of the terms and conditions for the Agreement. IndyPL participates in the Universal Services Funding (USF) program. This RFP covers services beginning Plan Year 25 (FY22): July 2022-June 2023 and beyond. Refer to FCC Form 470 # 220000200, posted in the USAC EPC portal. The RFP may be downloaded from the "Doing Business with the Library" page of IndyPL's website, https://www.indypl.org/vendor-opportunities beginning on August 16, 2021. Request for this RFP may also be emailed to purchasingRFP@indypl.org IndyPL will accept Proposals from Vendors in response to the RFP until 9:00 AM local time on September 27, 2021. Delivery instructions are detailed in the RFP. IndyPL is committed to supporting and encouraging economic growth and business opportunities in Marion County by strengthening IndyPL's relationships with minority, women, disability and veteran-owned business enterprises by providing an equal opportunity for participation in all IndyPL business. IndyPL extends to each individual, firm, vendor, supplier, contractor and subcontractor an equal opportunity to compete for IndyPL business. The IndyPL Board of Trustees, with Resolution 28-2020, has adopted Minority/Women/Disability/Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Utilization Goals. The utilization goal for Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBE) is fifteen percent (15%). The utilization goal for Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBE) is eight percent (8%). The utilization goal for Disability-owned Business Enterprises (DOBE) is one percent (1%). The utilization goal for Veteran-owned Business Enterprises (VBE) is three percent (3%). Compliance with the utilization goals will be based on the cumulative amount of Work issued under the Contract. The Library reserves the right to accept, reject, or reject any Proposal, to waive any defects, irregularities or informalities during the RFP process at any time without penalty. Dated this 6th day of August, 2020. Indianapolis Public Library 5320-925799 08/20/21, 08/27/21

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Indianapolis, IN 46204 Telephone: 317-632-4402 FAX: 317-632-5595 ATTORNEY FOR THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 5320-925712 08/13/21, 08/20/21 Tamara Rogers Attorney Notice of Administration In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Howard A. Mimms, deceased. Cause No. 49D08-2107-EU-023658 08/13/21, 08/20/21 Notice is hereby given that George Mimms, on the 15th day of July, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Howard A. Mimms, who died on June 16, 2019. 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 18, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court Probate Division 5320-925557 08/13/21, 08/20/21 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #) SS: PROBATE DIVISION - 2021 TERM COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2105-) EU-017080 IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH A. GLAZE, Deceased SERVICE BY PUBLICATION PUBLISHED NOTICE TO JOSHUA B. MCDOLE Joshua B. McDole, who is an heir of Judith A. Glaze, deceased, is notified that a Petition to Sell Real Estate was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Hendricks County, Indiana, on the 28th day of July, 2021, and a Hearing on said Petition to Sell Real Estate is set for Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. (via WebEx). James D. McDole, Personal Representative of the Estate of Judith A. Glaze, filed an Affidavit for Service by Publication When Residence of Heir and/or Legatee is Unknown along with a Supporting affidavit showing that diligent search has been made and that Joshua B. McDole cannot be located. If Joshua B. McDole wishes to contest the sale of the real estate, he must file a motion to contest the Petition to Sell Real Estate in accordance with I.C. 31-3-1-6.3 in the above-named court within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. If Joshua B. McDole does not file a motion to contest the sale of real estate within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above named court will hear and determine if the real estate should be sold. His consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest either the petition to sell real estate or the validity of his implied consent to sell the real estate. 8/3/2021 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge CLERK, Marion Superior Court #8 Probate Division *For information on how to participate in WebEx hearing, please contact Probate Court at: (317) 327-5063. Charles E. Hostetter H O S T E T T E R & ASSOCIATES 515 North Green Street, Suite 200 Brownsburg, Indiana 46112 (317) 852-2422 CEH/nw 5320-925616 08/13/21, 08/20/21, 08/27/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2107-) EU-023120 IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF: T E D S . S H I E L D S , DECEASED N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of July, 2021, William A. DeVries was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Ted S. Shields, deceased, who died on or about the 20th day of May, 2021. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 4th August, 2021. Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court Probate Division 5320-925683 08/13/21, 08/20/21

Tamara Rogers Attorney Notice of Administration In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Josephine Charleston, deceased. Cause No. 49D08-2103-EU-009141 Notice is hereby given that Charles Gordon, on the 17th day of March, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Josephine Charleston, who died on December 25, 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 4th August, 2021. Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court Probate Division 5320-925683 08/13/21, 08/20/21

Tamara Rogers Attorney Notice of Administration In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Harrison Green, deceased. Cause No. 49D08-2103-EU-010285 Notice is hereby given that Renae Green-Hart, on the 26th day of March, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Harrison Green, who died on February 7, 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 4th August, 2021. Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court Probate Division 5320-925681 08/13/21, 08/20/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2105-) ES-01619 IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF: NANCY E. ORTEGA, Deceased N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that, on May 18, 2021, William H. Taylor III was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy E. Ortega, deceased, who died on the 19th day of March, 2021. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the

of the Estate of MARTIN EMELI, deceased, who died May 13, 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 3, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT Jennifer Norton Attorney No. 28709-49 Norton Estate Planning & Elder Law Firm, LLC 3750 N. Meridian Street, Ste 300 Indianapolis, IN 46208 (317) 572-8696 5320-925798 08/13/21, 08/20/21

Indianapolis, IN 46204 Telephone: 317-632-4402 FAX: 317-632-5595 ATTORNEY FOR THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 5320-925712 08/13/21, 08/20/21 Tamara Rogers Attorney Notice of Administration In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Howard A. Mimms, deceased. Cause No. 49D08-2107-EU-023658 08/13/21, 08/20/21 Notice is hereby given that George Mimms, on the 15th day of July, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Howard A. Mimms, who died on June 16, 2019. 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 4th August, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court Probate Division 5320-925682 08/13/21, 08/20/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #) PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2107-) EU-024693 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF MARSHALL L. OSBORN, DECEASED N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that Marcus L. Osborn Sr. was, on July 23, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marshall L. Osborn, Deceased, who died on June 13, 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this July 23, 2021. Ph. (312) 541-9710 Fax (312) 541-9711 NOTICE Rebecca W. Geyer Disc. No. 21325-49 REBECCA W. GEYER & ASSOCIATES, PC 11550 N. Meridian Street, Ste. 200 Carmel, IN 46032 (317) 973-4555 (317) 489-5195 fax rgeyer@rgeyerlaw.com 5320-925562 08/13/21, 08/20/21

ATTORNEY: Michael Langlois S H O U S E & LANGLOIS/9884-82 9510 East Washington Street Indianapolis IN 46229 Telephone: (317) 899-3500 Facsimile: (317) 899-3526 Notice of Administration In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division In the matter of the Estate of Mildred P. Skelton, deceased. Cause Number 49D08-2107-EU-025107 Notice is hereby given that Alan Jung was, on the 27th day of July, 2021, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Mildred P. Skelton, deceased. All person who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of 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 July 27, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-925577 08/13/21, 08/20/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: SUPERIOR COURT) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2107-EU-025634 IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF RUTH LYNN JOHNSON, DECEASED N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that on the 29th of July, 2021, Keith Johnson was appointed representative of the Estate of Ruth Lynn Johnson, deceased, who died on the 16th day of May, 2021. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this July 27, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-925577 08/13/21, 08/20/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: SUPERIOR COURT) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2107-EU-023147 IN RE: THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF JAMES A. LOFTUS, DECEASED N O T I C E O F ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that, on July 22, 2021, Kathlene Light was appointed personal representative of the Estate of James A. Loftus, Deceased, who died on the 2nd day of April, 2021. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 22, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Probate Court Georgeanna Q. Tutwiler, #32181-49 HUME SMITH GEDDES GREEN & SIMMONS LLP 54 Monument Circle, Suite 400

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: SUPERIOR COURT) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2107-EU-025706 IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY SOLICIT AND INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE CMC FIRMS FOR THE WHISTLER HALL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH MECHANICAL SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT PROJECT. The RFP process will consist of two stages. The first stage (RFP-A/B) will be a qualifications based review. From these responses, firms will be shortlisted to proceed to the next stage. The second stage (RFP-C) will consist of interviews, which will be conducted via WebEx. The Trustees of Purdue University will receive RFP-A responses until 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on the 7th day of September, 2021 at: Capital Asset Management Purdue University 2550 Northwestern Ave., Suite 1100 West Lafayette, IN 47906 To obtain Request for Proposal documents, please email: Margaret Danao Construction Project Manager mdanao@purdue.edu THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY Date: 8/2/2021 James K. Keele Senior Director of Capital

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D10-2106-) DN-004672 BRYANT L. WILLIAMS SR. PLAINTIFF V KRIS P. VAZQUEZ DEFENDANT NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. The nature of the suit against you is: Divorce. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: Kris P. Vazquez--address unknown. And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Kris P. Vazquez. In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 26th day of September, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. ATTEST: Clerk of the Marion Court 5320-925679 08/13/21, 08/20/21, 08/27/21

Asset Management 5320-925836 08/13/21, 08/20/21

NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS The Trustees of Purdue University will solicit and interview prospective CMC firms for the Schleman Hall, Stewart Center, and Related Renovations project. The RFP process will consist of two stages. The first stage (RFP-A/B) will be a qualifications based review. From these responses, firms will be shortlisted to proceed to the next stage. The second stage (RFP-C) will consist of interviews. The Trustees of Purdue University will receive RFP-A responses until 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on the 1st day of September, 2021 at: Capital Asset Management Purdue University 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100 West Lafayette, IN 47906 To obtain Request for Proposal documents, please email: Rustin Meister, Project Executive, rmeister@purdue.edu THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY Date: 8/6/2021 James K. Keele Senior Director of Capital Asset Management 5320-925837 08/13/21, 08/20/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49C01-0110-) JP-002204 IN RE THE PATERNITY OF: CHRISTIAN K. WHITFIELD JANINE R. WHITFIELD, Petitioner, and DONALD M. PEPPER, Respondent. ORDER Comes now the Court on the Respondent's request to deem service perfected upon Petitioner, or in the alternate, request for a continuance for the emancipation hearing scheduled on July 22, 2021, and for an Order granting Respondent to serve Petitioner via publication, and the Court herein being duly advised in the premises now GRANTS said motion as follows: OR, IN THE ALTERNATE, IT IS ORDERED that that Respondent shall issue Service to Petitioner via Publication. Said Publication shall run a minimum of three (3) weeks and ORDERS that the hearing shall now be held on September 2, 2021, at 9 a.m. All parties are ordered to appear. SO ORDERED July 22, 2021 /s/ Susan Boatright JUDICIAL OFFICER, Marion Circuit Court Distribution: Rachelle N. Ponist Janine Whitfield 5320-925340 08/06/21, 08/13/21, 08/20/21

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) CIVIL DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D14-2012-) DC-042864 IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: JUAL LEAL, Petitioner/Husband, and MARICELA VELAZQUEZ, Respondent/Velazquez. To Respondent: Maricela Velazquez This Summons is to the above-named Respondent, and to any other person who may be concerned. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Marion County, Indiana Superior Court in an action entitled: In Re The Marriage of Juan Leal and Maricela Velazquez by the person named above as Petitioner. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the Respondent above whose current address and whereabouts are unknown. The named Petitioner is represented by Vanessa Lopez Aguilera, LOPEZ LAW OFFICE, P.C., 3502 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46208. Telephone: (317)634-9484. The nature of the suit against you is Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. An answer or other response in writing to the petition must be filed either by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the third notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief requested by the Petitioner. If you have claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert in your written answer or response. Dated: 5/ 24/ 2021 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Myla Eldridge Clerk of Marion County 5320-925742 08/13/21, 08/20/21, 08/27/21

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08/13/21, 08/20/21 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CASE NO. 49C01-2105-) MI-014829 IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF: TIMOTHY EARL TANSMORE II, an Adult, Petitioner. ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Petitioner, Timothy Earl Tansmore II, whose mailing address is: 422 West 41st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208. If different, Petitioner's residence address is: Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that on the 4th day of May, 2021, he filed a petition in the Marion Circuit Court, requesting that his name be changed to Obadiah Israel. Notice is further given that a hearing will be held on said Petition on the 12th day of October, 2021, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections. /s/ Timothy Tansmore Petitioner Date: April 22, 2021 So Ordered: July 16, 2021 /s/ Susan Boatright Magistrate, Marion Circuit Clerk, Marion Circuit Court 5320-925350 08/06/21, 08/13/21, 08/20/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2107-) MF-025191 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. CONRAD CAUDELL; BRIAN MCKEE; JEFF WARREN UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KATHLEEN T. FARINA; Defendant(s). FILE NO. 21-005213 NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the defendants named above and any other person or persons who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court named above. The nature of the suit against you is: Foreclosure of real estate mortgage on: Lot Numbered 281 in Billmore Gardens Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 18, Pages 88-89, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose whereabouts are known: KATHLEEN T. FARINA; CONRAD CAUDELL; BRIAN MCKEE; JEFF WARREN; and to the following defendant whose whereabouts is unknown: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KATHLEEN T. FARINA; In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must respond to the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the third Notice of Suit is published, and if you fail to do so, a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. 7/27/2021 PADGETT LAW GROUP By /s/ Jennifer R. Fitzwater ALYSSA M. MEADE, Attorney for Plaintiff ATTEST: /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court JENNIFER R. FITZWATER, ELYSSA M. MEADE, 25352-64 PADGETT LAW GROUP 10475 Crosspoint Blvd, Suite 250 Indianapolis, IN 46256 (850) 422-2520 (telephone) (850) 422-2567 (facsimile) p a d g e t t l a w g r o u p . c o m THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 5320-925288 08/06/21, 08/13/21, 08/20/21

Professional sports need uniform COVID-19 policies.

By **DANNY BRIDGES**

Confused about your favorite team's COVID-19 policy and how that impacts your ability to access their respective venues? Well, join the club and get ready for even more changes as the delta variant continues to spread through the United States, impacting crowds at sporting events.

While I've willingly provided my vaccination records to a great number of organizations and television networks, in addition to taking a countless number of COVID-19 tests to remain eligible to enter their property, one really needs a spreadsheet to track the various policies.

Why not a concept to simplify what is totally confusing and in some cases clearly ineffective? Well, that in itself would require the potential relinquishment of total control over how they acquire the coveted ticket revenue, and sell overpriced beer, concessions and parking.

Translation: Ain't happening.

There has been, however, some logic demonstrated recently by the Las Vegas Raiders and the New Orleans Saints when they announced proof of vaccination and the wearing of masks would be mandatory for those attending their games.

Will other NFL teams follow suit? Probably to some degree, but I will be surprised (albeit, pleasantly) if they all mandate it this close to opening day.

Then there is the highly stale debate regarding the difference between an open-air stadium and the enclosed ones. Last time I checked, people are shoehorned into both so does it really matter?

The NFL is clearly the big dog in all of this and what they implement will be closely watched and, in many ways, emulated, but that doesn't give college football, the NBA, NASCAR, MLB and all the various concert venues a free pass up until that decision is made.

A well-defined policy that does not provide for exception is all that needs to be established on a national basis. Pretty simple if you ask me. Show us your vaccination records and put on your mask. If you can't do that, stay home and watch it on television. Sell your season tickets or donate them to a not-for-profit and recognize the tax deduction.

Either way, attend in a safe manner or forget about it.

Sound harsh? Hardly. Look in the mirror as you paint your faces in team colors before heading to the big game and remember while we are all responsible for our own health, there is an obligation to protect the guy sitting next to you in the bleachers as well.

I want sports to happen and regardless of what I think, they will. But there's also a way for the games to be safe for everyone involved, and not just players and team personnel.

It's time for the commissioners of the various leagues to drop the common-sense hammer and make vaccinations and masks mandatory. Police the stands and eject people who won't comply with the mask mandates. Better yet, don't allow them in to begin with.

Danny Bridges, who has received more hate mail over his COVID-19 opinions than any other subject he's ever written about, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or bridgeshd@aol.com.

Indians host St. Paul

Indianapolis Indians infielder Michael Chavis (3) tries to tag out St. Paul Saints infielder Nick Gordon (1) during a six-game home series. (Photo/Jeff Brown)



Power wins Spiked Coolers Grand Prix at IMS

Will Power (center) won the Big Machine Spiked Coolers Grand Prix at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Aug. 14. Romain Grosjean (left) finished second, and Colton Herta (right) finished third. (Photo/Walt Thomas)



Indy Eleven midfielder Patrick Seagrist heads the ball.

Indy Eleven beat OKC

Indy Eleven defeated OKC Energy FC, 2-1, on Aug. 14 at Carroll Stadium on IUPUI's campus. (Photos/David Dixon)

Wallace takes 13th



NASCAR's only Black driver, Bubba Wallace, finished in 13th place at the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard on Aug. 15. (Photos/Walt Thomas)

The pit crew rolls the car out of the garage after a tech inspection.

Wabash football media session



Kam Ferguson, a defensive back from Indianapolis, is interviewed during a media session Aug. 12 in the W. Club at Little Giant Stadium at Wabash College. The senior is one of 11 returning starters from a squad that won the 2019 North Coast Athletic Conference championship, the last time Wabash College played football before the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photo provided by Allie Kirkman/Wabash College)