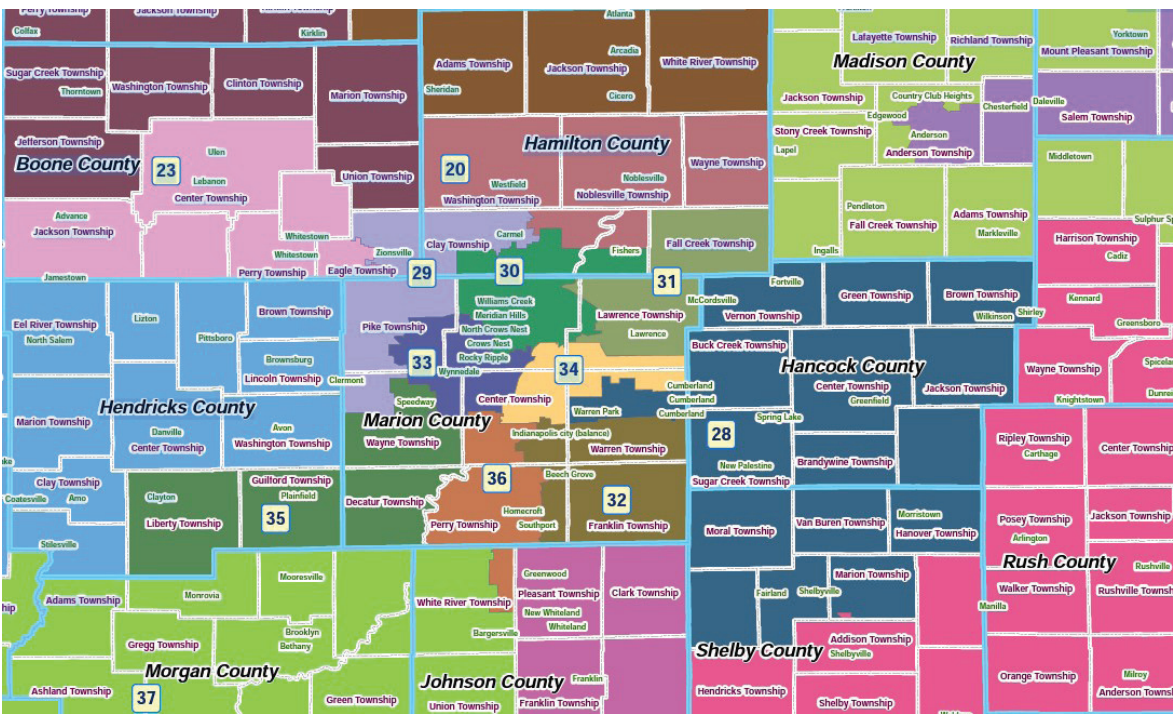


GERRYMANDERING POSSIBLE CAUSE OF DEPRESSED VOTER TURNOUT

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For the past 20 years, Rev. Antonio Alexander of Purpose of Life Ministries has advocated for affordable housing and better treatment of those reentering the community after stints in prison. Now, his focus is on fairer elections.

Alexander was inspired to act after realizing how gerrymandered Indiana is. Gerrymandering, the political process of manipulating voting districts to gain an advantage or put the opposing political party at a disadvantage, is evident in district maps of the state. A recent study from George Washington University found Indiana to be more gerrymandered than 95% of the country. Beyond giving the Republican Party, in this instance, an advantage in local elections, Alexander said it also impacts voter turnout.



A map shows the current boundaries of Indiana Senate districts in Central Indiana. (Screenshot from Indiana General Assembly district map)

“Many people give up when they feel like their voice doesn’t matter,” Alexander said. “If you feel like you’re not being represented and

there’s nothing you can do about it, it’s easy to see why someone wouldn’t want to be involved in the process. But you have to be because all of it

affects you.”

Indiana lawmakers are about to come back to the Statehouse to draw new congressional and state district

maps, a process based on results of the once-per-decade census, which was delayed in 2020 because of the pandemic.

House Republicans will unveil proposed congressional and Indiana House maps Sept. 14. The House Elections Committee will convene Sept. 15 and 16 for hearings to get public feedback on the two map drafts. Senate Republicans will go through the same process starting Sept. 21. Times have not been announced.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb will have to sign the maps into law.

There are few rules in state law and the Constitution about how to draw districts, meaning lawmakers have been allowed to use a lot of discretion. Most states, including Indiana, leave the responsibility of drawing congressional and state district

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‘My goal is to rebuild trust’: Indianapolis Public Library interim CEO begins work

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In most cases, the role of an interim CEO is to maintain the status quo until a permanent CEO can be installed. When workers aren’t happy with the status quo, however, the position involves a bit of rebuilding.

Enter John Helling. Helling, interim CEO of Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL), said he’s making a concerted effort to work with staff throughout the library system to build relationships between administration, staff and the community.

“People want to feel engaged with their library,” Helling said. “That goes for staff and patrons. If people don’t trust their library, they won’t use their library and then we can’t do our work and achieve our mission. My goal is to rebuild trust.”

Helling was named interim CEO at the August board of trustees meeting and began work Sept. 1. Former CEO Jackie Nytes announced her resignation Aug. 20 following allegations of racism. In an email to library staff, Nytes described Helling, who previously worked as IndyPL’s chief public services officer for over five years, as experienced and a “good listener.”



John Helling

“I am grateful for John’s willingness to assume this role at this time and have total confidence in his ability to provide the leadership that is needed,” Nytes wrote. “Please join me in giving John your total support.”

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Homegoing services for Jerald (Jerry) Harkness



Homegoing services for Jerald (Jerry) Harkness, 81, were held recently. Harkness died on Aug. 24, 2021. He was a former All-American forward at Loyola University Chicago and past executive director of 100 Black Men. His daughter, Julie Harkness Arnold, gave her tribute talked about life experiences with her father. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)



Madam C.J. Walker stands with Booker T. Washington (to her left) at the dedication of the Senate Avenue YMCA. The other gentlemen in the picture, from left to right, are Indianapolis Freeman publisher George Knox, Walker Company attorney F.B. Ransom, Indianapolis World publisher A.E. Manning, Dr. Joseph H. Ward, Louisville YMCA secretary R.W. Bullock and Senate Avenue YMCA secretary Thomas Taylor. (Photo/Madam C.J. Walker Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

Monster Meetings series gets a reboot at YMCA

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Monster Meetings, a recurring series that served as a meeting ground for African Americans for more than half a century, will get a reboot in October.

The first meeting will start at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at the OrthoIndy Foundation YMCA, 5315 Lafayette Road. There will be music and time for attendees to share their opinions and personal stories, similar to how the original Monster Meetings went. Sampson Livingston, who leads historical tours, will be the emcee. The meeting will end around 6 p.m.

Register at monstermeeting.org.

Charles Henry DeBow III, the son of Lt. Col. Charles Henry DeBow Jr., who as a young man would have attended Monster Meetings, will be the featured speaker.

The theme for the first series is racial reconciliation. There are two more meetings scheduled for January 2022 and February

Return of the Monster Meeting

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2022, and then organizers will use feedback to choose a new theme for the next series.

Monic Hill, executive director of the OrthoIndy Foundation Y, said the goal for the first three meetings is to educate people about the “realities of systemic racism.” The original Monster Meetings were meant to address the issues of the day, Hill said, and even though things have changed over time, bringing people together is a worthwhile way to solve problems.

Monster Meetings started in 1904 as evangelical events and

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After tumultuous 2020, schools prepared for delta variant

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Troy Knoderer, chief academic officer for the Metropolitan School District (MSD) of Lawrence Township, hopes the delta variant of COVID-19 won't force students back into e-learning. Virtual learning created several challenges school districts are still trying to overcome. "The most significant difficulty this school year is the fact that our students were disengaged from live instruction for several months," Knoderer said. "This increased the learning needs for many students, and our biggest challenge now is helping to accelerate their learning."

Last year, roughly 30% of students in Lawrence Township opted to continue e-learning. Knoderer said the data from last year clearly showed students who attended school in person had more academic success than those who decided to learn from home.

For many students, learning from home was difficult because many schools weren't prepared for the shift in early 2020. Mylan Mann, who finished his last two years at North Central High School in Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, said many of the assignments he got were "busy work," and not doing the assignments didn't affect grades,

so he didn't take schoolwork as seriously. Beyond disengagement that comes from being out of the classroom, many students throughout the city lacked basic access to the tools required to e-learn in the first place. A national study earlier this year found 88.6% of Indianapolis households have internet access compared to 89.1% of the total United States population. Indianapolis has the 10th lowest percentage of households with internet access, and it's

Black and brown families disproportionately affected by the disparity. While Knoderer emphasized his hope that students won't have to switch back to e-learning due to COVID-19 — Indiana reported nearly 3,000 new cases Sept. 7 — Lawrence Township is ready to do whatever needs to be done to keep students safe and has the technology resources to keep students learning. "Our district is one to one, meaning there's one device for every student from kindergarten to

12th grade," Knoderer said. "We've been that way even before the pandemic, so we're in good shape if we have to go back to virtual learning." The township also provided families with Wi-Fi hotspots to ensure every student had internet access. Beyond technology support, Lawrence Township also offers students mental health support. While they've done this for several years now, Knoderer said the pandemic has increased the need. A 2020 Gallup poll

found 30% of parents reported a change in their child's mental health, often stemming from isolation and a general fear of contracting COVID-19. To help students adapt to being back in the building and coping with everyday stress, Lawrence Township has emphasized social emotional learning, which helps students learn empathy and to manage emotions, as well as set realistic goals for themselves. The district has also added "advisor leads," which are teachers who have been through

specific trainings to help facilitate social emotional learning in each school in the district. "We've learned a lot about how resilient we can be as educators over the past 18 months," Knoderer said. "Now, I think the biggest thing is making sure that our students are learning and feel supported." Contact staff writer Breanna Cooper at 317-762-7848. Follow her on Twitter @BreannaNCooper.



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eventually became a platform for a broader public forum at the Senate Avenue YMCA, which opened in 1913 as the only Y for African Americans in Indianapolis. The Senate Avenue Y moved to Fall Creek in 1959.

Monster Meeting guests included Booker T. Washington and Jesse Owens. Howard University President Emeritus Mordecai W. Johnson addressed the series for more than 50 years.

In 1968, the Recorder wrote Monster Meetings encouraged “free and open discussion on all subjects of human interest and strived to stir the imagination of the black community.”

The original Monster Meetings series ended in the late ‘60s but had at least one reboot in 1979 at the Fall Creek YMCA, which closed in the early 2000s. The meetings were paired with swim lessons, fashion classes and a gym class for women.

Helen Duncan, then 74, worked at the Senate Avenue and Fall Creek YMCA for 44 years when the Recorder interviewed her in 1991. “These meetings were public forums to enlighten black citizens,”

she said. “Sometimes the YMCA gymnasium crowds were too large to accommodate the community.”

Scott Taylor, who helped organize the Monster Meetings reboot, wants the current series to have the same energy and purpose as the original by bringing people together to help solve issues. It’s important to give people a space to be heard, he said, while also empowering future leaders.

“We want to encourage citizenship,” he said.

Hosting Monster Meetings at the OrthoIndy Foundation Y is significant because it’s the descendant of the Senate Avenue and Fall Creek locations that served mostly African Americans, since the Indianapolis YMCA didn’t integrate until 1950.

Taylor said the meetings are a way to honor the legacy of what those YMCAs meant to the community before they closed.


“I felt very much that we were the stewards of the soul of the Senate Avenue YMCA,” he said.

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Indy Jazz Fest returns in person

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After COVID-19 forced Indy Jazz Fest to go virtual last year, the annual celebration is back in person this year at Garfield Park on Sept. 18-19.

Rob Dixon, musician and longtime artistic director for the festival, said the new location has two benefits: It's a beautiful setting, and it's big enough to keep people safe as the delta variant continues to spread.

"I love Garfield Park; it's one of the city's premier parks," Dixon said. "It allows people to socially distance and allows people to visit an Indy park. The theater is fantastic. ... It's a win-win for the Jazz Fest and for Indy Parks."

Throughout the two-day event, 13 bands will take the stage. Dixon, who is performing with his group, Trilogy, said he's looking forward to seeing Los Angeles-based artist Thundercat perform Sept. 19. Dixon stressed the importance of musicians getting work opportunities after losing so many last

year.

"I think it's not only financially important to have artists and musicians working again," Dixon said, "it's just good for everybody's soul to have live entertainment. It's something that everyone needs, not just musicians. It's bringing normalcy back ... and for us, it's bringing the community together so we can have a great event and celebrate."

Right now, Indianapolis artists have a lot to celebrate.

Besides the influx of outdoor arts events, support for artists and arts organizations has been on the rise since the beginning of the pandemic. Beyond financial support — organizations such as the Penrod Society, Chatterbox Jazz Club and Purdue Polytechnic High School partnered with the Jazz Fest for this year's event — community support for the arts is evident.

Recently, Dixon was featured in a mural, "Keepers of Culture," downtown for his contributions to the local arts scene, alongside Deborah Asante and

For tickets to the Indy Jazz Festival, visit indyjazzfest.net.

Sept. 18 lineup:

12:30 p.m. — Kenny Banks Trio Jr. and Kenny Phelps and Nick Tucker
1:45 p.m. — Jared Thompson and Premium Blend
3:15 p.m. — Rob Dixon and Trilogy
5 p.m. — Akiko Tsuruga Organ Trio
6:45 p.m. — Moonchild
8:30 p.m. — Victor Wooten Band

Sept. 19 lineup:

Noon — Indiana All State High School Band
1 p.m. — Amanda Gardier Quintet featuring Greg Ward
2:20 p.m. — Pavel and Direct Contact
3:45 p.m. — Native Sun
5:15 p.m. — Marion Meadows
6:45 p.m. — Cory Henry
8:30 p.m. — Thundercat

Mariah Ivey, among others. The jazz scene in Indianapolis, Dixon said, is important to remember and celebrate as a cornerstone of the cultural history of the city.

"This is a year of celebration," David Allee, director of Indy Jazz Fest, said. "... This year, we're celebrating the return of our outdoor shows and presenting a lineup with great jazz and beyond, bringing in national and notable Indy-based musicians."

While no longer constrained to virtual performances, Dixon said an online

element will remain part of the festival to make it as accessible as possible.

"Accessibility is top of mind," Dixon said. "We've decided we'll always have a virtual component and archive through video and record as much as we possibly can. It's a valuable asset because it's there for people to see and it's documenting for historical purposes."

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BOOK REVIEW:

‘Horse Girls: Recovering, Aspiring, and Devoted Riders Redefine the Iconic Bond’

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You were determined not to get bit. But in a totally different meaning of the word, you were equally determined that your horse would accept one. Without a bit in his mouth, he wouldn’t turn, slow down or stop when you wanted to ride — and of course, as in “Horse Girls,” edited by Halimah Marcus, the ride’s the thing. Or is a sense of freedom the best part of owning a horse? Many girls think so, while others just want their very own Flicka or Ginger or Pie. Whatever it is, Marcus says there’s a difference between “horse girls” and “a horsewoman.” The latter, she writes, is “tough, no-nonsense ... riding every day ... unsentimental about horses but devoted to them for life” — unlike many of the women in this book who gave up riding as young women and reestablished their love for it later in life.

But what makes a horse girl? Marginalization, in the stories here. These horse girls often felt shame for not fitting the norm, for being queer, Black, “chubby” or poor — but they still loved horses. Some of the writers are lesbians, but they didn’t understand it until their girlhoods were over. Alex Marzano-Lesnevich writes of cross-dressing cowboys in history; Sarah Enelow-Snyder writes about Black cowboys and of “curly Afros shoved into unaccommodating cowboy hats.” C. Morgan Babst writes of cruelty and anorexia, a two-pronged part of her childhood. Horse girls worry. A lot. They worry about where their horses went after they were sold or given away. On the day she got it, Adrienne Celt worried about how she



“Horse Girls: Recovering, Aspiring, and Devoted Riders Redefine the Iconic Bond,” edited by Halimah Marcus
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was going to bury her horse if it died. They worry about disappointing horse-loving parents, and they fret about the best way to introduce their daughters to riding. They ride with joy. They met spouses through horses. They remember the smell of a box that once contained a plastic horse — because, says T Kira Madden, “the thing about a horse is, it’s never about the horse.” Nope, it’s also about stories. Fifteen of them, to be exact, all inside “Horse Girls,” but unless you’re the horsey-type, you grew up in a saddle, or your shelves once held plastic 1:9-scale horses, you can just mosey along. In that case, you’ll *haaaate* this book and that’s OK. It’s not for you anyhow. If you fit the former,

though, pommel, stirrup and all, then editor Halimah Marcus offers stories you’ll devour, stories of loving horses, even when (especially when!) doing so made you an anomaly. There’s strength in that but loss also looms large here, particularly loss of childhood, innocence or imagination. Fortunately for many of these storytellers and for the readers invited along on this ride, though, recollections are resolved, reasons for them are reconciled, and the endings are mostly satisfying. If you ever trotted around the yard, pretending to be a horse, or if you actually spent your girlhood in a saddle, this book will bring back memories. “Horse Girls” is a book you won’t want to miss, not even a little bit.

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Helling has worked in libraries for 15 years, including a short stint at the New York Public Library and Bloomfield Library, a small library in southern Indiana. In nearly two decades in libraries, Helling has learned the key to successful leadership is about “building relationships, building trust and building engagement.” In his first few days as interim, Helling held “office hours” at various branches, giving staff members the opportunity to speak with him about their concerns. Librarian and Library Workers union member Stephen Lane said the union is concerned that Helling may become the permanent CEO, which he said would result in “more of the same.” Previously, some union members said the next CEO ought to be a person of color, not just someone who has been through diversity, equity and inclusion training. Board member Hope Tribble said she hopes the search for a new CEO will begin in the coming weeks. Despite his concerns, Lane said he and other union members met with Helling before he took over as interim. “It’s great that leadership is listening better than before,” Lane said. “[Helling] told us he’s doing things behind the scenes to support staff, but we need leadership to be more transparent with how they’re protecting and supporting us.” Helling said he’s empathetic and supportive of workers who don’t feel heard because he’s been there. Helling

remembers being surprised when he received a call from the regional manager on his last day at New York Public Library. Helling didn’t think library leaders knew who he was. That experience taught Helling the importance of connecting with each employee. Helling, like many other library workers and administrators, are quick to point out racism and diversity issues aren’t unique to IndyPL, but to library systems as a whole. “Just because this isn’t specific to Indianapolis doesn’t mean we shouldn’t take ownership,” Helling said. “Public libraries can always be more engaged with staff and the community ... to make sure they feel engaged and valued. That’s something I took away from the New York Public Library, to always try harder to engage people on an individual, human being level.” Helling’s main goals for his time as interim CEO are to rebuild relationships with staff and community members and to set up the next CEO for success. To community members who expressed concern about allegations of racism, Helling said library administration is listening. “We don’t learn anything if we don’t listen first,” Helling said. “It’s about what the community wants, and we’re listening to the community now more than ever and we’re interested in what they have to say.”

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EDITORIAL

Gerrymandering another form of voter suppression

By OSEYE BOYD



Growing up you learn how important voting is. This right to vote in the U.S. is something that makes us special. It's something citizens in other countries want. Once you turn 18 and are a citizen of this country, it's your right, no, duty to vote. Your vote matters. Every vote counts. If you want to have a say in how government is run, you vote. If you don't vote, then you can't complain because you're not a participant in the political process.

End of story.

Well, there's a whole lot more to it than that, but you don't learn this until you're an adult and you become disillusioned with the system. That's when you realize you've been fed an ideal not reality, and the reality is there's a lot of nonsense that happens with regard to voting.

Gerrymandering is a part of the nonsense.

Redistricting in its purest form is important. It's how we determine the districts so we can elect those who will represent us on the state and federal level. However, gerrymandering is when one party creates district lines that give them advantage over the other. According to a study from George Washington University, Indiana is 95% more gerrymandered than

the rest of the country. Right now, it's the Republicans who are creating district lines to empower their party and keep it in power, but gerrymandering isn't exclusive to Republicans. Democrats created gerrymandered districts as well.

Politicians use tactics such as packing and cracking to manipulate districts. No surprise here, but the tactics are often used to dilute the voting power of Black people. Cracking takes a predominately Black area and splits it into multiple districts. Packing is the opposite of cracking. Packing brings people together from the opposing party and allows them to win — a little. So the minority party will win a few seats, but that's about it. When a racial component is added to packing, it's called bleaching.

What happened to winning fair and square? Instead, politicians use manipulative tactics to win these seats and gain power. Why not create maps that make sense and create real competition in districts?

I live in one of those weirdly configured districts. I live on the east side of Indianapolis. My senator doesn't. He actually lives farther east in a different city, or should I say town? While I don't have an unkind word to say about his representation of my district, we don't inhabit the same world. I live in a city where the Black population is about 30%. I'm know that's not the case for my senator. In my youthful naivete, I assumed your representative lived

in your neighborhood or at least a similar neighborhood. Real life eliminated that illusion. Many of Indiana's legislators are white males from rural areas. Indiana's diversity continues to grow as now, according to the latest census data, Black residents make up 9.6% of the state's population, Asians 2.5%, other race 4.3%, those of two or more races 6.4% and Hispanics 8.2%. Wouldn't it be nice to have a representation more closely aligned to our state? I think so.

Redistricting is about to start. On Sept. 14, House Republicans will show the newly created Indiana House district and congressional maps. By the way, the maps are configured using census data — this is one reason why it's important to fill out that census form every decade. The process is expected to last through the end of September and into October. The House and the Senate vote on the maps. Both will have an opportunity for public comment.

It is believed gerrymandering plays a role in creating voter apathy and is a form of voter suppression. When you realize your vote doesn't really matter, you don't vote. It is designed to depress the votes of certain groups and keep a certain group in power.

These tactics make me want to give up. Then I'm reminded of the ideal — my vote matters. My vote does matter and so does yours or else there wouldn't be so many concerted efforts to keep us from voting. They're scared of us. We have more power than we realize. Let's start using it.

OPINIONS

September 11th: 20 years later

By LARRY SMITH



The first plane hit the north tower at 8:46 a.m. The second one hit the south tower at 9:03 a.m. The third hit the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m. The fourth and final one crashed in a Pennsylvania field at 10:03 a.m. The images are seared into our individual and collective memories. That was 20 years ago. At the time, only a handful of Americans had heard of Osama bin Laden. In the following days, all of us would come to know that name and the organization, al-Qaida, to which it is inextricably linked.

The Sept. 11 attack immediately became the defining event of a generation of children who were born a few years before or after it took place. (Those who were born on that day will be legally allowed to drink alcohol next year.) For many adults, that date became the quintessential “where were you when it happened” moment. In the ensuing two decades, the phrase “Never Forget” has become a nearly ubiquitous admonition for commemorating the history-altering event.

In the immediate aftermath, there was a spontaneous and genuine galvanizing of Americans. Even the French newspaper Le Monde, which often was (and remains) critical of American foreign policy declared in its Sept. 12 headline, “We Are All Americans.” Many of our nation's social fault lines temporarily went by the wayside. Unfortunately, however, the spirit of unity included anti-Muslim speech and actions. (To his credit, then-President George W. Bush condemned such bias.)

Sadly, our trauma-induced national unity began to wane relatively quickly. Within a few weeks, the political divide between Democrats and Republicans had returned, heralding the resurgence of broader antagonisms. One of the most curious examples was a twist on anti-Black racism. In this new version, many white Americans began to openly criticize African Americans' perceived lack of mourning regarding the attack. While questioning our patriotism goes back more than a century, questioning whether we cared about the needless slaughter of thousands of our fellow Americans seemed novel. I remember being quite taken aback when I became aware of it.

I don't know whether any research

studies exist regarding the extent to which African Americans may view Sept. 11 as less tragic than white Americans do. Thus, I can't state definitely whether that claim is true. However, I do know that the majority of African Americans are very familiar with trauma — and can become desensitized to it. Indeed, studies show that a high percentage of us believe that we face an existential threat in America.

Tragically, I believe that such trauma is a key factor in causing far too many of our young men to act in ways that threaten their lives as well as the lives of others. The likely consequences of their actions frequently are far from their mind: “If I'm going to die a violent death anyway, I might as well live as though there's no tomorrow.”

I am fully aware that many of our fellow Americans who are white will ask the following: “Why does everything have to be about race?” That's a fair question — one that African Americans constantly ask ourselves. But the context of the question is different for each race. White Americans tend to raise it when Black Americans praise our own — often for being “the first” to achieve something. Black Americans tend to raise the question after learning about yet another “living your life

while Black” incident.

In other words, it isn't that African Americans feel less sadness or outrage about the biggest terrorist attack ever to be carried out on our soil. We certainly do. Like white Americans, we lost spouses, family, friends, co-workers and classmates. But we tend to have to find ways to cope with epidemic levels of violence, systemic racism, disproportionate health outcomes and other inequities that are based primarily or solely on our race.

Thus, even as we mourn the tragedy of Sept. 11 as white Americans do, the fact remains that most of us endure a very different life than most of them — irrespective of our socioeconomic status. This is not to understate the fact that white Americans deal with substantial hardships (including the ongoing pandemic). Yet, the unrelenting reality of Black lives — from banal microaggressions, to police brutality, to disproportionate poverty, to intra-racial violence, to job discrimination at all educational levels — has caused a deep level of emotional scarring. We do care about attacks on Americans. All of them.

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Poll: African American attitudes on crime, COVID-19 and charter schools

By ABDUL-HAKIM SHABAZZ



When it comes to crime and public safety, a clear majority of registered African American voters in Marion County think the city is less safe than it was last year. That's just one of the results of a recent poll conducted by my media company, Indy Politics, and ARW Strategies LLC. We interviewed 400 registered voters online by text messaging. Many of the responses of African Americans parallel their white counterparts.

When asked whether Indianapolis was on the right track, only 32% of Blacks thought the city was on the right track, 30% said it was on the wrong track, and

38% were unsure. In the general population, that number was split 40% each. When asked specifically about public safety and whether the city was safer than last year, 67% of Blacks said no, instead of 63% of whites.

When it came to how the mayor and prosecutor were doing, the numbers mirrored the general population. Fifty-eight percent of Blacks gave Mayor Joe Hogsett a favorable rating, and only 22% rated the mayor unfavorably. Sixty-two percent liked the job the mayor is doing. However, when it came to whether Hogsett should be reelected, 35% said yes, and 27% said they would vote for someone else. With the white population, 37% said they'd vote for Hogsett, while 32% said they'd vote for someone else.

Concerning Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears, who is up for reelection next year, the race is wide open. When asked whether they'd vote for Mears in next year's election, just 13% said they would, while 33% say they'd vote for someone else. A massive 54% are undecided, leaving open a major lane for a viable challenger. Mears' reelection number was 23%.

When asked what the top priority for the Indianapolis City-County Council should be, Blacks were evenly split on fighting crime and tackling racial injustice and social equality. That number was 35% each, and the third was fighting COVID-19. For the general population, crime was the top priority at 43%.

By overwhelming margins, African Americans supported more civilian oversight of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and more funding for mental health. More than 80% supported increased funding for mental health and other social programs, while 71% supported greater civilian oversight of IMPD. However, when it came to IMPD

specifically, 50% disapproved of the way IMPD was handling the crime problem, and a plurality, 38%, favored defunding the police, 32% were opposed, and 30% were undecided.

On schools, African Americans were more supportive of choice and vouchers than the general population. They were also more likely to think that public schools in Marion County were heading in the wrong direction. For example, Black parents felt better about the direction of charter schools than traditional public schools. Thirty percent thought charters were on the right track, while only 24% thought traditional public schools were on the right track.

Regarding COVID-19 and vaccinations, the most significant barrier for African Americans is the concern for side effects, with 41% reporting this as their reason for skipping vaccination. However, 59% reported being vaccinated. That's 9 percentage points higher than what has been reported by the Marion County Public Health Department.

And on the issue of marijuana legalization, Blacks were right along with their white counterparts in overwhelmingly supporting legalizing pot. Sixty-four percent favored legalizing marijuana for recreational and medical purposes, while 20% supported legalization for only medicinal reasons. That number was the same for whites, while 65% supported legal marijuana for medicinal and recreational use.

The poll of 400 registered voters was taken Aug. 13-23. It was a combination of online and text messages. The margin of error was 4.9%. You can get the complete details at IndyPolitics.Org.

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maps to the legislature. Some states have redistricting commissions for one or both maps.

Experts don’t know the exact effect gerrymandering has on voter turnout, but voting rights advocates suspect it has a substantial impact.

Researchers writing for the journal Judicial Notebook in 2018 said social pressure — wanting to gain praise or avoid punishment — increases voter turnout.

“It is reasonable to argue, then, that if voters feel they have already been punished or that punishment is a likely outcome, social pressure to vote may dissipate and turnout may decrease,” they wrote.

Julia Vaughn, policy director at Common Cause Indiana, a nonpartisan group that advocates for transparency in government, said gerrymandering is likely the biggest factor in Indiana’s low voter turnout. The state’s turnout of 61.4% in the 2020 general election ranked 41st in the country, and that was an especially high turnout for Indiana compared to past presidential election years.

A big part of the problem, according to Vaughn, is many races aren’t competitive, meaning there’s only one major-party candidate in the general election or a district is so heavily slanted the opposing party doesn’t put up much of a fight.

“When they already know weeks before Election Day who the winner is going to be, people are much less motivated,” she said.

Common Cause Indiana is a founder of the All IN for Democracy coalition working to change redistricting. The organization also helped form the Indiana Citizens Redistricting Commission, which held public hearings, sent a report to state lawmakers earlier this year and encouraged everyday people to draw maps they considered fair.

Brandon Evans, co-founder of HOPE (Hoosiers Organized People Energized), a nonpartisan group that works to increase voter turnout, said one of the most common answers from statewide surveys and interviews about Indiana’s low voter turnout was apathy. People don’t feel like their vote really counts.

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DATES

The Indiana Legislature will soon be back at the Statehouse to draw and approve new maps for congressional and state districts. Times are to be determined.

- Sept. 14 — House Republicans unveil congressional and Indiana House district maps.
- Sept. 15 and 16 — The House Elections Committee convenes in the House Chamber at the Statehouse for a committee hearing taking public feedback on the two map drafts.
- Sept. 20 — The House Elections Committee reconvenes only to amend and vote on the two map drafts.
- Sept. 21 — Senate Republicans post the Senate district map draft online.
- Sept. 22 and 23 — The full House reconvenes to consider amendments on second reading and vote on the maps.
- Sept. 27 — The Senate Elections Committee hosts a committee meeting open for public comment.
- Sept. 28 — The Senate Elections Committee meets again to amend and vote on the proposed Senate districts map.
- Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 — The full Senate reconvenes to amend and vote on the map.

turnout, he said, is to make races more competitive. Candidates for office would likely spend more money on their campaigns and take more time to talk to voters if they felt pressure to win votes.

Evans said the process Indiana has now — which he compared to a baseball team making up the rules for a game when the umpires don’t show up — discourages that.

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St. Rita holds flu shot clinic

St. Rita Catholic Church held its annual flu shot clinic recently in the Father Bernard Strange Family Center. Franciscan Health administered the flu shot to those who stopped in for the free vaccination. Church member Samson Olarewaju received the flu shot vaccine from registered nurse Dana Gontz. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)

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Uplifting Communities Through Education
Collaboration

by Kara Kavensky

The best outcomes happen through collaboration. No one person, nor a single organization, can go it alone. Martin Univeristy looks for synergies with its partners, which includes Eleven Fifty Academy, as it accomplishes its mission to provide excellence in educating and developing traditional and non-traditional students in an inclusive, and supportive environment. The following is an interview with Dr. Sean Huddleston, President of Martin University.

Q: What is the history of Martin University?

A: Originally named Martin Center College, Martin university has always been independent institutionally but grew organizationally out of the Martin Center, a nonprofit human services agency. The idea of a “human services agency” is appealing, and quite an accurate description of this servant leadership-minded institution.

Q: Eleven Fifty Academy is honored to partner with Martin University. What is the focus of this collaboration?

A: Eleven Fifty Academy is providing access to their accelerated tech bootcamps that compliment our existing pathways towards successful careers for students. Our partnership focuses on transformational change through one of the fastest methods, which is via technology.

Q: What is the significance of technology for Martin University students?

A: Tech is a high demand area which lacks a significant amount of diversity. The community surrounding Martin University is untapped and we, along with our partners, are working hard to open up an

accessible funnel into careers in tech for our students who may be looking to change their career.

Q: What is the mission of Martin University?

A: Martin University exists to help people to achieve greater things in their lives and work towards achieving generational wealth and to eradicate any barriers by being the first generation in their family to go to college. Being a first generation college student and graduate uplifts entire communities.

Q: How does Martin University approach their students? Do students feel supported along their educational path?

A: At Martin University, we feel it is our job to support those who feel disregarded and disadvantaged by traditional bias of higher education. Many individuals have not always felt accepted or valued, yet potential students who posses goals of high achievement should not feel marginalized. We work hard to help individuals believe in themselves and fill in the picture for their future goals.

Q: What is the impact of earning a degree from Martin University?

A: Those who may not have thought that a higher education could change their lives feel the ripple effect that goes beyond the degree. The goal is not to walk across the stage at graduation, as that’s a milestone, not a goal, but their journey is one without a finish line. Our graduates use their degree as a super power that will ultimate reshape their lives in years to come.

Q: “Transformational” is a word that Eleven Fifty Academy uses to describe their mission. I am hearing the same vibe from you.

A: Martin University’s approach to education is “transformational work” and our efforts are equity work at its finest. The reverberations of transformational change that an education can have to an individual and their community can be a literal game changer. The word “transformational” is the key impact word for us, at Martin University, and Eleven Fifty Academy.

Q: There seems to be a groundswell of support to life vulnerable communities. Are you experiencing this, too?

A: Our community is quickly attracting in other like-minded organizations to lift our vulnerable community. I believe that students simply need an opportunity to show the world who they are and what they can do. They all possess these beautiful internal lights and we help them to shine brighter than they already are.

Q: Who are some of your partners?

A: We are delighted to work with our partners: the ROCK [Eastern Star church], InnoPower, Eleven Fifty Academy, and Goodwill Industries.To quote a lyric from Ne-Yo, “you can be a movement by yourself, but you can be a force when we are together.”

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Data confirms devastating burden on racial minority, rural communities

By FARAH YOUSRY

Racial minorities and rural populations in Indiana were more likely to be infected, hospitalized or die from COVID-19 than the overall population. That's according to the largest study of its kind to date carried out by the Regenstrief Institute and Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health.

The study looked at nearly 2 million adult residents tested for COVID-19 in Indiana between March 2020 and December 2020. The goal was to identify the communities that need the most public health intervention and support during and after the pandemic.

The data showed that race and geography played a role in a person's risk and health outcomes after exposure to COVID-19.

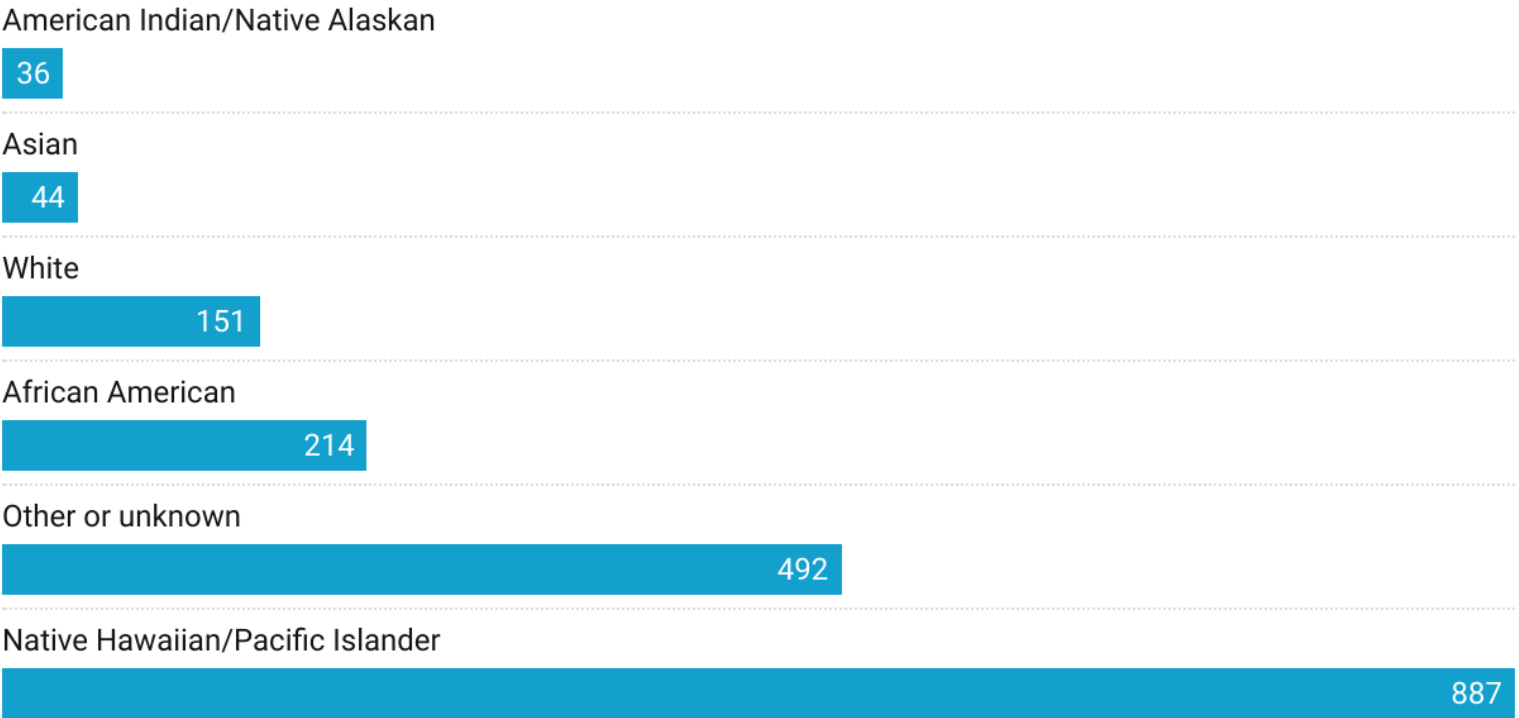
"A lot of other studies that have been within a hospital, for example, [looking at] all the patients that came to one medical center or all the patients who came to one clinic, [and some] showed similar patterns in terms of disparities, particularly among Black populations, and even some in the rural areas," Brian Dixon, the lead author and director of health informatics at the Regenstrief Institute, said.

This study analyzed data from the Indiana Network for Patient Care, which has information from 38 distinct health systems representing more than 100 hospitals, labs and clinics across the state.

"There's lots of numbers that are on different dashboards," Dixon said. "But what we did was we normalized those data so it can then be compared to the U.S., to other countries, to

COVID-19 death rate per capita

Racial minorities in Indiana were more likely to die from COVID-19 than the overall population.



Based on a study from Regenstrief Institute and Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health
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other areas, to different time points."

The study shows COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and death rates per 100,000 people in each demographic group, making it easier to compare when similar large-scale studies are conducted in different places.

Systemic barriers, politics and health care deserts

When it comes to race, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders had significantly higher infection, hospitalization and death rates — as much as 10 times higher compared to whites.

While the data showed that Black Hoosiers were infected by the virus at rates rivaling white Hoosiers, they were nearly twice as likely to be hospitalized and to die.

Systemic barriers to care, inability to work remotely and persistent health and socioeconomic disparities are to blame for the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on racial minorities.

Significantly, those who define their race as "unknown" or "other" have also seen a disproportionate impact compared to the overall population — death and hospitalization rates were 2 to 4 times higher than whites.

The study said that "it is not unreasonable to assume that many Hispanics may be in that group as they may not wish to disclose demographic details."

Geography also mattered. Hoosiers living in rural communities were more than twice as likely to die from COVID compared to urban populations.

During the first wave of the pandemic, rural communities did not see a big impact from the virus. In fact, during the period between March 2020 and April 2020, rural communities saw lower rates of infection, hospitalization and death. But as the virus continued to ravage communities across the

country — particularly between September 2020 and December 2020 — rural communities' rates of COVID infection, hospitalization and death surpassed urban communities and even many racial minority groups.

"And so initially, when COVID-19 hit urban areas, there was a statewide lockdown. There was a lot of emphasis on it," Dixon said. "Then there were a lot of people in rural communities that said, 'I don't think this is really happening in our community,' right? 'It might be a hoax. It might not be real.'"

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Vaccinations have a positive impact on the health of infants and children. Families need to stay on track for routine childhood checkups and vaccinations, especially during COVID-19.

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As the school year begins for all ages, including college students, following the recommended childhood immunization schedule vaccination is even more urgent to help provide immunity against potentially life-threatening diseases.

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

The Marion County Public Health Department encourages everyone to remind loved ones and community members to schedule routine well-child visits and vaccinations.

The health department offers low-cost vaccines for children through its district health offices and the ACTION Health Center. More information is available by calling the Immunization Program at (317) 221-2122 or visiting [MarionHealth.org](https://www.marionhealth.org). Vaccinations are available by appointment. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is approved for ages 12 and older, and is available at no cost. Vaccination locations in Indiana are listed at [OurShot.IN.gov](https://www.ourshot.in.gov).

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

"Now is the time for our community to spread the word and tell people how important it is for children to be vaccinated," said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. "It is important to follow the recommended immunization schedule to protect infants and children by providing immunity early in life, before they encounter potentially life-threatening diseases."

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

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

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

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

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

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

‘Do what we can so we can get back to normal’

By **BREANNA COOPER**
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When Dequan Williams moved to Indianapolis from Gary in May 2020, he quickly began looking for a new church. With every church holding virtual services in the wake of COVID-19, it was easy to “try out” a new house of worship from his living room every Sunday. While Williams found several Baptist churches he would like to attend in person, he isn’t quite ready to be around large groups of people again.

“I’m not a real trusting person,” Williams said. “Like I don’t trust that the people walking around without masks on are actually vaccinated, and I’m high-risk if I got COVID. The pandemic is still going on and too many people think they don’t need a shot because God’s got them.”

Despite being widely available and free, only 48% of Marion County residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The Indiana State Department of Health estimates that roughly 418 Marion County residents are diagnosed with the virus every day.

With this in mind, many churches are taking steps to keep congregants safe as they worship.

Dr. Lionel Rush, pastor of Greater Anointing Fellowship Church of God in Christ and president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Indianapolis, said his church has remained virtual since May 2020. While he’s attended a few services at other churches, Rush said he doesn’t feel we’re “out of the woods” yet and foresees his church remaining virtual throughout the rest of this year.

“People need to wear masks and get shots in arms if we want to be able to safely worship in person,” Rush said. While he said, as an African American,



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he’s empathetic to fears regarding medical professionals, he said trusting science — and by extension trusting God — is the best way to keep congregants safe.

For any person of faith opting out of the vaccine for religious reasons, Rush quoted Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther, who wrote during the bubonic plague:

“Therefore I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify their air, administer medicine and take it.”

While Rush would prefer to see members of his church in person every week, he said there have been some silver linings in virtual services. Like Williams, many people have been able to find the church that’s right for them by simply logging into Facebook or YouTube.

“Churches have been able to recruit more people

in the last year than the last 14 because they’re not just speaking to people for an hour a week,” Rush said. “People are able to tune in or watch the videos wherever they are throughout the week.”

Ruben McKenzie, pastor of New Mission Church, streamed services on Facebook and said church attendance has grown as a result. Other churches, such as Living Word Baptist Church, continue to offer online components to services, including Bible studies.

“It’s made us creative,” Rush said of the pandemic. “But this virus is still wreaking havoc, and we need to do what we can to end it. It starts with wearing a mask, getting shots in arms and doing what we can so we can get back to normal.”

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FAITH ON THE FRONT LINES: Health care workers battle burnout with spirituality

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Clover Stewart has spent much of the last 14 months zipping up COVID-19 casualties in body bags. At times, she has felt like one of the many living casualties of the pandemic — frontline medical workers who, at the height of the COVID-19 outbreak, have witnessed a lifetime’s worth of gruesome deaths in the course of a typical week.

One night in March 2020, amid the frenzied efforts of the medical staff, the grim sounds of patients gasping for air and the acrid smell of disinfectant, Stewart’s job got very personal: She recognized one of the deceased as the receptionist she and her pregnant daughter recently spoke with at a doctor’s visit.

“I prayed for sanity,” said Stewart, who works in a critical care unit in Brooklyn, New York, and credits her faith for helping her to cope. That night, immersed in death and full of anxiety that she and her daughter may have contracted the virus, Stewart received a voicemail. A fellow Jehovah’s Witness was making a special effort to check on congregants working in health care and to share an encouraging Bible verse.

“God was with me,” she said, as she reflected on the reassurance that God sees her tears.

In the year that has followed, spiritual focus has helped Stewart and other frontline medical workers in her religious community battle through the mental and emotional toll of the pandemic.

“What health care workers are experiencing is akin to domestic combat,” Andrew J. Smith, Ph.D., director of the University of Utah Health Occupational Trauma Program at the Huntsman Mental Health Institute, said in a press release from his institution.

According to a study conducted by Smith’s group, more than half of the doctors, nurses and emergency responders providing COVID-19 care



Daisie Richardson

could be at risk for one or more mental health problems — including acute traumatic stress, depression and anxiety.

As the pandemic escalated, Daisie Richardson, a registered nurse for 23 years, experienced unprecedented anxiety as she worked in the pulmonary unit of a large hospital in Indianapolis.

Every shift presented a challenge as she provided care to critical patients, spending the 12 or more hours each shift gowned, gloved and masked the entire time.

Richardson recalled, “They started to heighten isolation precautions, but they were not sure how this illness was being spread or what kind of isolation was required. So that made life very stressful.”

She continued, “People were getting so sick so fast and so many of them at the same time. It was truly out of control at one period. It required a lot of endurance to be able to work straight through on your feet and see a lot of things that were not pleasant to see.”

But just like for Stewart, Richardson’s congregation

of Jehovah’s Witnesses mobilized. They made sure her physical needs were met and prayed regularly on her behalf. She stated, “I felt the comfort that comes from Jehovah through the congregation.”

Their love motivated her to continue her routine of worship. She attended online meetings of Jehovah’s Witnesses, joined Zoom ministry groups and relied on Jehovah to help her put her situation into perspective.

“I felt that if I did not maintain my calm, it was not going to help my patients,” Richardson said. “Jehovah helped me with that.”

American psychological and psychiatric associations, while not advocating or endorsing any specific religion, acknowledge a role for spirituality and religious faith in coping with distress and trauma.

Lawrence Onoda, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist in Mission Hills, California, noted a number of ways spirituality can help, including giving people “a positive hope and meaning toward life, comfort by looking for answers and

strength from a higher power, and a collective shared experience of support and community.”

For nurse practitioner Brandy German, such support and community helped her through her own struggle with COVID-19.

“I was able to take my focus off how bad I was feeling,” she said. “I didn’t feel alone anymore.”

German tested positive in late March 2020 after weeks of seeing patients with the hallmark symptoms at her clinic in Angola, Indiana. While she quarantined with a mild case, her husband soon developed severe COVID that would last months.

“I was pretty sure I gave him the virus,” German said. “I didn’t want him to know how scared I was. I felt very isolated.”

During that time, German joined virtual ministry groups almost every morning to write letters with positive Bible messages to community members. She also continued her regular schedule of meeting twice a week with her congregation

online.

Filling up the spiritual “tank” has also helped counteract the emotional toll of health care work during the pandemic, says Adrian Barnes, a helicopter flight paramedic based out of Sacramento, California.

During his hour-long commute to and from work, he listens to uplifting religious songs and audio recordings of the scriptures on JW Library, a free Android and iOS app from Jehovah’s Witnesses featuring content also available on jw.org.

“This keeps me focused and calm,” he said. “I look at it as God talking to me on my way to work and back.”

In his 24-hour shifts, he sees pain, suffering and hopelessness. “It can be emotionally draining,” Barnes said.

He recalled arriving at one facility to transport a COVID-19 patient, only to see her and all the others lying face down in their ICU hospital beds to reduce pressure on their lungs. In that surreal moment, hearing the intermittent release of pressurized air from more than a dozen ventilators, Barnes realized the merciless brutality of the pandemic.

“It was a big eye opener for me,” he said. “I can only do the best that I can. There comes a point when you have to look to someone greater for help, and that’s God.”

Despite the feelings of despair and fear created by the pandemic, Richardson also finds peace because of her reliance on God. “For me, it became a matter of really trusting in Jehovah to help me do my best,” she said.

When Stewart is surrounded by death inside the frigid trailer where COVID’s victims temporarily rest, she recalls scriptures of comfort, peace and hope. She never forgets to pray and be thankful for her family of faith.

“God is going to get me through this,” she said.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

9/11 20 years later: lessons learned and unlearned

By MICHAEL SAAHIR



“Did not Allah check one set of people by means of another; there would surely

have been pulled down monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, in which the name of Allah is commemorated in abundant measure.” (Qur’an 22:40)

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, marks the 20th anniversary of one of the saddest days for America — a day appropriately dubbed “9/11,” the emergency number we call for help when our lives are vulnerable and in danger. This 20-year span includes two undeclared wars, the killing of thousands of American soldiers — not to mention the tens of thousands civilians killed. A war that left us with a spiraling, out of control financial

debt into the trillions of dollars, but what have we really learned from the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001?

Have we learned anything that we didn’t already know before this catastrophe? There have always been good people and there have always been evil people, and unless the good people rise above and unite against the artificial manmade barriers then the potential for more 9/11s is always a heartbeat away.

Interfaith relations in America became more popular as a result of 9/11 as people of many faiths sought to make sense of this unfathomable depth of evil; however, 20 years later we still have “Christian privilege” while people of other faiths in our society continue to struggle to prove their civility in the eyes of the general public. We even witnessed a boon in Qur’an sales in America for the first time since the 18th century when the Qur’an (Koran) was a best-seller right here in America, 200 years ago.

Today, 20 years later we still have to remind Americans that Muslims also were victims of 9/11. For many years the south tower, known as “2 World Trade Center,” housed a masjid (mosque), an Islamic space for worship on the 17th floor that included a wudu station (an area specially fitted for the washing ritual necessary before a Muslim prays). Yes, the Islamic faith was hurt, and the loss of Muslim lives was very



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much a part of one of the saddest days in America.

After 9/11 missed opportunities to learn that we have much more in common than the air we breathe, the water we drink or the sunshine we enjoy. We also have in common the need to heal from pain, fear and mistrust. Did we learn the lesson that we, regardless of our race, religion or our social and political status, all of us — drip by drip — contributed to the atmosphere that allowed that tragic event to occur on Sept. 11, 2001.

Yes, mainly through subtle, seemingly insignificant omissions we allow political fallacies to become the basis for errant rationalizations and reasoning. Despite the pain and sufferings of 9/11, in many faiths, we continue to allow an air of religious arrogance that teaches folks to think, “I have the whole truth.” An arrogance that blinds us to the fact that

maybe we don’t have the full understanding of our “truths.” We still deny that racism has poisoned our ability to see “the others” as fully human. Within our own American homeland, we allow Americans permission to look at, work with and police over Americans while privately thinking and often times publicly saying, “Those people” are less than us “real Americans.”

It’s not too late to learn from the 20-year-old hurt and pain we are suffering. The attack upon our nation was more than the destruction of physical buildings, innumerable funerals and untold pains. The worst damage extends much further than the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. Accumulatively, the unheeded lessons from that one single day are more damaging to our humanness, to our sense of faith in neighbor. Our 20-year refusal to prop-

erly respond to the “9/11” alert is a big unanswered concern.

The 9/11 call for help for our nation has not been answered only because you and I — Muslims, Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists and others, regardless of our political affiliations — we have not answered the call, the call to heed the lessons unlearned. They say that the teacher arrives when the student arrives. We know this means the teacher is already present and ready to teach, but until that student who is in denial accepts that now is the time to learn, that student will never respect the teacher or the learning environment; thus as Americans will we ever respect the lessons to be learned.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the “school bell” rang, and for 20 years it has been ringing and ringing, summoning us to learn the lessons that

the physical wars of Afghanistan and Iraq can’t teach us. Polarizing politics can’t teach us these lessons. Until good people rise and unite against artificial man-made barriers the lessons and the teacher will not appear — thus the No. 1 lesson from the terrible day of Sept. 11, 2001, goes unlearned — that all Americans must unite upon human excellence, with respect for the U.S. Constitution. We must unite with the firm intent of destroying all artificial barriers while encouraging self-accountability. Yes, Sept. 11, 2001, was a clarion call for us to unite as a nation but sadly still the lessons from that 9/11 emergency call has yet to be learned.

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Life coach, consultant helps people ‘figure out who they were’

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Jihada Garrett understands what people want doesn't always match with what everyone else expects from them. She's been there, tempted to slip into a traditional job somewhere after graduating from Howard University with a master's degree in business.

The younger Garrett never went away, though — the one who studied psychology as an undergraduate and wanted to be a therapist because her passion was connecting with people and helping them.

Life happened, as Garrett said, and it wasn't exactly therapy she got into in 2015. It was life coaching: helping people achieve specific goals, find clarity, go from being good to being great.

This year, Garrett added consulting, the natural progression to life coaching. She launched her firm — Hello, Me! — to work with everyday people, organizational leaders and business owners to find the same freedom she found.

“What I'm helping people to do is to figure out who they were before the world told them who they should be,” Garrett said.

Coaching and consulting are related but still different. Coaching is about



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Jihada Garrett launched a consulting and life coaching firm — Hello, Me! — this year. (Photo provided by Jihada Garrett)

defining goals and getting from Point A to Point B. Once that happens, Garrett has found many people want to take that further by, for example, starting a business. That's when consulting comes in, which is more flexible than coaching; it's about developing strategies.

Issues people go to Garrett with can range from their relationship to their career. After a consultation to figure out what people want to accomplish, Garrett determines how long they'll work together — usually one to three months. They meet virtually once a week for an hour.

Garrett said it's only been a handful of times that someone doesn't finish the course, and that's usually because they feel they've made enough progress and don't want things to get more challenging.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hurt many businesses, but Garrett said the last year and a half has led more people to want something different. “People have a larger awareness of just how fragile life is,” she said.

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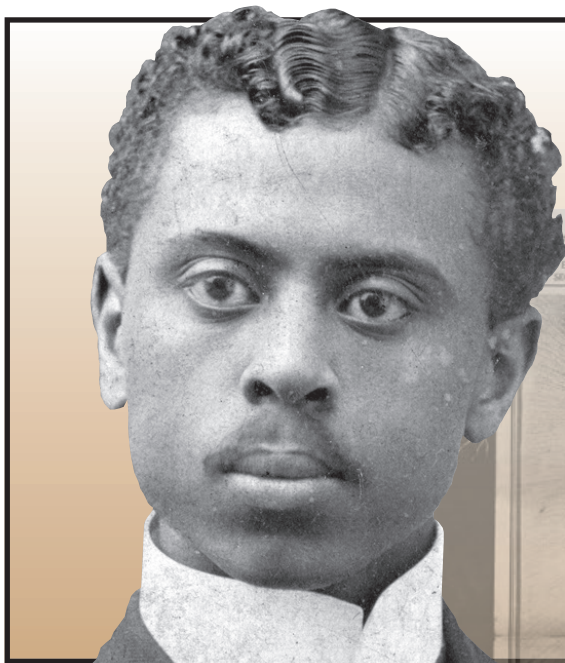
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TION Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of September, 2019, Sherrie L. Cannon was appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Genevieve D. Campbell, deceased, who died on the 10th day of June, 2015. All persons having claims against 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 Indiana this 25th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2011-AD-039622 IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: MARIAH O. JOHNSON, Minor Child. NOTICE OF ADOPTION INDIA JOHNSON AND KIEON SMITH: You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the person named as Petitioner and in the Court indicated above in a Verified Petition Adoption. There are no hearing scheduled in this matter at this time. Please contact the Court or Attorney Trina L. Saunders at 9165 Otis Avenue, Suite 204, Indianapolis, IN 46216 or (317) 790-3331 to receive a copy of the Verified Petition for Adoption.

Failure to appear for the aforementioned hearing could result in evidence being heard in absentia and the requested relief granted. 5320-927037

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE
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MARION) DOCKET NO.: 49D08-2107-EU-025633 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PERCY JOHNSON JR., DECEASED. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. In the matter of the Estate of Percy Johnson Jr., deceased. Cause Number: 49D08-2107-EU-025633 Notice is hereby given that, on August 26, 2021, Oscar Johnson was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Percy Johnson Jr., who died on February 16, 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 Marion County, Indiana, on August 26, 2021.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court Fred D. Scott, Attorney #227-49 fscott@harrisonmoberly.com HARRISON & MOBERLY, LLP 10 W. Market Street, Suite 700 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Tel/Fax: (317) 262-3728 Attorney for Oscar Johnson, Personal Representative of the Estate of Percy Johnson Jr., deceased 5320-927397

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ATTORNEY: Randolph
Kristel #17738-41 8005
South Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46217 (317)
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MINISTRATION In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division, Courtroom Number Eight. In the matter of the Estate of JOHN W. LEWIS IV, deceased. Cause Number: 49D08-2108-EU-026616 Notice is hereby given that Stephen Michael Lewis was, on August 9, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN W. LEWIS IV, deceased, who died on the 19th day of April, 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 August 9, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court Probate Division, Courtroom Number Eight 5320-927034

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Brett A. Carille Frank & Kraft, A Professional Corporation BMO Plaza, Suite 1100 135 North Pennsylvania Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317) 684-1100 Notice Of Unsupervised Administration In The Marion Superior Court, Probate Division In The Matter of the Estate of SANDRA LOU MANTZ, Deceased, Cause No. 49D08-2108-EU-028021 Notice is hereby given that BRADIRVIN MASSIE was, on August 20, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of SANDRA LOU MANTZ, Deceased, who died on or about June 20, 2021. The Personal Representative was authorized to administer the Estate without Court supervision. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after SANDRA LOU MANTZ's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this August 20, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-927032

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT) SS:
PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION) IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF:) RITA HAPPEL, DECEASED.) NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Estate of Rita Happel, deceased. Notice is hereby given that on the day of August 25, 2021, Charles G. Happel was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Rita Happel, deceased, who died on the 4th day of December, 2021. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this day of August 25, 2021. Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana, Probate Division Prepared by: Jay M. Wehmeier, Attorney # 1157-49 Jay M. Wehmeier & Associates, P.C. 5243 Rockville Road Indianapolis, IN 46224 Phone: 317-244-1818 5320-927298

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SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA IN THE COURT OF MARION COUNTY SS: COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO.: 49D10-2103-DN-002069 Shadiyah Crockett Plaintiff(s) -V- Lawrence Crockett Defendant(s) ORDER The court, having considered Petitioner's Praecipe for Service by Publication in Marion County, Indiana, and being duly advised, hereby grants said request. Respondent may be served for Notice of these proceedings by publication in Marion County, IN. SO ORDERED this March 24, 2021. /s/ Ryan Gardner Judge, Marion County Superior Court Distribution: Plaintiff/Petitioner Shadiyah Crockett 10220 John Jay Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46235 Defendant/Respondent: Lawrence Crockett 5320-927156

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SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY SS: COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO.: 49D10-2108-DC-006593 Oluwatolase Adebisi 601 Westlake South Dr., Apt. H Plaintiff(s) -V- Olaniyi Adebisi Unknown Defendant(s) NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Dissolution of Marriage. The summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: Olaniyi Adebisi, Unknown. And to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown: Olaniyi Adebisi. In addition to the above named defendants being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit. If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 10th day of October, 2021, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgement will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded. Attorney for Plaintiff ATTEST: Clerk of the Marion Court 5320-926231

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SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT NO. 16) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D16-2101-DC-000346 IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: JOSEPH P. SPEARS III, Petitioner, and KATILYNN S. ESTEP, Respondent. NOTICE OF SUIT KATILYNN S. ESTEP: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit is: a civil action for DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE by the Petitioner, Joseph P. Spears, III. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: KATILYNN S. ESTEP. If this summons is accompanied by an Order to Appear, you must

appear in court on the date and time stated in the Order to Appear. If you do not appear, evidence may be heard in your absence and a determination made by the court. If a Temporary Restraining Order is attached, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order. If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in this matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated in the Order to Appear. If you take no action in this case after receipt of this summons, the court can make a determination regarding any of the following, including but not limited to: dissolution of marriage, distribution of marital property and/or allocation of child custody, parenting time, child support, and attorneys' fees. ATTEST: /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Court. Respectfully submitted, BOWEN & ASSOCIATES, LLC By: Justin T. Bowen, Attorney No. 27454-49 Attorney for Petitioner, Joseph P. Spears, III BOWEN & ASSOCIATES, LLC Justin T. Bowen 11405 N. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 115 Carmel, Indiana 46032 (317) 848-5353 Telephone (317) 536-3116 Facsimile jbowen@bowntriallawyers.com 5320-927159

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SUMMONS SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO.: 49D16-2108-DN-006713 IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: TERRY W. WARUI, PETITIONER OLIVER WARUI MATHU, RESPONDENT. This notice is directed to Oliver Warui Mathu, whose whereabouts are unknown. The nature of the suit against you is Dissolution of Marriage. You must answer the complaint within thirty (30) days after the last notice of action is published. If you fail to do so judgement will be entered against you for what the petitioner has demanded. Dated 08/13/2021 Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the MARION County Superior Court 200 E. Washington St. W122 Indianapolis, IN 46204. 5320-927161

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA ANN HAAK, DECEASED. CAUSE NUMBER: 49D08-2108-EU-027147 Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of August, 2021, Monica Renee Houk was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Maria Ann Haak, deceased, who died on the 24th day of July, 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 August 13, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana Steven L. Harris, #7494-55 HARRIS & CURRENS 9 West Main Street Mooresville, IN 46158 (317) 831-4466 5320-927033

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The Passage Project 50 Shelby Street The Passage Project is a five-story apartment building offering 39 units and 5 short-term guest rooms located at 50 Shelby Street, Indpls, IN, 46202. The building is four stories of wood construction resting on a concrete podium. The first floor includes leasing, amenity and other community spaces, as well as two tenanted spaces. The exterior facade consists of masonry, cementitious siding, metal siding, vinyl windows, storefront, and associated trim features. This scope also includes 1 dumpster enclosure, onsite surface parking and all other miscellaneous improvements, including all roads, utilities, and other site features within the project limits in Indianapolis, Indiana. Project is TAXABLE. Project is NOT subject to prevailing wages. It is the goal of the owner, Englewood CDC, and CRG to work with the MBE/WBE/VBE/DOBE community and open up the opportunity to be a part of this project. Section 3 qualified subcontractors are also encouraged to submit bids. There will be a VIRTUAL pre-bid meeting at 10:00 AM on September 9th, 2021. The link to join this meeting is: meet.google.com/hsz-trvq-vmq Bid Forms will be uploaded by Thursday, August 26th, 2021. All RFIs need emailed by 10:00 AM on September 13th, 2021. All bids should include allowances for assumptions as needed to be made for complete turnkey. Signed Bid Forms are a requirement to be considered. Please designate if your firm is an WBE/MBE/VBE/DOBE company and if your firm is a registered Section 3 business. BIDS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 17TH AT NOON EST to CRG RESIDENTIAL. If you have any questions or for access to the bid documents contact Jennifer Allison via phone at 317-601-2536 or email at jallinson@crgresidential.com. 5320-927176

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Milestone Contractors, L.P. (a general contractor) An Equal Opportunity Employer is seeking Certified MBE/WBE/VBE/DOBE owned business bids for City of Indianapolis project ST-20-103 Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation Area No. 1 this project bids on September 16, 2021. Subcontracting opportunities available are construction engineering, landscaping/erosion control, pavement markings, excavation, pavement removal, storm sewer, waterline, construction signs, electrical work, curbs/sidewalks, raised pavement markings, pavement milling and hauling. Certified MBE/WBE/VBE/DOBE business parties should contact Todd Kirk (317) 616-4910 to discuss subcontracting opportunities. All bids must be submitted to Indyyquotes@milestonelp.com on or before September 15, 2021, by 12:00 (noon). Plans are available for viewing at Milestone Contractors, L.P., 7661 N Perimeter Road, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46241 or plans may be purchased at Repro Graphics, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN.

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PUBLIC NOTICE AND DEED: Lease to be advised, By Tiarra-Lashay Thomas, Appointed: GRANTEE-EX-ECTRIX-OR-BENEFICIARY-Name Holder, Holder/Name Power OF ATTORNEY IN FACT, of-a: Chief Executive Private office: C/O 2840 North Priscilla Avenue, Indianapolis Indiana. [46218]-3341 USA. (s) doing business as TIARRA LASHAY THOMAS, registered to do business in all States of The United States of America, right of claim filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State Office, Statutes, Chapter 333, work item # 124350000022. Filed 07/12/2021 11:59PM, out of: THIS REGISTERED USPS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: C/O TIARRA LASHAY THOMAS-2840 NORTH PRISCILLA AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46218-3341 USA, NOTICE: FOR THIS ADDRESS-AND-MAIL BOX, BELONGS TO THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, AND IS NOT ATTACHED TO ANY CLAIMED, PRIVATE-TANGIBLE-PROPERTY, NO

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sium will be upgraded. The existing ballasted roof will be replaced. New additions include an approximately 5,800 SF classroom addition, and 2,500 SF of new administration offices and secured vestibule at the main entrance of the school.

Exterior renovations include a revamped parking lot circulation plan that will separate student pick-up/dropoff and bus traffic. Playgrounds will be updated to include handicapped accessibility features.

Sealed bids are due by Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 2PM local time at the MSD Washington Township Community and Education Center located at 8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd, Indianapolis IN 46240. Bids will be publicly opened at this location at 2PM.

All 1st Tier Subcontractors wishing to bid and contract for this project must be prequalified by 5:00 PM EST on September 17th in order to be considered. The prequalification process is administered by the Shiel Sexton - Harmon Construction Joint Venture. The prequalification form is now available via email, requests shall be sent to Adrian Russell at russell@shielsexton.com. All other inquiries should also be directed to Mr. Russell who will be diligent in providing all pertinent information. 5320-927300

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Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation d/b/a IndyGo ("IPTC") will be releasing an Invitation for Bid and related Bid and Contract Documents ("Solicitation Documents") for construction of Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (BRT) Phase 1. Bylaw, transit agencies such as IPTC are required to protect sensitive security information ("SSI"). SSI is any information whose disclosure may compromise the security of the traveling public, transit employees or transit infrastructure. Certain pages that are included in the architectural/engineering and design documents and specifications for the Project contain SSI. Protecting SSI means restricting its distribution and controlling access to it. Only persons with a "need to know" may access SSI. Potential bidders for this Project, including subcontractors, regardless of whether such potential bidder ultimately bids on the Project, are considered individuals/entities with a "need to know" this SSI.

To access Solicitation Documents containing SSI: Because IPTC must restrict access to and distribution of SSI, IPTC will be posting the Solicitation Documents to a secure document site. To obtain access to the secure documents, potential bidders will be required to execute a non-disclosure agreement which addresses the appropriate handling, storage, use, reproduction, transmittal and destruction of the SSI ("NDA"). Solicitation Documents containing SSI will only be released to those executing an NDA. All prime bidders to IPTC must execute an NDA. The required NDA is available for download now on the IPTC website https://www.indygo.net/procurement/bid-opportunities/nda-1fb-21-05-385-purple-line-bus-rapid-transit-project/ it will be mandatory to receive signed NDA before releasing access to secured documents to the IPTC Procurement Department via email to Procurement@indygo.net / dadamson@indygo.net . A complete package of the Solicitation Documents (SSI and non-SSI) site access will be Emailed to Bidder Email Address listed on signed NDA form. Solicitation Documents are expected to be available in September 2021. 5320-927293

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STATE OF INDIANA) ELKHART SUPERIOR COURT 3) SS: COUNTY OF ELKHART) CASE NO.: 20D03-108-AD-000663 IN THE MATTER OF ISIAIAH MATHEW PARSON, NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

Brooke A. Harvey is notified that a petition for adoption of a child, named Isiah Mathew Parson, born to Brooke A. Harvey on April 15, 2005, was filed in the office of the clerk of Elkhart Superior Court III, 101 N. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526. The petition for adoption alleges that the consent to adoption of Brooke A. Harvey is not required because she has failed, for over one year, without justifiable cause, to communicate significantly with the child when able to do so, failure to support the child, and because she is unfit to be a parent. If Brooke A. Harvey seeks to contest the adoption of the child, Brooke A. Harvey must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above named court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. If Brooke A. Harvey does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice the above named court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to adoption of Isiah Mathew Parson will be irrevocably implied and Brooke A. Harvey will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of Brooke A. Harvey's implied consent to the adoption. No statement made by Brooke A. Harvey relieves Brooke A. Harvey of Brooke A. Harvey's obligations under this notice. This notice complies with IC 31-19-4-5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes. Date: 8/9/2021 Clerk, Elkhart Superior Court No. 3 5320-926318

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT) SS: PATERNITY DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49C01-0908-JP-039634 49C01-0607-JP-030396 IN RE: THE PATERNITY OF: ALEXIS KANTNER, MADISON KANTNER AMANDA MORRIS, Petitioner, and JARED KANTNER, Respondent. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION: Notice is hereby given that A Petition to Terminate Parenting Time or in the Alternate Supervised Parenting Time was filed by Respondent Jared Kantner in the Marion Circuit Court on November 11, 2020. Any person has the right to appear at the hearings scheduled on said petition scheduled for October 13, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. and to file objections. Hearing will be virtual. Go to www.webex.com to enter your meeting number and password to join by video or use the toll-free number 1-844-992-4726 to join by phone. Meeting number (access code) 179 977 2500 Meeting Password: cQaThb4235 (from video) and 28728424 (from phones) The following manner of service of Summons is hereby designated: BY PUBLICATION, TO BE PUBLISHED BY THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE WEEKLY PUBLICATIONS IN THE INDIANAPOLIS RECORDER. Respectfully submitted, PRITZKE & DAVIS, LLP. Dated: August 10, 2021 BY: /s/ Edward L. Walter Party Seeking Service: Edward L. Walter, Attorney PRITZKE & DAVIS, LLP 728 North State Street Greenfield, Indiana 46140 (317) 462-3434 (317) 462-3494 (fax) 5320-926321

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SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49D02-1912-MF-051181 Clerk Monica Reese Court 200 E. Washington Street, Room W12 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 327-4740 NEWREZ LLC F/K/A NEW PENNFINANCIAL, LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff VS. GREGORY L. HARRIS; DIANNA L. HARRIS; INDIANA HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; STATE OF INDIANA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ADDISON CREEK; MED-1 SOLUTIONS, LLC AS AGENT FOR COLLECTION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK; COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK BY MEDSHIELD, INC.; SHERI D. MOORE; STATEWIDE CREDIT ASSOCIATION; MY OAKLAND WOODS, INC., HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FWE, LLC; STATE OF INDIANA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; Defendant NOTICE OF SUIT The State of Indiana to the Defendant above named and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is: Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate against the property described in Exhibit B of the Complaint as set out below: Legal Description: LOT 15 OF OAKLAND WOODS, SECTION ONE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1994, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 94-148128, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. More commonly known as 12221 Tallowtree Couff, Indianapolis, IN 46236 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendants: GREGORY L. HARRIS; DIANNA L. HARRIS; MED-1 SOLUTIONS, LLC AS AGENT FOR COLLECTION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK; COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK BY MEDSHIELD, INC.; SHERI D. MOORE; STATEWIDE CREDIT ASSOCIATION; MY OAKLAND WOODS, INC.; HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FWE, LLC; This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant whose whereabouts are unknown: SHERI D. MOORE; GREGORY L. HARRIS; DIANNA L. HARRIS; MED-1 SOLUTIONS, LLC AS AGENT FOR COLLECTION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK; COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK BY MEDSHIELD, INC.; SHERI D. MOORE; STATEWIDE CREDIT ASSOCIATION; MY OAKLAND WOODS, INC.; HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FWE, LLC; 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 or response. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded by the plaintiff. /s/ Andrew L. Kraemer Attorney No. 14872071 Andrew L. Kraemer Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC 500 West Lincoln Highway, Suite J Merrillville, IN 46410 Ph. (312) 541-9710 Fax (312) 541-9711 8/12/2021 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge NOTICE JOHN-SON, BLUMBERG ASSOCIATES, LLC IS DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 5320-926267

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF MARION) CASE NO. 49C01-2104-MI-011863 IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: SCOTT ALLEN, Petitioner. ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, SCOTT ALLEN, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition FOR CHANGE OF NAME, to change the Petitioner's name from: SCOTT ALLEN to SCOTT BRYANT The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on October 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report for hearing, as follows: THIS MATTER WILL BE HEARD REMOTELY, and the Court will issue a WebEx invitation for attendance at the hearing Date Clerk of Marion Circuit Court So Ordered: July 13, 2021 /s/ Susan Boatright Magistrate, Marion Circuit Court 5320-926314

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF MARION) CASE NO. 49C01-2105-MI-017401 IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME: JOSEPH POWELL REDD, Petitioner. ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER Notice is hereby given that Petitioner Joseph P. Redd, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change the name from Joseph Powell Redd to Joseph P. Redd. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on November 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This hearing will be in the Marion County Circuit Court, 200 E. Washington Street, City County Building, Room W506, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. This hearing will be

held remotely by WebEx. A separate WebEx invitation will be sent with instructions to join the hearing. Date Clerk of Marion Circuit Court So Ordered: August 5, 2021 /s/ Karen Springer, Senior Judge Marion Circuit Court STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF MARION) CASE NO. 49C01-2105-MI-017401 IN RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME: JOSEPH POWELL REDD, Petitioner. ORDER RESETTING HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE

The Court set the verified Petition of name change of JOSEPH POWELL REDD on August 3, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. Publication needs to run in a newspaper of general circulation. Therefore, the Court resets the hearing to November 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The Petition for Name Change will be held virtually. Use the information below to join through www.webex.com and selecting "Join a Meeting" or by using the toll-free number to call in. Meeting number (access code): 173 867 9021 Meeting password: cQNg6fPb853 (27663772 from phones) Join by phone: 1-844-992-4726 - toll free Date: August 5, 2021 /s/ Karen Springer, Senior Judge Marion Circuit Court Distribution: All parties of record. 5320-926265

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2108-MI-026389 IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF: Etta James Williams, Petitioner. NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Etta James Williams, whose mailing address is 6653 Sundown Dr., N. Indianapolis, IN 46254-4366, and, if different, my residence address is: in Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Etta James Williams has filed a petition in the Marion County Court requesting that her name be changed to Etta James Williams. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on November 12, 2021, at 9 a.m. Etta James Williams Petitioner 5320-926308

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SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF MARION CAUSE NO. 49D02-1912-MF-051181 Clerk Monica Reese Court 200 E. Washington Street, Room W12 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 327-4740 NEWREZ LLC F/K/A NEW PENNFINANCIAL, LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff VS. GREGORY L. HARRIS; DIANNA L. HARRIS; IN

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List of vehicles to be included in the sale:

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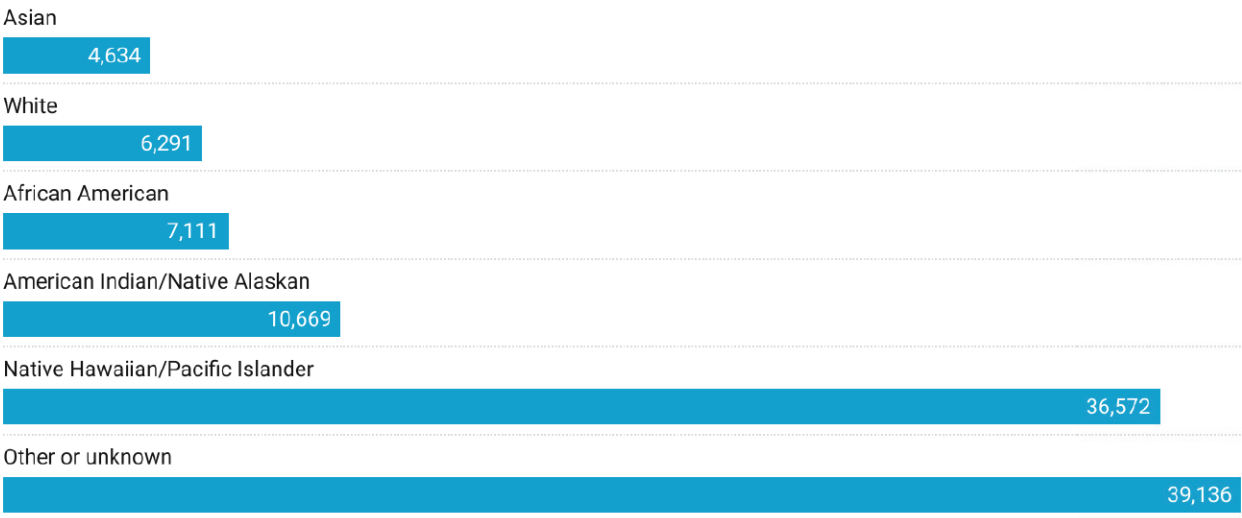
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COVID-19 cases rate per capita

Racial minorities in Indiana were more likely to be infected from COVID-19 than the overall population.



Based on a study from Regenstrief Institute and Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health
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Rural communities eventually felt the brunt of the virus. The reasons behind that delayed impact are a mix of politics, misinformation and a persistent shortage of health care services. Rural Indiana communities are heavily Republican and overwhelmingly voted for former President Donald J. Trump during the last two presidential elections. They are likely the most skeptical about COVID-19 mitigation and safety policies outlined by health authorities like the CDC. Misinformation was rampant while masking and social distancing practices were hardly present during the peak of the pandemic. But that’s not all. “[Rural] populations generally lack access to primary care and so, many of them have chronic conditions that might not be managed very well,” Dixon said. “So there are challenges with obesity or challenges with cardiovascular disease, there’s challenges with diabetes in those communities. Then when those people get sick, they often end up in the hospital and they’re sicker. And so there, they have challenges in recovering from diseases, including COVID-19.” **“You can’t go back and fix what happened’ but is the future any brighter?** COVID-19 vaccination rates in

rural communities remain the lowest in Indiana. At the same time many of those communities are fighting mask mandates and other COVID-19 safety policies in schools and other venues. All the while studies confirm that the delta variant is a lot more contagious than earlier variants. All this leaves rural communities in the midst of a perfect storm of contagion. And it makes public health experts like Dixon worried about what’s to come. “So there’s definitely a gap there between urban vaccinations and rural vaccinations. And there’s a gap based on race as well,” he said. “We see, for example, younger populations in the Black and brown communities not getting vaccinated. Older populations in those communities, thankfully, are pretty well vaccinated, but the younger populations are not. And those are the people that we tend to see in the hospital right now, too, from the urban areas.” As of now, looking at COVID-19 trends across all phases of the pandemic in 2020, it seems the gap between racial groups narrowed by the end of the year, especially as the burden shifted from urban to rural communities. But given the big proportion of the population that identifies their race as “unknown” or “other,” it is likely that the overall

disparity is larger than what the data currently shows. The long-term impact of COVID-19 infection is still not entirely clear. The populations hit the hardest by the virus may require more health care support to deal with persistent problems — like headaches, fatigue, weakness and some serious neurological symptoms — from COVID, known as “long-COVID”. The economic fallout from the pandemic, which largely affected working class Americans and communities of color, is another issue that could further exacerbate existing socioeconomic and health disparities unless a judicious recovery plan is put in place. “You know, at this point in the pandemic, you can’t go back and fix what happened last year, you can’t fix really what’s happening right now, where we see these same communities being hit hard, again, by COVID-19. But what you can do is you can work on recovery,” Dixon said.

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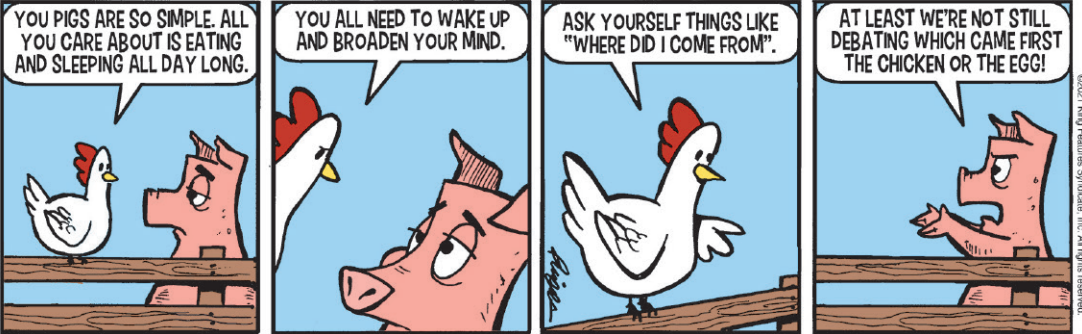
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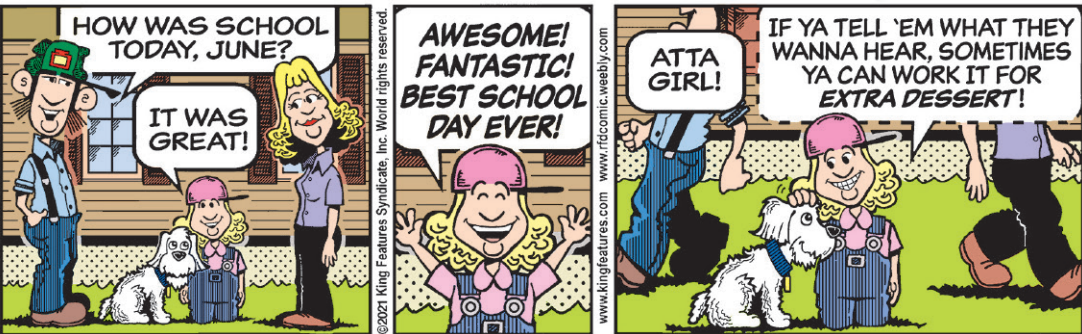
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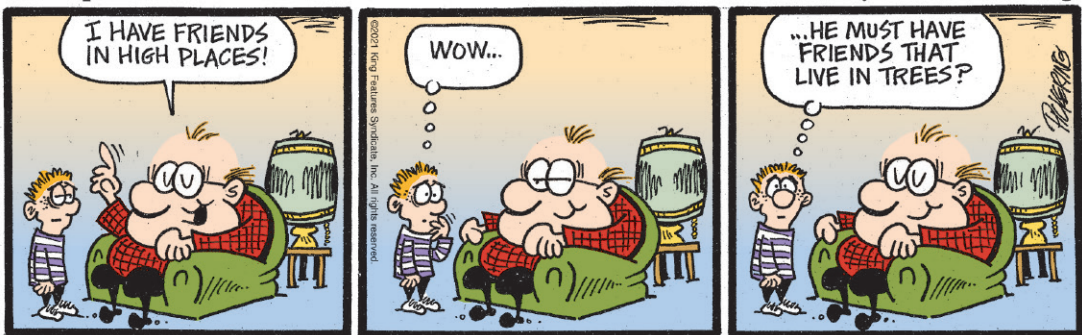
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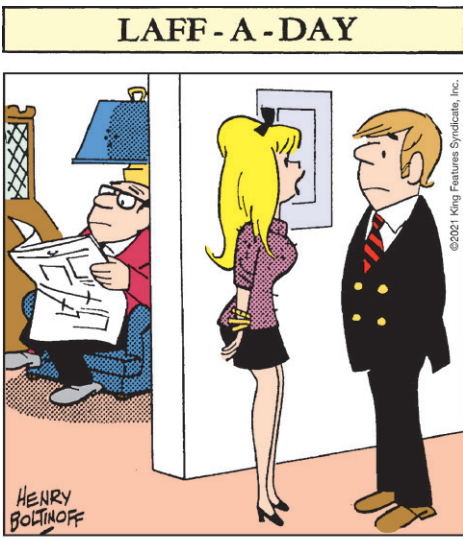
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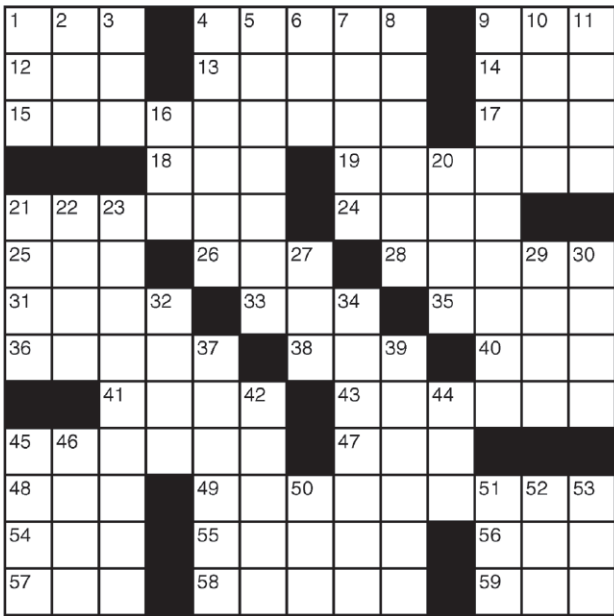
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pool stick
- 4 Gasoline dispensers
- 9 Attorney's field
- 12 "Right you —!"
- 13 Not moving
- 14 Blond shade
- 15 Online reference source
- 17 Carefree
- 18 By way of
- 19 Pancake toppers
- 21 Museum tour guide
- 24 — Hari
- 25 Swelled head
- 26 Solidify
- 28 Semesters
- 31 Stately trees
- 33 Homer's neighbor
- 35 Mt. Rushmore's state
- 36 Seized vehicles
- 38 Dict. info
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- 41 Hgt.
- 43 Ancient pyramid builders
- 45 Bale
- 47 Mineral suffix
- 48 Days of yore
- 49 Sibelius work or vodka

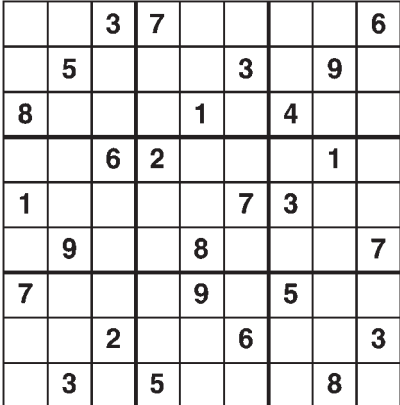


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- 54 Blackbird
- 55 Totally
- 56 Inventor
- 57 Goat's plaint
- 58 Lauder of cosmetics
- 59 Mary
- 7 Spectrum creator
- 8 Patronize, as a hotel
- 9 New York airport
- 10 Now, in a memo
- 11 Reasons
- 16 "— been had!"
- 20 Numbered rds.
- 21 Woodland grazer
- 22 Leer at
- 23 Summaries
- 27 Went first
- 29 Primary
- 30 Tackles moguls
- 32 Auctioneer's cry
- 34 Cecil B. —
- 37 Arm's-length portrait
- 39 Femme —
- 42 Ore layers
- 44 Longing
- 45 Smile broadly
- 46 Forearm bone
- 50 Rebel Turner
- 51 Morning moisture
- 52 — -de-France
- 53 Succor

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

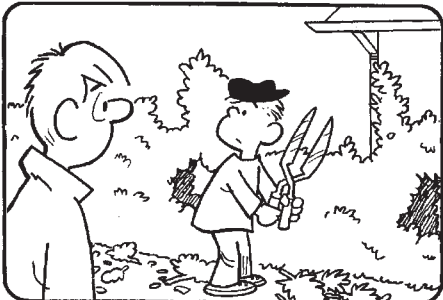
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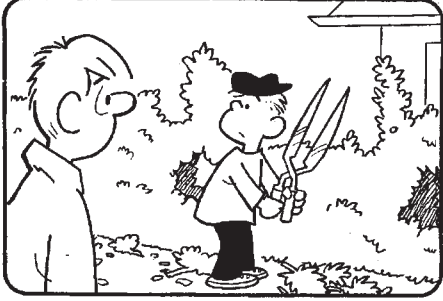
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Blades are longer. 2. Window is missing. 3. Pants are different. 4. Leaf is removed. 5. Drimble is missing. 6. Collar is different.

CALORIES

Today's Word

3. Impair; 4. Raise

1. Optical 2. Crease;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals P

WZNUUWAMP J SJHHTG DZWHTGD

KDUIG AMHU J DJMSV, FVJH

FUZTL VG NDUKJKTR KG LUAMP?

HJIAMP WHUSI.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: What is Yogi Bear's home in the animated "The Yogi Bear Show"?
- 2. GAMES: How many answers are possible in the Magic 8-Ball game?
- 3. LITERATURE: What is the Grinch's home in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?
- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a penny mostly made of?
- 5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that borders the United Kingdom?
- 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature is a mandrill?
- 7. MOVIES: Which rock group does The Dude hate in "The Big Lebowski"?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: In which decade did the first Taco Bell open?
- 9. MUSIC: Which city is the setting for Eminem's "8 Mile"?
- 10. AD SLOGANS: What product is advertised as being "good to the last drop"?

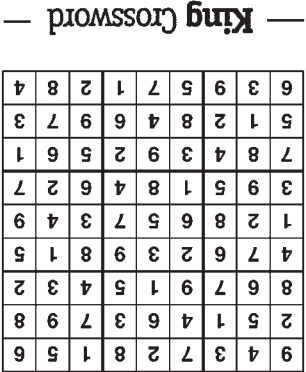
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- 10. Maxwell House coffee
- 9. Detroit
- 8. 1960s (1962)
- 7. The Eagles
- 6. A monkey
- 5. Ireland
- 4. Zinc coated with copper
- 3. Mount Crumpit
- 1. Jellystone Park



Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers



Answer

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Supposing a cattle rustler broke into a ranch, what would he probably be doing?

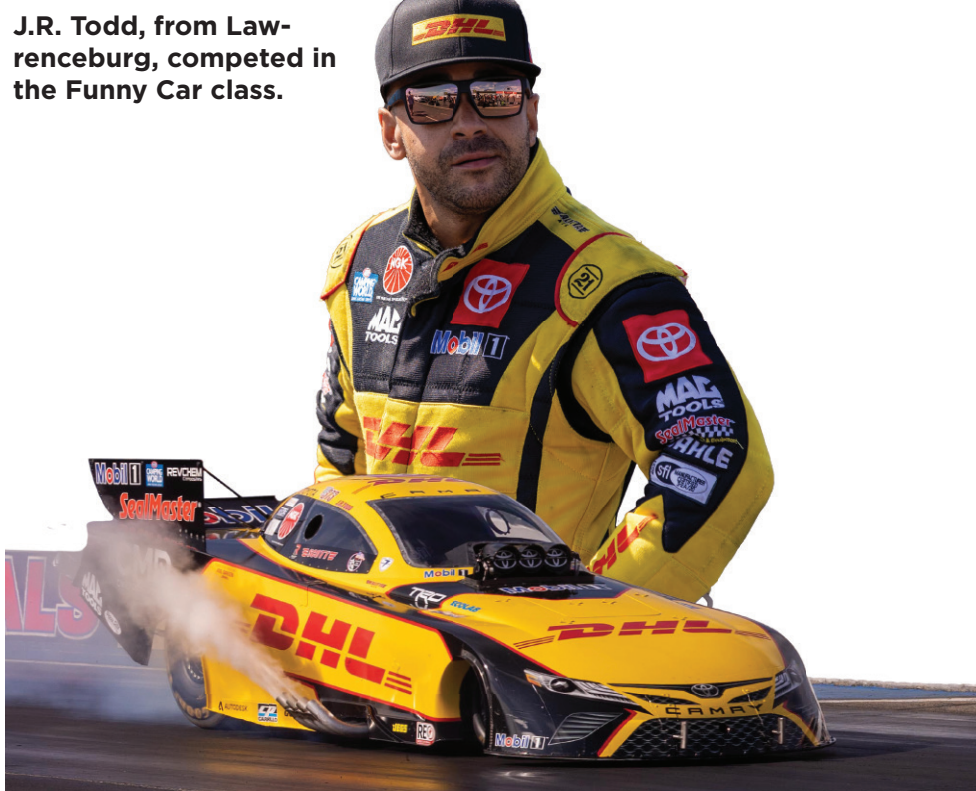
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J.R. Todd, from Lawrenceburg, competed in the Funny Car class.



Antron Brown competed in the Top Fuel class. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Right: South Bend native Skylar Diggins-Smith helped Phoenix get a win over the Fever on Sept. 6. (Photos/David Dixon)

Below: Fans have been enjoying WNBA basketball in person again.

Fever beat Sparks

Above left: Indiana Fever guard Kelsey Mitchell knocked in a 3-pointer with time running out Aug. 31 to help the Fever defeat the Los Angeles Sparks, 74-72.

Indians host Iowa Cubs

Indianapolis Indians catcher and outfielder Christian Bethancourt puts the tag on Iowa Cubs outfielder Ian Miller. (Photos/Jeff Brown)



Cubs infielder Avelino throws to first to get the out.

Bethancourt watches his walk-off single to give the Indians a 4-3 comeback win over the Iowa Cubs.

Malone returns to US with 3 medals

By STAFF

Paralympian Noah Malone returned home to Indianapolis on Sept. 6 with three medals from the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo.

Malone, a sprinter, won silver in the 100 meters after setting a new American record in the preliminary round. He was part of the relay team that won gold in the 4-x-100, and he won another silver in the 400.

"This will be an experience I will never forget and it's only just getting started," he posted to Twitter, along with pictures of his medals.

Malone has Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy, a rare genetic disease that leads to central vision loss. He ran track at Hamilton Southeastern High School while also enrolled at

Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. He is a sophomore at Indiana State University. "I still had stuff to achieve and places to go," Malone told the Recorder before his events.



U.S. Paralympian Noah Malone races in Switzerland. (Photo provided by family)



Lawrence North legend Mike Conley Jr. was inducted into the Lawrence North High School Alumni Hall of Fame. (Photos/David Dixon)

Mike Conley Jr. inducted into HOF during LN vs. LC football game

Lawrence North defeated Lawrence Central, 20-6, behind 138 rushing yards from Ali Richardson. The Wildcats also honored teammate Jordan Jackson, who was shot and killed June 17. The team carried his No. 6 jersey and held up the number six for Jackson, who would have been a senior this year.



Wentz still weighing options after return from COVID list

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Carson Wentz spent three days attending Zoom meetings and rehabbing his injured left foot at home.

The Indianapolis Colts quarterback also used the time to think about how to avoid another trip to the reserve/COVID-19 list.

On Sept. 2, Wentz returned to practice still unvaccinated but with a stronger commitment to the league's safety protocols after he and two other starters were activated.

"I've weighed a lot of things, I've factored in everything," he said. "I know what's at stake, I know all of those things and like I said, it's just where I'm at, where I'm at with my family. That's why just understanding the protocol to truly try everything we can to avoid what happened this week, it is what it is. The protocols are in place. So we've got to honor them as best we can so we can avoid what happened."

It was a big week for Wentz — for all the wrong reasons.

Coach Frank Reich announced he wanted to test Wentz's foot to see if it

could withstand the rigors of an NFL game. The plan was to use Wentz at all four workouts without limitations for the first time since he had a bone fragment removed Aug. 2.

Instead, team officials were forced to revise the schedule when Wentz, center Ryan Kelly and receiver Zach Pascal were deemed to be close contacts to someone who tested positive for the virus. Because league protocols require unvaccinated players to sit out — vaccinated players do not if they continue to test negative — a public debate ensued about Wentz's vaccination status and that of the Colts, who have one of the league's lowest vaccination rates.

While Wentz, Kelly and Pascal were all out for three days, the former North Dakota State star naturally became the biggest target. Wentz was criticized in the media and by fans who warmly embraced him after being traded from Philadelphia to Indy in March.

Reich even had to come to Wentz's defense when he was asked if Wentz's aversion to take the shot demonstrated a lack of leadership.

The questions continued when Wentz returned to the field, still limited though

taking most of the first-team snaps. "It felt great to finally get out there in full pads," he said. "Obviously, I'd hoped to get out there earlier this week."

What everyone wants to know now is whether Wentz will be the starter Sept. 12 against Seattle.

The answer might not come until a few days before the game. Indy didn't practice again until Sept. 6 and Wentz hasn't been full-go on consecutive days since late July.

Reich is optimistic. The virus isn't the only thing that could put Indy at a disadvantage.

Team officials announced four-time Pro Bowl receiver T.Y. Hilton, third-string quarterback Sam Ehlinger and second-year receiver Dezmon Patmon were put on injured reserve.

Hilton had surgery on an injured disk in his neck, a procedure general manager Chris Ballard said gave Hilton instant relief. They're not sure how much time he'll miss but expect him back later this season.

Ehlinger sprained his right knee in the preseason finale at Detroit. Patmon is out with a foot injury.

And, as the Colts already have learned,

vaccinations aren't necessarily the answer, either.

Nine players have already been on the COVID-19 list, most as close contacts. Reich missed the first week of training camp and defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus missed the first two games after positive tests. Both coaches were fully vaccinated.

"I know what it felt like last year to not have the main guys up there, you lose a big game against Tennessee, at home, we should have won and had the division title," unvaccinated All-Pro linebacker Darius Leonard said. "We're not going to do anything stupid as hell to put our team or our teammates in jeopardy of that."

While this week's absence gave Wentz time to rethink his decision and what he could do better, he's yet not ready to get the shots.

"This has been a fluid process for me this whole time," he said. "That's kind of where we've been as a family, we've just been monitoring everything we can, letting it play out as long as we can. This is where we're at today and things could change in the next coming week, who knows?"