

IMPD on the verge of changing discipline policy, still accepting public comment

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A committee tasked with handling issues related to hiring, firing and disciplining Indianapolis police officers will continue to take public comment on proposed changes to Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's disciplinary process until early January.

The deadline for public comment, originally Dec. 6, was extended following low engagement and complaints that IMPD had only released a draft of the proposal instead of the whole document.

Even at the Civilian Police Merit Board monthly meeting Dec. 7, where the public was again invited to comment, only one person spoke. It was Joe O'Connell, who's part of the Police Department Merit Board in Carmel. He said he was there

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An Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department car parked at a crime scene in February 2021. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)



Phyllis Boyd

New parks director brings years of experience in community engagement

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The new director of Indy Parks and Recreation says there's only one part of community engagement that's simple: "It needs to happen, and it needs to be done well."

OK, that's two things, technically, but Phyllis Boyd gets it.

There's a reason she has become a respected leader in the nonprofit sector. Boyd is smart enough to understand that neighborhoods are nuanced — from the people who live there to the mode of communication that's most effective — and humble enough to admit there's also a lot she doesn't know.

Boyd started at Indy Parks on Nov. 15 after six years as executive director at Groundwork Indy, an organization that employs youth to work on community projects. She recently worked with Indy Parks on community outreach plans for Riverside Adventure Park.

Boyd has spent much of her professional career talking to people, whether it's about a park project or sustainable design. It's where she learned one of the tenets of trustworthy community engagement: Don't overpromise.

"I have, with the best inten-

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2021 Winter Contingency Plan accounts for COVID-19, cold weather



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The Indianapolis Winter Contingency Plan, which provides indoor shelter options for Indianapolis and Central Indiana residents experiencing homelessness, looks different again this year compared to pre-pandemic years. The city has partnered with Wheeler Mission and the Marion County Public Health Department to create an alternate format for shelter to make sure people can socially distance.

Despite free vaccines being widely available, COVID-19 cases continue to rise in Indiana, with over 3,000 new cases reported Dec.

5. This spike in cases requires the city and partnering shelters to take extra precautions, including slightly reduced capacity. The plan is currently in place and runs through March 31, 2022.

Wheeler Mission, a faith-based shelter, has several locations to house men and women separately. The men's facility, 520 E. Market St., has 250 beds available, as well as 60 overflow beds at its Men's Residential Center, 245 N. Delaware St. Men seeking shelter should arrive at the Market Street address by 5 p.m. Central Christian Church, 701 N. Delaware St., will also provide overflow shelter if needed.

Women seeking shelter are directed to

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How shaky ivermectin studies overseas wreaked havoc in the US

BY FARAH YOUSRY

Not a single scientific or health authority in the U.S. recommends the use of the anti-parasitic drug ivermectin to treat or prevent COVID-19. Still, some Americans see the unproven drug as a way out of the pandemic.

Ivermectin is mostly used in large animals and is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for treating human conditions, including head lice and stomach worms. But across the country, demand for the drug has surged in recent months, leading to a spike in hospitalizations for human exposures to ivermectin.

The drug is among the latest politically divisive public health issues unfolding across the country. The situation has fast-tracked conversations about the risks and benefits of publicizing research findings that have not yet been vetted by the scientific community.

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'HE SAID HE JUST WANTED TO DIE': Man who stabbed officers lured police, intended to kill, docs show

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Officers found multiple knives at the scene. (Photo provided by IMPD)

A man accused of stabbing two Indianapolis police officers said he lured the officers to his location with a fake 911 call and intended to kill one of them, according to a probable cause affidavit.

Deonta Williams, 20, told an investigator he wanted "justice" because he received a medical bill he couldn't afford and "felt the city owed him." His plan, according to the document, was to get the gun from one of the officers and have the other officer shoot him.

"He said he just wanted to die," the investigator wrote.

Williams called 911 to report someone harassing him but told the investigator he made up

the story, including the description he gave of the person: a white male in a gray hat, red shoes, black hoodie and white jacket.

He indicated he didn't want to kill "a lot" of officers, just one.

Williams stabbed both officers — one in the neck and the other in the chest — and both officers shot him. Williams, along with the officer stabbed in the chest, were treated at a hospital and released. Williams was arrested. The officer who was stabbed in the neck was released from the hospital Dec. 2, according to an update from Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

The incident occurred shortly after 1 a.m. Dec. 1 in the 1400 block of Fairfield Avenue. Williams is preliminarily charged with two counts of attempted murder. The Marion County

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Cycling advocates help light the path

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In response to an increase in traffic collisions involving pedestrians and bike riders, concerned cyclists are working to ensure as many bike riders as possible have bike lights.

Bike Lane Uprising, a Chicago-based safety advocacy group, recently named Indianapolis one of several cities to receive a grant to supply and distribute 200 bike lights.

Jarron Burdine, a cyclist and volunteer with Bike Indianapolis, a nonprofit organization advocating for safer streets, said the distribution should begin in early 2022. Volunteers will distribute the lights at bike shops and community events, and organization leaders plan to keep some lights in stock to hand out to cyclists as needed.

The grant comes after a particularly deadly year for Hoosiers on the road.

From 2019 to 2020, fatal collisions in Indianapolis rose 31% compared to an 8% increase nationwide. According to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, over 180 collisions have involved pedestrians, and over 50 involved people on bikes. One way to reduce the number of collisions, Burdine said, is to make sure cyclists make themselves visible.

“I hate that I’ve had to do it, but I’ve spent a lot of money on lights for my bike and a jacket that’s made from reflective material,” Burdine said. “I have reflective material on my backpack that sits in my basket, too. Although, a large part of these crashes are distracted drivers, so being visible won’t help if they aren’t paying attention.”

Local leaders agree distracted driving and speeding play a large role in the recent uptick



A group of Indianapolis cyclists held a vigil Nov. 21 for victims of road collisions, calling for safer streets for pedestrians and bike riders. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

in collisions. Indianapolis City-County Councilor Crista Carlino and state Rep. Mitch Gore said drivers became accustomed to fewer cars on the road during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and ignored road laws and safety measures as traffic began to pick back up.

“We all have a part to play in this,” Carlino said at a vigil for road victims in November. “We need folks to slow down. Our streets are built to be the racing capitol of the world, and that’s a dangerous sport to play. We’ve got pedestrians

and cyclists to protect.”

For several years, the city has worked to improve street lighting to protect those on the roads.

In 2016, Mayor Joe Hogsett announced Operation Night Light, a project replacing nearly 27,000 streetlights in Indianapolis with more efficient LED lights. Hogsett said the project, which ended a 35-year moratorium on new streetlights, was a priority to improve safety. As of July, 97% of the planned installments have been completed.

“We are excited to celebrate

this important milestone in the history of Operation Night Light,” Hogsett said at a press conference at the time. “There are few other city programs that offer so many benefits at once: this program enhances the safety of our neighborhoods, improves the efficiency of taxpayer dollars and reduces the greenhouse gases emitted into our environment. It’s truly a win-win-win for Indianapolis.”

Lane Wolf, a volunteer at Bike Indianapolis, said infrastructure changes, such as narrowing lanes, increasing

the number of streetlights in the city and raised crosswalks, need to occur alongside drivers taking more precautions.

“Motorists, people on bikes and pedestrians all benefit from safer roads,” Wolf said. “... We want to create a safe space for all people, not just cars.”

For more information on Bike Lane Uprising, visit bikelaneuprising.com.

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Indiana schools got \$3B in federal funding. Why don't we know how they will spend it?

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Indiana schools are slated to get a surge of nearly \$3 billion in federal coronavirus relief over the next three years. The money is meant to help them safely operate and make up for the instruction students missed out on. But months after the stimulus began flowing, public information on how local districts are spending it is inconsistent and often hard to find.

The unprecedented aid holds the promise of helping students by paying for crucial support like tutors, social workers and longer school days. Schools can also use it to invest in areas that have long been underfunded — from repairing ventilation systems to updating class materials.

Yet, advocates and policymakers say that without clear information from school districts, it is hard for the public to know if the money is benefiting students. It also hampers efforts to scrutinize spending for misuse.

“We have a tremendous upside opportunity to invest these funds and use them in wise ways,” said Indiana Rep. Ed Delaney (D-Indianapolis), who called on the state to do more to guide school districts in how they spend the aid and encourage them to share details of their spending.”

The temporary aid was included in three federal stimulus bills that Congress passed during the pandemic, and districts have until late 2024 to spend it. School systems with larger shares of children from low-income families received more money.

Local districts are responsible



U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona visits a South Bend elementary school in September 2021. The South Bend Community School Corp. received more than \$90 million in federal pandemic relief funds. (Photo provided by WNDU)

for deciding the best use for the money.

Federal requirements, local decisions

Federal law requires school districts to submit spending plans to the state, and the Indiana Department of Education reviews those applications to ensure the plans comply with guidelines, according to IDOE spokesperson Holly Lawson. After school districts pay for purchases and services locally, they request reimbursement from the state.

Those plans contain details such as how much districts anticipate spending on replacing roofs or summer school. But the state has not publicly posted the applications it has received. Lawson said the department plans to launch

a dashboard soon with some district-level information on the federal funding.

The federal government is also expected to collect information on how districts use the funding through an annual form, said Phillip Lovell, associate executive director of All4Ed, a national education advocacy group. But Lovell said communities should not have to wait for that data.

Tracking over \$90 million in stimulus funds

In South Bend Community Schools, which educates about 16,000 students, the district and teachers union are working with a state mediator.

South Bend schools CFO Kareemah Fowler said the ongoing union negotiations are

one reason for the district to be open about the federal funding it received. The administration needs to be clear that the infusion of close to \$93 million (some of which it shared with private schools) is short-term. It would be unsustainable to use it to run schools, she said.

But publicity takes work. Even in South Bend, one of the largest school districts in the state, planning how to use the aid has been a challenge, and the district is hiring additional staff to oversee the federal money, Fowler said.

Engaging the community

Planning how to use the federal aid and publicizing that spending is an extra administrative burden for staff at a moment when districts are already

overwhelmed. Schools are tackling those challenges at the same time they are attempting to operate during the pandemic and respond to unprecedented staffing shortages.

The grassroots organizing group Hoosier Action is familiar with this challenge — it led an effort to encourage residents to give input on how cities and counties use federal stimulus money, said Tracey Hutchings-Goetz, the communications director.

“Time and time again, we would see a lack of imagination,” she said. “We would spend a lot of time working with people to be like, ‘No, you really, you can impact this. You get to decide.’”

The group uses tactics like text message campaigns and door-to-door canvassing to get people involved, she said.

“Robust public information is absolutely better than no or limited public information,” Hutchings-Goetz said. But, “it takes organized people to create change or impact policy.”

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tions, said, ‘Oh, I can get this or that done,’” she said. “And then for whatever reason, I couldn’t do it.”

What it comes down to for Boyd, who has degrees in biology and landscape architecture, is respect. Even if there is such a thing as communication overload, she thinks that’s better than catching people by surprise.

“You don’t ever want folks to feel like you’re doing things to them,” she said.

Boyd said the parks department wasn’t on her radar until the mayor’s office approached her about the opening. The last director, Linda Broadfoot, left in August and became CEO of Second Helpings.

It didn’t take long for Boyd to see why the move would make sense for her. There’s the experience in community engagement, architecture, planning, biology and her passion for parks.

“It’s just another way of putting what I know and what I love in service to the community on a larger scale,” she said.

Mayor Joe Hogsett announced Boyd as the new director in early November.

“With a number of major park improvements and facility upgrades slated for the coming years, I look forward to working with Phyllis to enhance public green spaces throughout Indianapolis and tighten the bonds between Parks and our neighborhoods,” he said in a statement.

Indy Parks and Recreation consists of 212 parks, 11,258 acres of greenspace, 130 playgrounds and 153 miles of trails. The department will spend \$45 million in upgrades over the coming years on projects including a new family center at Frederick Douglass Park and another \$11 million toward Riverside Park’s master plan.

The city also appropriated \$16.5 million in federal pandemic relief funds to upgrade nearly 30 parks.

Boyd said she’s still in “absorption mode” just a few weeks into the job, but her goals include adding more sources of dedicated funding for operations and maintenance, as well as finding a balance between planning for the present and future.

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Prosecutor’s Office will make all final charging decisions.

Police said officers had body cameras that were activated. The officers have been placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure.

The IMPD Critical Incident Response Team will conduct the criminal investigation, and the Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Services Agency will assist.

The Marion County Prosecutor’s Office responded to the scene and will be consulted throughout the investigation.

IMPD Internal Affairs will conduct a separate administrative investigation.

The civilian-majority Use of Force Review Board will conduct a mandatory hearing at the conclusion of the criminal process.

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to learn and see if there's anything the Carmel board might find useful.

The Civilian Police Merit Board will take written public comment until noon Jan. 3. The board plans to vote on the proposal during its meeting Jan. 4. Submit feedback to IMPD_Planing@indy.gov.

What's in the proposal?

The proposal, released after the December meeting, is 38 pages. The system it would create is similar to the current one with categories of misconduct corresponding to certain levels of punishment.

Where the proposed system differs is it would allow the board to consider how an officer's conduct affects the community and the police department's image.

The lowest level of offense, category A, includes conduct that “has a minimal negative impact on the operations or professional image of the department.” The highest level, category F, includes felonies and offenses that go beyond “normal and acceptable professional practice” and “egregiously violates the public trust.”

A minor violation — being disrespectful to other employees, for example — could come with anything from a verbal warning to a written reprimand. In the case of the most serious violations — an officer using his or her badge to avoid consequences for an illegal act, for example — the chief would decide punishment, which could include termination.

Repeat violations within a certain timeframe would increase the severity of the punishment.

Frank Sullivan, the board's president and former Indiana Supreme Court justice, said the current system is too rigid. The proposed framework would give the board more flexibility.

How does the board work?

The Civilian Police Merit Board is made up of seven members: four appointed by the mayor, one appointed by the city-county council and two elected by officers. No current police officers can serve on the board, though three current members are retired officers.

The board meets at 12:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

Members spend most of their time considering hiring and promotion recommendations from the chief, but their most visible task is deciding whether to uphold or deny punishment for officers.

When the chief wants to punish an officer, the officer can appeal. That's when the board conducts hearings and chooses to agree with the chief, reverse the chief's recommendation or reduce the punishment.

The board is not allowed to punish officers on its own.

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Wheeler's Center for Women and Children, 3208 E. Michigan St. The shelter currently has 68 beds for single women and 15 rooms for women with children. Women with school-aged children can work with Wheeler Mission to arrange for transportation to get their children to school.

Horizon House, a local organization helping those experiencing homelessness find resources such as employment and mental health care, will refer women in need to Wheeler. Teresa Wessel, executive director of Horizon House, said the current need for shelter is high.

“We served 605 people in our service center last week alone,” Wessel said in a statement Dec. 7. “These are the highest numbers we have encountered in months. We are working to connect those people to permanent housing solutions, but in the meantime, we provide basic needs and work with other providers around the city to provide temporary shelter options and resources.”

Those staying overnight in Wheeler Mission are required to leave the shelter by 7 a.m. In the event of freezing temperatures, Horizon House and Outreach Inc. offer

daytime shelter during their hours of operation. Horizon House, 1033 E. Washington St., will open for all people when the wind chill reaches below zero degrees or air temperatures below 10 degrees.

Outreach Inc., 2416 E. New York St., serves people ages 14-24 and is open 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays when air temperature reaches zero degrees or below.

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Violinist brings ‘Fiddler’ to Walker Theatre

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Kelly Hall-Tompkins spent 13 months playing the titular character in “Fiddler on the Roof” on Broadway, with several solo pieces written specifically for her. After her stint on the stage, the violinist worked with artistic directors from the production to record “The Fiddler: Expanding Tradition,” an album featuring her own arrangement of “If I Were a Rich Man” and other songs from the hit musical. Hall-Tompkins will bring “Expanding Tradition,” along with holiday favorites, to the Madam Walker Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16. The performance will also be streamed virtually at violin.org.

Hall-Tompkins curated the entire setlist, but it’s difficult for her to pick her favorite piece.

“I really love all of them,” she said. “There’s a story with every single one of the pieces. Each one is a microcosm of the entire evening in a lot of ways. The show is about joy, sadness, excitement, and there’s a layer of that in each piece.”

While Hall-Tompkins has performed all over the world, her yearlong stint in “Fiddler” in 2016 left a lasting impact on her. The messages — those of women’s empowerment and speaking against the oppression of people, in this case, members of the Jewish community — are important for all to hear, Hall-Tompkins said.

“It was one of the best personal and professional experiences of my life,” she said. “Musically, it made an impact, and I want to carry that forward. ... I want to encapsulate our experience on Broadway for this

show.”

The performance at the Madam Walker Theatre is significant for Hall-Tompkins. The South Carolina native recalls visiting Walker’s home in New York, which the owners at the time allowed her and her husband to tour. She cites A’Lelia Bundles’ (Walker’s great-great-granddaughter) “On Her Own Ground: The Life and Times of Madam CJ Walker” as one of her favorite books.

“I’m so thrilled the show is there,” Hall-Tompkins said. “I’m a big admirer of her and her legacy. ... She’s an important American figure.”

Outside of the theater, the virtual component to the show allows Hall-Tompkins to reach a broader audience. Two years into a global pandemic, the musician believes the arts are a way to connect with people who have been isolated. She’s had previous experience with streaming performances. During the summer of 2020, she performed in a virtual vigil for George Floyd, as well as one for Elijah McClain, who was killed by Colorado police in 2019. Virtual concerts, she said, allow performers to reach people where they are, and sometimes reach new audiences who weren’t previously tapped into the arts.

“Music is a language,” Hall-Tompkins said. “It brings people together.”

For more information on the show and to buy tickets, visit violin.org.

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‘A Christmas Carol’ returns to IRT



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In Indianapolis, there are a few telltale signs the holidays are nearing: Monument Circle becomes a giant Christmas tree, the Indianapolis Zoo gets covered in animated lights, and Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” returns to the Indiana Repertory Theatre (IRT).

In its 30th year, IRT’s “A Christmas Carol” has a smaller cast due to COVID-19, but just as much holiday cheer as it’s always had. Adapted by Tom Haas, who served as IRT’s artistic director from 1990 until his death in 1991, this year’s play is the first time IRT’s resident playwright, James Still, has directed the production, and the first time veteran IRT actor Rob Johansen has played Ebenezer Scrooge.

Johansen has been in “A Christmas Carol” for 14 years and has shared the stage with his wife, Jennifer, many times.

“I’ve always been a sucker for this, even when I was a kid,” Johansen said of the play. “... I’m from New York and I moved out here for grad school with every intention of going back to New York, but the first time I was in ‘A Christmas Carol,’ I felt like I was celebrating a major holiday with an entire city. I fell in love with Indianapolis and decided to make my life out here.”

In previous years, Johansen has played Bob Cratchit, the Ghost of Christmas Past and the undertaker, among other roles. This year, with a new soundscape, an updated script and an expanded run time, he said the production is “refreshing” for the cast.

David Alan Anderson has been performing in “A Christmas Carol” for over

a decade, always as several characters. This year, audiences can see him as Fezziwig, the Ghost of Christmas Present, Pawnbroker, and he’s part of the ensemble. Working under Still’s direction for the first time in this production, Anderson said, changed the feel of the play.

“The biggest difference is James comes in without knowledge of the way we’ve interpreted the play in the past,” Anderson said. “It’s not something he’s as familiar with as we are, so the thoughts and ideas we come to him with, he was willing to listen to, but he’s not beholden to them. ... It feels a little more like a ghost story this year than in the past.”

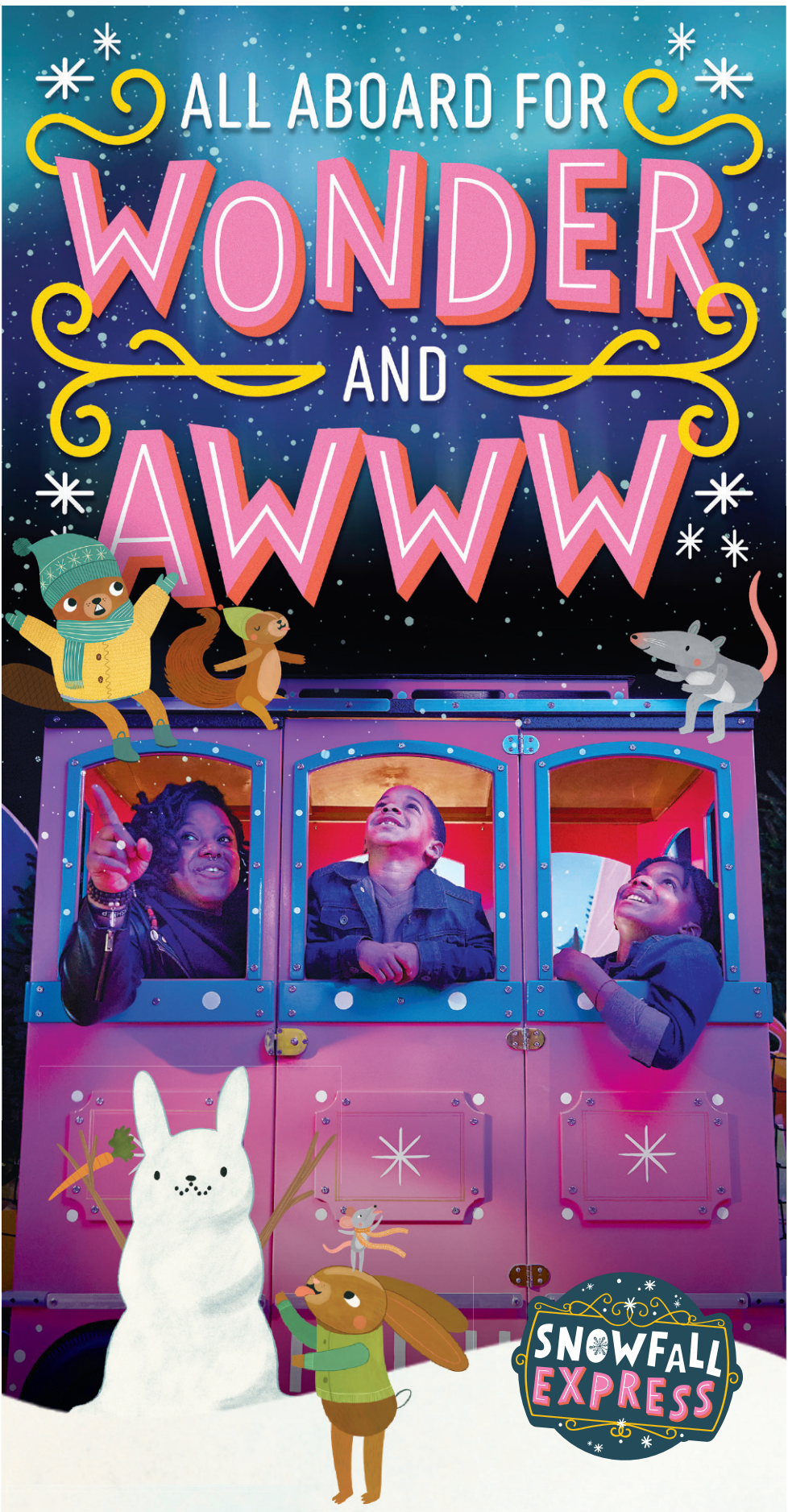
While Anderson wouldn’t say this year’s play — with a cast of just eight people — feels like a return to normalcy, it does feel like the holidays are here again.

“There’s a comfort in coming back,” Anderson said. “It’s more so the people than the play. It’s a great group of people I consider part of my local artistic family. ... So, in that sense, there’s a bit of comfort in coming back to tell this story.”

Johansen’s performance as Scrooge marks his 50th production for IRT, and much like seeing “A Christmas Carol” around the holidays, it just feels right.

“To have it come to fruition this year, it’s my 50th show, my first time as Scrooge, my wife is in the play, we have a new director, it feels like it was all meant to be,” he said.

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Recorder to expand religion coverage through Report for America

By STAFF

The Indianapolis Recorder will add a journalist focused on the Black church and its role in the community as part of a partnership with Report for America, a national program that places emerging journalists in local newsrooms to report on under-covered topics and communities.

The Recorder was chosen as one of nearly 70 host newsrooms across the country.

Report for America is a two-year program, with an option for three years. The cost is shared between the program and newsroom. Report for America also provides training and



mentorship.

“Yes, local news is in crisis — but this batch of newsrooms also fills us with tremendous hope,” Steven Waldman, president and co-founder of Report for America, said in a statement. “Newsrooms across the country are pushing to cover essential local beats like schools and rural areas, at the same time they try to better represent all of the people in their communities.”

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That’s because much of the misinformation on ivermectin draws on low-quality studies, including ones that were retracted after further examination revealed problems and even potential fraud.

The fact that unvetted research conducted in labs overseas could wreak such havoc across the U.S. is a testament to the vulnerable social and political situation in the country, said Jennifer Reich, a sociologist at the University of Colorado Denver.

“The thing about COVID, and I think any infectious disease, is that they don’t necessarily create new problems. But they magnify the problems we already have,” Reich said. “Claims only make sense because they resonate against things that are already happening.”

As is the case with many COVID-19 treatments, the jury is still out on ivermectin. Studies are ongoing. But until reliable, high-quality data shows promise, U.S. health authorities caution against its use.

It all started with labs overseas sharing questionable research

Ivermectin’s connection to the coronavirus can be traced back to a lab in rural Egypt, which claimed in December 2020 that data from its randomized clinical trial showed the drug is more than 90% effective against COVID-19.

The study had not been peer-reviewed. It was posted on a preprint server — a website that makes research quickly available to the scientific community and the broader public.

Local Arabic media interviews hailed the study as a national victory. It was, after all, the largest study among dozens of trials taking place around the globe that were posted on preprint platforms around the same time.

This caught the attention of Andrew Hill, a pharmacology researcher at Liverpool University in the U.K. But when the pandemic hit, he shifted gears to focus on COVID-19.

Hill and about 40 of his scientific colleagues aggregated the data from different studies on ivermectin and COVID-19 coming from around the world, including the trial from Egypt as well as others from Nigeria, Bangladesh and India.

“We had Zoom calls with [people from] 20 or 30 countries, all pulling all their data and saying, ‘Here’s what my country is working on; look at this study; look at that study,’” Hill said.

They worked together to conduct a meta-analysis — a study that systematically combines the results of numerous other studies — and published a paper that concluded ivermectin is nearly 50% effective against COVID-19. But such analyses are only as good as the studies they are based on. Not long after the meta-analysis was published, Hill discovered major problems in some

of the studies — including the largest one from Egypt.

Jack Lawrence, a master’s student at St. George’s University in London, was the first to notice the problems. His graduate class had been assigned several scientific papers to critique, and Lawrence said he was shocked at what he found in the study from Egypt. Most notable: plagiarism and other ethical issues.

“The biggest [concern], perhaps, is that they had reported the study as starting on the eighth of June. And they included a number of patients who had died before that date,” Lawrence said.

The paper from the Egyptian lab has since been removed from the preprint server.

Ahmed Elgazzar, the lead author of the trial, did not respond to multiple emails and phone calls from Side Effects.

Preprint research websites solve one problem — but may create another

Michelle Avissar-Whiting is the editor-in-chief of Research Square, the preprint server that posted the ivermectin trial from Benha University in Egypt. She said as soon as she was made aware of the problems with the study, she took it down.

“[Then] I received a letter from the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education, asking why I removed the study,” Avissar-Whiting said. “I told them the problems and they said they will be investigating the study; [and] I never heard back.”

Traditionally, when scientists study potential treatments, they conduct clinical trials and then submit data for peer review. That’s when a panel of experts in the field look at the study to ensure its accuracy and determine whether it gets published in a scientific journal. It’s the gold standard for scientific publishing, but the process can take months, sometimes years. That means the public — including scientists and health care providers — are left in the dark about the new findings while they wait for publication.

When this happens during a global health crisis, there are grave consequences.

During the Ebola epidemic in West Africa several years ago, scientists discovered powerful treatments against the virus, but they waited for the peer-review process before sharing the findings, Hill said.

Then COVID-19 hit. Avissar-Whiting said much of the early, critical research on the virus — like its genetic code and transmission methods — came out quickly because it was published on preprint servers. This was beneficial for fast-tracking vaccine development.

But the downside was that people outside of the scientific community, who

may not understand the limitations of unvetted work, had access to these papers as well.

With so much COVID-19-related research posted on preprint platforms, landing there with minimal prior screening, these studies quickly spread on social media platforms.

Reich, the sociologist at the University of Colorado, said science is contentious, by nature, and disagreements among researchers is a normal part of the process.

Reich said there are two main ways people can respond to hearing that a flawed or otherwise problematic preprint study has been removed.

“One is to say the peer-review process is working: Information is becoming more closely evaluated, and some is holding up and some isn’t,” Reich said.

But for others, particularly those who already harbor mistrust toward scientific authorities, she said the move can be seen as a form of censorship.

“Some people want to look at that and say that legitimate scientific knowledge is being buried or hidden for political reasons,” Reich said.

Some preprint servers are looking at stronger safeguards to catch problematic studies before they spread. Many are considering requiring researchers to share their raw data, which could allow other scientists to analyze the information and ensure the conclusions are consistent with the results.

When science becomes politicized

Changes in the way preprint servers screen preliminary research could help prevent the spread of misinformation. But the bigger problem is that mistrust of scientific and health authorities is at an all-time high, Reich said.

Public health has become politicized, and some officials have faced harassment and threats throughout the pandemic.

Scientists involved in pandemic-related research — including Hill, the pharmacology researcher at Liverpool University — have received threats.

In August, Hill retracted his initial analysis that stated ivermectin is effective and replaced it with a new one that said in light of the problematic data, ivermectin does not appear to be effective for COVID-19. He immediately encountered a vitriolic wave of online harassment, with the worst of it coming from the U.S.

“I was given death threats on the internet; I was told that I was going to be killed; I was going to be shot,” Hill said. “[There were] pictures of coffins and warnings that my family will be affected.”

Some accused Hill of being a sell-out to big pharma for retracting the study. It’s why he — and scores of other scientists who’ve worked on COVID-19 research — are disengaging with social media.

But that could create even more fertile soil for misinformation to spread, and that has consequences.

Since the ivermectin controversy began, U.S. poison centers have seen a spike in ivermectin toxicity cases.

Dr. Robert Hendrickson, the medical director of the Oregon Poison Center, recently wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine about the dramatic spike in ivermectin poisoning cases.

His center handled three cases in 2020, but in the summer of 2021, they saw 21 cases in a single month. And he said he suspects that’s an underestimate of the total number of people taking ivermectin off label.

In an August report, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted a 24-fold increase in ivermectin prescriptions for humans compared to pre-pandemic times.

“Ivermectin can be quite harmful if it is mis-dosed,” Hendrickson said. “Even with therapeutic use, it has some adverse effects.”

The trend has caught the attention of federal lawmakers.

Democratic congressman James Clyburn, the chair of the U.S. House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, is investigating the fringe doctors’ groups that may be making potentially millions of dollars in profits by propagating unproven drugs like ivermectin. The groups’ websites list hundreds of providers willing to prescribe ivermectin for COVID-19 treatment and prevention.

Some of those providers charge hundreds of dollars for telehealth appointments to provide people with these prescriptions.

For example, a rural Indiana clinic, Kentuckiana Integrative Medicine, charges as much as \$300 for a telehealth appointment to get an ivermectin prescription. The clinic’s website states people can get the prescription even if they’re not currently sick with COVID-19. The demand is so high, the clinic claims, that it is conducting group appointments.

Clyburn said he is in touch with the Federal Trade Commission and legal authorities to look at ways they can hold the doctors’ groups accountable. “We want to get to the bottom of exactly what they’re doing and how they are financially profiting from the misery of many people,” Clyburn said.

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OPINIONS

Who’s canceling whom?

By LARRY SMITH



It is a gross understatement to say that one of the major social controversies of our day is the notion of so-called “cancel culture.” Conservatives routinely and reflexively employ this phrase to describe the phenomenon of calling out people for their misguided words and deeds — real or perceived. They also assert, without any legal merit, that doing so is an assault on the First Amendment. Of course, “canceling” is at least socioeconomically democratic; the rise of social media allows it to affect everyone from the obscenely rich and famous to the abjectly poor and obscure (who then often become outrageously infamous). For their part, progressives often retort that they are not canceling anyone; they are calling for accountability regarding inappropriate actions and words (spoken or written). Of course, that isn’t quite true. Some progressives are quite open about using the phrase. This includes, for example, actor Joshua Malina, who recently wrote an essay for The Atlantic magazine that was titled “Cancel Mel Gibson.” Malina cites Gibson’s anti-Semitic and anti-Black tirades as justification for why Hollywood should cease offering roles to him. Then there are the recent calls for Dave Chappelle to be boycotted due to remarks that he has made in

this comedy routines that many progressives consider to be disrespectful to the LGBTQ community. There is even an ongoing fight between employees and the senior leadership of Netflix regarding this issue. (Chappelle is the rare entertainer who, apparently, is cancel-proof.) The Book of Ecclesiastes is correct; there is “nothing new under the sun.” I am old enough to remember when conservatives wanted to cancel Madonna for videos such as “Like a Prayer” and “Justify My Love.” I also remember when they wanted to cancel the artists formerly known as the Dixie Chicks for their public stand against the Iraq War. The difference is that Twitter and Instagram didn’t exist back then, so the vox populi had limited bandwidth. (Facebook was still known as “FaceMash” when the Dixie Chicks controversy began.) In short, conservatives and progressives both have engaged in sustained — and sometimes coordinated — efforts to limit the ability of entertainers and others to ply their trade, or even to express themselves. To be sure, I believe that “freedom of speech” does not mean “freedom from the consequences of speech.” There are times when I very much agree with said consequences; there are other times when I very much disagree. In any case, neither progressives nor conservatives have a monopoly on calling for people to be social outcasts. Democracy is messy. Incidentally, the notion of virtue signaling has similar motivations, implications and hypocrisies.

Conservatives argue that progressives virtue signal by, for example, proudly exclaiming that “Black Lives Matter.” Yet, Christians virtue signal by, for example, placing the symbol of a fish on bumper stickers and businesses. (And we won’t even delve into wokeness.) We all just need to calm down, take a deep breath and reflect more deeply on what we actually value. More importantly, we need to act like adults. Most importantly, we need to stop turning every disagreement into a political issue. We all should rally around the values of civility, respect and tolerance for reasonably opposing viewpoints. We need to think of people with whom we disagree as having a different perspective, not as our mortal enemies. It should go without saying, but such does not apply to those who commit or encourage physical violence; those who actively discriminate against people who they perceive to be different or inferior; or those who attempt to use their social, economic or political power to try to deprive others of their God-given (or man-given) rights. We should have no patience for such people, who should very much be held accountable for their actions. I can’t wait to see who wants to cancel me for writing this column.

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December is a time for family, friends

By NICHELLE HAYES



Greetings! It’s hard to believe that we have come to the end of 2021! So many challenges and triumphs. COVID-19 is still a real concern, but we do have a vaccine (age 5 to adult), social distancing and hand sanitizer and hand washing to combat its spread. December 2021 is much different than December 2020. Last year there was a great deal of uncertainty with the economy and world health. Our U.S. economy is improving. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate is 4.2% compared to last year at this time when it was 6.7%. We still have a great deal of work to do but our future looks hopeful. December is a time for many to gather with family and friends. Many people in our community celebrate any number of the traditional December holidays, such as Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year’s Eve. Some people don’t celebrate any of those holidays but gather nonetheless

to reconnect and honor longstanding or new traditions. However you choose to spend your time, remember that time and people are precious. There’s a saying by the cartoonist Bil Keane: “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift, hence we call it the present.” Treat the present as the gift that it is. Reach out to people you care about and let them know how important they are. Like many, I’ve started to reflect on what I’ve experienced during the past year. My hope is to learn from my mistakes and build on my successes. I hope to set a positive intention for the coming year that will be a benefit to me and the community. I will soon start my preparations for Christmas and Kwanzaa. I started celebrating Kwanzaa many years ago with my family. I began the tradition in the hope that it would instill pride in our African American culture for my then-young children. Kwanzaa (first fruits of the harvest) has seven core principles, or the nguzo saba. The (mishumaa saba) seven candles of the kinara (candle holder) represents each one of the principles. The candles are black (one candle),

red (three candles) and green (three candles), which are also found in the Pan-African flag. Black stands for the people of the African diaspora, red for blood that binds us together and green for the continent of Africa. The black candle stands for unity and should be lit first. The nguzo saba is something we can all reflect on throughout the year, not just in December. Umoja (unity), kujichagulia (self-determination), ujima (collective work and responsibility), ujamaa (cooperative economics), nia (purpose), kuumba (creativity) and imani (faith). Each person can determine for themselves how they honor or celebrate each principle. The Kinara sits on a mkeka (mat) along with ears of muhindi (corn), representing children in the family. Even if there are no children, a few ears of corn are placed on the mat. Mazao (fruits and vegetables) are also placed on the mat along with the kikombe cha umoja (unity cup) and zawadi (gifts). The gifts should be educational or handmade if possible and are for the children of the family or community. During Kwanzaa we greet each other with “habari gani” (what’s the news)?

We answer by giving the principle for that particular day. The Indianapolis Kwanzaa Committee will hold a virtual observance again this year. The Indianapolis Kwanzaa Committee began around 1979 with several families: the MwaAfrika family, the Kudo family and the Jywanza family. The late Mari Evans, poet, pianist and community activist, celebrated Kwanzaa. The committee is honored to use her kinara, which will be on display in the Center for Black Literature & Culture close to Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa is an amazing opportunity for the community at-large to come together for a joyous event. Each day we will celebrate virtually on the committee’s Facebook page. Please visit and join in the celebration. We have many challenges ahead and I will discuss those more in future columns. At this time, I want to focus on hope and cooperation. There’s an old African proverb: “If you want to run fast, run alone. If you want to run far, run together.” Nichelle M. Hayes is a native of Indianapolis. She is an information professional, a genealogist, civic leader and a lifelong learner.

40 acres and a mule

By ROBIN SHACKLEFORD



According to the Harvard Gazette, the net wealth of a Black family in America is one-tenth that of a white family. After failed attempts at raising the income of Black families, African Americans still battle with large wealth, education, health and other gaps in this country. It is integral to know that despite common misconceptions, not every slave received their promised share of wealth antebellum. Instead, Black farmers were faced with agriculture taxes and entire Black cities were burned to prevent progress of the race. We are 100 years removed from the Tulsa race riot, but we have yet to recover. Rosewood, Florida; Colfax, Louisiana; Elaine, Arkansas; and more than 40 other Black cities in America faced massacre and race riots. Soon after, race riots encouraged the Great Migration of African Americans across the country, Jim Crow laws and other Black codes created barriers that prevented Black and minority families from creating generational wealth. Today, although the Black community and other communities of color have contributed culture, intellectual property and overall excellence, the majority of these groups do not reflect the progress. In 2021,

the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus was able to pass historic legislation that encouraged reformation of our criminal justice system here in Indiana. HEA 1006 was monumental and set a precedent for other legislatures across the nation. It is our hope that this session, as we tackle economic equity across marginalized communities, we are able achieve monumental feats. Economic equity is more than income inequality; that is just the tip of the iceberg. Women of color are paid significantly less than their white counterparts, and while building families, borrowers of color are burdened with higher interest rates. We are trying to get our community back to work for livable wages — wages that help you pay for adequate health care and day care for our children. We want to encourage entrepreneurship and help entrepreneurs of color get contracts, access to capital and the tools needed to

succeed and grow their businesses. This session, our legislation will encourage creating a safe and inclusive environment for Hoosiers to work, grow and live safely without burden. It is time that we stand up, collaborate and win. Advocacy does work and HEA 1006 is proof of what coalition building can do. Can we count on you this session to join us again as we strive to get our 40 acres and a mule? Contact our office at IBLC@in.gov and get engaged. State Rep. Robin Shackleford represents Indiana House District 98, is Indiana Black Legislative Caucus chair, POWER Women Caucus vice chair and Public Health Committee ranking minority member. Contact her at H98@iga.in.gov.

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Leveraging Tech To Lift a Community

Kara Kavensky



This week, Edna Martin Christian Center, Him by Her Collegiate School for the Arts, New Beginnings, New Discovery, and Tabernacle Baptist Church joined Martin University, Eastern Star Church, Goodwill Industries, InnoPower, The Indianapolis Recorder, and Eleven Fifty Academy (there will be a quiz later) to expand the collaboration of advance technology in the 46218 community.

Their efforts are part of the Enhancing Opportunity in Indianapolis grant from Lilly Endowment, branded as AT46218, and consisting of collaborative strategies and programs focused on helping Indianapolis residents living in or near poverty make progress toward achieving lasting economic self-sufficiency.

Each organization is offering a cohort on their campuses, which are located within the 46218 area, to provide a strong workforce option for individuals to skill up rapidly into a sustainable career in tech while feeling a solid sense of support. The strong sense of community that each organization has established is critical to the success of individuals going through the Eleven Fifty Academy courses.

"We are thrilled to be offering these pivotal courses from Eleven Fifty Academy at 37 Place at Edna Martin Christian Center," says Immanuel Ivey, Senior Director of Workforce Development and Entrepreneurship. "Guiding individuals along a path to financial independence and generational wealth building is what we are all about and Eleven Fifty's courses have the potential to accelerate this process."

InnoPower is performing a

critical role in facilitating the collaboration of multiple organizations achieving the goal of transforming the community.

"Generational wealth building is a significant factor, as graduates of Eleven Fifty Academy go on to earn \$1M over a decade after graduating, as jobs in tech are high-paying and are in-demand," says Emil Ekiyor, founder of InnoPower.

"Accelerating into a career via one of Eleven Fifty Academy's courses has transformative power for an individual, their family, and community. Engaging as many players as possible focused on the outcomes of individuals transforming their lives helps to strengthen the community as a whole. It takes a village, and we are working hard to provide opportunities to anyone who wishes to skill up into a sustainable career in tech."

Each of these organizations are collaborating to implement promising strategies designed to improve the livelihoods of individuals and families facing complex and varied challenges associated with poverty and financial insecurity. Facilitating a successful path into the tech workforce is one of their strategies.

"Each of these organizations: Edna Martin Christian Center, Him by Her Collegiate School for the Arts, New Beginnings Fellowship Church, New Direction Church, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, are all critical components in the overall efforts happening in 46218," says Scott A. Jones, President and founder of Eleven Fifty Academy. "We must leverage tech as an equalizer for our community's most vulnerable populations to truly making a difference in the lives of people. We are honored to partner with each

of them."

Eleven Fifty is dedicated to skilling up individuals from diverse backgrounds, reducing barriers to entry for technology careers in web development, cybersecurity, application development, and UX/UI. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts a job growth rate of 22% for software developers between 2019 and 2029, compared with 4% for other occupations.

Funding through grants and the Career Accelerator Fund covers the costs of Eleven Fifty Academy's comprehensive education and training. These opportunities provide graduates a financial onramp to enter the workforce of high-paying careers 16x faster than via a traditional 4-year college degree, at substantially less cost, with similar placement and salary outcomes.

The Academy is approved to accept the GI Bill for all of its courses and funding mechanisms may cover up to 100% tuition for any student who is underemployed or unemployed. Payback to the Career Accelerator Fund occurs only after receiving a high paying job and payments are capped at 5% for the zero-interest financial vehicle.

Eleven Fifty Academy has consistently been named by CourseReport as one of the Best Coding Bootcamps in the nation. Eleven Fifty has a graduation rate of over 80% depending on the cohort, and approx. 70% placement rate into jobs paying entry-level compensation averaging over \$55,000 to start. The non-profit Academy, now in its 8th year, has skilled up over one thousand entry-level developers through their immersive learning experience.

Omicron v. delta: Battle of coronavirus mutants is critical

By **LAURA UNGAR** and **ANDREW MEL-DRUM**
Associated Press

As the omicron coronavirus variant spreads in southern Africa and pops up in countries all around the world, scientists are anxiously watching a battle play out that could determine the future of the pandemic. Can the latest competitor to the world-dominating delta overthrow it?

Some scientists, poring over data from South Africa and the United Kingdom, suggest omicron could emerge the victor.

“It’s still the early days, but increasingly, data is starting to trickle in, suggesting that omicron is likely to outcompete delta in many, if not all, places,” said Dr. Jacob Lemieux, who monitors variants for a research collaboration led by Harvard Medical School.

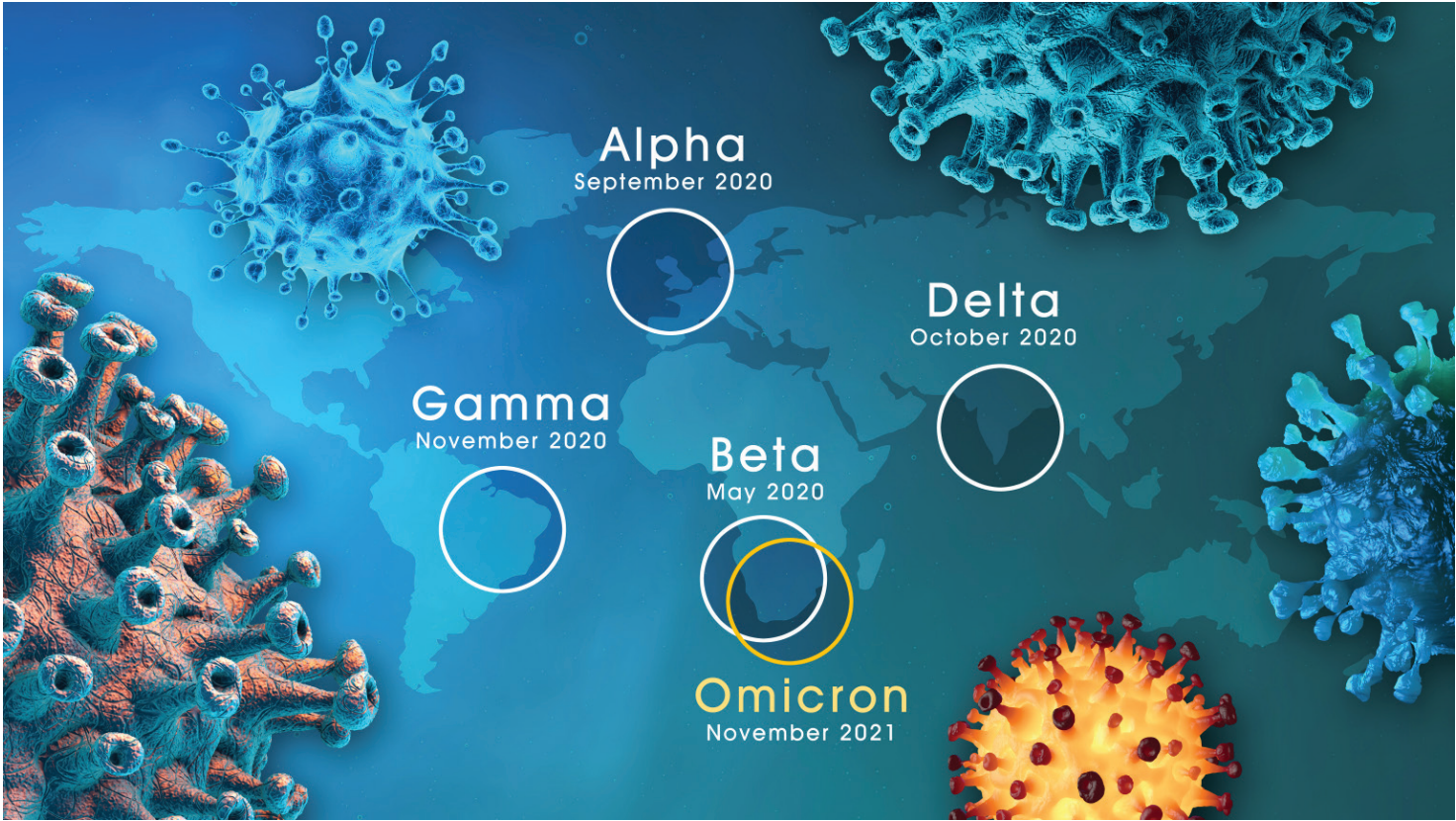
But others said Dec. 6 it’s too soon to know how likely it is that omicron will spread more efficiently than delta, or, if it does, how fast it might take over.

“Especially here in the U.S., where we’re seeing significant surges in delta, whether omicron’s going to replace it I think we’ll know it about two weeks,” said Matthew Binnicker, director of clinical virology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Many critical questions about omicron remain unanswered, including whether the virus causes milder or more severe illness and how much it might evade immunity from past COVID-19 illness or vaccines.

On the issue of spread, scientists point to what’s happening in South Africa, where omicron was first detected. Omicron’s speed in infecting people and achieving near dominance in South Africa has health experts worried that the country is at the start of a new wave that may come to overwhelm hospitals.

The new variant rapidly moved South Africa from a period of low transmission, averaging less than 200 new cases per day in mid-November, to



more than 16,000 per day. Omicron accounts for more than 90% of the new case in Gauteng province, the epicenter of the new wave, according to experts. The new variant is rapidly spreading and achieving dominance in South Africa’s eight other provinces.

“The virus is spreading extraordinarily fast,” said Willem Hanekom, director of the Africa Health Research Institute. “If you look at the slopes of this wave that we’re in at the moment, it’s a much steeper slope than the first three waves that South Africa experienced. This indicates that it’s spreading fast and it may therefore be a very transmissible virus.”

But Hanekom, who is also co-chair of the South African COVID-19 Variants Research Consortium, said South Africa had such low numbers of delta cases when omicron emerged, “I don’t think we can say” it out-competed delta.

Scientists say it’s unclear whether omicron will behave the same way in other countries as it has in South

Africa. Lemieux said there are already some hints about how it may behave; in places like the United Kingdom, which does a lot of genomic sequencing, he said, “we’re seeing what appears to be a signal of exponential increase of omicron over delta.”

In the United States, as in the rest of the world, “there’s still a lot of uncertainty,” he said. “But when you put the early data together, you start to see a consistent picture emerge: the omicron is already here, and based on what we’ve observed in South Africa, it’s likely to become the dominant strain in the coming weeks and months and will likely cause a surge in case numbers.”

What that could mean for public health remains to be seen. Hanekom said early data from South Africa shows that reinfection rates are much higher with omicron than previous variants, suggesting the virus is escaping immunity somewhat. It also shows the virus seems to be infecting younger people, mostly those who are unvacci-

nated, and most cases in hospitals have been relatively mild.

But Binnicker said things could play out differently in other parts of the world or in different groups of patients. “It’ll be really interesting to see what happens when more infections potentially occur in older adults or those with underlying health conditions,” he said. “What’s the outcome in those patients?”

As the world waits for answers, scientists suggest people do all they can to protect themselves.

“We want to make sure that people have as much immunity from vaccination as possible. So if people are not vaccinated they should get vaccinated,” Lemieux said. “If people are eligible for boosters, they should get boosters, and then do all the other things that we know are effective for reducing transmission — masking and social distancing and avoiding large indoor gatherings, particularly without masks.”

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What is Known about Infection, Spread of the Omicron Variant

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working with state and local public health officials to monitor the spread of Omicron, a variant of the COVID-19 virus.

The Omicron variant likely will spread more easily than the original COVID-19 virus. How much more easily Omicron will spread compared to the Delta variant remains unknown. CDC expects that anyone infected with Omicron can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don’t have symptoms. More data are needed to know if Omicron infections cause more severe illness or death than infection with other variants, especially in reinfections and breakthrough infections of those already vaccinated.

Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur. With other variants, like Delta, vaccines have remained effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations and death. The recent emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.

Scientists are working to determine how well existing treatments for COVID-19 work. Based on the changed genetic make-up of Omicron, some treatments are likely to remain effective while others may be less effective.

Vaccines remain the best public health measure to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging.

CDC and the Marion County Public Health Department strongly recommend that everyone 5 years and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting fully vaccinated. Also, everyone 18 years and older should get a booster shot at least two months after their initial J&J/Janssen vaccine or six months after completing their primary

COVID-19 vaccination series of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna.

Masks offer protection against all variants. CDC and the health department also continue to recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high community transmission, regardless of vaccination status.

Tests can tell if someone is currently infected with COVID-19. The two most common types of tests can only tell if a person current has an infection. Additional tests would be needed to determine if infection was caused by Omicron. Self-tests can be used at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results.

Until more is known about the risk of Omicron, it is important to use all tools available to protect ourselves and each other. **ABCs of Diabetes offers Free Online Diabetes Education**

The ABCs of Diabetes is a free, four-part diabetes self-management series offered monthly by the Marion County Public Health Department.

Classes provide instruction on medications, nutrition, exercise, monitoring, complications, and available community resources.

This program is open to anyone with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Family members and friends are also welcome.

Due to COVID-19, classes are held online. Technical assistance is available if needed.

The first series of classes in 2022 will take place on Thursdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 1:30-3 p.m. Participants should plan on attending all four classes during the month.

Registration is required one week before the start of the first class. Please visit [MarionHealth.org/diabetes](https://marionhealth.org/diabetes) or call 317-221-2094 to register or for more information.

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‘A better world is near’

Special to the Recorder

Indianapolis was one of the thousands of communities around the globe that received a powerful message of hope in November as Jehovah’s Witnesses embarked upon a special campaign focusing attention on the Bible’s hope for a better world.

The campaign’s goal was to distribute a special edition of The Watchtower magazine containing the cover series, “A Better World is Near.” More than 36 million printed copies of the magazine were distributed in some 230 languages to communities in 240 lands around the globe. In addition, the digital publication is available on various platforms in nearly 400 languages.

“People are longing to hear a positive message and this is the best news possible,” said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah’s Witnesses. “A better world is not just a dream; it’s inevitable. In fact, it is the central theme of the entire Bible.”

The magazine addresses the age-old “doomsday” question — “Is this world going to end?” — with a comforting answer that may surprise many readers. While many religions have predicted the “end of the world,” the

magazine reveals the Bible’s clear message: The Earth is here forever and will never end! However, the magazine also explains the powerful truth that wickedness will soon be gone, quoting the Bible book of Psalms where it promises that the “lawless one” will be no more. (Psalm 37:10, Rotherham translation.)

This positive message has been the hope of millions around the world who have prayed for “God’s Kingdom to come,” a familiar refrain of many Christians taught by Jesus in what some refer to as the Lord’s Prayer.

“When I learned what God’s Kingdom will accomplish, it was just astonishing to me,” said Monica Garnett, Indianapolis. “It just changed my whole outlook on everything — it’s all going to be OK.”

Garnett has experienced many tragedies including divorce, the death of her father and battling cancer. “I knew I had to have a reason to be here,” she said. “God, what is my purpose?” She sought the answer to that question from many sources and often dealt with a “mental heaviness” from the trials she experienced during her life.

Garnett became one of Jehovah’s Witnesses in 1997. She acknowledged that while faith has not removed all her problems, it has helped her to cope.



Monica Garnett, Indianapolis, is participating in a worldwide campaign by writing letters to her neighbors. (Photo provided)

“God doesn’t lie, and God doesn’t die,” she said. “I always pray to Jehovah to help me get through.”

This gives her the mental balance to do what she can and not worry about the rest.

“Anxiety won’t be here forever,” she said with a smile.

The Watchtower has been carrying a

similar message about God’s Kingdom for more than 100 years and remains the most widely translated and circulated magazine in the world. The 2021 number two edition is available free online at jw.org, where anyone can also request a free printed copy by scrolling down on the homepage to “Request A Visit.”

US religious group says Haitian gang releases 3 hostages

By PETER SMITH and EVENS SANON
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A religious group based in Ohio announced Dec. 6 that a violent gang in Haiti has released three more hostages, while another 12 remain abducted.

The statement from Christian Aid Ministries said the people were released Dec. 5 in Haiti and are "safe and seem to be in good spirits." The group provided no further details.

On Nov. 21, the religious organization announced that the 400 Mawozo gang had released the first two hostages of a group of 17 kidnapped in mid-October. There are 12 adults and five children in the group of 16 U.S. citizens and one Canadian, including an 8-month-old.

The leader of the 400 Mawozo gang has threatened to kill the hostages unless his demands are met. Authorities have said the gang was seeking \$1 million per person, although it wasn't immediately clear that included the children in the group.

"We are thankful to God that three more hostages were released last night," said the statement from Christian Aid Ministries, an Anabaptist missions organization based in Berlin, Ohio. "As with the previous release, we are not able to provide the names of the



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people released, the circumstances of the release, or any other details."

The group reiterated its request for supporters to devote Monday through Wednesday as days of prayer and fasting "to intercede for those who are still being held as well as those who have been released."

The release comes amid an ongoing spike in kidnappings in the capital of

Port-au-Prince and elsewhere in Haiti, which is struggling to recover from the July 7 presidential assassination, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck in mid-August and a severe fuel shortage.

On Dec. 5, a gang leader known as "Ti Lapli" posted a YouTube video warning people not to cross in upcoming days through the Martissant community, which has been the site of violent

clashes between warring gangs.

"Insecurity has increased," the gang leader said. "I invite the people of Martissant to stock up on food and gasoline. The next few days will be difficult. ... We will not remain with our arms crossed in face of those who try to destroy us."

Supreme Court takes up religious rights case from Maine

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is hearing arguments in a challenge from parents in Maine who want to use a state tuition program to send their children to religious schools.

The parents argue that their exclusion from the state program violates their religious rights under the Constitution. Teacher unions and school boards say a ruling for the parents would be a blow to public education.

The case is the latest test of religious freedoms for a Supreme Court that has favored faith-based discrimination claims.

In largely rural Maine, the state allows families who live in towns that don't have public schools to receive public tuition dollars to send their children to the public or private school of their choosing. The program excludes religious schools.

The schools don't even have to be in Maine, or the United States for that matter, to qualify, said Michael Bindas, a lawyer with the libertarian public interest law firm Institute for Justice. "But if you want to go to the Jewish day school or the Catholic parish around the block from your house, no," said Bindas, who is arguing the case on behalf of Maine parents.

Maine Attorney General Aaron Frey argued in a court filing that the issue at hand is access to public education. The parents want "a different benefit — a religious education," Frey wrote.



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Last year, the high court ruled 5-4 that states must give religious schools the same access to public funding that other private schools receive, preserving a Montana scholarship program that had largely benefited students at religious institutions.

But even after that ruling, the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Maine program, holding that the state was not violating anyone's constitutional rights by refusing to allow

taxpayer money to be used for religious instruction. The three-judge panel included retired Justice David Souter, who occasionally hears cases in the appeals court.

The Supreme Court could use this case to resolve the extent to which religious schools may use public funding for explicitly religious activities, such as worship services and religious education courses.

Parents sued in federal court to

be able to use state aid to send their children to Christian schools in Bangor and Waterville. The schools in question, Bangor Christian School and Temple Academy, are uncertain whether they would accept public funds, according to court filings.

The Bangor school said it would not hire teachers or admit students who are transgender. Both schools said they do not hire gay or lesbian teachers, according to court records.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Cheers to us

By RAE KARIM



It's that time of year again that places us within the merry-go-round of the holidays and the woes of another year that has gone by too fast.

It's that time of year again where we begin to look back over the last 11 months. This review in particular results in one of two things happening: We either pat ourselves on the back because of what we've accomplished, or we frown our brows in frustration at what we haven't accomplished.

I'd like to take a moment and lean into the latter part of the statement for that very reason. Years ago a good friend would often remind me to be gentle with myself. And I offer those same words of encouragement and empowerment to you.

Yes, there are yet a few weeks remaining in 2021.

Yes, you had plans to buy the house, write the book, start the business, lose the weight, take the trip and the list goes on and on and on, like those infinite CVS receipts (smile).

Along with that "yes" for the plans you had comes the "no" for the plans that were never realized.

And you know what — all is still well. It's OK and you're OK.

Though you didn't buy the house, write the book, start the business and so on, take a look at what you did do. You did get out of the bed most days. You did manage to clock in for work. You did start going to therapy. You did remain committed to your workout plan.

Though 2021 was not as intense as



2020, it wasn't without its own rough parts. We still experienced loss, change and transition by way of sociopolitical conflicts, new variants of COVID-19, international crises, school shootings, systemic injustice and you know the rest ... the list goes on.

But you know what — we made it. We may not have made it as well as we wanted to, but we don't look like what we've been through. We don't smell

like the smoke created by the flames of fire that surrounded us. We may bend but we didn't break. We may have cried many a day and night, yet we still smiled from time to time.

So cheers to us and here's to us mustering up the greatest praise of gratitude for the faithfulness, goodness and kindness of God who kept us. Here's to being gentle and gracious with ourselves and each other. Here's to keep-

ing in mind that all things, including the things you did and didn't do, work together for your good because you love God and are called according to God's purpose.

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US drugstores squeezed by vaccine demand, staff shortages

By TOM MUPPHY
Associated Press

A rush of vaccine-seeking customers and staff shortages are squeezing drugstores around the U.S., leading to frazzled workers and temporary pharmacy closures.

Drugstores are normally busy this time of year with flu shots and other vaccines, but now pharmacists are doling out a growing number of COVID-19 shots and giving coronavirus tests.

The push for shots is expected to grow more intense as President Joe Biden urges vaccinated Americans to get booster shots to combat the emerging omicron variant. The White House said more than 2 in 3 COVID-19 vaccinations are happening at local pharmacies.

And pharmacists worry another job might soon be added to their to-do list: If regulators approve antiviral pills from drugmakers Merck and Pfizer to treat COVID-19, pharmacists may be able to diagnose infections and then prescribe pills to customers.

“There’s crazy increased demand on pharmacies right now,” said Theresa Tolle, an independent pharmacist who has seen COVID-19 vaccine demand quadruple since the summer at her Sebastian, Florida, store.

Pharmacists say demand for COVID-19 vaccines started picking up over the summer as the delta variant spread rapidly. Booster shots and the expansion of vaccine eligibility to include children have since stoked it.

On top of that workload and routine prescriptions, many drugstores also



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have been asking pharmacists to counsel patients more generally on their health or about chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure.

Tolle said she was lucky to hire a pharmacy resident just before the delta surge arrived. The new employee was supposed to focus mostly on diabetes programs but has largely been relegated to vaccine duty.

Others haven’t been as fortunate. A CVS Health store on the northeast side of Indianapolis shuttered its pharmacy in the middle of the afternoon recently due to staffing issues. A sign taped to the metal gate over the closed pharmacy counter also told customers that the pharmacy will soon start closing for a half hour each afternoon so the pharmacist can have a lunch break.

Such temporary closures have ebbed and flowed in pockets around the country throughout the pandemic, but

they have grown more acute in recent months, said Anne Burns, a vice president with the American Pharmacists Association.

Pharmacies all need minimum staffing to operate safely, and they sometimes have to close temporarily if they fall below those levels.

Burns said many pharmacies already had relatively thin staffing levels heading into the pandemic, and a wave of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians left after the virus hit.

“There is a lot of stress and burnout for individuals who have been going at this since March of 2020,” she said.

As companies scramble to hire or keep staff, Burns and Tolle worry about adding even more responsibilities like diagnosing and treating COVID-19.

Tolle noted that it is not clear yet how pharmacists will be reimbursed for the time they take to diagnose and

prescribe. That will have to be clarified, especially if cases surge again and drugstores need to add even more workers to help.

“We want to be able to help our communities,” she said. “I don’t know how pharmacies are going to manage it.”

Sherri Brown, a city employee in Omaha, Nebraska, was searching for a vaccine booster dose, but two nearby pharmacies didn’t have appointments available and a third didn’t have the brand she wanted. She wound up getting a shot at a county-run clinic.

“I just wanted to protect myself,” said Brown, who suffered through two weeks of coughing, headaches and fatigue when she caught the virus in January, before she was vaccinated. “I guess I’m encouraged to see that people are taking this more seriously.”

Judge blocks Biden vaccine mandate for federal contractors

By GEOFF MULVIHILL
and DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

A federal judge on Dec. 7 blocked President Joe Biden’s administration from enforcing a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for employees of federal contractors, the latest in a string of victories for Republican-led states pushing back against Biden’s pandemic policies.

U.S. District Court Judge R. Stan Baker, in Augusta, Georgia, issued a stay to bar enforcement of the mandate nationwide.

The order came in response to a lawsuit from several contractors and seven states — Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia. It applies across the U.S. because one of those challenging the order is the trade group Associated Builders and Contractors Inc., whose members do business nationwide.

Baker found that the states are likely to succeed in their claim that Biden exceeded authorization from Congress when he issued the requirement in September.

“The Court acknowledges the tragic toll that the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought throughout the nation and the globe,” wrote the judge, an appointee of former President Donald Trump. “However, even in times of crisis this Court must preserve the rule of law and

ensure that all branches of government act within the bounds of their constitutionally granted authorities.”

A White House spokeswoman said the Justice Department would continue to defend the mandate.

“The reason that we proposed these requirements is that we know they work, and we are confident in our ability, legally, to make these happen across the country,” White House press secretary Jen Psaki said during a Dec. 7 briefing.

A federal judge in Kentucky also had issued a preliminary injunction against the mandate last week, but it applied only to contractors in three states that had sued together — Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

Biden issued an executive order Sept. 9 requiring federal contractors and subcontractors to comply with workplace safety guidelines developed by a federal task force. That task force subsequently issued guidelines that new, renewed or extended contracts include a clause requiring employees to be fully vaccinated by Jan. 18. That meant those receiving a two-dose vaccine must get their second shot by Jan. 4.

Limited exceptions were allowed for medical or religious reasons. The requirements would apply to millions of employees of federal contractors, which include defense companies and airlines.

“This is a big win in removing compliance hurdles for the construction industry, which is facing economic challenges, such as a workforce shortage of 430,000, rising materials prices and supply chain issues,” Ben Brubeck, a vice president of the construction industry group, said in a statement.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, a Republican, said in a Twitter message that the ruling will provide relief to workers “who were in fear of being forced to choose between this vaccine and their livelihood.”

Other Republican officials also praised the court ruling. Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey said the mandate was “just an outrageous overreach by the federal

government.”

With the Dec. 7 ruling, all three of Biden’s broad vaccine mandates affecting the private sector have been put on hold by courts. Judges already issued a stay regarding one that applies to businesses with 100 or more employees and another for health care workers across the U.S.

Separately, Biden has imposed vaccine requirements for employees of the federal government and the military.

The mandates are a key part of the administration’s strategy to stop the spread of COVID-19, which has killed more than 788,000 Americans since last year.



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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
) SS:
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49C01-2111-
MI-037336
IN RE: THE NAME
CHANGE OF
BOBBIELYNNE EDWARDS:
ADULT
Petitioner
ORDER SETTING HEAR-
ING

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Bobbie Lynn Edwards, by counsel, Rodney C. Richardson, and having filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Adult from Bobbie Lynn Edwards.

The Petition is scheduled for a hearing in this Court on February 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., which is more than thirty (30) days after the third (3rd) Notice of Publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to the Marion County Circuit Court, Room W-506, City County Building, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, on the 22nd day of February, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. fifteen (15) minutes before this time or the hearing will be held remotely on WebEx at 9:00 a.m.

Dated: November 17, 2021
Judge, Marion County Circuit Court
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STATE OF INDIANA)
SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2106-
ES-019505
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF
THE ESTATE OF
BARBARA J. WHITLOCK
Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINIS-
TRATION

Notice is hereby given that, on the August 10, 2021, MARVA MITCHELL and SHARON BURRUS, having duly qualified as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of BARBARA J. WHITLOCK, deceased, who died on February 12, 2021.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within Three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within Nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this November 22, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
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STATE OF INDIANA)
MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2111-EU-039018
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF
THE ESTATE OF
RANDOLPH BENBERRY,
DECEASED

NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Jan McWhirter was, on November 12, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Randolph Benberry, deceased, who died on July 30, 2021.

All persons having claims against said 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 November 22, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division
5320-933114

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2111-EU-037244
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK JOHN LEE II
Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that, on the 8th day of November, 2021, CHRISTOPHER L. LEE was appointed Executor of the Estate of FRANK JOHN LEE II, deceased, who died on November 3, 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, Marion County, Indiana, this November 8, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
R. Martin Hill
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUTH JEAN MCLEROY, DECEASED.
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D08-2111-EU-037604

Notice is hereby given that, on the 9th day of November, 2021, Larry Douglas McElroy was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth Jean McElroy, deceased, who died on the 10th day of October, 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 November 9, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
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Mooresville, IN 46158
(317) 831-4466
5320-933118

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STATE OF INDIANA)
SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2111-EU-038932
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE
OF JOSEPH WILLIAM
RENIE, DECEASED
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Kathryn Kuehn, #21506-49
Kuehn Law, LLC
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46122
Publisher:
The Indianapolis Recorder
2901 North Tacoma
Indianapolis, Indiana 46218

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ESTATE OPENING
Notice is hereby given that on November 22, 2021, Joseph Renie and Kelly Renie were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Joseph William Renie, who died on the 16th day of November, 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 of the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this November 22, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
MYLA A. ELDRIDGE,
Clerk of Marion County
5320-933191

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2111-EU-039018
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF
THE ESTATE OF
THERESA BUTLER, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Sarah H.M. Butler was, on November 22, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Theresa Butler, Deceased, who died on September 28, 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 November 22, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
MARION COUNTY)
49D08-2111-EU-039076
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF HELEN HEMBERGER,
Deceased
ESTATE NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Karen Luise Hemberger was, on the 24th day of November, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Helen Hemberger, deceased, who died on October 26, 2021, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of 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 November 24, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, MARION SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION
BEASLEY & GILKISON

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY COURT)
SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2111-EU-039440

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANCILLARY ESTATE OF: PATRICIA ANN STONE, Decedent,
PEGGY L THURMAN, Petitioner.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the November 29, 2021, Peggy L. Thurman was appointed personal representative of the ancillary estate of Patricia Ann Stone, deceased, who died on August 4, 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 this November 29, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Court of Marion County
5320-933139

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Brett A. Carlile
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(317) 684-1100
Notice Of Unsupervised Administration

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of JOE LYNN AIRO-FARULLA, Deceased.
Cause No. 49D08-2111-EU-039673

Notice is hereby given that JANINE A. BERCOVITZ was, on November 30, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JOE LYNN AIRO-FARULLA, Deceased, who died on or about November 7, 2020. 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 the JOE LYNN AIRO-FARULLA's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED at Indianapolis, Indiana, this November 30, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
5320-933190

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IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
STATE OF INDIANA)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2111-EU-039793
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KEITH ALAN PROCTOR, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLISHED
In the Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notices is hereby given that, on December 1, 2021, Keisha N. Proctor was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Keith Alan Proctor, deceased, who died intestate on April 14, 2021.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 1, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Court
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
SS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2112-EU-039923
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF: CHARLES W. PIERSON, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that, on December 2, 2021, Kathryn L. Babbs was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Charles W. Pierson, deceased, who died on the 8th day of November, 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, at Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 2, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
5320-933369

December 2, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, Marion Circuit and Superior Court
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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CASE #: 49D09-2106-DN-004527
DEANGELO CORDEZ MORGAN
Petitioner/Husband
And
KAMIL RENEE Y'VONNE FONDREN
Respondent/Wife
SUMMONS
TO RESPONDENT:
KAMIL RENEE Y'VONNE FONDREN
2447 KETCHUM ROAD
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38114

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Petitioner in the Court indicated above.

If this summons is accompanied by a Notice to Appear, you should 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 Notice to Appear.

If you take no action in this case after the receipt of this summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage or make a determination regarding any of the following: property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and debts.

Dated:
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Court name: MARION SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DIVISION
Court address: 200 E. WASHINGTON ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204
5320-933308

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STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D10-2111-DN-010070
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF KIKELOMO MARTINS, Petitioner,
vs.
BAYWOOD WILLIAMS III, Respondent,
NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is: Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Respondent(s) whose addresses are:

and to the following Respondent whose whereabouts are unknown: HAYWOOD WILLIAMS III.

In addition to the above named Respondent being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what that Petitioner has demanded.

/s/ Stacy L. Kelley
Attorney for Petitioner
ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County Court
Attorney for Petitioner
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MDK # 21-02572
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D11-2111-MF-039605
Lima One Capital LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Ray Marie Properties, LLC, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Heartland Housing, LLC:
BE IT KNOWN, that Lima One Capital LLC, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Stephanie A. Reinhart, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #11 its Complaint against Defendant Heartland Housing, LLC, and said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Heartland Housing, LLC, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Lots 248 and 249 in John S. Spans & Co's Addition Terrace, addition to the City of Indianapolis, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 16, Page 193, in the Office of the

recorder of Marion County, Indiana.
and
Lot Number 59 in Campus Terrace, Fifth Section, as addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 26, Page 182, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.
commonly known as 1020 South Holmes Avenue AND 211 South Emerson Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46221.

NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #11
Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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MDK # 21-021122
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D13-2110-MF-035951
The Huntington National Bank
Plaintiff,
vs.
Steven Carman, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Steven Carman:
BE IT KNOWN, that The Huntington National Bank, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #13 its Complaint against Defendant Steven Carman, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Steven Carman, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Lot 11 in Holloway's West side Addition to the City of Indianapolis, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 72, in the Office of the recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

commonly known as 266 North Richland Street, Indianapolis, IN 46222.

NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #13
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D16-2108-AD-027996
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF DANIEL ALEXANDER-THOMAS RICHARDSON MINOR
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption of a child named Daniel Alexander-Thomas Richardson was filed in the office of the Marion County Clerk.

A final hearing in the adoption matter is scheduled for the 7th day of February, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

The Petition for Adoption alleges that the natural mother has signed consent, that the natural father whereabouts are unknown. If you are an interested person and wish to object to or consent to the adoption, then said objection or consent should be filed fourteen (14) days prior to the above-referenced hearing date.

No oral statement made to any person relieves that person from the obligations under this Notice.

Mya A. Eldridge
Clerk of Marion County Courts
Sherree D. Mullins
Mullins Law, LLC
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Plainfield, IN 46168
(317) 839-9400
5320-933368

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NOTICE OF MEETING
Notice is hereby given that an Executive Session of the Board of Trustees of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021. The meeting is noticed and will be held at Barnes & Thornburg, located at 11 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. The session will be held to discuss collective bargaining, initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing, the implementation of security systems, the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties, receipt of information about prospective employee/interview prospect employees, personnel matters, bids, proposals or arrangements that will be competitively awarded among health care providers, recruitment of health care providers, competitive marketing strategies and strategic planning of the Corporation.

Paul Babcock, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana 5320-933448

12/10/21

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP),
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE HEALTH & HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF MARION COUNTY, DBA ESKENAZI HEALTH AND THE ESKENAZI HEALTH FOUNDATION WILL ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR STRATEGIC MARKETING & ADVERTISING SERVICES IN ITS PURCHASING OFFICES.

RFP PACKAGES MAY BE OBTAINED BY SENDING AN E-MAIL TO: Adelaide.Mhlanga@eskenazihealth.org
PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE FOR THIS RFP PROCESS WILL BE HELD VIA WEBEX ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021, AT 1:00 PM I 1 HOUR I (UTC-05:00) EASTERN TIME (US & CANADA). ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. THE URL TO ACCESS THE CONFERENCE IS:

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answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #5
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Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
(SS:PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2107-EU-022722
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NORMA BLACK, DECEASED
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Estate of Norma Black, deceased.
Estate Docket: 49D08-2107-ES-022722
Notice is hereby given that, on August 3, 2021, Stacy L. McGuyre was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Norma Black, deceased, who died intestate on the 18th day of March, 2021, resident of Marion County, Indiana.

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 3, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
(SS:PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2108-ES-027011
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRADY HUGGINS, DECEASED

NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of the Estate of Brady Huggins, deceased.
Estate Docket: 49D08-2108-ES-027011

Notice is hereby given that, on September 10, 2021, Stacy L. McGuyre was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Brady Huggins, deceased, who died intestate on the 15th day of November, 2020, a resident of Marion County, Indiana.

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 September 10, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
(SS:PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2109-ES-030059
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETH ANN JAHRMAN, DECEASED

NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

In the matter of the Estate of Beth Ann Jahrman, deceased.

Estate Docket: 49D08-2109-ES-030059
Notice is hereby given that, on November 3, 2021, Stacy L. McGuyre was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Beth Ann Jahrman, deceased, who died intestate on the 7th day of January, 2021, a resident of Marion County, Indiana.

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 November 3, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
WITNESSETH
In the Matter of the Estate of Virginia R. Zeigler, deceased.

Estate Docket: 49D08-2111-EU-038152
Notice is hereby given that Joel McCombs was, on the November 15, 2021, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Virginia R. Zeigler, deceased, who died on the 23rd day of October, 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 November 15, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, MARION SUPERIOR COURT,
PROBATE DIVISION
5320-932868
12/03/21,
12/10/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
(SS:PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2111-EU-038557
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF KATSUKO SCOTT, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
TO: ALL CREDITORS
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Richard A. Scott was, on the November 17, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Katsuko Scott, deceased.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, November 17, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
5320-932919
12/03/21,
12/10/21

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT 8 OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA L. MILLS, Deceased
ESTATE NO.: 49D08-2111-EU-038558

Notice is hereby given that Janice L. Pike was, on the 18th day of November, 2021, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Linda L. Mills, deceased, who died on the 29th day of October, 2021.

All persons having claims against said 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 18th day of November, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

Attorney for the Estate: Beth A. Sease, #113231-49 BURNUS & SEASE LLP
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
(SS:PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION)
ESTATE NO.: 49D08-2111-EU-038680
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF COREY STEPHEN RESTIVO, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana

Notice is given that Sarah Restivo-Jones was, on November 18, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Corey Stephen Restivo, deceased, who died on September 28, 2021, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division within three (3) months from the date of publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months from the date of death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this November 18, 2021.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK OF MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION
5320-932698
12/03/21,
12/10/21

IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 8 PROBATE DIVISION STATE OF INDIANA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN KAY WEBB, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2111-EU-038790

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLISHED
In the Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that on November 18, 2021, Kevin Curd was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Carolyn Kay Webb, deceased, who died testate on April 26, 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 in Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 18, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County Court
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
(SS:PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2111-EU-039153
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA A. WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of November, 2021, Mitzi M. Evans was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Barbara A. Williams, deceased, who died on the 13th day of October, 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 23rd day of November, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
CLERK, Marion Circuit and Superior Court
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SUMMONS IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 10
CAUSE NO.: 49D10-2110-DN-009287
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
ALEXIS ABIGAIL SMYTH, Petitioner, vs.
NATHAN LEE SMYTH, Respondent.
TO RESPONDENT: Nathan Lee Smyth (not known)
You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the Petitioner for Dissolution of Marriage in the Court indicated above you have 20 days to respond.

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 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: divorce, child custody, child support, maintenance, visitation, property division (real or personal) and any other distribution of assets and debts.

Dated: 10/29/2021
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Clerk, Marion County
Eric J. Olson
OLSON LAW OFFICE LLC
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12/17/21

SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY
SS: COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NO.: 49D10-2110-DN-009300
Damiola Oyedekun Plaintiff(s)
-V-
Jeffery Gilbert 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 November 16, 2021.
Tiffany Vivo
Judge, Marion County Superior Court
Distribution:
Plaintiff/Petitioner:
Damiola Oyedekun
5937 Beachview Dr. #291
Indianapolis, IN 46224
Defendant/Respondent:
Jeffery Gilbert
Address Unknown
5320-932823
12/03/21,
12/10/21,
12/17/21

MDK # 21-014863
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #11
(SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D11-2109-MF-030944
Lima One Capital LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
Ray Marie Properties, LLC et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Home Solutions Partners III, LP.
BE IT KNOWN, that Lima One Capital LLC, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney,

Stephanie A. Reinhart, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #11 its Complaint against Defendant Home Solutions Partners III, LP, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Home Solutions Partners III, LP, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Parcel One: Lots Numbered Forty-Six (46) and Forty-Seven (47) in Westwood Park, an Addition to the Town of Clermont, in Marion County, Indiana, the plat of which is recorded August 18, 1925, in Plat Book 21, Page 197, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

Parcel Two: Lot 23 in Pettibones and Richard's Highland Home Addition to the City of Indianapolis, the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 67 and re-recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 260, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

Commonly known as 3217 North Raceway Road, AND 334 North Randolph Street, Indianapolis, IN 46234.

NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #11

Stephanie A. Reinhart (25071-06)

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)

Nicholas M. Smith (31800-15)

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Public Notice
Re: Statement of Work (SOW)
Basic Maintenance of Existing Network Infrastructure
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library ("IndyPL") by issuing this Statement of Work (SOW) from Qualified Vendors ("Vendors") to provide quotes for Basic Maintenance of Existing Network Infrastructure.

IndyPL is seeking Vendors whose combination of experience, personnel, and processes will provide cost-effective, timely, and exemplary services. It is the intent of IndyPL to work with the selected Vendor for the Services to reach an agreed upon fee for the services. The SOW describes the services and contains an overview of the terms and conditions for the Agreement.

The SOW may be downloaded from the "Doing Business with the Library" page on IndyPL's website, <http://www.imcpl.org/about/business> beginning on November 11, 2021.

Proposals, bids, and/or questions concerning technical requirements must be directed to: Peter Pauly, Manager, System Network and Infrastructure at ppauly@indypl.org by 9 a.m. local time on December 2nd, 2021.

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Bids will be accepted until 9 a.m. local time January 11, 2022.

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Dated this 11th day of November 2021.

Indianapolis Public Library
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PLAYERS CAN'T BE EJECTING FANS

By DANNY BRIDGES

I've said it a gazillion times. Officiating a professional basketball game is the toughest assignment anyone making a living as a referee will ever have. The speed and physicality of the NBA game presents a multitude of challenges for an official, and it's certainly no profession whatsoever for those who are meek and without tough skin.

Recently, on Nov. 26 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, the Indiana Pacers dropped an overtime decision to the Los Angeles Lakers, and those in attendance, as well as the TV audience, witnessed an incident that was both ugly and confusing to say the least.

With less than three minutes left in the overtime period, LeBron James summoned NBA official Rodney Mott to report two fans sitting courtside who allegedly made inappropriate remarks of a

personal nature to James. Mott quickly jettisoned the individuals and instructed house security to show them out of the arena immediately.

After the game, James declined to elaborate specifically to reporters on the exact alleged comments the individuals made, only saying they were highly inappropriate and beyond the normal cheering against the opposition that players are accustomed to on the road.

While NBA officials are never available to credentialed media for interviews, it's probably worth mentioning there is also no available audio or video of the alleged incident, nor the extremely brief conversation between Mott and the fans accused of this alleged transgression, leaving a large number of questions about the matter unanswered.

In no particular order, I'll try to address a few of them that still have me perplexed to no end.

First and foremost, how can an official eject fans simply based on what a player says occurred without some sort of evidence to substantiate James' claim?

Secondly, why is James any more credible than the individuals who were ejected without hesitation by a veteran NBA official, who knows no more about the situation than I did sitting some 75 feet up from where the alleged circumstances occurred?

Finally, why does a veteran official, who himself was suspended in 2007 by the NBA for making an obscene gesture and using profanities toward a fan, have such an incredibly short fuse while "investigating" the alleged incident involving James? Please explain that.

Before you potentially dismiss the aforementioned questions as conjecture, I'd like to add that no fan has the right to address a player in a personally derogatory manner,

and if found doing such should indeed be shown the door.

The fact remains that there is no proof of what is being alleged in this case and without it, both Mott and the NBA have failed us all by allowing his draconian impersonation of a sideline cop who can go rogue and do whatever he deems fit to fans at any point, be it those in the courtside seats or anywhere else in the building.

Why not issue a stern warning and make it clear that if you say anything whatsoever to the player you'll be ejected as opposed to immediately having them thrown out?

Could it be Mott, a native of New Albany, Indiana, is still seething from his personal experience that led to his suspension in 2007, or is he simply looking at James as one the NBA's prime properties and protecting him accordingly?

Again, if the fans truly crossed the line with egregious comments, then the ejection

was fully warranted. I'm just curious how one man with an undeniable blemish on his work history can simply toss two paying customers with no proof of their alleged actions.

It could happen to you or me just as easily, and within that distinct possibility we all should consider both the consequences of our behavior at a sporting event and just how incompetent and outrageous Mott's decision was. With nothing to go on but James' word, he made a snap decision. I'm contending it was flawed at best, but why let the facts get in the way here, especially when it goes directly toward the integrity of those who officiate the games.

Danny Bridges, who feels one didn't need to be sitting courtside to see Rodney Mott's actions didn't pass the sniff test, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.

Colts team up for Meijer, Coke for food distribution



Meijer team members prepare bags of food to hand out. (Photos/Jeff Brown)



Meijer employees Kelly Doucet, Mariah Allen and London Kramers wave to families.

Coca-Cola team members hand out drinks to families.

IUPUI off to 1-7 start



First-year IUPUI men's basketball coach Matt Crenshaw is trying to right the ship at his alma mater, which hasn't had a winning season since 2010-11. (Photos/David Dixon)

Freshman guard KJ Pruitt averages 4.4 points and three rebounds.

Colvin emerges as top prospect



Heritage Christian's Myles Colvin is one of the top players in the state. Colvin is the son of Rosevelt Colvin, who starred at Purdue, where the younger Colvin is committed. (Photo/David Dixon)

Michigan wins first Big Ten title since '04

Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren gives the conference championship trophy to Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Michigan players celebrate after beating Iowa 42-3 to win the Big Ten championship at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Michigan defender David Ojabo tackles Iowa running back Tyler Goodson.





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