

## Diabetes panel discusses risk factors, management

By STAFF

In partnership with WFYI Side Effects News, Indianapolis Recorder editor Oseye Boyd will moderate the discussion, “Diabetes: A Crisis in Plain Sight,” with local health care experts about diabetes and its impact on the Black community at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 via Facebook Live.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 50% of African Americans and Latinos born in 2000 will eventually be diagnosed with diabetes, a metabolic disease that causes elevated glucose, or blood sugar, levels.

Panelists include Dr. Varon Cantrell, a primary care provider specializing in internal medicine and pediatrics at HealthNet West Health Center; Dr. Zeb Saeed, an endocrinologist at IU Health; and Shakata Norwood, a community health worker at Eskenazi Health Center Forest Manor.

Currently, the American Diabetes Association estimates 738,000 Hoosiers have diabetes, with African Americans not only more likely to develop the disease, but more likely to face complications such as amputations, blindness and kidney failure. Throughout the panel discussion, panelists will share what local organizations are doing to help Hoosiers manage the disease.

**“Diabetes: A Crisis in Plain Sight”**  
Join the conversation  
When: 7 p.m. Dec. 9  
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Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership will use a \$2.5 million investment from CareSource to create more homeownership opportunities for low-income people and close the racial gap in homeownership. (Photo provided by INHP)

## INHP gets \$2.5M to increase housing access, close racial homeownership gap

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Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership received \$2.5 million to create more homeownership opportunities for low-income people and close the racial gap in homeownership.

The money comes from a partnership with CareSource, a non-profit health plan. INHP helps people with financial education, homeownership advising, mortgages and home repair loans. Rob Evans, executive vice president for homeownership initiatives at INHP, said the \$2.5 million will

help the organization support 3,000 families annually.

The Black homeownership rate in Marion County is 34%, according to a study from the Center for Research on Inclusion and Social Policy at IUPUI in 2018. The homeownership rate for whites is 64%. Even in predomi-

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## Westfield football player says opponent mocked him in blackface

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Administrators at Center Grove High School are investigating a post on social media that evidently shows a football player in blackface after the team won the 6A state title game Nov. 27.

A player for Westfield High School, Center Grove's opponent in the championship game, posted to social media saying the player was in blackface to mock him. Center Grove defeated Westfield 27-21.

“This game comes with trash talking and physicality but never does it come with those actions,” Westfield defensive end Popeye Williams wrote.

Williams, a senior and one of the top football recruits in the state, is

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A photo shared on social media shows a Center Grove High School football player evidently in blackface after the team's state championship game win over Westfield High School. The students' faces have been blurred. (Screenshot)



Sylva Zhang of Bike Indianapolis at a candlelight vigil Nov. 21. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

## ‘This isn’t motorists vs. cyclists’: Group calls for safer roads for all

By BREANNA COOPER  
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On a recent fall afternoon, Alice Avidor rode her bike downtown. She said she had the right of way at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and East Illinois Street when a driver accelerated to beat her to a left turn. Avidor said she's lucky: She walked away with minor injuries from what easily could have been a fatal collision. She's confident, though, that the city can do better when it comes to road safety.

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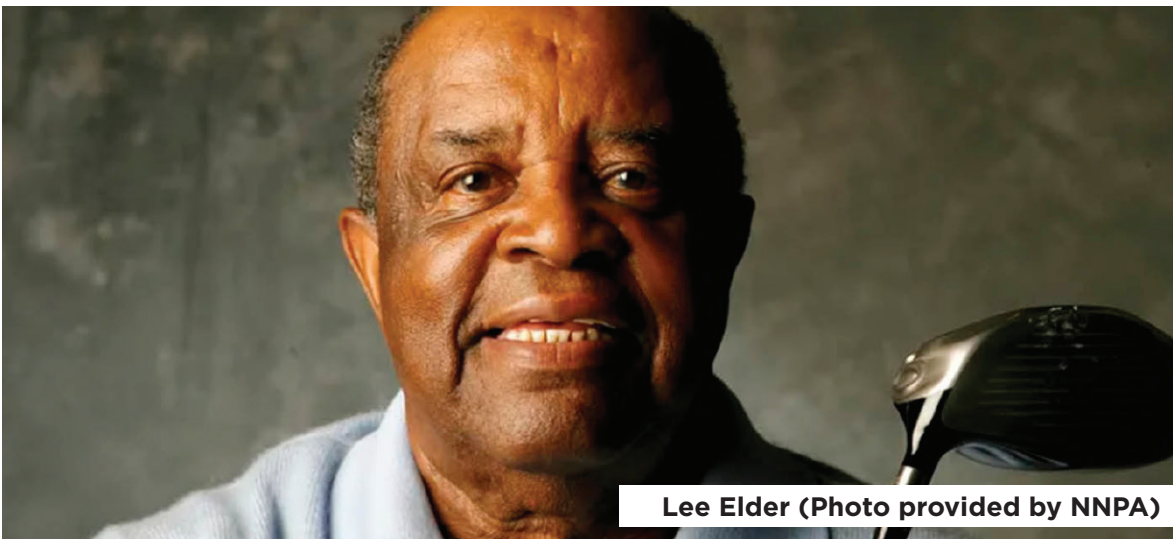
## In memoriam: Pioneering Black golf champ Lee Elder dies at 87

By STACY M. BROWN  
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Lee Elder, a golfing pioneer and the first Black player to compete in the Masters, has died at 87.

“It's remarkable to look back on Lee's life and career and realize the hardships he endured and the sacrifices he made to reach golf's highest level,” said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan.

“To have the success he had while paving the way for oth-



Lee Elder (Photo provided by NNPA)

ers to dream big and achieve is a testament to the type of man he was and how much talent he possessed. The TOUR is profoundly grateful for the career of Lee Elder, and we extend our sincere sympathies to his family.”

Born in 1934 in Dallas, Elder took up golf to help his parents financially. He caddied at the all-white Tenneson Park Golf Club in Dallas, but soon the golf pro began allowing Elder to play the course.

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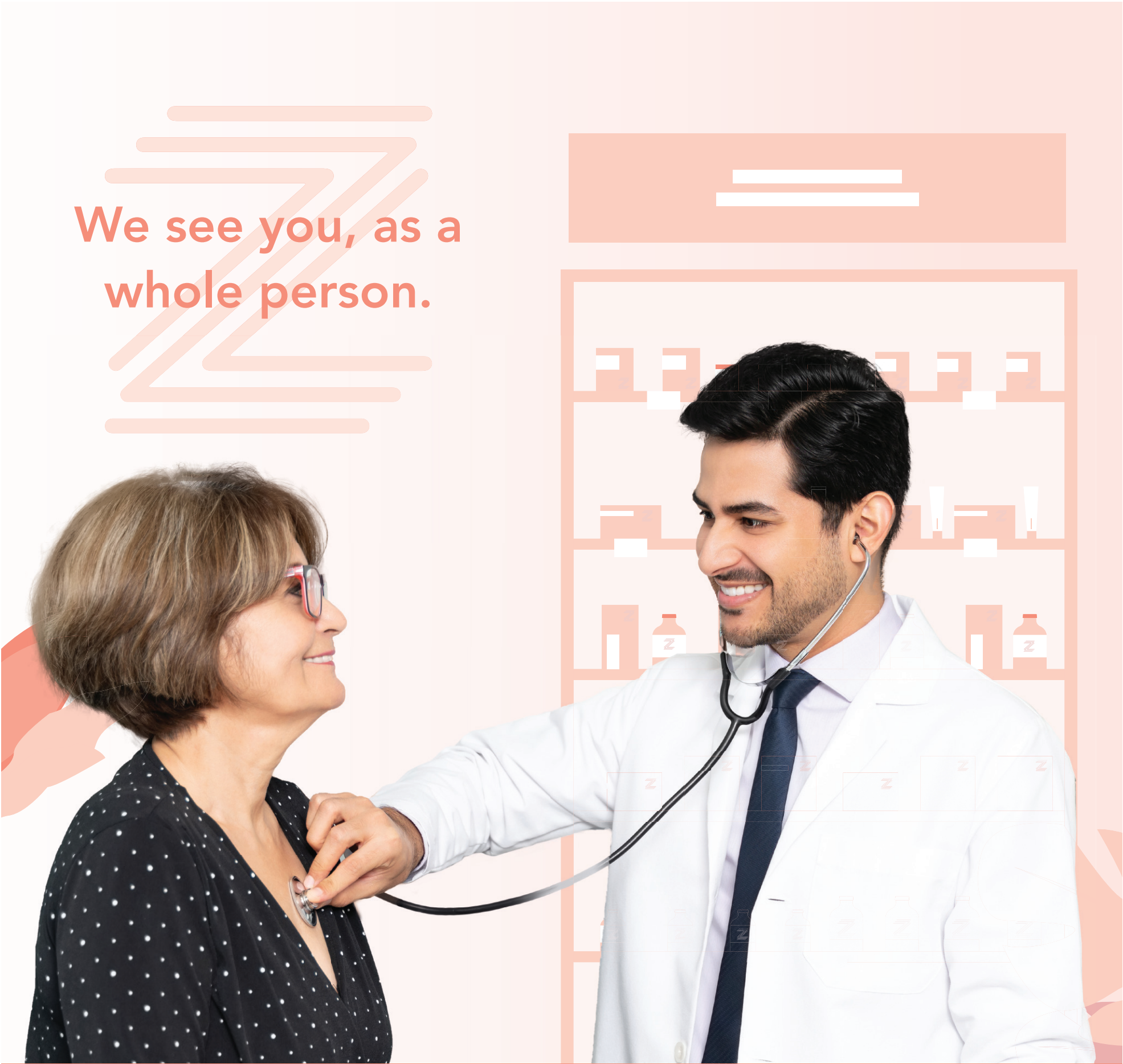
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## Pike superintendent faces calls for resignation

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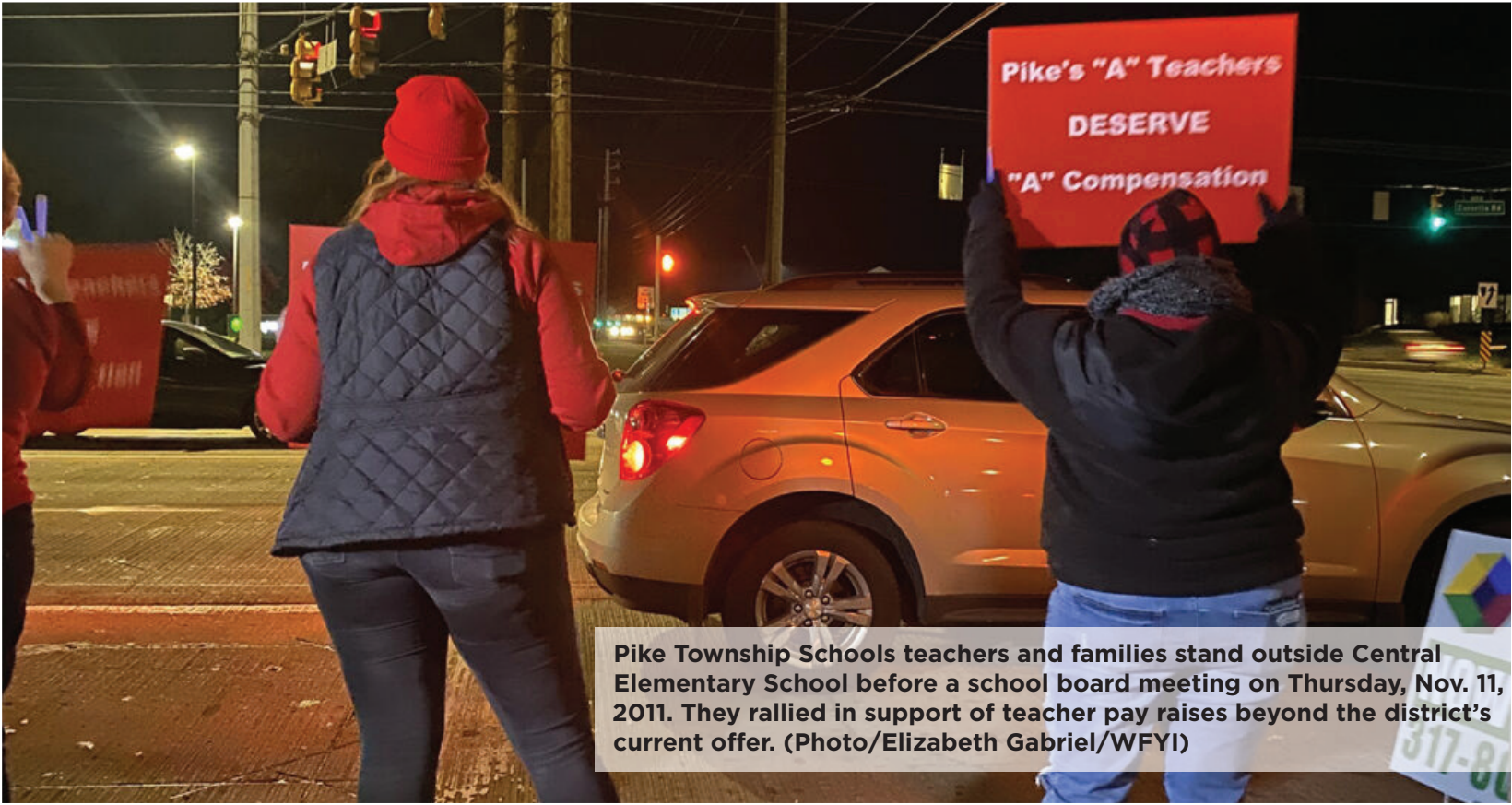
Around 2,700 people have signed an online petition calling on Pike Township School district's Superintendent Flora Reichanadter to resign.

This comes amid numerous learning disruptions as bus drivers and teachers advocate for higher pay raises. Since Sept. 27, some students have been required to switch to virtual or remote learning for five days and faced one day of school closures. High schoolers had an additional two days of virtual learning due to a bus driver shortage.

"Somebody needs to take responsibility for this crisis that is in overload right now," Jennifer Rubenstein, a Pike parent and creator of the petition, said. "And if this is the way that we can get it handled — and handled fair and equitably — then this is the way that it needs to be done."

In a text message before the Thanksgiving holiday, a spokesperson for the district did not directly address the petition when asked for a comment.

"We are still in the process of negotiating teacher contracts and therefore we do not want to compromise the process," the spokesperson said. "We value our teachers and the critical role they play in providing exceptional



**Pike Township Schools teachers and families stand outside Central Elementary School before a school board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2011. They rallied in support of teacher pay raises beyond the district's current offer. (Photo/Elizabeth Gabriel/WFYI)**

learning opportunities."

Earlier this month, the district and Pike Classroom Teachers Association failed to reach an agreement on a new compensation packaged by the state's deadline. The district offered the union \$2.3 million, or an average of 4.6 percent, in pay increases. But PCTA rejected that offer and asked for \$3.5 million in compensation increases. On Nov. 16 the district began mediation with the teacher's union to reach a deal.

In a recent Facebook message to the community, Reichanadter said the district is also finalizing the details of the bus

drivers' contract.

"My hope is that moving forward, we can all continue to focus on our shared desire to provide the children of Pike Township with the outstanding educational opportunities and experiences they deserve," Reichanadter wrote.

Parents of the district's roughly 11,000 students have shown support for teachers and bus drivers during public meetings and have voiced frustrations with the school district on social media. Community members have advocated for the district to raise teacher pay over concerns that

educators in their "middle years" — teachers who have roughly five to 25 years of experience — will move to other school districts that are offering higher pay.

Rubenstein has two daughters — a sixth grader and third grader — in the district. She said switching back and forth between in-person and online learning has been hard for her kids who thrive on consistent schedules.

"They're obviously struggling a little bit with just being able to catch up with the work," Rubenstein said. "Because one day we have in-person, one day

we don't have in-person. And as we know from COVID, the non in-person, e-learning days definitely do not translate as well as what in-person do."

Rubenstein said she hopes the petition for Reichanadter to resign will lead to some change. The petition was published Nov. 16 on Change.org. "We want things to become better," Rubenstein said. "We know Pike school systems are better than what is happening right at this moment."

Rubenstein said if the teachers union and bus drivers negotiate a contract that they're happy with, "then there's no

reason for us to keep the petition up." But she and other parents will continue to push the superintendent and school board members to implement changes.

School districts across the country have also experienced staff shortages, including teacher and substitute teacher shortages, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The next Pike Township school board meeting is 7 p.m. Dec. 9.

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## IU Health names VP of community health operations



**Nichole Wilson**

Indiana University Health announces Nichole Wilson as vice president of community health operations. She will focus on reducing infant mortality, tobacco use and obesity, improving behavioral health, and addressing social determinants of health.

Wilson was previously vice president of integrated primary care at Community Health Network. She earned doctorate and master's degrees from the University of Indianapolis, a master's from Purdue University and a bachelor's degree in sports medicine from DePauw University. She is also a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



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Optimist Business Solutions, LLC is a local MWBE firm that works with leaders to achieve better outcomes. We do this by leveraging our process improvement experience and our Six Sigma problem-solving skills. In the spring of 2021, we pledged to be a force towards racial equity. One way we can demonstrate our commitment is to marshal financial resources to upskill our Black community.

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### WHY BLACK

Black women are under-represented in the Six Sigma community because they are commonly under-exposed to this training and its benefits. Six Sigma training is also costly. In addition, the Black community is oftentimes the most harmed by inequitable policies, resulting in low education attachment, poor health outcomes, and high unemployment.

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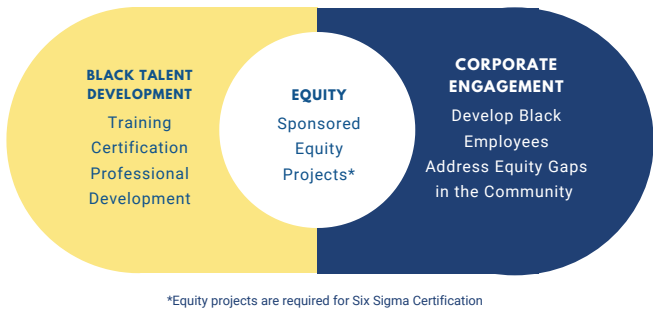
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### STRATEGIES

We will be the premier resource for developing Black change agents by deploying the following strategies:

- A university will train and certify participants in Six Sigma.
- Cross-sector Black Belts will support participants' learning.
- City leaders will share community priorities.
- We will connect alumni to ongoing professional development opportunities.

### THE FRAMEWORK



### PROJECT EXAMPLES

Participants must select a project to earn certification. Examples include:

- Under-representation of Blacks in tech jobs.
- Low retention of Black employees at a local company.
- Under-representation of Blacks in a leadership institute.
- Poor retention of Black male students at local college

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nantly Black neighborhoods in Marion County, researchers found white people own 56% of the homes.

Research also shows about a third of households in Marion County earn less than 80% of the area median income and are housing cost-burdened, meaning more than 30% of their monthly income goes to housing.

Housing is considered one of the so-called social determinants of health, which experts often say make up about 80% of a person's health. Other determinants include food access and education.

"If you don't know where you're going to lay your head at night, it's really hard to focus on anything else," said Amy Riegel, directing of housing at CareSource.

Black homeownership is on the decline across the country, dropping to 41% in 2019, according to census data. That's 7 percentage points lower than it was a decade ago. Black people have lost nearly all of the gains made in homeownership after the Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibited housing discrimination based on race.

One issue Evans pointed to is disparities in mortgage lending. Black borrowers represented 14.4% of all loan applicants in 2019 in Marion County, according to federal data compiled by INHP. Nearly a quarter of Black applicants were denied, compared to about 14% of white applicants, and Black applicants are much more likely to be denied because of credit history.

There are also allegations locally of redlining. The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana filed a complaint against Old National Bank in October, accusing the bank of discriminating against Black mortgage borrowers in Indianapolis.

According to FHCCI, the bank made only 23 loans to Black borrowers in Marion County. An Old National Bank spokesperson denied the allegations.

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committed to the University of Louisville. His father, Bo Williams Jr., wrote on social media that the Center Grove student's actions shouldn't be tolerated.

"My hope is that something is done and that this ridiculous behavior is disciplined to the highest level," he wrote.


Westfield Washington Schools acknowledged the incident in a statement.

"We stand in support of Popeye and the Williams family as they process and face this act of racial discrimination," Westfield principal Alicia Denniston said. "While we know that people make mistakes, we hope we can all use this opportunity to learn from our actions."

A statement attributed to Center Grove's principal, Jeffry Henderson, said administrators are working with the athletic department and coaching staff.

"This student's actions do not represent the values of our athletic program, high school, or school community," he said.

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“I don’t see this as a blaming game,” Avidor said during a candlelight vigil for victims of road collisions Nov. 21. “This isn’t motorists vs. cyclists; this is an urban design issue.”

From 2019 to 2020, the number of fatal collisions in Indianapolis rose 31%, compared to an 8% increase nationwide. According to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, there have been over 180 collisions involving pedestrians, as well as over 50 reported collisions involving people on bikes. In 2020, nine cyclists died as a result of a crash. By July, seven Indianapolis cyclists had been killed in a collision.

Workers at Bike Indianapolis, a nonprofit striving to increase cycling in Indianapolis, want to see safer roads for everyone who uses them.

“We’re on track for one of the deadliest years for traffic violence in Indianapolis, right after setting a record last year,” Damon Richards, executive director of Bike Indianapolis, said in a statement. “People keep saying something has to be done but assume someone else has to do it. Our mayor and city-county council must act to make our streets safer or more people are going to die.”

At the vigil, members of Bike Indianapolis shared their recommendations for the city with a group of roughly 20 cyclists assembled at Lugar Plaza outside of the City-County Building:

- Create a crash response team led by city-county employees and include independent citizens to review crash sites which involve either pedestrians or cyclists following collisions in order to detail infrastructure, document contributing conditions and recommend improvements to streets to prevent future deaths.
- Develop a clear channel of communication and database that publi-

cizes crash data and collision reports promptly following inspection by crash response team.

- Respond to recommendations provided by the crash response team and execute plans to update infrastructure and policy in order to avoid future crashes.

Among the crowd at Lugar Plaza was Coun-

cilor Crista Carlino. As a member of the Public Works committee, Carlino said there’s a lot local government can do to impact safety on the roads. Carlino echoed Department of Public Works Director Dan Parker in advocating for narrowing lanes, as well as reducing the speed limit on main roads and

neighborhood streets. “We all have a part to play in this,” Carlino said after the vigil. “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, and I’m going to make sure our dollars go to

keeping people safe.”

Carlino also suggested the city could institute a crash reporting system through the Mayor’s Action Center, similar to how residents can report a pothole.

Improving the roads and sidewalks for pedestrians and cyclists, Bike Indianapolis representative Lane Wolf said,

benefits everyone.

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

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Martin names new VP




Kristie Johnson

Martin University recently named Kristie Johnson vice president of Institutional Advancement. Johnson will manage grant writing, fundraising initiatives and campaigns, strategic capital planning and relationship building.

Johnson was previously inaugural executive director of grants management at Marian University.


She has a doctorate degree in leadership in higher education from Bellarmine University, master’s degree in international development and social change from Clark University and bachelor’s degree in Asian Studies from Florida State University.



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# Keep CREATING Indy!

By STAFF

#IndyKeepsCreatingSeries, which celebrates Indianapolis culture through music, art installations and cultural programs, features events through March 2022.

A \$500,000 allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act and unanimously approved by the city-county council supports the series. The series is designed to engage creatives with paid opportunities to support the arts and reconnect residents and visitors with places and experiences missed during the pandemic. Almost \$220,000 has been awarded to 240 artists for paid opportunities in 16 neighborhoods, and 56% of all grants and paid engagements were awarded to artists of color. Marion County-based visual and performing artists, community organizations and neighborhood businesses applied to participate in three programs administered by the Arts Council of Indianapolis, Big Car Collaborative and GANGGANG. The programs include:

- #IndyKeepsCreating Cultural Connection Grants — Grants supporting community-centric cultural programs, festivals and events. Administered by Big Car Collaborative.
- #IndyKeepsCreating Music Series and Nap-town Next Up Fellowship Program — Artists performing live at signature downtown locations, in neighborhoods and other public spaces. Curated by Smart Girl Creative Co., The Naptown Next Up Fellowship program is a professional development program for rising Marion County performing artists. Ten fellows will be announced in mid-December. Administered by GANGGANG.
- #IndyKeepsCreating Sidewalk Galleries — About 100 visual and literary and poetry artworks, mostly located outdoors, will create welcoming spaces throughout Marion County. Curated by the Arts Council of Indianapolis.

#IndyKeepsCreating Series events and programs are open to the public, free or affordable, and located in Marion County. New events are added weekly. Visit [indykeepscreating.org](https://indykeepscreating.org) for the most up-to-date information.

Below are events happening in December and beyond:

- Post-game buskers on Georgia Street — Hosted by the Indianapolis Cultural Trail following Colts games on Jan. 2 and Jan. 16 or 17 (playoff date TBD)
- Sidewalk Galleries — 23 storefront murals from local artists, displayed at Circle Centre Mall.
- Classical Music Indy's CMI City Sounds — Free, site-specific music video performances at iconic Indy locations.
- Date TBA in December — Le Alta Moda, free,



"Bantu Tiffany" by Faith Blackwell, 2021. (Photo provided)



"We the People" by D. Powell-Smith/#GeorgettesGranddaughter, 2021. (Photo provided)



"Wild Flowers" by Regina Bunting, 2021. (Photo provided)

El Volcan Mexican Restaurant, 2705 W. Washington St.

La Sardina Gallery presents "A Night of Le Alta Moda 3!" Art fashion designer Katy Newton, a featured artist at Midwest Fashion Week and Rucker Makerspace, will create unique pieces of wearable art using repurposed and recycled

materials. Models included are those who are often excluded from the world of high fashion such as mothers, LGBTQ artists, drag performers, people of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

- Dec. 3 — ArtMix Winter Open House, free, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., ArtMix, 1505 N. Delaware St.
  - Participate in hands-on art projects, listen to music, and view the new works in the ArtMix gallery. The gallery also will be stocked with affordable holiday gifts and take-home treats. Free masks will be provided at the door as masks are required. Event entry is staggered throughout the day to allow for social distancing. Registration and more information on [eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com).
  - Dec. 8 — Jingle & Mingle, free, noon-6 p.m., Indianapolis City Market, 222 E. Market St.
  - December 11 — Holiday Arts Market on Monument Circle, free, noon-6 p.m., featuring DJ Gabby Love, Anneliese and Ali
  - Dec. 11 and beyond — Storefront murals on Shining a Light, Monument Circle
  - Dec. 18 — Flurries on the Canal: A Performance Series by the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, free, downtown Central Canal, Admiral Spruance Basin
  - Dec. 19 — Girls Rock! Indianapolis Holiday Showcase, free, The AMP at 16 Tech
  - December 27 — Frozen Frequencies, free, time TBD, Garfield Park Rob Funkhouser and Landon Caldwell created Frozen Frequencies, two semi-permanent augmented reality soundtracks, for walking around Garfield Park.
  - Dec. 29 — Snuggly Bear Presents ... Community Art Music and Education Day, free, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive
  - This event will highlight some of the most renowned Black visual and performing artists during the week of Kwanzaa. During the first half of the day, artists will interact with and provide educational activities. The artists' work will be available for purchase. Purchases will be commission free. The second half will transition into a performing arts space where some of Indianapolis' most recognizable performers will entertain the audience.
  - End of December: Norwood Notes: Portrait Project, free, online platform TBD
- Artist Kaila Austin will work in the Norwood neighborhood to record the oral histories with five elders in the community and complete their portraits to be passed down as family heirlooms. The oral histories will be available in a community archive.

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SPOTLIGHT

Searching for — and finding — your history

By TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Sometimes, you feel like a tree. Like a sentinel standing tall, you bend with the wind but never break. Small children climb on you, and you receive them with arms open; your exterior is tough but what’s inside is smooth and strong. Sometimes, you feel like a tree: As in the new book “Reclamation” by Gayle Jessup White, your roots spring from complicated soil.

Born in the early years of the Civil Rights Movement, Gayle Jessup White was her parents’ youngest child by several years, and for that, she was indulged by her siblings and especially beloved by her father, with whom she was closest. He was a civil servant who provided all for his family, and they enjoyed a “well-off” lifestyle; before White was born, they even had the means to provide a home for an elderly half-relative who was said to have been illiterate and simple, but who never lost sight of a belief she held. “Aunt Peachie” swore that the Jessup children were descendants of Thomas Jefferson.

White was small when she learned of this possible heritage, but details then were maddeningly scarce. Still, she never forgot the thought of being related to our third president, just as she never forgot that summer when she learned about racism and she discovered that her parents’ marriage was rocky.

White grew up, went to college and landed a good job in a field she enjoyed. She married, became a mother, divorced, and dabbled in a bit of a search for the details of her heritage, but with limited success. First, her father died, then her mother, and White met a man she could spend the rest of her life with. Throughout, she dreamed of working at Monticello, the mansion that Thomas Jefferson built, the home of most of his slaves, but for years white descendants of Jefferson had denied the very existence of the man’s Black offspring. Still, White told everyone of her heritage when she visited Monticello until finally someone listened. Finally, she held the possibility that Aunt Peachie was right ... How many times a month do you say, “I wish I’d listened to” whatever



elderly relative had stories to share? That family lore is precious stuff, and “Reclamation” makes open ears more urgent. And yet, as author Gayle Jessup White shows in her book, finding the details-within-the-details won’t be an easy task. White overcame many, many roadblocks that were set in her path toward understanding, including a lack of technology in the beginning and a general disbelief from others; there’s also a side story of meeting a very distant cousin and the disappointment in this, which may serve as a keenly different kind of warning for readers eager for warm, willing family ties that might never arrive. Still, none of that was a deterrent for White, who sports a definite perseverance in this memoir that genealogists, family historians and storytellers will find appealing. If you, too, are searching through your past for a hidden truth, “Reclamation” may be a hard book to leave.

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by Linda Thistle

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29 Port-au-Prince locale  
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32 Payoff of athletic training  
35 "Othello" foe  
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38 Rocker Patty of Scandal  
39 Animal that hunts, but isn't hunted  
45 Is remorseful  
48 Life's work  
49 Frazier foe  
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51 Peel, as fruit
- 52 Preteen  
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58 Reproachful clicks  
59 Fish in a garden pond  
60 Writer Levin  
61 Be fixated  
62 Company that owns Log Cabin, Vlasic and Mrs. Paul's  
67 Decides to participate  
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72 Gp. backing arms  
73 Auntie played by Lucille Ball  
77 The Isle of Man, to Britain  
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84 About half of all adults  
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86 Lubing  
87 Begins  
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93 Barkin of film  
94 Sinking ship's call  
95 Hippie's "Got it"
- 96 Source of wacky products in Road Runner cartoons  
102 Jab gently  
106 Dress shirt ornament  
107 Company shuffle, for short  
108 PC undo key  
109 Fetus' place  
110 Grafton's "— for Alibi"  
111 Onetime competitor of Magnavox  
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117 "Puppy Love" singer Paul  
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3 1983 J.P. Donleavy novel  
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7 Long attack  
8 Photo-sharing app, for short  
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11 "That's how it was told to me"  
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13 Supreme Court's Samuel  
14 2015 and 2017 Best Actress nominee  
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16 Set of regular customers  
17 Tables with data on daily ebbs and flows  
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25 Type of fish that a 59-Across is
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33 Positive aspect  
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47 Poor grades  
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53 33-Down's opposite  
54 Like mosaics  
55 Uno + due  
56 "Today" co-host Kotb  
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62 ATM code  
63 "That's right!"  
64 Spam holder  
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66 Suffix with contradict  
67 They precede Novs.  
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76 Verge  
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79 Verve  
80 Stately tree  
81 Takeaway game of strategy  
82 Link with  
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88 Sleuth, slangily  
89 Noisy nappers  
90 Tropical cereal grass  
91 D.C.'s home  
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100 "— bad moon rising"  
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In 1959, Elder joined the United Golfers Association and dominated the all-Black group. According to BlackPast.org, Elder won four Negro National Open Championships and an eye-opening 18 of the 22 tournaments in which he participated.

Using the purses from those victories allowed Elder to participate in the 1967 qualifying school for the PGA TOUR. In 1971, Elder made history as the first Black player invited to participate in the South African PGA Tournament. “His participation in that event made this the first integrated sports event in South Africa since the establishment of the official Apartheid policy in 1948,” researchers at the Black Past wrote.

However, they noted further that Elder and other Black golfers continued to face racial challenges at home. “Although the PGA Tour was officially open to African Americans, it was not friendly to them. Many tournaments would not allow Black golfers into the clubhouse and instead required that they change and eat in the parking lot,” the researchers wrote.

However, in 1975, Elder made history again in Augusta, Georgia, when he was invited to compete at the Masters Open, the most prestigious tournament in golf. With his victory at the 1974 Monsanto Open, Elder automatically qualified for the Masters Open, but he also became the first Black player invited. Unfortunately, Elder missed the qualifying round in the tournament.

Still, his entrance was an African American milestone covered by almost every major magazine and news pro-

gram in the country, noted the Black Press.

Elder played in five more Masters, won three PGA tournaments and was named to the 1979 Ryder Cup Team. He had a combined 12 tournament victories on the PGA and Senior Tours, earning more than \$1 million on each tour.

However, his invitation to the Masters in 1975 proved that African Americans could compete at the highest levels of golf, the researchers continued. “Lee Elder was a pioneer, and in so many ways,” legendary golf champ Jack Nicklaus told Bill Fields during a PGATOUR.com interview.

“Yes, he was the first Black player to compete in the Masters Tournament, but that simply underlined the hard work Lee put in to further the cause of everyone who has a dream to play on the PGA TOUR and perhaps thinks there were too many barriers before them. It was wonderful that the Masters Tournament and Augusta National paid a well-deserved tribute to Lee by inviting him to be an Honorary Starter on this last Masters. That morning, you could see the joy in Lee’s face, and Gary Player and I were honored to enjoy that moment with him. That memory will remain special for so many, including me, for many years to come.

“Lee was a good player, but most importantly, a good man who countless people very well respected,” added Nicklaus. “The game of golf lost a hero in Lee Elder. Barbara and I send our heartfelt condolences to Lee’s wife Sharon and their entire family.”

‘A Christmas Carol’ returns to IRT

Charles Dickens’ beloved classic, “A Christmas Carol” returns to the Indianapolis Repertory Theatre on Dec. 10-26. Patrons can also stream the performances virtually. All guests ages 12 or older must show proof of a COVID-19 vaccination or a negative lab test less than 72 hours prior to the performance. Masks are required throughout the performance. Two shows, one Dec. 12 and the other Dec. 21, will be vaccinated-only shows. All guests, regardless of age, are required to show proof of vaccination. For more information and tickets, visit [irtlive.com](https://irtlive.com).



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# Gerald Albright performs at the Jazz Kitchen



Gerald Albright played his soulful sounds in front of two sold-out crowds at the Jazz Kitchen. (Photos/David Dixon)

## 2 IMPD officers stabbed; suspect shot and arrested

By STAFF

A man was arrested for allegedly stabbing two Indianapolis police officers in the early morning hours Dec. 1 in the 1400 block of Fairfield Avenue. The two officers fired their guns and shot the man.

One officer and the suspect were taken to the hospital and released. The other officer is in stable condition, according to the most recent update from Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

According to police, the man, identified as 20-year-old Deonta Williams, reported someone had been harassing him. Officers told Williams they would look for the person, and as they turned to walk away, Williams stabbed one officer in the chest and the other in the neck.

That's when the officers shot Williams. Indianapolis Emergency Medical Service transported him to Methodist Hospital.

Williams is preliminarily charged with two counts of attempted murder. The Marion County Prosecutor's Office will make all final charging decisions.

Multiple officers had body cameras which were activated at the time of the incident, police said. 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 India-



Officers found multiple knives at the scene, including one that was broken. (Photos provided by IMPD)

napolis-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.

Anyone with information is asked to call Sgt. Michael Duke at 317-327-3475 or by email at Michael.Duke@indy.gov. Anyone can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 317-262-TIPS.

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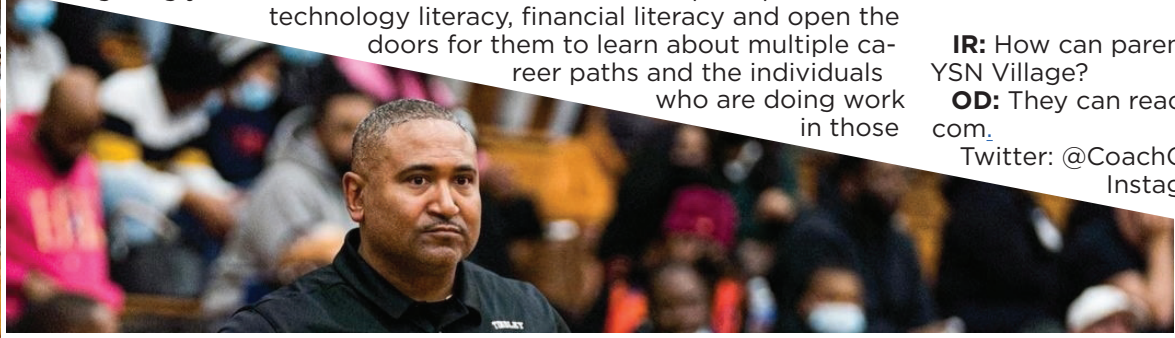
# Creating a village for student athletes to achieve inside and outside of sports

After navigating the world of youth sports, both as a father of two and a coach, Omar Dillard decided to use the information he learned to ensure other parents and their student-athletes had the knowledge to they needed to avoid some of the pitfalls he encountered. To that end, Dillard established Youth Sports Navigator and Youth Sports Navigator Village (YSN Village).

**Indianapolis Recorder:** What is Youth Sports Navigator and what led you to create it?

**Omar Dillard:** I created the Youth Sports Navigator to become a roadmap for parents of student-athletes and offer real and transparent education and decision-making tools to learn how to navigate the youth sports journey. The journey I traveled with my own kids, now a senior and junior in college, saw them play basketball, football, soccer, baseball and lacrosse. With over 15-plus years of navigating the youth sports journey, I've learned so much due to my experience of it as a dad, and also as a coach helping several kids develop and move on to play sports in college.

I have to say, the journey was good, bad and down-right ugly



at times. I realized while reflecting back, that many of the bad and ugly situations, came from a lack of information as a parent. There didn't seem to be any real resources, or best practices to follow while guiding your child through youth sports. My wife used to always say, "I wish there was a handbook that educated you on what to do when all of these situations and opportunities arise while navigating the sports journey with your kid."

The NCAA is the governing body creating and administering the rules for college athletes and the NFHS is the governing body administering the rules for high school athletes. Who or what is coming alongside the parent and family to help make the best decisions for the student athlete?

I decided that I wanted to share my experience and couple it with additional research that I've completed to provide education to parents for the journey so they don't make the same mistakes that I, as well as many other families, have made while navigating this journey. There are so many options available to take whether it's how to choose a travel team that's right for your child, or how do I help my child select the right high school or how do I place my child in the right environment to earn academic and athletic scholarships? I've developed decision making guidance for a parent to follow or use as a reference to help them make better, more informed decisions as they are guiding their child through youth sports.

The critical point to understand is, that you don't realize you've made some significant mistakes along the way normally until it's too late. At that point, what is the impact on the child? Or how does it impact your ability to pay for college? What if I can provide a resource to follow to avoid many of those bad situations and position your child for success?

**IR:** From Youth Sports Navigator came Youth Sports Navigator Village (YSN Village). Can you explain what YSN Village is and why you felt adding this component was important?

**OD:** Because I've been in a position as a dad of two student athletes and a coach of hundreds of student athletes, I've had a tremendous opportunity to understand the time investment that student athletes and their parents make in hopes that the child is in a position to have their college education paid for. Understanding that athletes many times don't get the time to study as much as their classmates, or participate in other academic or career building opportunities, because of their commitment to sports. I wanted YSN Village to be able to provide a tool that gives the student-athlete and parent an opportunity to have learning on demand where they can access it and utilize it, when it fits best into their challenging schedule.

Over time I realized that I'm already helping kids that I've directly coached uncover opportunities and broaden their horizons to help them obtain free and low-cost college educations, without the money coming from sports. I continue to discover that there are so many more student-athletes in this same situation. My passion is around helping kids and parents excel. I work hard to use my diverse professional background and my consistent pursuit of learning to help parents put their

student-athletes in position for success.

Additionally, I've seen and coached kids that are great at multi-tasking with their schoolwork and sports, and have tremendous work ethic, but still not earn an athletic scholarship. Many of those kids, I've watched lose their self-confidence because so much of who their identity has been and is tied to sports. The misconception about athletes is those who make it on to get athletic scholarships, or to the professional level, always worked the hardest. That's not always true. There are several other factors that also play into who receives an athletic scholarship.

So, I decided to organize my thoughts and beliefs and tap into my relationships to create and deliver relevant education to parents and athletes that will teach them foundational principles of: technology literacy, financial literacy and open the doors for them to learn about multiple career paths and the individuals who are doing work in those

athletes in a manner that they can understand it, and through a method they receive information. The YSN Village will empower athletes and their parents with a transformative educational experience in critical areas that will prepare athletes to win in life.

During my professional career, I've worked as a stockbroker, an owner of an IT staffing company, a professional real estate investor and also served my passion for mentoring and coaching as a high school varsity basketball coach. I've developed a strong breadth of knowledge and relationships in each of these areas, and for a long time wondered how I can enact the change that I want to see in the world and our community, using my gifts and experience. The YSN Village brings life to this vision for our kids and parents.

**IR:** How can parents and their athletes access YSN Village?

**OD:** They can reach us at [www.coachodrive.com](http://www.coachodrive.com).

Twitter: @CoachODrive

Instagram: [youthsportsnavigator](https://www.instagram.com/youthsportsnavigator)

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careers.

One thing I know for certain, student-athletes have a work ethic, time management and the capacity to do more than most. So, if we deposit relevant, life changing information into their minds and spirits early in life, these young people will have a stronger opportunity to become highly productive and compensated in relevant jobs or businesses, whether they play sports at a collegiate or professional level. They will be prepared to pivot whenever they feel like it because they have the knowledge to earn, and the knowledge to put their money to work for them as well.

**IR:** Black youth often look at sports as their ticket out of poverty. Why do you think that is?

**OD:** I honestly believe that when kids are looking with their own eyes at who is making large sums of money or who is moving the culture, they focus on what they see or can feel. The interesting thing about Indianapolis from a basketball standpoint is that many of the young players around have come up playing on AAU teams and/or possibly been in the gym with the likes of Eric Gordon, Jeff Teague, Gary Harris, Trey Liles and a host of others. So, athletes in this city actually can see that basketball is a way to earning a significant income, and they know what the path looks like to get to the professional level.

In contrast, if I were to ask young athletes, and possibly even adults as well, how many Black CEOs of Fortune 500 companies there are currently, what would their response be? To take it even further, what does that path to becoming a CEO of a Fortune 500 company look like to get there? We like to throw numbers out there all the time to these young athletes of how hard it is to go pro in sports. Well frankly, if we just look at numbers, there are 450 jobs in the NBA that earn close to or exceed \$1 million. Of those, approximately 300 or so jobs are held by Black players.

There are currently 1,696 jobs in the NFL and approximately 1,180 are held by Black players. They are also high-income earners. Currently, there are four Black CEOs of Fortune 500 companies. If they walked past us right now, we likely wouldn't even know who they were, not to mention young athletes. Secondly, how would they know the path of how to navigate that career trajectory and advance

to that level in a large corporation. Many of us grew up in a generation where you wouldn't dare ask your parents what income they make. You knew economic status based on the neighborhood you lived in and the clothes you were wearing. We're going to open the book for athletes to know the opportunities and income levels that are available to all.

**IR:** How do we help Black youth realize there are other opportunities for wealth building?

**OD:** The YSN Village is providing a team of subject matter experts in a community format, to help introduce and teach these opportunities to young

**IR:** What are YSN Village's specific areas of focus and how do you address these areas?

**OD:** The YSN Village has engaged subject matter experts from around the country who will focus content on these topics for athletes and parents:

- Financial Literacy:
- Tech Literacy:
- Emotional Intelligence
- Communication & Building Relationships & Mentors

The teaching will come from an application perspective, meaning the teaching will come from those doing the actual work that the content will be centered around. Additionally, we have interviewed dozens of individuals who have ascended to the top of their professions and the YSN Village will be able to share those conversations with young athletes and actually provide access and communication between the athlete/parent and these professionals. This is a community focused on building and strengthening one another. They always say, "It takes a Village to raise a child," and we want to be a significant part of your Village.

These athletes/parents will here from and interact with:

- CEOs
- CIOs
- Presidents
- Vice Presidents
- Global Marketing Directors
- School Superintendents
- Doctors, Dentists
- Vice Presidents and so much more
- The YSN Village will provide athletes and parents: Education
- Communication
- Life Application

The outcomes we expect to see:

When you join the YSN Village, you and your student athlete will become a part of a community that's focused to building and preparing the entire student athlete for life during and after sports. This community is full of individuals that possess a growth mindset who genuinely want to see our community do better and thrive collectively.

Most importantly, when whichever ball is removed from our kids' lives: basketball, football, soccer

ball, etc., the YSN Village will have equipped these student-athletes with examples of success and relevant subject matter like financial literacy, tech literacy, self-awareness, leadership and confidence to help them create terrific career options that have a growing income and relevance. Furthermore, they will have the financial education to use that income to build wealth and generational wealth for themselves and their families.





# National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. Tau Chapter of Indianapolis



Evelyn Pierce-Hicks, Tau chapter president (seated ninth from the left) and Tau Chapter of Indianapolis. (Photos/James Conn of Conn Photography)



L-R: Sherlynn Martin, gala co-chair; Evelyn Pierce-Hicks, Tau Chapter president; and Brenda A. Roper, gala co-chair.

On Oct. 29, chapter President Evelyn Pierce-Hicks and the sisters of Tau Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. celebrated 85 years of service to the Indianapolis community. Tau Chapter hosted its 85th Red and Gold Celebration Gala at The Lodge at the Willows in Broad Ripple. The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. is a professional organization of women in the field of education who believe

educating and supporting children requires a “Pursuit of Excellence: A Challenge to Fulfill.” This year, Tau Chapter honored three extraordinary community leaders: Elizabeth M. Gore, past IPS board commissioner and community advocate; Rev. Corey Duncan, pastor of City of Hope Church; and James Anthony Taylor, director of student services and social services at Warren Township schools. In

addition, Dr. Deborah Daniels was the recipient of the Above and Beyond Award for her dedication to Tau Chapter and the Indianapolis community. State Rep. Gregory W. Porter served as master of ceremonies for the event.

For more information about the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., please visit [www.nspdk.org](http://www.nspdk.org).



L-R: Evelyn Pierce-Hicks, Tau Chapter president; Elizabeth M. Gore, honoree; Peggy Hattix-Penn representing Rev. Corey Duncan, honoree; and James Anthony Taylor, honoree.



State Rep. Gregory W. Porter was the master of ceremonies.



Evelyn Pierce-Hicks, Tau Chapter president, with Above and Beyond honoree-Dr. Deborah Daniels.

## Rep. Omar urges House GOP to address ‘anti-Muslim hatred’

By BRIAN SLODYSKO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar on Nov. 30 played a harrowing death threat recently left for her by voicemail, while imploring House Republican leaders to do more to tamp down “anti-Muslim hatred” in their ranks and “hold those who perpetuate it accountable.” Omar, one of only a handful of Muslim members of Congress, has been the subject of repeated attacks by conservative pundits and some Republicans in Congress, which she says have led to an increase in the number of death threats she receives. The most recent instance came after a video of first-term Colorado Rep. Lauren Boebert calling Omar a member of the “jihad squad” and likening her to a bomb-carrying terrorist went viral. “When a sitting member of Congress calls a colleague a member of the ‘jihad squad’ and falsifies a story to suggest I will blow up the Capitol, it is not just an attack on me but on millions of American Muslims across the country,” Omar said during a news conference Tuesday. “We cannot pretend this hate speech from leading politicians doesn’t have real consequences.” Then Omar played the voicemail, laden with profanity, racial epithets and a threat to “take you off the face of the (expletive) earth,” which she said was

among hundreds of such messages she has reported since joining Congress. Omar said the voicemail was left for her after Boebert released another video on Monday attacking her. In the grainy recording, a man can be heard saying, “You will not be living much longer, b—” while promising that “we the people are rising up.” He also calls Omar a “traitor” and pledges that she will stand trial before a military tribunal. Omar then concluded, “It is time for the Republican Party to actually do something to confront anti-Muslim hatred in its ranks and hold those who perpetuate it accountable.” Boebert’s incendiary remarks are just the latest example of a GOP lawmaker making a personal attack against another member of Congress, an unsettling trend that has gone largely unchecked by House Republican leaders. The chain of events was set in motion over a week ago when a video posted to Facebook showed Boebert speaking at an event and describing an interaction with Omar — an interaction Omar maintains never happened. In the video, Boebert claims that a Capitol Police officer approached her with “fret on his face” shortly before she stepped aboard a House elevator and the doors closed. “I look to my left and there she is — Ilhan Omar. And I said: ‘Well, she doesn’t have a backpack. We

should be fine,” Boebert says with a laugh. Boebert’s comment about Omar not wearing a backpack was an apparent reference to her not carrying a suicide bomb. Reaction to the video was swift. Omar called on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Republican Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy to “take appropriate action.” But so far McCarthy, who is in line to become House speaker if Republicans retake the majority next year, has proven reluctant to police members of his caucus whose views are often closely aligned with the party’s base. Rep. Andre Carson, D-Ind., who is also Muslim, said he is working with Democratic leadership on a House resolution that could address the issue. Boebert initially took steps to ease the situation. Last week, she apologized “to anyone in the Muslim community I offended,” but not directly to Omar. But after declining to apologize directly to Omar during a tense phone call Nov. 29, which Omar abruptly ended, Boebert again went on the attack. “Rejecting an apology and hanging up on someone is part of cancel culture 101 and a pillar of the Democrat Party,” Boebert said in an Instagram video. So far, McCarthy is taking her side. When asked Nov. 30 what he would do if Democrats tried to censure Boebert, McCarthy said: “After she apologized personally and publicly? I’d vote against it.”



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EDITORIAL

For those who don’t get it after 200 years, blackface is racist, not funny

By OSEYE BOYD



As my daughter and I talked in the kitchen over the weekend, she asked me if I’d seen the photo circulating on social media. I told her I had not. She proceeded to find the image on her phone and show it to me.

I sighed, rubbed my forehead and shook my head.

A Center Grove High School football player took a picture of himself wearing blackface.

Here we are again. We’re literally weeks away from 2022, and teens — and adults — still think it’s OK to wear blackface. Somehow the recent dustups about blackface missed them.

- A student in Napanee, Indiana, came to a foot-ball game in blackface in October.
- A Newberg Public Schools employee in New-berg, Oregon, came to school in blackface in September.
- Faron Hamblin, Warsaw, Virginia, a town council member, posted photos as Randy Wat-son, a character from “Coming to America” in October.
- A student at St. Francis Catholic High School, Sacramento, California, altered her selfie to mock a Black classmate in February.
- A white business teacher came to class in black-face in Parkdale Collegiate Institute, in Park-dale, a city near Ontario, Canada, in October.
- Photos of Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam in blackface from a 1984 medical school yearbook surfaced in 2019.
- Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring wore blackface when he dressed as a rapper in 1980.

- This revelation also came in 2019.
- Colorado State University students appeared in blackface while doing the “Wakanda forever” salute in 2019.

I could fill this page with incidents of people wear-ing blackface. It often happens during October as people who want to wear “authentic” Halloween costumes decide face darkening is a good idea. Just about every year media organizations write articles about why blackface is a no-no. Obviously, some missed the memo.

Our inability to honestly discuss racism in America is why this keeps happening. White people aren’t paying attention when other white people get into hot water because it doesn’t affect them. I’m going to go out on a limb here and say many white people don’t pay attention to issues that affect Black Ameri-cans. Talking about race is uncomfortable for many white people, they become defensive, so they avoid it, which is why some have surmised the district at-torney in the Ahmaud Arbery trial avoided bringing up race to the majority white jury. If it starts to look as if the “race card” is being played another faction of white people get angry and defensive. So, we bury our heads in the sand and pretend there’s no such thing as racism.

What’s clear is people don’t understand the history of blackface and why it’s viewed as offensive — and some just don’t care. It’s a failure of our education system that so many are so ignorant. The hullaba-loo about nonexistent critical race theory in school shows how far many will go to make sure their stu-dents don’t learn about racism. And when you don’t learn from the past, you’re bound to repeat it, and so here we are with blackface.

For those who still don’t get it, blackface dates

back about 200 years. In minstrel shows, white ac-tors painted their faces black to mock Black people. These “comedy” routines used racist stereotypes to create caricatures meant to dehumanize Black peo-ple and demonstrate inferiority. Some Black people aren’t bothered by blackface. Some people who put on blackface don’t mean any harm. It’s all irrelevant. The fact is the blackface is steeped in racism, and just shouldn’t be done.

But it will be done again. Soon.

Inevitably those who wear blackface will say they’re not racist. Yet, they engage in something absolutely racist. By the way, no one in America is racist, let them tell it. Somehow, though, this country remains filled with people who do racist things. Calling some-one out on racism, however, becomes bigger than the actual racist act, and that person is now a victim.

I also have to ask what’s going on at Center Grove. This isn’t the first time a student from that school has been accused of mocking a Black student from an opposing team. During a basketball game in 2018 a white student from Center Grove fell onto the floor and pretended to have a seizure. It just so happened the Black student had a medical condition that caused seizures. This “fish-out-of-water” routine was common and part of their “curtain of distrac-tion” deployed against the opposing team. It was just a coincidence that a Black student who had seizures felt mocked, the story went. Um, OK.

Granted, these incidents are years apart, but stu-dents in high school in 2018 can be in school today. What lessons were learned then? We know Center Grove is predominately white so what is the district doing? What are parents doing?

Paying lip service and ignoring discussions about racism because you’re not Black isn’t the answer.

Queens of the court

By LARRY SMITH



When I was much younger, it was com-mon to hear the following question when it came to sports stars: “Is he going to be the hero or the goat?” At the time,

this distinction signaled the difference between athletes (nearly always male) who lifted their team to great heights — or succumbed to the pressure of the moment. (We use the very descriptive phrase “choking” to describe the latter.)

How times have changed. Today, every professional athlete wants to be considered the GOAT (greatest of all time). Understandably, that moniker is applied to the fewest of the few, the best of the best — or any number of other superlatives that sports enthusi-asts employ. Is it LeBron or Michael? Is it Joe Louis or Muhammad Ali? Is it Tom Brady or Peyton Manning? (As a Colts fan, I have great disdain for

Brady, but he’s the best quarterback ever.)

Serena is the GOAT. Indeed, she might be the GOAT of GOATS. (Of course, it isn’t necessary to add her last name; everyone knows the “Serena” to whom I am referring). She is, quite simply, the greatest female tennis player of all time. Indeed, in my view, Serena is the greatest tennis player ever, male or female. The fact that Serena — by her own admission — could not compete successfully against the best male players is irrelevant. Further, I would argue that, at her peak, the only person who legitimately defeated Ser-ena Williams is ... Serena Williams. (I think that, at times, she has gotten into her own head too much.)

Having recently watched “King Richard,” the Will Smith biopic that offers insight into Venus and Serena Williams’ childhood, I was freshly re-minded that these two giants don’t get the respect that they deserve, all their incredible accolades notwithstand-ing. For example, Venus played — and

nearly defeated — arguably the best women’s tennis player in the world when she was just 14 years old. Mi-chael Jordan, who was famously cut from his high school basketball team, could never make a comparable boast. Similarly, Usain Bolt could not have competed against the fastest track athletes when he was 14. Were it not for her own sister, Venus Williams would legitimately be, as they say, “in the conversation” regarding the best female tennis player in history.

Further, if Serena Williams were a man, she would be the most beloved athlete of all time among African Americans. This is not merely due to the otherworldly nature of her athletic accomplishments; it is also due to the very worldly (and artificially erected) barriers that she has overcome. If she were a young man from Compton, California, who overcame poverty, who landed as many (or more) aces in the classroom as she has on the court, and who completely dominated a “white” sport, her likeness would be in every

home, barbershop and graffiti-covered wall in Black America. (She would also likely be the wealthiest American athlete ever.)

In decades past, African Ameri-cans would frequently use the phrase, “When and where I enter, the race en-ters with me.” It was a nod to the fact that we were never really seen as indi-viduals, especially when one of us did something that was worthy of scorn. Even as we have attained an increasing level of economic, social and political success, that notion remains only mar-ginally less true in 2021 than it was in 1921. Serena and Venus Williams have set a standard of excellence — on and off the court — that has inspired millions of young women around the world. And at least one older dude in America.

Thank you, Williams sisters.

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Challenges ahead but ‘we will emerge stronger and more prosperous’

By ANDRE CARSON



The holiday season is here! As we celebrate this special time and recon-nect with loved ones, we should also think about what we’ve achieved this year and the work that lies ahead.

2021 has been a year of tremendous challenges, but we’ve also made im-pressive progress. As always, I’ve been working hard in Congress to be your advocate, and to do right by my fellow Hoosiers as we continue to face unprecedented obstacles.

I’m proud of the pieces of legislation we’ve enacted that have helped us address urgent priorities and build back better for the future. In March, we passed the American Rescue Plan. This \$1.9 trillion relief

bill is providing immense support to our communi-ties to help us recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Our state received billions of dollars that have been used to get Hoosiers vaccinated, keep Hoosiers from being evicted, improve our schools, provide tax cred-its to hard working parents and a lot more.

More recently, we passed the Infrastructure In-vestment and Jobs Act. This legislation, which was enacted last month, will fund upgrades to roads, bridges, broadband internet and other transportation and communication networks. It’s estimated that our state will receive nearly \$9 billion of these funds for much-needed investments. This infusion of federal funds will not only help Indiana keep its title as “The Crossroads of America” for years to come; it will also help create good-paying jobs that will grow and strengthen the middle class. For four years, President Trump failed to deliver a much-hyped infrastructure bill. President Biden and Democrats in Congress got it done in less than a year.

Now, we’re working just as hard to enact the Build Back Better Act, which the House passed last month. This legislation will make vital investments in the American people, like establishing paid medical and family leave at the federal level, ensuring free univer-sal pre-school for 3- and 4-year-olds, and lowering prescription drug costs — to name just a few of the landmark provisions. I’m going to keep working hard to get this bill over the finish line, because it’s clear it will benefit Hoosier families and help make America’s opportunities available to all.

This year, under new leadership in Washington, Black people’s voices and concerns are being lifted higher. Are we where we need to be? Absolutely not. But this administration and this Congress are making real strides in increasing representation and making vital investments in our communities. For example, President Biden has dramatically increased funding to HBCUs and has directed agencies to use federal

purchasing power to grow federal contracting with small disadvantaged businesses, including Black-owned businesses, by 50%. In addition, his child tax credits have dramatically reduced the number of Black children living in poverty, and he has out-lawed violent police tactics at the federal level that have resulted in the unjust deaths of Black people. He also appointed the first two Black U.S. attorneys for Indiana under my recommendation. Meanwhile, Democrats in Congress continue working tirelessly and against Republican obstruction to pass land-mark legislation on voting rights and criminal justice reform.

I will continue to be a liaison between the Biden administration and the Black Hoosiers I am honored to represent, and I’ll let the White House know if our needs aren’t being met. But what I can say with cer-tainly is this: Unlike the previous president, who paid lip service to Black people while doing the bidding of white nationalists, our current president is earnestly putting in the work to help empower and uplift our community.

We’ve made progress this year on a number of fronts, but the people who really deserve the credit are all of you. In these tough times, I have been truly inspired by the kindness, generosity and perseverance of my fellow Hoosiers. Because of you, I know we will emerge stronger and more prosperous in the year ahead.

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Big Ten football fan events

Fans will get a chance to enjoy events downtown before the Big Ten football championship game, including events for youth and a tailgate party on Georgia Street.

Big Ten Fan Fest

There will be interactive games, entertainment, mascot appearances, performances by team bands and giveaways. Youth events include the Youth Football Officials Clinic and USA Football FUNDamental Youth Clinics.

- When: 5-9 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Dec. 4
- Where: Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave.
- Cost: \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth ages 3-12, free for children 2 and under. Free access with championship game ticket.

The Friday Pregame: Georgia Street Block Party

Celebrate with musical talent and get free food from Wendy’s, or purchase food and drinks from vendors. There will also be free merchandise from the 2022 College Football Playoff Indianapolis Host Committee.

- When: 4-7:30 p.m. Dec. 3
- Where: Georgia Street
- Cost: Free

Football Feeding Families Food Drive

Fans, alumni, visitors and Indianapolis residents can make donations to support Gleaners Food Bank and Indiana Sports Corp’s Inspiring Sports Program. Gleaners will take donations in person during the Friday Pregame: Georgia Street Block Party and from 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 4 at the Convention Center. Fans who donate in person at the Friday Pregame can enter to win two tickets to the game.

Tail Greater Party on Georgia Street

Watch the World Famous St. Elmo’s Shrimp Cocktail Eating Contest featuring six-time champion Joey Chestnut while enjoying food and beverages. There will also be live music.

- When: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Dec. 4 (eating contest at 3 p.m.)
- Where: Georgia Street
- Cost: Free

CLD receives \$50K for headquarter expansion

The Center for Leadership Development received \$500,000 from the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation to go toward doubling the organization’s headquarters to 40,000 square feet.

CLD has raised \$23 million, 70% of its \$33 million campaign goal. The organization recently broke ground on a youth development center.

“Because of this investment, our workers and many volunteers are presented a tremendous opportunity to introduce and expose hundreds more Indianapolis youth and families to enriching programming experiences and to the Center for Leadership Development’s keystone values of character, education, leadership, service and career,” CLD President Dennis Bland said in a statement.

Getting a Flu Vaccine is More Important Now than Ever Before

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



Flu season is upon us and medical experts are more adamant than ever that we should all receive influenza vaccinations as soon as possible, despite the fact that the flu was nearly non-existent last year throughout the U.S.

The reason for that is, during the most recent flu season, most of us were relegated to staying at home because of the coronavirus sweeping through the nation causing thousands to get seriously ill, and many to die. With our lives opening up again these days in a variety of ways compared to last year, it’s very difficult to predict what is going to happen this flu season, though many experts fear that the numbers may trend upwards again and be closer to what we’ve seen over the past decade, where an average of 36,000 people died from the flu each year.

Medical experts tell us every year about the importance of receiving the influenza vaccine, but unfortunately, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that only about half of the U.S. population receives an annual flu shot. The bottom line is, according to the CDC, everyone six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year before flu activity begins.

Flu vaccines protect everyone from the worst forms of the flu, and although you may still get the illness after a flu shot, your symptoms will be a lot less severe with the vaccine than without it.

Getting the flu vaccine (and the COVID-19 vaccine) is the best way to protect yourself this fall. Those who are unvaccinated are at risk of contracting severe cases of COVID-19 and the flu. It is permissible to get a flu shot and COVID-19 vaccination at the same time, although it’s suggested using a different arm for each.

In addition to scheduling flu shots for yourself and your children, the youngest Americans yet — children ages 5 to 11 — are now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

While some parents are apprehensive about getting their children vaccinated, U.S. health officials relied on a Pfizer study of about 3,000 children between 5 and 11, which found that its vaccine was 90.7 percent effective in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infections at least seven days after the second dose.

According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines have undergone – and will continue to undergo – the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. Vaccinating children will help protect them from getting COVID-19 and therefore reducing their risk of severe disease, hospitalizations, or developing long-term COVID-19 complications.

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## Omicron brings COVID-19 vaccine inequity ‘home to roost’

By MARIA CHENG and LORI HINNANT  
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The emergence of the new omicron variant and the world’s desperate and likely futile attempts to keep it at bay are reminders of what scientists have warned for months: The coronavirus will thrive as long as vast parts of the world lack vaccines.

The hoarding of limited COVID-19 shots by rich countries — creating virtual vaccine deserts in many poorer ones — doesn’t just mean risk for the parts of the world seeing shortages; it threatens the entire globe.

That’s because the more the disease spreads among unvaccinated populations, the more possibilities it has to mutate and potentially become more dangerous, prolonging the pandemic for everyone.

“The virus is a ruthless opportunist, and the inequity that has characterized the global response has now come home to roost,” said Dr. Richard Hatchett, CEO of CEPI, one of the groups behind the U.N.-backed COVAX shot-sharing initiative.

Perhaps nowhere is the inequality more evident than in Africa, where under 7% of the population is vaccinated. South African scientists alerted the World Health Organization to the new omicron variant last week, though it may never be clear where it first originated. Researchers are now rushing to determine whether it is more infectious or able to evade current vaccines.

COVAX was supposed to avoid such inequality — but instead the initiative is woefully short of shots and has already abandoned its initial goal of 2 billion doses.

Even to reach its scaled-back target of distributing 1.4 billion doses by the end of 2021, it must ship more than 25 million doses every day. Instead, it has averaged just over 4 million a day since the beginning of October, with some days dipping below 1 million, according to an Associated Press analysis of

the shipments.

Shipments in recent days have ramped up, but nowhere near the amount needed.

Meanwhile, richer nations often have a glut of shots, and many are now offering boosters — something the WHO has discouraged because every booster is essentially a dose that is not going to someone who’s never even gotten their first shot. Despite the U.N. health agency’s appeal to countries to declare a moratorium on booster shots until the end of the year, more than 60 countries are now administering them.

“What it highlights are the continuing and fundamental risks to everyone associated with not seriously addressing the inequalities still at play globally in the fight against disease and poor health,” said Dr. Osman Dar, director of the One Health Project at the Chatham House think tank.

Anna Marriott, health policy manager for Oxfam, said COVAX was limited from the outset after being pushed to the back of the vaccine queue by rich countries.

“The COVAX team may be delivering as fast as they can, but they can’t deliver vaccines they haven’t got,” Marriott said.

Just 13% of vaccines COVAX contracted for and 12% of promised donations have actually been delivered, according to calculations by the International Monetary Fund from mid-November. About a third of the vaccines dispensed by COVAX have been donations, according to the vaccine alliance known as Gavi, and the initiative is now partly a clearinghouse for those donated doses, the very situation it was set up to avoid.

Last week, COVAX sent out a news release praising a European Union pledge to ship 100 million vaccines to Africa by the end of the year — but only 1/20 of that amount was actually on planes.

Asked about the logistical challenges of distributing the other 94 mil-

lion doses in only six weeks, Aurelia Nguyen, managing director of COVAX, maintained that arrangements “are in place to move a vast number of doses between now and the end of the year.”

In a statement, she said the issue was ensuring that “conditions are right on the ground for doses to be administered.”

In minutes released ahead of an executive meeting this week, Gavi fretted that the perception that rich countries are dumping older or lesser vaccines on poor countries could undermine the whole project. In a joint statement with WHO and the African Union among others, it admonished that “the majority of the donations to date have been ad hoc, provided with little notice and short shelf lives.”

Fury over dose dumping is already very real. In Malawi and South Sudan, tens of thousands of out-of-date doses were destroyed.

But it’s not just getting the vaccines into poorer countries that’s a problem, according to some experts. COVAX is “falling short on getting vaccines from the (airport) tarmac into people’s arms,” said Dr. Angela Wakhweya, senior director for health equity and rights at CARE.

Authorities in Congo, for instance, returned their entire COVAX shipment this summer when they realized they would not be able to administer doses before they expired.

In a “risk management” report on COVAX, Gavi warned that “poor absorption” of vaccines by developing countries could lead to “wastage” of some doses. One problem is logistics — just getting the doses in the right country at the right time. But just as important is the ability of often underfunded national health systems to distribute the shots where they’re most needed, along with syringes and other necessary gear. A third issue is persuading sometimes hesitant people to get the vaccines.

World Health Organization Director-

General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, however, has disputed distribution is a problem, saying the only obstacle to immunization in poor countries is supply.

Most COVAX doses distributed so far have been AstraZeneca’s vaccine, a shot that has yet to be authorized in the U.S. and whose botched rollout in Europe helped fuel anti-vaccine sentiment when the vaccine was linked to rare blood clots. The vaccines mostly used in the U.S. and much of Europe — made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna — have only been available in tiny amounts via COVAX.

The U.S., which blocked vaccine sales overseas and exports of key ingredients for months, has donated 275 million doses in all, more than any other country, but the vast majority of the Biden administration’s 1.1 billion pledge has a deadline of September 2022. The European Union, which has in general allowed vaccines manufactured in the bloc to be sold anywhere in the world, has actually delivered about a third of its 500 million promised doses.

Efforts to ramp up global production beyond a select group of manufacturers have stalled, which many activists and scientists blame on pharmaceutical companies’ opposition to waive intellectual property rights for the highly lucrative vaccines.

COVAX’s failure to deliver anywhere close to enough vaccines has led some to wonder if it’s worth the effort to fight for the shots, given that the pandemic has so far not devastated Africa as many had initially feared — and has often been the worst in richer nations. That’s a strategy few public health officials would endorse.

“I think what Africa could do to really shame the world is to stop asking for vaccines,” said Christian Happi, a Nigerian virologist who sat on the scientific advisory board of CEPI. “The vaccines have not arrived, and anyways it may turn out that we don’t need them as much as the West.”



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### There is still time to protect against flu

The holidays are here, and while that means more opportunities for spreading cheer, there is also more opportunity for spreading flu and other respiratory viruses as people travel and gather with family and friends.

National Influenza Vaccination Week, Dec. 5-11, 2021, is an important reminder to get a seasonal flu vaccine.

Flu activity during the 2020-2021 season was very low, likely because of COVID-19 prevention measures. Immune protection against flu goes down over time, so many people may have reduced immunity to flu this season.

As we celebrate this holiday season, health experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are particularly concerned about the impact reduced immunity could have on people who are already at higher risk of developing serious flu complications, including those with certain chronic health conditions like asthma, heart disease and diabetes.

“CDC estimates that only about half of adults 18 to 64 years of age with at least one chronic health condition received a flu vaccine last season,” said Dr. Michael Jung, a medical officer with CDC’s Influenza Division. “This means many people who are most vulnerable to getting very sick with flu are not getting the protection they need.”

While it is ideal to get a flu vaccine before flu starts to spread, getting vaccinated now is still beneficial. Flu most commonly peaks in February and significant activity can continue into May, so there is still time to get vaccinated.

Only the flu vaccine can protect against the flu virus. Flu and COVID-19 are different diseases caused by different viruses. Flu vaccines protect against the flu viruses that research indicates will be the most common during flu season. COVID-19 vaccines protect against the virus that causes COVID-19. One vaccine is not a substitute or a replacement for the other.

Both vaccines are recommended, and it’s important that people are current on the recommended flu and COVID-19 vaccines.

“I strongly encourage the seasonal flu vaccine, especially right now as we fight COVID-19, and recommend that everyone eligible get vaccinated for COVID-19,” said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. “The good news is that the COVID-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine can be given in the same visit to a doctor or pharmacy.”

CDC’s first estimates for flu vaccine uptake among children and pregnant people so far this flu season are lower than the same time last season. This could be dangerous for many of the people in these groups as well who may also be at higher risk of developing serious flu complications.

Flu vaccines can be lifesaving in children, and flu vaccination helps protect women during pregnancy, as well as their baby for several months after birth.

Flu viruses are constantly changing, and multiple flu viruses can circulate at the same time during any given flu season. Because of this, flu vaccines are reviewed each year and updated as needed. Two of the components included in this year’s vaccine were updated from last year to better match flu viruses that are expected to spread in the U.S. this season.

To learn about vaccine offered through the Marion County Public Health Department, please visit [MarionHealth.org/immunize](https://marionhealth.org/immunize) or call the Immunization Program at 317-221-2122.



National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, the sponsor for National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), “strives to support and strengthen those who accompany young people as they encounter and follow Jesus Christ. Membership is comprised of 140 dioceses, 71 organizations, and 77 individuals.”

NCYC happens every other year. Indianapolis will be the host until 2025.

“NFCYM’s Vision looks to a future when young people see themselves as children of God who live as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ; when the gifts, struggles and diverse realities of young people are welcomed in Catholic faith communities; when ministry leaders have embraced the joy of the Gospel, and when families are living as the domestic Church.”

Through donations and fundraisers, St. Rita youth have attended NCYC for almost 10 years.

The youth director, Anita Bardo, has led the youth ministry at St. Rita for more than 21 years.



L-R: St. Rita Catholic Church high school youth attendees: Marissa Bardo, Jordan Olarewaju, Aaron Florence, Gabrielle Guynn, Precious Olarewaju and Dalen Smith. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

Mozel Sanders Foundation continues 50-year tradition



Martha Lince (l), an Arsenal Tech High School special education teacher, received The Rev. Roosevelt Sanders Educator’s Award. Angela Guynn, representing the Guynn Foundation, presented Lince with the award check at Roberts Park United Methodist Church on Thanksgiving Day.



Makayla Love and her mother, Mikita Love, separated dinners before placing them in boxes for distribution.



Jesus Murtnez (l) and Kayla Reynolds kept busy by boxing dinners.

Jeremiah Robinson (l), 8-year-old Joshua Robinson and Tariq Robinson help load dinners for pick up at the church door.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, the Mozel Sanders Foundation continued its tradition of offering free turkey dinners to the Indianapolis community for the 50th year. The dinners were prepared in 15 different kitchens and 12 other satellite church locations. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

The legacy of Black pastors continued to shine in the Arbery trial

By DAVID W. MARSHALL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) — The first Gallup poll which measured church membership in 1937 resulted in 73% of adult Americans confirming they had some type of religious affiliation. While membership remained around 70% during the next six decades, those who claimed to have a church affiliation fell below 50% for the first time last year. It is now at 47%.

And with the overall decrease, the relevancy of Christianity, including the Black church, is being questioned even more. But those who always expressed ill will against the Black community will never question the relevancy of the Black church or its pastors.

There are many reasons behind the burning of a Black church, past or present. In the year Alabama Gov. George Wallace made his famous “segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever” speech, he also gave a very alarming newspaper interview. Wallace made it clear that Alabama needed a “few first class funerals” to stop racial integration. One week later, four young girls were killed and more people were injured during the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in downtown Birmingham.

Hours after Barack Obama’s election, a predominantly Black church was torched in Springfield, Massachusetts. Historically, Black men and women have shown a tremendous amount of resilience in the face of racial adversity. Even with the inhumane brutality of slavery, they endured and advanced.

The countless number of massacres occurring around the Reconstruction era were vicious assaults on Black lives and property. Most of them were meant to hold back Black men and women from full citizenship, voting rights, land ownership, economic prosperity, education, freedom of the press and labor rights. Despite the arsons, violent attacks and murders, as a people they were able to overcome the persistent obstacles thrown at them. Despite the lynching and social injustices suffered during the Jim Crow and segregation era, they still continued to prevail and achieve.

One generation after the next has experienced the ability to spring back after major setbacks. Through emotional pain, we have seen the ability to adapt



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and withstand cruel hardships. We also see the frustration and even desperation on the part of those who continue to resist any form of racial progress and equality. Throughout 400 years, white supremacy in America has been intimidated by the strength and determination of Black men and women as well as the Black church.

The Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, is one of the oldest Black churches in the United States. It has a historic past very similar to the 16th Street Baptist Church. During the 19th century, the Black church was more than just a house of worship. Due to limited options resulting from segregation, Black church facilities were gathering places which served as community centers, temporary schools, political halls and concert halls. They played a major part in the political, social and spiritual life of the community. Therefore, the Black church facility became a target of hate based on animosity toward the Black race.

In 2015, Emanuel AME Church was the location of the Charleston church

massacre. Dylann Roof, a white supremacist, walked into the church during Bible study and 45 minutes later he opened fire during the closing prayer. Nine church members were killed. Roof told one of the survivors he spared her life so she can tell the world he was killing worshippers at Emanuel AME because he hated Black people. Forgiveness is a core value of the Christian faith. During the bond hearing, several family members of the victims told Dylann Roof they forgave him. While everyone was not as forgiving, the powerful message of forgiveness united the community.

The murder trial in Brunswick, Georgia, for three white men convicted in Ahmaud Arbery’s killing showed the nation a valuable lesson. Kevin Gough, a defense attorney in the trial, understood the symbolism and tradition of the Black church and Black pastors. The same is true for Dylann Roof. Roof hated Black people and chose the church as the venue to kill them while making his cruel statement. Traditionally, the church is seen as the symbol of

moral strength and support within the Black community.

So, it is no surprise that the presence of Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson was unwanted by Kevin Gough. The defense attorney stated we didn’t want “any more Black pastors” sitting in the courtroom with Arbery’s family. He claimed their presence was “intimidating” the jury. Who was really intimidated? The jury or the attorney?

The sight of Black pastors standing up for justice while giving support to those who need it will never be irrelevant. Kevin Gough should have known better. When you are wrong in your efforts to remove one Black pastor, 100 more will answer the call and come to his aid. That will always be the legacy of Black pastors. Now, tomorrow and forever.

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Wait ...

By SHEILA P. SPENCER



“... but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1

“Joseph waited, Sarah waited, Abraham waited, Hannah waited, Moses waited. Jesus waited 30 years.

"If God is making you wait, you're in good company."

This is my confession. I do not like waiting. There, I said it. I love online banking, one-click shopping and next-day delivery, drive-thru lines and let's never forget curbside pickup. I call in my request, they tell me the exact time the order will be ready, and as I drive up in my car, the waiter is already coming up to my car with my order. No waiting, no loss of time.

However, even with these modern conveniences, I am reminded of my mother's wise words that would prepare me for life, "Sheila, waiting is a part of life, and sometimes you will have no control over it. But you can control how you wait by what you do in the meantime."

Waiting is an inevitable part of life. It suspends our schedules and puts us in this limbo. This past year, much like 2020, has been an extended experience in the art of waiting. Waiting for



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updates on COVID-19, waiting on lockdowns, waiting on news reports, waiting for lifting of restrictions, waiting on election results, waiting on jury verdicts. This season has made us slow down and wait. If hurry up and wait was a person, it would be 2021.

But there is a sacredness in waiting. Advent is the season that calls us to do just that ... during one of the busiest times of the year. Advent is revolutionary and even countercultural in that it resists society's need for instant replies, response, delivery and gratification. As we anticipate the birth of Christ, there is holiness in waiting.

Waiting forces us to stop, slow down and ponder. Waiting forces us to face our inner thoughts and voice. One of the outcomes that have emerged during this extended waiting is what has been called “The Great Resignation”

(a term coined by Anthony Klotz) — where massive numbers of Americans resigned from their jobs. During the pandemic with waits, lockdowns and life-changing experiences, people really had the time and the motivation to sit back and say, “Do I like the trajectory of my life? Am I pursuing a life that brings me well-being?” During the wait, they were able to release weight.

Advent calls us to wait and release weights. Waiting calls us to release the weight of rushing. Waiting calls us to release the wait of pre-planned expectations. Waiting invites us to release the weight of having all the answers.

During the wait, Advent invites us to light the candles of hope, joy, faith, peace and the Christ Candle which represents Christ coming into the world. Christ is always worth waiting for. Embrace the invitation to use the

wait as an opportunity to release the weight.

God, This Advent journey requires moments of waiting, those unexpected and unwanted pauses that may seem to stop the journey. Please continue to remind us that the waits also give us the opportunities to discern and recognize some weights. Give us the courage to release any weights that hold us back. Help us remember to learn the lesson in this season.

Ashe and Amen  
Waiting for the lessons in the waiting,  
Rev. Sheila P. Spencer

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## Amazon workers in Alabama get a do-over in union election

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Labor Relations Board has ordered a new union election for Amazon workers in Bessemer, Alabama, based on objections to the first vote that took place in April.

The move announced Nov. 29 is a blow to Amazon, which spent about a year aggressively campaigning for warehouse workers in Bessemer to reject the union, which they ultimately did by a wide margin.

The board has not yet determined the date for the second election and it hasn't determined whether it will be conducted in person or by mail.

The rare call for a do-over was first announced by the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, which spearheaded the union organizing movement.

In a 20-page decision, the regional director for the NLRB, Lisa Henderson, focused much attention on Amazon's installation of a U.S. Postal Service mail box at the main employee entrance, which may have created the false impression that the company was the one conducting the election process. Henderson also rejected Amazon's argument that it was making voting easier and was trying to encourage as high a turnout as possible.

"The employer's flagrant disregard for the board's typical mail-ballot procedure compromised the authority of the board and made a free and fair election impossible," Henderson said in her decision. "By installing a postal mailbox at the main employee entrance, the employer essentially hijacked the process and gave a strong impression that it controlled the process. This dangerous and improper message to employees destroys trust in the board's processes and in the credibility of the election results."

The RWDSU charged Amazon with illegal misconduct during the first vote. In August, the NLRB hearing officer who presided over the case determined that Amazon violated labor law and



An Amazon warehouse. (Photo/Adrian Sulyok)

recommended Henderson set aside the results and direct another election.

About 53% of the nearly 6,000 workers cast ballots during the first election.

Amazon spokesperson Kelly Nantel called the decision "disappointing."

"Our employees have always had the choice of whether or not to join a union, and they overwhelmingly chose not to join the RWDSU earlier this year," Nantel said. "It's disappointing that the NLRB has now decided that those votes shouldn't count."

Stuart Appelbaum, president of the RWDSU, saw the NLRB decision as a victory.

"Today's decision confirms what we were saying all along — that Amazon's intimidation and interference prevented workers from having a fair say in whether they wanted a union in their workplace — and as the Regional Director has indicated, that is both

unacceptable and illegal," he said in a statement. "Amazon workers deserve to have a voice at work, which can only come from a union."

The order for a new election stands unless Amazon files a request within the next 10 days for a review with the full board of NLRB. That could set up one of several scenarios, including a stop to the election altogether if the full board reverses the regional director's decision, or a nullification of the results if the board sides with Amazon after the union vote has already occurred.

But even if a second election is allowed to move forward, labor experts say a union victory remains a long shot. Seattle-based Amazon will likely appeal and try to delay another vote. And even when an election is held, workers may choose to vote against joining a union again. Last time around, 1,798 workers rejected the union and 738 voted in

favor of it.

A repeat of the election means another battle for Amazon with the RWDSU. The first election garnered nationwide attention and put a spotlight on how Amazon treats its workers. It was the biggest union push in Amazon's history and only the second time that an organizing effort from within the company had come to a vote.

Pro-union employees at the Bessemer facility said they spent 10-hour shifts on their feet in the warehouse, where online orders are packed and shipped, and didn't have enough time to take breaks. A union could force Amazon to offer more break time or higher pay, those workers said. Amazon, meanwhile, argued that it already offered more than twice the minimum wage in Alabama plus benefits without workers having to pay union dues.

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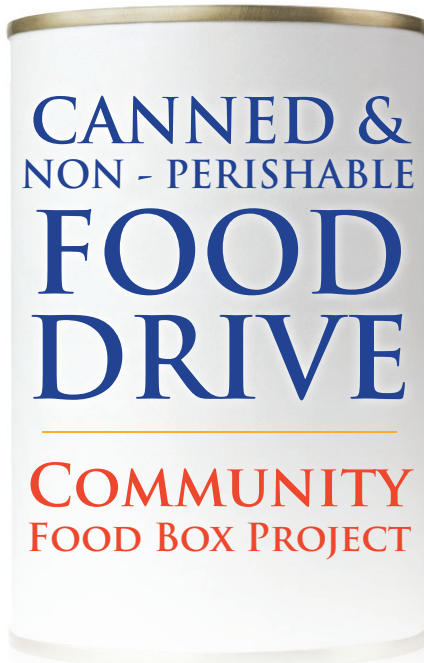
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opened and read aloud in the offices of Capital Asset Management, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

Bids received after such time will be returned unopened. Bids may be withdrawn prior to such time, but no bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter.

The Principal Subcontractor Questionnaire listing the names of the bidder's principal subcontractors shall be submitted with the bid. The remainder of the Questionnaires and Material Lists shall be submitted prior to 3:00 p.m. (EST) on the 16th day of December 2021, to:

Capital Asset Management  
2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100

West Lafayette, IN 47906  
Phone (765) 494-0580

Bids shall be for complete construction only, properly executed and submitted on Form 96, accompanied by executed Form 96A (as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts) giving financial data as recent as possible, and a Non-Collusion Affidavit together with other documents as required by the Instructions to Bidders and addressed to The Trustees of Purdue University, clearly marked with the project and the bid opening date.

Each bid must be accompanied by the Contractor's written plan for a program to test the contractor's employees for drugs in accordance with IC 4-13-18.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Contractor's Combination Bid Bond and Bond for Construction in the form included in the specifications made payable to The Trustees of Purdue University in an amount equal to the maximum total of the base bid and any alternate bids, guaranteeing the execution and faithful performance of the contract for the work if awarded.

The Instructions to Bidders contained in the specifications for the projects are by this reference made a part hereof, and all bidders shall be deemed advised of the provisions thereof, and of the General Conditions of the contract, specifications, plans and drawings for the project.

A voluntary pre-bid meeting for Project No. 1 will be held on December 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EST. The meeting will be held in Room 1099 of Birk Nanotechnology (BRK), located at 1205 W. State St., West Lafayette, IN.

The architectural/engineering firm for this project is: Project No. 1 Applied Engineering Services  
5975 Castle Creek Parkway, North Drive, Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46250  
Phone (317) 810-4141  
To view or obtain bid documents online:

Repro Graphix Inc.  
437 N. Illinois St. Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Web: PurduePlanroom.com

Phone: 1-800-718-0035  
Email: Plans@Reprographix.com

A \$300 deposit will be required for each hardcopy set of bidding documents. One compact disk or download is available at no charge. Postage and handling fee may apply.

All orders must be placed online but bidders may choose to pick up orders at: Purdue Print & Digital Services delivered by Xerox: 698 Alfiers Drive West Lafayette, IN 47907  
Phone: 765-494-2006  
Bidding Documents are on file in the office of:

Senior Vice President for Administrative Operations  
2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100  
West Lafayette, IN 47906  
Phone (765) 494-0580

The Board of Trustees of The Trustees of Purdue University reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive, to the extent permitted by law, any of the terms, conditions and provisions contained in this Advertisement for Bids or the Instructions to Bidders or any informality, irregularity or omission in any bid, provided that such waiver shall, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, be to the advantage of The Trustees of Purdue University.  
THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
By  
James K. Keefe  
Senior Director of Capital Asset Management  
Date: 11/12/2021  
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**STATE OF INDIANA  
SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION  
OBAN PROPERTIES, LLC,**

Plaintiff, v. DEBORAH L. BAKER aka DEBORAH L. BAKER; MERS, INC.; BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON; INDIANAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.; DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES; IMC CREDIT SERVICES, LLC; INDIANA INTERNAL MEDICINE; INDIANA INTERNAL MEDICINE CONSULTANTS, LLC; INDIANA INTERNAL MEDICINE CONSULTANTS, P.C.; FOUNDERS INSURANCE COMPANY; STATE OF INDIANA; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN, Defendant(s).

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Legal description: KAPPE'S & NALTNERS BELMONT ADD L47  
Street address or common description: 1257 HIATT ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46221  
Parcel: 1022260  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): DEBORAH L. BAKER aka DEBORAH L. BAKER; MERS, INC.; BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON; INDIANAPOLIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.; DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES; IMC CREDIT SERVICES, LLC; INDIANA INTERNAL MEDICINE; INDIANA INTERNAL MEDICINE CONSULTANTS, LLC; INDIANA INTERNAL MEDICINE CONSULTANTS, P.C.; FOUNDERS INSURANCE COMPANY; STATE OF INDIANA; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN, Defendant(s).

legal description: ARLINGTON WOODS 3RD SEC L91  
Street address or common description: 3111 N BOLTON AVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46218  
Parcel: 7017173  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): SMITH GROUP VENTURES, LLC; MARION COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. In addition to the named defendant(s), there may be other potential defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

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Attorney for plaintiff: James P. Driscoll, #28232-64

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11/19/21, 11/26/21, 12/03/21

**STATE OF INDIANA  
SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION  
OBAN PROPERTIES, LLC,**

Plaintiff, v. Ovation Reo 1 LLC; NADYNN INTERNATIONAL, INC.; PHYLISS BOND; DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES; MARION COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT; PROGRESSIVE URBAN MEANS, LLC; HEALTH & HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF MARION COUNTY; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN, Defendant(s).

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Legal description: WINDSOR VILLAGE L23 B23  
Street address or common description: 2320 N CATHERWOOD AVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219  
Parcel: 7015689  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): CURTIS W. PINNER; VIRGINIA R. PINNER. In addition to the named defendant(s), there may be other potential defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If any named defendant or potential defendant has a claim for relief against plaintiff arising from plaintiff's assertion of superior and exclusive title to the real estate described above or if any named defendant or potential defendant controverts plaintiff's request to quiet title to the real estate described herein against the entire world, you must assert such a claim in a written answer to be filed with the court. To answer in writing, you or your attorney must file your written answer to plaintiff's complaint with the Clerk of the Marion Circuit/Superior Court within thirty (30) days commencing the day after the 3rd publication date, and if you fail to do so, judgment will be entered granting plaintiff's request to quiet title to the described real estate.

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**STATE OF INDIANA  
SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION  
OBAN PROPERTIES, LLC,**

Plaintiff, v. STEVE C. CURTIS; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SUZANNE M. CURTIS; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN, Defendant(s).

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Attorney for plaintiff: James P. Driscoll, #28232-64

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SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION  
OBAN PROPERTIES, LLC,**

Plaintiff, v. CURTIS W. PINNER; VIRGINIA R. PINNER; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN, Defendant(s).

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Legal description: TUCKERS EMERSON AVE ADD L83  
Street address or common description: 3222 N RILEY AVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46218  
Parcel: 1084758  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): CURTIS W. PINNER; VIRGINIA R. PINNER. In addition to the named defendant(s), there may be other potential defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If any named defendant or potential defendant has a claim for relief against plaintiff arising from plaintiff's assertion of superior and exclusive title to the real estate described above or if any named defendant or potential defendant controverts plaintiff's request to quiet title to the real estate described herein against the entire world, you must assert such a claim in a written answer to be filed with the court. To answer in writing, you or your attorney must file your written answer to plaintiff's complaint with the Clerk of the Marion Circuit/Superior Court within thirty (30) days commencing the day after the 3rd publication date, and if you fail to do so, judgment will be entered granting plaintiff's request to quiet title to the described real estate.

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**STATE OF INDIANA  
SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION  
OBAN PROPERTIES, LLC,**

Plaintiff, v. SUZANNE M. CURTIS; STEVE C. CURTIS; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SUZANNE M. CURTIS; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN, Defendant(s).

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Attorney for plaintiff: James P. Driscoll, #28232-64

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**STATE OF INDIANA  
SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION  
OBAN PROPERTIES, LLC,**

Plaintiff, v. MARCY L. HENSON; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN, Defendant(s).

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Legal description: CHRISTIAN PARK HEIGHTS ADD L243  
Street address or common description: 4610 YOUNG AVE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46201  
Parcel: 1005266  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): MARCY L. HENSON; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. In addition to the named defendant(s), there may be other potential defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

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Attorney for plaintiff: James P. Driscoll, #28232-64

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**STATE OF INDIANA  
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Plaintiff, v. LARRY PENNINGTON; ESTATE OF LARRY A. PENNINGTON, II; MARION COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT; HEALTH & HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF MARION COUNTY; MARIAN UNIVERSITY, INC.; CARRIAGE HOUSE WEST ASSOCIATES, A LIMITED PARTNER-

SHIP dba ASHTON POINTE APARTMENTS; INDIANA PUBLIC EMPLOYERS PLAN, INC.; CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; CAPITAL ONE BANK; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN, Defendant(s).

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**STATE OF INDIANA  
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Attorney for plaintiff: James P. Driscoll, #28232-64

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**STATE OF INDIANA  
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COUNTY OF MARION  
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Plaintiff, v. RUTH A. STOKES; ELIZABETH STOKES; BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE; DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES; AMERICAN EXPRESS NATIONAL BANK; STATE OF INDIANA; and ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN, Defendant(s).

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Legal description: CANBY HOME PLACE ADD L148  
Street address or common description: 548 S RURAL ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46203  
Parcel: 1036526  
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s): RUTH A. STOKES; ELIZABETH STOKES; BARCLAYS BANK DELAWARE; DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES; AMERICAN EXPRESS NATIONAL BANK; STATE OF INDIANA. In addition to the named defendant(s), there may be other potential defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

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Parcel: 1036526  
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If any named defendant or potential defendant has a claim for relief against plaintiff arising from plaintiff's assertion of superior and exclusive title to the real estate described above or if any named defendant or potential defendant controverts plaintiff's request to quiet title to the real estate described herein against the entire world, you must assert such a claim in a written answer to be filed with the court. To answer in writing, you or your attorney must file your written answer to plaintiff's complaint with the Clerk of the Marion Circuit/Superior Court within thirty (30) days commencing the day after the 3rd publication date, and if you fail to do so, judgment will be entered granting plaintiff's request to quiet title to the described real estate.

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**STATE OF INDIANA  
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COUNTY OF MARION  
OBAN PROPERTIES, LLC,**

Plaintiff, v. LARRY PENNINGTON; ESTATE OF LARRY A. PENNINGTON, II; MARION COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT; HEALTH & HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF MARION COUNTY; MARIAN UNIVERSITY, INC.; CARRIAGE HOUSE WEST ASSOCIATES, A LIMITED PARTNER-

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# Iowa vs. Michigan: Big Ten title game features 2 throwbacks

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The roof at Lucas Oil Stadium will surely stay closed for the Big Ten football championship game between Iowa and Michigan on Dec. 4, but really, for the sake of Midwestern football, it should stay open. With snow falling in bunches, preferably.

The Hawkeyes (10-2, 7-2, No. 13 CFP) and Wolverines (11-1, 8-1, No. 2 CFP) are cut from the same cloth, daring opponents to step into a boxing ring for 60 minutes and betting their guys will be the last ones standing.

In one corner is the conference's top rushing team, Michigan, coming off of the program's first win over rival Ohio State since 2011 by way of nearly 300 rushing yards. In the other corner is Iowa, with a defense that barely budes and hasn't given up more than 24 points in a game this season.

The Big Ten championship game kicks off at 8 p.m. on FOX.

## How they got here

Iowa brushed off a two-game losing streak in October by winning its final four games, including a 15-point comeback against Nebraska on Nov. 26. Wisconsin could have won the Big Ten West but squandered its chance at a conference title by losing to Minnesota.

Michigan won the East by exorcising demons. It won road games against Wisconsin and Penn State and finally got head coach Jim Harbaugh his first win over the Buckeyes.

## Back to the basics

The Wolverines got back to the version of football Harbaugh envisioned when he got to Ann Arbor in 2015. It's a physical style that relies on a punishing offensive line and a bruising running attack led by Hassan Haskins, who ranks second in the Big Ten in yards per game (102.7) and is tied for first with 18 touchdowns.

The Wolverines rarely need to rely on quarterback Cade McNamara, a steady hand who avoids mistakes and nega-

tive plays. He showed the ability to be prolific with 383 yards in a loss against Michigan State, but Michigan didn't build this turnaround season with a pass-happy offense.

Michigan recalibrated its defense a season after finishing 2-4, opting for a more modern scheme that better fits its personnel. The Wolverines have two game-wreckers coming off of the edge in Aidan Hutchinson and David Ajabo, who respectively rank first and second in sacks.

Iowa's task on offense is to find more sparks than it usually generates. Quarterback Spencer Petras isn't particularly efficient with a 3-to-2 touchdown-to-interception ratio and a completion rate under 60%. The rushing attack hasn't been much more reliable, ranking 11th in both yards per game (121.2) and yards per attempt (3.3).

Opportunities will already be scarce against the Wolverines' defense, mak-

ing it that much more important to capitalize when those times come.

The Hawkeyes' path to a Big Ten title is relying on a defense that creates turnovers (a Big Ten-best 28 this season) and gives its offense good field position. In two losses, Iowa has seven turnovers and one takeaway.

## At long last

Michigan claims more Big Ten titles than anyone else in the conference but hasn't won one since 2004. That year, the Wolverines shared the crown with Iowa, when Hawkeyes head coach Kirk Ferentz was in his sixth season.

Iowa played in this game in 2015, losing 16-13 to Michigan State. The Big Ten added a stand-alone championship game in 2011.

## Playoff implications

The road to the College Football Playoff is simple for Michigan: Win and

you're in. The playoff committee would not leave out a 12-1 Big Ten champion.

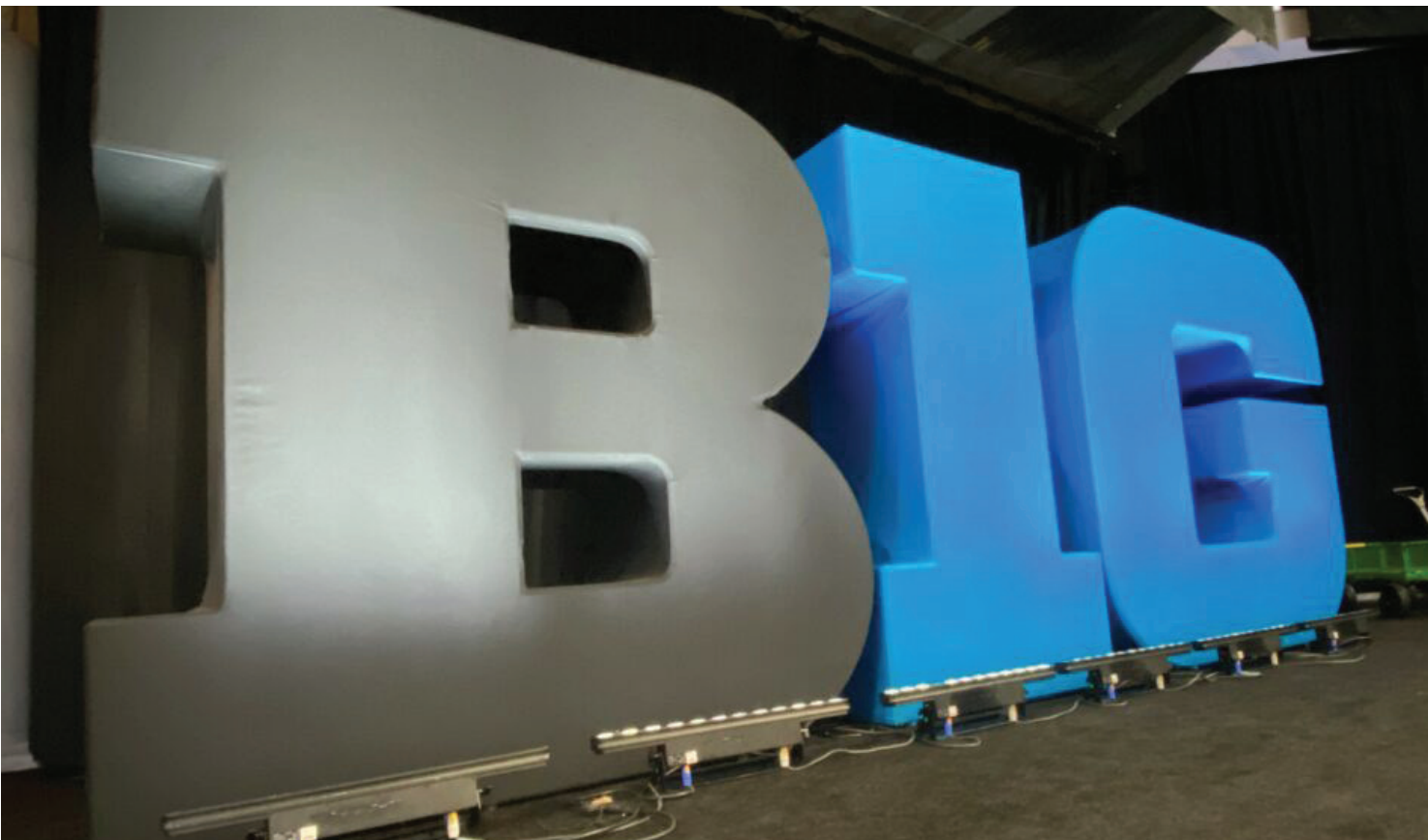
Where things get dicey is if Iowa wins. The Hawkeyes are very likely not headed to the playoff either way, but a Michigan loss could open the door for Notre Dame, Oklahoma State or even Ohio State. The committee would also have to weigh still including a two-loss Michigan team.

## Betting line

Michigan opened as a 10 1/2-point favorite over the Hawkeyes. The over/under is at 43 1/2 points.

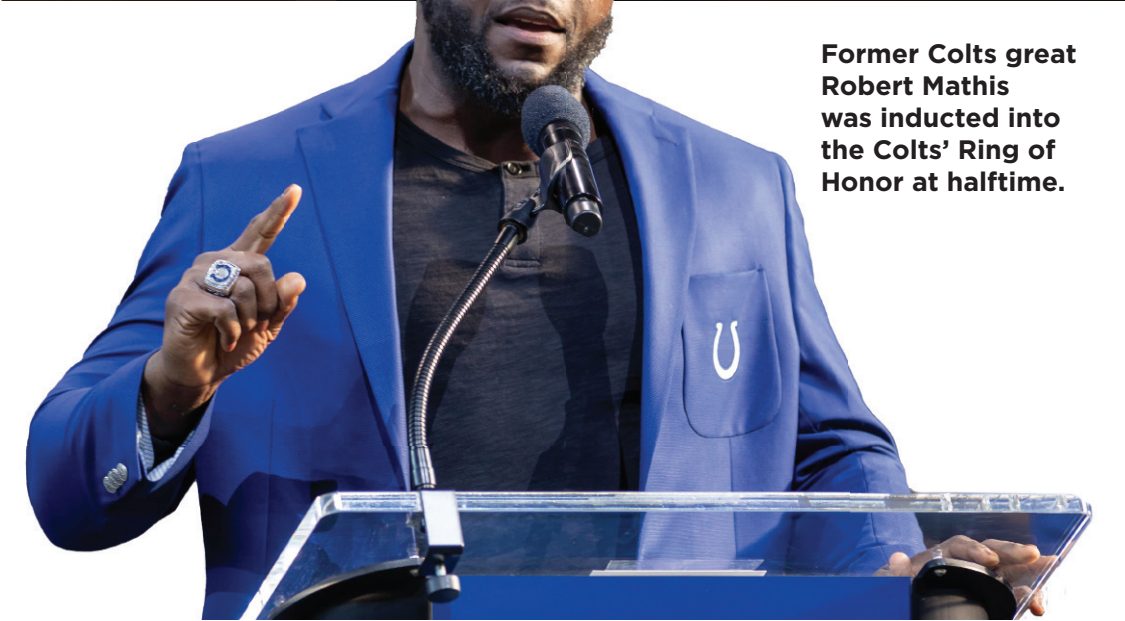
The Wolverines are 10-2 against the spread this season, covering in more games than any other team in the country. Iowa is 7-5.

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The Big Ten logo. (Recorder file photo)

# Indianapolis Colts come come up short against Tampa Bay Buccaneers



Former Colts great Robert Mathis was inducted into the Colts' Ring of Honor at halftime.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers defender Antoine Winfield Jr. intercepts a pass intended for Colts receiver Michael Pittman Jr. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Quartberack Carson Wentz fumbles during the Colts' 38-31 loss to Tampa Bay.





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