

Critical race theory, vaccines and more: WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE 2022 INDIANA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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While the 2022 Indiana legislative session is short this year — the 2021 session didn't officially end until November of last year due to delays in redistricting votes — it's jam-packed with bills ranging from critical race theory, vaccine mandates and the statewide public health emergency in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Here's what to expect from state lawmakers over the next two months:

Crime

2021 was the city's deadliest year on record with 271 homicides, which includes murders, killing and self-defense and accidental shootings. State lawmakers are hoping to legislate their way out of the growing violent crime problem with several bills.

- **Senate Bill 10**, authored by Sens. Michael Crider, Michael Young and Jack Sandlin, would establish funding for the Marion County crime reduction pilot project. Projects would allow the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department to identify high-crime areas in the county. If passed, it would also provide grants for overtime and additional law enforcement services in those areas. Further, **Senate Bill 7**, authored by Sens. Sandlin, Aaron Freeman and Kyle Walker, would establish the Marion County crime reduction board to oversee the pilot project. The board would be authorized to approve partnership agreements between law enforcement agencies to expand the jurisdiction and duties of law enforcement agencies working in downtown Indianapolis.
- **Senate Bill 6** would prohibit a third party who is not a relative of someone arrested for a violent crime from posting bail on their behalf. This

seems to be in response to recent controversy surrounding The Bail Project, a nonprofit which helps those in financial need make bail. Last year, three people — out of 941 — the local chapter of The Bail Project helped release went on to commit a violent crime while out of jail. Two have been charged with murder, the other person stabbed two IMPD officers. **Senate Bill 8**, authored by Freeman, Walker and Crider, would limit the organizations that could pay bail on behalf of a defendant. If passed, organizations could pay bail for just two individuals in a 180-day period and would prohibit the state or political subdivision from posting bail for someone and from providing grants to any entity providing bail funding.

Education

Beyond navigating e-learning and random closures due to COVID-19 outbreaks, teachers, administrators, school board members and parents have heard concerns about critical race theory (CRT) being taught in Indiana schools. CRT is an advanced academic framework which examines the role of systemic racism in areas of American life, including the judicial, education and housing systems. CRT is not taught in K-12 classrooms.

- **House Bill 1040**, authored by Rep. J.D. Prescott, R-District 33, would prohibit schools from "subjecting any student" to "any obscene matter or performance or certain matters of performances harmful to minors." Further, it would require students in grades six through 12 to learn "socialism, Marxism, communism, totalitarianism, or similar political systems are incompatible with and in conflict with the principles of freedom upon which the United States was founded." It also would

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Local NAACP to file report with departments of Education, Justice on blackface incident at Center Grove

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The local NAACP chapter plans to file a report with the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Justice about concerns of "cultural insensitivity" at Center Grove schools. The announcement comes after a Center Grove High School football player was photographed in blackface on the team bus, evidently mocking a Black student at another school.

In a letter sent to Center Grove Community School Corporation Superintendent Richard Arkanoff, the Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch said the district doesn't have "proper measures and mechanisms" to make ev-

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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 in 2021. The students' faces have been blurred. (Screenshot)

Report: Black homeownership down 20% in Marion County since 2010

Homeownership Rates

The Black homeownership rate in Marion County is less than it is in the state and U.S.

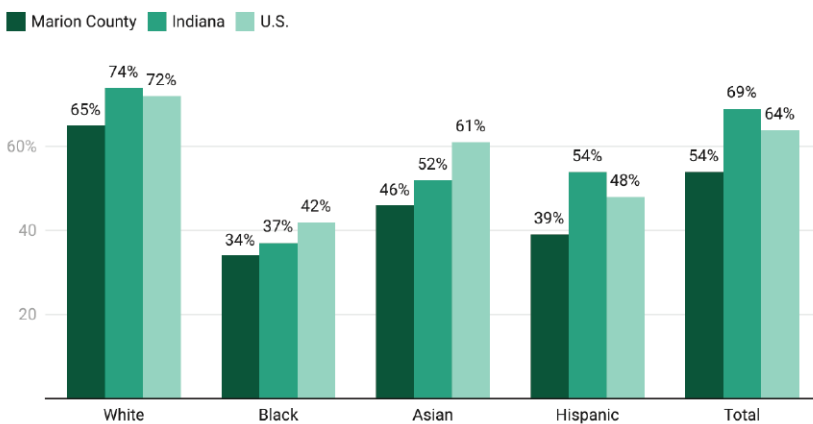


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A report from the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana shows the Black homeownership rate has decreased in Marion County by 20% over the last decade, fueled by increasing home prices, mortgage application denials and historical disparities in lending.

The report, released Jan. 3 as part of the housing center's 10th anniversary, is meant to empower the general public — as opposed to industry insiders — with a basic level of data and knowledge.

"Taking all of this information together, we find that while this may be a new decade, the same people and places that have been underserved for generations are the same ones losing the most ground in

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Small grocery store owner has big dreams for northeast side neighborhood

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You can't see it yet, but Rachelle Jackson-Wells can. Open-face freezers stocked with milk and meat, more shelves to hold cans and boxes of food, the middle wall removed to create more space.

Jackson-Wells is a detail-oriented person, as evidenced by the neatly packed cans of ravioli and bags of ramen noodles on the lone shelf at her little grocery store, Snack Shak, on the corner of 34th Street and Forest Manor Avenue.

It's not just the physical space Jackson-Wells dreams of. It's what Snack Shak could mean for a community where the most convenient option for milk and bread is the gas station. She talks about it like someone trying to speak things into existence, walking



Rachelle Jackson-Wells stands in front of a shelf at her store, Snack Shak, on Dec. 28, 2021. The store opened in August 2021 and is on the corner of 34th Street and Forest Manor Avenue. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

around and pointing to where this or that will eventually be.

A freezer here, that desk gone, a Western Union machine back there behind the counter.

The community Jackson-Wells serves is a food desert, meaning there isn't convenient, affordable access to fresh foods such as fruits, vegetables and meat. She has trouble keeping up with demand for milk and cereal.

"That lets me know they don't have enough resources to get food around here," said Jackson-Wells, who has also worked as a nurse at Riley Hospital for Children and in Fishers.

There's a Save-A-Lot on East 38th Street (about a 30-minute walk or 20-minute transit trip from Snack Shak) and a Safeway on North Sherman

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New year, new babies

The first African American baby born at Eskenazi Health in 2022 was Elora Okafor, born at 10:06 a.m. Jan. 1. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and is 19 1/4 inches long. Her mother, Jennifer Okafor, is doing well. The family lives in Indianapolis. (Photo provided by Eskenazi Health)



Zaire Tucker was born at 3:30 a.m. Jan. 1 at Riley Hospital for Children to Imani Keith and Robert Tucker. Baby Zaire weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces and is 17.5 inches long. (Photo provided by Riley Hospital for Children)

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Iley Baxter, 81, checks out at Snack Shak on Dec. 28, 2021. He's a regular customer who visits the store almost daily. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

Drive that's about the same distance.

Jackson-Wells opened the store in August 2020. She sees about 30 people a day.

Iley Baxter, 81, walked into the store a few days after Christmas to play the lottery. He's one of the regulars who said he visits Snack Shak almost every day. He's lived in the area for 60 years.

"Brung joy here," Baxter said as he and Jackson-Wells laughed through their conversation.

Jackson-Wells' story at 34th Street and Forest Manor Avenue didn't start in August. She grew up down the street and remembers when the space that's now hers was Mike's Convenience Mart.

Veronica Flournoy was one of the kids who used to walk with Jackson-Wells to the store to get candy. She still lives close by on Forest Manor.

"She has a heart for

people," Flournoy said of her longtime friend. "She loves people. She knows the neighborhood. She knows the community. She's a product of it."

Frances Samuels used to live in the area and has known Jackson-Wells for about 20 years.

"Of course, you have gas stations that have those types of items," Samuels said, "but it's different when you have someone from the neighborhood who's there to give back."


Starting in April, Snack Shak will be part of the Indy Local Grocers Coalition, a group that helps local grocers maintain food access in neighborhoods where there is food insecurity. The city provides technical assistance on things such as how to become certified through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Indiana Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC).

"I'm really excited about her energy," Sara Niccum, the city's community nutrition and food policy coordinator, said of Jackson-Wells.

The goal for the coalition, Niccum said, is to create "food sovereignty" within communities. For many people, it's a habit at this point to go to the dollar store or gas station to get food (and pay more in the process), but if the coalition can help Snack Shak and others like it gain notoriety, even smaller stores could go a long way in helping neighborhoods.

"One store impacting that many lives consistently could make a big difference," Niccum said.


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Indiana bills seek to regulate teaching race in upcoming session

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Indiana would ban the teaching of certain ideas about race, including those that might make any student feel guilty or uncomfortable, while also prohibiting schools from requiring employee training on banned race-related ideas, according to two bills drafted for the legislature.

The state convened its annual legislative session Jan. 4.

The two wide-ranging bills in the House and Senate cover what schools cannot teach about race, like white privilege, or that “an individual, by virtue of the individual’s race or sex, is inherently privileged, racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or subconsciously.”

Senate Bill 167 and House Bill 1040 would also expand parent input on several school decisions, mandating that school boards create advisory committees to review educational material, including textbooks, audiovisual material and surveys. Schools would need to make all their curriculum materials available online by June 30, 2023, with details on teachers, grade levels and subjects.

“Our schools should be an inclusive place where respect is shown equally. Teaching concepts that divide our children into one group or another only serves to drive a wedge between individuals and distracts from the main goal of educating our children,” said Scott Baldwin, a Noblesville Republican and one of the authors of the Senate bill, in a statement. “This bill is not about preventing our teachers and schools from talking about our history — good and bad.”

The Senate version would further require schools to obtain parental permission to provide mental health services to students.

The House version also extends beyond the subject of race and would allow parents to opt their students out of



wearing masks by providing notice to their schools.

In regulating content, the House bill would require schools to teach that the political systems of socialism, Marxism, communism and totalitarianism are detrimental to the people of the United States.

The bills would establish a process for the public to complain about violations of content rules, which begins with filing a complaint to a school principal and culminates in allowing a complainant to file a civil lawsuit against a school district.

The bills read like an omnibus of regulations on teaching race proposed in other Republican-led states following this summer’s furor over critical race theory — a framework of study in universities that recently has been inaccurately used as a catch-all term for all discussions of

race.

Critics say the proposed measures could intimidate teachers, burden schools with expenses and ultimately halt any classroom discussions of race.

Moreover, targeting specific topics could run afoul of previous rulings against the suppression of ideas, said Kevin Brown, a professor at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

A federal court overturned Arizona’s 2010 ban of a school district’s Mexican American studies program, for example, for violating students’ constitutional rights.

Furthermore, Brown said, requiring schools to identify teachers responsible for particular curriculum could leave them vulnerable to harassment and discourage educators from broaching race at all, he said.

The bills say that the

provisions are not meant to prohibit teaching the history of an ethnic group, or an impartial discussion of controversial aspects of history or the historical oppression of a particular people.

It furthermore states that schools have a duty to remain impartial to “ensure that students are free to express their own beliefs and viewpoints concerning curricular materials and educational activities.”

The curriculum review committees would consist of 40% educators, 40% parents of students at a school district and 20% interested community members not employed by the district.

Their recommendations would be subject to approval by school boards.

Such committees already exist in some districts, said Keith Gambill, president of the Indiana State Teachers Association.

Some of the legislative proposals are similar to ones floated by the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, a conservative think tank. It drafted a framework for legislation that would require schools to post instructional materials, with links to any applicable textbooks, as well as to post the names of the authors and school staff members responsible for it.

The institute touts its recommendations as promoting transparency and doesn’t intend for them to create a burden for schools, said Jim Copland, an institute senior fellow and the director of legal policy.

The Manhattan Institute had previously championed legislation that would prohibit schools from requiring students or staff members to make statements in classroom discussions about race.

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prohibit a school from requiring asymptomatic children who have been exposed to COVID-19 to quarantine.

Vaccine mandates

When vaccinations against COVID-19 began in early 2021, so too did debates about vaccine mandates and the rights of workers. In the state Legislature, several lawmakers are working to bar the state government from enforcing vaccine mandates. While Gov. Eric Holcomb and his team have encouraged Hoosiers to get vaccinated, he said in December it isn’t the role of government to mandate vaccinations. However, he has previously supported a business’ right to enforce vaccinations for employees.

- **Senate Bill 31**, authored by Sen. Dennis Kruse, R-District 14, would prohibit employers from requiring an employee or prospective employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccination if it poses a health risk or if it is against religious beliefs. The bill would allow for a civil action

lawsuit against an employer if a violation occurs.

- **Senate Bill 114**, authored by Sen. James Tomes, R-District 49, would prohibit preventing unvaccinated Hoosiers from attending events and entering businesses, which would be considered “vaccine status discrimination” under the bill. The bill would allow the Indiana Department of Labor to investigate and issue administrative orders for violations.

Public health and safety

Throughout the pandemic, state leaders have expressed concerns about mental health and substance abuse, both of which worsened throughout 2020 and 2021. Several bills focus on the issues Democratic Party Leader Rep. Phil GiaQuinta called “the root causes of crime.” Areas including hunger and poverty are also addressed in the 2022 session.

- **House Bill 1018**, authored by Rep. Robin Shackleford, D-District 98, would prohibit

a state employee health care plan, Medicaid or other health care providers from barring someone with a criminal record relating to substance abuse from getting coverage. It would also require care facilities to provide patients with referrals for continuing care before releasing patients.

- **House Bill 1028**, authored by Rep. Earl Harris, D-District 2, would create a committee to study the prevalence of homelessness, housing and food insecurity among students at Indiana colleges and universities.
- **House Bill 1030**, also authored by Harris, would require a mental health care professional to be appointed to a crisis intervention team to accompany police to calls involving a mental health or substance abuse crisis.

The 2022 legislative session began Jan. 4 and will run through April.

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Trumpet virtuoso comes to Palladium

By STAFF

Byron Stripling, a world-renowned trumpeter, conductor, singer and actor, will perform with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra on Jan. 8 at the Palladium at the Center for Performing Arts.

Stripling, who received international attention following his Carnegie Hall debut in the early '90s, has recorded hundreds of albums with celebrated pop, Broadway and jazz artists, as well as recordings with his own quintet. He's also performed with the bands of Dizzy Gillespie, Lionel Hampton and Buck Clayton.

Well known in the world of pops orchestra, Stripling will bring a bit of New Orleans flair to Carmel with his signature version of "When the Saints Go Marchin' In" to close out the Palladium's January Pops. He was the lead trumpeter and soloist with the Count Basie Orchestra.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m., under the direction of Janna Hymes. Tickets start at \$18. Hymes, who previously worked with Stripling while she was music director of the Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra, said Stripling's show is a great way to

start 2022 off right.

"Byron Stripling is just an extraordinary talent, a fantastic entertainer," Hymes said. "I'm thrilled to bring him to the Palladium and introduce him to our Central Indiana audience, because everyone who loves music should know this artist. His orchestral arrangements are simply first-rate, and Jan. 8 truly is a do-not-miss performance, a great shot of energy with which to open the new year."

Stripling starred as the lead in "Satchmo," a musical about the life of Louis Armstrong. He's also performed solo on The Grammys.

All guests over the age of 3 are required to wear a mask while inside the Palladium and all patrons ages 12 and up are required to show proof of vaccination. If not vaccinated, guests must present physical or digital proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of the event. Those 12 and under do not have to show proof of a negative test.

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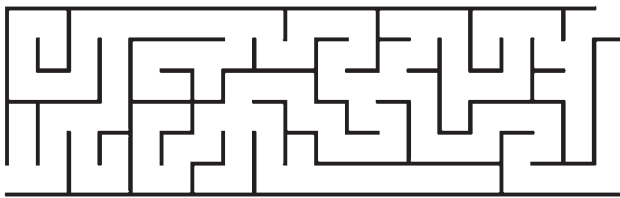
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SPOTLIGHT

First Fridays return for 2022

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In our pre-pandemic world, the first Friday of each month in Indianapolis meant live music in Fountain Square and art galleries throughout the city were crawling with people. That changed when COVID-19 forced venues to close and Hoosiers to shelter in place. The Circle City Industrial Complex (CCIC) — a hub for local artists and vendors — is bringing First Fridays back, starting at 6 p.m. Jan. 7. “I’m just hoping people can get back out,” Anthony Armstrong, an artist at CCIC, said. “It’s fun to see faces.”

Armstrong is one of roughly 100 artists who will open his gallery at CCIC on Jan. 7. Armstrong does the bulk of his work, which consists of abstract paintings and photography, in his rented studio in CCIC, Studio B11. His pieces will be available to purchase during the First Friday event, as well as art of woodworkers, jewelry makers and more. To check out Armstrong’s work, visit his Facebook page, Arts and Images by Anthony Armstrong, or his Instagram page, @aeaimages1.

Indianapolis native Kwazar Martin will showcase his work in the Schwitzer Gallery on the second floor of CCIC. Featuring acrylic and aerosol work, the exhibit, “Kwiz,” is named after himself and his grandmother, Liz, who inspired him to pursue art.

Visual art isn’t the only pull for First Fridays at CCIC. Throughout the year, music, dance and other live entertainment can be enjoyed at First Friday events, and there’s plenty of food and drink options if you’re looking to grab a snack in between galleries. Visitors can grab a pint of the El Gato Mexican lager from Centerpoint Brewing in suite B01, or a hard cider from the New Day craft tasting room in suite D01. Those with a sweet tooth can get a scoop of balsamic dark chocolate ice cream or a root beer float from Lick Ice Cream Indy, located on the near eastside of the complex.

Another pull for people looking to have some fun in Indianapolis without breaking the bank? There’s free parking right across from the CCIC building. “It’s a fun building to walk through and get lost in,” Armstrong said. “There’s a host of different artists, and we welcome the traffic. People can really make a night of it.”

Each artist can decide whether they



Indianapolis artist Kwazar Martin’s gallery, “Kwiz,” will be on display during the first First Friday of the year at the Circle City Industrial Complex on Jan. 7. (Photo provided by CCIC)

want guests to wear masks in their galleries, but CCIC strongly recommends everyone in attendance wear masks and socially distance as much as possible. Doing so will not only help curb the spread of COVID-19, but also help local artists get back on their feet after a stressful two years. Another way to help artists at the CCIC is to venture out beyond First Fridays.

“There’s a large contingent of full-time artists who work there throughout the week,” Armstrong said. “I’m there on weekends and evenings. We’re always happy to have people come out and see us.”

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First Fridays at Circle City Industrial Complex

To learn more about the CCIC and its First Friday events, visit circlecityind.com.

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everyone feel equal.

“Our thought is that the atmosphere on the bus and within the athletic department is a product of an overall school environment that allows for such negative behavior,” the letter reads.

In a statement, Arkanoff said the district appreciates the NAACP’s concern and called the blackface incident “disappointing, hurtful, and in no way representative of our school district, athletic programs, or the citizens who live in our community.”

The district issued “ap-

propriate discipline” to all involved, according to the statement.

“As an educational institution, we take seriously our responsibility to prepare our students to become knowledgeable, confident, and responsible citizens,” Arkanoff said.

The chapter released the letter Jan. 3; it is dated Dec. 27, 2021. The letter is signed by the chapter’s president, Chrystal Ratcliffe.

The chapter wants to work with the district to discuss the incident and the district’s compliance

with state requirements.

It also plans to report to state and national NAACP leadership.

Arkanoff said the district welcomes insight from the NAACP.

The chapter’s report will be filed with the U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights Division, and the U.S. Department of Justice Community Affairs Department in Chicago.

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CryptoQuip

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

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Fall Creek neighbors improving, enhancing and engaging along the waterway

By JULIE L RHODES

For more than 10 years, volunteers living near Fall Creek have been working to improve the waterway through Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW). Citizens Energy's efforts to significantly reduce raw sewage overflows from 100-year-old combined sewers help a lot, but only gets this urban waterway so clean. Years of neglect, lawn chemicals, litter and oil running off from streets and parking lots and industrial pollution have all negatively impacted Fall Creek's health.

The efforts of neighbors working alongside business and organizational partners is helping Fall Creek heal. From Millersville to the confluence where Fall Creek meets White River downtown, there are many ongoing activities that are making a positive impact on our waterways and the habitat (human and animal) who rely on our waterways for life and well-being. In fact, these waterway volunteers have been working with the Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) for over a year to update the long-term plan for Fall Creek improvements (i.e., the Lower Fall Creek Watershed Management Plan update or LFCWMP).

Here are just a few community-led activities that took place in 2021 and planned for this year to make the neighborhoods that line Fall Creek healthier, more beautiful and more vibrant.

The Fall Creek Place neighborhood has been removing harmful invasive honeysuckle for more than five years, opening up the watershed of the creek, and reducing erosion caused by shallow-rooted invasive species. By partnering with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, they planted fruiting trees in its place to enhance the walking path through their neighborhood. Now, with a new grant from ROW supported by the Herbert Simon Family Foundation (HSFF), the neighborhood is continuing the inva-

sive removal efforts, installing native plants and beneficial trees.

Millersville Valley at Fall Creek has also been working on removing invasive species and opening up their views to the waterway for several years, creating seating areas and tranquil spaces with sculptures and native plantings. The neighborhood has just been awarded a grant from ROW to help develop the Millersville Preserve Overlook to create an area of turf, limestone seats and native plants for neighbors to enjoy a quiet respite overlooking the creek. Millersville also completed a signage project earlier this year that helps brand the waterway spaces that are often missed as people drive near the intersections and over the bridges in their small business district. Those projects were funded in part through ROW's subgrant program supported by the HSFF and Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF).

The Crosstown Neighborhood is also working to enhance spaces in the new Rev. Charles Williams Park (3242 Sutherland Ave.) where Indy Parks is exploring enhancements in the greenway spaces. The Rev. Charles Williams Park Advisory Board is facilitating discussions on what amenities the neighborhood would like in this undeveloped park with support from local groups like Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

The Fall Creek Committee also worked with ROW's Ecology Committee to enhance an important urban park space. Barton Park (2334 N. Capitol Ave.) had some Fall Creek-adjacent spaces that had become overgrown and a common illegal dumping area for trash. ROW volunteers worked with the MCSWCD and Indianapolis Office of Land Stewardship to clean up the trash, remove the invasive overgrowth, plant beneficial and beautiful species, install a fence and more. Even as this year's work is wrapping up, the volunteers are already planning to continue the Barton Park

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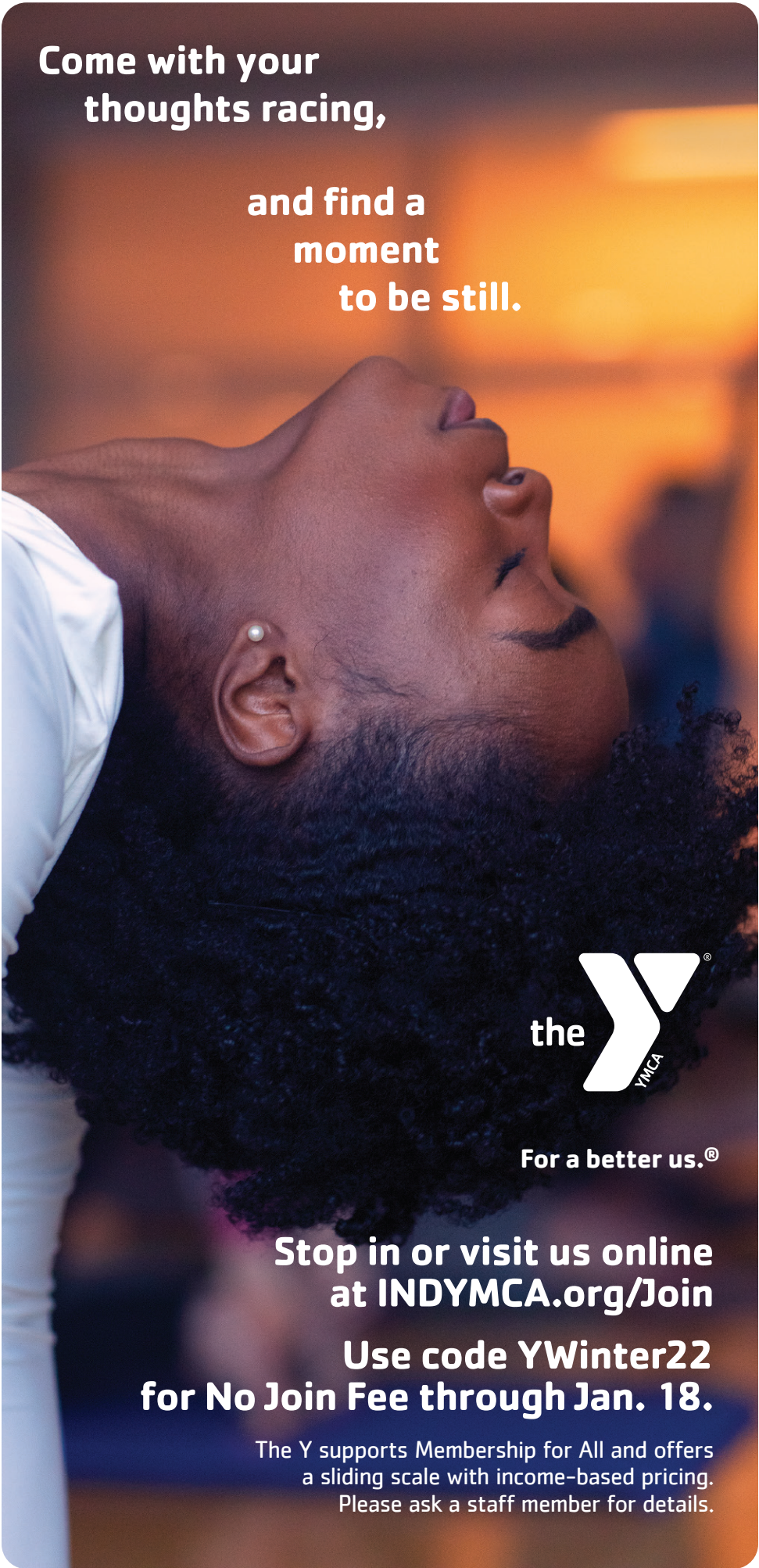
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improvements in the new year.

“Green infrastructure provides a variety of environmental, social and economic benefits, improving water quality and beautifying neighborhoods through the use of deep-rooted native plants,” said John Hazlett, director of the MCSWCD. “These above-ground infrastructure investments improve drainage, help address flooding and provide opportunities for local employment through green infrastructure maintenance programs while providing habitat for pollinator plants.”

In August, ROW secured funding from NuGenesis Inc. (a Mooreville-based recycling company) to help install green infrastructure along Fall Creek. One early-action project to be installed in

2022 includes more drought-resistance, deep-rooted native plantings in Barton Park, as well as a planned rain garden in another location near Fall Creek.

“Green infrastructure is the central strategy featured in the LFCWMP update, which recommends a variety of green infrastructure practices to be implemented through neighborhood partnerships like the NuGenesis funding,” Hazlett continued.

Fall Creek also partnered with ROW’s White River Committee this year to pull trash and especially old tires out of the waterway by way of volunteers in canoes. There are many opportunities to get engaged and be involved in the ROW

Fall Creek waterway efforts. The committee meets monthly, virtually or outdoors, to visit spaces and plan for projects. ROW also works with volunteer groups along Central Canal, Little Eagle Creek, Pleasant Run, Pogue’s Run and White River. Learn about all these efforts at ourwaterways.org, where you can find the meeting schedule, sign up for our e-newsletter, or follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).

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the current housing market,” the report says.

Find the full report at fhcci.org.

Some of the findings:

- Since 2010, Marion County’s homeowner-ship rate has decreased by 8.5%. The Black homeownership rate has decreased by 20%.
- The Black home-ownership rate in Marion County (34%) is less than it is in the state (37%) and U.S. (42%).
- The white homeown-ership rate has been steady since 1970, but the Black homeowner-ship rate has decreased by 31% in that time.
- Home values have increased 26% to 28% in Marion County over the last two years, resulting in an average home price of \$188,960.
- Mortgage applica-tions in Marion County increased by 45% from 2019 to 2020, but the increases were less pronounced for Black (34%) and Hispanic (24%) applicants.
- The top 50 lenders, which represent ap-proximately 75% of all applications and loan originations, had a denial rate of 22.1% for Black applicants over the last two years. The overall denial rate was 14.2% for applications that included data on race and ethnicity.

Amy Nelson, the organization’s execu-tive director, said part of the problem is a lack of lending data that’s publicly available. That means lenders can push back against claims of discrimina-tion by saying the issue has to do with credit scores and the housing center doesn’t have a way to fact check that.

Nelson also said it would help to have broader use of spe-cial purpose credit programs, which are designed to help people who have his-torically been locked out of homeownership opportunities.

“Because of systemic discrimination in this nation’s housing and credit markets, includ-ing by the federal gov-ernment itself, home-ownership rates are much lower for African Americans and other people of color than for their White counter-parts,” the U.S. Depart-ment of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) said in a state-ment in December 2020 when it clarified how special purpose credit programs can help correct historical wrongs.

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EDITORIAL

Indiana Senate education bill tries to mask true intent

By OSEYE BOYD



Back in the day NBC had “Must See TV” — the Thursday night lineup of shows that one couldn’t miss. If you did, you would be left out of the watercooler conversation at work the next day.

Well, the Indiana General Assembly is bringing “Must See TV” back. No, it’s technically not TV and it may not seem as fun, but when I tell you it is good, it is good. Committee hearings are happening now. Visit iga.in.gov to see which committees are meeting and then watch the hearing unfold.

I recently had the pleasure of watching the Senate Education and Career Development Committee as they held a hearing on Senate Bill 167: Education Matters. The bill, authored by Sens. Scott Baldwin, Jeff Raatz and Travis Holdman and co-authored by Sens. Linda Rogers and John Crane, “requires each qualified school to post educational activities and curricular materials on the school’s Internet web site.” Asking schools to be more transparent seems innocuous enough until you get to the real point of the bill: stopping discussions of race, gender identity and sexuality in the classroom.

The language in the bill continues, “Provides that a state agency, state educational institution, school corporation, or qualified school acting in an official capacity may not include or promote certain concepts as part of a course on instruction or in a cur-

riculum or direct or otherwise compel a school employee or student to adhere to certain tenets relating to the individual’s sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin or political affiliation. ... may not require an employee of the school corporation, qualified school, or state educational institution to engage in training, orientation, or therapy that presents any form of racial or sex stereotyping or blame on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or political affiliation.”

Obviously, there’s more language in the bill, but some of the public comments focused on diversity, equity and inclusion education otherwise known as critical race theory (CRT) — even though it’s not.

Anyone who’s watched events of the last year transpire knew a bill that would somehow ban critical race theory would make it to the Statehouse. White parents have voiced their displeasure at their students being made to “feel guilty about events of the past” at school board meetings.

At this point, people don’t care whether they’re really talking about CRT. Any lessons about race, diversity, equity, inclusion and social emotional learning are all lumped into CRT. And what I learned watching the hearing (which I already knew, so it’s more confirmation) is some white parents don’t want their children feeling uncomfortable.

Moms from Center Grove and Noblesville both provided testimony about how the lessons their children learned made them uncomfortable. One mom said her children were told they should be allies. The other mom said she believed racism existed but it’s

individuals not systems, and her problem also is that discussions about racism are brought up over and over and over.

Let me remind you that Center Grove Community School Corp. is the school district where a student-athlete recently wore blackface to make fun of another student-athlete from a competing school. Maybe this was a one-off situation, but I was left wondering after I listened to this parent. The cognitive dissonance was evident. She mentioned several times about ideas and philosophies that don’t align with her family’s standard. That standard seemed to be to ignore racism.

I keep coming back to the point that the comfort level of Black students doesn’t matter. Neither of those moms really cared about how Black students felt or how their comments seemed racist. These moms believe they’re protecting their children. Protecting them from what? Discussing issues that help them grow into self-actualized, caring and empathetic adults. Learning to discuss hard topics helps students grow into better humans. School is a great place to learn about the world — and how to make it better. At least that was my experience. The lack of these discussions is why we’re debating this in 2022. It’s why there’s not critical thought when people hear CRT.

Too bad so many want to remain stuck. It’s seriously time we move forward and not backward.

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Examining Jan. 6

By LARRY SMITH



They weren’t just neo-Nazis and Proud Boys. They weren’t just kooks in Viking helmets. They were doctors and lawyers. They were firefighters and police officers. They were former — and current — members of the United States military. They weren’t 20-somethings, as insurrectionists usually are; their average age was nearly 42. The overwhelming majority had jobs — even as CEOs or entrepreneurs. They staged a failed government coup on Jan. 6, 2021.

Almost all of them were white. To understand their behavior, one must understand their backgrounds, especially the changing demographics of their hometowns. The University of Chicago’s Dr. Robert Pape has studied roughly 700 people who were arrested for their Jan. 6 actions. Stunningly, he found that most were not from counties that voted heavily for Donald Trump in 2020. Further, most of their home counties are not economically troubled.

The crucial factor is that they primarily came from counties wherein the non-Hispanic white population is shrinking. Specifically, if the white

population in a county had fallen by at least 1% in recent years, that county was much more likely to have had an insurrectionist in Washington.

Mistrust of our electoral process is also at issue. According to at least one poll, only 4 in 10 Republicans believe that their votes will be counted fairly in upcoming elections — down from nearly 9 in 10 a year ago. (Notably, Trump quietly disbanded his presidential voter fraud commission when it found ... no evidence of widespread voter fraud.)

Not surprisingly, recent polling suggests that only 1 in 5 Republicans believe that Joe Biden was elected legitimately. (Yet, when asked, they cannot explain how the election was rigged.) Most alarmingly, at least one poll indicates that roughly 3 in 4 Republicans are sympathetic to the insurrectionists. The constant drumbeat of Trump’s “big lie,” combined with a relentless right-wing media campaign, has caused Republicans to question the foundations of American democracy.

Not surprisingly, race is at the core of the insurrectionists’ existential concerns. There is a through-line in American history from Appomattox to Charlottesville to Jan. 6: Whites who fear racial progress often react violently to perceived advances by people of color. For example, the South’s

defeat in the Civil War, combined with Reconstruction, led to the creation of the KKK. “White replacement theory,” which is infinitely more dangerous than critical race theory ever could be, was the impetus behind Charlottesville. Jan. 6 must be examined in this light.

According to Barton Gellman, an author and lecturer at Princeton University, “Almost two-thirds of (the insurrectionists) agreed that ‘African American people or Hispanic people in our country will eventually have more rights than whites.’” Gellman also found that those who believe in white replacement theory are nearly four times as likely as those who do not to support the violent removal of President Biden.

Gellman goes on, “As word spread in right-wing circles that the then-unidentified officer (who shot Ashli Babbitt) was Black, race quickly entered the narrative. Henry ‘Enrique’ Tarrio, the leader of the Proud Boys, shared a Telegram message from another user that said, ‘This black man was waiting to execute someone on January 6th. He chose Ashli Babbitt.’ An account called ‘Justice for January 6’ tweeted that (the officer) ‘should be in jail for the execution of Ashli Babbitt, but instead he is being lauded as a hero. The ONLY racial injustice in America today is antiwhiteism.’”

Tragically, powerful Republicans are complicit in the would-be dismantling of our nation. Indeed, most rioters believed that Trump had personally summoned them. (Many have testified as much.) Additionally, Ali Alexander, who created the “Stop the Steal” movement, claims to have had discussions with at least three Republican congressmen (and Donald Trump Jr.’s girlfriend) ahead of the riot.

Still, Fiona Hill, who is a former member of the National Security Council, warns: “A key problem is that so many Americans are in denial (about the threat to democracy).” Millions of well-meaning Americans — of all political stripes — simply do not understand (or do not agree with) the fact that our democracy is genuinely in peril.

Yet, as Congresswoman Liz Cheney has said, “How we address Jan. 6 is the moral test of our generation.” A tiny handful of Republicans literally prevented our democracy from falling. Given the laws that have been passed and the political bullying that has taken place since the failed insurrection, such would not be enough to prevent a similar coup attempt in 2024.

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Moving forward is (can be) painful

By LESLIE SMITH



Like many, I put on COVID weight. Thirty whole pounds to be exact. I didn’t recognize myself in the mirror. My clothes fit differently. Leggings and food became my friends. Doing simple chores like laundry, the dishes, going up and down the stairs, and cooking became my worst nightmare because my lower back was in excruciating pain.

I remember going on a walk in my neighborhood on Feb. 1, 2021, and I couldn’t make it seven houses down the street. I bent over on the sidewalk and thought I’d have to crawl home in the snow. Yes, there was snow on the ground, but like you, I was tired of being stuck in the house. I took a long, deep breath, stretched it out, and walked slowly back home. Once I got there, I sat on my front porch and did upper body circuit training for 30 additional minutes in the freezing cold. During that workout,

I’d get up every now and then just to get my body reacclimated to being on its own two feet. Then I continued that for about the next week or so until I could walk for 45 minutes without stopping. I did a pretty crazy mental toughness program that forced me to get my mind right through working out twice a day with one workout having to be outside no matter the weather for 75 days (yeah, that’s another story), and on day 75, I ran a 5K. Yes ... ran!

The process of getting the weight off has been painful — the strength exercises, the back and sinus issues, and the emotional ups and downs, but in order for me to move forward, I’m working to get the weight off. I’m working through my pain.

Maybe your “pain” is not physical. There’s pain in grief, rejection, church hurt, mental battles, relationships, guilt, unforgiveness, emotional anguish and some pain that we can’t even easily identify. This is certainly not an exhaustive list, but I want you to understand that pain comes in many forms. But there is hope.

You have everything within you to move onward

and upward. Simply seek the one who has total control over your life and ask him to direct you because the shift is here. It’s shifting season, and you are still here because you have been called to live out your purpose. So don’t run. Sprint toward your destiny, even if it hurts! Work through every sting, every strain, every struggle. The pain will be worth every rep, every tear and every therapy session. Surround yourself with those who can hold you accountable — those you trust to call you out or better yet, call you forward — that’s what one of my mentors calls it. Let this be your sign that God is calling you forward, and this is your time to shift.

A well-known verse comes to mind, but I want to share the Message version because it lays out for us. *“Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He’s the one who will keep you on track. Don’t assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil!”*

Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life!” Proverbs 3:5-8, Message Bible

Don’t run from your pain. Run to it and through it. No, you don’t have to dedicate yourself to a crazy 75- day mental toughness program, but I encourage you to acknowledge the pain. There’s joy, healing and purpose as a result of your pain. It’s shifting season. Embrace your journey. Embrace your freedom. Embrace your life. Trust, glow and live.

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Change your mindset to succeed in New Year’s resolutions

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For many, when the clock strikes midnight on Jan. 1 every year, a new batch of resolutions begin. Gym memberships are bought in an effort to drop a few pounds, clothes thrown out of closets with the hope that this year is finally the one you stay organized. Oftentimes, gym memberships are canceled by March, and closets return to looking like a tornado ran through them long before that. Adjusting your mindset, life coach Jihada Garrett said, can help make 2022 the year you stick with your goals.

“New Year’s resolutions are great in the sense that it’s a great time to think about how we can improve ourselves and create the reality we want,” Garrett said. “There are a number of ways we can do that. We have to tie our goals to a bigger picture, and it’s important to adopt a proper mindset to make sure you’re ready to make a shift in your life.”

Garrett suggests visualizing how you want to see yourself to motivate you to make changes. Further, she said reflecting on the times you overcame something difficult can give you a gameplan if you hit a roadblock carrying out your New Year’s resolutions.

Some are rethinking how they view resolutions.

Brandon Evans, co-founder of HOPE, a nonprofit dedicated to registering Indiana voters, said he’s focused on long-term habits as opposed to a “checklist” for the year.

“Instead of goals this year I’m hoping to create and adopt healthy habits and routines that will move me forward,” Evans said in a tweet.

Holding yourself accountable — while also giving yourself grace — is a good way to ensure you stick with your goals throughout the year, Garrett said.

“Don’t overcomplicate the process,”

Garrett said. “Success begets success, so the more you stick to the course and give yourself permission to pause when you need to, to have joy when things are not going the way you want, the permission to start over. Just because you dropped the ball this week that doesn’t mean you have to give up. Re-evaluate, pivot and keep pulling.”

Garrett, who has been a life coach for six years, opened her consulting firm, Hello, Me!, in 2020. This year, Garrett’s resolution is to “fully embrace” herself, so she can help her clients do the same.

“What I work with my clients on a lot is just getting back in touch with themselves and see what’s keeping them from accomplishing goals or being happy,” Garrett said. “Once you fix that inner part, you’re more likely to tackle goals, start businesses, writing books and just making sure you’re OK and able to embrace everything life has to offer.”

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COVID-19 is Spreading More Than Ever in the U.S. and Around the World

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With COVID-19 vaccines introduced nearly one year ago, it would be reasonable to believe that the virus that has killed more than 800,000 Americans would have receded somewhat and the numbers of those testing positive have - in time - dwindled to a lesser figure. Sadly, with more than 100,000 Americans testing positive nearly every day, COVID-19 isn’t going away anytime soon. In fact, it’s flourishing like never before.

With hospitals overflowing across the nation with coronavirus patients and medical personnel worn down over time from the unrelenting pressure to serve their patients, it’s up to each of us to avoid getting and spreading the COVID-19 virus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that the recently discovered Omicron variant, now seen in at least 38 states including Indiana, accounts for 73 percent of the nation’s coronavirus cases. Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur, which further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters for everyone.

According to the CDC, vaccines are effective at protecting people from COVID-19 and they help keep adults and children from

getting seriously sick and reduce the risk of people spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Getting everyone ages 5 years and older vaccinated can help the entire family, including siblings who are not eligible for vaccination and family members who may be at risk of getting very sick if infected.

The CDC also recommends that everyone 16 years old and older get a COVID-19 booster shot. If you received the two Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, you’re eligible to receive a booster six months later. For those receiving the single Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine, you may receive a booster shot after two months.

More than 459 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in the United States from December 14, 2020, through November 29, 2021, according to the CDC. Some people have experienced no side effects after receiving COVID-19 vaccinations, while others have experienced generally mild to moderate reactions that have dissipated after a few days.

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

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A rare gene mutation in Black patients is associated with early onset heart failure

BY FARAH YOUSRY

New research finds a strong association between a rare genetic mutation and early onset heart failure and hospitalization among Black Americans. Researchers found Black patients who develop heart failure — and carry this genetic mutation — develop the condition four years earlier than those not carrying it. Dr. Ambarish Pandey, co-author of the study and assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, said the study raises the question: Should Black Americans be screened for this genetic mutation?

“That’s a question that I can’t answer in just one study,” he said. “But I think it raises this broader question of: Is there benefit in screening for this abnormal mutation in Black patients, particularly in those who may be identified early on — and can benefit from more aggressive risk modification for things like blood pressure control and other factors that contribute to risk of heart failure?”

The genetic mutation — known as TTR V142I — allows protein to build up inside the heart, which can make it harder for the heart to contract and relax. That eventually can cause part of the organ to die — a condition known as transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy.

Several prior studies linked the genetic mutation to this condition, but those studies did not explore the association with adverse clinical outcomes, including heart failure and hospitalization rates, Pandey said.

Researchers followed thousands of study participants for 12 years

This new study is the first to look at an exclusively Black cohort, he said. That’s significant because the genetic mutation is much more prevalent in people of African descent.

Pandey, along with researchers at several U.S. medical schools, followed a cohort of nearly 3,000 people of African

descent over a period of 12 years and identified more than 200 patients who developed heart failure. The researchers found people with the mutation who experienced heart failure were more likely to have negative health outcomes, including early-onset heart failure, heart muscle injury and hospitalization.

Heart failure occurs when the heart can’t pump enough blood to the body’s vital organs. Without close monitoring and management, the condition can be lethal. More than 6 million Americans are living with heart failure, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Health issues such as obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes can increase a person’s risk of heart failure. African Americans have higher rates of heart failure, hospitalization and death from the disease, according to national data.

This study was done on Black Americans participating in the Jackson Heart Study — the longest and largest study looking at cardiovascular disease in Black Americans. The researchers followed the participants from 2005 to 2016. The process included heart imaging and blood tests.

Among the other significant findings: Even when heart imaging didn’t turn up evidence of injury to the organ in study participants with the genetic mutation, blood tests that look for troponin, a marker of tissue damage, did. Those with the genetic mutation had significantly higher amounts of this protein in their blood.

The study “opens a new avenue of investigations to further develop drugs and treatments, even prevention for patients [who] have this genetic predisposition to disease,” said Dr. Patrice Desvigne-Nickens, program director at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which funded the research.

Desvigne-Nickens, who was not part of the study, said there are FDA-approved treatments that prevent heart failure when the heart begins to show signs of damage. But it remains un-

known whether someone who carries the genetic mutation — but does not yet have abnormal amyloid protein deposits — could reduce their risk of heart failure by receiving those treatments.

Still, Desvigne-Nickens said these findings suggest that patients who already have heart disease may benefit from genetic testing.

If a Black patient is found to have this mutation, their physician and providers need to carefully monitor for signs and symptoms of heart failure, she said. Additionally, because this is a genetic marker, family members of patients with this mutation may also benefit from getting tested.

More research and improved health care access are needed

Pandey said further research is needed before genetic testing is recommended for all people of African descent. He said in order to improve health outcomes, increasing access to genetic testing isn’t the most pressing issue.

“Access to care is a big issue in Black communities,” Pandey said. “So, forget about implementing genetic testing for amyloidosis. I think if I had to pick what to improve access to, I would improve access to blood pressure control, diabetes control, and things that are more prevalent and more common, and also associated with the risk of heart failure just as much.”

Researchers don’t know why this genetic mutation exists almost exclusively in patients of African descent. The vast majority of people’s genetic composition is consistent across races. But some genetic mutations show up with greater frequency among certain populations.

“Population genetics and origins are important, because there is a selection having to do with your environment that determines the frequency of certain genes and variations,” Desvigne-Nickens said.

For instance, the sickle cell trait — a genetic trait that can cause sickle cell anemia, a blood condition that primar-

ily affects people of African descent — seems to be related to the prevalence of malaria in Africa.

Still, Desvigne-Nickens said the role genetic variations play in people’s health is far less significant than environmental factors. Long-standing socioeconomic and disparities in health care access facing Black Americans are among the contributing factors to many health conditions, she said.

“The majority of the largest contributors to how long you live, and how healthy your life is, have to do with your behavior and the environment in which you live,” she said. “So, genetic testing doesn’t absolve you of responsibility for healthy habits, healthy living and making sure that the environment is not hostile.”

Desvigne-Nickens said this study is one type of precision medicine, which considers a person’s genetics, environment and lifestyle to inform potential treatments. The approach could help address long-standing health disparities — and the participation of African American patients makes this possible.

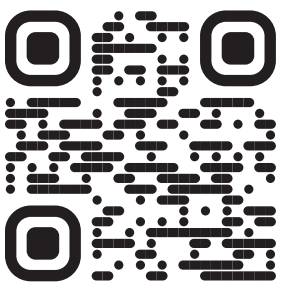
“A real shout out to them, the participants. These are African Americans [who] participate in these studies and allow themselves to be tested because that information then can be used to help them,” she said. “Research is not something that has been welcome in communities of color, because research in the past has represented some level of exploitation and breach of trust for a variety of reasons.”

As a physician of color, Desvigne-Nickens said better representation in medical and research spheres would help cultivate more trust and participation of communities of color in crucial research.

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Know the Facts About Radon in the Home

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated January as National Radon Action Month. Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless, and tasteless gas that comes up into the home through the ground.

An estimated 1 in 15 homes in the U.S. have high radon levels. Living in a home with high radon levels can be dangerous to a person’s health.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and it is estimated to cause more than 20,000 deaths each year in the U.S.

While the primary source of high radon levels in homes is the surrounding soil, radon can also be found in well water. Hot spots include basements, first-floor rooms, and garages.

The process begins when warm air in the home rises creating a vacuum, so something must rush in to fill that space. Air seeps in from the soil around and under the house. Some air enters through openings on the lower level, such as cracks, doors and windows.

Radon is measured in picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L), a measurement of radioactivity. EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that homes with radon levels 4 pCi/L or greater be fixed.

The only way to know if a home has a radon problem is to test. The Surgeon General recommends that all homes get tested for radon. Radon tests are simple and inexpensive and can help save lives.

Homeowners can test their homes with a simple kit. Homes with high radon levels can fixed with the help of a licensed radon mitigation contractor.

Always test radon levels again after repairs have been completed to ensure these actions

reduced the radon levels.

Radon test kits that meet EPA guidelines are available through an Indiana-certified radon testing company or laboratory. The Marion County Public Health Department offers free radon tests for Marion County residents. Please call 317-221-2266 to schedule a test.

Kits are also available at local hardware and home improvement stores. Testing a home for radon is simple. A radon detector is placed in a designated area and, after the number of days listed on the instructions, the detector is sealed, placed back in its package, and mailed to a lab.

For a list of Indiana-certified radon laboratories, testers, and mitigators, please contact the Marion County Public Health Department at 317-221-2266 or call the Indiana Radon Hotline, 800-272-9723.

The cost of making repairs to reduce radon depends on several factors, including how the home was built. The average cost for a contractor to lower radon levels in a home is about \$1,200. Any company or person hired to lower radon levels must be certified.

Sealing cracks and other openings in the foundation is a basic part of most approaches to reducing radon. EPA does not recommend the use of sealing and caulking alone to reduce radon. Installing pipes and fans are often necessary, too.

Certified radon reduction contractors may use other methods that may also work in the home depending on its design and other factors.

For more information about National Radon Action Month, visit epa.gov/radon/national-radon-action-month-consumer-information. To learn more about radon, visit cdc.gov/radon.

Last parent of a child killed in 1963 church bombing dies

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Maxine McNair, the last living parent of any of the four Black girls killed in a 1963 Alabama church bombing, died Jan. 2. She was 93.

McNair's family announced her death in a press release. A cause of death was not given.

McNair's daughter, 11-year-old Denise McNair, was the youngest girl killed in the bombing of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church, the deadliest single attack of the Civil Rights Movement. Also killed were three 14-year-olds: Addie Mae Collins, Carole Rosamond Robertson and Cynthia Dionne Wesley.

Three members of the Ku Klux Klan were eventually convicted in the case, the first in 1977 and two more in the early 2000s.

Maxine McNair worked as a teacher for over three decades in Birmingham public schools. Her daughter, Lisa McNair, said she changed many lives through education and left a lasting legacy through the students she touched.

"Mrs. McNair was an amazing wife and mother and as a teacher of 33 years in the Birmingham public school system imparted knowledge in the lives of hundreds. We are going to miss her laughter and her humor. The family would appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers," the family's statement said.

Maxine McNair's husband, Chris McNair, died in 2019 at the age of 93. He was one of the first Black members of the Alabama legislature since Reconstruction, and a Jefferson County commissioner.

In 2013, Maxine McNair attended an Oval Office ceremony in which President Barack Obama awarded the four girls the Congressional Gold Medal, one of the country's highest civilian honors.

Denise McNair was one of five girls who had gathered in a downstairs bathroom at the 16th Street Baptist Church on Sept. 15, 1963, when a timed bomb planted by KKK members went off outside under a set of stairs.

The fifth girl and sister of Addie Mae Collins, Sarah Collins Rudolph, was



blinded in one eye by the blast. She later provided testimony that helped lead to the convictions of the men accused of planting the bomb.

The church bombing came during the height of the fight for civil rights in America, and as Birmingham's public schools were being desegregated. The

four girls became emblems of the racist hatred that emanated from much of the opposition to equal rights.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

For unto us a child is born today?

By ANGELIQUE WALKER-SMITH



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness.” Isaiah 9:6-7

Welcome to the seasons of Christmas, Holy Innocents, Kwanzaa and Epiphany. Each of these transitions of the season echo the spirit and hope of the prophecy of Isaiah. Christmas is about the birth of the Christ child while Holy Innocents reminds us of the assault of the state to prevent the birth. Kwanzaa reminds us of the African lineage in Egypt where refuge was found to keep the Christ child from the assault to take the child’s life. Epiphany invites the remembrance of the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ child and the eventual baptism of Jesus.

These holy events serve as overtures that eventually usher in Lent, Good Friday and the celebration of Easter. But these holy events were not without struggle and pain. They involved a wrestling of government policies that sought to snuff out the life of baby Jesus. But the courage and bold vigilance of his parental advocates, Mary and Joseph, led by the holy advocate of the Sprit, found a way to save Jesus’ life. Sadly, this kind of assault on life is a familiar theme in the Bible.

The beautiful and joyous aspects of life were and are sadly haunted by the shadows of death that seek to undermine the healthy birth of babies and children. Today conflicts, climate change, food deserts, poor and failed governments and policies, and lack of



resources in low-income communities and nations lead to hunger, poverty and malnutrition that affect the possibility of healthy births and good nutrition for our children. This is especially true of Black lives in the United States and globally.

Did you know that the United States' maternal and infant death rates are higher than those of any other high-income country? Systemic inequities create significant disparities in our health care system even as there are states in the United States that refuse

to accept federal dollars to ensure more lives are spared. Black women are far more likely to die because of pregnancy and childbirth than the death rate of white women. The maternal mortality rate is also especially high for Indigenous or Native American women and for women in rural communities.

But there is good news. Programs like Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) are associated with reduced rates of maternal and infant mortality. Recently, under the leadership of Vice

President Kamala Harris, the White House convened a Maternal Health Day of Action that invited a partnership of legislative advocacy to further address these challenges. Bread for the World invites you to join us in our advocacy to address this timely issue.

Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is senior associate for Pan-African and Orthodox church engagement at Bread for the World in Washington, D.C.

In 1970 **Anthony Phillip Johnson**, called "A.J." by most, met Reggie Griffin in the basement of Charles Brooks. It would prove over time to be a musical association that would last for a decade plus.

The two would forge a brotherhood that saw them play in Billy Ball and The Upsetters, the Black Funk Experience, the Soul Continentals and with Bobby Watley in Funk, Inc.

On June 17, 1974 Anthony Johnson formed Manchild along with Reggie Griffin.

In 1976 the group signed a national recording contract with Chi Sound Records. They went to Chicago, Illinois and recorded their first album **POWER AND LOVE** which charted on **BILLBOARD** along with their single "Especially For You". The first album was released in 1977. A second album called **FEEL THE PHUFF** was released in 1978. Group members on the two albums in addition to "A.J." and Griffin were: Kevin "Flash" Ferrell, Bobby Parson, Charles "Chuckie" Bush, Kenny Edmonds (who would later be nicknamed Baby-face) and Daryl Simmons. They were managed by Sid Johnson.

One of the highlights of his career was when then Mayor Bill Hudnut declared April 21, 1978. The group was honored with a big ceremony at the mayor's office with several appearances before the media and fans and a special performance that night just before they embarked on several tour dates the next day.

During the Manchild days, the band played in cities like: New York City, Chicago, Memphis, St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnati, Miami, Milwaukee and Daytona Beach to name a few. They would appear on shows with Parliament/Funkadelic, Cameo, Donny Hathaway, Eddie Kendricks, Con Funk Shun and Bootsy to name a few.

Manchild in 1981 then became Redd Hott with several membership changes and recorded in New Jersey and had the charting single "Big Fat Bottom". "AJ" was considered a pioneer of funk driven bass guitar playing with his thumb thumping style that helped give the music he played a unique sound. He continued playing music after no longer playing in local bands by ministering music through playing in church in Indianapolis.

In 1998 a Manchild reunion was held at the Indiana Convention Center before a sold out crowd. The show featured all of the members on the **POWER AND LOVE** album.

"A.J." was the consummate bass player; his legacy as a premier musician shall live on forever.



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 17:15

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Mrs. Marian Bernice Poston, 80, passed away December 26, 2021. On Monday January 3, there will be a Celebration of Life Service at 12:30 p.m. with visitation from 12 p.m.- 12:30 p.m. at Greater Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, and interment at Washington Park North Cemetery. Stuartmortuary.com

BIBLE WORD SEARCH


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Indiana's GOP governor, lawmakers differing on top issues

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb proposed a tax cut for some businesses Jan. 3 that is decidedly less ambitious than what many of his fellow Republicans want to seek during the new legislative session.

Holcomb continued his cautious approach toward state finances ahead of legislators returning to the Statehouse for the start of the 2022 session. The governor also is facing disagreements with a Republican-backed proposal aimed at limiting workplace COVID-19 vaccination requirements and declined to say whether he supports adding political party identifications to what are now nonpartisan school board elections.

Projected booming growth in the state's budget surplus has some in the Republican-dominated Legislature talking about possible individual income tax cuts that could reduce state tax collections by hundreds of millions of dollars. The governor's proposed changes to the property tax on business equipment, meanwhile, wouldn't reduce those tax bills for at least a few years.

Holcomb said he had concerns such as inflation, a possible slowdown in sales tax revenue as federal COVID-19 relief payments end and additional costs to attract and retain state employees in a competitive job market.

"I love that we're in this position to talk about cutting taxes, we have a lot up in the air right now," Holcomb said. "We'll talk to folks and if we can be persuaded, we're open minded about this."

Officials estimate tax collections will grow nearly \$1.9 billion, or 10%, more for this budget year than was expected when the current state spending plan was approved in April. That would push Indiana's budget surplus to a whopping \$5.1 billion, or 29% of state spending, by the end of next June.

Top Indiana House Republicans have suggested possible cuts to the state's individual income tax rate or expanded credits to reduce what income taxes are owed. They've not yet released a proposal but lowering Indiana's individual income tax rate to a flat 3% from the current 3.23% would cost about \$400 million a year.

The size of the budget surplus is triggering the state's automatic taxpayer refund law for the first time since 2012, with Holcomb asking legislators to modify the law so that about 900,000 people who don't have enough income to owe any state taxes are also eligible for the \$125 payments. If approved, that would result in payments by direct deposit or mailed checks to an estimated 4.3 million people by May 1.

House Republicans are also set to quickly advance a bill that would force businesses to grant broad exemptions to any COVID-19 vaccination requirements in response to conservative grievances over government-ordered virus precautions. The state's major medical and business groups have opposed the proposal — and Holcomb has repeatedly said he believed employers should have the freedom to make such decisions themselves.

After conservative protests in some school districts over issues such as face



The east entrance of the Indiana Statehouse. (Recorder file photo)

mask requirements and teaching about racial injustice, Republican lawmakers are also pushing steps they say would increase transparency by mandating more parental access to classroom materials and adding political party identifications to what are now nonpartisan school board elections.

Holcomb, however, sidestepped taking any position on such proposals.

"I'll take a careful look at what their ideas are, and I'll let you know as soon as I form an opinion on them," Holcomb said.

Indiana Senate Minority Leader Greg

Taylor, an Indianapolis Democrat, said he wished Holcomb and legislative Republicans would look at directing some of the state surplus toward actions such as further boosting school funding.

Taylor said he believed many Republican legislators were more worried about facing challengers in the May

primaries for the GOP nominations than considering what is best for the state.

"They're going to have some problems in primaries this year," Taylor said.

"They're going to have to be almost off the right-side cliff to win a primary this year."



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IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF: NICHOLAS DEAN SHRUM, DECEASED.
MADELINE C. KOCH, Personal Representative, NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION TO: Sharon Fultz 12861 E. Shady Meadows Solsberry, IN 47459
In the Superior Court of Johnson County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that on this day of December, 2021, Madeline C. Koch was appointed as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Nicholas Dean Shrum, who died testate on the 10th day of September, 2021. The estate will be administered without court supervision.
As an heir of the estate (a "distributee"), you are advised of the following information:
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6. You must file an objection to the closing statement within three (3) months after the closing statement is filed with the court if you want the court to consider your objection.
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The Personal Representative's address and telephone number are as follows: Madeline C. Koch, 4402 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood, Indiana 46143, Telephone No.: (317) 402-0772.
The attorney for the Personal Representative is Patrick M. O'Brien, whose address and telephone number is 107 N. State Road 135, Suite 301, Greenwood, Indiana 46142, (317) 374-2264.
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/s/ Trena McLaughlin
CLERK, JOHNSON SUPERIOR COURT
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**STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 8)
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Notice is hereby given that Tricia Hist and Mary Ellen Johnson were, on December 17, 2021, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Douglas A. Johnson, Deceased, who died on December 8, 2021.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
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Paul Babcock President and Chief Executive Officer of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana
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Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and personal representatives, and creditors of Lynette Kendall (deceased)
In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief

national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students. It does not discriminate on the basis of color, race, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies and other school administered programs. For information contact School of Metaphysics, 6138 Hillside Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220, 317-251-5285, indianapolis@som.org, or www.som.org. 5320-935234

Indianapolis Airport Authority Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport INVITATION TO BIDDERS
Electronic Bids (E-bids) will be received via Plan-eBids (IAA's solicitation management system) by the Indianapolis Airport Authority, for Runway 15 Obstruction Removal at the Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport (Project No. M-21-046). All bids will be submitted electronically and opened via a Virtual Meeting and read aloud on January 21, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. E.T. No bids will be permitted after the designated time. To attend the bid opening on-line (virtual meeting), please contact P&DAdmins@ind.com. Bids are desired as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders, which is part of the specifications. Each bid shall include all work, labor, equipment and materials necessary to complete the project as required in strict compliance with the drawings and specifications (Plans) prepared by Hanson Professional Services, 6510 Telecom Drive, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Pursuant to the repeal of Indiana Code § 5-16-7, effective July 1, 2015, common construction wages are not required on this project.
The Indianapolis Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, if disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
In accordance with Indiana Code Section 5-16-13-1, et seq., prequalification with the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) or the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is required of all contractors, in any contractor tier, performing work under contract to the IAA which is estimated to be One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) or greater. Specifications are on file and may be examined at:
BX Indiana Construction League
1028 Shelby Street
Indianapolis, IN 46203
www.bxindiana.com
ConstructConnect
3825 Edwards Road, Ste. 800
Cincinnati, OH 45209
www.constructConnect.com
Dodge Data & Analytics
3315 Central Avenue
Hot Springs, AR 71913
www.construction.com
Hanson Professional Services,
6510 Telecom Drive, Suite 210
Indianapolis, IN 46278.
Plans and Bid Documents may be obtained from ReproGraphix Inc., 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, (317) 637-3377, or on-line at <https://www.reprographix.com>. There will be no charge for the first set of Plans and Bid Documents; additional sets may be obtained for the cost of printing and shipping.
All bids shall be on Form No. 96 as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, must be accompanied by a Financial Statement, must be properly and completely executed and shall be accompanied by a properly completed non-collusion affidavit. After opening bids, no bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days without written consent of the Owner.
All bids shall be accompanied by a scanned copy of the bid bond in an amount of not less than 5% of the contract amount. Original copy of the bid bond will be requested from the successful bidder immediately following the bid opening. If bidder intends to use a certified check for their bid bond, contractor shall bid bond, contractor shall contact Katie Adkins directly at 317.487.8578 to make arrangements for delivery prior to the bid opening. Any certified check used as a bid bond needs to be received by IAA a minimum of 2 hours prior to bid opening.
Contractors awarded a contract will be required to furnish acceptable surety bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract price. Said performance, material and payment bond shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months after the date of the Owner's final acceptance of Contractor's work. Should a successful bidder withdraw their bid or fail to execute a satisfactory contract, the Indianapolis Airport Authority may declare the bid deposit forfeited. The Indianapolis Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held in the FBO Conference Room at the Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport at 9913 Willow View Road, Fishers, IN 46038 on January 11, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. E.T. If you wish to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting, please contact P&DAdmins@ind.com to be added to the Calendar Meeting invite. Please note that masks and social distancing protocols will be enforced during the meeting. A site visit will follow the Pre-Bid meeting; accordingly the site visit is strongly recommended for potential bidders but not mandatory. Should special assistance or accommodations be needed for an individual's participation in this meeting, please

contact Relay Indiana @ 800.743.3333 (TDD compatible) and have them connect you to 317.487.8578. For general information or questions, please contact Katie Adkins directly at 317.487.8578.
INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
By: Mario Rodriguez Executive Director
5320-934975

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS
The Trustees of Purdue University will receive sealed bids for the following projects until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on the 10th day of February 2022 in the offices of Capital Asset Management, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906.
1. West Lafayette Campus – Beering Hall Room 2208 Renovation – 2022
2. West Lafayette Campus – Beering Hall Rooms 2292, 2293 and 2297 Lab Renovation – 2022
3. West Lafayette Campus – Krach Leadership Center Lawn Pedestrian Pathway Installation – 2022
Bids will then be publicly 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 17th day of February 2022, 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 January 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. EST. The meeting will be "virtual". Please contact the Project Manager (Jim Mellich at jmellich@purdue.edu or 765-494-0590) if you would like to be added to the invite list. Following the meeting, site visits can be scheduled with the Project Manager.
A voluntary pre-bid meeting for Project No. 2 will be held on January 24, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. EST. The meeting will be "virtual". Please contact the Project Manager (Jim Mellich at jmellich@purdue.edu or 765-494-0590) if you would like to be added to the invite list. Following the meeting, site visits can be scheduled with the Project Manager.
A voluntary pre-bid meeting for Project No. 3 will be held on January 24, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. EST. The meeting will be held at Krach Lawn, located behind Krach Leadership Center (KRCH) at 1198 Third Street, West Lafayette, IN.
The architectural/engineering firms for these projects are:
Project Nos. 1 & 2 Schmidt Associates, Inc.
415 Massachusetts Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone (317) 263-6226
Fax (317) 263-6224
Project No. 3 MKSK 608 Columbia Street Lafayette, IN 47904
Phone (765) 250-9209
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 Ahlers 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. Keele Senior Director of Capital Asset Management
Date: 12/22/2021
5320-934889

**STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE BOONE SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS:
COUNTY OF BOONE)
ESTATE DOCKET: 06D01-2112-EU-000205**
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF RICHARD KING, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that ANGELA KING was, on December 20, 2021, appointed as Personal Representative of THE ESTATE OF RICHARD KING, deceased, who died on the OCTOBER 29, 2021.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
DATED at Boone County, Indiana, this December 20, 2021.
BOONE County Superior Court
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Doris Brauman Moore Brauman Moore & Harvey Law Offices
128 East Main Street Brownsburg, Indiana 46112
Telephone: (317) 858-5000
Fax: (317) 858-5009
Attorney Number: 21958-32
5320-934779

**MDK # 21-020405 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #4)
) SS:
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D04-2112-MF-041512**
Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company Plaintiff, vs.
The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jean B. Rose AKA Jean Rose and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Jean B. Rose AKA Jean Rose, et al.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jean B. Rose AKA Jean Rose and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Jean B. Rose AKA Jean Rose, et al.
BE IT KNOWN, that Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #4 its Complaint against Defendant The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jean B. Rose AKA Jean Rose and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Jean B. Rose AKA Jean Rose and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Jean B. Rose AKA Jean Rose and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Jean B. 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INAttorney@padgettlaw-
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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO
COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY
INFORMATION OBTAINED
WILL BE USED FOR THAT
PURPOSE. THIS COM-
MUNICATION IS FROM
A DEBT COLLECTOR.
5320-934971
12/31/21,
01/07/22,
01/14/22

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE COUNTY OF SHELBY
) SS: SUPERIOR COURT
SHELBY COUNTY)
CAUSE NO. 73D01-2111-
EU-000093

IN RE: THE MATTER
OF THE UNSUPERVISED
ESTATE
OF CAROLYN SKAGGS,
DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINIS-
TRATION

Notice is hereby given that
on the 3rd day of December,
2021, Lesia Sharpsteen was
appointed personal
representative of the Estate
of Carolyn Skaggs, deceased,
who died on the 27th day of
September, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis,
Indiana, this 3rd day of De-
cember, 2021.

/s/ Jill Taylor
Clerk of the Probate
Court of Shelby County
5320-934820

12/31/21,
01/07/22

The Passage Project
50 Shelby Street

The Passage project is a
four-story, 38-unit apartment
building located at 50 Shelby
Street, Indpls, IN, 46202.
The building is four stories of
wood construction with limited
structural steel to support the
second floor. The first floor in-
cludes residential apartment
units, leasing, amenities, and
a tenant space. Floors 2-4
include residential apartment
units, totaling 38 units for the
building. The exterior facade
consists of masonry, cementi-
tious siding, metal siding,
vinyl windows, storefront,
and associated trim features.
This scope also includes 1
dumpster enclosure, onsite
surface parking and all other
miscellaneous improvements
including all roads, utilities,
and other site features
within the project limits in
Indianapolis, Indiana. Project
is TAXABLE. Project is NOT
subject to prevailing wages.
It is the goal of the owner,
Englewood CDC, and CRG
to work with the MBE/WBE/
VBE/DOBE and Section 3
community and open up the
opportunity to be a part of
this project.

There will be a pre-bid
meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Janu-
ary 10th, 2022, at 57 N Rural
Street, Indpls, IN, 46201.
There will also be a VIRTUAL
pre-bid meeting at 2:00 p.m.
on January 10th, 2022. The
link to join this meeting is:
https://meet.google.com/tyo-
qxqj-qvo

All RFIs need emailed by
10:00 AM on January 13th,
2022. All bids should include
allowances for assumptions
as needed to be made for
complete turnkey. Signed Bid
Forms are a requirement to be
considered. Please designate
if your firm is an WBE/MBE/
VBE/DOBE company and if
your firm is a registered Sec-
tion 3 business.

BIDS ARE DUE JANUARY
24TH AT NOON EST to CRG
RESIDENTIAL.

If you have any questions
or for access to the bid
documents, contact Crystal
Adams via phone at (317)
626-2904 or email at cad-
ams@crgresidential.com.
5320-934663

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT
COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
) CAUSE NO. 29C01-2010-
DC-007147

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE
OF

CHRISTA BROOKE
THOMAS,
Petitioner,
and
LAWRENCE MAURICE
JAVAL THOMAS,
Respondent.
ORDER SETTING FINAL
HEARING

Petitioner, CHRISTA
BROOKS, by counsel,
LATOYA HIGHSAW, has
filed her Praecipe for Final
Hearing, being duly advised
in the premises, finds that
this matter should be set for
a final hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE OR-
DERED, ADJUDGED AND
DECREED that this matter
shall be, and hereby is, set
for a hearing at 9 o'clock a.m.
on the 10th day of January,
2022, for two (2) hours, in
Room No. 337.

SO ORDERED this No-
vember 30, 2021.

JUDGE, Hamilton Circuit
Court

Distribution:
LaToya Highsaw, MASSIL-
LAMANY JETER & CARSON,
LLP 11650 Lantern Road,
Ste. 204, Fishers, IN 46038

Lawrence Thomas, 9204
Knights Bridge Blvd., Unit
C, Indianapolis, IN 46240
5320-934409

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MDK # 21-024091

STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #4)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
) CAUSE NO. 49D04-2112-
MF-041502

Deutsche Bank National
Trust Company, as Trustee, in
trust for registered Holders of
Long Beach Mortgage Loan
Trust 2006-2, Asset-Backed
Certificates, Series 2006-2
Plaintiff,
vs.
Chelsea Anne Church, as
possible heir to the Estate of
Chandra Church AKA Chan-
dra L. Cary AKA Chandra L.
Cary-Church, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT SUM-
MONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs,

devisees, legatees, ben-
eficiaries of Chandra Church
AKA Chandra L. Cary AKA
Chandra L. Cary-Church
and their unknown creditors;
and, the unknown executor,
administrator, or personal
representative of the Estate of
Chandra Church AKA Chan-
dra L. Cary AKA Chandra L.
Cary-Church, FKA Chandra
L. Cary aka Chandra L. Cary-
Church;

BE IT KNOWN, that
Deutsche Bank National
Trust Company, as Trustee, in
trust for registered Holders of
Long Beach Mortgage Loan
Trust 2006-2, Asset-Backed
Certificates, Series 2006-2,
the above-named Plaintiff, by
its attorney, J. Dustin Smith,
has filed in the office of the
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court #4 its Complaint against
Defendant The Unknown
heirs, devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Chandra
Church AKA Chandra L. Cary
AKA Chandra L. Cary-Church
and their unknown creditors;
and, the unknown executor,
administrator, or personal
representative of the Estate of
Chandra Church AKA Chan-
dra L. Cary AKA Chandra L.
Cary-Church, FKA Chandra
L. Cary aka Chandra L. Cary-
Church, and the said Plaintiff
having also filed in said Clerk's
office the affidavit of a com-
petent person showing that
the residence and whereabouts of
the Defendant, The Unknown
heirs, devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Chandra
Church AKA Chandra L. Cary
AKA Chandra L. Cary-Church
and their unknown creditors;
and, the unknown executor,
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Cary-Church, FKA Chandra
L. Cary aka Chandra L. Cary-
Church, upon diligent inquiry
is unknown, and that said
cause of action is for default
on the promissory note and
to foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County, State
of Indiana, to wit:

A part of the Southwest
Quarter of Section 5, Town-
ship 15 North, Range 5 East,
in Marion County, Indiana, as
described as follows:

Commencing at a point
2,191.29 feet East and 394
feet North of the Southwest
corner of said Southwest
Quarter Section; thence East
parallel with the South line of
said Quarter Section, 475.9
feet to the East line of the
said Quarter Section; thence
North on said East line 93.5
feet; thence West parallel with
the South line thereof, 475.7
feet to the East line of the
adjacent Roadway; thence
South on said East line, 93.5
feet to the place of beginning.

commonly known as 119
South Bonar Ave, Indianapo-
lis, IN 46229.

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

Dated Clerk, Marion Super-
ior Court #4

J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhardt
(25071-06)

Nicholas M. Smith (31800-
15)

Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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manleydeasko.com
5320-934621

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN
THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT)
) SS: CIVIL DIVISION)
) COUNTY OF MARION)
) CAUSE NO. 49D09-2110-
DC-008563

IN RE THE MARRIAGE
OF:

SARAH GUADARRAMA
HERNANDEZ,
Petitioner,
And
EDVIN O. CACERES,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT - SUM-
MONS
SERVICE BY PUBLICA-
TION

The State of Indiana to the
Respondent above named
and any other person who may
be concerned. You are notified
that you have been sued in the
Court above named.

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

This summons by publica-
tion is specifically directed to
the following Respondent:
EDVIN O. CACERES

And to the following Re-
spondent whose where-
abouts are: Unknown

In addition to the above
Respondent being served by
this summons there may be
others who have an interest
in this lawsuit. If you do not
take any action in this case
after receipt of this

summons, the court can
make a determination re-
garding any of the following:
divorce and child custody
on or before the 6th day of
February, 2022 (the same
being within thirty (30) days
after the Third Notice of Suit).

DATE: November 23, 2021
ATTEST:
/s/ Tricia Mills
Tricia Mills, 35150-41
Attorney for the Petitioner
Indiana Legal Services, Inc.

1200 Madison Avenue,
Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46225
5320-934340

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Parking Garage Northside
Repairs - 2022

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written plan for a program to
test the contractor's employ-
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pus - Biochemistry Building
Main Electrical Distribution
Replacement - 2022

2. West Lafayette Cam-
pus - Chaffee Hall Second
Floor Main Office Renova-
tion - 2022

3. West Lafayette Campus
- Lynn Hall Rooms B19A,
B19B, and B196A Lab Renova-
tions - 2022

4. West Lafayette Cam-
pus - Mackey Arena Seating
Renovation - 2022

5. West Lafayette Campus
- Multiple Buildings Hot Water
Tank Replacement Phase II - 2022

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New Year's resolutions for those in the sporting world

By DANNY BRIDGES

Now that we've turned the page into 2022, I thought I'd be kind enough to offer some suggestions to those in this market and beyond on how they might improve things in the ever-evolving sports world.

To the good people at the Indiana Pacers, your owner is wrong, as it's clearly time to rebuild (not retool) the team. You didn't agree to pay Rick Carlisle over \$7 million annually to continue the floundering, so let him make all the basketball decisions and you'll reap the benefits his knowledge and experience can bring you in the transition.

This season is shot, so take a good, hard look at the young players you've called up from the G League and find out who can play at the NBA level.

Put all the players under contract for next year on notice that their ZIP code may very well be changing and field a team free of malcontents that will compete hard each night and who will leave everything on the floor.

COVID-19 and injuries are no longer

excuses for the mediocrity, so utilize the balance of this campaign to start the overhauling process.

For all those on West 56th Street, you also can use some shaking up. As the Colts prepare to sneak into the playoffs this week, it's time this offseason to seriously evaluate the performance of general manager Chris Ballard and head coach Frank Reich.

Those extensions you inked them to last August run through 2026, but they also contain buyouts, so perhaps reminding them that finishing in the middle of the pack isn't acceptable, despite the injuries and impact of COVID-19. Go out and get a legitimate No. 1 receiver and then determine if Carson Wentz is truly your quarterback after next season. Don't rush to extend Jonathan Taylor to a lucrative contract extension until he puts up another big season. Lastly, continue the quest for a left tackle who can answer the bell every Sunday.

Finally, to the people at the greatest racing facility in the world, please stay the course at the Indianapolis Motor

Speedway as you showcase the crown jewel of the NTT IndyCar Series every May.

Roger Penske doesn't need me to tell him anything, but I'll do it anyway. Continue to be a great steward for the improvement of environmental health in this community with your drive-thru facilities offering vaccinations and testing, as it's not just about race fans, but yet everyone who takes advantage of the available resources you are providing through partnerships with health care professionals.

Don't take your foot off the gas as you prepare for the safest possible Indianapolis 500 that will hopefully be green-lit for another capacity crowd.

Make it a priority to set the standard for fan safety and provide the respite the racing community is starving for.

You can do it, and everyone is watching you, so in typical Penske fashion, do a first-class job of protecting those who are anxious to reembrace the greatness that is 16th and Georgetown for all the races you will present this season.

To all you who read my offerings regu-

larly, I wish you a prosperous new year as well.

Keep emailing me and telling me what I'm wrong about as your patronage to this newspaper gives you that right and then some. My skin is pretty thick so have at it, as I truly enjoy those who question my knowledge and sanity.

Finally, to those who tolerate me at the Indianapolis Recorder, I hope you'll give me yet another year. I'm just a sports hack, but you folks report the facts. On my best day I'm simply a writer, but you good people are journalists, so continue to keep that sacred obligation close to the vest, as I'm out here searching for something less significant.

Don't compromise when it's a difficult story to report, and continue to hold people accountable every day with what you write. We're accustomed to that and counting on you to do it.

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Georgia vs. Alabama: What else did you expect?

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Are you getting tired of seeing the same familiar faces in the college football national championship? Think the SEC has too strong of a grip on the season finale every year? Fine, but don't be the person who looks away and then wishes they hadn't.

Alabama (13-1, No. 1 seed) and Georgia (13-1, No. 3 seed) will play for the national championship Jan. 10 in Indianapolis. It will be a rematch of the SEC championship, where Alabama dismantled the Bulldogs' stout defense, as well as a rematch of the 2018 national title game, which Alabama also won in overtime.

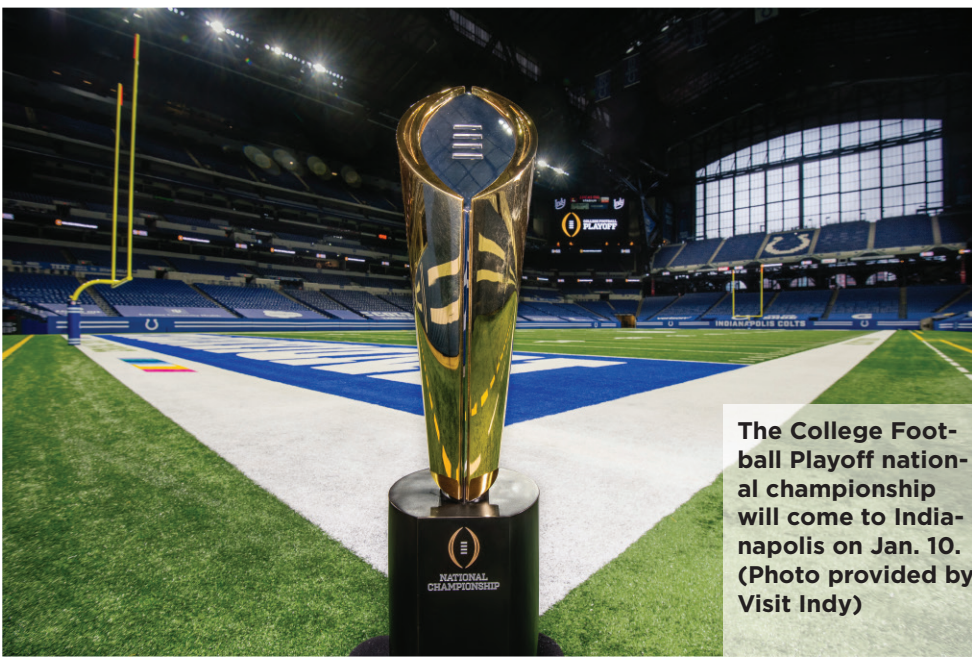
Gripe all you want, but the goal of the College Football Playoff is to pit the game's two best teams against each other. Did it not work?

How they got here

Alabama and Georgia breezed through their semifinal games on New Year's Eve. The Crimson Tide handled No. 4 seed Cincinnati 27-6; the Bulldogs took care of No. 2 seed Michigan 34-11. There was little doubt about the result of both games by halftime.

A dominant showing was more important for Georgia, which was coming off of its first loss of the season against Alabama in the conference title game, a 41-24 undoing at the hands of eventual Heisman-winning quarterback Bryce Young.

The road to the playoff was on some-



The College Football Playoff national championship will come to Indianapolis on Jan. 10. (Photo provided by Visit Indy)

what shaky ground for the Tide heading into that SEC championship, then ranked third by the CFP committee.

Alabama was a one-loss team (a 41-38 heartbreaker at Texas A&M in October) and regarded as one of Nick Saban's more vulnerable teams.

The Bulldogs' fate was hardly in doubt. They fielded the most dominant defense all season to go along with an offense that, even if not exciting by today's standards, ranks third in points per play.

Keys to the game

Georgia needs to keep Young from pulling off another career game — or hope he forgets his Superman cape in

the locker room. Alabama hardly ran the ball against the Bulldogs last time, opting for an aerial attack that saw Young to 421 passing yards and four total touchdowns (one rushing).

Georgia has playmakers all over its defense, but the best of them are in the front seven: speedy linebacker Nakobe Dean and 360-pound nose tackle Jordan Davis. Against Michigan, a team that prided itself on a physical running game, Georgia gave up only 3.4 yards per carry and came up with four sacks.

Somehow making Alabama play into that strength could turn the game into more of the slugfest style the Bulldogs would prefer.

Alabama will be without one of its

main playmakers in wide receiver John Metchie, who tore his ACL in the SEC title game, but the Tide aren't hurting for players who can make a difference. Aside from Young, wide receiver Jameson Williams and running back Brian Robinson Jr. are plenty enough keep Georgia's hands full.

The Bulldogs' defensive secondary isn't a pushover, but Saban's offense already made its money there once and will likely try doing it again for another trophy.

'Once again' or 'at long last'?

Alabama is going for back-to-back national championships for the second time under Saban and its seventh overall since he took over in 2007. Three of those titles have come in the CFP era, including last season.

Georgia hasn't won a national championship since 1980, well before an actual championship game was introduced. In their last opportunity against Alabama in 2018, the Bulldogs were outscored 20-7 in the second half and lost in overtime on a 41-yard pass from Tua Tagovailoa to DeVonta Smith.

If Georgia wins this time, it will be the first No. 3 seed to win a title in the CFP era. No. 1 seeds have won twice.

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Colts lose to Raiders



Colts defender Isaiah Rogers goes up for an interception over DeSean Jackson of the Las Vegas Raiders. (Photos/David Dixon)



Colts RB Jonathan Taylor set the single-season rushing record for the Colts with 1,710 yards.

Hall of Fame Classic



Westfield won the 2021 Hall of Fame Classic, defeating Cathedral 74-63 on Dec. 30, 2021. (Photo/David Dixon)

Pacers lose final game of '21



Pacers guard Caris LeVert attempts a pass during Indiana's 108-106 loss to the Bulls on Dec. 31, 2021. (Photo/Walt Thomas)