

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Teen dating violence more common than most realize



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The pandemic has taken many things from people over the last two years, but one thing it gave Aaliyah Barnett was time.

The high school senior could reflect on her relationship with a boyfriend and recognize it for what it was: emotionally abusive.

“It was definitely hard coming to terms with it,” Barnett said.

That’s because she didn’t yet know how common her experiences were among her classmates and even friends. Once Barnett started sharing what was happening to her, others said they were going through the same thing.

It also took Barnett time to understand the things she dealt with — her boyfriend calling her names, saying she didn’t love him if she wouldn’t do certain things — were abusive.

“I don’t know what qualifies,” Barnett said as she reflected on that time, “because no one takes it as seriously as they do with adults.”

Teen dating violence, whether physical or psychological, is more common than most realize.

Love is Respect, a project of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, reports 1 in 3 girls in the U.S. is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a partner, and studies suggest young Black women report higher rates of teen dating violence.

It’s commonly cited that only about 33% of teen victims tell anyone about the abuse.

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Aaliyah Barnett, a senior at Arsenal Technical High School, used time alone at the start of the pandemic to recognize she was in an abusive relationship and is now part of a teen group to address violence. (Photo provided by Aaliyah Barnett)

Danyette Smith named director of domestic violence programming

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Danyette Smith was named the city’s director of domestic violence programming for the Office of Public Health and Safety earlier this year. In this role, she’ll work to get domestic violence survivors connected with agencies that provide shelter and other services.

This isn’t a huge shift for Smith. She founded the nonprofit Silent No More in 2014 after leaving an abusive relationship. Through her organization, Smith has already been doing the work she’ll do for the city.

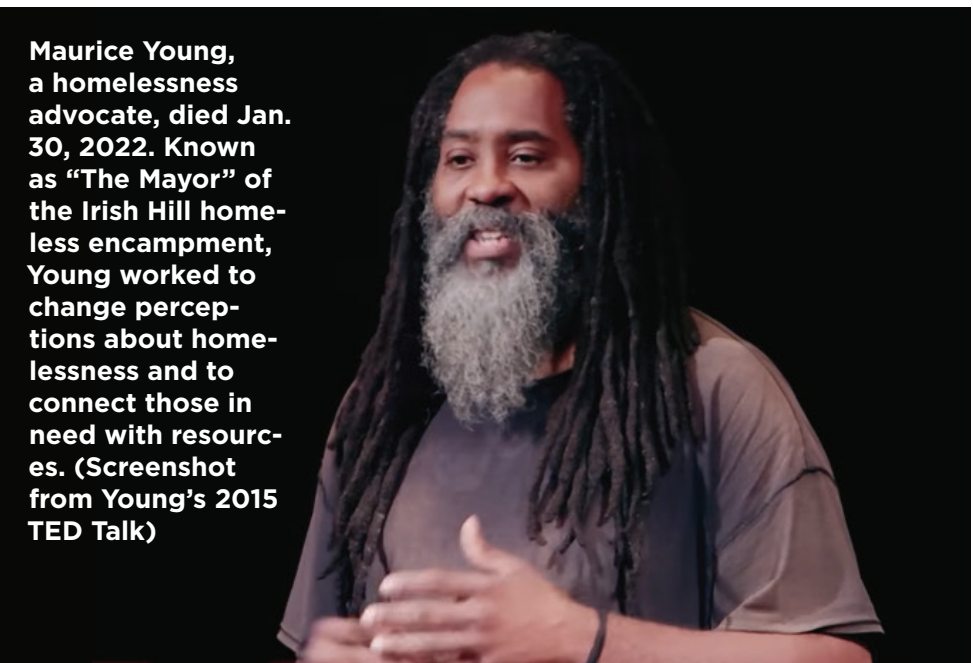
The new position comes at a time when rates of domestic violence in Indiana are soaring. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the rate of domestic violence-related homicides in the state has increased 100% according to data from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This is, in part, due to victims being isolated with their abuser during shelter-in-place mandates and because many shelters and service providers had to stop taking new clients.

Black women are disproportionately affected by violence nationwide. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women in America experience the highest rate of homicide — 4.4 per 100,000 women. Roughly 55% of these homicides stemmed from domestic violence.

While Smith doesn’t know if the end of the pandemic will lead to a decrease in domestic violence cases, she’s confident that her



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Maurice Young, a homelessness advocate, died Jan. 30, 2022. Known as “The Mayor” of the Irish Hill homeless encampment, Young worked to change perceptions about homelessness and to connect those in need with resources. (Screenshot from Young’s 2015 TED Talk)

Maurice Young, advocate known as ‘gentle giant,’ dies

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Maurice Young described himself as “homeless by design.”

After a divorce in 2011, Young decided to stay in a shelter for a while to do some self-reflection. That experience marked a turning point in his life, and from that day on Young worked as an advocate for the homeless community.

Young died Jan. 30. He was 53.

In his 2015 TED Talk, Young described feeling troubled by the treatment of those seeking shelter, and he helped them find resources and apply for jobs. Doing this work, Young said, was his calling.

“A quote that resonates with me is from the writer Mark Twain: ‘The two

most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you know why,’” Young said during his presentation. “When I moved myself to that shelter, I was allowing myself to be planted ... by putting the needs of others before myself, I became grounded and rooted in something wonderful.”

Sometime in 2011, Young oversaw the Irish Hill encampment at Davidson and Maryland streets, where he was affectionately referred to as “The Mayor.” The camp was dismantled by the city in 2013, and Young was one of five people arrested for obstructing justice. Young refused to leave, wanting to make sure those staying in the camp had a place to go. The charge was eventually dropped.

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‘WE ARE THE COMMON PEOPLE’: Most redistricting forums see low turnout

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One by one, hands shot into the air during a redistricting forum at Crispus Attucks High School on Feb. 8, easily marking the highest level of in-person community engagement since the campaign started in January.

The forums, run by Engaging Solutions, are meant to give the Indianapolis City-County Council an idea of residents’ priorities as councilors begin redrawing districts. Not everyone stayed strictly on topic in Crispus Attucks’ auditorium — some took the opportunity to complain about too much trash in their neighborhood or ask why more councilors didn’t show up — but it was a stark contrast from other forums where the public comment period lasted only a few minutes.

“I was really happy to see the turnout,”

said Victoria Babb, an IT project manager who spoke during the meeting. “Very happy to hear people actually speak about their concerns.”

A week earlier, Courtney Kendrick sat in a mostly empty room at Decatur Township School for Excellence. She was one a few people who spoke at the podium.

Kendrick, a flight attendant who lives in the Arlington Woods neighborhood, learned about the forums through an email and thought it was something she’d be interested in.

“We are the common people,” she said. “We are the numbers that turn out these decisions.”

Redistricting is a dry topic. When someone gets up to speak at a forum, there’s a decent chance they’ll mention that they’re affiliated with one of the political parties somehow or are run-

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LAST REDISTRICTING FORUM
The last redistricting forum is 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center Gymnasium, 2990 W. 71st St. Masks must be worn at all times.

The redistricting forum Feb. 8, 2022, at Crispus Attucks High School saw a higher turnout and more engagement than forums in other parts of Marion County. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

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7th annual Celebration of Black History at Crown Hill

Dr. Virginia A. Caine, director of Marion County Public Health Department, received the Julia Carson Community Award during Crown Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery’s 7th annual Celebration of Black History. Yoshanda Glazebrooks welcomed everyone, and Rev. Philip James, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, led the prayer. Soloist Dr. Eric Yancy led the audience in singing “Lift Every Voice.” Rikia Coleman received the Mortuary Science Student, Mid-America College of Funeral Services Scholarship. Alpha Blackburn, philanthropist, fashion and interior designer, was the master of ceremonies. Tony Evans closed the program. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



Andrea Scott, district director at Congressman Andre Carson’s office, presented the Julia Carson Community Award to Dr. Virginia Caine.



Rikia Coleman



Rev. Philip James

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Barnett is one who’s opened up about her experiences. She recently joined a group called Tru Dialogue 6, which hosts meetings for teens to talk about the different types of violence they might experience and how to solve those problems.

Getting a big-picture look at teen dating violence across the country is one thing, but it can be more difficult to figure out what’s happening locally.

Danyette Smith, the city’s first director of domestic violence programming, said one reason for that is because some information about minors can be kept private, but she also said teens may not even recognize they’re in an abusive relationship.

Signs of teen dating violence include social media abuse (forcing a partner to share their password, for example), cutting off communication from family and friends, trying to keep financial control over a partner, and other emotional and physical abuse.

Smith said teen dating violence is “like a baby to domestic violence.” She said being exposed to domestic violence as a child makes you more likely to either be

an abuser or a victim of domestic violence.

Lindsay Stawick, associate director at Domestic Violence Network, has bolstered the organization’s teen dating violence program in the 7 1/2 years she’s been there and said outreach is different for teens than it is for adults.

The organization focuses on prevention and spends four days in a classroom talking about what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like and how to take advantage of resources. The curriculum also includes an overview of Title IX, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education, including sexual harassment and violence.

Stawick said it’s common for teens to stay silent about their abuse and not report it, something the organization sees a lot of in classrooms.

“You’re hearing story after story of this happening,” she said.

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TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PANEL

The Recorder and WFYI will host a virtual panel discussion about teen dating violence.

- When: 7 p.m. Feb. 10
- Where: Indianapolis Recorder Facebook page

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• Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Domestic Violence Network
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Love is Respect
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Indiana pre-K students see academic benefits through fourth grade, study shows

By **STEPHANIE WANG**
Chalkbeat Indiana

Advocates are cheering the first studies on Indiana’s prekindergarten voucher program, highlighting the potential lasting academic benefits while also noting areas for improvement.

A long-term study of On My Way Pre-K found its students were better prepared for kindergarten and scored slightly higher on ILEARN than children from similar low-income backgrounds. But the research also raised questions about the state’s child care rating system, a cornerstone of On My Way Pre-K meant to ensure quality.

A second report from a new kindergarten readiness assessment showed children in On My Way Pre-K programs met national targets for 29% of literacy skills and 40% of math skills, suggesting that they have not fully caught up to students from higher income families. The assessment also identified disparities between students of different races.

“We believe that it shows us that yes, we’re on the right path, but there are opportunities to build on that,” said Anne Valentine, vice president of government relations for the United Way of Central Indiana. “The fact that On My Way students outperformed on school readiness and literacy — that alone is an excellent start for those families.”

Valentine, who leads Indiana’s Early Education Works coalition of about 40 businesses and organizations, said she hopes the results help persuade lawmakers that “the investment with the state is worth it.”

One state official emphasized that the longitudinal study did not find that the effects of pre-K fade over time, a concern that’s been raised in other places, including Tennessee.

“I am very thrilled to see students who saw benefits well beyond their first year of school,” said Nicole Norvell, director of the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning.

Indiana lawmakers, who have taken a cautious approach to pre-K, required the longitudinal study when they initially approved the funding.



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On My Way Pre-K launched in 2015, subsidizing the cost for low-income families to send their 4-year-olds to the early education provider of their choice. Licensed centers, schools, churches and home providers could participate if they reached either of the two highest quality levels in the state’s voluntary child care rating system.

As it expanded statewide, the pre-K program has faced challenges in raising awareness among families and increasing the number of eligible providers and available seats.

This school year, On My Way Pre-K reached its highest enrollment with about 4,800 students. The state sets aside \$22 million each year for pre-K, with \$1 million earmarked for an online program.

The longitudinal study followed the first class of On My Way Pre-K students over five years and compared their outcomes to other economically disadvantaged children who attended lower quality or unrated programs. Researchers are also tracking a sec-

ond cohort currently in fourth grade.

The report recommends training to improve instructional quality and better connect pre-K to kindergarten. It also suggests further examining the state’s child care rating system, known as Paths to Quality.

Despite the expectation that On My Way Pre-K would have higher quality classrooms, researchers didn’t find a significant difference with the comparison group in lower rated or unrated programs. Using a method to evaluate teacher-child interactions, both pre-K and kindergarten classrooms scored low in instructional support and in the mid-quality range for classroom organization and emotional support.

Researchers also found the quality of programs varied widely within the same Paths to Quality level.

Norvell, the state’s early childhood director, said the state needs to work on improving instruction through professional development and “strengthen the system we have for quality.” But she also noted that the

quality evaluation didn’t necessarily consider factors such as how long a program had been established or how experienced its teachers were.

Early Learning Indiana, an advocacy group, is currently studying quality in classrooms across the state as part of a project with the National Institute for Early Education Research.

“We need to better understand the true drivers of quality and make sure we have a system that’s looking at the right things,” said Early Learning Indiana President and CEO Maureen Weber.

Advocates agreed strengthening Paths to Quality is a clear next step for early education, as well as increasing access to high-quality seats, particularly in rural areas.

“This is our chance to get it absolutely right for children before they go to kindergarten, so there’s more work to do,” Weber said.


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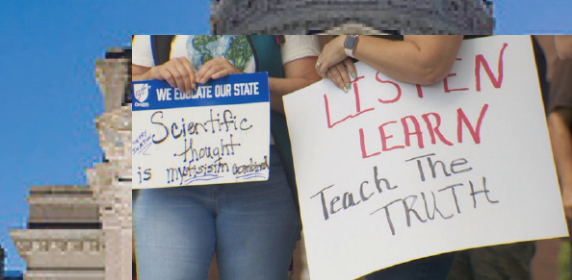

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Storytellers hope to give audience perspective, inspiration

By TYLER FENWICK
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Two professional storytellers will come to Indianapolis to share personal stories about family, race, poverty and struggle.

The storytellers, Carol Birch and Ray Christian, will perform “My Storied Life” at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St. Attendees will be required to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask. There is also a virtual option on Zoom.

Christian, who lives in North Carolina, will tell stories that he hopes make people appreciate the different facets of a person’s life that can seem contradictory from the outside.

Christian is Black and grew up in poverty in Richmond, Virginia, during the 1960s and ‘70s, so people like to tell him he’s had a hard life. But Christian also found success in academics — he’s currently a university professor — and served in the Army. Those three truths can be difficult for some people to reconcile.

The point isn’t to make his story relatable to everyone, Christian said, but people should learn to appreciate the human experience for what it is.

“That’s about as much empathy as you can ask for from an audience,” he said.

Christian considers himself a lifelong storyteller but said he got into it more professionally about eight years ago.

“You live the life first, then you talk about it,” he said.

Birch will focus on her parents: a “spirited” father and a mother who was a “fighter in her own way,” as she described them.

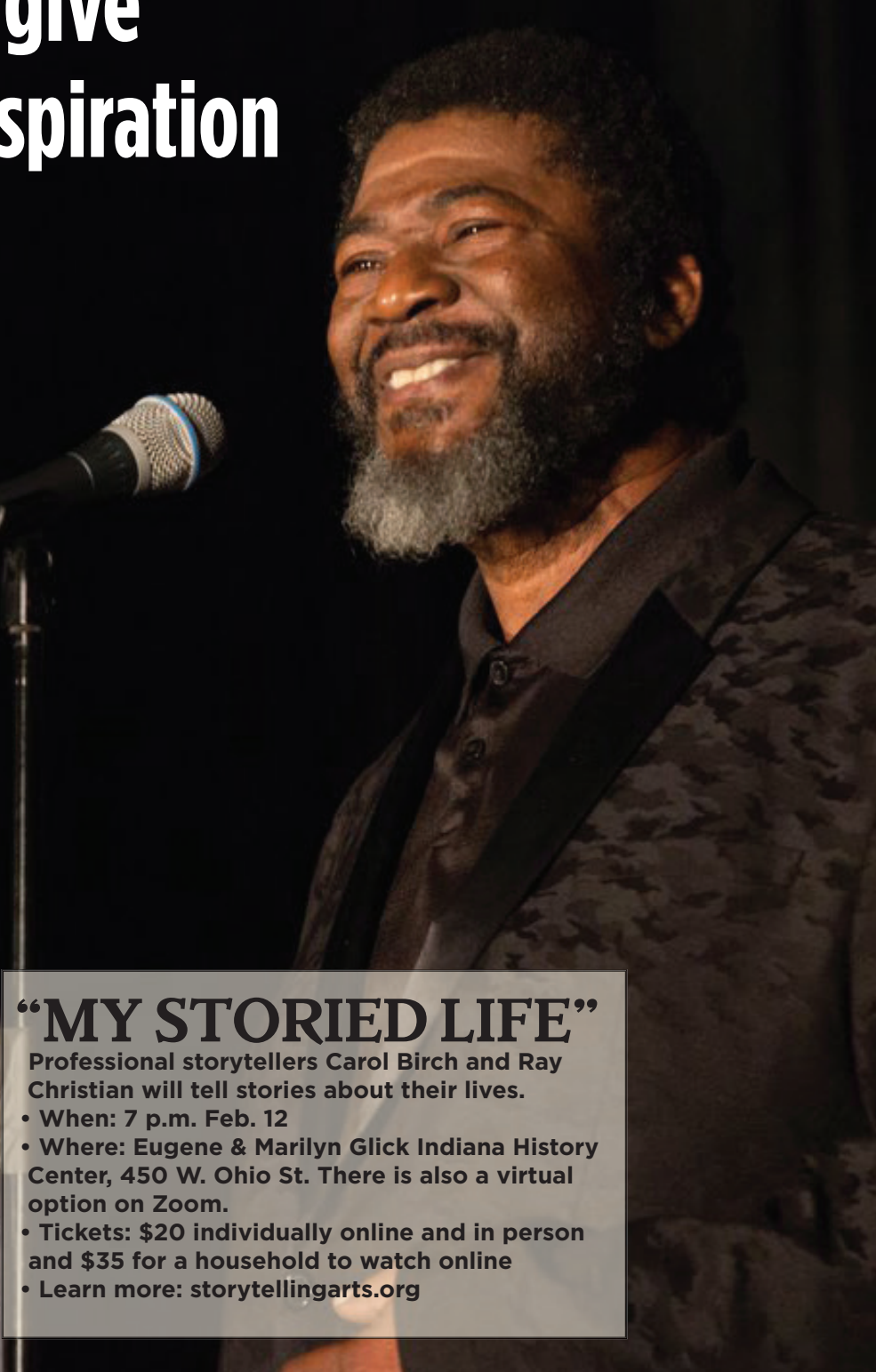
Birch said her father had a strong sense of what was right and wrong, and he lived by that to a degree that was sometimes puzzling. She said he once punched a nun in fourth grade because she wanted to punish the whole class for being bad when really it was only a few students who were responsible.

Birch said she hopes the audience comes away with a desire to tell stories about their own families.

“Storytelling is story triggering,” she said. “I want them to feel inspired.”

The performance is presented by Storytelling Arts of Indiana. Tickets are \$20 individually online and in person and \$35 for a household to watch online. Learn more and purchase tickets at storytellingarts.org.

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Ray Christian (Photo provided by Storytelling Arts of Indiana)

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‘Moonfall’



Halle Berry and Patrick Willson in “Moonball”

By DWIGHT BROWN
NNPA News Wire Film Critic

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The title spills the beans. In this sci-fi yarn, the filmmakers weren’t happy enough with a natural disaster: the moon hurtling toward Earth. They had to add an outrageous AI storyline that makes what could have been a worthy, mildly plausible, catastrophic and action-filled movie a joke.

The idea for this lunar drama is the brainchild of director Roland Emmerich (“Independence Day,” “The Day After Tomorrow”), who can produce big-budget disaster films in his sleep. We take the moon/planets for granted and assume they’ll stay put in our solar system forever. But what if that assumption goes askew? The moon on a collision course with Earth has built-in apocalyptic implications — plot devices that are the foundations for countless action and adventure films. And, in these days of COVID-19 where nations mobilized in global ways, a universal call for action — or else — could capture the imagination of genre-loving moviegoers.

NASA deputy director Jocinda ‘Jo’ Fowler (Halle Berry, “Monster’s Ball”) and astronaut Brian Harper (Patrick Wilson, “Aquaman,” “Midway”) were once on an outer space mission in 2011. An incident, where some mysterious force enveloped them, caused a crew member to die. Harper was blamed for the death and booted from NASA. Fowler kept her job and was promoted.

Years later, in 2021, the moon seems to be off course and descending. The first to spot the danger is a pudgy, out-cast space nerd, KC Houseman (John Bradley, “Game of Thrones”), who whines to his elderly mother: “No one will listen to me.” Mom: “Then make them!” An emergency, last-minute mission is slated to correct the lunar nightmare. Fowler, Harper and the unlikely KC go on a journey in a mothballed space shuttle to save humankind. Cue gravity waves, tsunamis and perilous escape attempts.

If the script, by Emmerich, Harald Kloser (“The Day After Tomorrow”) and Spenser Cohen, had left well enough alone it might not have drawn snickers and side-eyes from audi-



Halle Berry in “Moonfall”

ences. As is, the far-fetched storytelling becomes ridiculous and dumb. Adding a “mysterious intelligent enmity” to the equation, conspiracies about the 1969 moon landing and other junk doesn’t elevate the scary premise — it devalues it.

Extensive special effects pour on sci-fi elements that help distract attention from the tacky narrative and keep eyeballs glued to the screen. Some shots of outer space and inside the moon are stunning (cinematographer Robby Baumgartner, “There Will Be Blood,” “The Hunger Games”). The use of sounds (Phil Brewster, theatrical mix tec) and blaring music (Harald Kloser and Thomas Wanker) whip emotions into a frenzy.

Minus a few lapses in timing (editors Ryan Stevens Harris and Adam Wolfe), the 2 hour 20 minute run time doesn’t feel long at all — even as the film rolls into ACT IV. Spaceship interiors and NASA observations rooms are dazzling (production design Kirk M. Petrucci, “Blade,” “The Incredible Hulk”). Tidal waves too. But too many of the Earth scenes look incredibly fake (bogus snowy mountain locations).

Most gaps in the energy level can be blamed on an overabundance of secondary characters and a threadbare “broken families” gimmick that flounders: Brian’s son (Charlie Plummer), ex-wife (Carolina Bartczak) and son’s stepdad (Michael Peña). Jo’s young son (Zayn Maloney), his nanny (Kelly Yu) and Jo’s ex (Eme Ikwuakor). Despite clichéd dialogue, Berry is solid, Wilson is suitably rebellious and Bradley, as the “sky is falling” oddball, makes a surprising anti-hero that folks may like.

What could have been a respectable sci-fi/adv/fan film may end up winning Razzie awards. It didn’t have to be that way. Why reach for the stars when the moon is enough?

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As COVID hammers hospitals, it’s become all COVID all the time for some doctors-in-training



Dr. Mirian Okoye, a third year family medicine resident, sits at Methodist Hospital typing patient notes and taking calls about COVID-19 patients she’s been deployed to care for. She plans to do a fellowship in sports medicine next year. Her residency experience has been unusual because of pandemic disruptions. Family medicine residents like Okoye have been deployed for extended periods of time to care for COVID-19 patients. This means they are pulled away from their regular family medicine electives and rotations, and have less time, if any, to pursue electives in things such sports medicine or gender affirming procedures and others. (Photo by Farah Yousry)

BY FARAH YOUSRY

When Dr. Clare Prohaska started her pulmonary and critical care fellowship training at Indiana University, she had big plans. She wanted to shore up her clinical knowledge about lung diseases and had just received a research grant to explore the molecular underpinnings of high blood pressure that affects the lungs and heart.

But just a few months into her fellowship in 2020, the pandemic hit and her plans were upended. Two out of her three years as a fellow have been consumed by caring for COVID-19 patients in the intensive care unit. “We’ve all become experts at telling people their loved ones are gonna die,” she said.

At the start of the pandemic, Prohaska kept a tally of how many families she had to tell their loved ones died. Now, she has lost count and that scares her.

It takes years for anyone to become an independent physician. After medical school, doctors get hands-on, specialized training during their

residencies. Many go on to complete a subspecialized fellowship before they are certified to practice medicine without supervision.

Across the U.S., many graduate medical education program supervisors are concerned about disruptions to the training their residents and fellows are receiving, according to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, which sets the training standards for U.S. residency and fellowship programs.

“We’re not really being trained to be pulmonary and critical care physicians,” Prohaska said. “We’re being trained to be COVID physicians.”

THE GREATEST ICU DOCTORS OF ALL TIME, BUT AT WHAT COST?

Hospitals across the country have been slammed with a rise in COVID-19-related hospitalizations for weeks.

Prohaska works at IU Health’s Methodist Hospital, where 100% of the hospital’s 890 inpatient beds and 238 ICU beds were in use as of Jan. 24.

Indiana hospitalization rates are at 47 cases per 100,000 people, compared to 46 nationally, according to the latest data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Statewide, 32% of ICU beds are in use for COVID-19 patients in Indiana, compared to a little over a quarter of ICU beds nationally.

Death rates in Indiana are 1.6 times the national average. The state trails the national vaccination rate with only 56% of the eligible population fully vaccinated compared to 63% nationally.

Residents and fellows often bear the brunt of a hospital’s clinical work — and for good reason. It’s how they get hands-on clinical experience on a variety of cases, under the supervision of more experienced physicians.

But because of the onslaught of COVID-19 cases, Prohaska and her colleagues have had far less time than residents during pre-pandemic times to focus on gaining important clinical and research experiences.

Dr. Gabriel Bosslet, the director of the pulmonary and critical care fel-

lowship at IU and Prohaska’s mentor, said the experiences of young medical trainees the past two years are ones for the history books.

“The current generation of intensive care unit trainees will be some of the best trained in advanced, severe acute lung disease than we’ve ever had,” Bosslet said. “Is that good in a way? Yes. But I’ll be honest, the return on investment for the amount of additional knowledge they’re gaining with every additional COVID-19 patient they’re seeing at this point is very, very minimal.”

In other words, there are only so many new skills you can gain when it’s all COVID-19, all the time.

Bosslet said pulmonary and critical care trainees are fulfilling the requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education — the body that certifies residency and fellowship programs. But he still worries about what they’re missing out on: providing outpatient care for people with lung conditions, lung cancer screenings and other procedures that have been canceled every time COV-

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ID-19 cases have surged. Lately, close to 60% of the ICU patients at Methodist Hospital are COVID-19, said Bosslet.

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Not all medical specialties have been pulled into COVID-19 wards. In fact, only 6% of trainees at the IU School of Medicine have had to be pulled away from their specialty to cover for COVID-19 patients, according to the IU graduate medical education office.

While 6% seems small, the concern over how this affects doctors’ training grows the longer the pandemic drags on.

The situation inside hospitals in Indiana is the worst it’s ever been, Bosslet said.

Lately, more general surgery residents at IU have been deployed to help care for COVID-19 patients than at any point during the pandemic, according to Dr. Jennifer Choi, the program director of IU’s general surgery residency.

On top of that, hospitals around the globe have canceled non-emergency, elective surgeries to make room for COVID-19 cases. It’s terrible news for patients who have to wait indefinitely to address their health concerns — and it also means there are fewer surgeries for residents to attend and learn from.

“Our senior residents are still getting the experience they need,” because they started their training before the pandemic hit, Choi said. “But our more junior level residents ... are being pretty negatively impacted by the pandemic.”

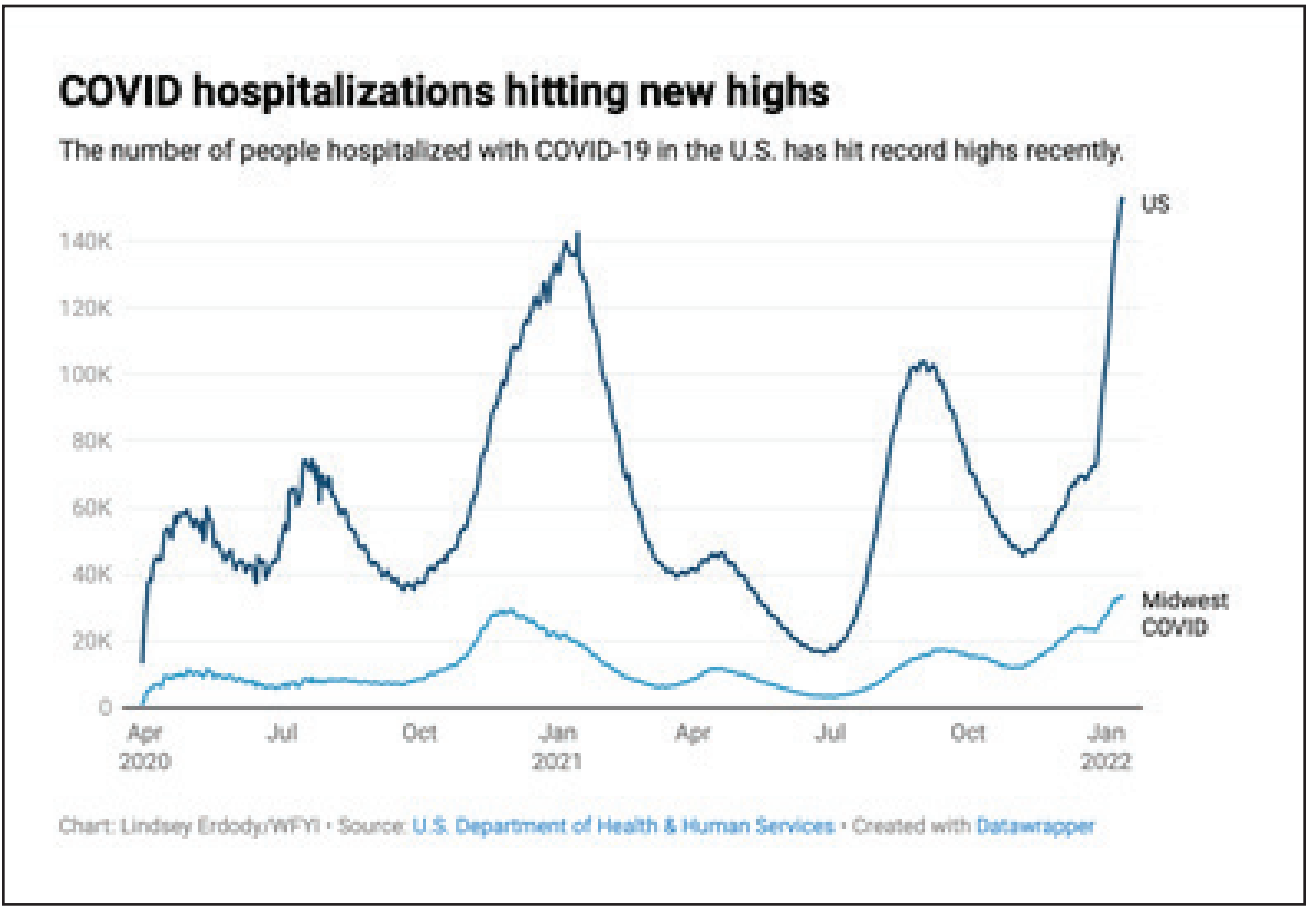
Choi expects the impact of the pandemic on medical residency training won’t be fully seen for at least a few years. General surgery residency is a five-year training program. This means that those who are halfway through their training now have spent most of their training during the pandemic with all the disruptions it brought.

That’s not to say that pandemic-era medical trainees will be less competent doctors and surgeons. But Choi said there is merit to the concern that some of the junior residents may not be able to fulfill the national residency graduation requirements.

Her residency program has employed strategies to ensure this does not happen. For example, they carry out “skills labs,” using human cadavers instead of patients.

But operating on a cadaver is not like operating on a real patient with a warm beating heart whose family is waiting for them to come back home.

“I think it’s affecting graduate confidence, perhaps more than graduate competence,” Choi said. “But they do go hand in hand with someone’s ability to function at a high level once they leave training.”



Senior resident Dr. Mirian Okoye, who is in a three-year family medicine program, is dealing with the tradeoffs of training mostly during the pandemic. She went into family medicine because she values the relationships she can build with patients.

“I like seeing kids. I like seeing people my age. I like seeing older patients and being able to have that established relationship with them from birth all the way up to getting older and kind of being super familiar with the family dynamic,” Okoye said.

Since the pandemic hit, most of the patient encounters have turned virtual and national licensing agencies don’t count virtual visits as part of the required

“continuation of care” caseload. So, while Dr. Okoye and her co-residents saw many patients virtually throughout the pandemic, this work will not count toward their required residency work. “It was frustrating, for sure. But these patients needed to be seen anyway,” Okoye said.

Because IU Health hospitals are the only hospitals in the state associated with a medical school, the number of cases trainees get to see is huge compared to many others across the country. In fact, IU surgical residency graduates typically exceed the required number of cases by a margin of up to 25%, Choi said, which makes her and other program directors more assured that IU

residents will manage to catch up.

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At the start of the pandemic doctors and health care workers were put on a pedestal and praised as heroes. As the pandemic has dragged on, public sentiment has shifted, and patient encounters have become more adversarial than before, according to Dr. Brock McMillen, the family medicine residency program director at IU.

In 2020, the attitude was: “You’re heroes, thank you for your service,” he said. And now,

it’s more like: “Why’s my food cold? Work harder.”

It’s particularly hard for young trainees who are doing work they did not sign up for when they embarked on their training, McMillen said. Prohaska said fighting to save patients’ lives isn’t even the hardest part.

One patient, who Prohaska said doctors tried “every trick in the book” to save, was put on ECMO, a machine that bypasses the heart and lungs to deliver oxygen to the blood directly, for days. The doctors knew he would not survive but the family refused to take him off the machines, which are in high demand. That meant other critically ill patients could not use them.

“The patient died. But his wife was just like, ‘it wasn’t from COVID.’ And I was like, ‘Excuse me? This is 100% COVID that did this.’ And she just didn’t believe it,” Prohaska said.

The family was upset with her and her colleagues, which Prohaska said she understands to be misplaced grief.

“I do not expect them to thank me,” she said. “But I do get upset when they try arguing with me about vaccines, or, you know, asking for ivermectin when the person is maxed out on the ventilator, and we’re doing everything we possibly can. Things like that insult me.”

Bosslet said lately, the ICU at IU Health’s Methodist Hospital has been operating at more than twice the usual capacity, and he estimates that nine out of 10 aren’t vaccinated.

It’s “to the point where we don’t even ask anymore whether they’re vaccinated,” Bosslet said. “And there is a level of difficulty that comes from knowing that these people didn’t have to be here. So that creates a level of compassion fatigue that is very powerful.”

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SMITH

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experience in domestic violence advocacy will help more women feel comfortable in coming forward.

“I think it will help to a large extent because the community trusts me,” Smith said. “They know I have the community’s best interest at heart. It’s beyond a job. It’s trying to help the city of Indianapolis and ... getting the survivors and victims what they need based on the relationships we build.”

Smith became involved in domestic violence advocacy work just months after leaving an abusive partner, in part because she found it was difficult to find the resources needed after leaving a violent situation. Often, she said, domestic violence gets “swept under the rug,” and it isn’t always clear what assistance is available to survivors.

In her new role with the city, she’ll work with members of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department to streamline domestic violence assistance. She and her team — which consists of three advocates — will patrol communities and work directly with victims and survivors of domestic violence to help find resources. The goal is to create partnerships between domestic violence agencies to decrease the number of agencies someone must go to for assistance, whether that’s employment, housing assistance or other necessities.

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YOUNG

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Kim Boyd, founder of Helping Others Prosper Economically (HOPE) Team, met Young shortly after the encampment closed. She asked Young to speak at a HOPE Team monthly meeting and was moved by his work to change the perception of homelessness.

“He was the last soldier to stand there at the camp to try and ensure that everybody that was affected by that closing had someplace else to go,” Boyd said. “He was truly the mayor of the homeless and a tireless advocate till the very end for his homeless brothers and sisters.”

Through his work at the encampment, Young met Sandy Jeffers, director of Pathway to Recovery, a nonprofit helping people struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues find housing. When she visited the encampment, Jeffers said what she saw was different than the negative portrayal she saw in the media.

“I saw Maurice doing a professional orientation with a Caucasian woman who had just been dropped off and it was her first time experiencing homelessness,” Jeffers said. “He had this white board showing her this is when the meals are and what ministries showed up on what day and was explaining everything about living there. ... He was handling this with more compassion and professionalism that what I’ve seen in agencies, and I was taken aback by the respect and how he was interacting with people.”

Jeffers worked with Young on several projects through the years, including an annual presentation for nursing students at Marian University. Jeffers’ part of the presentation focused on substance abuse disorder,

while Young’s portion discussed the causes of homelessness and how the community can care for their neighbors in need. What struck Jeffers the most about Young, she said, was his tendency to put others before himself.

“We loved Maurice and want to honor his legacy,” Jeffers said. “Maurice was just a gentle giant, people loved him.”

Young could often be found at IUPUI University Library — where he created the monthly newsletter “The Voice,” which amplified the voices of homeless community members and shared information on resources including shelters and food pantries. He also spent time at Indianapolis Public Library’s Central branch throughout the week, passing out sack lunches and helping people sign up for health care.

Tom Probasco, a retired employee of Central library, said it’s impossible to know how many people Young helped at the library. Whenever he saw Young, he was always surrounded by people.

“I remember one time, he told me that some people just need someone to talk to,” Probasco said. “They were comfortable with him. ... He just exuded warmth. I don’t know how else to say it. He was somebody that I really admired, and I just really miss him and am sorry to hear he’s gone.”

Don Reed, who has done advocacy work with groups such as Freedom Indiana and Faith in Indiana, met Young through Jeffers. In the five years he knew him, Reed said Young’s work was unique because he could advocate for people effectively since he had firsthand experience with what they were going through.

“That was his gift. That’s why he chose to

remain homeless,” Reed said. “He thought that he could help them by being where they’re at. ... He was very kind and very gentle, and he was willing to give anything he had to help people. I knew him on a very personal level, and his laugh and smile were infectious. He was a great human being, and I can’t explain how much I loved him.”

Following Young’s death, Reed is concerned about what homelessness advocacy in Indianapolis will look like. Nobody, he said, has the expertise and sincerity that Young exhibited.

Jeffers said people can continue Young’s work by following the principles he did and continuing to fight for what Young advocated for, namely: a legal, lit, safe place for people to sleep.

“That’s all he wanted,” Jeffers said. “He wanted to stop the criminalization of homelessness. It isn’t a crime to be homeless, and you can’t just arrest someone or clear out a tenet city with no notice and no alternative housing. ... Maurice was in front of the line trying to bring change, and we have to continue that work.”

At the end of his TED Talk presentation, Young answered a question he often got from people: will you ever go back to a “normal” life?

“My mind has been renewed. I see things differently,” Young said. “... I cannot go back ... why I do what I do ... is because that’s who I am, and I would like to thank all the people that allow me to come into their lives and help them and be me.”

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FORUMS

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ning for office.

It’s also a complicated process. Redistricting only happens every 10 years following the census, and even though the rules laid out in state law are fairly straightforward, it’s evident there are competing interests in how district boundaries are determined — whether that’s someone who wants their neighborhood to be housed in a single district or an entire political party that feels cheated.

“I think the process leaves

people a little confused because they don’t really know what their input means,” Damon Richards said while he waited for the forum to start at Crispus Attucks. “It’s kind of hard to get people to come out if they don’t know if they’re gonna have an effect.”

Richards is more involved with local government than most through his role as executive director of Bike Indianapolis, but even he admits he had misconceptions about redis-

tricting, such as assuming it’s controlled at the Statehouse because state lawmakers seem to have their hands in everything Indianapolis does.

MaCie’ Moore, who has led the forums for Engaging Solutions, said she hoped for more people at forums.

“I’m not sure if it’s COVID or the weather or different elements that are preventing people,” she said after the forum Feb. 8.

People can submit comments online at yourvoice2022.com. Moore said there have been about 35 online comments that vary in length.

“We’ve had people submit dissertations,” she joked.

There last forum is 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center Gymnasium, 2990 W. 71st St.

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Shabazz v. Rokita

By **ABDUL-HAKIM SHABAZZ**



On Feb. 7, I filed a lawsuit against Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita.

I filed suit regarding an incident that occurred in October 2021. As some of you may be aware, Rokita had a news conference that day on a robocall lawsuit, and to attend as media, you had to RSVP, which I did.

However, when I went to the Statehouse to the Attorney General’s Office, I was told by a spokesperson that I couldn’t come in because I was not credentialed media. I told him I was credentialed and showed him my badge issued to me by the Indiana Department of Administration. He told me that I still couldn’t get in because I wasn’t credentialed. So instead of turning into Monty Python’s Argument Clinic sketch, I went back to my office.

Please note I sent the office an e-mail asking what their criteria were for issuing credentials and got nothing, so I filed an open records request, and I am still waiting to have that request fulfilled.

When I first wrote about this, the IndyStar reached out to Rokita’s office to ask why I wasn’t allowed in. Their response was as follows ...

“Our press conferences are meant for actual journalists reporting on real issues instead of gossip columnists. Shabazz, by his own admission, promotes disinformation so much so that he must disclaim his work as ‘gossip, rumor and blatant innuendo’ in order to escape from being sued for defamation. Therefore, an OAG press conference concerning a serious investigation is not an appropriate venue for Shabazz. As one of the most transparent offices in government, the OAG carries its press conferences live on Facebook, so all information presented during these events are available to be viewed virtually by Shabazz or anyone else. Anyone can sign-up to

receive our releases and advisories, but that does not mean all who receive these alerts will be credentialed or allowed to attend in-person events. Shabazz has not been denied any public records or been prevented from attending any official public-noticed meetings.”

So after some long thought, I got ahold of Ken Falk and the folks at the American Civil Liberties Union and told him that Rokita had violated my First Amendment rights as a journalist. Yes, I do write a gossip column, “The Cheat Sheet,” which is the Page 6 or Washington Whispers section of U.S. News and World Report of Indiana Politics, which, by the way, Rokita and his office subscribe. But like a lot of you know, I’ve been covering Indiana government and politics for nearly two decades now. I am the editor and publisher of Indy Politics. I write a regular column for IBJ, the Statehouse File and other publications. I host and produce a weekly statewide radio public affairs program and a monthly television show, “Indiana Issues,” and regularly contribute as a commentator for Fox 59, RTV 6 and WISH-TV. Oh, and there’s that radio program I’ve been doing for nearly 10 years at WIBC-FM and Emmis Communications. If that doesn’t make me a journalist, I’m not sure what does.

So when I was barred from Rokita’s news conferences, I did what any American would do; I exercised my God-given right to file suit. And while this may sound hard to believe, I didn’t do it because of any personal animosity with the current attorney general. I did it because if Rokita can ban me from his news conferences, he can do it to anyone in the press corps,

and that’s not a good thing. Yes, the attorney general can talk about having one of the most transparent offices in state government, but talk is all it is. By banning me from his news conferences, I can’t do my job. Yes, I can watch his news conferences on Facebook, but I can’t ask Rokita and his staff questions. I can’t do all the pre- and post-interaction required for my job.

And if you think about this from a more global perspective, if Rokita can ban me today, what’s to stop other elected officials from banning other media tomorrow? For our government and political system to work, the press has to be able to do its job, which is to question those in authority. For example, I’m sure a lot of you would like to know how much did it cost you, the taxpayers, to send Rokita on a trip to the border, attend a Trump rally and visit Bill Clinton’s boyhood home? Well, we can’t get those answers if Rokita can ban any of us from attending his press conferences.

As an attorney, I can tell you from firsthand experience that filing litigation is never a simple, cut-and-dry decision. A lot goes into it. That was true in this decision. To be frank, it would have been nice not to have to file at all. But then again, it would have been nicer had Rokita not banned me from attending his news conferences, and we wouldn’t be here in the first place.

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EDITORIAL

Law book or J. Crew catalog — is there any difference?

By OSEYE BOYD



If you want to know how some white Americans feel about Black Americans, specifically Black American women, say you’re going to nominate one to the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS).

It didn’t take but two seconds for conservative pundits and lawmakers to dismiss this move as affirmative action gone wrong.

“No. 1, I want a nominee who knows a law book from a J. Crew catalog,” Louisiana Sen. John Kennedy said to Politico. “No. 2, I want a nominee who’s not going to try to rewrite the Constitution every other Thursday to try to advance a ‘woke agenda.’”

That’s not offensive at all.

The implication is a Black woman wouldn’t know the law, would wear an Angela Davis afro with an afro pick — the one with the clenched fist — in her hair, as well as hold her fist high in the air, and allow Black people to skirt the law to right past wrongs. I’ve found, if anything, Black people in high positions of power are harder on Black people because they fear the white gaze. They fear accusations of favoritism toward other Black people from their white colleagues and supervisors.

It’s not like Biden said he’s nominating me to be the Supreme Court justice to replace Justice Stephen Breyer. I’m just going to go out on a limb here and guess that Biden will nominate someone who actually knows law, has practiced law and has possibly been a judge before. You know, someone qualified to do the job.

But there couldn’t possibly be a qualified Black woman in this country.

I don’t remember conservatives having this same energy when former President Donald Trump vowed to nominate a woman to the Supreme Court. At a rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Sept. 19, 2020, Trump said, “I will be putting forth a nominee next week. It will be a woman.” Amy Coney Barrett was sworn in on Oct. 26, 2020.

According to two YouGov polls, 55% of Republicans wanted Trump to nominate a woman to the Supreme Court in 2020; 13% want Biden to nominate a Black woman in 2022. In 2020, 78% of Democrats wanted Trump to nominate a woman; 72% want Biden to nominate a Black woman in 2022.

When Trump wanted to nominate a woman, that she was white was implied. However, we have to be specific when it comes to Black people or no one would consider a Black person — of either gender.

I know this because white men selected white men from 1789 to 1967 and no one complained. No one accused white male justices of bias toward other white men (even though this happens all the time, hence only white men nominated to be SCOTUS justices).

Obviously, I wasn’t around in 1789, nor was I around in 1967, but I don’t remember much in the way of calling for race neutrality in my history or government books. I don’t remember hearing these admonishments to choose the most qualified person, regardless of race. I don’t remember accusations of identity politics lobbed at Trump when he chose Barrett. That’s what “Sunday Night in America” host Trey Gowdy accused Biden of. Gowdy even suggested a Black woman who “can compete no matter the

pool of applicants.” He said this judge “was elected out of all the candidates because she was the most qualified, not because she was a Black woman.” He added, “There’s a difference between picking someone who is supremely qualified and happens to Black and picking someone because she is Black.”

I find it interesting he used the adjective “supremely.” Who said this SCOTUS nominee won’t be a supremely qualified Black woman?

Sean Hannity, Gowdy’s colleague on Fox News, said on his radio show, “there’s never been a president that has made race and gender the defining factor.” Wrong and wrong. First, the correct word would be who after president, Hannity, and second, other presidents have, in fact, used race, gender and even religion as important criteria for their SCOTUS nominees.

I’ve already provided one example of Trump choosing Barrett. A Washington Post article from Oct. 15, 1980, quotes presidential candidate Ronald Reagan as saying, “It is time for a woman to sit among our highest jurists” during a press conference. Reagan nominated Sandra Day O’Connor. Reagan also wanted to nominate an Italian American, according to his White House counsel, Peter Wallison. He nominated Antonin Scalia. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1955 said he wanted to nominate a “fine, prominent Catholic.” He did with William Brennan Jr. O’Connor, Scalia and Brennan became Supreme Court justices.

Kennedy, Gowdy, Hannity and others are just loud and wrong, and their rhetoric is laced with racism. The Black woman chosen will know the difference between a J. Crew catalog and a law book. I’m sure of it.

Education matters

By LARRY SMITH



The Indiana House of Representatives recently passed House Bill 1134. The bill, which is known as “Education Matters,” is now headed to the Indiana Senate, which previously

dropped a similar bill after its sponsor indicated that teachers should be neutral on fascism, Marxism and Nazism. While it’s not clear whether (or in what form) the bill would pass the Senate, the Republican supermajorities in both chambers mean that Democrats can do little to stop it.

At issue is what both bills’ backers refer to as “divisive concepts” that relate to educating Indiana’s children. If passed and signed into law, “Education Matters” would ban teachers from advocating that “any sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or political affiliation” is racist, sexist, inferior, superior, racist, oppressive or that any student should feel “discomfort, guilt, anguish, responsibility or any other form of psychological distress” due to those same attributes.

Further, the bill says that no school employee may adopt or enforce language, “That an individual, by virtue of

individual’s sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or political affiliation, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin or political affiliation.” In other words, the bill is intended to fight the non-existent scourge of so-called white guilt that is sweeping across ... people’s minds.

Governments in China and other authoritarian nations must be smiling with approval at such heavy-handed intervention by the state.

I have a few questions. First, since when does education involve ensuring that students don’t feel “discomfort”? A mind should be stretched, which absolutely involves discomfort. Without such discomfort, there likely is no growth (i.e., learning).

Second, since when have our state legislators cared about whether students were comfortable in the classroom — whether that involved school equipment (e.g., desks and chairs) or discussing various topics? I endured myriad uncomfortable situations due to desegregation when I was a child. I will testify that I’m a stronger person as a result.

Third, what does “discomfort” mean? Are there degrees of discomfort? Will a psychological evaluation be involved?

In any case, as the aphorism goes, “To comfort the afflicted, sometimes you must afflict the comfortable.” Fourth, do our Republican legislators care that these types of actions serve only to strengthen the caricature of Hoosiers as intellectually backward? Fifth, and most importantly, do they care that, if this bill becomes law, it will exacerbate Indiana’s teacher shortage? Most of these questions are not rhetorical.

But wait, there’s more! The bill also says that no school corporation or entity can require employees to be in training, orientations or therapies that could include diversity or other topics that seek to reduce racial or other biases. (You don’t want people having their stereotypical views challenged, do you?)

Of course, we cannot ignore the penalties of violating these provisions. Teachers could be sued and also would be subject to losing their licenses if parents (or even fellow employees) believed that they were violating the law. Further, in some instances, parents and school employees would be able to sue schools, school districts or state agencies for the same. And, of course, the cavalcade of “patriots” won’t be satisfied with pedestrian legal processes. They will harass, threaten and even physically intimidate people who are

dedicated to teaching our children.

Of course, there is a silver lining here. There is a more powerful law that is always a factor to consider — a law that isn’t subject to legislative chicanery or political vicissitudes: the law of unintended consequences. If this bill becomes law, I’m willing to bet that the parents and others who opposed it will then use it to their advantage. If they were so inclined, they could bury schools — or school systems — in lawsuits. Such an ambiguous, poorly conceived and poorly written law is ripe for such expensive challenges.

My earlier metaphor notwithstanding, when life gives you lemons ... sometimes you make hard cider.

Yes, education matters. This bill is a matter of concern. As a matter of fact, it is imperative that people of goodwill continue to make their voices heard, despite the fact that so few of the legislators who support this bill are willing to talk with them. Etymologically speaking, the word “educate” literally means to “lead out.” It is time for the people of Indiana to lead our legislators out of the dark.

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Making history on the Supreme Court

By ANDRE CARSON



This Black History Month, our community has many reasons to celebrate, as well as new challenges and opportunities that demand our strongest efforts.

Black history is being made right now, especially in our judicial system; I fully support President Joe Biden’s pledge to nominate a Black woman to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy left by Justice Stephen Breyer when he retires later this summer. Appointing the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court will be historic, and quite frankly, it should have happened a long time ago. President Biden’s judicial appointments represent years of advocacy from the Black community to ensure greater representation on the courts, and we should all celebrate this accomplishment.

So far, in his first year in office, President Biden has had 40 federal judges confirmed in a sharply divided

Senate. This is more judicial confirmations in the first year of any administration since President Ronald Reagan. Nearly 75% of President Biden’s nominees have been women, and 65% have been people of color. This compares with President Donald Trump’s 226 judges over four years, who were overwhelmingly white and male.

America’s courts must reflect all Americans if we are to truly achieve equal justice under the law. This need for more diverse appointments includes critical roles like prosecutors and U.S. attorneys, who determine which cases will be brought forward and which will be dismissed. Some call this prosecutorial discretion, and unfortunately, we have seen how this power has often been used unfairly in our communities. That’s why I was pleased to work with the Biden administration to support the confirmation of two outstanding nominees to serve as U.S. attorneys for Indiana. We made history when Clifford Johnson and Zachary Myers became the first two Black men confirmed as U.S. attorneys for the Hoosier State.

America desperately needs more diverse judges and prosecutors. We especially need a Black woman’s perspective on the highest court in the land. Black women are superheroes who work tirelessly to support our families and communities, yet are often ignored and maligned. Having a justice on the Supreme Court who knows this struggle personally won’t instantly solve the systematic inequalities Black women face, but it will be a giant step forward.

Increasing the diversity on the Supreme Court, and on all courts, will be a huge benefit to Black and brown Americans. Our community continues to face immense challenges and serious threats to our rights and safety.

For example, our right to vote is at great risk right now, as Republican-controlled states, like Indiana, continue to pass voter suppression laws that make it harder for people of color to cast a ballot. A big reason why these bills are getting passed is because of the Supreme Court’s ruling in the 2013 case, *Shelby v. Holder*. That decision severely weakened the 1965 Voting Rights Act — a law that dramatically expanded enfranchisement for African Americans in the

South and across America. Our community knows how vital this law is to us, and how much people sacrificed to get it passed. We need more justices on the Supreme Court, and all courts, who understand that our basic rights are not up for debate or interpretation. We need someone who knows that America is still far from color-blind, and understands that persistent discrimination is not a legal hypothesis.

The recent bomb threats against many historically black colleges and universities also underscore the fact that our community remains a target for violent white supremacists. As a senior member of the House Intelligence Committee, I’m working with our chairman, Adam Schiff, to investigate these attacks and bring the perpetrators to justice. This is part of my ongoing work to ensure the intelligence community focuses more of its attention and resources to stopping domestic terrorism and violent white extremists.

Building a more diverse judiciary is critical to this effort. I’m sick and tired of seeing right-wing domestic terrorists and vigilantes receive a slap on the wrist at worst for the heinous crimes they commit. We desperately need judges who take these acts of violence and intimidation seriously and administer the justice that Black and brown victims deserve.

These are just a few ways that increasing Black and brown representation in the courts will improve the well-being of our community now and for generations to come. I stand ready to continue my work with President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to fulfill their commitment to achieving this on our highest court, and at every level of our justice system.

Rep. Carson represents the 7th District of Indiana. He is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus and one of three Muslims in Congress. Rep. Carson sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Intelligence Committee, where he is chairman of the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence and Counterproliferation. Contact Rep. Carson at carson.house.gov/contact.

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Opioid fight needs new strategy, Cabinet leadership: report

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. needs a nimble, multipronged strategy and Cabinet-level leadership to counter its festering overdose epidemic, a bipartisan congressional commission advises.

With vastly powerful synthetic drugs like fentanyl driving record overdose deaths, the scourge of opioids awaits after the COVID-19 pandemic finally recedes, a shift that public health experts expect in the months ahead.

“This is one of our most pressing national security, law enforcement and public health challenges, and we must do more as a nation and a government to protect our most precious resource — American lives,” the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking said in a 70-page report released Feb. 8.

The report envisions a dynamic strategy. It would rely on law enforcement and diplomacy to shut down sources of chemicals used to make synthetic opioids. It would offer treatment and support for people who become addicted, creating pathways that can lead back to productive lives. And it would invest in research to better understand addiction’s grip on the human brain and to develop treatments for opioid use disorder.

The global coronavirus pandemic has overshadowed the American opioid epidemic for the last two years, but recent news that overdose deaths surpassed 100,000 in one year caught the public’s attention. Politically, federal legislation to address the opioid crisis won support across the partisan divide during both the Obama and Trump administrations.

Rep. David Trone, D-Md., a co-chair



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of the panel that produced the report, said he believes that support is still there, and that the issue appeals to Biden’s pragmatic side. “The president has been crystal clear,” Trone said. “These are two major issues in America: addiction and mental health.” Trone’s

counterpart was Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark.

The U.S. government has been waging a losing “war on drugs” for decades.

The stakes are much higher now with the widespread availability of fentanyl, a synthetic painkiller 80 to 100 times more powerful than morphine. It can be baked into illicit pills made to look like prescription painkillers or anti-anxiety medicines. The chemical raw materials are produced mainly in China. Criminal networks in Mexico control the production and shipment to the U.S.

Federal anti-drug strategy traditionally emphasized law enforcement and long prison sentences. But that came to be seen as tainted by racial bias and counter-productive because drug use is treatable. The value of treatment has recently gained recognition with anti-addiction medicines in wide use alongside older strategies like support groups.

The report endorsed both law enforcement and treatment, working in sync with one another.

“Through its work, the commission came to recognize the impossibility of reducing the availability of illegal synthetic opioids through efforts focused on supply alone,” the report said.

“Real progress can come only by pairing illicit synthetic opioid supply disruption with decreasing the domestic U.S. demand for these drugs,” it added.

The report recommends what it calls five “pillars” for government action:

— Elevating the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy to act as the nerve center for far-flung federal efforts, and restoring Cabinet rank to its director.

— Disrupting the supply of drugs through better coordinated law en-

forcement actions.

— Reducing the demand for illicit drugs through treatment and by efforts to mitigate the harm to people addicted. Treatment programs should follow science-based “best practices.”

— Using diplomacy to enlist help from other governments in cutting off the supply of chemicals that criminal networks use to manufacture fentanyl.

— Developing surveillance and data analysis tools to spot new trends in illicit drug use before they morph into major problems for society.

Participating as non-voting members in the commission’s work were high-level executive branch officials, including representatives from law enforcement, the departments of State, Treasury and Homeland Security, the intelligence community, and the White House. Administration officials said Biden has already issued two executive orders to counter fentanyl trafficking and called on Congress to pass his \$41 billion request to address the overdose epidemic.

In prepared statements, Republican commission members stressed the law enforcement response. “We must redouble our efforts to secure the border against illegal trafficking by targeting Mexican cartels flooding our streets with illicit opioids and force China’s hand to crackdown on their pharmaceutical industry supplying cartels with the base compounds used to manufacture synthetic opioids,” said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich.

Trone said it’s going to take cooperation from both political parties. “We have to take this toxic atmosphere in Washington and move past it,” he said. “Because 100,000 people, that’s husbands, sisters, mothers, fathers. As a country, we are better than that.”

Take Steps to Prevent and Control Heart Disease

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), deaths from heart disease and stroke have risen significantly since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. And, according to McKinsey COVID-19 Consumer Surveys, more people are reporting lower physical and emotional wellness.

February is American Heart Month, and the American Heart Association is helping people take back control of their mental and physical well-being. During the past year, many people have adopted unhealthy behaviors like skipping exercise, eating unhealthy foods, drinking more alcohol, and using tobacco, which can all increase the risk for heart disease and stroke.

Also, people who had mild cases of COVID-19 may have changes to their heart and brain health. The American Heart Association is urging Hoosiers to create habits that work best for their life.

“Heart disease has long been the leading killer of women, but these past two years have been more challenging than ever,” said Jessica Nickloy, president of Etica Group and chair of the Go Red for Women movement in Indianapolis. “Women everywhere are having a tougher time with their physical and emotional health. It’s critical that we seize the opportunity to reclaim our rhythm and set ourselves up for better long-term health so we can enjoy the upcoming years with the ones we love.”

Suggested ways to improve heart health include: managing stress that leads to unhealthy habits; staying active through physical activity that improves overall quality of life - both mentally and physically; planning regular meals with family - featuring heart-healthy foods - to reduce stress and stay connected; monitoring blood pressure regularly by visiting a medical professional; and learning hands-only CPR, which - when performed immediately - can significantly increase the chances of survival for a person in cardiac arrest.

“High blood pressure is the leading cause of heart attack and stroke in the United States and is often called a ‘silent killer’ because it typically has no symptoms,” said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director and chief medical officer of the Marion County Public Health Department. “One in three American adults has high blood pressure, and only about half of them have it under control. Talk with a medical care professional to learn about your numbers and how you can prevent or control high blood pressure.”

To learn more about heart health, please visit the American Heart Association at Heart.org, or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at CDC.gov.

ABCs of Diabetes Classes in March

The ABCs of Diabetes is a free, four-part diabetes self-management series offered monthly by the Marion County Public Health Department. Classes provide instruction on medications, nutrition, exercise, monitoring, complications, and available community resources.

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

Classes in March will be offered online on Thursday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 1:30-3:00 p.m., and in-person at the Martindale-Brightwood Branch Library, 2434 N. Sherman Drive, on Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Advance registration is required, and participants should plan on attending all four classes for that month.

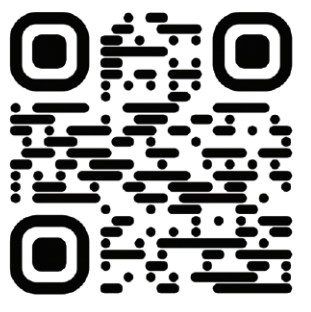
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On Jan. 24, 2021, Indianapolis residents awoke to news of a mass shooting that claimed the lives of five people and an unborn child. "It was horrific, overwhelming," recalled Tricia Lemons, an Avon resident who has lost four family members to violent crime. "It hit close to home. I've lived in Indiana my whole life and crime is getting worse. The news is depressing." Indianapolis surpassed its own record for homicides in 2020 and again in 2021. This is part of a

national trend. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report published in September 2021, the number of murders in the United States increased by 30% in 2020. This increase in crime creates anxiety and fear for many Indianapolis residents. They want to do all they can to protect themselves and their loved ones from the physical injury, material loss and mental and emotional trauma that results from crime. Lemons found free resources on jw.org, the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, that

proved especially helpful for her family. The article "Protect Yourself From Crime!" contains several practical suggestions that the family put into practice to increase their personal safety. "When I go out and about, I am very cautious of my surroundings," she explained. "I try to take care of things during the day so I'm not out after dark." Taking such practical steps can provide some peace of mind as residents do their best to keep their families safe. "I feel more in control; I'm doing what I am sup-

posed to do," expressed Lemons. "It helps put my mind at ease." The article also highlights the Bible's comforting message about the future of crime. God promises a peaceful world without crime and violence. "I smile because I know I'll be able to wipe these tears away," said Lemons. "Crime will soon be gone." This article and more information on the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses, including resources for coping with anxiety, can be found on jw.org.



Tricia Lemons, Avon, gains comfort from using resources found at jw.org.

US Jews talk identity, Holocaust after Goldberg's remarks

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO, PETER SMITH and DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

The uproar over Whoopi Goldberg's remarks about the Holocaust has catalyzed somber reflections by many American Jews about not only the legacy of the Holocaust but anti-Jewish discrimination in the United States and their sense of a collective identity. The actor and TV host swiftly apologized for saying on ABC's "The View" that the genocide was not about race but rather "man's inhumanity to man," noting in subsequent remarks that she had failed to acknowledge that the Nazis considered Jews an inferior race. As Goldberg serves a two-week suspension from the show, a range of Jewish leaders have noted the complexity of describing how race fits into the overall concept of Jewish identity. It entails a mix of religion, nationality, ethnicity, culture and history, said Greg Schneider, executive vice president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, a New York-based group that seeks restitution for Holocaust victims. "But the hatred of the Jew is unfortunately not as complicated. It's deep-seated. It's millennia old. We don't seem to have a cure for it," he said. "So it's not so easy to put a label, to put a name on what it is to be Jewish. But it's certainly easy to see what it is to be antisemitic." Schneider and others expressed hope that the episode reminds people that Jews have historically experienced extensive discrimination in America, such as being barred from purchasing homes in certain areas, excluded from country clubs and denied admission to some universities. In the past there even were travel guides for Jews with tips on how to avoid discrimination on the road, guidebooks that preceded the 1936 debut of "The Negro Motorist Green Book," which provided similar advice for African Americans. Rabbi Noah Farkas, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, recalled growing up in Plano, Texas, where the handful of Jewish families, including his own, sometimes experienced antisemitism. "We never saw ourselves in the same category as any of the white Anglo Southern Baptists," he said. "Although we had white skin, we didn't consider ourselves part of the white culture." The racial equation has only grown more complex as Jews of color — including African Americans, Hispanics and Asian Americans — account for a growing percentage of the overall Jewish population. "Jews are multiethnic, multiracial," Farkas said. "We don't consider ourselves just a community of faith." Farkas said systemic discrimination against Jews in the U.S. has largely faded over the decades, but antisemitism persists and antisemitic violence over the past five years has been at its highest level in decades. The deadliest incident was the mass shooting in 2018 at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue, where 11 worshippers from three different congregations were killed by a gunman who railed against Jews and immigrants they helped, according to prosecutors in his pending hate-crimes trial.

Lauren Bairnsfather, director of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, said America has been such "a place of assimilation and opportunity" for Jews that many were blindsided by the massacre. "People didn't understand how this was possible to happen in the United States because there's this illusion of total safety," said Bairnsfather, whose center hopes to share space with Tree of Life in a renovated synagogue as a statement against antisemitism. "Race is a made-up construct, but racism is very real," she added, noting that Adolf Hitler based his racial laws in Nazi Germany partly on Jim Crow laws targeting African Americans in the U.S. Jonathan Sarna, professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, said that historically, American Jews commonly spoke of themselves as a race — until they saw how the Nazis applied that term as a pseudoscience. Jews then began to speak of themselves as a people or ethnicity, and many accepted the idea that Jews had been absorbed into a larger white majority as had earlier communities such as the Irish. Thus, Sarna's students, most of them Jewish, had no firsthand experience to prepare them for the Tree



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of Life shootings or the antisemitic chants by marchers in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017. "My students, after Pittsburgh, they were in shock," Sarna said. They knew about the Holocaust, "but suddenly stuff that had happened in Europe, they saw here." While historical awareness of the Holocaust may be common among younger generations of Jews, that's less true of the broader U.S. population. According to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, 63% of respondents in a 2020 survey of adults under 40 did not know that 6 million Jews were murdered by the Nazis. And 36% thought 2 million or fewer Jews were killed. Stefanie Seltzer, an 83-year-old Holocaust survivor who as a child was smuggled by her mother out of a ghetto in Poland, has been talking to U.S. students since the mid-1970s about her experiences and said she is alarmed by a pervasive lack of knowledge. In the Goldberg episode, she sees opportunity. "Maybe it will kick open the door to discussion in school," Seltzer said. The controversy has added heat to a simmering debate in eastern Tennessee over a recent decision by the McMinn County School Board to withdraw from its curriculum the graphic novel "Maus," a Pulitzer Prize-winning work about the Holocaust. Goldberg made her original remarks during a conversation

about the board banning the book. Like Seltzer, Michael Dzik, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, sees an opportunity to educate the community: With support from other organizations, the federation will host a virtual conversation Monday with "Maus" author Art Spiegelman. "If we've learned anything from the Holocaust," Dzik said, "we must speak out and take action when we think that there's a wrong out there and what it could lead to." Farkas, of the Los Angeles Jewish federation, said U.S. Jews should resist letting antisemitism define their identity and strive to live meaningful, joyous lives, including standing in solidarity with other groups who have faced discrimination. "From slavery and Jim Crow to Japanese internment, America has yet to realize the dreams of so many," he said. "We can all do a better job learning and listening from each other — that is where healing begins." Associated Press writer Holly Meyer contributed to this report. Associated Press religion coverage receives support from the Lilly Endowment through The Conversation U.S. The AP is solely responsible for this content.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

What’s on your vision board?

By PRESTON T. ADAMS III



“Where there is no vision, the people perish...”
Proverbs 29:18

Having a God-given vision for your life is critical. Vision is a powerful asset that we must learn how to tap into and deploy. God has a specific vision for your life. It’s a vision that God designed in eternity and birthed with your entry into the physical realm. It’s a powerful vision, one God is committed to achieving through you.

A vision board is a physical collection of items such as pictures, magazine clippings, words and quotes that visually affirm your goals and dreams. Vision is defined as “the faculty or state of being able to see, ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom, and the act or power of seeing.”

A vision is a supernatural appearance that conveys a revelation. Visions are known to emerge from spiritual traditions and could provide a lens into human nature and reality. Prophecy is often associated with visions. Vision establishes godly priorities and breaks the spirit of lack. Vision is prophetic and boldly declares God’s will. Vision relies on God.

The Pulpit Commentary provides an awesome illumination on Proverbs 29:18. It states: “Where there is no vision, the people perish; rather, cast off restraint, become ungovernable, and cannot be reined in. ‘Vision’ (chazon), prophecy in its widest sense, denotes the revelation of God’s will made through agents, which directed the course of events, and was intended to be coordinated with the supreme secular authority.”

The Pulpit Commentary goes on to say: “The prophets were the instructors of the people in Divine things, standing witnesses of the truth and power of religion, teaching a higher than mere human morality. The fatal effect of the absence of such revelation of God’s will



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is stated to be confusion, disorder, and rebellion; the people, uncontrolled, fall into grievous excesses, which nothing but high principles can restrain.”

There are two points I want to leave you with as it relates to the power of vision and an excellent way to answer the question: “What’s On Your Vision Board?” These two points are revelation and restraint.

First, let’s explore revelation. The revelation (vision) in mind here is not the spontaneous word from a purported prophet. It is God’s great revelation, God’s revealed word through God’s Hebrew prophets and later the apostles and prophets who gave us the New

Testament. No vision equals no instruction in God’s truths, which was by the prophets, through visions.

Finally, it should be easier to see why no vision leads to no restraint, our second point of exploration. When God’s word is unavailable or rejected, the people (we) cast off restraint. We no longer have a standard greater than our own feelings or current opinions. In essence, the people (we) are deprived of moral restraints. And when we are deprived of moral restraints or have no vision for our lives beyond mere existence or depravity, we have the tendency to move aimlessly and ultimately, we run amok.

So, what’s on your vision board? What revelations have you received from God concerning your life and how to live up to your fullest God-given potential? What dreams (visions) are you deferring, waiting for the right moment to happen or all the proverbial stars to line up? God is speaking right now. The question is are you listening? And if so, what’s on your vision board?

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The child tax credit and your 2022 tax return

By **BRITTANY SABALZA**

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Last year President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan which increased the child tax credit (CTC) amount and offered half of the credit through a series of monthly payments. The credit was increased from \$2,000 per child to \$3,000 per child ages 6-17 and \$3,600 per child up to age 5. Taxpayers received half of the credit sent through six monthly payments in 2021 and will see the other half when filing a 2021 tax return. With the last advanced CTC payments sent in December, many taxpayers are now left with lingering questions as to how the CTC will affect them this tax season. Below are a few things taxpayers should know about the CTC as we prepare to enter this tax filing season.

You may qualify for the child tax credit even if you aren't required to file a return. You may be eligible for the child tax credit even if you generally don't file a return. Even if you didn't have an income or made under the income requirement to file, you still may be eligible as long as all other criteria are met. If you didn't receive the advanced CTC payments in 2021 because you didn't file, you can still claim the credit when you file a 2021 tax return. Families who don't traditionally file should visit IRS.gov to see if they

Advanced payments may affect your refund. Since the advance payments were actually a 50% CTC advance, you will receive the other half when you file your taxes. The thing is, although the credit was increased to a larger amount, you already received half in payments so the half you'll receive on your taxes may be less than what you're used to seeing at tax time. This means smaller tax refunds for some because they already were paid the rest.

You may be eligible now even if you weren't before. Even if you didn't receive the credit based on your 2020 taxes, if you're eligible based on your 2021 taxes, you can claim the credit. If you had certain changes your eligibility may have changed. Having a new baby, getting divorced, a change in income or a change of custody are a few things that may affect your eligibility. For instance, a new baby born in 2021 may qualify for the credit while a dependent turning 6 can change the credit amount and a child who turned 18 in 2021 wouldn't be eligible at all.

The advanced payments aren't taxable but still need to be reported when you file. The payments aren't considered income so

they won't be taxed on your return but you still must report the amount of payments received when you file. The IRS is sending Form 6419 which includes advanced amounts paid to recipients. It will be used to calculate payment amounts and state any amounts that you still may be due or any amounts overpaid to you. If you are required to file you will need to have the form handy when you do.

It's possible you may owe. The IRS estimated your expected 2021 CTC amount based on your 2020 or 2019 taxes or any updates provided by taxpayers

in 2021 through the portal like additional income earned. Changes in your situation such as an increase of income, or a child aging out, can change credit amounts causing you to be overpaid and affect your CTC when you file. So if the estimate wasn't correct and you were overpaid or received a payment that you're no longer eligible for you may have to pay it back if you don't qualify for repayment relief.

You can set up an IRS secure account online. By visiting IRS.gov/accounts you can set up a secure online account and login. There, taxpayers can view their latest information, find info from recently filed returns, transcripts, payments and other federal tax account info. You can also access any Economic Impact Payment amounts or advanced CTC payments previously received.

There are IRS tools to help. For more information visit IRS.gov and select the child tax credit link to take you to the CTC page. There you can find out if you qualify using the eligibility assistant, create an IRS account and view payments received through the portal.

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SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT) SS: COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2201-PL-003174 WGO INVESTMENTS, INC Plaintiff, vs. RONALD HAMILTON, RASHID DHILLON, RANJIT DHILLON, MIKE SMITH, LISA NICHOLAS, VICENTE VALDES GREGORIO, BLANCA L RAMIREZ GONZALEZ, JUAN MIRANDA GARCIA, AND TIFFANY BANKS, and all their spouses, widows/ widowers, heirs, devisees, successors, assigns, and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in the described real estate by, through or under them or any other entity, the names of all of whom are unknown to Plaintiff, and "THE WORLD," Defendants. NOTICE OF SUIT You are notified that you have been sued in the above-referenced Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint For Cancellation of Land Contract, To Quiet Title to Real Estate, and For Possession and Damages as to the following described real estate:

PARCEL 1: Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 15, Range 3, Part of Lot 7 in Zaddock Tomlinson Estates, beginning 480.01 feet North and 1574.5 feet East of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 194.08 feet East 60 feet thence South 194.08 feet thence West 60 feet to the point of beginning, containing .267 Acres, more or less. Parcel# 9006033. Alt Parcel #49-11-05-123-038.000-900

More commonly known as 3939 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46222 (the "Real Estate"). This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following persons who may have an interest in the described real estate located in Marion County, Indiana that is the subject of this proceeding, and whose whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff as are as follows: Ronald Hamilton, Rashid Dhillion, and "The World."

PARCEL 2: Lot No. 370 in Drexel Gardens, No. 2, an addition to the City of Indianapolis, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. Parcel#: 9005092. Alt Parcel#: 49-11-18-113-159.000-900

More commonly known as 5061 W. Naomi, Indianapolis, IN 46241 (the "Real Estate"). This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following persons who may have an interest in the described real estate located in Marion County, Indiana that is the subject of this proceeding, and whose whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff are as follows: Mike Smith and Lisa Nicholas, Vicente Valdes Gregorio and Blanca L. Ramirez Gonzalez, and "The World."

PARCEL 3: Lot numbered 98, 99, 100 in Moses McClain's Golden Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in plat book 6, page 71, in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana. Parcel#: 5008330. Alt Parcel#: 49-10-30-122-001.199-501.

Commonly known as 1136 Bacon St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 (the "Real Estate"). This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following persons who may have an interest in the described real estate located in Marion County, Indiana that is the subject of this proceeding, and whose whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff are as follows: Juan Miranda Garcia, Tiffany Banks, and "The World."

And any and all other persons claiming any right, title of interest in any of the described real estate herein, through or under them or any other person or entity, the names of all of whom are unknown to the Plaintiff.

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

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

This Publication of Notice is given pursuant to Indiana Code 32-20-3-14 and Indiana Code 43-21-1.

You must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title to Real Estate in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 27th day of March, 2022, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST: January 31, 2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of Court
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Counsel for Plaintiff 5320-938329

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Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Supervised Administration of the Estate of Marcia Brown-Brooks, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2012-ES-043028
Notice is hereby given that Denisha Brown on the 8th day of December, 2020, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marcia Brown-Brooks, who died on November 29, 2020.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division 5320-938408

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Tamara Rogers (Sup. Ct. #25016-49)
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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Brian Lamar Golliday, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2102-EU-004716
Notice is hereby given that Charles Golliday on the 18th day of February, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Brian Lamar Golliday, who died on December 17, 2020.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division 5320-938409

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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Cynthia Powell, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2109-EU-031434
Notice is hereby given that Teresa Fowles on the 20th day of September, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Cynthia Powell, who died on September 4, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th day of January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division 5320-938417

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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Loretta L. Payne, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2110-EU-035610
Notice is hereby given that LaDonna Grace on the 28th day of October, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Loretta L. Payne, who died on February 19, 2013.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division 5320-938411

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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Larry V. Zapp, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2110-EU-036379
Notice is hereby given that Debra Zapp, Steven Zapp, and Alan Zapp on the 29th day of October, 2021, were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Larry V. Zapp, who died on May 27, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
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death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Rose Brown, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2111-EU-036882
Notice is hereby given that Krystal Wilburn on the 3rd day of November, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Rose Brown, who died on September 10, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Ezell Brown, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2112-EU-042578
Notice is hereby given that Krystal Wilburn on the 27th day of December, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ezell Brown, who died on March 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 Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division 5320-938416

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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Evelyn Briscoe-Parker, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2112-EU-042901
Notice is hereby given that John D. Ford Jr. on the 5th day of January, 2022, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Evelyn Briscoe-Parker, who died on October 10, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Michael V. Mitchell, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2111-EU-038033
Notice is hereby given that McCoil Mitchell on the 12th day of November, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael V. Mitchell, who died on September 25, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division 5320-938414

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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Elmer Blankenship Jr., deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2112-EU-040174
Notice is hereby given that Teri Mallory on the 3rd day of December, 2021, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Elmer Blankenship Jr., who died on October 9, 2021.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 26th January, 2022.
Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division 5320-938413

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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Adam Michael Jones, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2112-EU-040797
Notice is hereby given that, on January 23, 2022, Patricia M. Crumley was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Paul Crumley, deceased, who died on January 5, 2022.

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TRATION
Notice is hereby given that, on the 27th day of January, 2022, April Ann Jones was appointed executor of the Estate of Adam Michael Jones, deceased, who died on or about November 28, 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 January 27, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court
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Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court Probate Division
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of Alice Karimah Abdullah, deceased.

Cause Number 49D08-2201-EU-002383
Notice is hereby given that Jamillah Abdullah was, on January 25, 2022, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Alice Karimah Abdullah, deceased, who died on the 8th day of March, 2011.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 25, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-938598

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) ESTATE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-002430

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT NATHANIEL EVANS SR., DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is given that Robert Nathaniel Evans II was, on January 25, 2022, appointed personal representative of Robert Nathaniel Evans Sr., deceased, who died on January 8, 2022, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.

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

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this day, January 25, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-938615

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) ESTATE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-002440

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: DAVID L. SPARKS, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is given that Robert Nathaniel Evans II was, on January 25, 2022, appointed personal representative of Robert Nathaniel Evans Sr., deceased, who died on January 8, 2022, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.

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

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this day, January 25, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-938615

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) ESTATE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-002440

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: DAVID L. SPARKS, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is given that Robert Nathaniel Evans II was, on January 25, 2022, appointed personal representative of Robert Nathaniel Evans Sr., deceased, who died on January 8, 2022, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.

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

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this day, January 25, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-938614

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) ESTATE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-002440

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: DAVID L. SPARKS, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is given that Robert Nathaniel Evans II was, on January 25, 2022, appointed personal representative of Robert Nathaniel Evans Sr., deceased, who died on January 8, 2022, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.

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

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this day, January 25, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-938614

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT) SS: PROBATE DIVISION) COUNTY OF MARION) ESTATE NO. 49D08-2201-EU-002440

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: DAVID L. SPARKS, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Notice is given that Robert Nathaniel Evans II was, on January 25, 2022, appointed personal representative of Robert Nathaniel Evans Sr., deceased, who died on January 8, 2022, and is authorized to administer the estate without court supervision.

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

Dated at Marion County, Indiana, this day, January 25, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-938614

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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 January 23, 2022.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
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ATTORNEY: J. David Young No. 14124-49 2920 East 96th St. Indianapolis, IN 46240 (317) 580-2582
Notice of Administration
In the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate of Alice Karimah Abdullah, deceased.

Cause Number 49D08-2201-EU-002383
Notice is hereby given that Jamillah Abdullah was, on January 25, 2022, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Alice Karimah Abdullah, deceased, who died on the 8th day of March, 2011.

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

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 25, 2022.
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Pacers deal All-Star Sabonis to Kings in 6-player trade

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers will look completely different when they return home later this week, while the Sacramento Kings are getting a two-time All-Star.

The teams agreed to a six-player trade Feb. 8 that will send star forward Domantas Sabonis to Sacramento and emerging point guard Tyrese Haliburton to the Pacers.

The Pacers confirmed the deal following a 133-112 loss at Atlanta.

The Kings will get Justin Holiday, Jeremy Lamb and a second-round draft pick in addition to Sabonis. Indiana is adding Haliburton, Buddy Hield and Tristan Thompson.

“It’s an exciting trade and it changes the landscape significantly,” said Pacers coach Rick Carlisle, who described Haliburton as “an elite young point guard that affects the game positively in many, many ways.

“We’re getting three players who are good now and in the case of Tyrese, he has a chance to continue to grow. ... Finding a franchise-caliber point guard at age 21 is extremely difficult to do.”

The trade was made after Sabonis, Holiday and Lamb participated in a practice before the game Feb. 8. Carlisle said he spoke with all three players at the team’s hotel and was the first person to tell Sabonis of the trade.

“I just thanked him for an amazing few months from my perspective and several great years from the Pacers’ perspective,” Carlisle said.

The Pacers were left with eight healthy players against Atlanta. Guard Malcolm Brogdon (right Achilles soreness) and forward Isaiah Jackson (right ankle sprain) were held out.

Sabonis gives the Kings an immediate upgrade in the paint. He averages 18.9 points, 12.1 rebounds, and 5.0 assists, and has become a double-double machine. Sacramento’s top rebounder before the deal was Richaun Holmes at 7.9 per game.

Sabonis could make a difference for a team that already has some young, talented players such as point guard De’Aaron Fox and Davion Mitchell. Sabonis



Jeremy Lamb (Recorder file photo)

also could serve as mentor to other young players — or his arrival could free up the Kings to make even more moves.

The Pacers aren’t waiting to begin what could be a major overhaul.

An injury-depleted roster has Indiana, which started this season with playoff aspirations, lagging near the bottom of the Eastern Conference standings. The loss to the Hawks left the Pacers with a four-game losing streak and losses in eight of their last 10 games.

Attendance also has declined this season and some fans have been clamoring for significant changes.

Pacers president of basketball operations Kevin Pritchard appears to be siding with those fans after making two key trades in less than 48 hours.

The first deal, sending Caris LeVert to the Cleveland Cavaliers for the injured Ricky Rubio and three draft picks, including a lottery-protected first-round selection this summer, came Sunday. Rubio has already been ruled out for the rest of this season and has an expiring contract.

Now, Pritchard has pulled off another major trade by getting Haliburton, who the Kings took with the

No. 12 overall pick in 2020. He’s averaging 14.3 points, is 11th in the NBA with 7.4 assists and tied for sixth with 1.7 steals. The Pacers believe Haliburton can become the elite point guard they’ve been seeking.

They’re also getting Hield, a 6-foot-4 shooting guard who is third in the NBA in 3-pointers.

“I can’t get into specifics about individual players that are coming our way but suffice it to say that certain needs were addressed,” Carlisle said when asked about the team’s added ability to shoot 3-pointers.

“That’s a very good thing and a positive thing. From here it will be a fun thing putting it together and putting all these new pieces and melding it together going forward. It will be a challenge but it will be a challenge that we love.”

Thompson could provide depth in the post, where Indiana has been extremely thin lately. And his expiring contract was also attractive because it could help free up salary-cap room to help the Pacers become a player in free agency this summer.

AP Sports Writer Charles Odum in Atlanta contributed to this report.

Pacers come up short vs. Bulls

The Pacers lost 122-115 to the Chicago Bulls on Feb. 4 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.



Pacers guard Oshae Brissett scored two points. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



The Bulls wore shirts to commemorate Black History Month.



Pacers guard Lance Stephenson dives for a loose ball.



Forward Chuks Isitua finished with six points and 12 rebounds.

IUPUI loses to Robert Morris

The IUPUI men’s basketball team lost its 19th game of the season Feb. 5 at home against Robert Morris. The Jags are 2-19. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



Guard Bakari LaStrap had nine points.

Lady Giants win sectional

The Ben Davis Giants won the Sectional 11 title, defeating Pike 62-57 in overtime. (Photos/David Dixon)



Kansas Robinson waves a piece of the net in the air in celebration.

TBL holds combine in Indy



The Basketball League hosted its annual combine in Indianapolis. (Photo/David Dixon)

