

IndyGo has a new face

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If you've taken a ride on an IndyGo bus any time in the last six months, there's a possibility you sat next to the company's CEO — but you didn't know it. Since becoming CEO in August 2019, Inez Evans has worked to change the culture of the company and forge a better relationship with IndyGo riders.



Inez Evans, CEO IndyGo. (Recorder Graphic/John Hurst)

She knows she has her work cut out for her on both fronts. The changes, she said, start by getting firsthand knowledge of the service IndyGo provides. When Evans started riding the bus, neither the passengers nor the drivers knew she worked for IndyGo, let alone was CEO. Riding the bus gives Evans the opportunity to see how everyday operations run and hear valuable feedback from riders. "It's important, because I need to be able to relate to the experiences that our other paying customers have," Evans said. "If the bus is late for me, then I know the bus is late for everyone else. I get the chance to hear complaints and comments on our system. If I don't know about it, I can't fix it." Getting this firsthand experience with her product is something the 55-year-old Navy veteran picked up from her former boss, Nuria Fernandez, the general manager of Valley Transportation Authority of Santa Clara County in San Jose, California, where Evans

worked before coming to Indianapolis. "She rode the train every day," Evans said of Fernandez, "so I got that level of commitment from her. She used to tell me, 'You've got to get your street cred, Nez.' And you can only get that if you're riding the bus." While riding the bus and walking around the transit station, the most common complaints Evans hears relate to the timeliness of the buses and the attitudes of the drivers. Evans takes the complaints seriously. "I did what I call a listening session series from talking to operators and meeting them and getting their perspective," Evans said. "There is always two sides to a story. Many of the operators said it's just the pressure of the day, but they have to be reminded that without our customers, we don't exist." It's important for drivers and employees of IndyGo to feel valued, Evans added. Changing the culture includes listening to their concerns

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New Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Chief Randal Taylor speaks at a press conference Dec. 31 announcing his appointment. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

Randal Taylor appointed as next IMPD chief

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Mayor Joe Hogsett announced Randal Taylor as the next chief of police for Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) during a press conference Dec. 31. Taylor replaced Bryan Roach, who became chief in 2017 and announced his retirement in December 2019. Taylor did not try to sidestep the crime issues Indianapolis has been experiencing, including record-setting homicide numbers, and throughout his remarks he emphasized IMPD won't be able to stop or solve every crime. "We can't police our way out of these things," Taylor said. "We have to change the minds and hearts of those who are willing to commit these crimes." The city's crime rate has been on the rise for the past five years, a trend that has disproportionately affected the Black community. In 2019, 115 of the 152 murder victims in Indianapolis were Black. "We have to be honest with the statistics," Taylor said. "Most of our murders have Black people as victims." Taylor emphasized the need to enhance community partnerships to curb the city's violent crime rates and said being a "simple" man will hopefully benefit the department's operations and relationship with the community. "We have to do better as a community to provide hope," Taylor said. "We need to figure out what we can give, and what is available."

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DuJuan McCoy sets trends for Indianapolis TV stations

By TYLER FENWICK
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When DuJuan McCoy purchased two Indianapolis TV stations in 2019, he brought his career in the media business full circle, calling the shots to influence media in the city in which he was raised. But McCoy also became a small part of history — because until his arrival, there were no African American TV station owners in any of the country's largest 25 markets, which includes Indianapolis. McCoy bought WISH-TV and WNDY-TV in April 2019 from Texas-based Nextstar Media Group Inc. for \$42.5 million. He formed Circle City Broadcasting LLC to purchase the stations.



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Circle City Broadcasting owner, president and CEO DuJuan McCoy. (Photo provided)



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Taylor, who has served since 2016 as part of IMPD's executive leadership team, began his career in law enforcement with the Champaign (Illinois) Police Department in 1987. He joined the Marion County Sheriff's Department in 1993.

Taylor has experience in investigations for IMPD's adult sex crimes and child abuse units and was appointed to commander of community affairs in 2012.

"As someone who's spent so much time in Indianapolis neighborhoods and communities," Hogsett said, "Chief Taylor understands the importance of the progress IMPD has made when it comes to diversity in our police force."

Taylor also named Chris Bailey as assistant chief of police. Bailey was formerly deputy chief of investigations for IMPD before retiring in July. Bailey was chief of the Asheville (North Carolina) Police Department but resigned in September and returned to IMPD.

In order to build trust and relationships, Taylor assured that he would continue to be a visible figure in the community, including being there for the families of murder victims.

Becoming visibly emotional at times, Taylor told the story of his father-in-law, who was murdered in Fort Wayne years ago.

"Trust me when I tell you I understand what families go through when these kinds of things happen here," he said.

Despite the admittedly tough road that is ahead of him as chief, Taylor said he remains optimistic about the changes he would like to see during his tenure, including more resources for detectives and expanding investigations into cold cases.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority installs new officers
Alpha Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. installed 2020 officers. President Miriam Hornbuckle Grays (seated center) and first vice president Tamiko Crayton (seated second from left) are pictured with other members of the chapter's executive committee. (Photo/Curtis Guynn)

MCCOY
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McCoy, who graduated from Ben Davis High School and Butler University, grew up in Haughville, where he passively watched the news hardly ever saw Black news anchors.

But now that he's been an owner in the media business since 2007, McCoy, 52, said he hears a lot about diversity issues as he travels the country for work.

"What I hear in every panel in every market is multicultural folks are underrepresented in newsrooms, on air and from a storytelling standpoint," he said.

One of McCoy's early priorities at WISH-TV was to hire a journalist who focuses on multicultural communities. That happened in November 2019 and is part of a broader expansion that includes new equipment and more employees.

Katiera Winfrey, WISH-TV's multicultural reporter, said her position is important because the stories are out there whether anyone tells them or not. Being able to go find and tell those stories is different from past experiences in TV, she said.

"As a Black woman making my way through the news business, some of the stories I pitched, people wouldn't find them important," Winfrey said. "But when I would be out in the

community, these are the stories the people wanted to hear."

McCoy said it was part of his responsibility as a Black man to help give coverage to those communities on TV.

"If I don't do it, who's gonna do it?" he said.

Jason Hunter, sales director at Radio One, said he wasn't surprised to see McCoy create that unique position in WISH-TV's newsroom.

Hunter was part of a leadership training with the National Association of Broadcasters a few years ago and remembered thinking of McCoy, who was the dean, as someone who preferred setting trends.

"Ten years down the line, people will be reading or hearing about things DuJuan has done in the industry, and other people will follow," Hunter said.

In a podcast interview with Indianapolis Business Journal, McCoy said he got into the media business after the Indianapolis Star wrote a human interest story about him while he was a senior at Butler.

The sales manager at WTTV called McCoy, said he read the article and then invited him to interview for a job in sales and marketing. McCoy hadn't considered being part of media until then.

Six months later, McCoy was hired as an account executive and hasn't left the business since.

McCoy bought seven small stations in Texas for \$3 million in 2007 and sold them five years later for \$21 million. In 2015 and 2016, he bought five stations — in Evansville, Indiana, and Lafayette, Louisiana — for \$66 million, with backing from an investment firm, and sold them in early 2019 for \$165 million.

"You never brag about making a profit," McCoy said, "but in business, you're keeping score, and that's how you keep score."

Those stations McCoy bought and sold were unprofitable when he acquired them. It's become his reputation to take those stations and turn them around, but McCoy rejected the notion that he's flipping TV stations like houses.

"Don't hate the player, hate the game," McCoy said, adding that he wouldn't change the game.

"I love everything about the game," he said.

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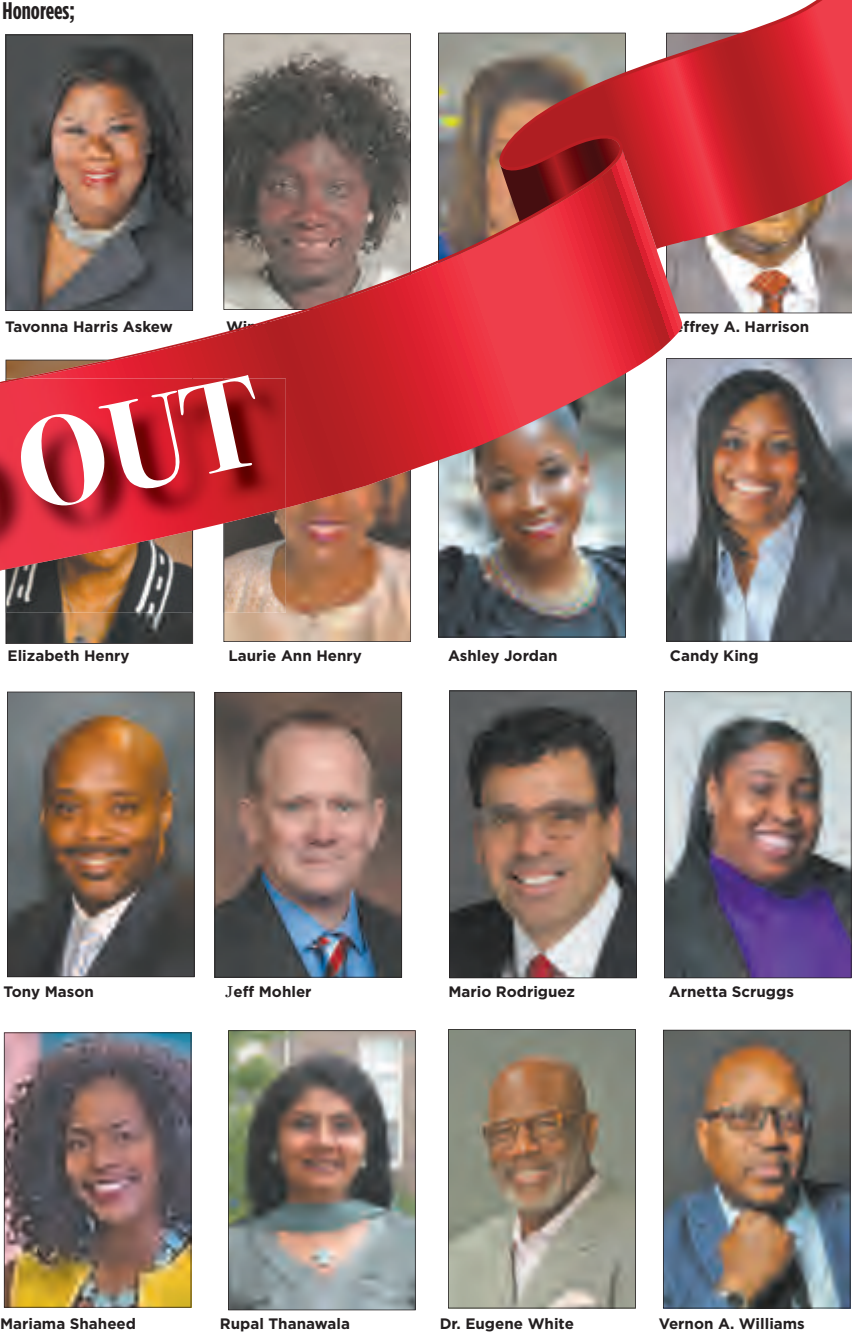
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November election could shake up the IPS board. Here’s who is running for reelection

By DYLAN PEERS McCOY
Chalkbeat Indiana

At a meeting to select Indianapolis Public Schools board leaders, attention quickly turned to the November 2020 election. Four seats are on the ballot, and the results could help shape the direction of the state’s largest district for years to come.

Board President Michael O’Connor said that he will not seek another four-year term, while board member Venita Moore announced that she would seek reelection. Diane Arnold also told Chalkbeat after the meeting that she intended to run for reelection. Elizabeth Gore, meanwhile, said she was undecided about whether she would seek another term.

The board has an unofficial practice of not choosing members who are up for reelection to serve as officers. Once O’Connor announced that he did not intend to seek another term, the board unanimously approved his selection as president for the third year in a row.

Although the board does not split precisely along ideological lines, some members are more critical than others of the current administration, led by Superintendent Aleesia Johnson, and its policies, such as collaborating with charter schools.

If skeptics of the current administration win two or three of the seats in November, it could shift the balance of power on the seven-member board. Supporters of school choice-friendly policies have

controlled the board for several years, allowing former Superintendent Lewis Ferebee to reshape the district. In 2018, however, two union-backed candidates who were critical of Ferebee’s administration defeated

incumbents to win seats.

With the election 10 months away, it is not yet clear who else may run for the open seats.

Arnold, a veteran board member, said that she was running for reelection because she wanted to see the district stay the course.

“Stability and consistency is important at this time,” said Arnold. “I just think that we’ve done a lot ... and I do want to continue to support the superintendent.”

O’Connor joined the IPS school board in 2015, when he was chosen to fill a vacancy and then won reelection in 2016. A veteran political operative, O’Connor is a lobbyist for Eli Lilly and Company and a former Indianapolis deputy mayor under Mayor Bart Peterson.

“I really appreciate the service you’ve given to our students and to the district, and I have a great deal of respect for your leadership over

the past few years as president,” said Arnold, after O’Connor announced he would not run again.

Board member Evan Hawkins, who was elected in 2018, was chosen as vice president with votes from Arnold, O’Connor, Moore, Susan Collins, and himself. Board member Taria Slack voted for herself, as did Gore.

The board president has some official responsibilities, such as leading public meetings and signing agreements on behalf of the district. But the influence of the role is also shaped by the person holding it. O’Connor took the lead as the district searched for a new superintendent last year. And board leaders sometimes play an active role in shaping district policy.

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IPS school board President Michael O’Connor (left) and superintendent Aleesia Johnson (right) at a Nov. 13, 2019 press conference announcing union raises. (Recorder file photo)



American Senior Communities Honors Quest for Excellence 2019 Recipients

American Senior Communities’ Quest for Excellence program recently recognized 86 exceptional ASC team members statewide for the quality service and care they provide residents every day. Congratulations to this year’s Indianapolis honorees!

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Storytellers share experiences growing up in America

By TYLER FENWICK
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Storytelling Arts of Indiana is giving a platform to two storytellers who will contribute to the broad conversation about racial disparity in America.

Charlotte Blake Alston, a Black woman, and Bill Mettler, a white man, will present “Growing Up Black and White in America” 7-9 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Frank and Katrina Basile Theatre in the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St.

Tickets are \$20 in advance at storytellingarts.org or 317-232-1882. Tickets are \$25 at the door and \$15 for students with a valid ID.

The idea for a shared stage came in 2013. Alston was commissioned by the Singing City Choir in Philadelphia to observe the 1963 children’s march in Birmingham, Alabama. Mettler attended with his wife, Bonnie, who said she hadn’t heard of the children’s march, according to Alston.

Bonnie then created a series of paintings called “My Racial Ignorance” — which will be part of the storytelling event — and Bill approached Alston with the idea of crafting a storytelling project.

Their stories are set against the backdrop of the civil rights movement, Vietnam War and women’s movement in the 1960s.

It was a time of “sensory overload,” Alston said.

Alston and Mettler have been friends since the 1980s and have a lot in common. Both of their fathers

were in the Air Force and stationed in the Philippines. Both of their parents were married in 1944. They both came from families of five children.

Alston said it was a reminder that she and Mettler — and many others — do share more life experiences than they might think.

Still, Alston understands her experience growing up in America was different.

“Our experience in America is invisible,” she said of Black Americans. “It’s only one part of the story that America gets to hear.”

She remembers, for example, former President Barack Obama singing “Amazing Grace” during the eulogy for Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who was killed in a 2015 shooting at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, and the organist joined in.

Many white people were confused by the spectacle, Alston said, but there was nothing confusing about it if you were brought up in the Black church.


Following the event, Alston said she and Mettler will stay for anyone who wants to participate in a Q&A.

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SPOTLIGHT

‘Steel Magnolias’ delivers powerful performances

By OSEYE BOYD

When I learned Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre would open the 2020 season — the 47th — with “Steel Magnolias,” I knew I had to see it. It’s a classic, and the opportunity to see the play performed locally couldn’t be missed.

The movie, based on the 1987 play by Robert Harling about his sister’s death from complications of type 1 diabetes, featured heavy hitters such as Dolly Parton, Sally Field, Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis and Shirley MacClaine. The movie (and the play) centers around the bond between the women, friends who live in Chinquapin, Louisiana. A remake with an all-Black cast done in 2012 introduced M’Lynn, Truvy, Ouiser, Shelby and Annelle to a whole new audience. This version also included an all-star cast — Phylicia Rashad, Alfre Woodard, Jill Scott and Queen Latifah.

I’ve seen both versions several times and even own the VHS of the original film. The actors in the performance at Beef and Boards didn’t miss a beat. They deliver the same level of comedic drama you’ve come to know in the classic movie. At times, I forgot I wasn’t watching Parton or Daryl Hannah on stage.

The play takes place in Truvy’s beauty salon. Unlike the movie, the play doesn’t venture outside of

IF YOU GO:
■ **WHAT:** Steel Magnolias
■ **WHERE:** Beef And Boards Dinner Theatre, 9301 Michigan Road
■ **WHEN:** Now through Feb. 2
■ **COST:** \$47.50-\$72.50 available online or at the box office 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday
■ **INFO:** beefandboards.com, 317-872-9664

the salon, and we don’t get to see Shelby’s wedding or the infamous armadillo cake. The lack of the red velvet armadillo groom’s cake covered in gray icing was the only disappointment I had. Ouiser lopping off the tale of that cake is my favorite scene.

Even without my favorite scene, the play was a hit! M’Lynn’s monologue at the end almost brought tears to my eyes. It didn’t matter that I knew how the movie would end or that I’d heard it before. Diane Kondrat gave such a heartfelt performance and was so believable. For a second I thought her daughter really did die, and she wasn’t acting. It was powerful. Kudos to Kondrat.

“Steel Magnolias” is rated PG and will run through Feb. 2, giving you plenty of time to catch a show. You won’t regret it.



Truvy styles Shelby’s hair: Shelby (Lari White) tells stories about her fiancé to Truvy (Deb Wims) in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre’s production of Steel Magnolias.

THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS

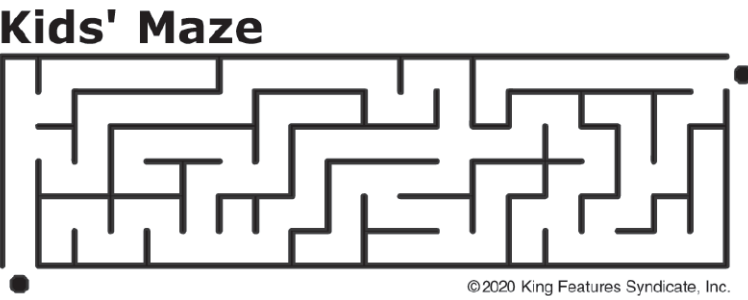


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Answers to Super Crossword

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

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6 One in a fall

11 Very small: Prefix

15 Sealed, say

19 Early TV's Stu

20 Posters

21 Stick in the water

22 Sonyw ler's creation

23 Martin the ticket collector?

26 Actor Bana or Stoltz

27 Pay to play poker

28 Game with Wild cards

29 Clinton the doctor?

31 Caught at a rodeo

33 Pollen lover

34 Hardly fresh

36 Worldwide

38 Ellington the Peppermint Pattie factory worker?

45 More greasy

49 Finding for Israel

50 Ilk

51 Car owners' org.

52 Kelly the minister?

54 "Let's go!"

55 Former Apple messaging software

57 See 64-Down

58 Prime: studier

59 Denry the golfer?

61 Markey and Baynold

63 Actor F-rinds of 2017's "Justice League"

65 Negligent

68 Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's purview

67 Bailey the philosopher?

72 Folder flap

75 Moral lie on

76 Rice-based Spanish dish

77 Ivory's counterpart

79 Bonatar the dairy owner?

85 Fuzzy stuff

87 Departure

88 Standoffish

89 Karmann — (bygone VW sports car)

90 Note the clockmaker?

92 Skeleton part

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94 Ariz.-to-Kan. dir.

95 Girls in the family

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the lamp designer?

100 Gets doted

102 Basic deg. for designers

103 Supermodel Carangi or actress Scala

105 End: profil

110 Behar the chef?

116 Airport stat

117 I lotal chain

118 Mutates of film and TV

119 Arden the demolition contractor?

122 Shacy giants

123 Get-out-of-jail money

124 Super-mad

125 "The Flea" poet John

126 Blog addition

127 Pot for stew

128 Lauder of makeup

129 Evil smile

DOWN

1 Get gold, e.g.

2 Target Center, e.g.

3 Smacks

4 Spork parts

5 — cone

6 "Viva Zapatal" star

7 Alter totally

8 Reply to "Who's in charge here?"

9 Bounced down the court

10 Actress Davis of two "Matrix" films

11 Spain, say

12 Langston Hughes poem

13 Athletic team assoc.

14 Film anew

15 Not wobbly

16 Throw

17 Troop body

18 Pt. of MIT or STEM

24 Nuclear reactor tube

25 Polar vehicle

30 Polar pixie

32 Curved arch

36 High jump on a skateboard, informaly

37 Lacking a key, in music

39 "Sarge" F. mill. branch

40 Weirdo

41 Rubik of cube fame

42 Aiba's island

43 Broccoli —

44 Kit — (candy bars)

45 Post Nash

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48 Froated

53 Abbr. on a pay stub

54 "Please, Mommy, will you let us?"

55 "Veni," in English

56 Nero's 160

59 Villain in Disney's "Aladdin"

60 Waitress on TV's "Alice"

62 Spruce (up)

64 With

57-Across, Ali wing strategy

68 Abate

69 "Fighting" Big Ten team

70 Out, as pizza

71 Cold and wet

72 Like poison

73 Japanese cartoon art

74 Measures of memory

75 Scaring cry

78 — note

79 One of Henry VIII's Cathedres

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81 Mug in a pub

82 Jamaican citrus fruit

83 Mean ruffian

84 Wilo or "The Addams Family," to her hubby

86 Cover for a truck bed

90 Crystal rubbers, perhaps

91 Jab deliverer

93 Control in a clinical study

97 Certain wind player

98 Very loudly, musically

99 9-to-5er's weekly cry

101 Main dish

104 Art house film, often

106 Went aboard

107 Nitrogen compound

108 Wards after all or hole

109 San Fran glider

110 All-terrain vehicle

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115 Nut with caffeine

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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by Helene Hovanec

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EDITORIAL

A book club for Black men

By OSEYE BOYD



The other day I learned about something so inspiring it caused me share it on social media as well as send texts of the link. I couldn't believe it when I read it. It was something I never thought about so I never knew I needed it until I read about it.

What am I going on about?

It's a book club for Black men.

You're probably shaking your head and thinking, "Is that all?" Yes, that is all, but if you think this is a small thing, you don't understand the magic of reading.

When I think of the typical book club member, the image I envision is a woman. I certainly don't think of men, let alone Black men.

I'm a past member of a book club. Not one man — Black, white or otherwise — joined. I didn't even think men had an

interest in a book club as it was always viewed as a woman's thing. For Black people — in my experience — reading for enjoyment tends to be the purview of women. I know there are Black men who read strictly for the pleasure of reading, but I've never seen it on the same scale as the women I know.

At some point reading became uncool and nerdy, so young Black boys stopped reading and Black men never regained the habit.

Then I read about The Marathon Book Club. Several things make this book club special. I've already mentioned it's a book club for Black men. In addition, rapper Nipsey Hussle, who was murdered in front of his retail store, The Marathon Clothing, was the inspiration for the book club. With chapters in cities across the country, members read books Hussle mentioned in his music or interviews. Hussle read a lot, so there's plenty of material for book clubs to discuss.

I love that Hussle's life is having such a positive impact on people, specifically

Black men.

This book club isn't just about men reading, although it is. Magic happens when you read. You learn new words, sentence structure, grammar, etc., but you also use your imagination. In your mind, you see the characters and the places described in the book. You learn how to be still and quiet. You learn how to think critically.

When you read collectively and discuss what you've read more magic happens. You learn not just about how you think and view the world but how others do. My favorite classes in college were women's literature and African American literature. At the start of each class, we formed a circle with our chairs and then we discussed the week's reading. We all read the same thing, yet we had different perspectives or the words touched us differently. For example, in one of my favorite books, "Song of Solomon," not everyone saw the ending the same. I interpreted the end as the character Milkman finally learning how to fly. It

was crystal clear to me. A classmate, however, read it as Milkman decided to die by suicide since people can't fly. Neither was wrong.

I'm also excited for this book club because when Black men get together to discuss the books they're reading, they're talking. Yes, Black men are opening up, being vulnerable and talking about their feelings. They're sharing knowledge and wisdom. They're learning from each other. Often Black men are afraid to remove the tough façade for fear of being seen as less than masculine, or they think no one understands their struggles. When these men start talking, they realize they're not alone and they can share without judgment.

It's for all of these reasons that I'm so excited about this book club for Black men. I hope more chapters of The Marathon Book Club or other book clubs for Black men start. The power that comes from this seemingly small thing is immeasurable.

OPINIONS

Power politics

By LARRY SMITH



That phrase comes to mind as America witnesses an inter-governmental standoff regarding President Donald Trump's impeachment. The Constitution gives the House of Representatives the sole authority to impeach a president; it affords the Senate the sole authority to place on trial a president who has been impeached. The Senate then votes either to acquit or to convict the president. If the latter occurs — and it never has — the president is removed from office. Impeachment is a rare and solemn political process that exists within a broad legal framework. I say "broad" because the Constitution is not very prescriptive regarding how the two chambers should execute their duties. And therein lies the challenge in this hyper-partisan era.

The House voted to impeach Trump last month. In the case of Andrew Johnson's impeachment, the trial started within days; in the case of Bill Clinton (who was impeached exactly 20 years

earlier than Trump), the trial started in a few weeks. As of this writing, no date has been set for the Senate to begin its trial of Trump. Most Democratic observers speculate that this is due to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, wanting to ensure that the Senate trial is orderly, transparent and non-partisan. The Republican view is that Pelosi wants to first embarrass the president and his party, and second, to impact the 2020 election.

Given the three major personalities involved — Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer — the standoff has the potential to become a full-blown constitutional crisis. Pelosi reserves the right to determine the timing and process for delivering the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate. Again, given that the Constitution is not very prescriptive, Chief Justice John Roberts and his SCOTUS colleagues may need to weigh in. (Roberts, who is notoriously loath to engage in public political battles, is probably in a corner praying for a resolution.)

Pelosi is the matriarch of power politics. She is the first, second and only woman to serve as Speaker of the House. (She is also the first person

to return to that role after an absence since the legendary Sam Rayburn did so in 1955.) Of course, I'm old enough to remember when there was a major debate within the Democratic Party as to whether Pelosi should again be voted in as Speaker. Some inside and outside the House's hallowed halls argued that it was time for new (i.e., younger) leaders to assume power. After rancorous debates, Pelosi prevailed. This was one of many examples in which she demonstrated that she knows how to play the quintessential "boys' game" — and to play it superlatively well.

Pelosi reminds me of that person who actually reads their company's privacy policies. The person who, upon hearing the phrase "read the fine print," gets goose pimples. In short, she is like the annoying person who knows all the arcane company rules that her co-workers are supposed to know — but don't. (Incidentally, that is a key reason why she is someone whom Donald Trump should fear.)

Washington insiders know that it's not a good idea to cross Pelosi. She has a lot of power — which she is not afraid to wield. Trump found out as much when Pelosi stared him down regarding his 2019 State of the Union address, which

Presidents have traditionally delivered from the House of Representatives. (Of course, the "Pelosi clap" during the address will live forever in internet lore.) Trump is scheduled to offer his 2020 Address on Feb. 4. It is anyone's guess as to whether he will have been acquitted in the Senate by then. In addition to substantial power, Pelosi possess two other key attributes in spades: intelligence and patience.

It is important to emphasize that Pelosi did not want to impeach Trump, which she knew would be a major distraction. She also understood the political risks of doing so. In order for her to succeed in executing her agenda in the House, it is imperative for her to maintain the Democratic majority. She also wants to ensure that a Democrat is elected president in 2020. Thus, she largely ignored impeachment calls from many people in her caucus (and from the general public), especially following the release of the Mueller Report.

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Stop pimping Black people's pain

By MARSHAWN WOLLEY



Black Indianapolis doesn't need a lecture on outrage.

Over 400 Black people have been killed in this city in the last four years — the vast majority of them Black males. This doesn't even include both the Black infant and maternal mortality problem we are facing in this city.

We've had the funerals.

Our city is dotted with memorials to young Black people murdered in the streets.

As the great poet Paul Laurence Dunbar said in one of my favorite poems, "We smile, but O' great Christ our cries."

To suggest there is no outrage is to be deaf to Black cries for justice — including for people like Aaron Bailey.

But here is the difference between Black outrage and what the Indianapolis Fraternal Order of Police and, sadly, Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition has done.

Black leaders developed a policy agenda based on facts. We're coming up with a plan — and be it through our own efforts or the city's, our objectives are being

met.

Black leaders have developed the African American Legacy Fund of Indianapolis to address our philanthropic needs.

We also are training our own as part of The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League's Fellows Program so that we can build a cadre of leaders who will leverage all sectors of the city for the benefit of our community.

There's now a fund at the city dedicated to addressing food insecurity.

Black folks were on the city's community development block grant committee and weighed in on where crucial federal dollars should go.

Black leaders have presented policy concerns not only to the mayor but to the city-county council leadership.

And we do not march in the streets every day because we have to be about the business of living — and trying to figure out ways to survive in a city that forces us to exist in absurdities.

Absurdities such as: How can we have the largest Black population in Indiana and experience both the level of violence and abysmal economic realities and not have piqued the intellectual curiosity of the media in a serious way (The Toll by the IndyStar being the notable exception), nor city leadership?

Only recently have we even heard city leaders say the word "Black" despite all the data that suggests it might be a good idea to pay attention to what is happening in our community.

We cry, but we also do the work that is unheralded, unseen, hard and unglamorous — away from cameras and known mostly by those working with us.

But what we won't do is develop plans that include locking more Black people up in jail for longer periods. What we won't do is call for stricter bail standards for poor Black people.

That ain't on our agenda.

There is no quarrel with respect to keeping dangerous predators off the streets. Black victims matter to Black people.

But too often, Black people are preyed upon by a criminal justice system that locks up people we are mad at instead of focusing on people who are truly violent criminals.

The steady campaign highlighting the level of violence within the city by the FOP and leadership with the Indy Ten Point Coalition is tantamount to pimping our pain for a misguided policy agenda, and it is unacceptable.

The Black community is not for making bail more difficult to obtain, and, to be truthful, there are a lot of questions about the efficacy of what Ten Point achieves. There is a difference between correlation and causality, but I digress.

I'm for outrage.

I'm still working, but I've been hard pressed to find a city that had over 100 homicides within one segment of its community that wasn't Black.

I can't imagine what leaders would do if 100 white males were murdered within a city inside of a year. I suspect a governor would be engaged, but they wouldn't be talking about bail and stricter sentencing.

I think we need way more outrage from the larger community, but what we don't need is people pimping Black people's pain.

What I am hearing...

Community activists and leaders were irritated to learn that the first action by the new city-county council would be the launching of a commission to study climate change, especially given the sustained level of violence occurring in the Black community.

The problem wasn't climate change per se, but rather a healthy expectation that Black issues would be on the city's agenda.

I hear that both community leaders connected to the commission effort, as well as councilors, are working to include environmental justice issues, which certainly does impact Black and Latinx communities in Indianapolis.

A focus on environmental justice that might look at lead abatement — including in drinking water, air quality and even a focus on brownfields — are all positive steps.

But this does raise the issue of the conspicuous absence of a commission on African American males...

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Left to right: Committee members Jeremy Coleman and Claudia Maddox; scholarship recipients Faith Girton, Makya Wykle, Jarron Tichenor; Michael Crawford; committee co-chair Rivienne Shedd-Steele; Anthony Fields, supporter. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

SDRAS scholarship recipients

Student Development Resources and Scholarships (SDRAS) announced the recipients of the Carson, Crawford and Howard Memorial Scholarship on Jan. 4 at the Indianapolis Skyline Club. The scholarship was named in honor of former U.S. Congressman Julia Carson, Congressman Bill Crawford and State Sen. Glen Howard. Recipients are Faith Girton, Indiana University; Jarron Tichenor, Ball State University; Makya Wykle, North Carolina A&T State University.

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down to changing the way the company manages the holiday party.

“I was told that, before, they only did the holiday party during business hours, and not everyone got food,” Evans said. “Management only did things that were convenient for them.”

This relationship with employees is something that Evans believes is important to maintain the foundation of the company. She makes a point to help serve lunch and eat with her staff, a practice that didn’t happen before her tenure. Evans hopes these gestures will help her staff know where she’s coming from, and that she understands what they’re dealing with.

“I really try to let them know my story, that I just didn’t pop up and become a CEO,” Evans said. “I worked hard, I had to struggle. There was a point in my life when my ex-husband wasn’t paying child support, and I ended up losing my job. I was on welfare for six months. I hope they understand that I know what it’s like to work hard, to strive, and to struggle to keep food on the table and a roof over your head.”

After being laid off from a bank, Evans saw an advertisement for work at a transit agency. She heard it had great benefits and applied. She started working in transportation over 25 years ago as a customer service agent in Washington. Evans said working in transit began as a job but quickly became a passion.

She got her start in management after speaking with a supervisor about the lack of women and minority representation in the transportation industry. Throughout her career, Evans was always one of a few — one of a few African Americans, one of a few women and one of a few African American women.

“It’s very sad that even today you can pretty much count the number of African American women running a transportation agency,” she said.

From 2007 to 2011, Evans worked as director of Paratransit at Capital Metro in Austin, Texas. Paratransit is public transportation with fixed routes specifically for disabled individuals. As the mother of a disabled son, Evans knows firsthand the importance of reliable public transportation for those with physical disabilities.

Evans’ passion, dedication and empathy for IndyGo riders are an asset as CEO of the public transportation authority as she faced several challenges when she arrived.

One such challenge is IndyGo’s paratransit service, Open Door, is notorious for long wait times and ride times. In September 2019, WTHR reported Open Door, despite initiatives, had its worst performance in nine months, finding that buses arrived on schedule only 68% of the time that month. Troubles with route scheduling forced some riders to be stuck on the buses for up to six hours for a trip around town.

To address the problem, Evans consulted an expert on paratransit to do a comprehensive review of Open Door. Based on the study, IndyGo is making adjustments to its software system to make the routes more efficient. Evans is also working with

disabled Indianapolis residents to get their input.

“We all deserve the best service possible,” Evans said. “We can provide more service for people with disabilities ... We have a mobility and accessibility committee who meet at the IndyGo site so we can get input from our disabled community.”

Another challenge is the Red Line, a bus rapid transit line, opened just one month after Evans began as CEO. Spanning 13 miles, the Red Line has raised, lit platforms and lanes exclusively for buses. IndyGo faced problems with the Red Line system almost from the beginning. Riders complained of long wait and ride times, and the offer of free rides for the first month was extended to Nov. 30 because the ticketing kiosks didn’t work. Also, two problems arose in November: batteries in the electric buses failed to hold charges due to cold weather and poorly installed medians had to be replaced.

“I don’t want to Monday quarterback the project,” Evans said. “We would have liked to have had more time, but we made a commitment and a promise, and we did the best we could. We didn’t have enough operators, which was a mathematical mistake. Another month would have been great, and I think we would have done the bids a little differently.”

On Jan. 1, a crash involving an IndyGo bus resulted in the death of 54-year old Cindy Evans. Her passenger, a young child, and a passenger on the bus were taken to the hospital, where they were declared to be in stable condition. The cause of the crash is still under investigation by IMPD.

In a statement, Evans said: “IndyGo will continue to work with IMPD and follow internal protocol as this accident is investigated. Safety is taken very seriously here and embedded in our culture from day one of any employee’s employment. Our condolences are with the families of those involved and we encourage all drivers to be attentive while on the road.”

While drugs and alcohol were not believed to be a factor in the accident, all IndyGo drivers involved in a crash are given a blood screen and subject to further investigation.

Despite these setbacks, Evans is optimistic for the future of IndyGo.

“I think the system is really good. I would give us a B-, and we’re striving for an A,” Evans said. The next project on her radar is the Purple Line, which will span from Indianapolis to Lawrence.

“We have to get through all of the processes and community stakeholders, and find somewhere to put a drop-in facility where the community can get better information from our team and contractors,” Evans said. “We will also be building our training facility and get our apprenticeship program up and running. We want to stabilize our Open Door program to see what improvements we can continue to make. My lists are very long,” Evans said with a laugh. “We have a lot of work to do, but we have a dedicated group of professionals here.”

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Opioid crisis among Black Americans hiding in plain sight

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When it comes to the opioid crisis in America, Black people are being left out of the conversation.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found 20% of opioid-related overdoses are people of color. However, the number of Black people who overdose is unknown — further illustrating the exclusion of Black people.

Roughly 130 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose, according to the CDC. Opioids, which include illicit drugs such as heroin and prescribed painkillers such as oxycodone, have led to the deaths of nearly 400,000 people from 1999 to 2017. The epidemic, which started in white, middle class neighborhoods, is largely portrayed with compassion in the media. The same compassion isn't afforded to Black people who use opioids.

Natasha Cheatham is looking to change that.

Cheatham's addiction to alcohol and drugs began in 2006, when she was just 15 years old. By that time, she had been the caretaker for her mother, who struggles with both addiction and schizoaffective disorder, for nearly five years. After nearly a decade of substance abuse, Cheatham, 29, worked to get sober. She was often the only Black person in recovery spaces, and typically the youngest person in the room. This experience led her to create the Minority Recovery Collective Inc. (MRCI) in November 2018.

MRCI aims to "provide mental health education and recovery support services for minority youth and young adults overcoming addiction, mental illness and trauma," according to its website.

The nonprofit offers several programs, including "sober socials," where recovering addicts and individuals

looking to get sober can gather, as well as educational programs to talk about addiction as it relates to the Black community.

"I wanted to provide the support that I never had," Cheatham said.

In her Jan. 6 presentation, "It's Just Pills: Opioids in the Black Community," Cheatham discussed "lean," an often-overlooked form of opioid abuse that is popular predominantly among Black youth.

"It was an easy choice to focus on lean," Cheatham said in an interview after her presentation. "I'm a Black, queer woman, so representation is important to me period." While she grew up in Indianapolis, Cheatham was born in Houston and was familiar with lean. "I wanted our story to be heard. A lot of people talk about and do lean, but they don't know that lean is directly correlated with opioids."

Lean is a combination of cough syrup — which contains both codeine and promethazine — and soda. Users typically add candy to mask the flavor of the cough syrup, and alcohol to make it more potent.

Codeine has an almost identical chemical compound to heroin, leading lean to be dubbed "liquid heroin." Like heroin, lean creates a sense of euphoria in users, and has many similar side effects, including respiratory and central nervous system depression, decreased pulse and blood pressure, and death. Codeine, like other opioids, is highly addictive.

Lean, sometimes referred to as "Texas Tea," "sizzurp" or "purple drank" was popularized by Houston rapper DJ Screw, born Robert Davis Jr. Davis died of a codeine overdose in 2000 at the age of 29. Rappers such as Fu-

ture and Lil Wayne often refer to the drug in their songs, leading to what Cheatham believes is a dangerous form of social acceptance.

"A lot of times, kids don't even realize they're using opioids," Cheatham said in her presentation. "Some artists and people on social media are perpetuating a lifestyle, and kids and young adults are following the example."

With the high prices of cough syrup containing codeine — the Drug Enforcement Agency reports that an eight-ounce bottle can range from \$200 to \$300 — lean has become an indicator of social status.

"Only ballers can afford it," Cheatham said of the mindset surrounding lean. "A lot of people associate lean with status, they want clout or want to go viral."

The CDC found that the number of hospital visits for codeine-related illness spiked 286% from 2004 to 2011.

And while teenagers can search "#sizzurp" on Instagram and yield over 500 results, no treatment specifically for codeine addiction exists, despite the impact the drug is having on communities.

Cheatham believes that people need to have conversations about addiction

and mental health to fully understand their experiences, and to begin healing.

"We can no longer say Uncle Johnny drinks too much. Uncle Johnny's an alcoholic, and he needs to go to rehab," Cheatham said. "It's the same with mental illness. We can't sweep it under the rug. ... We have to have honest conversations about it, and understand that the resources available, while they may not be what we want, they are what we have."

Cheatham acknowledges that the lack of representation in addiction recovery services did affect her own recovery journey. After being shuffled around from therapist to therapist, she got discouraged and stopped going.

"It's easy for people of color to say, 'My therapist doesn't look like me, so I'm not going to go,' and the same goes for doctors," Cheatham said. "I absolutely understand the importance of representation and having someone who looks like you in your recovery, but you have to do something until you can get to that."

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Natasha Cheatham, CEO of the Minority Recovery Collective Inc., gave a presentation on opioids in the Black community. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

Know the Facts About Radon in the Home

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated January as National Radon Action Month to raise awareness about the risks of radon and the importance of home testing.

Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless and tasteless gas that comes up through the ground. Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.

EPA estimates that radon causes 15,000-22,000 lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year. Radon can be inhaled in the lungs, where it can damage lung tissue and possible lead to lung cancer.

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

According to EPA, as many as 1 in 15 homes across the U.S. have high levels of radon.

Radon gas enters the same way air and other soil gases enter the home — through cracks in the foundation, floor, or walls, and openings around floor drains, pipes, and sump pumps.

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

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

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

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

For a list of Indiana-certified radon laboratories, testers and mitigators, please contact the Marion County Public Health Department at (317) 221-2266 or the Indiana State Department of Health at (317) 233-7149. Information is also online at IN.gov/isdh/regsvcs/rad-health/radon.htm.

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

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

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

More information about National Radon Action Month is available at EPA.gov. To learn more about radon, please visit CDC.gov.

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Religion

Clergy abuse minority survivors find more stigma, less help

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Associated Press

The Samples were a Black Chicago family, with six children and few resources. The priest helped them with tuition, clothes, bills. He offered the promise of opportunities — a better life.

He also abused all the children. They told no one. They were afraid of not being believed and of losing what little they had, said one son, Terrence Sample. And nobody asked, until a lawyer investigating alleged abuses by the same priest prompted him to break his then 33-year silence.

“Somebody had to make the effort,” Sample said. “Why wasn’t it the church?”

Even as it has pledged to go after predators in its ranks and provide support to those harmed by clergy, the church has done little to identify and reach sexual abuse victims. For survivors of color, who often face additional social and cultural barriers to coming forward on their own, the lack of concerted outreach on behalf of the church means less public exposure — and potentially, more opportunities for abuse to go on, undetected.

Of 88 dioceses that responded to an Associated Press inquiry, seven knew the ethnicities of victims. While it was clear at least three had records of some sort, only one stated it purposely collected such data as part of the reporting process. Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Pacific Islanders and Hawaiians make up nearly 46% of the faithful in the U.S., according to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, an authoritative source of Catholic-related data. But the Catholic Church has made almost no effort to track the victims

among them.

“The church has to come into the shadows, into the trenches to find the people who were victimized, especially the people of color,” Sample said. “There are other people like me and my family, who won’t come forward unless someone comes to them.”

Brian Clites, a leading scholar on clergy sexual abuse and professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, said the church has demonstrated a pattern of funneling predator priests to economically disadvantaged communities of color, where victims have much more to lose if they report their abuse.

“They are less likely to know where to get help, less likely to have money for a lawyer to pursue that help and they are more vulnerable to counterattacks” from the church, which will hire investigators against the survivors, said Clites.

Alaska leads the nation in rates of sexual violence, and Florence Kenney said the Catholic Church has played a role in perpetuating the abuse of natives there.

Kenney, now 85, said she was abused at the Holy Cross Mission in Holy Cross, Alaska. Kenney is indigenous, and she described the relationship between the Catholic Church and Native Alaskan families as both predatory and symbiotic: The church provided food, money and resources to the village, Kenney said, in exchange for labor and silence.

“The church needed those people,



Terrence Sample poses for a portrait in Baton Rouge, La., on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019. Sample, now 58, was a middle school student at St. Procopius Catholic school, when Father Terence Fitzmaurice took an interest in him. He was groomed, isolated and assaulted for several years.

and the people needed the church,” Kenney said. “A family might sacrifice one or two children, look the other way, to preserve their relationship with the church for the others.”

There is no accurate count of clergy abuse survivors. A special report commissioned by the Colorado attorney general’s office examining abuse within state dioceses and released in October determined “victims of child sex abuse and particularly those abused by clergy are less likely to report their abuse than other crime victims.”

As for minority survivors, dioceses rarely collect demographic data.

The AP contacted 178 dioceses to ask if they collect such data. Few who responded knew the race or ethnicity of claimants. Some said demographics aren’t relevant, while others cited privacy concerns.

One diocese — Alexandria, Louisiana — shared a spreadsheet of survivors, including demographics, and without names.

The diocese began keeping such data in 2015, when Lee Kneipp, the victim

assistance coordinator, took the job.

Kneipp said knowing the race and ethnicity of victims helps investigative efforts and enables a deeper examination of records and the potential ability to find others who have not been acknowledged.

In looking into one African American survivor’s abuse claim, Kneipp was able to locate two more survivors of color from the same parish; the priest, he said, abused only boys in low-income Black communities.

Levi Monagle, an Albuquerque lawyer whose firm has close to 200 clients, including Native Americans and Hispanics, said there can be cultural and logistical impediments to contacting survivors who have not come forward.

“We don’t go cold-calling people, knocking on doors, even if you have a serial perpetrator and a survivor who says we know there were other altar boys who traveled with this guy,” he said.

The firm puts out press releases but

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Emancipation Proclamation service

Hundreds gathered at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church to commemorate the 157th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation on New Year’s Day. Mayor Joe Hogsett provided an update on the state of Indianapolis. Democrat State Rep. Greg Porter spoke on the legislative session and the \$3.4 billion surplus in the state coffers, stating some of the funds should be used to increase pay for public school teachers. Six community activists were honored and Rev. Dwayne Walker, Phillips Temple C.M.E., was named Pastor of the Year by the Baptist Ministers Alliance. Rev. David W. Greene Sr., Purpose of Life Church, gave the keynote.



Community activists were honored during the service. Left to right: Judge Grant Hawkins, Marion County Superior Court; Denise Abdul-Rahman, Climate Justice Alliance; State Rep. Robin Shackleford; Angela Byers, First Financial Bank; Ida Williams, IMPD training officer; Roddell McCullough, First Financial Bank.



Spiritual dancer performed during the service.



Pastor Wayne L. Moore Sr. gave a final blessing before the service ended. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Jabbok Crossover

By JOHNSON A. BEAVEN III



That night Jacob got up ... and crossed the ford of the Jabbok ... Then the man said, Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have over-

come. Genesis 32:22, 28 NIV So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them ... The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground. Joshua 3:14, 17 NIV

A crossover is a point, place or process of crossing from one side to another. It is breaking into another category, or a change from one situation to another. Sometimes a crossover moment becomes a breakthrough point — a point that changes everything. In essence, a crossover signifies a change. It can be a change of how things may be experienced or executed.

When a woman gets married, her title changes from Miss to Mrs. Also, her last name generally changes; either she drops her maiden name taking on her husband's last name, or she adds his last name to her maiden name.

Sometimes we initiate change for the better. Yet, sometimes what we change doesn't always have a lasting effect. But when God initiates change, it's always for the better and has lasting effects. A hymn of the church proclaims "what a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart!"

We have just made a significant crossover from 2019 to 2020. This crossover is not merely moving out from one year into another year. More significantly, we have crossed over from one decade into another decade. A decadal crossover is a recognizable change of importance as is often emphasized in a change in age — moving from one's 20s to 30s, 40s to 50s, etc.

Change thusly is not inherently a bad thing, especially a change from a crossover

moment or experience. The crossing of the Jordan River was a crossover experience signifying that Israel was entering into fulfilling their purpose within God's promise. It was a crossover moment for them as it was for their father Jacob when he crossed the Jabbok River. Crossover moments define who you will become or have become. You're never the same person after a defining crossover moment, for it's in this moment that change comes. For Jacob, his crossover change came by way of a new name. Jacob needed a new name to reflect the change in his life, so the Lord changed it to Israel, meaning "a Prince of God" (Genesis 32:27, 28). The events at the ford Jabbok represent a climatic crossover point in Jacob's spiritual growth from his conversion experience at Bethel. Jacob accepted the name change indicating his character change. Jacob no longer was the same person. For Israel, crossing the Jordan River brought them the change of a new identity. Crossing over the Jordan signified that the wilderness wandering was a thing of the past, and that Israel was embarking on a new phase of her national identity and history. They moved from merely being "the children of Israel" (Joshua 3:1) to "the Nation of Israel" (Joshua 3:17). They were not the same after crossing over the Jordan. For us, crossing over means we also are not the same any more. When God gives a new name and identity, things can't stay the same. Whoever has accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as savior has been given a new name: Victor, more than a conqueror. We've also been given a new identity: Christian, a child of the King. Because of our new name and new identity, we also come into a new spiritual experience. Let this new year crossover into a new decade be a defining moment that leads you into your purposeful destiny as a victor and a child of God.

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ABUSE

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some of the Native American population and communities are in "extreme geographic isolation" compared with other places and often don't have access to media. Richard King, 70, was sexually abused on the Assiniboine reservation in Fort Belknap, Montana, where he grew up. He said taboos and shame kept him silent for decades. Instead he abused alcohol and drugs. That, he believes, is how tribal members dealt with the abuses they face, rather than speaking out. His mother's tribe was devoutly Catholic, and he doubted he would be believed. "If children tell their parents that the clerics abused you, I would probably have gotten a whipping. I would have gotten one at church and one at home," King said. "They'd say, 'Shut up, that doesn't happen.'" He began speaking to small groups he counseled, sharing some of his story. But it was nearly 50 years before he met with an attorney, Andrew Chasan; he was ready to share what happened to him, and sit down with Montana media. When the Society of Jesus, Oregon Province, faced scores of suits accusing its priests of abuse, it filed for bankruptcy. King filed a claim and received a settlement, though in a statement to the AP the province said King's abuser was not a Jesuit priest. Phillip Aaron, a Seattle-based attorney who represented the Sample family, said his client base, which includes hundreds of African American survivors of clergy abuse, stayed silent because they feared ridicule, or worse. "It was such a stigma," Aaron said. "That is still present now. We haven't touched the top of the barrel of Black victims. There are so many Black victims who have not come forward who are suffering in silence because of the stigma." Some survivors, like Sample, kept quiet because they did not want the resources their abusers provided to dry up, Aaron said. Sample, now 58, was a middle school student at St. Procopius Catholic school, when his abuser, a priest there, took an interest in him. He was groomed, isolated and assaulted for several years, he said. "I was thinking I have to keep this secret," Sample said. "One, we have to eat and two, we have to stay in school, and this would kill my mom if she knew." Jacob Olivas' secrecy emanated from another source. He was raised in California, the son of two Mexican immigrants. His father, he said, was the embodiment of machismo: strong, silent, stoic. Olivas was abused by a priest at age 6, and when his father found out he instructed Jacob to stay quiet. It was never discussed, he said. He had no therapy, no opportunity to process what had happened. "I was supposed to keep quiet, to forget about it," Olivas said. "That's just the way the Hispanic community is. They have a reverence for the church, there's no ands, there's no buts, there's no questions: You respect the church, you respect the father," he said. "I think it was something that made my father feel more proud: This priest is taking an interest in my son." Such reluctance to come forward, whether fueled by social or cultural barriers, shame or fear, means some victims will stay silent unless they are drawn out. "How big is the iceberg that's under the water still, when you're talking about survivors?" Monagle asked. "Every culture carries the weight of its own taboos."

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2020 brings higher labor costs for small businesses

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Small business owners have plenty of changes to deal with as 2020 begins — higher labor costs for many companies, and some owners will discover that they have to comply with new laws that aren't on the books in their own states.

As of Jan. 1, there are higher minimum wages in a quarter of the states and new federal overtime rules. The IRS has new W-4 forms owners will need to get used to. Plastic bags are on their way out at stores and other businesses in a growing number of places around the country. And California has new laws on freelancers and consumer privacy that can affect out-of-state companies.

A look at a handful of the 2020 changes in federal, state and local laws and regulations:

MINIMUM WAGES GO UP

The minimum wage is higher in 21 states as of Jan. 1, including New York, where the minimum rose Dec. 31, according to the National Employment Law Project. The increases in California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York are steps toward an eventual \$15 minimum approved by state legislatures.

Increases are planned later in the year in states including Connecticut, New York, Oregon and Washington, D.C., and some counties and cities are raising their minimums as well.

While many businesses pay hourly workers above the minimum, when there's an increase in the wage, many owners give all their staffers a raise to stay competitive amid a tight labor market.

NEW OVERTIME RULES

The Labor Department's long-awaited revamp of its overtime rules are now in effect, giving an estimated 1.3 million workers a raise. Workers earning under \$684 per week or \$35,568 must now be paid overtime, up from the previous threshold of \$455 per week or \$23,660 annually.

Retailers, restaurants and manufacturers are most likely to be affected, with shift supervisors and assistant managers among the positions that must now be paid overtime after 40 hours a week. While all employers are subject to the rules, the higher threshold is likely to have the greatest impact on small companies that lack the revenue cushion that larger businesses have against higher costs.

Employers are expected to limit the hours of some workers so they don't incur overtime, or raise some staffers' pay to a level above the threshold, making them exempt from the new rules.

More information about the overtime rules can be found on the Labor Department's website, www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/overtime/2019/index.

NEW W-4 FORMS

The IRS has issued new W-4 forms for 2020, changing the way tax is



withheld from employees' pay. The new forms reflect changes required by the tax law that went into effect in late 2017; they do away with the allowances long used to calculate how much money should be withheld from paychecks. Instead, the new forms use information that can be found on employees' tax returns.

Current employees don't need to fill out new W-4 forms, but new staffers or employees who want to change their withholding do need to complete them. The IRS has created a calculator to help small businesses compute withholding for the new forms if they don't use automated payroll software or providers. It can be found on the IRS website, www.irs.gov. Search for "new Form W-4."

PLASTIC BAG BANS

A growing number of states, counties and cities have passed legislation prohibiting or restricting retailers and other businesses from giving customers single-use plastic bags to carry purchases. Oregon's ban went into effect Jan. 1, and Maine, New York state and Vermont have similar prohibitions going into effect later in the year.

There are variations among the laws and some exceptions — in New York, for example, pharmacies are exempt if the purchase is for a prescription drug,

and restaurants can give diners bags for takeout food. Some of the laws also require a 5 cent charge if a customer wants a paper bag.

While the laws have been passed out of environmental concerns, small retailers might see a benefit from not having to buy and supply plastic bags. And those that sell reusable shopping tote bags could get a small revenue uptick.

CALIFORNIA CHANGE

A new California law gives consumers more control over the personal information companies collect and share with other businesses. While the law aims to exempt very small companies, those that do business with California residents, including out-of-state firms, can find themselves required to comply.

Under the law, companies must be able to tell consumers what information they have and what they do with it. Consumers must have the option to have their information deleted from companies' computer systems. Businesses that handle information collected by others — for example, payment processors — can also find themselves subject to the law.

Companies are subject to the law if they have worldwide revenue above \$25 million, collect or receive the per-

sonal information of 50,000 or more California consumers, households or electronic devices; or those who get at least half their revenue from selling personal information. Small businesses can reach the 50,000 threshold for collecting or receiving information — an individual who has a phone, tablet, PC at home and one at work counts as four users, not one.

A separate law puts strict limits on who can work as an independent contractor or freelancer. The law is aimed at ensuring that workers in the gig economy like Uber and Lyft drivers get the protections that labor laws give employees. It will force business owners to decide whether to hire these workers as employees, even for temporary assignments, or look for help in other states.

The law also affects out-of-state companies if they have been using independent contractors or freelancers in California.

Changes in California laws are also noteworthy because the state can be a trailblazer when it comes to employee, consumer and environmental issues. The nation's first laws requiring paid sick leave for workers and banning plastic bags were enacted in California.

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AS TRUSTEE FOR USF
MASTER PARTICIPATION
TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDA S. THOMPSON AKA
LINDA THOMPSON
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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT
CAUSE NO.
49D14-1912-MF-052220
BANKUNITED N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHRISTY K. MATHIS
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
PFS, AS COLLECTION
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ACCOUNTS
Defendants.

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filed in the Marion Superior
Court against the above-
named Defendants. Plaintiff
also filed an Affidavit of a
competent person showing
that the residence and
whereabouts of Defendants,
Harry Ford and Park Place
Management Inc. upon
diligent inquiry are unknown.
The cause of action is for
default on a promissory
note and foreclosure upon
a mortgage on the following
described real estate:
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CREEK HEIGHTS, SECTION
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MARION COUNTY, INDIANA,
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-038342
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CAUSE NO.
49D06-1911-MF-047961
Finance of America Reverse
LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Unknown heirs,
 devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Jackie
Harding, AKA Jack A.
Harding, AKA Jack Allen
Harding and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Jack Harding,
AKA Jack A. Harding, AKA
Jack Allen Harding, et al.
Defendants.

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Harding, AKA Jack Allen
Harding and their unknown
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the Estate of Jack Harding,
AKA Jack A. Harding, AKA
Jack Allen Harding, et al.
Defendants.
BE IT KNOWN, that Finance
of America Reverse LLC, the
above-named Plaintiff, by
its attorney, J. Dustin Smith,
has filed in the office of the
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court, #6 its Complaint
against Defendant The
Unknown heirs, devisees,
legatees, beneficiaries of
Jack Harding, AKA Jack A.
Harding, AKA Jack Allen
Harding and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Jack Harding,
AKA Jack A. Harding, AKA
Jack Allen Harding, upon
diligent inquiry is unknown,
and that said cause of
action is for default on the
promissory note and to
foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County,
State of Indiana, to wit:
Lot 2 in Scott's Subdivision
of Lot 65 Irvington, an addition
to the City of Indianapolis,
the plat of which is recorded
in plat Book 18, page 106, in
the office of the Recorder of
Marion County, Indiana.
19, 1967, as Instrument No.
5855
Julian Avenue, Indianapolis,
IN 46219.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendant is hereby notified
of the filing and pendency
of said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
and answer or otherwise
defend thereto within thirty
(30) days after the last notice
of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court, #6,
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-
64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-
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Elyssa M. Meade (25352-64)
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Hughel, AKA Leland L.
Hughel and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Leland Hughel,
AKA Leland L. Hughel:
BE IT KNOWN, that TIAA,
FSB, the above-named
Plaintiff, by its attorney, J.
Dustin Smith, has filed in
the office of the Clerk of
the Marion Superior Court
#6 its Complaint against
Defendant The Unknown
heirs, devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Leland
Hughel, AKA Leland L.
Hughel and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Leland Hughel,
AKA Leland L. Hughel, upon
diligent inquiry is unknown,
and that said cause of
action is for default on the
promissory note and to
foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County,
State of Indiana, to wit:
commonly known as
221 Jefferson Avenue,
Indianapolis, IN 46201.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendant is hereby notified
of the filing and pendency
of said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
and answer or otherwise
defend thereto within thirty
(30) days after the last notice
of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #6
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-022727
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #6
CAUSE NO.
49D06-1907-MF-026846
TIAA, FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.
Leland Hughel, AKA Leland
L. Hughel, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs,
 devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Leland
Hughel, AKA Leland L.
Hughel and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Leland Hughel,
AKA Leland L. Hughel:
BE IT KNOWN, that TIAA,
FSB, the above-named
Plaintiff, by its attorney, J.
Dustin Smith, has filed in
the office of the Clerk of
the Marion Superior Court
#6 its Complaint against
Defendant The Unknown
heirs, devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Leland
Hughel, AKA Leland L.
Hughel and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Leland Hughel,
AKA Leland L. Hughel, upon
diligent inquiry is unknown,
and that said cause of
action is for default on the
promissory note and to
foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County,
State of Indiana, to wit:
commonly known as
221 Jefferson Avenue,
Indianapolis, IN 46201.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendant is hereby notified
of the filing and pendency
of said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
and answer or otherwise
defend thereto within thirty
(30) days after the last notice
of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #6
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
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PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs,
 devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Leland
Hughel, AKA Leland L.
Hughel and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Leland Hughel,
AKA Leland L. Hughel, upon
diligent inquiry is unknown,
and that said cause of
action is for default on the
promissory note and to
foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County,
State of Indiana, to wit:
commonly known as
221 Jefferson Avenue,
Indianapolis, IN 46201.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
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of said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
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defend thereto within thirty
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of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #6
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(25071-06)
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-034466
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #5
CAUSE NO.
49D05-1912-MF-051265
US Bank Trust, N.A., not in
its individual capacity but
solely as Owner Trustee for
VRMTG Asset Trust
Plaintiff,
vs.
Natalie Haggard, as
Possible Heir to the Estate
of Betty J. Huntsman, AKA
Betty Huntsman, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown heirs,
 devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Betty J.
Huntsman, AKA Betty
Huntsman and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Betty J. Huntsman,
AKA Betty Huntsman:
BE IT KNOWN, that US
Bank Trust, N.A., not in
its individual capacity but
solely as Owner Trustee for
VRMTG Asset Trust, the
above-named Plaintiff, by
its attorney, J. Dustin Smith,
has filed in the office of the
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court #5 its Complaint
against Defendant The
Unknown heirs, devisees,
legatees, beneficiaries of
Betty J. Huntsman, AKA
Betty Huntsman and their
unknown creditors; and,
the unknown executor,
administrator, or personal
representative of the Estate
of Betty J. Huntsman, AKA
Betty Huntsman, upon
diligent inquiry is unknown,
and that said cause of
action is for default on the
promissory note and to
foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County,
State of Indiana, to wit:
Lot Numbered Four (4)
in Campdin and Sheridan
person Park, an addition to
the City of Indianapolis, in
Marion County, Indiana, as
per plat thereof recorded
in Plat Book 17, page 5, in
the Office of the Recorder
of Marion County, Indiana.
Except Five (5) feet off the
East end of said lot taken for
road way purposes by Right
of Way Grant dated July 28,
1967, recorded December
19, 1967, as Instrument No.
67-62864, and re-recorded
February 5, 1968, as
Instrument No. 68-5362.
Including that manufactured
home more specifically
described as a 1994 Plant
Harbor Homes, Wingfoot
Model #5354, Serial
Number PH20H9421467,
Certificate of Title Number
299369-299370,
commonly known as
45c, South Holt Road,
Indianapolis, IN 46241.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendant is hereby notified
of the filing and pendency
of said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
and answer or otherwise
defend thereto within thirty
(30) days after the last notice
of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #5,
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-
64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-040387
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #5
CAUSE NO.
49D05-1912-MF-050056
PNC Bank, National
Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
Aaron Herbert, AKA Aaron
R. Herbert, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
TO: Orchard Valley Farms
Homeowners Association,
BE IT KNOWN, that PNC
Bank, National Association,
the above-named Plaintiff,
by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith,
has filed in the office of the
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court #5 its Complaint
against Defendant Orchard
Valley Farms Homeowners
Association, Inc., and the
said Plaintiff having also
filed in said Clerk's office
the affidavit of a competent
person showing that the
residence and whereabouts
of the Defendant, Orchard
Valley Farms Homeowners
Association, Inc., upon
diligent inquiry is unknown,
and that said cause of
action is for default on the
promissory note and to
foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County,
State of Indiana, to wit:
Lot Numbered 37 in Orchard
Valley Farms, Section 2A,
an addition in Marion County,
Indiana, as per plat thereof
recorded January 21, 2000
as Instrument Number
000099275 in the office
of the Recorder of Marion
County, Indiana.
commonly known as 4119
Orchard Valley Boulevard,
Indianapolis, IN 46235.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendant is hereby notified
of the filing and pendency
of said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
and answer or otherwise
defend thereto within thirty
(30) days after the last notice
of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #5,
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-
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Chris Wiley (26936-10)
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-019410
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #14
CAUSE NO.
49D14-1911-MF-049323
American Advisors Group
Plaintiff,
vs.
Timothy S. Burnett, AKA
Timothy Burnett, as Personal
Representative to the Estate
of James Burnett AKA
James A. Burnett, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
TO: Randy Burnett, as Heir
and Real Estate Beneficiary
to the Estate of James
Burnett AKA James A.
Burnett, Jennifer Morris, as
Real Estate Beneficiary to the
Estate of James Burnett AKA
James A. Burnett, and Beth
Arlington, as Real Estate
Beneficiary to the Estate of
James Burnett AKA James
A. Burnett.
BE IT KNOWN, that American
Advisors Group, the above-
named Plaintiff, by its
attorney, Elyssa M. Meade,
has filed in the office of the
Clerk of the Marion Superior
Court #14 its Complaint
against Defendants Randy
Burnett, as Heir and Real
Estate Beneficiary to the
Estate of James Burnett AKA
James A. Burnett, Jennifer
Morris, as Real Estate
Beneficiary to the Estate of
James Burnett AKA James A.
Burnett, and Beth Arlington,
as Real Estate Beneficiary
to the Estate of James
Burnett AKA James A.
Burnett, upon diligent inquiry
are unknown, and that said
cause of action is for default
on the promissory note and
to foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County,
State of Indiana, to wit:
Lot Numbered 73 in Sheridan
Heights Addition, an addition
to the City of Indianapolis,
Indiana, as per plat thereof
recorded in Plat Book 30,
page 67, in the Office of the
Recorder of Marion County,
Indiana,
commonly known as 4118
North Cathedral Avenue,
Indianapolis, IN 46226.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendants are hereby
notified of the filing and
pendency of said Complaint
against them and that unless
they appear and answer or
otherwise defend thereto
within thirty (30) days after
the last notice of this action
is published, judgment by
default may be entered
against said Defendants for
the relief demanded in the
Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #14
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-
64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-
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NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown Lienholders:
BE IT KNOWN, that
Defendant Fannie Mae, by its
attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has
filed in the office of the Clerk
of the Marion Superior Court
its Complaint against Defendant
Unknown Lienholders,
and the said Defendant
Fannie Mae having also
filed in said Clerk's office
the affidavit of a competent
person showing that the
residence and whereabouts
of the Defendant, Unknown
Lienholders, upon diligent
inquiry is unknown, and that
said cause of action is for
default on the promissory
note and to foreclose a
mortgage on the following
described real estate in
Marion County, State of
Indiana, to wit:
Lot Number One Hundred
Twenty-Eight (128) in Eliza
T. Edwards Northwestern
Park Addition to the City of
Indianapolis, as per plat
thereof, recorded in Plat
Book 14, Page 7, in he office
of the Recorder of Marion
County, Indiana,
commonly known as
645 West 29th Street,
Indianapolis, IN 46208.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendant is hereby notified
of the filing and pendency
of said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
and answer or otherwise
defend thereto within thirty
(30) days after the last notice
of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #5,
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-
64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-
15)
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-033023
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT
CAUSE NO.
49C01-1910-PL-045949
Federal National Mortgage
Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
William H. Harvey, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
TO: Unknown Lienholders:
BE IT KNOWN, that
Defendant Fannie Mae, by its
attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has
filed in the office of the Clerk
of the Marion Superior Court
its Complaint against Defendant
Unknown Lienholders,
and the said Defendant
Fannie Mae having also
filed in said Clerk's office
the affidavit of a competent
person showing that the
residence and whereabouts
of the Defendant, Unknown
Lienholders, upon diligent
inquiry is unknown, and that
said cause of action is for
default on the promissory
note and to foreclose a
mortgage on the following
described real estate in
Marion County, State of
Indiana, to wit:
Lot Number One Hundred
Twenty-Eight (128) in Eliza
T. Edwards Northwestern
Park Addition to the City of
Indianapolis, as per plat
thereof, recorded in Plat
Book 14, Page 7, in he office
of the Recorder of Marion
County, Indiana,
commonly known as
645 West 29th Street,
Indianapolis, IN 46208.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendant is hereby notified
of the filing and pendency
of said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
and answer or otherwise
defend thereto within thirty
(30) days after the last notice
of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #5,
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-
64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
Nicholas M. Smith (31800-
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-039421
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #5
CAUSE NO.
49D05-1911-MF-049891
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
Randall W. Burleson, Jr.,
AKA Randall Burleson, Jr.,
AKA Randall W. Burleson,
AKA Randall Burleson, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION
TO: Kaylynn M. Engle:
BE IT KNOWN, that Wells
Fargo Bank, N.A., the
above-named Plaintiff, by its
attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has
filed in the office of the Clerk
of the Marion Superior Court
#5 its Complaint against
Defendant Kaylynn M. Engle,
and the said Plaintiff having
also filed in said Clerk's office
the affidavit of a competent
person showing that the
residence and whereabouts
of the Defendant, Kaylynn M.
Engle, upon diligent inquiry
is unknown, and that said
cause of action is for default
on the promissory note and
to foreclose a mortgage on
the following described real
estate in Marion County,
State of Indiana, to wit:
Lot Number 319 Moeller
Estates at Wildwood Farms,
Section Seven, a Subdivision
in Marion County, Indiana, as
per plat thereof, Recorded
June 22, 2004 as Instrument
Number 2004-125296, in
the Office of the Recorder of
Marion County, Indiana,
commonly known as 7942
Caraway Lane, Indianapolis,
IN 46239.
NOW, THEREFORE, said
Defendant is hereby notified
of the filing and pendency of
said Complaint against them
and that unless they appear
and answer or otherwise
defend thereto within thirty
(30) days after the last notice
of this action is published,
judgment by default may
be entered against said
Defendant for the relief
demanded in the Complaint.
Dated: Clerk, Marion
Superior Court #5,
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-
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Chris Wiley (26936-10)
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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
SUPERIOR COURT
CIRCUIT DIVISION 7
RONNIE G. WYATT AND
JOYCE M. WYATT,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
BENJAMIN SCOTT WYATT,
AND
RYAN AND ASHLEY
MAXWELL
AND/OR CURRENT
OCCUPANTS,
Defendants.
CAUSE NO.
49D07-1912-MF-050486

NOTICE OF SUIT
This summons is to the
Defendant Benjamin Scott
Wyatt, above named, and to
any other person who
may be concerned. You are
notified that you have been
sued in the Marion County
Superior Court, #200 E
Washington St, Indianapolis,
IN 46204, clerk's phone
number (317) 327- 4740, in
an action entitled Ronnie G.
Wyatt and Joyce M. Wyatt
verses Benjamin Scott Wyatt,
Cause No. 49D07-1912-
MF-050486 by the persons
named above as plaintiffs.
This summons by publication
is specifically directed to
Defendant, Benjamin Scott
Wyatt, whose whereabouts
are unknown. The named
plaintiffs are represented by
Robert D. Haas, #17933-49,
BLANKENSHIP AND HAAS
7050 Madison Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana
46227, Phone: (317) 783-
3167. The nature of the suit
against you is a Mortgage
foreclosure relative to the
real estate located at 5316
W. Meadowood Drive,
Indianapolis, IN. Plaintiffs
claim damages against the
Defendant in an amount to
exceed \$13,109.66. An
answer or other response in
writing to the complaint must
be filed either by you or your
attorney within 30 days after
the third published notice of
Fruit, and if you fail to do so
judgment by default may
be rendered against you for
the relief demanded by the
plaintiffs.

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spend an average of \$96 dollars
monthly, 20% more per month
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Annual Holiday Meals
Give-a-Way continues



Patrick Bouquett coordinated the delivery efforts of the volunteer drivers.

The 11th Annual Holiday Meals Give-a-Way was held on Christmas Day at K

Top Indiana sports stories of the past decade were epic



(Recorder Graphic/ John Hurst)

By DANNY BRIDGES

It's hard to believe 2020 is upon us, so let's take a look at what yours truly thought were the five biggest Indiana sports stories of this past decade. (Feel free to chime in to the contrary and email me yours.)

Butler University playing in two consecutive NCAA Men's Final Fours in 2010 and 2011 is my fifth choice. The Bulldogs had some breaks along the way, and you could say they simply caught lightning in a bottle, but Brad Stevens did a masterful job in coaching a team that was clearly short on Division 1-level talent but long on heart. The Bulldogs were fun to watch and gave a lot of people plenty to cheer about.

My fourth nominee is the Indiana Pacers and their run to the NBA Eastern Conference Finals in 2013 against the Miami Heat. Paul George showed he was more than just a budding star, and Roy Hibbert averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds, as the Pacers took LeBron James and company to a seventh game. The Heat blew out the Pacers in that final game, but Indiana's run was magical.

The third pick on my list is the Indianapolis Colts releasing Peyton Manning on March 7, 2012 to avoid a humongous salary cap hit and position themselves to draft Andrew Luck with the first pick in the NFL draft just weeks later. It

was a smart move by the Colts and one that many people here locally still cannot come to terms with.

The aforementioned Mr. Luck is the subject of my second slating as he was beat to the punch of announcing his retirement when it was revealed by Adam Schefter of ESPN on Aug. 25 (not to mention my Aug. 22 column) that he would retire from the game of football. The announcement placed Luck into a state of public exile, and once and for all officially put the three-year public relations circus surrounding his health to rest. The Colts headed into the 2019 season with Jacoby Brissett under center as their starting quarterback and finished a rather disappointing 7-9 after starting 5-2.

The number one Indiana (and beyond) sports story is the purchase of the storied Indianapolis Motor Speedway by Roger Penske as announced on Nov. 4, 2019. Penske reportedly paid \$300 million for the famed oval, as well as the NTT Data Indy Car Series and IMS Productions. Look for major enhancements to the facilities and potential changes to the current executive staffs of each entity.

Danny Bridges who lived these stories and many more this past decade, and who hopes to be around in ten years to do this again, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.

Leagues finally cash in on sports betting by selling data

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Professional sports leagues struck out in their quest for a cut of sports betting money by claiming they needed payments to help protect the integrity of games.

They also fumbled an attempt to claim a share of betting proceeds by saying the games are the intellectual property of the leagues, and that they should be compensated when others profit off them.

But with two strikes against them, the leagues may have hit on a way to cash in: selling their official data to gambling companies, making the case that the leagues are creating new products for gamblers to bet on.

Six of the largest U.S. bookmakers already use official league data under terms they negotiated directly with the leagues.

"Last year it was, 'Here are the leagues with their hands out,'" said Scott Kauffman-Ross, senior vice president of fantasy and gaming for the NBA. "Now we realize there's a lot we can offer each other. More and more operators are starting to see the value in this."

While not delighted with the added expense, the companies see the value in using official data, particularly for in-game betting, the fastest-growing segment of sports betting in the U.S. In such instances, determining whether a running back gained 100 yards or 99 yards could be the difference between winning or losing a bet, and having the leagues' data serve as the last word provides a level playing field for bettors and bookmakers alike.

"We're collecting a lot of data," said Chris Golier, vice president of business development for the NHL. "We are the only ones that can extract that kind of data and collect it. We're putting chips in pucks, chips in shoulder pads. It's a whole new manufacturing process to have a piece of rubber with a chip in it that can bounce off the wall. It's going to be 2,000 data points a second. These things will turn into prop bets over time."

NASCAR has invested heavily in technology it says is creating new betting opportunities — and the company feels it deserves to be paid for it.

"We are creating a market that hasn't existed," said Scott Warfield, NASCAR's managing director of gaming. "How can we get our fans to watch an extra 30 to 45 minutes? We can when they're betting on stage 2, or who's leading in lap 100. There's a lot to bet on. It's taking that data and creating a new product that didn't exist. I don't physically know how you would do it

without official data: (keeping track of) 36 cars going 200 miles an hour at the same time."

The NFL has inked a deal with Sportradar to distribute official league data to bookmakers in the U.S. and in other countries.

DraftKings, FanDuel, William Hill, MGM Resorts, Caesars Entertainment and Betstars are among gambling companies that have reached individual deals with leagues to buy their official data. They generally do not reveal how much they pay for the information.

Why is this important? Sports betting has very small profit margins, typically between 5% and 7%. With state taxes, payments to technology partners, marketing and other expenses, even a seemingly small additional cost, such as a quarter of 1% of the amount bet, quickly adds up and affects the bottom line for bookmakers.

That is no small concern in what right now amounts to a gold rush in the year-and-a-half-old sports betting market in the U.S., with dozens of companies scrambling for market share — and the likelihood that not everyone in business today will be in the market in 5 years.

And in a trend already emerging, some bookmakers seeking to defend their profits are offering less favorable odds — and smaller payouts — to gamblers, something likely to accelerate if more bookmakers feel pressure on their bottom line.

Of course, gambling companies are under no obligation to use official league data, and several don't. They can get it from a variety of sources, including aggregated data that they or a third party collect from a league website (a process known as "data-scraping.") Or they could collect the data themselves from live events.

"Sports books have been running in Nevada for decades without official data," said Seth Schorr, chairman of the Downtown Grand Las Vegas casino. "Having an NFL logo next to the data will not mean a thing."

But those options are much slower than getting a flow of data from the league itself, and would be virtually unusable for the quick pace of in-game betting. The NBA's Kauffman-Ross said his league's games are simply too fast-paced to rely on third-party data.

"We collect our official data courtside as it happens," he said. "The speed of that data is incredibly important. We have hundreds of lead changes. You can be one to two plays behind if you collect data off a broadcast feed. A player that hits a couple of 3-pointers can meaningfully change the odds."



Lawrence North gets past Attucks

Lawrence North High School senior Dorean Hatton competes with Crispus Attucks High School senior Malik Tansmore for a rebound in the Wildcats' 80-72 win over the Tigers on Jan. 4. (Photo/Walt Thomas)