

EDITORIAL

COVID-19 – changing our lives, one day at a time

By OSEYE BOYD



So far there are a few lessons COVID-19 has taught us: America is ill prepared for such a pandemic, people don’t know how to properly wash their hands (or they just don’t wash them at all), and they also don’t know how to properly cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze. If there was ever a reason for people not to have faith in the government, this was it. Slow movement on the federal government’s part is one of the reasons the virus is spreading across the country. Instead of using the test already developed by the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention insisted on creating its own test, which proved to be unreliable and caused the U.S. to lose weeks of testing — not to mention allowing the virus to spread. Just think of how many people were contagious,

didn’t know it and infected others. In turn, those people infected more, and a vicious cycle ensued. In addition, guidance from the federal level also initially tested only those coming back from international travel. At one point, people were being denied testing. Talk about incompetence. Basically, more people should be tested and more people probably have the virus. On top of all of this, we have a president who made outrageous claims without any scientific evidence — you can go to work infected, warm weather will take care of the virus, and it’s nothing more than the flu. It’s one thing when regular folk and average Joes spout off nonsense, but it’s totally different when the man who sits in the Oval Office and supposedly leads this country passes on misinformation as fact. I try to be as polite and professional as possible on this page, but this is buffoonery at the highest level. The Obama administration created a unit to address pandemic disease. Well, the Trump administration in all of its brilliance and desire to erase any

Obama-era measures dismantled the unit so there wasn’t a team in place to handle preparedness for the corona-virus. This would be comical if lives weren’t at stake. As of now this pandemic is changing the way many of us live. Schools are closing, college campuses are planning for online classes only, sporting events are being canceled or played without an audience present, etc. in an effort to mitigate the spread of the virus. As I write this column, 10 people have tested positive for COVID-19 in Indiana. Those people live in Adams, Boone, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion and Noble counties. I suspect more cases will turn up as more people are tested. Many of us are washing our hands thoroughly for the first time. If you’ve ever been in a public restroom — even at work — you’ve seen someone who used water and no soap or simply walked from the stall out of the restroom door. I was raised that you washed your hands when you used the bathroom, before you cooked and

before you took anything out of the refrigerator or freezer. I’m a bit of a germophobe. Shaking hands isn’t my favorite thing to do, and now I’m convinced we need to ban handshakes. A few years ago public health officials created a campaign that changed how we covered our mouths when we sneezed or coughed. Instead of using our hands, we’re supposed to do so in our elbow. True, some of us don’t do that or don’t cover our mouths at all, but the point is the method changed. We need the same type of campaign for handshakes. Replace them with a fist bump or an elbow tap because we know colds, flu, E. coli and other germs are spread this way. This pandemic should be a lesson in real time about how quickly disease spreads, and how we need to be as proactive as possible. The Indiana State Department of Health created a dedicated page so you can stay on top of the latest developments with COVID-19. Visit [in.gov/isdh](https://www.in.gov/isdh) for more information.

OPINIONS

When the claim of “shaming” becomes bullying

By LARRY SMITH



“You look like you’re working out more, but your stomach is bigger.” My doctor offered that sublime medical insight when I visited him a couple weeks ago. My reaction, or more accurately, my lack thereof, signaled my agreement with his diagnosis. (My chest and arms looked good. My belly? Much less so.) My instinct was to giggle at this statement, despite the fact that my ego had suffered a minor injury. It’s not that I thought my doctor was being funny. (He wasn’t.) It’s that he inadvertently had underscored what I already knew: Copious amounts of cardio and weightlifting won’t overcome the effects of the bread, soda and fried foods that too frequently find their way down my throat. (OK, maybe I actively *guide* them there ...) The point is that I didn’t get upset. I wasn’t offended. I didn’t accuse my doctor of “fat shaming” me. He made an objectively true statement, I acknowledged it, and that was that. Importantly, I don’t think that my

self-esteem is more bulletproof than the average person’s. It’s not that there is no conceivable verbal slight that could affect me in a negative way. (To borrow my high school history teacher’s oft-repeated phrase, whoever first told the lie about “sticks and stones” should have died the day before.) Yet, as far as I was concerned, there was no *legitimate* reason for me to have gotten upset. This episode caused me to think about “cancel culture” and its attendant ills. Specifically, I was reminded of my frequent lament that, as a nation, we seem to have lost the ability to distinguish between *actual* harassment and/or belittling as compared to even the most innocuous statements. To make things worse, the *accuracy* of certain statements (as in my example) usually doesn’t seem to matter. We choose instead to label virtually any statement that is not uber-complimentary (or maddingly bland) as some form of “shaming.” I call this phenomenon “passive-aggressive bullying.” It’s as though our grandmothers taught us, “If you don’t have anything nice to say ... well, make something up!” At its core, much of the “shaming” dogma is not about affirming people; it’s about mindless

adherence to ideological purity. It’s downright Orwellian. When I came of age in the 1980s, there was no mistaking when people were intentionally making fun of others who were overweight, gay, “bookish” (formerly “nerdy,” but that’s now too mean a word), poor, born outside the U.S. or socially awkward in myriad other ways. For example, it was not uncommon for young men (and not-so-young men) to yell “moo” behind young women whom they deemed to be “too fat.” Sometimes such behavior was met with opprobrium (or even mild violence); sometimes it wasn’t. Back then, jerks were jerks because they *wanted* to be jerks. Today, you get to be a jerk regardless of your undying desire to *avoid* being one. A single instance of not being “woke” enough (*e.g.*, writing this column), and you’re relegated to whatever “Nazi” *cliché* is current. I would note that I am neither condoning nor longing for “the good old days” when we could make fun of people who were different from us without fear of reprisals. In fact, having lived through that time, I actively reject such behavior — as I did *then*. Rather, I am saying that *context matters*. Thus, if a medical professional notices that

I’ve put on a little weight around my midsection, or a woman notices that her friend is engaging in risky sexual behavior, the former should not be considered “fat-shaming” and the latter should not be considered “slut-shaming.” It’s interesting to note that pop culture today generally reflects the importance of adhering to social proscriptions against offending *anyone*, for *any* reason, at *any* time. Yet, even as recently as the early 2000s, shows like “Friends” affirmatively made fun of eating disorders and other now-taboo tropes. (And don’t get me started on shows like “The Jeffersons” or “Sanford and Son” from the late 1970s and early 1980s.) If it weren’t for memes and standup comedians, our world would be gray, highly sanitized and deadly — because sterile environments are breeding grounds for the most stubborn bacterial infections. I would find this funny, but I don’t want to be accused of “punching down” at lower life forms.

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Do right or go home

By CHERYL SMITH



I vote early because tomorrow is not promised. I remember taking my godmother to vote for Sen. Barack Hussein Obama for president ... While she was not with us to witness the inauguration, she was proud to vote and also hear the results of the historic election. She felt strongly about voting and she wasn’t intimidated by the abundance of McCain/Palin signs we saw around Cairo, Georgia. All elections are very important and sadly many still forego the process. On numerous occasions, I have been asked if Texas Metro News would endorse candidates. We are moving to that point, despite opposition that says the Black press should not endorse because

1. You don’t have the luxury (resources) of the mainstream press;
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There are people who want to hear from the Black Press. They get information on so many topics, but they thirst for more on the controversial and sometimes volatile subjects. No, they aren’t begging for gossip or salaciousness. What they want is someone to break down some of the senseless stuff we witness and put into perspective. Which brings me to my truth! The Black Press has to be vocal! We have to return to those days of fearlessness where we called out people who were wrong and stood up for those who were right. Yes, times have changed. Remember the days when you told someone to go sit down because they had no business even thinking about running for office? Today you are supposed to keep your mouth shut to keep the peace. But who benefits from your silence? Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.” There was a time when Black people looked to the Black Press for that friendship because we weren’t getting love anyplace else. Those soldiers without swords not only shared the news, they spread the truth and let the hit dog holler.

Now, some of the messages could be sharp and downright hurtful. But they were for the greater good. There will come a time when there will be endorsements from this publication, and other I Messenger Media outlets. We’re going to come correct. We will do our research and rest knowing we won’t be for sale! Advertising with us is the right thing to do, whether we endorse you or not. You should want to reach our readers! If we don’t endorse you, we will tell you why. When you choose not to advertise with us, you are speaking volumes. When you don’t pay or try to devalue us, you are sending a message. Some publishers want to let readers know when this happens. We must, in the spirit of the Black Press credo, plead our own cause. We want to tell our stories. We want to be the voice for the voiceless. We have more resources today to give more folks a voice, but we still have to take into consideration that there are many who still find their voices muted. And just because someone has a platform does not mean they have taken the steps to be adequately prepared to use that platform for the benefit of others. You might find someone totally abusing the platform, themselves and society. You have to know the difference! We stand on the shoulders of men and women who make us feel the need to come strong and that’s what we are working on. We feel a moral obligation. We’re providing that strong base so when we do endorse, readers will trust and believe, and take us to the polls with them! If you believe in yourself enough to run for office, make sure you always do the right thing!

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Living Black history, every week

By STAFF

The Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper, the nation's fourth-oldest African American newspaper in the country, is celebrating 125 years of being a voice for the community and serving the underserved while maintaining a high level of journalistic integrity.

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Organizing 'veterans' coming to Indianapolis

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It takes the streets to know the streets, and any top-down attempt to quell violence will meet the same fate: failure. Not because they don't care enough, but because they just don't understand.

That's the idea behind a free event — Taking our Community Back — organized by Hovey Street Church of Christ and Indiana Department of Corrections Watch (IDOC Watch), a group made up of prisoners and outside advocates.

Taking our Community Back will be noon to 4 p.m. March 21 at Hovey Street Church of Christ and will include a screening of the documentary "The First Rainbow Coalition."

The two guests — Blair Anderson and Benny Lee — are heavyweights in the world of organizing, cutting their teeth in the 1960s and '70s.

Anderson was a member of the Black Panther Party in Illinois. He was 18 years old when he stayed the night at Fred Hampton's Chicago apartment Dec. 3, 1969, when the Cook County State's Attorney office organized a pre-dawn raid that killed Hampton and fellow Panther Mark Clark.

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Benny Lee (pictured), a former leader of the Conservative Vice Lords, and Blair Anderson, a former member of the Black Panther Party in Illinois, will be at Hovey Street Church of Christ on March 21 to talk about the importance of grassroots organizing. (Photo provided)

Defying expert advice by getting a tax return loan? Be careful

By TYLER FENWICK
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The only thing that can match the anticipation of a child on Christmas Eve is the anticipation of an adult waiting on tax return money.

Of course, tax preparers and banks know this, which is why many are eager to offer the chance for taxpayers to get their money before the IRS issues its refund.

In 2017, taxpayers took out about 1.7 million tax return loans, according to a report from the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC). That was up slightly from the previous year.

There isn't much other research about how many people choose to take out a tax return loan, but Carla James, who works in the Financial Foundations program at John Boner Neighborhood Centers, thinks it's

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NAACP addresses lead poisoning

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Lead poisoning is most likely to affect African American children, according to the National Center for Biotechnology Information. It is for this reason the local chapter of the NAACP is working to test children in Indianapolis for lead poisoning.

Since 2017, the chapter has been raising awareness of lead in schools, homes and the local environment, a cause executive committee chairman Garry Holland said was championed after mentoring in schools.

“We were mentoring at a school, and there was a kindergartner having an issue in the hallway while the teacher was trying to bring 30 other kids in the classroom,” Holland said. “We went out to help the teacher, and the child was sliding down the wall, and we noticed she had something yellow in her mouth.”

The yellow item was a paint chip. Paint chips, which Holland said taste sweet, pose a significant risk to young children if the chips contain traces of lead. According to the Mayo Clinic, contaminated paint chips were the most common way for children to get lead poisoning.

Beyond paint, lead in water can lead to many detrimental effects in the short and long term. A 2016 study conducted by the Marion County Public Health Department found 54% of 295 schools tested positive for lead in their water supplies. By the time the report became public earlier this year, every school had fixed or eliminated the contaminated water supply.

But because this was the first comprehensive test for lead in schools’ water supplies, it’s difficult to tell how many children — and now adults — were contaminated, and how it may be affecting them now.

According to Karla Johnson, who conducted the lead-in-water study for the health department, said the short-term effects of lead exposure include difficulty learning and comprehending information. Lead can also cause difficulties with impulse control.

Along with the Marion County Public Health Department, the local chapter of the NAACP is conducting lead testing for kindergartners and first graders in Indianapolis Public Schools and the metropolitan school districts of Washington and Pike townships, among others. The groups are also helping pair children who test positive for lead with neural psychologists.

“Once lead is in the blood, it mimics calcium,” Holland said. “In an undeveloped brain ... it can lead to damage, and you can have emotional outbursts, oratory or comprehension problems. Neural exams can pinpoint what area of the brain was injured.”

Holland believes disabilities such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) could really be symptoms of lead poisoning.



The Marion County Public Health Department tests IPS students for lead poisoning through a partnership with the local NAACP chapter. (Photo provided)

Long-term exposure to lead can cause kidney disease, high blood pressure and mood disorders.

Studies show it can also cause violent behavior.

For decades, experts have hypothesized lead exposure can lead to violent outbursts because it can cause mood disorders and a lack of impulse control. Holland agrees, and thinks testing could curb the rate of violent crime in Indianapolis.

“Science is right now looking at zip codes and looking at homicide rates in different zip codes, tying lead poisoning into some of these violent acts,” Holland said. “After a while, lead seeps into bones and some of the symptoms become irreversible. If people have trouble communicating, a situation could lead straight to someone grabbing a gun. Some of these people can’t help it because they’ve been poisoned.”

And while the health department and the NAACP continue to educate the public about lead through testing services and public forums, Holland hopes legislation will pass to make it easier to test children in schools throughout the state.

“House Bill 1265 just passed, which was initially the testing of lead in school buildings throughout Gary and Hammond,” Holland said. While Holland thinks testing buildings is a good first step, he believes children should be tested, as well.

HB1265 was amended for statewide implementation, and it is expected to go back to the House for passage of the amendments before going to the governor’s office. A spokesperson for Gov. Holcomb said he will review the bill when it gets to his desk.

Holland looked to Senate Bill 286, sponsored by state Sen. Jean Breaux, as an example of placing children first. While the bill never made it to the Senate floor, Breaux said her bill would have “require[d] testing in children for lead levels and prevent[ed] landlords from renting to families with young children if the property has a lead hazard.”

Now in its third year of advocacy for lead testing, Holland said the effort is just getting started.

“This is the beginning of the process for the NAACP’s advocacy as it relates to the healthiness of children,” he said. “African American children are the most vulnerable. ... We’re looking at the disproportionality when it comes to the mental health of our community and how these services and therapy can heal us so we ... can move forward in a movement that will help us come out of the things we are in.”

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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

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For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Helpful Information about Coronavirus COVID-19

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus that was first detected in China and is now in more than 100 locations globally, including the United States. The virus has been named novel coronavirus disease 2019 or COVID-19.

Locally, the Marion County Public Health Department is working closely with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and CDC to prepare for additional cases of COVID-19 and monitor suspected cases. Testing of suspected cases in Indiana is currently handled by ISDH.

As testing increases, more states — including Indiana — are reporting cases of COVID-19 to CDC. View latest case counts, deaths, and a map of states with reported case at [CDC.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19).

On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency (PHE) for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in people and many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, cats, and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can infect people and then spread between people such as with COVID-19.

Some international destinations now have apparent community spread with the virus that causes COVID-19, as do some parts of the United States. Community spread means some people have been infected and it is not known how or where they became exposed.

Reported illnesses have ranged from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death. Older people and people of all ages with severe underlying health conditions — like heart disease, lung disease and diabetes, for example — seem to be at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness. The risk to the general public

from outbreaks such as this one depends on the virus, including how well it spreads between people; the severity of resulting illness; and the medical or other measures available to control the impact of the virus. There is currently no vaccine to treat COVID-19.

For the majority of people, the immediate risk of being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low. There is not widespread circulation in most communities in the United States.

People in places where ongoing community spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 has been reported are at elevated risk of exposure, with increase in risk dependent on the location.

Close contacts of persons with COVID-19 also are at elevated risk of exposure. Travelers returning from affected international locations where community spread is occurring also are at elevated risk of exposure, with increase in risk dependent on location.

Everyone can play a role to stay healthy and avoid spreading COVID-19 by following some simple steps:

- Wash hands using soap and water for 20 seconds. Or, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water aren’t available.
- Cover all coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve, not your hand.
- Stay home when feeling until fever-free or symptom-free for 24 hours.
- Stay away from others who are sick.
- Limit personal contact, such as hugging or kissing, shaking hands and high-fives.

Answers to frequently asked questions about COVID-19 are available at MarionHealth.org. Additional information is also available at [CDC.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19). A call center has also been established in Marion County to answer questions — (317) 221-5500.

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Artists celebrate women

Several local artists gathered recently at Broadway United Methodist Church to celebrate International Women’s Day. Artists spent the afternoon in fellowship and sharing their special talents. Above: Rhonda Love (center) explains some of her artwork to Vickie Daniel (left) and Pearl White (right). (Photo/Curtis Guynn)



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Lee was a leader the Conservative Vice Lords Nation from the late ‘60s, when he was just 13, through the early ‘80s. He spent a lot of that time trying to bring gang members, including those from rivals, together to see how their individual actions could affect the whole, for better or worse.

Anderson and Lee are “veterans” in the effort to get the streets organized, said Kwame Shakur, response coordinator for IDOC Watch.

“I’ve always felt like it’s the people that’s been in the streets, been part of the problem, that’s part of the solution,” he said, adding that Anderson and Lee are the ones who can provide the needed guidance.

It’s also important to have representatives from groups like the Black Panther Party and Vice Lords, Shakur said, because there are still misconceptions about what those groups were trying to do.

He’s upset that not many people seem to remember — or be educated about — the Panthers’ so-called Rainbow Coalition, a multiracial and multicultural movement that, among other things, brokered treaties to end gang violence.

Anderson, 68, said he’s going to share the history of the Black Panthers at the event and make the case for how learning a trade can create sustainable incomes for Blacks in large numbers.

“This is the new battlefield for us,” he said. “It is economic, very largely. We need enough money so we can prepare the youth for the responsibility of governing our world.”

Asked how Hampton’s assassination changed his life, Anderson said it “gives relevance” to the work he’s done in the decades since.

“They killed one of the most prolific young men that I had encountered,” he said. “They killed him right in front of my eyes.”

Lee said he’ll focus on Dr. Martin Luther King’s “beloved community” model, the pillars of which are economic and social justice.

Lee got much of his organizing experience in prison, doing three stints

TAKING OUR COMMUNITY BACK

Benny Lee, a former leader of the Conservative Vice Lords in Chicago, and Blair Anderson, a former member of the Black Panther Party in Illinois, will talk about their experiences in organizing and reducing violence.

■ **WHEN:** noon-4 p.m. March 21

■ **WHERE:** Hovey Street Church of Christ, 2338 Hovey St.

■ **COST:** Free

from ages 19 to 30. He was also in juvenile detention from 15 to 17.

He organized a labor strike in the Pontiac Correctional Facility, with cooperation from other gangs, because the administration wouldn’t expand the school program for younger inmates.

Lee was put into segregation for his actions and took the time to read Malcom X’s autobiography.

“When I came out of segregation, I was a whole different person,” he said.

Lee also spent three years on death row with 16 other gang leaders — they were known as the Pontiac 17 — because prosecutors blamed them for instigating a riot that killed three guards. The riot was found to be a result of overcrowded conditions, though, and they were acquitted.

Lee and other members of the Conservative Vice Lords Nation joined organizations outside of prison to improve their reputation in the community, and he eventually started a group called African American Survivors, which is known today as the National Alliance for the Empowerment of the Formerly Incarcerated.

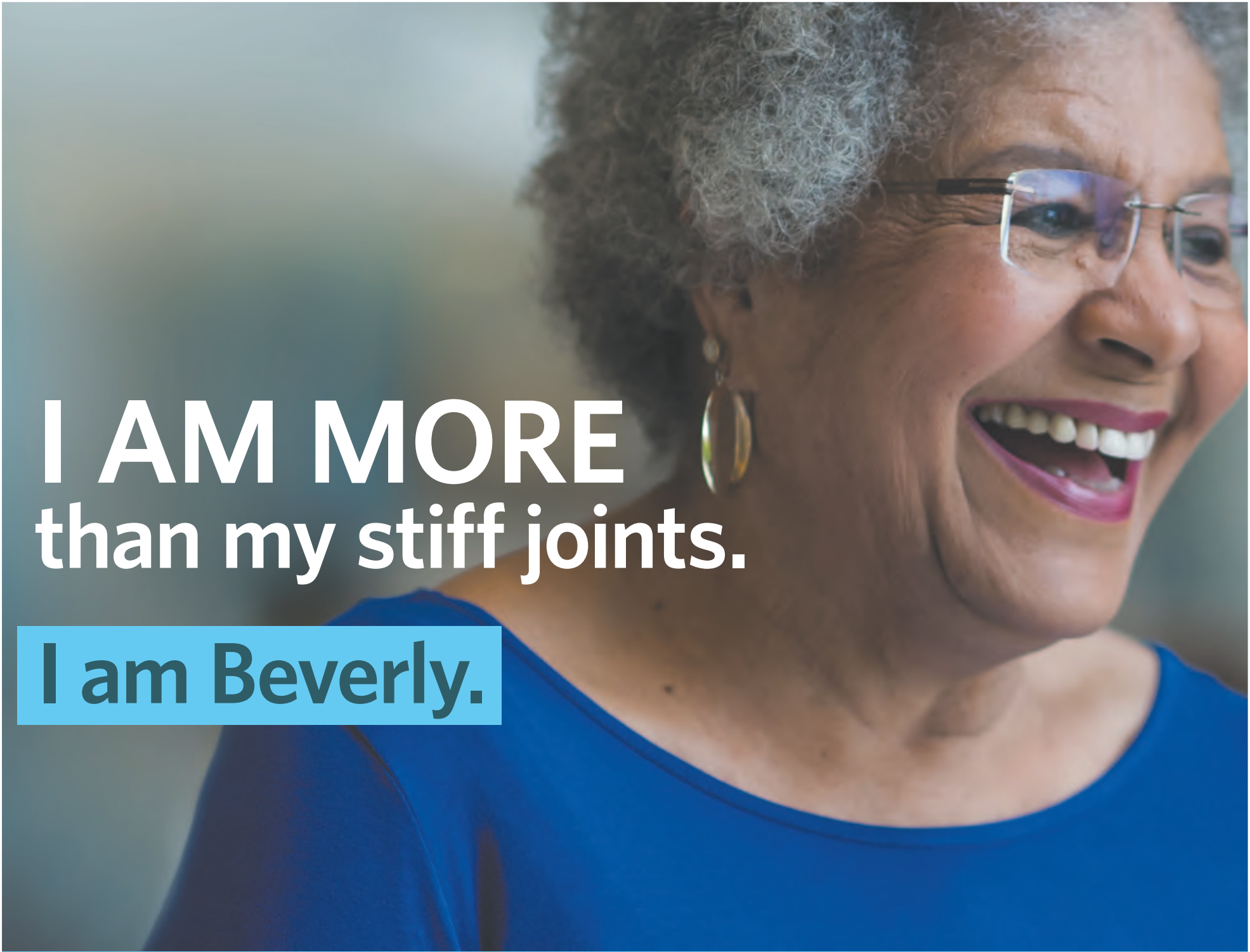
One problem with the way some groups, including police, try to solve violence, Lee said, is they don’t understand what’s actually causing it.

“Sometimes they go chasing a gang problem,” he said, “when really it’s a conditions problem.”

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CORRECTION

In last week’s paper in the “A celebration of sisterhood” photos, Traci Adams Wilson was incorrectly identified as Tracy Durham. We apologize for the error. The Recorder makes every attempt to correct its mistakes.



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Teach For America aims for equity



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Armed with the knowledge that representation matters to student success, Teach For America is working to ensure students of color see people who look like them in the teaching staff.

According to Johns Hopkins University, African American students who have one Black teacher in elementary school are more likely to graduate high school and 13% more likely to enroll in college. “We want to see that everyone is able to flourish in Indianapolis,” Amar Patel, executive director of Teach For America Indianapolis, a nonprofit education organization,

said. “We believe, therefore, that racial equity has to be central in the conversations and strategies for progress.” Since its founding in 1989, Teach For America has placed an emphasis on equity in education, placing teachers in impoverished areas to enhance the quality of education for minority and low-income students. “We recruit beginning teachers,

40% of whom identify as people of color,” Patel said Judonne Hemingway, managing director of corps member development, started out in the program as a teacher. “I started my teaching career in for-profit communications work in Chicago,” Hemingway said. “I learned about Teach For America and came [to Indiana] and met the team and joined the corps.” Hemingway taught high school English for two years as a corps member for Teach For America and worked her way up the ranks, which isn’t uncommon for corps members. When corps members become school officials, as Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) superintendent Aleesia Johnson did, they are able to take their training from Teach For America and share it with their staff. Johnson was unavailable for comment. “A lot of our corps members are still working in schools in the city,” Hemingway said. “So [the training] continues to spread ... and my hope is through their leadership, they

are leading non-corps members and continuing conversations and training and changing the mindsets of schools. By fostering leadership through our alumni, their impact is one way we might influence conversations for others.” According to Patel, there are currently more than 300 Teach For America teachers in Indianapolis, almost exclusively within IPS boundaries. He hopes the organization provides educators and students with the resources they need to close the education gap for students of color. “When our alumni go on to work within schools and work in policy,” he said, “... we are ensuring that our resources drive toward closing those gaps in postsecondary access and growing our network to get more engaged to make sure access to post-secondary learning and financing in schools is equitable.”

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Radio One hosts career fair

Nearly 200 visitors attended the Radio One WTLN Career Fair recently at Martin University. At least 18 different companies in attendance offered full- and part-time employment opportunities.

Right: Rachel Davis (l), representing SITEL Company in Fishers, explained some of the benefits her company offers, such as career mobility, and that applicants should have a background in related industries such as customer service and retail.



Left: Artist Derek Tudor (l) offered Rev. Thomas Brown, president and CEO of Dr. Andrew J. Brown Academy, a selection of free ties as a way to support the community. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)

Indy Opera brings ‘Don Giovanni’ to town

By BREANNA COOPER
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Eric McKeever will play the titular role of Don Juan when the Indianapolis Opera brings “Don Giovanni” to town March 20-22 at the Toby Theater at Newfields.

The Chicago native said it was a role he couldn’t pass up. “I jumped at the chance,” McKeever, 49, said. “As an African American baritone, there’s not a long history of us being able to sing that role. He’s a nobleman, super handsome and suave, and sometimes African American baritones get typecast as the servant character. There aren’t a lot of examples of people like me singing that role. ... I had to say yes.”

To aid audience members during the production — which is in Italian — English subtitles will be projected on a screen above the stage.

According to McKeever, this practice started in the 1980s when opera companies made an effort to make the art form more accessible to American audiences.

“Opera is basically an incredible foreign film come to life,” he said.

While McKeever comes from a musical family, it wasn’t until he saw “Salome” by Richard Strauss when he was 18 that he decided to become an opera singer. When he received his bachelor’s degree at Capital University and his master’s at Ohio State University, however, McKeever didn’t see a lot of representation for African American men in the programs.

“Being an African American opera singer, when I started in school, there weren’t a lot of us,” McKeever said. “There weren’t a lot of people for me to follow. There’s a strong tradition of African American women [in opera], but now, it’s very exciting seeing so many African American men succeeding in this very difficult field. ... We’re no longer afraid of putting an African American male on stage in a relationship with someone from a different race, and we’re understanding that diversity in this old art form is a way to keep it vibrant.”

McKeever looks forward to seeing how modern audiences react to the centuries-old play, which focuses on several relevant issues today, including class structures and misogyny. Mozart composed music for the play and Lorenzo Da Ponte wrote the story, basing it off of the legends of Don Juan written by Tirso De Molina.

“I think what’s really fascinating about Don is I definitely have my opinion about him as me, Eric McKeever, but as a performer, I can’t make a decision,” he said. “I have to play his truth ... I want [audiences] to have a visceral reaction to his actions and the story. It will be interesting to see how a 21st century audience views this character.”

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SPOTLIGHT

To infinity and beyond — with a slice of Pi, er pie



By STAFF

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PIE JUDGING CONTEST
East Downtown Indianapolis

Neighborhoods and city-county councilor Zach Adamson will host a baking contest 1-3 p.m. March 14 at 37 Place Community Center, 2605 E. 25th St. Entry is \$10 per person or \$20 for families and includes pie and ice cream. Those who want to bake a pie for the contest should arrive at 12:45 p.m. with a dish that doesn’t have to be returned. The entry fee for the pie contest is \$15.

PI DAY AT CONNER’S KITCHEN

Head to Conner’s Kitchen and Bar for a free peanut butter pretzel pie (with the purchase of an entree) 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m. March 14 at 350 W. Maryland St.

PI DAY AT NEWFIELDS

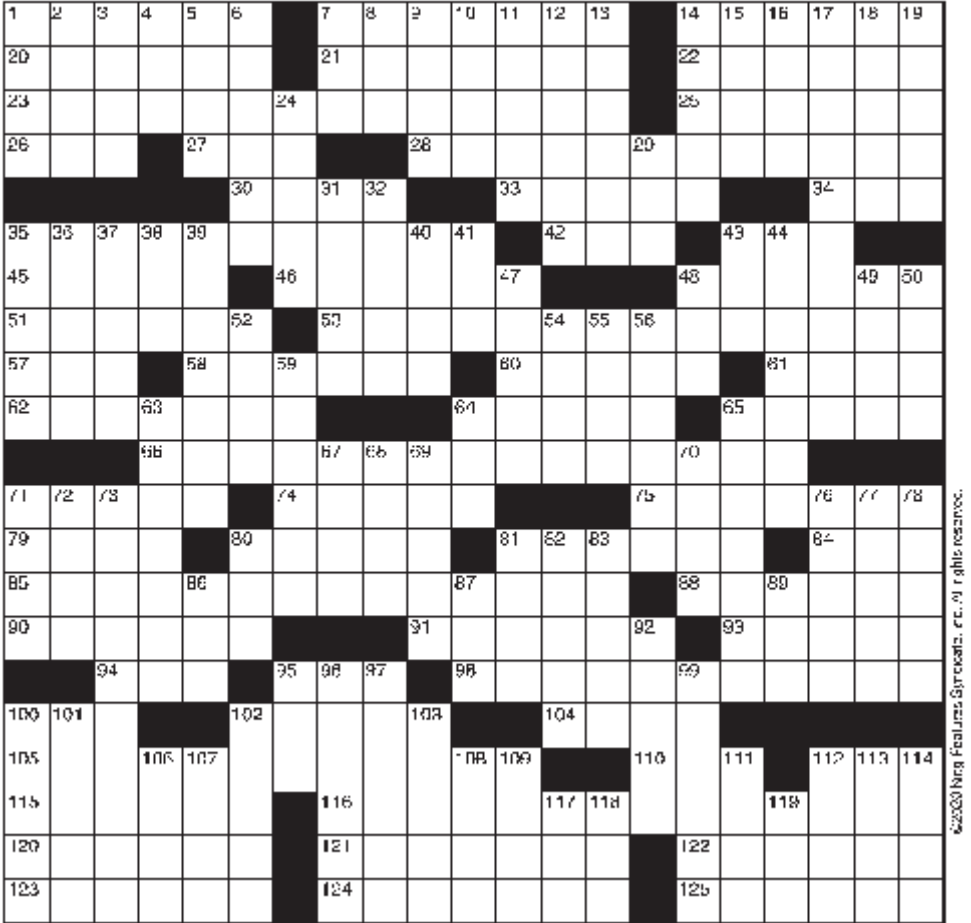
Explore the history of pie in America and throughout the world with “Pop Up: Pie,” where you can enjoy a piece of pie with a mug of coffee or a vanilla milkshake. Bourbon and brandy are also available. The experience is included with the price of admission through May 24.

PI DAY AT THE STATE MUSEUM

The Indiana State Museum will host a Pi Day celebration 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 14 at the museum, 650 W. Washington St. The event is included with the cost of admission.

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Bar mitzvah language
7 Is capital is Montgomery
14 Old jazz buff
20 Henry II player Peter
21 Horse race supporter
22 106 Down on Call
23 Ripken's cap
24 Amaze a Sherlock Holmes
25 — acid (combosive liquid)
26 — mo
27 Brighton brew
28 12-month famine?
30 Trendy berry in juices
33 Sh re of ilm
34 Goddess of the dawn
35 Singer
42 Andiron
43 Ybor
45 Make reparations
46 Cosa — (Mafia's dir)
48 Areas of expertise
51 Provides party platters
53 Determining which team scored?
57 Supper scrap
58 "Egypt — up like a flood": Jeremiah 45:8
60 "NO TURN —" (traffic sign)
61 Octa-plus one
62 Re ative of a resumé
64 Judges on the bench, e.g.
65 Bee creation
66 Fac. about a consolidation loan?
71 Two-spot
74 Un versity in Atlanta
75 In (rowing)
79 Old science magazine
80 Balance pan
81 Pittsburgh's Carnegie
84 Instructors' org.
85 Sub-shop blaze?
88 Relative key of B minor
90 Michelangelo work
91 California wine region
93 Old Greek market
94 Erwin of old films
95 "The Tell Tale Heart" tale teller
98 Moo a earned by a love god?
100 Blocks from the freezer
102 Is up again:
104 School in Berkshire
105 Road named after singer
110 Seeded loaf
112 — Alamos, California
115 Thinking the world of
116 What to do to socks that tear every 24 hours?
120 Appear
121 Asiatic
122 Late actress
123 Hot race
124 Turn from a straight line
125 Say "no" to
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1 Mortal leys
2 List-ending abbr.
3 TV down
4 "Fraser" woman
5 Jazz singer
6 Fitzgerald
7 Gaslayer of "Mean Girls"
8 Truckload
9 Deadly pale
10 Newwirl of "Fraser"
11 "If I Had" (Lyle Lovett song)
12 American avant-garde artist
13 Antediluvian
14 Ioyola rival
15 Iroquois toe
16 Fa eliel bread
17 Amendment
18 Samuel of justice
19 PC whizzes
24 Intel mission
29 Hi — (slurcock)
31 Positive pole
32 Atlas feature
35 Son of Isaac
36 Video game name
37 Catchphrase
38 Phenyl under
39 Saw-toothed
40 Ingrain
41 Soft & —
43 Jazz genre
44 Limonille, e.g.
47 Worship
48 Nursed, say
49 Kin of oss
50 Dur'l depart
52 Uses a school
54 Writer Blyton
55 Grove plant
58 Kind of see.
59 Field (Mariners' stadium)
63 Most chancey
64 " will be done"
65 Very irate
67 Arabian Sea country
68 Actor's part
69 Long lock of hair
70 Slumped
71 It's, as a hat
72 Arab bigwig
73 Frank and open
76 Pear variety
77 Corp.
78 Mother of Isaac
80 — cone
81 List of dishes
82 Ger. hitched on the fly
83 Maximum
88 Post-OR area
87 OR worker
89 Be ure now
92 Prelitly
95 "HardTV" network
96 Bosted
97 Online invading site
99 "On ol "Tomorrow"
100 Slacking surl
101 Pa aki's predecessor
102 Make furious
103 Foul flourish
106 Nest builder
107 "Picnic" dramatist
108 Organic compound
109 Heac, lo Gigi
111 Falco with four Emmys
112 In — ol (rather than)
113 Jai alai crics
114 "Auld Lang "
117 Amp plug-in
118 Masquerade
119 Furry TV alien



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



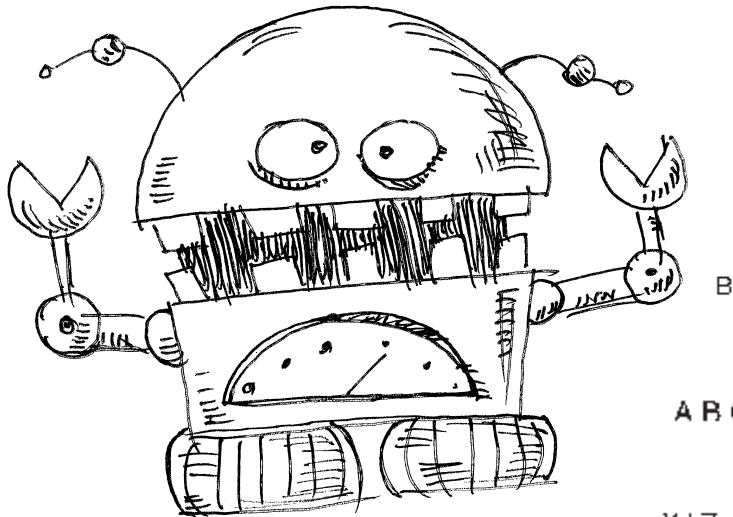
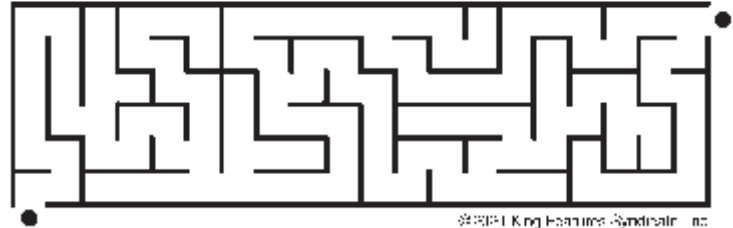
Answers to Weekly Sudoku

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Answers to Super Crossword

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Kids' Maze



They are already wearing green.

Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?

Answer
Puzzles4Kids

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec
CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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E B Z ? U I F Z B S F B M S F B S Z X F B S J O H

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TAX

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FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

There are multiple places in Marion County where individuals and families with a household income of \$66,000 or less can file their taxes for free.

- **Heritage Place of Indianapolis,**
4550 N. Illinois St., 317-283-6662
- **Holy Angels Church,**
740 W. 28th St., angel.ingr@gmail.com
- **John Boner Neighborhood Centers,**
2236 E. 10th St., 317-808-2393
- **Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center,**
1920 W. Morris St., apiland@maryrigg.org
- **Oasis of Hope,** 1701 E. 25th St., 317-925-7513
- **Shepherd Community,**
4107 E. Washington St., 317-375-0203
- **Southeast Community Services,**
901 Shelby St. 317-236-7400
- **Zion Hope,** 5950 E. 46th St., 317-643-1304
- **38th Street Library,** 5420 E. 38th St., 317-275-4352

WHAT TO BRING

- Valid photo ID
 - Social security cards for everyone on the return
 - W2 forms
 - Interest and dividend statements
 - Forms 1095-A
 - All 1099 forms
 - Education expense receipts and Form 1098
 - Child care receipts, along with provider’s address and social security number or employer identification number
 - Real estate property tax receipts
 - Landlord name and address
 - Bank, credit union or prepaid card account and routing number
 - Copy of last year’s tax return (not required but helpful)
- Learn more at uwci.org/vita-2020.

money, and they stand to lose at least some of it through the lending process.

“We have a conversation with them,” she said. “We don’t tell people what to do. That’s not our way. But we have a conversation to figure out what their needs are.”

James said one of the most common risks associated with getting a tax return anticipation loan is the IRS may not actually give you the refund you were expecting.

That can happen for numerous reasons — maybe the IRS needs to keep a portion of your refund to pay back taxes, for example — but borrowers in that case would lose out on money right away because they took more money than they’re getting back.

Refund anticipation loans are an especially attractive option for low- and moderate-income taxpayers who are more likely to have the earned income tax credit and child tax credit.

Between 2009 and 2012, banks that offered high-cost refund anticipation loans either stopped voluntarily or were forced to stop by federal regulators because fees often translated into triple-digit annual percentage rates and moved a significant amount of a taxpayer’s return to banks and tax preparers.

Those types of refund anticipation loans are mostly a thing of the past, but taxpayers still need to be careful.

Even though some places market their tax return loan as having no interest, James warned other fees and fines — service fees, debit card activation fees, etc. — can add up fast. Some refund anticipation loans have interest rates as high as 45%.

Especially burdensome loans can basically equate to a payday loan, James said.

Chad Reynolds, a financial planner and wealth advisor at Northwestern Mutual, said there aren’t many situations where getting a tax return loan makes financial sense, but that doesn’t mean it’s always a bad idea.

“Unfortunately, some people find themselves in a situation where they really need that money to handle

day-to-day finances or an emergency,” he said. “... Generally, I think it’s not a great idea to do, but everyone’s situation is unique, and I try not to judge.”

For those who legitimately do need that money immediately and can’t wait the approximately 21 days for the IRS refund, Reynolds said it’s best to do research in advance and figure out which service providers offer the lowest fees.

That means comparison shopping just like you would for a new car or TV. Reading through fine print can be tedious, but it could save you money.

Another option that carries a little less risk is getting a “no-fee” refund anticipation loan.

These loans don’t come with an interest rate, and it won’t be approved until after the IRS approves your return, meaning you don’t run the chance of taking more money than you’ll actually get back.

“I don’t think there’s anything wrong with getting advances because they’re often fee free,” said Brittany Sabalza, who works as a tax preparer.

Tax preparers officially pay the fee for this type of loan, but the NCLC warns preparers will try to recoup those costs through additional fees and other indirect charges. Sabalza said the highest fee she’s seen a tax preparer charge is about \$40.

The approval process is based off of tax history, so those who have previously had tax return money held to pay back taxes, for example, are more likely to be denied.

With both the traditional and “no-fee” refund anticipation loans, Sabalza warned it’s always best to read carefully and know exactly what you’re signing up for.

“When people are going for loans, they do not look for those fees,” she said. “They think, ‘I’m just getting a tax refund and these people are gonna loan me my money until my refund comes in.’”

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gotten less common locally.

James, who is also a site coordinator for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, said people who feel that they need their tax return right away probably need all of that

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Seeing you do what you love with the ones you love is what inspires us. African Americans have a higher risk for getting colorectal cancer. But if you’re over 50, prevention can be as easy as getting a colonoscopy. The screening can find and remove polyps before they become cancerous and symptoms develop. Early detection saves lives and gives you peace of mind.

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The American College of Gastroenterology recommends African Americans start screening colonoscopies at age 45. Check with your insurance provider to see if you are covered before age 50.



Ambassador Rice visits Indy

Ambassador Susan Rice, who served as former President Barack Obama’s national security advisor and U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations, discussed several issues with moderator Leah Gunning Francis, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty and associate professor of Christian education and practical theology at Christian Theological Seminary, during the Steward Speakers program March 2 at the IUPUI Campus Center. After the program, Rice answered questions from the audience and signed copies of her New York Times bestselling book, “Tough Love.” (Photo/Jerome Brewster)



Smiley entertains at Speaker series

Comedian, actor and radio personality Rickey Smiley was the guest speaker during the Steward Speaker Series on Feb. 26 at the Madam Walker Legacy Center. Smiley’s career skyrocketed in 2000 as host of BET’s “ComicView” and has appeared on “Showtime at the Apollo” and HBO’s “Def Comedy Jam.” He also starred in Ice Cube’s “Friday After Next.” Smiley is also a radio host, entrepreneur and philanthropist. He is a single father of four children. (Photo/Jerome Brewster)

Bowling for Scholars Bowl A Thon

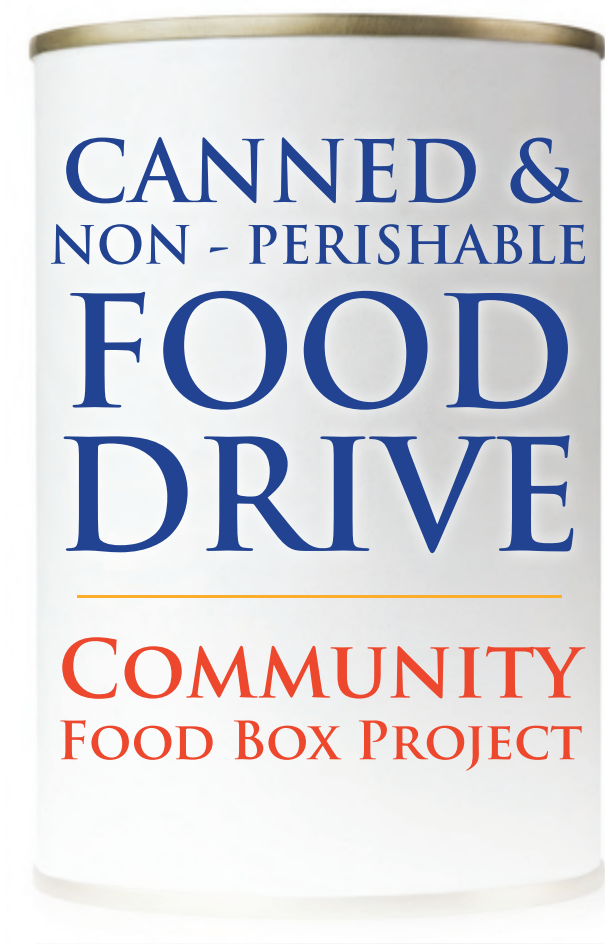


Around 300 bowlers participated recently at the Woodland Bowl for the UNCF’s 16th Annual Bowling for Scholars Bowl A Thon. Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett was able to attend, visit some of the sponsoring companies and speak with Andrea Neely, Indianapolis regional development director for UNCF. UNCF is committed to helping African American and other students achieve their dream of a college education.

Left: Indianapolis firefighter Whitney Watt attempts to bowl a strike.



IFD Black Firefighters Association President Corey Floyd takes his bowling seriously as he approaches the lane. (Photos/Curtis Guynn)



Items to donate:
Non-perishable food items, canned food, ready-to-eat food items, ramen noodles, nuts and granola.

The purpose of the community food box project is to temporarily provide immediate relief to a larger issue within urban communities: food deserts. Community food boxes will provide those in need with free food until the city and other stakeholders invest in the urgent needs of people living with food insecurity. We need your help! We are asking for food items to keep our box stocked for those in need.

Please drop your donations off at
The Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper
2901 N. Tacoma Ave. 46218



A RICH HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE

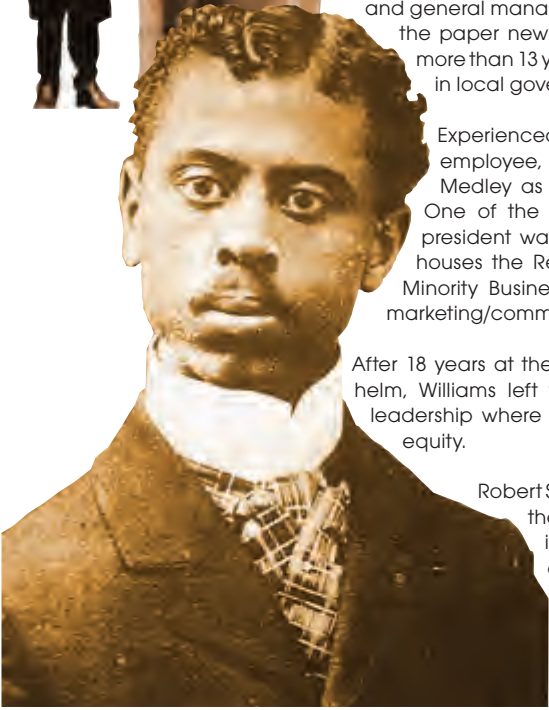


The Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper is the fourth oldest surviving African-American newspaper in the country. What began in 1895 as a two-page church bulletin created by co-founders George P. Stewart and Will Porter now hails as one of the top African-American publications in the United States. In 1897, the newspaper’s co-founders expanded their successful news-sheet into a weekly newspaper. The earliest existing issues of the Recorder date back to 1899 – the same year that Porter sold his share of the paper to Stewart.

William G. Mays, an astute entrepreneur purchased the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper in 1990. As publisher, Mays entrusted his niece, Carolene Mays-Medley to serve as president and general manager of the newspaper. Mays-Medley gave the paper new direction and a blueprint for success for more than 13 years before returning to community service in local government.

Experienced journalist and longtime Recorder employee, Shannon Williams succeeded Mays-Medley as president and general manager in 2010. One of the initial things Williams did in her role as president was form the Recorder Media Group which houses the Recorder, its sister publication the Indiana Minority Business Magazine and serves as an in-house marketing/communications firm.

After 18 years at the Recorder, including the last eight at the helm, Williams left the historic paper to serve in non-profit leadership where she specifically advocates for education equity.



Robert Shegog is the current president and COO of the Recorder Media Group. Shegog has been instrumental in building continuity across all of the company’s products and amplifying community engagement strategies. He and his team continue to usher a new era of leadership with the charge to extend the rich legacies of the newspaper and magazine for generations to come.

RECORDER

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Charles Blair: 1991-1997



Carolene Mays-Medley: 1998-2010

Stewart in 1899, and the newspaper remained in the Stewart family until 1988 when local journalist Eunice Trotter purchased the company.

After becoming sole owner, Stewart moved to 414 Indiana Ave. in 1900. He moved two more times, 236-40 W. Walnut St. and 518-20 Indiana Ave., before settling into the current location, 2901 N. Tacoma Ave., in 1975.

Despite the oftentimes overt systemic racism of the early years, intimidation via death threats directed at its journalists from the Ku Klux Klan, burglary of its offices, and the hard-hitting economic crisis the Recorder has remained steadfast in upholding the mission encapsulated on its masthead, “preparing a conscious community today and beyond.”

“I joined the Recorder because of its rich culture and unique legacy,” said Recorder Media Group President and Chief Operating Officer Robert Shegog, who began leading the historic media organization in June 2018. “While I’m not a journalist by trade, I understand the power of the written word. Not only does the Recorder hold itself to the highest journalistic standards, but we’re also a voice for the underrepresented — especially in today’s media climate where only a few are heard above the cacophony. We are truly for us, by us.”

PUBLISHERS

GEORGE P. STEWART: 1895-1924

In 1895, George P. Stewart and William H. Porter founded the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper. Originally a two-page church bulletin with an emphasis on statewide news for African Americans, the Recorder expanded to a weekly publication to encourage the Black community to become more civically involved and stand up for equality.

MARCUS C. STEWART SR.: 1925-1983

As the Indianapolis Recorder continued to expand and include more pages and special sections, it remained a family business under the control of Marcus C. Stewart, the son of co-founder George P. Stewart. During the Marcus Stewart era, the publication covered a lot of issues related to crime and politics in Indianapolis and within the state of Indiana.

EUNICE TROTTER: 1988-1990

Longtime and respected journalist Eunice Trotter purchased the Indianapolis Recorder in 1988. With Trotter’s journalism experience, the publication began to focus less on crime and more on the positive aspects of the community. Under the leadership of Trotter, the company updated much of the equipment needed to produce the weekly paper.

WILLIAM G. MAYS: 1990-PRESENT

In 1990, entrepreneur and civic leader William G. “Bill” Mays, the founder of Mays Chemical Company, purchased the Recorder and saved it from extinction through financial contributions and connecting the publication to key city leaders and organizations. Due to Mays’ reputation in the state of Indiana and throughout the country, he drew a great deal of attention the Recorder, which helped establish major advertising deals



Shannon Williams: 2010-2018

for the newspaper. His focus was to ensure the Recorder remains one of the best newspapers in the country while sharing positive and useful Black news with the local community. Although Mays died in 2014, he is still recognized as publisher due to the lasting impact of his contributions and legacy.

PRESIDENTS
CHARLES BLAIR: 1991-1997

Charles Blair became vice president and general manager in 1991. He pushed the publication to become more directly involved in the community through initiatives such as circulation promotions, bike giveaways for children and more. Blair also welcomed youth into the company by increasing paper deliveries by children. Under Blair’s tenure, the publication’s circulation increased by 40% and advertising revenue doubled.

CAROLENE MAYS-MEDLEY: 1998-2010

In 1998, William “Bill” Mays asked his niece, Carolene Mays-Medley, to take charge of the Indianapolis Recorder and help bring it back to life as the new century approached. At the time of her arrival, the publication more than \$250,000 in debt, and Mays-Medley made the business profitable within one year and enhanced its editorial content. Under her tenure, the building’s structure was significantly improved. Its exterior was painted and the sales associate offices were remodeled. Mays-Medley also instituted better pay for Recorder employees. In addition, full color and specific sections of the paper were introduced during this time. Mays-Medley, who also served in the state legislature during much of her time at the Recorder, also heightened the Recorder’s presence in the community locally and nationally.

SHANNON WILLIAMS: 2010-2018

In 2010, Shannon Williams continued Medley-Mays’ efforts to develop the Indianapolis Recorder into one of the best newspapers in the country. As a result of her extensive background in journalism and communications, Williams helped carry on a solid company structure while assisting newsroom staff with crafting quality articles on positive and useful news in the African American community. In addition, the Recorder Advisory Council and Recorder Media Group were created under Williams’ leadership. A major focus during this time was placed on electronic media, including expansion of the website and social media platforms. Williams also increased the Recorder’s presence in the community and sought to attract younger readers. In 2011, the Indianapolis Recorder became the first African American newspaper to digitize its archive editions.

ROBERT SHEGOG: 2018-CURRENT

President and COO Robert Shegog has been instrumental in building continuity across all of the company’s products and amplifying community engagement strategies. He and his team continue to usher in a new era of leadership with the charge to extend the rich legacies of the newspaper and magazine for generations to come.

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

“Daddy do I have to?”

By JAMES A. WASHINGTON JR.,
Dallas Weekly Newspaper

There is a question I've been mulling over and if you don't mind, I'd like your input. Does one follow the Word of God because you know you should or because you have to?

I mean, is the faith walk a walk of need or one of sincere desire?

You see, scripture is full of rules. The rules of the Old Testament and the laws of Moses give way to the parables of Jesus and the new covenant of the New Testament.

The question is, do we attempt to abide by the precepts of the New Testament out of fear of punishment or loss of reward, or do we follow a path of righteousness (rules) because we genuinely love the Lord so much, we just want to please Him?

If you think about it, your and my spiritual freedom has been blood bought and arguably remains the most significant event in documented history. In the grand scheme of things, the Word became flesh in order for us to reclaim eternal life, that life Adam rejected with but one bite of one piece of forbidden fruit. Jesus' sacrifice, by design, was an act of love so great that humankind will forever be the beneficiary.

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So, in order to claim freedom, a simple act of belief is required; a simple act of faith that demonstrates you understand this really was a sacrifice made by the Son of God.

From there, do we follow the teachings of Christ Jesus begrudgingly, because if we don't we'll burn in hell, or do we rejoice in the knowledge that someone loved us so deeply that living according to His guiding principle becomes a real desire to please? This sort of behavior is easily understood not to be a purposeless "have to," but rather a sincere "want to."

The Christian experience should not be confused with a view of a lifestyle restricted by arbitrary rules requiring one to deny life's pleasures. Rather, the Christian experience should be viewed as a lifestyle filled with all that life has to offer and then some.

That's right, more not less. I believe it all starts with knowing. The kind of knowing that sees right from wrong and gives you insight into choosing right over wrong.

This brings me back to the question at hand. Are you behaving in a manner dictated by a set of predetermined rules, or are you living a life based in principle, purpose, conviction and, yes, love? One is hard. One is relatively easy. I live the way I live because if I don't, I'll be punished vs. I live the way that I live because I believe it's right and I want to. The former is like going to a job you hate but you have to because you need the money. Where is the joy in that?

I'm sure there are those of you who are much more mature in the faith than I am and can explain this better. But I am starting to see a path that looks pretty good to me. The more I try to understand the teachings of Christ, His life and His sacrifice, the more I understand just how much He and His Daddy think of me. That's a heaven of a thought and one that should be embraced.

The point is life should be a labor of love and not a labor of necessity. The more you understand the Word of God, the more you understand it to be worthy, not demanding, of your praise.

I guess what I'm asking you is at what point does the light go on and the questions get answered? At what point do you live free of all the rules?

May God bless and keep you always.

James A. Washington Jr. is publisher of Dallas Weekly Newspaper.



People leave a worship service at Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday, March 8, 2020, in Nashville, Tenn. The congregation held their service in a tent in the parking lot near the church facilities, which were heavily damaged by a tornado March 3.

Nashville church worships in the rubble after deadly tornado

By KRISTIN M. HALL
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Bobbie Harris, 79, lost her rental home, her job and her church when a deadly tornado struck her community in North Nashville. But all she could think about was her blessings.

"Through it all, God is good," Harris said.

Harris recently joined other members of Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church to worship just outside the ruins of the church, which has been in the community for 135 years. The roofs of their two church buildings are gone, ripped away by strong winds early March 3.

The church pitched a tent in the parking lot and the congregants gathered to sing, pray and hold hands in what the church called "worship in the rubble." Even contractors who were busily trying to replace downed power lines paused and took off their hard hats as Pastor Jacques Boyd led the congregation in prayer on the sunny, windy morning.

The National Weather Service has said at least six tornadoes hit Middle Tennessee during last week's storms that killed 24 people and caused massive damage in parts of Middle Tennessee.

Harris lived only blocks away from the church, where she also worked as a cook. When the tornado hit her home, the powerful winds grabbed her air conditioning unit and flung it into a fence across the street. Her granddaughter's car was destroyed.

"God is good. He was the conductor on that train and he went around me," Harris said. "He saved me."

Boyd told his congregation that the storm was a challenge from God and had brought everyone closer together in the recovery efforts. Behind him, bits of insulation blew around in the breeze and the wooden

beams that once held up the roof of the chapel were exposed. Many of the neighboring homes were still without power March 8 and blue tarps covered roofs nearby. But under the white tent, there were smiles on people's faces as they greeted each other, danced to the music and sung hymns.

"Nashville is now primed to show the world what we're made of," said Boyd, in blue suit, as people responded "Amen."

The church, with a congregation of about 300 people, held before- and after-school care for children, had a gymnasium where kids from the neighborhood could go, put on summer camps for children and provided computer literacy classes for its older congregants.

"We must trust in the savior who does not deliver us from storms, but through storms," he told the clapping congregation.

But Boyd said the church was more than the red brick building behind him. "Now that the brick and mortar is gone, do you still love this community?" he asked as his choir raised their hands and voices in response.

Boyd said the church will continue to hold its services inside the tent. In the meantime, they are hoping other institutions will help the church continue to provide their community services.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and his wife, Maria, sat in the front row of the folding chairs, shook hands with the church members and bowed their heads in prayer.

"There was a lot of hope here," Lee said. "God uses people like this in this environment to bring hope to this community, and it was great to see."

Boyd said that as soon as he saw the demolished buildings, he prayed for guidance.

"I asked God, 'What do I say in moments like this?'" Boyd said. "And God spoke clearly, as I am speaking to you now. You have to help while hurting."



Elaine Cirker, left, embraces Rev. Ricardo Lange as worshippers welcome one another during a service in a tent at Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday, March 8, 2020, in Nashville, Tenn. The congregation held their Sunday service in a tent in the parking lot near the church facilities, which were heavily damaged by a tornado March 3. (AP Photos/Mark Humphrey)

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Be like Peter

By RAE KARIM

We’re halfway through the final month of the first quarter of 2020 and I have a question for you: When was the last time you read Peter’s story of walking on water found in Matthew 14:22-29? If there was no other time this biblical account of courage, faith and knowing God is with you, the time is now.



We are well aware that time is filled with swift transition. As such, we are responsible for making the most and best of every minute. We are also responsible for utilizing every gift, skill and talent. Burying them out of fear like the man in Matthew 25:24-30 who only received one talent is not the move. How dare we expect more from God if we aren’t properly handling what we’ve already been given. The nerve of us!

When we look at Peter’s walk on the water, we see transformation right before our very eyes. Here’s some background before the transformation takes place — Jesus had just fed 5,000 men. Don’t panic. The women and children were fed too. The Bible doesn’t record a number but you’re free to use your imagination. Afterward, Jesus sent the disciples ahead in the boat. Once the crowds left, Jesus engaged in self-care through prayer and time to Himself.

While Jesus is enjoying self-care, the disciples are tossed by storm waves and winds. Before dawn, Jesus went to them. As Jesus approached them, the Contemporary English Version says in verse 26 they thought Jesus was a ghost, were terrified and started screaming (paraphrased). Jesus encouraged them not to be afraid. Here is

where Peter’s transformation begins, as he took being fearless to another level. No sooner than Jesus spoke those words, verse 28 in the Message Bible says “Suddenly bold, Peter spoke these words “Master, if it’s really You, call me to You on the water” (paraphrased). Jesus didn’t hesitate to call. Peter didn’t hesitate to go.

Just a few verses prior, Peter was afraid, screaming and rocked by the storm. You better believe the disciples did one of two things, if not both, when Peter activated his boldness. They either stared in oh-my-goodness-what’s-he-doing awe or gave “advice” as to why he shouldn’t go. Meanwhile Peter’s left leg was already out of the boat and his right was soon to follow.

Follow Peter’s lead! Get out of the boat of waiting on someone to do it for you. Get out of the boat of whining because others are doing and being but you haven’t moved yet for whatever reasons you’ve deemed valid.

Be suddenly bold like Peter and go. You have nothing to lose. Jesus is literally right there with you. Forget about naysayers in the background. Forget about the fear you had just moments before. Lamentations 3:22-23 tells us the mercies of the Lord are new every morning. I say the mercies of the Lord are new every moment. Therefore, fear in the moment before has nothing to do with faith in the moment of now!



Granted Peter only started to walk on water, before his thoughts changed his reality. At least he started. We know that’s better than what can be said for some of us. Yet don’t be discouraged because it’s not too late. There’s still some time. There’s still a chance. Take it. Be suddenly bold. Let that boldness last from start to finish. Get to the other side of that dream and make it a reality. Get to the other side of that vision and bring it to fruition. Get on the other side of that hope and fulfill it.

Rae Karim, formerly chapel director at Christian Theological Seminary, is now pastor at First Christian Church of Honolulu. She can be reached at pastoraefec@gmail.com.

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By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire

Crystal Etienne is a businesswoman, wife and mother of two children.

She's also the founder of Ruby Love, a \$10 million personal care company she built in just four years.

"My dream was to always work for myself," Etienne, a New York native, stated in an email to NNPA Newswire.

"However, I did have thoughts about going to law school. Understanding the political side of things, certain laws, and the rights of those around me always excited me, especially if I felt someone was wronged," she said.

"I ended up going a different route and landed a job in finance," Etienne continued. "Math, equations and anything that had to do with business was something I was always good at. It was my strong suit, which is ironic because I disliked accounting and finance as a student."

But her dreams have come true, she said. "The end goal was to always work for myself," Etienne stated. "I am now in a position to make my own decisions and take control of my course in life."

Etienne's success helps to underscore a growing trend highlighted in the most recent State of Women-Owned Businesses Report, which noted women of color account for 89% (1,625) of the new businesses opened every day over the past year.

The annual report, based on U.S. Census Bureau data adjusted by Gross Domestic Product data, found women-owned businesses continue to trend above all others.

Over the past five years, the number of women-owned businesses increased by 21%, while all enterprises increased by only 9%.

Total employment by women-owned businesses rose 8%. At the same time, to all companies, the increase was far lower at 1.8%, and total revenue for women-owned businesses also rose slightly above all others: 21% compared to 20%, respectively.

The State of Women-Owned Businesses Report also found as work has trended toward side hustles and the gig economy, so had female entrepreneurship.

Over the last five years, growth in the number of women "sidepreneurs" grew nearly twice as fast as the overall growth in female entrepreneurship: 39% to 21%.

Minority women are responsible for a large portion of that growth from 2014-2019, where "sidepreneurship" among minority women-owned businesses was two times higher than others: 65 percent compared to 32 percent.

When looking at specific minority groups over the last five years, growth in sidepreneurship is up 99% among African American women, compared to 70% for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, 63% for Asian Americans, 46% for Latina/Hispanic women, and 36% among Native Americans/Alaska Native businesswomen.

The report concluded that women of color are starting businesses at 4.5 times the average rate, and, in nearly every category, women of color are leading the women-owned business charge.

The rise in businesses owned by women of color could correlate to the power they've displayed at the ballot box.

Since 2000, the number of eligible women of color voters has increased by 59% — a gain of more than 13 million potential voters, according to the Center for American Progress (CAP). Black, Latina, Native American, multiracial, and Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women voters are emerging as a collective powerhouse, CAP of-

officials stated.

In CAP's "Women of Color: A Powerhouse in the U.S. Electorate," report, authors Danyelle Solomon and Connor Maxwell used new survey data to explore the voter eligibility, electoral participation, and distinct interracial and intraracial policy perspectives of women of color.

The report examined a host of issues from health care and economic inequality to public safety, racial and gender discrimination, and immigration.

"In the past decade, the voter-eligible population of women of color increased six times faster than that of white women, yet candidates, journalists and policymakers rarely acknowledge their ability to affect elections," stated Solomon, the vice president of Race and Ethnicity Policy at the CAP, and co-author of the report.

"Women of color are the canaries in the coal mine. When you center them in your policymaking agenda, outcomes for all Americans will improve. Continuing to ignore the policy priorities of this powerhouse of voters will only further undermine the health of our democracy and further exacerbate racial and gender inequalities," Solomon stated.

"This report affirms what we already know: Women of color are an important — and growing — a catalyst for change in our democracy," said Aimee Allison, the founder and president of She the People.

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2007-16CB
Plaintiff
vs.
DEPARTMENT OF THE
TREASURY - IRS, FORREST
COMMONS ASSOCIATION,
INC., UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES OF ELIZABETH
L. NEWPORT, UNKNOWN
OCCUPANT, STATE OF
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE, THE UNKNOWN
BENEFICIARIES OF THE
JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST
OF ORA E. NEWPORT,
JR. (DECEASED) AND
ELIZABETH L. NEWPORT
(DECEASED)
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
To the defendants above
named, and any other person
who may be concerned.
You are notified that you
have been sued in the Court
above named.
The nature of the suit against
you is the foreclosure of a
mortgage upon the property
legally described as follows:
LOT 2 IN "FORREST
COMMONS" SECTION 1,
AN ADDITION TO THE CITY
OF INDPLS, AS PER PLAT
THEREOF, RECORDED
AS INSTRUMENT #85-
60033 AND AMENDED BY
SURTVEYOR S. CERT. OF
CORRECTION RECORDED
AUGUST 20, 1985, AS
INSTRUMENT #85-69962,
AND AMENDED BY
DOCUMENT RECORDED
OCTOBER 28, 1996, AS
INSTRUMENT #86-109918,
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA. This
summons by publication
is specifically directed to the
defendants above named,
whose whereabouts are
unknown: UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES OF ELIZABETH L.
NEWPORT
THE UNKNOWN
BENEFICIARIES OF THE
JOINT REVOCABLE TRUST
OF ORA E. NEWPORT,
JR. (DECEASED) AND
ELIZABETH L. NEWPORT
(DECEASED)
In addition, to the above-
named defendant being
served by this summons,
there may be other
defendants who have an
interest in this lawsuit.
An answer or other
appropriate response in
writing to the Complaint
must be filed either by you
or your attorney with the
Clerk of Marion County at:
Clerk of Marion County
200 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
on or before the 12th day
of April, 2020, (the same
being thirty (30) days after
the Third Notice of Suit),
and if you fail to do so,
a judgment may be
entered against you for
what the plaintiff has
demanded.

Phillip A. Norman, P.C.
Phillip A. Norman 13734-64
Lynn C. Pluister 26193-71
Attorney for Plaintiff
2110 Calumet Ave
Valparaiso, IN 46383
(219) 462-5104
ATTEST:
Clerk, Marion Superior Court

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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT
CAUSE NUMBER:
49D05-1909-MF-040417
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A.,
AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9
MASTER PARTICIPATION
TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TAD E. THOMPSON AKA
TAD THOMPSON, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION

The State of Indiana to the
defendants above named,
and any other person who
may be concerned. You are
notified that you have been
sued in the Court above
named. The nature of the
suit against you is a
foreclosure of the real estate
mortgage, legally described
as:
LOT NUMBERED 7
IN MAPLE RIDGE, AN
ADDITION TO THE CITY
OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER
PLAT THEREOF RECORDED
AUGUST 18, 1977 AS
INSTRUMENT #77-53678,
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA,
SUBJECT TO ALL LIENS,
EASEMENTS AND
ENCUMBRANCES OF
RECORD.
PARCEL NO: 49-15-17-114-
020.000-500
This property is commonly
known as 3307 Babette
Court, Indianapolis, IN
46227
This summons by publication
is specifically directed to the
following Defendants whose
addresses are known:
State of Indiana Attorney
General
Serve Highest Executive
Officer Present
302 West Washington Street,
South 5th Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46204

State of Indiana Department
of Revenue
Serve Highest Executive
Officer Present
100 North Senate North 105
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Wells Fargo Bank N.A. sbmt
Wachovia Corporation sbmt
First Union National Bank
Serve Highest Officer Found
101 North Phillips Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

And to the following
defendant whose addresses
are unknown:
Tad E. Thompson aka Tad
Thompson

Unknown heirs, devisees,
legatees, personal
representatives, and
creditors of Linda S.
Thompson aka Linda
Thompson (deceased)

In addition to the above
named Defendants being
served by this summons,
there may be other
Defendants who have an
interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for
relief against the Plaintiff
arising from the same
transaction or occurrence,
you must assert it in your
written answer. You must
answer the Complaint in
writing, by your attorney,
on or before the 19th day
of April, 2020, (the same
being within thirty (30)
days after the Third Notice
of Suit), and if you fail to
do so a judgment will be
entered against you for
what the Plaintiff has
demanded.

Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)
Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)
Christopher J. Arlinghaus
(31680-15)
Gregory A. Stout (29517-15)
Adrienne M. McCollister
(26839-49)
Amanda L. Krenson (28999-61)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Reisenfeld & Associates
LLC
3962 Red Bank Road
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ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County
Superior Court

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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT
COURT
CAUSE NO:
49D07-2003-PL-010275
MIKE GRAHAM
Plaintiff,
vs.
INDIANA FINANCE
FINANCIAL CORP
GLEN TIMMONS
JACKIE TIMMONS
PRITCHETT
ORTHODONTICS
STATE OF INDIANA,
DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE
And The unknown
husbands, wives, widows,
widowers, surviving
spouses, heirs, legatees,
devisees, grantees, children,
descendants, mortgages,
creditors, administrators,
executors, trustees,
receivers, guardians,
successors, assigns, if
deceased, and all persons,
associations, partnerships,
partners, trustees, assigns,
representatives, successors,
corporations, or claimants,
who assert any title to claim
upon or interest in the real
estate herein described, all
women once known by
any of the names or
designations above stated,
whose names may have
been changed and the
names of all the spouses
of persons above named;
described and designated
as defendants to this action
who are married and whose
names are unknown to
Plaintiffs,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the
defendants above named,
and any other person who
may be concerned.
You are notified that you
have been sued in the Court
above named.
The nature of the suit against
you is:
Complaint to Quiet Title to
Real Estate
LOT NUMBERED 194 IN
CUMBERLAND LAKES,
SECTION FIVE (5), A
SUBDIVISION IN MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA, AS
PER PLAT THEREOF,
RECORDED ON MAY 14,
2004, AS INSTRUMENT
NUMBER 2004-98391,
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA.
Commonly known as: 2723
Rotte Lane, Indianapolis, IN
46229

To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are
known: NONE.
To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are not
known: INDIANA FINANCE
FINANCIAL CORP, GLEN
TIMMONS, JACKIE
TIMMONS, PRITCHETT
ORTHODONTICS, STATE
OF INDIANA, DEPARTMENT
OF REVENUE, and the
unknown husbands, wives,
widows, widowers, surviving
spouses, heirs, legatees,
devisees, grantees, children,
descendants, mortgages,
creditors, administrators,
executors, trustees,
receivers, guardians,
successors, assigns, if
deceased, of all persons
above named, all persons,
associations, partnerships,
partners, trustees, assigns,
representatives, successors,
corporations, or claimants,
who assert any title to claim
upon or interest in the real
estate herein described, all
women once known by any
of the names or designations
above stated, whose names
may have been changed
and whose names and the
names of persons above
named; described and
designated as defendants
to this action who are
married and whose names
are unknown to Plaintiff,
in addition to the above
named defendants being
served by this summons
there may be other
defendants who have an
interest in this law suit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
it in your written answer.
You must answer the
Complaint in writing, by you
or your attorney, on or before
thirty (30) days after the Third
Published Notice of Suit, and
if you fail to do so a judgment
will be entered against you
for what the plaintiff has
demanded.

The Name and Address of
the Attorney Representing
the Plaintiff is:
Kathleen S. Crebo
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Prepared By: Kathleen S. Crebo #29876-
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Hocker & Associates, LLC 03/13/20
03/20/20
03/27/20

SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #12
CAUSE NO
49D12-2002-MF-006668
US Bank National
Association, as trustee, on
behalf of the holders of the
Home Equity Asset Trust
2002-2, Home Equity Pass-
Through Certificates, Series
2002-2,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Mthmy Dunkerson, AKA
Timothy A. Dunkerson, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs,
devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Louise
Vasquez and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Louise
Vasquez, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs,
devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Louise
Vasquez and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Louise
Vasquez, et al.
Defendants.

The State of Indiana to the
defendants above named,
and any other person who
may be concerned.
You are notified that you
have been sued in the Court
above named.
The nature of the suit against
you is:
Complaint to Quiet Title to
Real Estate
LOT NUMBERED 194 IN
CUMBERLAND LAKES,
SECTION FIVE (5), A
SUBDIVISION IN MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA, AS
PER PLAT THEREOF,
RECORDED ON MAY 14,
2004, AS INSTRUMENT
NUMBER 2004-98391,
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA.
Commonly known as: 2723
Rotte Lane, Indianapolis, IN
46229

To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are
known: NONE.
To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are not
known: INDIANA FINANCE
FINANCIAL CORP, GLEN
TIMMONS, JACKIE
TIMMONS, PRITCHETT
ORTHODONTICS, STATE
OF INDIANA, DEPARTMENT
OF REVENUE, and the
unknown husbands, wives,
widows, widowers, surviving
spouses, heirs, legatees,
devisees, grantees, children,
descendants, mortgages,
creditors, administrators,
executors, trustees,
receivers, guardians,
successors, assigns, if
deceased, of all persons
above named, all persons,
associations, partnerships,
partners, trustees, assigns,
representatives, successors,
corporations, or claimants,
who assert any title to claim
upon or interest in the real
estate herein described, all
women once known by any
of the names or designations
above stated, whose names
may have been changed
and whose names and the
names of persons above
named; described and
designated as defendants
to this action who are
married and whose names
are unknown to Plaintiff,
in addition to the above
named defendants being
served by this summons
there may be other
defendants who have an
interest in this law suit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
it in your written answer.
You must answer the
Complaint in writing, by you
or your attorney, on or before
thirty (30) days after the Third
Published Notice of Suit, and
if you fail to do so a judgment
will be entered against you
for what the plaintiff has
demanded.

The Name and Address of
the Attorney Representing
the Plaintiff is:
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SUMMONS

MDK # 19-045389
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #5
CAUSE NO.
49D05-2003-MF-009932
The Bank of New York
Mellon Trust Company,
National Association fka
The Bank of New York
Trust Company, N.A. as
successor to JPMorgan
Chase Bank, N.A., as
Trustee for Residential Asset
Mortgage Products, Inc.
Mortgage Asset-Backed
Pass-Through Certificates
Series 2006-RZ1
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Unknown heirs,
devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Louise
Vasquez and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Louise
Vasquez, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs,
devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Louise
Vasquez and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Louise
Vasquez, et al.
Defendants.

The State of Indiana to the
defendants above named,
and any other person who
may be concerned.
You are notified that you
have been sued in the Court
above named.
The nature of the suit against
you is:
Complaint to Quiet Title to
Real Estate
LOT NUMBERED 194 IN
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SECTION FIVE (5), A
SUBDIVISION IN MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA, AS
PER PLAT THEREOF,
RECORDED ON MAY 14,
2004, AS INSTRUMENT
NUMBER 2004-98391,
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA.
Commonly known as: 2723
Rotte Lane, Indianapolis, IN
46229

To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are
known: NONE.
To the following Defendants
whose whereabouts are not
known: INDIANA FINANCE
FINANCIAL CORP, GLEN
TIMMONS, JACKIE
TIMMONS, PRITCHETT
ORTHODONTICS, STATE
OF INDIANA, DEPARTMENT
OF REVENUE, and the
unknown husbands, wives,
widows, widowers, surviving
spouses, heirs, legatees,
devisees, grantees, children,
descendants, mortgages,
creditors, administrators,
executors, trustees,
receivers, guardians,
successors, assigns, if
deceased, of all persons
above named, all persons,
associations, partnerships,
partners, trustees, assigns,
representatives, successors,
corporations, or claimants,
who assert any title to claim
upon or interest in the real
estate herein described, all
women once known by any
of the names or designations
above stated, whose names
may have been changed
and whose names and the
names of persons above
named; described and
designated as defendants
to this action who are
married and whose names
are unknown to Plaintiff,
in addition to the above
named defendants being
served by this summons
there may be other
defendants who have an
interest in this law suit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
it in your written answer.
You must answer the
Complaint in writing, by you
or your attorney, on or before
thirty (30) days after the Third
Published Notice of Suit, and
if you fail to do so a judgment
will be entered against you
for what the plaintiff has
demanded.

The Name and Address of
the Attorney Representing
the Plaintiff is:
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HOCKER & ASSOCIATES,
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Hocker & Associates, LLC 03/13/20
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SUMMONS

MDK # 20-004740
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION SS:
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #12
CAUSE NO
49D12-2002-MF-006668
US Bank National
Association, as trustee, on
behalf of the holders of the
Home Equity Asset Trust
2002-2, Home Equity Pass-
Through Certificates, Series
2002-2,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Mthmy Dunkerson, AKA
Timothy A. Dunkerson, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs,
devisees, legatees,
beneficiaries of Louise
Vasquez and their unknown
creditors; and, the unknown
executor, administrator, or
personal representative of
the Estate of Louise
Vasquez, et al.
Defendants.

The State of Indiana to the
defendants above named,
and any other person who
may be concerned. You are
notified that you have been
sued in the Court above
named. The nature of the
suit against you is a
foreclosure of the real estate
mortgage, legally described
as:
LOT 21 IN PINE POINT, AN
ADDITION TO THE CITY
OF INDIANAPOLIS, AS PER
PLAT THEREOF RECORDED
IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE
144, IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF MARION
COUNTY, INDIANA,
SUBJECT TO ALL LIENS,
EASEMENTS AND
ENCUMBRANCES OF
RECORD.
PARCEL NUMBER(S) 49-00-
08-111-001.000-930
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
3846 W Washington Street,
Indianapolis, IN 46241
This property is commonly
known as 3846 W Washington
Street, Indianapolis, IN
46241
This summons by publication
is specifically directed to the
following Defendants whose
addresses are known:

Miguel A. Ballesteros aka
Miguel Ballesteros
12010 Lake Avenue, APT
201
Cleveland, OH 44107

Unknown Occupant, if any
3846 W Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46241

State of Indiana Attorney
General
Serve Highest Executive
Officer Present
302 West Washington Street,
South 5th Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46204

State of Indiana Department
of Revenue
Serve Highest Executive
Officer Present
100 North Senate North 105
Indianapolis, IN 46204

And to the following
defendant whose addresses
are unknown:
Ben Davis Conservancy
District
In addition to the above
named Defendants being
served by this summons
there may be other
Defendants who have an
interest in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief
against the Plaintiff arising
from the same transaction or
occurrence, you must assert
it in your written answer.
You must answer the Complaint
in writing, by your attorney,
on or before the 26th day
of April, 2020, (the same
being within thirty (30)
days after the Third Notice
of Suit), and if you fail to
do so a judgment will be
entered against you for
what the Plaintiff has
demanded.

Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)
Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)
Christopher J. Arlinghaus
(31680-15)
Gregory A. Stout (29517-15)
Adrienne M. McCollister
(26839-49)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Reisenfeld & Associates
LLC
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Cincinnati, OH 45227
Voice: (513) 322-7000
Facsimile: (513) 322-7099
ATTEST:
Clerk of the Marion County
Superior Court

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SUMMONS

MDK # 20-001216
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT #5
CAUSE NO.
49D05-2001-MF-003457
PNC Bank, National
Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
Sherry Sue Martin, AKA
Sherry S. Martin, AKA Sherry
Martin, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION

TO: Courtyards@Roselawn
Park Apartments and GNC
Motors Inc.,
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
Defendants Courtyards@
Roselawn Park Apartments
and GNC Motors Inc.,
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 85 in Lynhurst
Gardens, Section 1, an
Addition in Marion County,
Indiana, as per plat thereof
recorded November 10,
1997 as Instrument #97-
173922, in the Office of the
Recorder of Marion County,
Indiana.
commonly known as
252 Lyngardens, Way
Indianapolis, IN 46224.
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 #5
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Stephanie A. Reinhart
(25071-06)
Sarah E. Barngrover (28840-
64)
Chris Wiley (26936-10)
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SUMMONS

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF MARION
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR
COURT
CAUSE NUMBER:
49D07-1912-MF-050013
HSBC BANK USA,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTIMUM
MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE
CORPORATION, ASSET-
BACKED PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2005-2,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MIGUEL A. BALLESTEROS
AKA MIGUEL
BALLESTEROS
UNKNOWN OCCUPANT,
IF ANY
STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE
STATE OF INDIANA
ATTORNEY GENERAL
BEN DAVIS CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS - SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION

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defendants above named
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IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE
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COUNTY, INDIANA,
SUBJECT TO ALL LIENS,
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ENCUMBRANCES OF
RECORD.
PARCEL NUMBER(S) 49-00-
08-111-001.000-930
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
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Indianapolis, IN 46241
This property is commonly
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46241
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Miguel A. Ballesteros aka
Miguel Ballesteros
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Cleveland, OH 44107

Unknown Occupant, if any
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demanded.

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Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)
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Superior Court

03/13/20
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‘It Impacts Weight, Sleep and Mental Health’: What You Need to Know About Your Thyroid

Family Features

Michele Adams is quick to say, “I don’t want to throw anyone under the bus,” but it took her being hit by a car for her thyroid disease to finally be diagnosed. Adams has always been an active person, but for a few years, she had felt tired and had a constant tightness in her throat. She was diagnosed with post-nasal drip but did not feel relief after a year of treatment.

“I thought this exhaustion, hoarse voice and lump in my throat were just my new normal,” Adams said. “I’d accepted it, and I shouldn’t have.”

During this time, Adams went on a bike ride in northeastern New Jersey – something she still does frequently. However, on this day, Adams was struck by a car as she was biking.

The incident resulted in an MRI scan. Adams was not seriously injured, but doctors noticed something unexpected. The scan revealed nodules in her lower neck, which suggested thyroid disease.

“I now realize I had symptoms of a thyroid condition for years,” Adams said. “I’d had it up to here with not feeling like myself. Once I had the MRI results, I knew to seek out a thyroid expert, and I found an endocrinologist.”

What you probably do not know about your thyroid

Thyroid disease is more common than diabetes and heart disease, but more than half of Americans with thyroid disease are unaware, according to the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE). This lack of awareness can endanger a person’s health and well-being.

The thyroid is a butterfly-shaped gland located low in the front of the neck below the Adam’s apple. It produces thyroid hormones that influence almost every cell, tissue and organ in the human body.

- Common signs of thyroid diseases include:
- Unexplained changes in weight
 - Depression, anxiety or feelings of irritability
 - Changes in memory or ability to concentrate
 - Joint or muscle pain or weakness
 - Fatigue or trouble sleeping
 - Fast or irregular heartbeat
 - Irregular menstrual periods

Cheryl Rosenfeld, D.O., is a thyroid expert and AACE member. Rosenfeld is also the physician who treated Adams’ thyroid disease.

“If the thyroid does not function correctly, it can



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Other thyroid diseases include:

- Nodules
- Thyroid cancer
- Graves’ disease
- Hashimoto’s thyroiditis
- Thyroid eye disease

Undiagnosed thyroid issues can also place a person at increased risk for heart disease, osteoporosis, infertility and other serious conditions.

What to do if you are ‘up to here’ with not feeling like yourself

“Once I was placed on treatment for Hashimoto’s and hypothyroidism, my life changed completely,” Adams said. “My throat is no longer sore, and I’m able to go out with my family or spend time at the gym without feeling completely drained of energy.”

The first step to ensure your thyroid gland functions properly is to speak with a health care provider about your symptoms and whether a thyroid test is needed.

An endocrinologist is a specially trained doctor who is qualified to diagnose and treat hormone-related diseases and conditions, including thyroid cancer and all other diseases related to the thyroid gland.

Visit thyroidawareness.com to learn more about thyroid health.

Make Time for Better Health on Busy Days

Family Features

Fitting in time to exercise and eat sensible meals can be impractical, if not impossible, when the demands of daily life get in the way. If busy days limit your ability to live as healthy of a lifestyle as you desire, take charge by squeezing in fitness and smart snacking when and where you can.

Sneak in some exercise. Even on days you can’t make it to the gym, you can find ways to get your body moving. Forego the closest parking spaces and get in a little cardio with a walk into the office or while running errands. Skip the elevator and use the stairs. Swap out your traditional desk chair for a standing desk or a balance ball that lets you get in a little core exercise. Make a point to write down your fitness resolutions and stick to them.

Choose smart snacks on the go. There are plenty of snack foods available that prove you don’t have to choose between great taste and great for you – even when a busy schedule threatens to get in the way. For example, when you need a quick, healthy snack, make a clean choice like Stryve Beef Biltong, a meat snack with a few simple ingredients that is high in protein. Air-dried to retain as much of the protein and flavor as possible with no sugar or preservatives, biltong is just beef and spices. It also contains no MSG, nitrates, gluten or other artificial ingredients. Biltong also works in popular high-protein, low-carb eating plans like keto and paleo.

Drink more water. Staying hydrated is essential for good health, and since you can carry water with you nearly any place you go, it takes virtually no extra time at all. Proper hydration helps keep skin supple and your body systems functioning properly. Water also helps you feel full; in fact, people often mistake the body’s natural craving for more water as hunger. Keep a bottle of water at your desk and refill it often. If you have trouble guzzling at least 64 ounces a day, set reminders on your phone or computer to keep you on track.

Make meal prepping more fun. If planning an entire week of meals seems like a chore, make it more entertaining by sharing the duty with a friend or incorporating the whole family. Having meals and snacks ready to go for the week ahead makes it less tempting to grab quicker, less healthy options when a busy day sneaks up on you.

Carve out mental health time. It may seem counter-intuitive but forcing yourself to grab a few minutes of down time can actually make you more productive. Turn off or mute your devices and take a break. You might use the time to collect your scattered thoughts into an efficient to-do list or simply meditate to give your brain a break before you head to bed so you can wake up refreshed for another day.

Find more ideas for living a healthier on-the-go lifestyle at stryve.com.



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Beef Done Better

What is biltong?

Biltong is a centuries-old process of drying and preserving meat that originated in South Africa. It’s thinly sliced, seasoned beef that has been air-dried at room temperature, typically for 14 days. A good-for-you snack alternative to traditional jerky, Stryve beef biltong is 100% all natural. It has no artificial ingredients, colors or preservatives and is free from nitrates, gluten and MSG.

How is biltong made?

Step 1: Season. Lean slabs of top round beef are washed with vinegar and dry rubbed with a medley of simple seasonings.

Step 2: Dry. Seasoned beef is hung to air-dry for up to two weeks in a humidity-controlled room.

Step 3: Slice. Slabs are sliced against the grain into ultra-thin, extra-tender pieces.



Indianapolis Enforcers make history



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When the Indianapolis Arena Enforcers, a minor league football team, play their first game in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum later this month, it will be the first time football has been played in the historic building.

Playing in the coliseum is a chance for the Enforcers to gain name recognition and fans, but for founder and coach K.C. Carter, it has personal significance.

“I appreciate the coliseum,” Carter, 54, said. “Because they took a chance on us. ... It’s a dream come true.”

The first time Carter, a die-hard Indiana Pacers fan, saw the basketball team play was with his uncle at the coliseum, the team’s original home. Not long before, he watched his father murder his mother before taking his own life. At 7 years old, sports — along with monster movies and rock ‘n’ roll — became Carter’s escape.

“It was rough growing up,” Carter said. “I just took it in stride, I dealt with it. Football was my release. And, as funny as it may seem, monster movies and KISS, they were my superheroes. I always wanted to be Gene Sim-

mons,” he added with a laugh. “Sports have always been a great outlet for me. It’s why I do everything I do.”

This is why Carter founded the Enforcers — named in homage to his experience as a sergeant in the Marion County Sheriff’s Department — in 2010. Originally a part of the American Football League (AFL), the team played home games at The Gathering Place, and were selling out the venue early on in its first season. Ticket sales dropped after the team relocated to Carmel, resulting in a brief hiatus.

Now, with the AFL folded, the Enforcers are starting their first season in the American Arena League (AAL). Arena football differs from traditional football in several ways, including a shorter field and no punting. Through the team, Carter hopes to give his players, who range in age from 19-35, the chance to play football at a competitive level.

The team is currently in the first year of what Carter calls his five-year plan. In the future, he hopes to be able to create housing options for out-of-state players, study and mentorship areas for student players, and a community center for local youth to learn about

art and theater.

“I want to use football as a way to give back to the community,” he said. But all of this is dependent on a successful first year in the coliseum.

“I gotta get the team off the ground first and generate money,” Carter said. “So, once we can get past the first season in the arena, I think we will be able to be a mainstay in the city, because the team can sell itself. But, we need about 2,500 fans in the stadium that first game to survive the first season.”

The Enforcers are already creating relationships with local groups and other sports teams, including the Indianapolis Fuel, which promoted the new football team at recent games.

Carter and his players hope to provide Hoosiers with an affordable, fun family event.

Julian Walker, 29, has been a wide receiver for the Enforcers for two years.

“It’s been a really good experience,” Walker said. “We’re trying to build something here in Indianapolis, and it means a lot to me to be able to bring this to my community and friends and family.”

Carter’s primary goal for the first year

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in the league is to regain the momentum the team had a few years ago.

“We just want to let people know we’re here,” Carter said. “The next step will be trying to find sponsors and keep this thing rolling. I’m grateful to the coliseum for giving us a place to play.”

The two-time Minor League Football Hall of Famer — as a player and as a coach is hopeful this first year for the Enforcers in a new home goes smoothly, pulling from his years of experience.

“I love the guys that I’m coaching,” he said. “And after so many years of coaching and playing, you learn how to handle situations and keep everything moving and hold yourself and everyone accountable. ... We’ll make history after that first game in the coliseum, and we’ll keep moving from there.”

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Hoosier hoops highlights



Michigan State freshman Cydni Dodd (50), a Warren Central High School alum, and Purdue senior Ae’Rianna Harris (32), a Lawrence North High School alum, squared off in the first round of the Big Ten women’s basketball tournament March 5 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.



Maryland won the conference tournament, beating Ohio State, 82-65, and securing an automatic bid to the women’s NCAA tournament.



The IUPUI women’s basketball team earned its first NCAA tournament bid. (Photos/Walt Thomas)



The Lawrence North High School boys basketball team won its first sectional title in five years, beating Warren Central High School, 61-59. (Photo/Horace Broughton/The MIC)



The Pike High School boys basketball team beat Decatur Central High School, 62-60, in overtime to win its sectional. (Photo/Cesar Fernandez/The MIC/Ben Davis)