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## Barrett and Abele win reelection bids!

Three new aldermen to join Common Council, Chantia Lewis defeats incumbent Northwestside Ald. Robert Puente



Barrett



Abele



Rainey



Lewis



Johnson



Coggs

Compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele retained their respective offices for another four years, while the Milwaukee Common Council will have three new faces representing the city's ninth, seventh, and second districts.

Both Barrett and Abele won reelection handily, especially the mayor, who "blew away" his challenger, Ald. Bob Donovan, by 63,786 votes. Barrett collected a total 110,780 votes (70%) to the alderman's 46,994 votes (30%).

## ELECTION WATCH 2016 THE RESULTS

However, Donovan won reelection to his aldermanic seat, narrowly defeating challenger Justin J. Bielinski. Donovan received 2,256 votes (52%) to Bielinski's 2,098 votes (48%).

Abele did better against challenger state Sen. Chris Larson than he did in the February primary, in which he came in second to the senator. Abele collected 56% (156,524) of the votes to Larson's 44% (125,292 votes).

Khalif Rainey, Chantia Lewis, and Chevy Johnson won their challenges, either replacing established Council members or filling a seat of aldermen who chose not to seek reelection.

A member of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, Rainey will re-  
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## A fresh, healthy win for Milwaukee's Bronzeville!

New grocery store set to open later this year

Bronzeville's busy "front door" at N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. and W. North Ave. will soon feature a new full-service grocery store, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs said today.

Pete's Fruit Market, a family-owned store known for many years by customers on the near south side, has announced plans for a new store in the former Walgreen's site at the northwest corner of King Drive and North Avenue.

"The announcement by Pete's Fruit Market is the positive end result of the collaborative efforts of neighbors, city officials, and of the private sector, all working to-



gether to bring in a store operator that would provide a great fit – and fulfill a true need – for the surrounding neighborhood," Alderwoman Coggs said.

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Ald. Milele Coggs makes the announcement of the new store coming to the corner of MLK and North Avenue, right at the "Front Door" of Bronzeville.

## It's Time to "PLAY BALL" again!

Former Negro League Player and Legendary Little League Organizer and Coach James Beckum throws out the first pitch before the Milwaukee Brewers Season Opener at Miller Park Monday. He later posed with Brewers Relief Pitcher Jeremy Jeffress (photo A). Brewers Manager Greg Counsell (far left) and four of the team's key veterans listen as the National Anthem is performed (photo B).



## PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

Question and Photos by Yvonne Kemp  
**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

With one of the youngest teams in the Major Leagues, what's your prediction as to how well the Milwaukee Brewers will do this season?

**MACK BOYD:**

"I think this young team might get close to the playoffs, especially with the help of the veteran players."



**MACK CHAMBERS:**

"I think it's a rebuilding year. We have a good core, but not a playoff team. The Brewers will finish 70-92."



**DAVID BOWEN:**

"With a community champion like Mr. James Beckum throwing out the first pitch, we have the potential to have a break-out season. Go Brewers Go!"



**JAMES BECKUM:**

"With the Brewers being a young team, it will take two seasons to rebuild and get to the playoffs. However, the team could surprise us and be in playoff contention."



## Mount Moriah MBC Pastor Charles Thornhill passes

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Thornhill, long time pastor of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, died early Friday morning, April 1.

Mt. Moriah is located at 416 W. Christine Lane. Rev. Thornhill served as the church's pastor from 1995 until his passing.

He was married for 58 years to Mary Catherine (Merritt) Thornhill of Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. Thornhill was the visionary that led the Mt. Moriah congregation to erect the new Mt. Moriah Chapel which was completed and held its first service the first Sunday of the year, January, 2015.

Shortly after the completion of the Chapel, a street naming ceremony was held on Christine Lane to affix the honorary street name as REV. C.E. THORNHILL LANE.

The next phases of construction include demolishing the old Mt. Moriah Church at 2747 North 4th Street, and construct a new edifice in its place. The newly built Chapel will then serve as Mt. Moriah's fellowship hall.

Dr. Thornhill was always busy tending to the needs of his flock: visiting the sick and shut-in, bereavement, prison ministry, to name a few; he also found time to give to the community.

He served on numerous Boards, such as: The A Center Board of Directors, Racine County Planning Council, Family Services Board of Racine, Third Vice President of Racine N.A.A.P.C, Racine Clergy Association, Black Con-  
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# Social Development Commission (SDC) Unveils New Look, New Website

The Social Development Commission (SDC) is settling into its new location at 1730 W. North Avenue. In conjunction with the agency's move into a new facility, SDC has unveiled new branding and a new tagline.

They are reflective of the positive impact the agency's services and programs have on the lives of low-income residents of Milwaukee County.

"Our new tagline, providing pathways from poverty to success, truly speaks to what SDC endeavors to do — provide pathways to success for each individual we touch," said SDC

CEO George Hinton. "We know that success looks different for each person, but if they can attain that, their life can change."

The colors of the new logo — a bright blue and rich gold, are vibrant and align with outlook for the future SDC aims to provide its clients.

A completely redesigned website features the new branding. The site is visually compelling and offers improved navigation for users.

Responsive design provides ease for those using the site on mobile devices and tablets. The URL remains cr-sdc.org.



SDC provides a broad range of services including education and training, health and wellness services, youth, adult and senior services, financial literacy, career enhancement and job placement, business services, weatherization programs and nutrition services.

All programs and services are now offered at the new facility on North Avenue, with the exception of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

VITA will continue operations at SDC's former office on Richards Street through the end of the tax season, Monday, April 18.

For more than 50 years, the Social Development Com-

mission has operated as the Community Action Agency for Milwaukee County. SDC serves as a planner, coordinator, and provider of human service programs for low-income individuals and families residing in Milwaukee County.

The agency is an intergovernmental commission and is governed by a board of 18 citizens from Milwaukee County, each of whom hold the title of "Commissioner."

For more information on SDC's programs and services, visit cr-sdc.org. Connect with us on Facebook [www.Facebook.com/SDCMilwaukee](http://www.Facebook.com/SDCMilwaukee) and Twitter [www.twitter.com/CRSDC](http://www.twitter.com/CRSDC).

## Mayor Barrett helps kick-off annual summer youth employment program



Area young people fill out applications on-line during the kick-off of the annual summer youth employment program, "Earn & Learn." The program assists young people in Milwaukee in making a successful transition from adolescence into adulthood through job skills and work experience. Earn & Learn is jointly operated by Employ Milwaukee and the Department of City Development, and collaborates with local businesses, non-profits, and community and faith-based organizations. Mayor Tom Barrett was on hand to help kick-off this year's initiative.--Photos by Yvonne Kemp



## Mayor, County Exec win; three new alderman on Council

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place retiring Ald. Willie Wade. He defeated Milwaukee Public School Board President Michael Bonds. Rainey garnered 4,897 votes (54%) to Bonds 4,171 votes (46%).

Johnson will replace Ald. Joe Davis, who chose not to run for his seat in order to concentrate all his resources on the mayoral race. He lost to Barrett and Donovan in the primary.

Johnson received 4,574 votes (52%). His opponent, Sherman Mor-ton, who was an aide to Davis, received 4,153 votes (48%).

Incumbent Alderman Robert Puente lost his reelection bid. He lost

to Chantia Lewis, who collected 4,662 votes (54%) to Puente's 4,041 votes (46%).

Outside of Puente, the other incumbents representing the community on the Council won reelection to their seats. Ashanti Hamilton defeated Vincent G. Toney, Russell Stamper II defeated Sean Muhammad, Milele Coggs defeated Tory Lowe.

Spencer Coggs easily won reelection to his City Treasurer position, defeating challenger Rick Kissel. Coggs received 90,150 votes (72%) to Kissel's 34,334 votes (28%).

But in his second go round for the City Comptroller position, Johnny

Thomas (52,755 votes-48%) lost to incumbent Comptroller Martin Matson (56,541-52%).

Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo won his reelection bid, defeating challenger Valeri Sauve. Marcella Nicholson defeated Michael Giabere for the County Board's seventh district seat.

In Milwaukee County Circuit Court races, Hannah Dugan defeated Paul Rifelj for the Branch 31 court seat, Michelle Ackerman-Havas lost her reelection bid to hold onto the Branch 45 seat, losing to challenger Jean Marie Kies.

In the state Supreme Court race, JoAnne Kloppenburg lost her second

bid for the high court, losing to Rebecca Bradley, who received 1,017,083 votes (52%) to Kloppenburg's 925,836 (48%).

As expected, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders defeated former U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential bid in the Wisconsin primary.

Sanders collected 567,936 votes (57%) to Clinton's 432,767 votes (43%).

Also as expected, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz defeated Real Estate mogul Donald Trump in the Republican presidential primary. Cruz received 531,129 (48%) to Trump's 386,290 (35%).

## New grocery store at "frontdoor" of Bronzeville set to open later this year

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Alderwoman Coggs pushed back efforts in recent years to open a dollar store at the location, instead repeatedly seeking a grocery store selling healthy foods and fresh produce items. "The neighbors and area stakeholders were adamant about having a full-service grocery store here, and with Pete's Market coming in, we are giving the residents what they truly want," Alderwoman Coggs said.

The Pete's store will fill approximately 13,700 square feet of space, and with an anticipated grand opening later this year. The store will be located in the heart of the Historic King Drive Business Improvement District.

The developer — Vanguard Group — is a Milwaukee owned firm with experience in successful projects in Bronzeville. The general contractor is JCP Construction — also a locally owned and operated company.--Source: Ald. Coggs' office

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# PERSPECTIVES

## The love/hate relationship between Black Milwaukee and “Milwaukee’s Finest”



Black Milwaukeeans have had a love/hate relationship with the Milwaukee police since Fred Flintstone worked down in the Menomonee Valley.

Growing up in Milwaukee in the 1960s and 70s, it was considered an addendum to the “Negro Rites of Passage” for Black men to be harassed, belittled or occasionally roughed up by Milwaukee police.

Just about every brother, cousin, uncle and friend knew a neighbor who had gotten smacked upside the head by a member of “Milwaukee’s Finest.”

Many, if not most, of the “human punching bags” were accosted after being stopped, questioned or “resisted” an indignation imposed by the police officer. The slave era axiom of never looking into the eyes of a White man was a reality in Brewtown for generations. To violate that rule was to invite emasculation.

Black men were routinely stopped for driving a car the officer couldn’t afford, having on shinier shoes, or trying to eat at a restaurant that had a chef who spoke German, Italian, Polish or Hebrew.

It didn’t matter if they were a preacher or teacher, if you were yellow you were mellow; if you were Black, get back!

The standard survival lesson fathers and elders gave younger Black men of my era was pretty much the same as it is today: Keep your hands on the steering wheel, don’t make any sudden movements, give your name, rank and serial number, don’t talk back and throw in a few “yes suh,” “no suh boss”—es.

But, regardless of what you did or did not do, how polite you were, or how well dressed, you could still get insulted, get your behind kicked, or on occasion, killed—shot in the back as was the case of Daniel Bell, or

# SIGNIFYIN’

By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt

murdered by a rogue cop who supposedly tripped up a flight of stairs and shot Jackie Ford who was around the corner. (Don’t try to figure that one out! Forty-five years later it still doesn’t make sense.)

Back in my day, the police presence was about containment and suppression.

We were in the height of the civil rights movement, trying to tear down the walls of apartheid, and the police were viewed as an occupying army, a military deployment empowered and entrusted to suppress, undermine and contain, to slow the inevitable.

Part of the police department’s role during my youth was keeping the “darkies in check”—and confined us to our “ghetto.” Back in the day, Milwaukee was governed by a system of legalized apartheid; a socioeconomic system that many theorize is still in operation today, although there are civil rights laws that suggest the contrary.

One of my first encounters with Milwaukee’s Finest was witnessing them turn their backs as White Southside bigots plastered us with spit, bricks and bottles as soon as we crossed the Milwaukee “Mason Dixon Line” (the 16th Street Viaduct) during the Open Housing Marches of 1967.

I was but a youngster who got caught up in the marches that were organized at St. Boniface Catholic Church, across the street from my grandmother’s house.

I didn’t fully understand Milwaukee’s system of apartheid, or why White folks maintained laws that

kept Black people from living in areas outside the “core.” But I learned about racism, prejudice and police complicity in maintaining the status quo during the 200 days of marches in support of an open housing ordinance introduced by Alderwoman Vel Phillips.

I wasn’t with the NAACP Youth Council and Commandoes (the enforcement arm of the civil rights organization) the second day of marches when the “Po Po” maced and assaulted marchers a block away from the church.

And fortunately, I wasn’t at the Freedom House that served as our headquarters when the cops were rumored to have set it on fire.

But I was around—working for the old Milwaukee Sentinel—during the so-called riots a year later when the police repeatedly laid their bully clubs and pistol butts upside the heads of any Negro they found on the streets before and after curfew.

I was working at the newspaper (as a copy boy) when the report came in about the “murder” of Clifford McKissick, shot in the back while running away from police.

It was, an omen, a lesson to Black folks, we theorized. One we didn’t forget.

If there were any doubts about the basic role of police, it was erased when Harold Breier was hired. The “Bull Connors of the North,” Breier ordered his men to put their boots on the back of Black men, and keep them bent over.

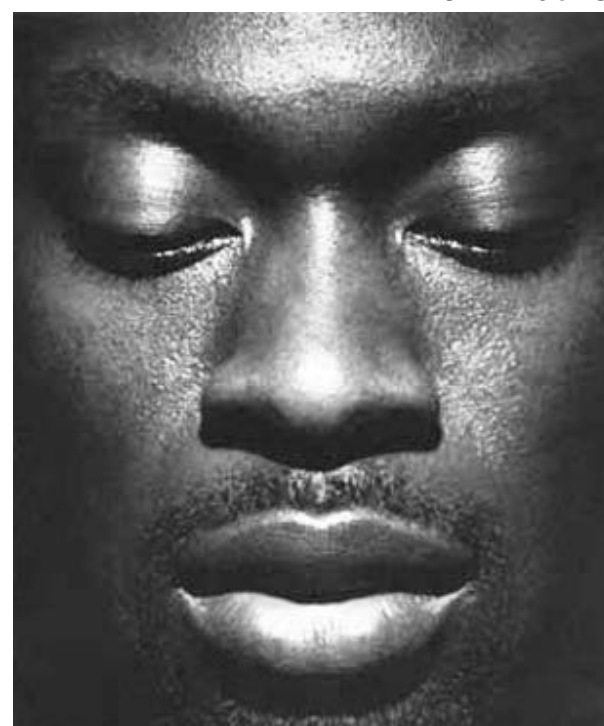
His tactics eventually prompted a new civil rights struggle: a lawsuit against the department and a demand for more Black officers. Eventually, then-State Senator Gary George introduced legislation that would force Breier’s retirement. But until that day, his bigotry was reflected in Milwaukee policing and Black fear of the Po Po.

I remember once when we were peacefully marching to protest the killing of Ernest Lacy, who was mistakenly stopped for a rape he didn’t commit and was strangled to death by the arresting officers.

Thousands of Blacks, Whites and Hispanics were parading down Wisconsin Avenue when Breier’s riot-gear police appeared, seemingly out of nowhere, and crisscrossed through the marchers. The only reason why their plan to start a confrontation failed was because it was so obvious, we didn’t respond.

But that incident, along with Breier’s maintenance of a Red Squad File and harassment of its subjects—which included anyone who dared criticize the police or sought to tear down the walls of apartheid—was the order of the day.

The generation before mine had to  
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## America Is Designed for Young Black Men to Fail

### Success for Young Black Men In America Is Accidental

By Phillip Jackson--The Black Star Project

Many people disagree with the title of this commentary.

“You don’t know what I been through to help make my Black son successful! I worked hard to get my son through school.

I fought with gangs. I fought with the school. I fought with teachers. I fought with police. I fought with his friends. I fought with other parents. I held two jobs to pay for tutoring and private school. I moved to an expensive suburb. Please don’t call my son’s success acci-

Message to the Community...

## It Is All Functional Unity – It Is All About Organizing

Brothers and sisters, we have work to do and no one will do it for us. If we are to achieve what we want, we have to earn it. Earning it requires taking one step at a time.

There are no shortcuts. We cannot erase our reality of being nearly 400 years behind economically, and we are not going to get out of this mess overnight. We cannot skip through the process. We will have to go through the pain of the struggle (learning curve). Earning it will require that we do something we have not been able to master and that is working together through functional unity.

In response to H. Rap Brown comment, "If America doesn't come around, we're gonna burn it down," Dr. King responded with "Our slogan must not be 'burn baby, burn. It must be 'build, baby, build.' Organize, baby, organize.

Our slogan must be learn, baby, learn' so we can 'earn, baby, earn.'" If we are to make Dr. King's statement a reality, we need to organize because the issues we face today are surprisingly greater, in many respects, than those in 1967 when he made this statement. We must have functional unity.

The Black community currently dominates in every negative demographic (i.e. poverty, incarceration, health, academic achievement, unemployment and underemployment, etc.) while, being almost invisible in every positive demographic (i.e. job and business creation, wealth, income, business growth, etc.), both representing extreme levels of disparities.

For example, disparities generally allow a margin of error of 2-3 percentage points, but the African American community is experiencing a 10–30 percentage point differential.

Where unemployment could be seven percent nationally, with African American men between the ages 18-35 unemployment could be as high as 50 percent. This is an alarming disparity and creates major consequences to the fabric of both family and community life for the entire Black community.

These types of disparities will require new and different approaches unlike anything we have seen to date. In addition, most of these disparities will only worsen over

dental.”

That’s exactly why I call it “accidental.” Black parents, and no parents in America, should have to fight that hard and in those ways to help their sons become successful. An accident is defined as an unplanned, unexpected, and not designed (not purposefully caused) event. Based on the data below, success for most Black males in America is not intentional, not expected, not planned, not the norm and not designed.

Most Black males don’t succeed because of their education in America, they succeed in spite of their education in America. Therefore, when success happens, it is “accidental.”

But I leave it to you, the reader, to decide if Black male success is accidental or intentional. Please review the following data and facts, mostly from Chicago, Illinois. Look at the obstacles that a young Black man must overcome to become successful in America.

This data, these facts and those odds are why I say, "If a young Black man in America is able to succeed, it is accidental, and not intentional! In fact, America is designed for young Black men to fail!"

1) Only 7 out of 100 (7%) of 8th-grade Black boys in Chicago read proficiently according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

2) Only 6 out of 100 (6%) of Black male high school students in Chicago will attain a college degree by age 26 according to a study by the University of Chicago's Consortium for Chicago School Research.

3) Only 41 out of 100 (41%) of Black males in Chicago graduate from high according to the Schott Foundation for Public Education.

4) 47 out of 100 (47% - almost half) of young Black men in Chicago ages 20 to 24 years old are not in school and not working beginning one year after finishing high school according to a study from the University of Illinois Chicago Great Cities Institute.

5) 88.5 out of 100 (about 90%) of young Black men between the ages of 16 and 19 are not working in Chicago according to a study by the University of Illinois Chicago Great Cities Institute.

6) 58% of 48,921 prison inmates in Illinois are Black men and about 9,000 detainees in Cook County Jail are Black men at a per year average cost of \$22,191 or about \$840,000,000 per year according to Illinois Department of Corrections and Cook County Jail statistics.

7) Employers prefer White felons over Blacks with no criminal record according to a Princeton University study.

8) White high schools dropouts are just as likely to have a job as Blacks students with some college according to a study by Young Invincibles.

While there is a plan to help people in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Israel and other countries around the world, there is no comprehensive plan to help young Black men like the ones mentioned above in Chicago or the ones in your city.

Young Black male students have the worst grades, the lowest test scores, and the highest dropout rates of all students in the country. When these young black men don’t succeed in school, they are much more likely to succeed  
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next 15-20 years because the pipeline is “primed” at the start of the continuum coupled with the reality that the Black community has no stated, viable and sustained plan of action or defense.

If work together, we must ask ourselves if our individual efforts really change these issues and move the needle. If you are honest, you must answer “no.” Then, what do we do? The abnormal disparities that the Black community suffers from will require major efforts to combat. Correcting these issues will require a unified and comprehensive approach, not an individual or silo solution. By moving the needle, I mean some of the following:

- reducing the mass incarceration of black men
- decreasing the senseless violence and deaths of our children
- raising the level of black men gainfully employed



## UNIVERSALLY SPEAKING

### by Rahim Islam

- increasing the number of successful and thriving Black owned businesses in our community
- removing the blight and decay that overwhelms many of the neighborhoods where Black people reside
- reversing the nearly 60 percent of Black students academically failing in public schools
- increasing the number of Black children living in stable families
- eliminating or decreasing the wealth gap between Blacks and Whites

• increasing and/or restoring Black pride at a level that could counter the massive media campaign that has defined Black people as inferior and deserving of the social-economic position we currently hold, and

• creating jobs, jobs, jobs, and more jobs

The issues we face are severe and real and their impact is severe and real. These disparities and these issues have real impact on the lives of Black families and more importantly, Black children.

This is not an intellectual argument. This is a real disaster for our people and there is no evidence of a plan of action or strategy. Something is seriously wrong with our approach.

We are lacking togetherness. We are lacking functional unity. It appears that we have not been able to figure it out or that we do not know any better. Why? When people know better, they do better. The proof that we have figured things out and that we know better will be seen in the outcomes.

Until we figure out we cannot do this alone and we need each other to move the needle, we will never see our outcomes improve.

The Black community, especially the leadership, must  
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# RELIGION



Rev. Thornhill with his wife Mary Catherine Thornhill and an associate minister during the honorary street naming ceremony in which the Christine Lane street sign was affixed with the name "Rev. C.E. Thornhill Lane." --Photo by Yvonne Kemp

## Rev. Charles Thornhill Passes

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gress – Carthage College, Night Chaplain – St. Luke's Hospital of Racine, President of the Interdenominational Ministers' Council of Racine and Kenosha, and a great deal more.

Additionally, Dr. Thornhill was an instructor at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and the Wisconsin General Baptist State Congress of Christian Education. He taught a Theology class every Monday in Milwaukee to Pastors and Lay persons.

Pastor Thornhill had been preaching, teaching and had pastoral experience that spanned over sixty years. The first church he pastored was Zion Mission in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

He was there for two years. Later, Rev. Thornhill was called to Beulah Temple in Louisville, Kentucky, where he pastored for four years.

He later joined his friend in Milwaukee and became the Assistant Pastor of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church for twelve years. In 1971, Rev. Dr. Thornhill was called to pastor the Greater Mt. Eagle Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin.

For twenty-four years, he was the shepherd at Greater Mt. Eagle until he was called to return to Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Milwaukee as Pastor in 1995.

Charles Thornhill was educated in the Cambridge Public School System. He graduated from Zion Bible College in East Providence, Rhode Island.

His Bachelor of Arts Degree was from St. Martin's College and Seminary and a Doctorate of Ministry from St. Martin's College and Seminary.

He received his Doctorate of Divinity Degree from Urban Bible College in Detroit, Michigan.

Services are as follow:

Thursday, April 7, 2016 – Wake Time: 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Greater Mt. Eagle Baptist Church  
929 State Street, Racine, WI 53404  
Rev. Keith T. Evans, Pastor

Friday, April 8, 2016 – Viewing Time: 2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Chapel  
416 West Christine Lane (Rev. C.E. Thornhill Lane)  
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Saturday, April 9, 2016 – Home - Going Services and Repast

Visitation: 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.  
Service: 11:00 A.M.

Bethel Baptist Church  
2030 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53205  
Rev. William E. Robbins, Pastor

Saturday, April 9, 2016 - Interment  
Wisconsin Memorial Park  
13235 West Capitol Drive

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Mount Moriah Baptist Church "BUILDING FUND",  
C/O 416 W. Christine Lane, Milwaukee, WI 53212

## Five-peat: HOPE Christian High School scholars achieve 100% college acceptance for fifth consecutive year

"Three-peat" is a well-known term honoring three consecutive championships in a sport.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "three-peat" and even "four-peat." It has yet to define five-peat, likely because it is a rare occurrence in sports.

The scholars at HOPE Christian High School have achieved a five-peat with lasting impact: For the fifth consecutive year, 100 percent of HOPE's graduating seniors have been accepted to college.

To date, the 38 seniors scheduled to graduate in June 2016 have received 102 college acceptance letters.

That number is expected to increase as graduation approaches, along with the scholarship and financial aid dollars awarded to these students.

HOPE Christian High School's graduating seniors have already received a total of \$600,000 in scholarship funds, and almost half of the senior class has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be awarded additional financial aid for college next fall.

### Rush College Choir to perform at Tabernacle Community Baptist Church April 16

The Rush College A' Cappella Choir of Holly Springs, Miss. will be in concert at the Tabernacle Community Baptist Church on Saturday, April 16 at 5 p.m.

The funds from the concert will further support the college's youth who are in need of financial assistance and particularly students who are interested in attending Rush College.

"For five years in a row, our students have proven what's possible for all children in the city of Milwaukee," says Tom Schalmo, principal of HOPE Christian High School.

"Through their hard work and teachers holding them to a high bar, our seniors have shown that college is attainable for every student in this community regardless of background."

HOPE Christian High School

scholars are excited to carry on their legacy of hard work at prominent institutions next fall, including Marquette University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spelman College, Alabama A&M University, Carroll University and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

HOPE Christian High School offers a comprehensive college preparatory program designed to

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Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating their Pastor and Wife 28th Year Anniversary, honoring Pastor George H. Jolly and First Lady Diane Jolly on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 9:30 am.

## SHED LIGHT ON THE BEACONS IN OUR COMMUNITY! WHO ARE YOUR BEACONS OF LIGHT?

### NOMINATIONS: "40 Years and 40 Beacons of Light"

**Save the date: Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholarship Brunch; Sunday, August 7, 2016**

FATHERS, MOTHERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, PASTORS, TEACHERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, COACHES, SOCIAL WORKERS, TELEVISION PERSONALITIES, MENTORS, CORPORATE EMPLOYEES, CORPORATE LUMINARIES, LOCAL CELEBRITIES, MEDICAL TECHS, SMALL BUSINESSES, LAWYERS, DOCTORS, INNOVATORS, FIRST RESPONDERS, ARTISTS, AUTHORS, NEIGHBORS.

## BEACONS ARE ALL AROUND US!

### SHED LIGHT ON THE COMMUNITY! WHO ARE YOUR BEACONS OF LIGHT?

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**BEACONS OF LIGHT 2016**

Name of person you are nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Their phone \_\_\_\_\_ Their Email \_\_\_\_\_

Why you are nominating them? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (add separate page if needed).

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# America Is Designed for Young Black Men to Fail

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in the nation’s criminal justice and penitentiary system, in the streets and on the corners of America and in our cemeteries and graveyards.

Worst of all is the passivity, neglect and disengagement of the Black community concerning the future of our Black boys. We do little while the future lives of Black boys are being destroyed in record numbers.

The schools that Black boys attend prepare them with skills that will make them obsolete before, and if, they graduate.

In a strange and perverse way, the Black community, itself, has started to wage a kind of war against young Black men and has become part of this destructive process.

Who are young Black women going to marry? Who is going to

build and maintain the economies of Black communities? Who is going to anchor strong families in the Black community?

Who will young Black boys emulate as they grow into men? Where is the outrage of the Black community at the destruction of its Black boys?

Where are the plans and the supportive actions to change this? Is this the beginning of the end of the Black people in America?

Please consider these simple goals that can lead to solutions for fixing the problems of young Black men:

- Short term
- 1) Teach all Black boys to read at grade level by the third grade and to embrace education.
  - 2) Provide positive role models for Black boys.
  - 3) Create a stable home environ-

ment for Black boys that includes contact with their fathers.

- 4) Ensure that Black boys have a strong spiritual base.
  - 5) Control the negative media influences on Black boys.
  - 6) Teach Black boys to respect all girls and women.
  - 7) Encourage Black boys to provide maximum effort in work and school
- Long term
- 1) Invest as much money in educating Black boys as in locking up Black men.
  - 2) Help connect Black boys to a positive vision of themselves in the future.
  - 3) Create high expectations and help Black boys live into those high expectations.
  - 4) Build a positive peer culture for

Black boys.

- 5) Teach Black boys self-discipline, culture and history.
- 6) Teach Black boys and the com-

munities in which they live to embrace education and life-long learning.

- 7) Encourage Black men to em-

brace entrepreneurship, business development and institution building in the Black community.

## HOPE Christian High School scholars achieve 100% college acceptance for fifth consecutive year

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ensure that all graduating students are prepared to attend and be successful in a post-secondary school.

The program includes a curriculum aligned to the ACT College Readiness Standards, data-driven academic results and college seminar courses.

As a result of this rigorous preparation, the current seniors have attained an average ACT score that outperforms the city, state and national averages for African American students.

Senior scholars will celebrate this milestone at HOPE Christian High School’s Senior Signing Day on Friday, May 27. Similar to the typical signing day for athletes, this event will give each HOPE senior the opportunity to announce the college of their choice in

front of their families, peers, faculty, and community supporters.

Invitations to the 2016 Senior Signing Day will be issued as the date approaches and details are finalized.

HOPE Christian High School is part of HOPE Christian Schools, a network of seven schools serving nearly 2,000 students in Milwaukee and Racine. Schools in the HOPE network focus on “3 Cs” – Christ, College and Character. HOPE scholars in K-12th grades receive a values-based education that develops knowledge and cultivates character – the fundamental traits they need to become inspirations to their families, leaders in their communities, and successes in the workplace. For more information, visit [www.hopeschools.org](http://www.hopeschools.org).

## “Milwaukee’s Finest”

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deal with blatant racism and separation. The police were viewed as overseers, maintaining the status quo.

The Negroes generally knew their place, although many fought for self-improvement and empowerment. They maintained a community within a community, and in many respects thrived. As long as they didn’t leave the plantation, they were OK. There were the occasional crimes in our community that required a police presence. And generally most will say there was peaceful coexistence with police. But the rogue cops, the bigots and the self proclaimed overseers tainted the department.

And often these “officers” emerged to “bop a brother.” Or, as in the case of Daniel Bell, murder him, merely to assert their authority and to fulfill a racist impost.

Today’s generation is as fearful of police as was mine. But it’s a different form of fear, grounded in White privilege, prejudice and profiling.

It’s an “us versus them” scenario, where many Whites view all Black Milwaukeeans as sociopaths who will steal, rape and murder them for no reason.

Hoodies have become viewed as gang paraphernalia, and sagging pants and tattoos as terrorist insignia.

Racism is also a factor. The election of Barack Obama has opened a Pandora’s box, bringing the bigots from out of the closet and into the sunlight.

And they, as well as the prejudiced and fretful, are arming themselves in record numbers.

Whites in far away communities are buying tanks and missile launchers to prepare themselves for the army of Black gang members who will invade their communities,

they believe. Their fears are exploited by sensationalistic media, escalating Black on Black crime and centuries old fears of Black males, in and out of hoodies.

Standing between them and us is the “Five O.”

Indeed, some could theorize the police are caught in the middle. As Black crime has escalated (some say as an outgrowth of record poverty and a breakdown of the family), police find themselves forever on guard.

There has been a record number of killings of police officers to counter balance the record number of police killings of innocent Black men, and women, Milwaukee and around the country.

Truthfully, both sides are under assault, and tensions run high.

Mix a pinch of trepidation with a tablespoon of prejudice and a cupful of Black on Black crime, and what dish comes out of the oven?

It’s not a cake. It’s a bomb that could explode at any moment.

And who has the match?

Is it a scared, rogue or prejudiced police officer? Or is it the scared, enlightened, Millennial who don’t have the benefit of a full time father to instruct him how to respond when detained by “Milwaukee’s Finest”?

This should be the generation that reconcile past relations with the police. This should be an era when community/police relations are a reality. Instead, history is repeating itself, and another generation has a love/hate affair with those sworn to protect and to serve.

Next week, how many Millennials view the police and why tensions continue to escalate.

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## MPS graduate earns prestigious Fulbright award

2012 Rufus King International High School alumna and Bradley University student Sojourner White



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### Sojourner White

Sojourner White, a 2012 graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools' Rufus King International High School and student at Bradley University in Illinois, has received the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Award.

White, who attended MPS' Elm Creative Arts School and Roosevelt Creative Arts Middle School before heading to King, will teach English and serve as a cultural ambassador in Spain.

"Going through the arts education system gave me those values for creativity, which I'll definitely need going to a different country teaching students about U.S. culture," she said. King's International Baccalaureate program opened her eyes to the fact that "there's a world beyond high school and a world be-

yond Milwaukee." Watching her father, an MPS teacher, work with students will also prepare her for the trip, White said.

The MPS alumna plans to work in school psychology after she returns from Spain and continues on to graduate school.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, according to the program.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Award has been in existence since 1946, when the Fulbright Program began, and fewer than 2,000 students receive the award each year.

White's mother, Venice Williams, shared the news of her daughter's accomplishment on social media, describing her daughter as a "success story of Milwaukee Public Schools and the entire Milwaukee village."

MPS Superintendent Dr. Darienne Driver, Rufus King International High School Principal Dr. Jennifer Smith and the entire MPS family congratulate Ms. White on her tremendous achievement.

The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Participating governments, host institutions, corporations, and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support.

Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The Program operates in over 160 countries worldwide.

## Montgomery named co-chair for Milwaukee Lifecourse Initiative

Wanda Montgomery has accepted the role of co-chair, alongside Mayor Tom Barrett, for the Milwaukee Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF).

The initiative is dedicated to reducing racial disparities in birth outcomes in the city of Milwaukee.

"Wanda brings a wealth of leadership, experience, and dedication to serving Milwaukee families," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "I am proud to have Wanda stand alongside me as we continue the communitywide work to reduce racial disparities in birth outcomes and prevent infant mortality."

Montgomery's career has been spent serving the community as Director of Community Partnerships for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin; CEO of Children's Family and Community Partnerships; Project Manager for MAXIMUS, Executive Director of Gray's Child Development Center, Inc., Preparatory Academy in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services.

"I am passionate about LIHF because to have any child die due to the lack of access, advocacy, education or resources in 2016 is unacceptable," Montgomery stated.

"Whatever I can do to bring information to the masses is important to me and the work I've committed my life to."

Montgomery takes over as co-chair for Shirley McFarlane of Northwestern Mutual who has served as co-chair for the past two years.



Montgomery

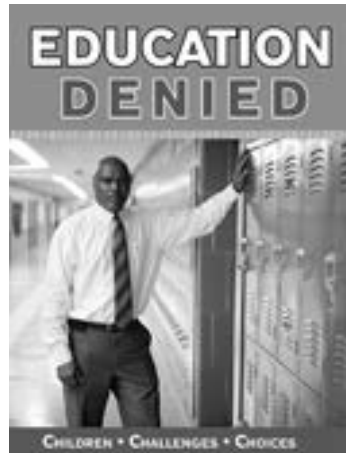
## New Book "Education Denied" is a must-read for all who work on behalf of Children in Urban America

Nationwide (BlackNews.com) -- In Education Denied: Children. Challenges. Choices, Dr. Bernard Gassaway provides thought-provoking anecdotes that are meant to motivate the reader to act. He believes that "passive participation serves to maintain the status quo."

Dr. Gassaway wrote this book to highlight challenges that children, families, communities, stakeholders and school personnel (particularly in urban centers) face when attempting to educate children.

He says, "Education is denied to millions of urban poor children because urban educators, politicians and policymakers lack the courage to correct the course of failed policies and practices that are rooted in racial, socioeconomic and political inequities."

In the book, he says: "Schools in poor urban centers are expected to educate children who are faced with enormous challenges. For example,



Bernard Gassaway

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# Aretha Franklin to perform in Milwaukee June 3 at Riverside Theater



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She is one of the most influential and important voices in the history of American music, with a repertoire that spans pop, soul, jazz, rock, blues and gospel.

She will be in Milwaukee June 3 to perform at the Riverside Theater. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and is open to all ages.

In 2009, Franklin was named the #1 Vocalist of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine. With her ever distinctive, soulful, to-the-bone vocal style, she has graced music charts for nearly five decades and her 'live' performances have touched the hearts of tens of millions since she began her musical journey in Detroit as a singing child prodigy.

It is her rich legacy of recordings that are a testament to the power, majesty and genius of this one-of-a-kind artist of the first order.

Aretha Franklin has earned countless international and national awards as well as accolades and global recognition on an unprecedented scale. She is a 2005 recipient of a Presidential Medal of Freedom honor (the U.S.A.'s highest civilian honor), presented by President George W. Bush, and in 1999, she was awarded the National Medal of Arts, presented by President Bill Clinton.

She sang at the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama (2009) and at the inauguration of President Bill Clinton (1993).

She also performed at the inaugural gala for President Jimmy Carter (1997). In 1968, she sang at the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr.

She is the recipient of a Kennedy Center Honor; 18 GRAMMY® Awards, including Best Female R&B Vocal Performance for eight consecutive years, a GRAMMY Legend Award, and a GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Award; five American Music Awards; and four NAACP Image Awards.

In 1987, she was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and in 1979, she received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In 2007, Franklin was honored at the Annual United Negro College Fund Evening of Stars and was presented with UNCF's Award of Excellence.

She was named 2008 MusiCares® Person of the Year by the Recording Academy, and she was presented with the prestigious NAACP Vanguard Award.

In 2010, she was inducted into the Apollo Legends Hall of Fame at the Apollo Theater. In April 2012, Franklin received the TV Land Music Icon Award. In August 2012, Franklin was inducted into the Gospel Music Association's Hall of Fame. To date, she has received 12 Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

Tickets for the Friday, June 3 Aretha Franklin show at Riverside Theater go on sale Friday, April 8 starting at 12PM. Tickets will be available online at Pabsttheater.org, in person at Pabst & Riverside Theater Box Office, or by phone at 414-286-3663

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## New Book "Education Denied" is a must-read for all who work on behalf of Children in Urban America

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many poor urban district and school personnel are expected to successfully educate children who are often homeless, pregnant, formerly incarcerated, in foster care, have limited English proficiency, have special needs, live in single-family households, are juvenile delinquents, illiterate and/or poor. School leaders and teachers are expected to demonstrate success by raising test scores and graduation rates. They are expected to do this with limited resources."

According to Dr. Gassaway, "Education will continue to be denied to poor children as long as social, racial, economic and political realities are ignored. Just as a divided house cannot stand, a divided education system cannot work for all children."

Education Denied is organized into five sections. Each section ends with an action plan. Each action plan provides specific instructions or recommendations for parents, teachers, administrators, community stakeholders or policymakers to improve learning outcomes for children.

How to get the book:

Education Denied (ISBN: 978-0-578-172965) is currently available online at Amazon. Schools may purchase bulk copies from Dare Books (desmondr@darebooks.com - Longwood, Florida 32750) or visit www.bernardgassaway.com.

Follow Dr. Gassaway on Twitter @DrGassaway

## Brentwood COC will present comedy show to benefit scholarship fund

Brentwood Church of Christ and the Lois M Chapple Scholarship Fund will present, "Black Girls Laugh" A Comedy Show. The show will feature Chastity Washington and Betty G.

The MC will be popular local Comedian Marlin Hill. The event will be held Saturday, April 23rd.

Doors open at 7:00pm. Brentwood is located at 6425 N 60th Street (next to Brentwood Church of Christ)

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# It Is All Functional Unity –It Is All About Organizing

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conclude that our community just does not know “how.” In fact, who is responsible to handle of these issues? Who is responsible for defending the Black community?

Currently there is no one responsible. The community must figure this out because no one is going to do it for us (we are on our own).

Our community will never achieve true self-determination until it has the capacity and the ability to “do for self”, which means that it must be able to lead the efforts in the areas of greatest need and that offer the greatest results.

Though the learning curve may be steep, we have no other option. This is extremely problematic because since we lack resources, we must depend wholeheartedly on the majority community to fund and finance our capacity many times without regard for the importance of Black people and organizations to serve as the lead.

Unfortunately, because of our history in this country, our abilities and capacities are extremely limited both by content IQ and by resources - the ultimate “catch 22.”

The Black community is challenged in many ways but none more than economically. The Black community does not have enough income nor can it generate enough income to combat poverty (this phenomenon is a direct link to the legacy of the enslavement of Black people). To address poverty and the associated social ills, it will require that the Black community has the capacity and the ability to focus on a few selected areas simultaneously.

- Economics – We must significantly increase Black business capacity to expand and grow and we must create wealth and jobs. We must recapture our own markets and expand our reach into both the public and private sector markets
- Education – We must stabilized education and refocus on Black self-determination/liberation education and school to career (vocational and skill focus) and make it available to our entire population
- Public Safety – We must slow down the mass incarceration of Black men and create ways to reduce recidivism
- Health and Wellness – In addition to addressing physical health disparities and the entire health delivery continuum, we must identify and implement strategies that will allow for the psychological healing of the Black community
- Black Cultural Enrichment – We must better control the narrative and definition of “Being Black” in America with the goal of significantly increasing Black cultural organizations and their ability to increase the “pride” in the Black community

If the Black community were to “know better” and begin to “do better” it must begin to come together and address the issue of “functional” unity. This is where our strength lies, but if we were unable achieve it, we will continue to decline as a group. Let us be clear, we have real issues outside of the structural ones we face. We have internal issues that we must overcome and we will never be able to hold the external forces accountable until we begin to change our behavior and hold ourselves accountable. Yes, we must fight to make it for ourselves and our families, but we must be accountable to our people, to our group. We must come to grips with some obvious issues and challenges that we must own up to and navigate in our efforts to organize and address the issues we face. We must overcome the following:

- Time Deficit – Time is not on our side - Our oppressor is so resourced and in control of the systems and infrastructure, that it gives them the capacity to compete and address all of the issues of the time. Our community is less prepared. We spend most of our time addressing the symptoms we face and are unable to address the root of our problems – our lack of power and resources (this is a historical issue).
- We have become a reactionary rather than proactive community and, many times, we just cannot afford the luxury of this behavior. It takes resources and capacity. While we attempt to build the capacity and infrastructure to defend ourselves against structural and institutional issues, we are bombarded by immediate and current issues that require that we utilize our limited resources and prevent our abilities to build for the future. We have activity, but no progress is being made.
- Enthusiasm - Inability to Mobilize our People for a Sustained Period of Time – The work that we must engage in is long-term in nature and will require a sustained effort over a number of generations to challenge the social and economic conditions that Black people face that has taken nearly 400 years to produce.

This will require a deep level of strategic planning and thinking (proactive) versus the reactionary mode in which our community currently resides. Sure, we must have rapid responses (i.e. protest, agitation, act-up, etc.) to the issues that arise but most of the issues we face are structural in nature and cannot be corrected with emotional responses. The issues we confront are the same ones we have confronted since being in this county – our inability to chart a path for self-determination, our inability to do for self and how do we sustain the movement (enthusiasm) until we become self-sustaining.

- Inability to Raise Funds – Overall, our community lacks resources. The struggle for equality in America for Black people has been a protracted and onerous one and to this day has not been achieved. Blacks rank last in almost every positive category and are nearly invisible in the one category that matters the most: wealth.

The race we must win is an economic race and it is all about capital and wealth. Very few of our non-profits are endowed (they’re practically non-existent) and our for-profits are not capitalized; we lost the economics within our communities and affirmative actions (set-asides) have been totally eroded and/or undermined. While we have a few individuals that have accumulated some resources, for the most part, our community is extremely poor.

Given our current challenges, the Black community has been unable to aggregate and align its limited resources (i.e. human and financial) in any meaningful way to have any real impact. Any solution must involve a significant level of organization within the Black community. It will require a collective and comprehensive approach if we expect sustained improvement and progress. Once we have become more organized, we will need to organize and align other external systems to interface with our efforts and to assist in the delivery of our agenda.

Society, in general, is organized but it is not organized enough to address the massive disparities that continue to challenge and oppress the very existence of the Black community.

Our efforts have been severely impeded and in order to address this, society will require extensive reconfiguration. Every institution will have to be reformed or reshaped to support the Black agenda and that will not happen without having the right level of force (power) and organization. Every level of government, philanthropic, large non-profits (i.e. health, education, and service delivery), business and corporate, civic, and political sectors must be organized and aligned if the Black community will achieve success in the implementation of its agenda. This is call self-determination.

Today, our challenge is to establish “functional” unity. Today, our challenge is to fight as hard as we can against dis-unity, pervasive hopelessness, fear and distrust that have paralyzed our community. Today, with regard to

many of our issues, it is not what they are doing to us, but what we are not doing. We must stop making excuses why we refuse to come together, because no one will do for us what we must do for ourselves.

Our generation is at a crossroads and so much is at stake. We also have a chance to do something great and mighty. The time is now for our community to stand up and heed to the spirit of change that is percolating throughout our community, but we have not been able to leverage and channel this energy into a “central” vehicle.

This is organization. We must change our behavior. We must really want it. Our success will not be achieved by an individual or by one organization. It will only come when we begin to work together, through functional unity and cooperation.

Many times when we call for “unity,” we are calling for something that is unachievable, especially at this stage of where we are. Why? Many of us believe that unity is when we are all are doing the same thing at the same time and not taking into account the vast diversity and interest within our community.

We are not monolithic; we are diverse in our thinking and our solutions will require a hefty dose of dialogue and compromise. We must base our unity on our collective interests and on what is or is not happening within our community. We cannot keep calling for unity only when something alarming happens.

We must call for unifying and aligning our resources to fight for our lives (this is functional unity). Unfortunately, we have wasted so much time trying to obtain a false sense of unity that it has gotten us nowhere. We must change our thought processes and focus on achieving a measurable and achievable goal - cooperative unification. We must unite around a common agenda, a common cause.

Brothers and sisters, we have been severely damaged by our experience in America and we must recognize how this has manifested. We must come to understand that not everybody is at the same level. Some are more damaged than others are and this impacts our ability to work together. Those

that have no inkling of working with together are the most damaged and this has paralyzed our movement. We must focus on organizing those who are the least damaged.

Even then, we only need a critical mass of people who feel the same way. The idea that we will have everyone on board at the same time is unrealistic. The movement will grow initially with those that are the least damaged amongst us and they must come to understand they are the ones that must take on this challenge to unite. I believe we must stop calling for unity and call for cooperation. Unity will come.

Because of the unbelievable challenges that we face, our solutions must be balanced, sober, and as best as possible, without emotion, rhetoric and theatrics.

As people, we must grow up and do the hard work. We must get past the fantasy of unity to the reality of cooperation. We must organize the unbelievable talents and skills of our people if we are to have a fighting chance. I liken the resources and power that exist in our community to the electrical energy that is running in the wires representing thousands of watts of energy. Guess what? We must capture and contain the energy in order to use it. In order to use the electrical power, we need a grounded electrical socket (infrastructure and coordination). Together, we must work together to build that socket.

Yes, we face serious issues that if not addressed, will only worsen and burden the next generation with not having the same limited resources we currently do not have.

The fact remains that the systems we must correct and or adjust have no history of serving our people and, therefore, will require the best strategic thinking and planning. Marching, hollering, screaming, protesting, and/or agitation will not get it done.

We need functional unity if we are going to be able to build the infrastructure (grounded electrical socket) to harness the talent and resources that exist in our community and use it like a laser to begin to eradicate our problems. WE NEED FUNCTIONAL UNITY.

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## LEGALS

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 16FA000625**

In Re: The marriage of LAQUITA RALLINGS, Petitioner and Respondent STEVEN RALLINGS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT  
You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. ROOM 104 Milwaukee WI 53233and to LAQUITA RALLINGS 9091 N 75TH STREET APT 2 B MILWAUKEE, WI 53223

It is recommended, but not required, that you have attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 45 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition and you may lose your right to object anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of 948.31, Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under 49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under 767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in 767.105, Wis. Stats.

767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.  
(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:  
(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:  
1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action.  
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.  
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.  
4. The procedure for setting modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.  
(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.  
Date: 4-6-2016  
By: LAQUITA RALLINGS  
016-081/4-8-15-22-2016

### **STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT**

### **MILWAUKEE COUNTY SMALL CLAIMS PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No. 16SC007107**

To: EUGENE GLENN 8940 W CARMEN AVE # 4 MILWAUKEE, WI 53225

You are being sued by the Plaintiff GEO INVESTMENTS LLC in the Small Claims Court for Milwaukee County, Milwaukee County Courthouse Courtroom 400, 901 N. Ninth St Milwaukee WI 53233. A hearing will be held at 2:30 PM on 4/27/2016 before a Small Claims Commissioner. If you do not appear, a judgment may be given to the person suing you. A copy of the claim has been mailed to the address above.

ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF-OR - PLAINTIFF: GEORGE SESSLER  
GEO INVESTMENST LLC  
PO BOX 170814  
MILWAUKEE WI 53217  
Dated: 4-4-2016  
016-082/4-8-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 16CV002299**

In the matter of the name change of: OLGA YASHIRA DIAZ  
By (Petitioner) OLGA YASHIRA DIAZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: OLGA YASHIRA DIAZ To: OLGA YASHIRA LEUDO-CAMPAZ  
Birth Certificate: OLGA YASHIRA DIAZ

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON RICHARD J. SANKOVITZ ROOM 500, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MAY 10, 2016 TIME: 9:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 4-4-2016  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. RICHARD J. SANKOVITZ  
Circuit Court Judge  
016-080/4-8-15-22-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 16CV001956**

In the matter of the name change of: KRISTEN LAUREN WEITZ GRAVATT  
By (Petitioner) KRISTEN LAURA WEITZ GRAVATT

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: KRISTEN LAURA WEIT GRAVATT To: KRISTEN LAURA WEITZ RYDSTROM  
Birth Certificate: KRISTEN LAURA WEITZ

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON DAVID A. HANSHER ROOM 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MAY 3 2016 TIME: 1:30 PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 3-10-2016  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. DAVID A HANSHER  
Circuit Court Judge  
016-079/4-8-15-22-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 16CV002600**

In the matter of the name change of: JASON SUNSNOW HILL  
By (Petitioner) JASON SUNSNOW HILL  
NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: JASON SUNSNOW HILL To: JASON LEE HILL  
Birth Certificate: JASON SUNSNOW HILL  
IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN ROOM 404, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MAY 11, 2016

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 4-4-2016  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN  
Circuit Court Judge  
016-078/4-8-15-22-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 16CV002334**

In the matter of the name change of: EMILY TAYLOR HOFFMAN  
By (Petitioner) EMILY TAYLOR HOFFMAN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: EMILY TAYLOR HOFFMAN To: NICK TAYLOR HOFFMAN  
Birth Certificate EMILY TAYLOR HOFFMAN

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON WILLIAM SOSNAY ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MAY 6, 2016 TIME: 10:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 3-30-16  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY  
Circuit Court Judge  
016-077/4-8-15-22-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 16CV002545**

In the matter of the name change of: VANITY MARIE WINSTON  
By (Petitioner) VANITY MARIE WINSTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: VANITY MARIE WINSTON To: GRACE MARIE WASHINGTON  
Birth Certificate VANITY MARIE WINSTON

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON JOHN DIMOTTO ROOM 401, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MAY 5, 2016 TIME: 1:30PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 4-1-2016  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. JOHN DIMOTTO  
Circuit Court Judge  
016-076/4-8-15-22-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 16FA001820**

In Re: The marriage of FANNIE SANDERS Petitioner and Respondent THOMAS J. SANDERS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT  
You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. ROOM 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and to FANNIE SANDERS 7733 W. GRANTOSA DR. MILWAUKEE WI 53218

It is recommended, but not required, that you have attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 45 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition and you may lose your right to object anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under 49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under 767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.

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767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.  
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2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.  
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.  
4. The procedure for setting modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.  
(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.  
Date: 4-1-2016  
By: FANNIE SANDERS  
016-075/4-8-15-22-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 16CV002294**

In the matter of the name change of: ALIANA IZABELLA PHILLIPS  
By (Petitioner) LEEANNE SCHULZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: ALIANA IZABELLA PHILLIPS To: ALIANA IZABELLA SCHULZ  
Birth Certificate: ALIANA IZABELLA PHILLIPS

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON STEPHANIE ROTHSTEIN ROOM 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MAY 19, 2016 TIME: 9:30AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 3-29--2016  
BY THE COURT: STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN  
Circuit Court Judge  
016-74/4-1-8-15-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 16CV002483**

In the matter of the name change of: DAVID JOSEPH LLANAS  
By (Petitioner) DAVID JOSEPH LLANAS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: DAVID JOSEPH LLANAS To: DUDE JOSEPH LLANAS  
Birth Certificate: DAVID JOSEPH LLANAS

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON GLENN H. YAMAHIRO ROOM 402 PLACE: 901

N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MAY 9, 2016 TIME: 9:00AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 3-28--2016  
BY THE COURT: GLENN H. YAMAHIRO  
Circuit Court Judge  
016-73/4-1-8-15-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 16CV001914**

In the matter of the name change of: YAJAIRA KITTY CORTEZ BRIN  
By (Petitioner) YAJAIRA KITTY CORTEZ BRIN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: YAJAIRA KITTY CORTEZ BRIN To: KITTY YAJAIRA CORTEZ BRIN  
Birth Certificate: YAJAIRA CORTEZ

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON GLENN H. YAMAHIRO ROOM 402, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: APRIL 22 2016 TIME: 9:30AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated 03-10-2016  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. GLENN H. YAMAHIRO  
Circuit Court Judge  
016-070/3-25/4-1-8-2016

### **SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 16CV002192**

In the matter of the name change of: DAMARI LATRELL RETIC  
By (Petitioner) DAMARI LATRELL RETIC

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: DAMARI LATRELL RETIC To: DAMARI LASHAWN BROWN  
Birth Certificate: DAMARI LATRELL RETIC

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON DENNIS P. MORONEY ROOM 413, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: APRIL 20, 2016 TIME: 3:00PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 3-18-2016  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. DENNIS P. MORONEY  
Circuit Court Judge  
016-069/3-25/4-1-8-16

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