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# Nikiya Harris Dodd speaks against a new bill that would remove limitations on state law enforcement agencies conducting strip searches. Behind here are State Sen. Lena Taylor (second from left) and Atty. Jon Safran (to Harris' immediate left), and

## **Black state lawmakers blast bill** expanding the use of strip searches

#### Compiled by MCJ Staff

If you want to talk about feeling powerless and being humiliated by someone who is abusing their power, look no further than Wisconsin's

That was the sentiment shared by state Senators Nikiya Harris-Dodd and Lena Taylor Monday as they spoke in opposition to a new senate bill—created by state Republicans—that would allow state law enforcement agencies to strip search individuals arrested for minor of-

The bill is now in the state Assembly awaiting action.

"Strip searching people strips them of more than their clothes," said Taylor. "It strips them of their dignity."

Both senators expressed their opposition in front of the Fifth District Police Station, 2924 N. 4th St. The District Five station was reportedly the sight of several strip searches.

Harris-Dodd and Taylor were joined by a number of community activists, including Atty. Jon Safran and Khalil Coleman of the Safe Zones Initiative. Both men spoke during the news conference.

The senators say the bill will disproportionately impact and denigrate men and women in Milwaukee's Black community, which leads the nation in the number of incarcerated Black men.

"Senate Bill 248 will lead to a loss of dignity for our young men and boys of color. It will allow them to be strip searched...even if they

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## "Milwaukee Superhero" **Mural Unveiled**

other community activists. (Photo by Thomas Mitchell, Jr.)

ilwaukee Alderwoman Milele Coggs and Alderman Ashanti Hamilton took part Sunday in the unveiling ceremony for a new Mural featuring prominent local heroes. The unveiling celebration took place at the tot lot of Palmer and Keefe Ave., located at 117 E. Keefe Ave.

Composed by artist Jasmine West, the new mural features 18 community leaders who have made a difference in Milwaukee. The cutural leaders include civil rights activist Vel Phillips, Ald. Coggs, State Sen. Lena Taylor, Ald. Hamilton, and various community activists such as Andre Lee Ellis, Maria Hamilton, Ajamou Butler, Pastor Steve Jerbi, Reuben Harpole, Torre Johnson, Tamara Johnson, Darryl Johnson, and more.

"This mural is more than a neighborhood beautification project," Coggs said in a statement. "It's about honoring people who care enough to make a positive impact where it counts, showing children in this neighborhood what a superhero actually looks like and demonstrating that they, too, can make a memorable impact on the community.'

Said Hamilton: "I'm excited about the unveiling of this project in a neighborhood where I grew up and went to school. I know there are many more heroes growing up in this neighborhood right now, and I hope to see their faces on this mural someday.'

Members of the community including Alderpersons Coggs and Hamilton, and Sen. Taylor. Ald. Coggs (at right) next to her likeness, created by local artist Jasmine West, pictured below on the left next to Sen.



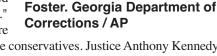




ready Monday to strike a blow against racial discrimination in jury selection.

Faced with a Black defendant's murder conviction and death sentence at the hands of an all-white Georgia jury, the justices heard evidence that prosecutors singled out and struck all prospective Black jurors in the 1987 trial - just a year after the high court had declared such actions unconstitutional.

Although prosecutors claimed other reasons for their peremptory strikes, Justice Elena Kagan said, "what it really was, was they wanted to get the Black people off the jury."



**Death row inmate Timothy** 

That analysis from the court's more liberal justices was not refuted by the conservatives. Justice Anthony Kennedy said prosecutors wrongly interpreted the Supreme Court's dictate about racial discrimination.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito noted prosecutors objected to some of the Black jurors because they were women or relatively young, but they did not refute the emphasis on race.

Timothy Foster's murder of an elderly white woman in northwest Georgia happened nearly 30 years ago, but it wasn't until 2006 that defense lawyers obtained the prosecution's notes through an open records request. They showed what Foster's lead attorney, Stephen Bright, characterized in court as "an arsenal of smoking guns."

During the selection process, prosecutors highlighted the names of potential Black jurors in green, circled the word "Black" on questionnaires and added handy notations such as "B#1" and "B#2." On a sheet labeled "definite NO's," they listed the last five Blacks in the jury pool on top. They ranked them in case "it comes down to having to pick one of the Black jurors."



Dominique Samari (second from left) and Genyne Edwards (third from right) the owners of P3 Development Group, which won the Rising Star Award, are congratulated by community business advocates (left to right): Ralph Hollmon, President/CEO of the Milwaukee Urban League; Dr. Eve Hall, president/CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin; Audrey Sellers, vice president of Tri-City Bank; and Seyoum Mengesha, minority business development manager for WEDC.

## Black businesses recognized during 2015 **Marketplace Governors Awards Luncheon**

Winners in competition for top minority, women and veteran-owned businesses were announced during the 2015 Marketplace Conferences' Governor's Awards luncheon held in the Expo Center of Potawatomi Hotel Casino recently. Small and large businesses were honored in two categories: The Outstanding Business Award, which recognizes established businesses that have demonstrated the capacity to grow over the next five years and have plans for continued expansion in the future.

The second award, the Rising Star Award, honors businesses established after 2010 that have demonstrated strong growth potential. Twenty-one business were nominated. Among the Black businesses awarded were P3 Development Group, Weatherization Services LLC, Moore and Associatres, Inc. and Hurt Electric, Inc. (All photos by Yvonne Kemp)



ices LLC with Marketplace officials



Owner of Moore and Associates, Inc.



Owner of Hurt Electric, Inc.

## **ULSE OF THE COMM QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

"What do you think of noted Black surgeon Ben Carson who is running for President of the United States as a Republican? Whould you vote for him? Why or why not?"

**GEORGETTE LAWSON:** "First of all, what has Ben Carson done for our Black community? Would I vote for him? No, because I am a Democrat."



BRAZIL, III: " am fine with Ben Carson running for President, but I would not vote for him. He doesn't share my value.





fail us."

**CHRISTOPHER BURTON:** " wouldn't vote for Ben Carson because I don't know what he stands



**Question and Photos by Yvonne Kemp** 

# Milwaukee Summer Reading Project reports 81 percent of participants improved their reading

#### By Mikel Holt

For the sixth consecutive year, coordinators of the Milwaukee Summer Reading Project (MSRP) had positive news to present to supporters and interested parties: 81% of its participants improved their reading ability by over a half grade level during the six week intensive project this year.

There was a cautionary note provided during a briefing Monday, however. Many of the nearly 200 students participating in the program seemed to be even less proficient in reading and writing than in previous years.

Educational activists and philanthropists Howard Fuller, Corey Nettles and Thelma Sias organized the Monday briefing. Although there was no theme to the report, Nettles may very well have summarized the agenda of the project when he said, "when children struggle to read, they can not read to succeed."

The MSRP was organized by Fuller six years ago following a report that revealed Milwaukee's Black fourth graders had the lowest reading proficiency rate in the country.

A report earlier this year again noted that abysmal distinction, and added Black eighth graders to the list. The report also indicated Black MPS students failed worse than their counterparts in math and the achievement gap between Black and White students is the largest in the country.

Raising approximately \$300,000 each year for the MSRP has been a challenge but one of necessity to impact those statistics.

In the first year, there was a significant investment by MPS after the matrixes of the project were presented. But that support was not extended into the second year, even though half of the schools chosen for participation were public schools.

When approached after the first year's success, MPS officials agreed only to participate if the coordinators abandoned their successful and creative template and adopted the MPS model.

Fuller said that was a no brainer for obvious reasons.

Following the initial national report on reading proficiency six years a coalition of activists were called together by Dr. Fuller to discuss the problem and offer solutions. Instead of calling a meaningless press conference to attack MPS or merely link the phenomenon to Milwaukee's nation leading poverty rate, the group chose instead to combine resources and expertise to put together the first MSRP.

With help from several colleges, foundations and community-based

organizations, educational experts developed a unique reading enhancement template.

In the first year, the program was introduced to five public and private schools with over 100 children participating.

Each year, the project has remained essentially the same, although new training has been developed and offered to participating teachers and classroom aides that have enhanced the viability and success of the program.

Each classroom includes reading specialist and two aides who are generally education major students from several area colleges and universities. Students are required to attend the four-hour daily classroom session for six weeks for a total of 116 hours of instruction.

Since its inception, the project has served over 1,000 students, over 80% of who have shown significant improvement in reading, writing and speaking skills.

Among those who are not included as success stories, most either dropped out of the program, or did not take the required pre and pro—assessment tests.

Most of the participating students were between one and three grade reading levels behind.

During the briefing, Fuller, a former superintendent of MPS, didn't elaborate on his statement that he's seeing a worsening of that profile, but he did say his priority is to convince various entities to expand the program template to a year round program. His hope is to create a scenario through which training can be provided to public, private and charter schools to implement the basic element of the program so children would not regress.

The former chair of the leading parental empowerment organization addressing educational options for Black parents—the Black Alliance for Educational Options—Fuller said there is no easy cure-all for what ails our community, particularly given the challenges imposed by the nation leading poverty rate.

"There are 27,000 households with an income of less than \$10,000. What can they provide a child," he asked.

Until our entire community commits to addressing the poverty issue, major strides cannot be made, he suggested.

"That's not to say poor children can not learn, but we must address what happens to them after school."

Fuller revealed a proposal has been introduced in state legislature to provide two year funding. The fate of the proposal is uncertain.

Dr. Howard Fuller



Congratulations !!! Roderick Roosevelt Rush Jr., has earned his Eagle Scout Award. On Saturday, October, 31, 2015 at a Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at St. Matthew C.M.E. Church, Mr. Rush was presented the Boy Scout America's highest honor - the Eagle Scout Award. Roderick Rush Jr. is a scout of St. Mark A.M.E. Church's Troop 445, Heart of Milwaukee District Three Harbors Council. From left to right) Caleb G. Henry, Ill 1st Class; Canaan E. Henry, Tenderfoot; Roderick Roosevelt Rush, Jr., EAGLE SCOUT; Cassius J. Henry, 2nd Class. Photo and caption submitted by Barbara M. Henry

# If It's All You Think About, Think About Calling Us.



#### CBC to honor Civic Leader and Businessman Lamarr Franklin with James Baker award

Noted businessman and civic leader, Mr. LaMarr Franklin, will receive the 26th annual James Howard Baker Award on Friday, November 13, 2015. Named for one of the Community Brainstorming Conference founders; the award is given for outstanding volunteer services to the African American and Milwaukee communities in various areas including economic development education and political empowerment. Mr. Franklin's tireless service embodies the very spirit of the award.

LaMarr's contributions include but are not limited to serving as past Chair of the Board of Northcott Neighborhood House, Past Chair and member of the Martin Luther King Economic Development Board, Past Chairman of the Board of the North Central YMCA.

The keynote speaker for the dinner is internationally acclaimed Mr. Will Allen, Founder and CEO of Growing Power, Inc.

The event will be held at the Four Points Sheraton North Shore located at 8900 N. Kildeer Court, Brown Deer. The social hour is from 5:30pm until 6:30pm. The dinner and program begin at 6:30pm. For ticket information; call (414) 507-2123. Tickets can also be purchased at Coffee Makes You Black at 2803 N. Teutonia Ave. in Milwaukee. The ticket price is \$35 per person. Tables can also be purchased.

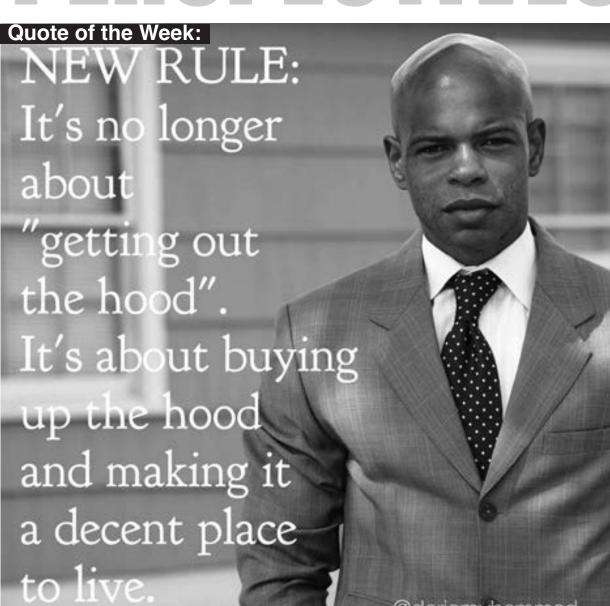
#### Bishop Walter Leigh Bates, Ph.d, Th.d and Pastor/Dr. Delores Bates, Th.d

Pastor's appreciation month is a time where we salute our Sheperd's for the awesome work they have done. Today it is with great honor, we the nurses auxiliary of Gospel of the Kingdom, salute and honor Bishop Walter Leigh Bates and Pastor Dr. Delores Bates for all of the hard work you both have done. You have diligently served God, never quitting and always remaining faithful to God and to the church

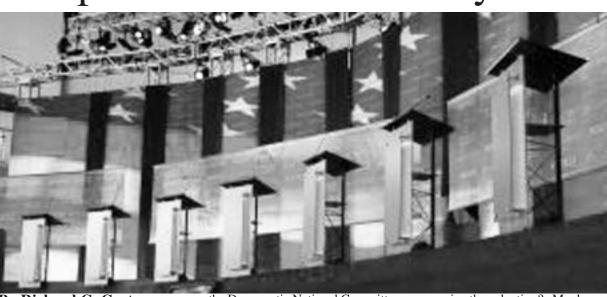


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## Are presidential debates an insight into political racial diversity?



By Richard G. Carter

"Don't you know White people hate Black people because they're not Black?" Lonette McKee, "Jungle Fever" (1991)

In the televised presidential debates to date, America witnessed something stunning. The normally lily-White Republicans fronted four racial minority candidates -- one Black, one Indian-American and two Latinos -- while all of the Democrat candidates are White.

Although both parties boast a serious White female candidate, the GOP won the racial diversity battle hands down. According to Jorge Ramos -- the leading reporter of Spanish-speaking TV network Univison -- this is a significant develop-

Ramos recently asked Debbie Wasserman Schultz, chairwoman of

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televised Oct. 13 debate. Her answer: didates and some news media.

"...We have Latinos and African-Americans in the Democratic party...first of all, our president of the United States, who is a Democrat, is African-American...We have an absolute, demonstrated commitment to diversity, because our party nominated the first African-American."

Yet, in addition to White businesswoman Carly Fiorina, the large Republican candidate field includes the brilliant Dr. Ben Carson, who is Black; Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio (Latino), and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal (Indian-American). Each appeared in GOP debates Aug. 6, Sept. 16 and

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why there was no Latino, Black or maybe not. But it's clear Carson, 63, Asian candidate in the Democrats' has been dissed by some fellow can-

Last week, for example, South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham said: "On our side, you've got the No. 2 guy" {Carson} tried to kill someone at 14, and the No. 1 guy {Donald Trump, 69} is high energy and crazy

In the case of the former, Graham was referring to Carson saying on "Meet the Press" Oct. 25 that "...he would go after people with rocks, bricks and baseball bats and hammers. And ...when I was 14, I tried to stab someone."

Hillary Clinton, 68, heads a small, all-White Democrat field now including only 73-year-old Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, an avowed Socialist, and ex-Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, 52. This, after Vice Pres. Joe Biden, 72, decided not to run, and ex-Virginia Gov. Jim Webb, 69, and ex-Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee, 62, dropped out.

First, a brief look back at the first (of a scheduled six) Democrat debate and the third of a scheduled nine by the Republicans. Owing to the large number of candidates, the GOP split their participant candidates into two separate events on the same day.

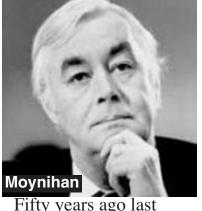
The Democrat debate proved that Clinton was easily able to hold serve. She looked good, answered questions with aplomb and parried -- or talked around -- those she didn't want to fully answer. And the pro-Democrat crowd in Las Vegas raucously loved

But Clinton got soft-ball questions by CNN moderators -- with few follow-ups -- and none of the other four (at the time) candidates attacked her where she is most vulnerable: her unsecured, private home e-mail server scandal being investigated by the

Even more ludicrous, Sanders shook Clinton's hand after proclaim-

ing, "Let me say this. Americans are (continued on page 5)

## **Daniel Patrick Moynihan's** report predicting a "Culture of Poverty" prophetic



Fifty years ago last month a President L B. Johnson policy wonk issued a 72 page report decrying what he described as an embryonic Black cultural phenomenon he believed did not bode well for our community or the nation.

The author, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, noted that nearly 30% of Black households were headed by single, primarily poor Black women, most of whom had their child (ren) "out of wedlock" and then found themselves trapped in a culture of poverty that often doomed their children-who would perpetuate the cycle.

Instead of assessing the conclusions and seeking solutions, Black leaders hid their heads in the sand about the threat to Black America's stability.

They peered up long enough to decry the report, saying it "blamed the victim," and a chapter with the word "pathology" in its title, was racist.

Many liberal leaders, afraid to be linked to Moynihan, also conveniently distanced themselves from the report, even though in its summary Moynihan called for a Marshall Plan to create jobs in urban areas around the country, as well of what would later be called

The question remained, however, as to the truth of Moynihan's assertions and their ramifications a half century later.

To make your answer to that scenario

more instructive, take a look at Milwaukee, a microcosm of America, and a city Moynihan must have had in mind when writing the

At the time of his report, Milwaukee's Black community fit the profile to a "T", although as in most cases, there were extenuating circumstances, apathetic public and civic responses, and a cloud of slavery that to this day hovers over our community obscuring our plight.

There were three major migrations of Black people to Milwaukee in the 20th century, and in each scenario those who traveled from the deeper than deep south were looking for jobs, security and an environment void of bigotry and segregation.

Those in the first two groups—mostly from Georgia, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, South Carolina and Virginia—found work in factories and breweries, but little of the other benefits of the American dream. Many brought with them strong work ethnics, and while most were illiterate or undereducated, they believed in God and the importance of a strong nuclear family.

Even if they couldn't read, they looked over their children's homework, encouraged discipline and emphasized that education was their passport to successful careers and standing in the community.

Not all were stalwart pioneers of the Black community, but they included activists who chained themselves to construction equipment to protest Milwaukee Public School apartheid, or marched across the 16th Street viaduct in support of an open housing ordinance that would allow Black folks to move south of Wisconsin and north of Keefe.

Only a small percentage were interested solely in the "security" of welfare, which was in many respects, a large step up from share cropping or subsistence in southern The last migration, many historians say,

consisted primarily of our cousins from Mississippi, Illinois and Indiana. Most of those

participants also looked for new "employment," but their job description was closer to an old television western hero's business card: "Have babies, will travel (for more

Wisconsin's welfare benefits in the 1970s and '80s were among the highest in the country, and the more children you had, the more you "earned." Actually, Minnesota's benefits were higher, but that state enacted policies that effectively slowed the migration, and provided employee and educational opportunities Wisconsin did not.

Interestingly Minnesota, which has about the same number of African Americans as Wisconsin, has a significantly smaller unemployment rate for them, far fewer impoverished people of color, and a fraction of our incarceration rate. Makes you wonder, does-

As it relates to Milwaukee, Moynihan's predictions were on the mark. He foresaw a storm when the truth is we witnessed a cultural tsunami. Today, 70% of all Black babies are born

out of wedlock (it's higher in several zip codes), and a similar percentage of Black households are headed by single women.

Most of those families are included in Wisconsin's nation-leading poverty index In fact, you don't have to guess too long as to the profile of the 27,000 Milwaukee households making less than \$10,000 annually! Most of those families have a head of household holding one or two minimum wage jobs, and trying, often unsuccessfully to make ends' meet. It is a Herculean task forcing many to beg, borrow and literally steal to put food the table, and maintain heat in their substandard apartment during the winter. More often than not, in April, when the winter heating moratorium ends, they find themselves without electricity or gas, a situation that opens a Pandora's box of other problems.

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# "Message in the Music": Kenny Gamble



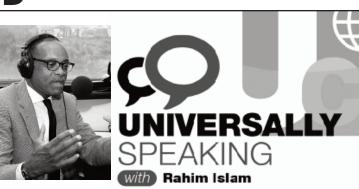
I've written a few articles using Gamble and Huff's musical catalog because most of the twoman band's songs are the foundation for my thinking and the strategies that I currently employ to organize the Black community – "Message in the Music."

What is the message? The message he once told me was about love. Love, love, and more love. As songwriters, probably one of the world's most gifted, the theme of love is something that they cling to and is a key ingredient for most successful songwriters.

Their infatuation with love is higher than most, and because they're able to tap into that spirit, unlike most, they become a channel for the delivery of some of the most profound expressions of love

The love of child for his mother; the love of a man for his woman; the love of a woman for her man; and the love of

In fact, I once told Kenny Gamble that his songs made me believe in the love that he speaks about, especially that the love between a man and a woman was achievable.



I would later learn, while it is achievable, that a tremendous amount of work that is required to accomplish the love he writes about in his songs (his songs are the compact version).

However; I've never seen anyone more focused on those words than Kenny Gamble. And I'm not talking in some shallow and inconsequential way; I'm talking about in lifestyle and in purpose and most importantly, in his commitment to the concept of love as a key component of leadership.

Kenny Gamble is a visionary leader and is willing to fight for a vision that will benefit our people. Similar to the great leaders of the past (i.e. Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey, Leon Sullivan, etc.), Kenny has the passion, strength of will, and necessary knowledge to achieve his vision. In addition, like all great leaders, Kenny Gamble thinks about the future at all times because he knows the limitations of the present. He thinks about where we need to be rather than where we've been or where we are now.

He thinks about the opportunities of tomorrow rather than focusing on the problems of the past or getting bogged down into the challenges of the present. While exhilarating, his optimism is burdensome to me.

To be Kenny Gamble, you must practice a high level of "idealization" in each area of your life and believe that you have no limitations on what you can be,

Kenny Gamble's imagination is magnificent and disregards the limitations that many of us allow to defeat our aspirations. Our thinking is long-term and we delay immediate gratification for the posterity of our people.

Specifically, our self-sacrifice and resolve is uncompromised since we may not experience the benefits of our actions during our lifetime. Kenny Gamble inspires everyone he meets, especially our youth. When others are talking about months and maybe years, Kenny is accustomed to talking about decades and

On many occasions, it becomes my responsibility to reconcile what he said to the outcomes he desires. This responsibility may be scary to some people.

You can tell a lot about a man by how he deals with people, and Kenny is the best. He takes time for everyone without exception. He listens attentively and will hold court wherever he is, i.e. airport, city hall, office building or even on the street. Over the years, I've learned to add an additional one hour to our travel time to compensate for the many human interaction pauses.

I've watched him go from meeting with Kings (leaders) and immediately afterwards meet with lifetime drug addicts or individuals in dire need. His treatment of them both is indistinguishable.

His love for them both is unshakable For the leaders, his counsel and instructions are always to encourage and sometimes demand that the King does more given that God has given him much more to work with and he will ultimately be judged by his ability to manage God's blessings.

For those in much need, he gives and gives with the goal of listening to determine if "real" and "permanent" solutions can be achieved to help them help them-

You can also tell much about a man by how he treats his mother. This relation-

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# RELIGION



#### Pastor celebrates 20 years of ministerial excellence!

Pastor Dr. Archie L. Ivy celebration, Emerald Banquet 20 years of Excellence in Ministry, was held on Friday October 30, 2015 at the Davians Banquet Hall located in Menomonee Falls Wisconsin. The photo represents Pastor Archie Ivy and Church Family. (Photo by Kim Robinson)

## Is Traditional Marriage On Its Way Out? Five Reasons Why Society's Views on Monogamy Are Changing (and Why That's a Good Thing)

No doubt about it: Non-monogamous relationship styles are becoming more and more accepted. **Mark** A. Michaels and Patricia Johnson explain the cultural changes that are shaking things up. But take heart, one-man-one-woman traditionalists—this rainbow of flavor choices doesn't mean classic vanilla is off the menu.

NEW YORK, NY—Is holy matrimony going the way of the dodo? Statistics certainly suggest it's not faring well in the grand scheme. In 1960, 72 percent of Americans were married; that fell to 51 percent in 2011. The oft-cited 50 percent divorce rate is inflated, but the aggregate rate for those married in the 1960s, '70s, and '80s is over 40 percent; the trend among the more recently married suggests that this will continue to be the case, although the rate will likely be lower than for those married in the '70s and '80s.

What's more, an estimated 15-20 percent of marriages are "sexless" (defined as having sex fewer than 10 times per year). Statistics about infidelity vary a great deal, but popular media and some research estimates suggest the rate at which people in long-term relationships "get some on the side" may be as high as 50 percent.

Oh, and to put the icing on the (any kind but wedding) cake, Gallup reports that the percentage of people who think "polygamy" is not morally objectionable increased from 7 to 16 between 2001 and 2015. And there's a good chance that if a less sexist term had been used (given that people assume polygamy means one man with multiple wives), the numbers would be higher

Despite all this, Mark Michaels and Patricia Johnson, proponents of relationship choice, say monogamous marriage is not dying—it's just that it won't continue to be the cultural default.

"It's no big secret that marriage is evolving," says Johnson, who along with

### **Bread for the World Applauds President Obama's** Call to 'Ban the Box'

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Bread for the World applauds President Obama's decision to prohibit federal agencies from asking prospective government employees at the start of the hiring process about their criminal histories on job applications. Often called "ban the box," the process refers to the checkbox on employment applications asking if the individual has ever been convicted of a crime.

"We thank President Obama for taking action to reduce the barriers to employment people face when returning from prison," said Eric Mitchell, director of government relations at Bread for the World. "When people can't work, they can't eat. Right now, too many people aren't hired because of a past criminal record. The president's action is a major step that will improve people's ability to access employment and put food on the table."

Bread for the World believes that reforming our country's mass incarceration policies and practices is crucial to ending hunger and poverty. Individuals leaving prison or with a criminal record are much more likely to experience poverty and food insecurity, partly because of the huge obstacles they encounter in finding work.

"This is one of many steps our elected leaders can take in reforming our criminal justice policies that will help alleviate hunger for people across this country," Mitchell said. "But there is much more work to do."

For example, Congress is currently considering the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act (S. 2123). The bipartisan bill reduces mandatory minimums for nonviolent drug offenses, includes prison reforms, promotes programming for individuals currently incarcerated, and gives judges more flexibility when handing down sentences.

"While this bill won't solve all the problems with our current criminal justice system, it represents a critical first step," Mitchell added. "Reforming our criminal justice system is essential to alleviating hunger and poverty in

Funeral services for Milwaukee native Peter C. Murrell, Jr. who was a professor of Urban Education at Loyola University Maryland, will be held Sunday, Nov. 8th at 1 p.m. in Boston. He was the son of Dr. Peter C. Murrell, Sr. He was the founding dean of the School of Education, and served as dean from 2008 to June 2011.



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her spouse, Michaels, wrote Designer Relationships: A Guide to Happy Monogamy, Positive Polyamory, and Optimistic Open Relationships (Cleis Press, September 2015, ISBN: 978-1-627-78147-3, \$15.95, www.michaelsandjohnson.com). "Prior to the 1960s, it was assumed that people would marry their first sexual partner and remain exclusive until death. Since that time, serial monogamy has become the norm, but even that is starting to change. And this is a good thing—even for those who embrace the traditional

The growing acceptance of "alternative" ways of relating—polyamorous, polyfidelitous, swinging, open, friends with benefits, single by choice, etc.means we'll have the option to explore them with less guilt and shame than those who lived, for example, in ménages à trois generations ago. Because there is a very strong human urge to pair bond, it remains likely that serial monogamy involving either two-person marriage or cohabitation without legal marriage will remain the most common option.

That said, why is the "one-size-fits-all" paradigm of marriage on its way out? Let us count the reasons:

REASON 1: Monogamy as the ideal is actually a very recent invention. Much of what many people take to be timeless, universal human truth is in fact very recent in origin. Only in the 19th century did most people start believing that romantic love was a prerequisite for having a successful marriage. As recently as the 1600s, some Protestant sects allowed for polygyny, which has probably been the most prevalent relationship structure since the invention of agriculture.

"Time passes, society changes, lifestyles change, attitudes change, and what people consider 'ideal' naturally shifts in tandem with all of these changes," says Michaels. "Relationship configurations happen in context with everything else. When you look at it from this perspective, it makes perfect sense that 'mandatory monogamy' would fall out of favor. Almost everything about the way we live now would be unrecognizable to our ancestors of just 150 years ago—so of course relationship needs have changed."

**REASON 2: Religious attitudes are changing.** Religion plays a significant role in shaping public attitudes. According to a recent YouGov survey, 80 percent of Americans who said that religion is "very important" in their lives believe that polyamory is wrong, but among people for whom religion is "not at all important" 58 percent said that polyamory is morally acceptable. A plurality, 43 percent, of those for whom religion is "not too important" also responded that polyamory is morally acceptable. Since religious adherence is declining, it seems likely that tolerance of polyamory will continue to grow.

"Of course, many polyamorous people identify as being religious or spiritual, and some religious groups, the Unitarian Church for example, are open to polyamory," says Johnson. "So it's not a hard-and-fast rule that religion and insistence on monogamous marriage go hand-in-hand, but overall, there is a connection."

**REASON 3: Women's roles have changed dramatically.** Not long ago, marriage was primarily a business arrangement; married women had no rights of their own and were effectively treated as property. Even after women gained the right to vote and the ability to enter into contracts without their husbands' consent, proprietary attitudes lingered. Marital rape wasn't fully legally abolished in the U.S. until the 1990s. While it is still in the headlines and there are still conservatives who believe consenting to marriage is consent to sexual activity on demand, women have gained greater autonomy over their bodies and their money, and the proprietary model is wasting away.

"In addition, the economy has changed dramatically over the last 50 years, and in all but the uppermost strata of society, it is necessary for women to work," says Michaels. "More generally, the 'stay-at-home' mom has ceased to be the cultural ideal, so even upper class women are far more likely to have careers than they were 50 years ago.

"The bottom line is that as women have become financially freer, they've become less reliant on men and less inclined to follow patriarchal rules," he adds. "Increasingly, they don't need to 'choose' traditional marriage and many aren't. It might be argued that this freedom of choice has allowed women to consider what they truly want from their sex lives—and not necessarily what puts food on the table.

**REASON 4: Changes in law and medicine have changed society.** In (continued on page 5)

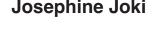
A Vigil for Khalia Smith, the four-year-old who was killed, will take place Thursday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m., at 3221 N. Booth. The vigil is being sponsored by Peace for Change Alliance. For more information contact Tracey Dent at Tracey.e.dent@gmail.com



### **Former Community Journal Administrative Assistant to Publisher passes**

Josephine Joki (nee Loyce), age 74, the immediate past Administrative Assistant of Publisher, Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, passed, Monday, November 2, 2015, in Milwaukee. Many callers, subscribers and readers who visit the MCJ office will readily remember Ms. Joki. Her gentle accent, smile and willingness to help anyone who came to the office were seminal in her position.

Ms. Joki was a travel agent and tour guide in her native Kenya where safari's, tours of special interests and attractions, unique to her country, were Josephine's love and specialty. She came to America in the early

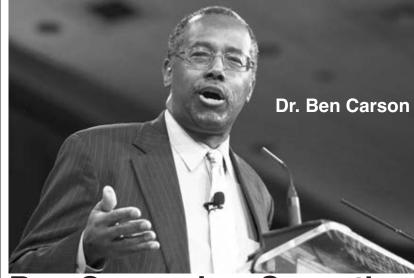


90's and quickly demonstrated astute professional skills, making her an everpresent "right arm", said Mrs. Pattillo, at the MCJ."

When Terence passed and Speech moved to Atlanta for his music career Ms. Joki moved to Atlanta. She quickly adapted to the new climate and met many new friends who enjoyed her cooking, her unique African designs, a signature of her sewing abilities, and her punctuality and complete attention to detail. She returned to Milwaukee, at the request of Mrs. Pattillo, when MCJ was in need of her skills. She remained in that capacity until her illness

Ms. Joki is sorely missed by her family, where she was the matriarch, in America. She leaves to mourn, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends and staff. You may express condolences via editorial@communityjournal.net.

Visitation for Josephine Joki will be held on Friday, November 6, 2015 from 1-4p.m. at the Peace of Mind Funeral and Cremation Services; 5325 W Greenfield Avenue, 53214. Memorial services will begin at 4 p.m. God grant us peace.



### Ben Carson is a Seventhday Adventist -- What Do **Adventists Believe?**

By Pastor Steve Wohlberg

CHRISTIAN NEWSWIRE-- As retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson edges closer to a GOP nominationand toward the White House-national media is exploring his religion: Seventh-day Adventist.

don't know about," confessed Don-pret 'the beast' in the ald Trump recently.

Seeking to enlighten Mr. Trump and the public, CNN Religion Editor Daniel Burke wrote, "What Seventh-day Adventists like Ben Carson believe."

Burke reports that Adventists believe: (1) in "a good God;" (2) that "the Bible" is God's "infallible word;" (3) that "salvation comes through repentance of sins and faith in Jesus;" (4) "that God created the world in six days" (Gen. 1); (5) "Adventists worship on Saturday, the 'seventh day,'" according to the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:8-11); (6) "that Jesus' second coming is imminent" (Mat. 24:30,31,44); (7) that "the dead sleep in the grave until the second coming of Jesus" (Dan. 12:2); (8) that those who reject God's love

"As to their prophetic views, Adventists-in harmony with 400 years of **Protestant scholarship** (including Presbyterian, "Seventh-day Adventist ... I just Trump's church)-interbook of Revelation to be a symbol of the Roman Church. A CNN report entitled, 'Inside Ben Carson's religious faith,' says Adventists also believe that during earth's final crisis, America's "federal government" will repudiate its constitution guaranteeing religious liberty and cooperate with the Vatican to "mandate Sunday church attendance, giving all who comply the 'mark of the beast' [Rev. 13:16,17; 14:9-12].'"

will be "annihilated," not tormented forever in hellfire (Mal. 4:1,3; John

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The Seventh-day Adventist Church is "the fastest-growing Christian denomination in North America" with approximately 18 million mem-

Pastor Steve Wohlberg is a Seventh-day Adventist minister and the Speaker/Director of White Horse Media (Priest River, Idaho). Author of over 30 books, he has appeared in three History Channel documentaries (Secrets of the Seven Seals; Strange Rituals: Apocalypse; Armageddon Battle Plan), one National Geographic International documentary (Animal Apocalypse), and has spoken by special invitation inside the Pentagon and U.S. Senate.

His books include: Solving the Mystery of Death, The Hot Topic of Hell, The Antichrist Identified, Discovering the Lost Sabbath Truth, The United States in Bible Prophecy, and Decoding the Mark of the Beast.

Times Founder honored at surprise birthday party

Milwaukee Times Printing and Publishing Co. Founder Nathan Conyers (far left) was given a surprise 70th birthday party last weekend by his family at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 8900 N. Kildeer Ct. The event was attended by many of the community's movers and shakers who paid tribute to Conyers and his many years of service to the community via the Times newspaper and Econoprint. Among the many gifts and honors he received was a Community Service Award from the Milwaukee Urban League. MUL President and CEO Ralph Hollmon (far right) presented him with the honor, which is held by Conyer's wife, Times Publisher Linda Jackson Conyers. (Photo by Yvonne Kemp)

## Milw. Cnty. Supervisor Rainey's amendment funds staff to advise the County Executive and County Board on issues affecting the Black community

The Milwaukee County Board Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit has approved a measure providing \$300,000 to create an Office on African American Affairs that would report to the County Executive, County Board and County department directors on issues concerning the needs and views of the African American community in Milwaukee County.

The amendment, authored by Supervisor Khalif Rainey, is designed to investigate issues concerning the African American community, including:

·Health metrics

·Education ·Food deserts

·Unemployment

·Issues affecting young people and children ·Affordable housing

·The disproportionately high num-

bers of African Americans in the prison

·Small business creation

"The needs of the African American community in Milwaukee County are real, and this amendment will make the Office on African American Affairs a reality," Rainey said.

"For too long the African American community has listened to platitudes from government officials who say they want to address the concerns of the African American community, but not much has ever been accomplished by words alone.

"This office will identify the issues affecting African Americans in Milwaukee County, and it will make recommendations as to what actions need to be taken to address those issues. It is a measure that is long past due, and I am hopeful that this office will make a difference in addressing those issues." The measure will go to the full County Board for consideration on

Sup. Rainey

## Are presidential debates an insight into political racial diversity?

sick and tired of hearing about your damn e-mails." He also elicited applause by loudly stating "Black lives do matter," in answer to a moderator's question.

On the other hand, O'Malley looked impressive, but said little of importance, while Chaffee looked goofy, fumbling words and Webb seemed earnest, but out of his depth..

Thus, unless Clinton is indicted by the FBI over her emails, she looks like a lock to win the Democrat nomination. If so, let's hope she appoints accomplished Black people to high posts in her administration -- with ex-Pres. Bill Clinton as the "First Man."

The GOP debate Oct. 28 in Colorado -- on cable TV's CNBC -- was unprofessional due to the moderators' insulting, offensive, hostile, snarky, questions and obnoxious, condescending attitude. But the candidates didn't let them get away with it. To wit:

"The questions that have been asked so far in this debate illustrate why the American people don't trust the media," said Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. "This is not a cage match. You look at the questions. 'Donald Trump, are you

a comic book villain? Ben Carson, can you do math? John Kasich, will you insult two people over here? Marco Rubio, why don't you resign? Jeb Bush, why have your numbers fallen?' How about talking about the substantive

And New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said this to moderator John Harwood: "Even in New Jersey, what you're doing is called rude." Added Rubio: "Democrats have the ultimate super PAC. It's called the mainstream media."

Wisconsin's Reince Priebus -- chairman of the Republican National Committee -- said this, after the events "The performance by the CNBC moderators was extremely disappointing and did a disservice to their network, our candidates and voters. CNBC should be ashamed of how this debate was handled." Two days later, he suspended the RNC's partnership with NBC for a GOP debate scheduled for February 26, 2016.

Bottom line: Race does matter -- as does professional conduct by the news media.

Milwaukee native Richard G. Carter is a freelance columnist

## **Black state lawmakers blast bill** expanding the use of strip searches

have been arrested by mistake...and even if they did not do anything wrong," said Harris-Dodd.

Harris-Dodd added lawmakers need to explore the use of evidence-based police practices that allow the system to treat each individual fairly and equitably from the first initial police contact.

"My colleagues and I stand united in saying 'enough is enough."

Safran and Coleman believed the bill represents a direct attack on the fundamental, and Constitutional liberties of Milwaukee's Black community (questions of reasonable search and seizure, and probable cause issues).

Safran has represented Black men, from the community, who had been humiliated by Milwaukee police officers who strip-searched them.

Bill 248 eliminates aspects of previous legislation (Act 317) protecting individuals stopped by police for non-violent misdemeanors and other minor offenses from being strip searched for 12 hours.

The new bill also expands exposure to strip searches with no accountability for tracking, and with no assurances of public accountability.

The bill was approved last week by the Senate Judiciary Committee, despite attempts by Taylor (a member of the committee) to include amendments that limited the bill to smaller police departments, and keep the 12 hour hold in place for cities over 100,000 people and counties

over 250,000 (especially for the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County).

Taylor noted the terrible history the Milwaukee Police Department has with strip searches that lead to Act 317. most notably the conviction of four Milwaukee police officers found guilty two years ago for conducting illegal strip and cavity searches.

The officers were reportedly attempting to get drugs they believed were concealed within body cavities on the persons they were searching. Many of the searches took place during traffic stops that lead to pat downs and subsequently the strip searches and cavity searches. "This issue has gotten so out of hand in Milwaukee that

as of last year, the mayor (Tom Barrett) had to budget for the significant number of lawsuits we (Milwaukee) were facing over this issue," Taylor said.

Last year, a federal lawsuit was filed against the Milwaukee Police Department. According to news reports the lawsuit pointed to 62 strip searches occurring between 2007 and 2012.

All the victims were reportedly Black and all the officers involved were white. The lawsuit also alleges MPD and its chain of command knew about and were responsible for dozens of illegal searches or body cavity searches over a four-year span—including criminal allegations against the aforementioned four MPD officers.— Sources for this article: fox6now.com, press statements by from the offices of Senators Taylor and Harris-Dodd

## Is Traditional Marriage On Its Way Out?

(continued from page 4)

1960, the birth control pill was approved for contraceptive use. The Supreme Court's 1965 decision in Griswold v. Connecticut recognized a right to sexual privacy. The ruling itself expanded access to birth control, but it has had a transformational impact on the culture. It laid the foundation for the elimination of sodomy laws and ultimately led to marriage equality. Also during the 1960s, most states liberalized their divorce laws.

These changes in law and medicine accelerated an already existing trend toward greater freedom for women and fueled the "sexual revolution."

The changes we are experiencing today are rooted in the sudden and dramatic liberalization that took place in the 1960s and '70s. But where those changes were explosive and reflective of the values of the Mad Men era, the evolution that is taking place today is more egalitarian and inclusive.

**REASON 5: The Internet has** helped people connect with other "non-traditional" types. Thanks to the Internet, whole communities now exist that honor a variety of nonmonogamous relationship structures—polyamory, swinging, kink, and other possibilities that don't match the conventional model. Finding people and places to explore this wide variety of sexual and romantic options can now be done with ease, something that was hard to imagine just 25 years ago.

"It may feel like there are just more so-called 'freaky' people than there used to be," says Johnson. "But I think what's more likely is that people have always had these secret desires but had no way to connect with likeminded partners—if, in fact, they even knew others with the same proclivities existed. Now that they know, they are freer to come out of the closet, so to speak."

None of these reasons, of course, should worry the happily, monogamously married or those who want that kind of marriage.

Having access to a rainbow of ice cream flavors certainly hasn't made vanilla go away.

"Being freer to choose other possibilities doesn't mean people won't choose monogamous marriage," adds Michaels. "It means they will consciously choose sexual exclusivity rather than having it chosen for them. Conscious choice is always better than coercion, however subtle or im-





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While these rooms are unavailable, meetings of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and its committees temporarily will be moved to the auditorium of MPS's Neeskara School, located at 1601 N. Hawley Road, less than a half mile from MPS Central Services. Affected meetings include (dates and times are subject to change):

- Board of School Directors Retreat to discuss enrollment trends, November 11, 2015, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Committee on Parent and Community Engagement (PACE) – November 12, 2015, 5:30 p.m.; December 10, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
- Committee on Student Achievement and School Innovation (SASI) - November 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m.; December 10, 2015, 6:30
- Committee on Accountability, Finance, and Personal (AFP) - November 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.; December 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Monthly Board Meeting November 19, 2015, 6:30 p.m.; December 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

As usual, the public will continue to have the opportunity at the committee meetings to comment on issues being considered by the Board of School Directors. Interpreters will be provided upon request. For up-to-date information regarding these meetings, including how to access them over-theair, please visit

http://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/District/About-MPS/School-Board/Meetings-Agendas--Minutes/M eeting-Notices.htm.

Meetings of the Board and its committees are scheduled to return to MPS Central Services in January 2016.

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#### BY SHARI BORRELL

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Shoppers can peruse a fresh selection of organic produce and meats, jams, jellies and soups, handmade arts and crafts, soaps, lotions and seasonal decor. One-

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November 7 and 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. Free blood pressure checks will also be available.

Beverages, snacks and baked goods will be sold by vendors and the St. Ann Center Marketplace Cafe.

Special events during the indoor market season include a chili and vintage jewelry sale on November 21, pictures with Santa on December 5, free Christmas gift wrapping on December 19, Valentine's Day card-making on February 13, chili and vintage jewelry spring sale on March 19, pictures with the Easter Bunny on March 26 and a rummage sale on the closing day, April

Stay up to date on special Indoor Market events by liking the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sacfm.

Vendors interested in participating in the Farmers Market should call Yolanda at (414) 977-5060 or email her at yolandaart@stanncenter.org.



PROFILE: Jasma's Gourmet **Treats and Berries** 

Jasma Anderson is the owner of Jasma's Gourmet Treats & Berries located on the 2nd level of the Grand Avenue Mall in Downtown Milwaukee. (414-800-5701) www.jasmaspopcornandberries.com.

Jasma begin experimenting with different popcorn flavors out of her home in March 2015. Her flavored gourmet popcorn became popular with family, friends and friends of friends and that is when she decided that she needed a location so that she can share her tasteful treats with others. Jasma's Gourmet treats & Berries is open seven days a week Monday thru Friday from 10AM to 7PM, Saturday 10AM to 6PM and Sunday 11AM to 5PM.

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### **Town Bank Receives 2015 Minority Business Development Award**

Town Bank has received the 2015 Minority Business Development Award at the MARKET-**PLACE** Breakfast for Champions, on October 30. The award was given in recognition for the bank's investment of \$1,000,000 in the Revolving Loan Fund programs, administered by the four statewide ethnic Chambers.

"We are so proud to receive this recognition," said Town Bank President Jay Mack. "The award validates the work we do in Wisconsin to help make business opportunities available to all different kinds of groups and people. We are honored to be involved."

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Plaintiff(s

DAVID J WAYNE UNKNOWN TENANTS, Defendant(s)

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TIME: November 23, 2015 at 10:30

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgement, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in certified funds, payable to the clerk of court (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the

clerks of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

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Dated: 10-22-2015 The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 33 W. Monroe St Suite 1140 Chicago, IL 60603 Telephone: 855-891-6777 Facsimile: 312-572-7823 WN-14-0038 Circuit Court Judge

015-008/10-23-30/11-6-2015

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 15CV008543

NOTICES

In the matter of the name change of: CASSANDRA REOLA MCDOWELL

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CASSANDRA REOLA MC-DOWELL To: CASSANDRA REOLA CONLEY Certificate: CASSANDRA

**REOLA SHERIFF** 

IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. DAVID A HAN-SHER ROOM 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: December 7, 2015 TIME 1:30 P.M.

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: 10-19-2015 BY THE COURT: HON. DAVID A HANSHER Circuit Court Judge 015-009/10-23-30/11-6-2015

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In accordance with a directive by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) is required to publish a notice announcing the availability for inspection of DBE goals for 2016. A goal of 10 percent participation has been set for Disadvantage Business Enterprises for 2016. This is to notify the public that a description of the selecting methods used to determine the goals are available for inspection during normal business hours at the Commission offices at W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. The referenced documents will be available for 30 days following the date of this notification and SEWRPC will accept written comments for a period of 45 days following the date of this notice. Comments and questions regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth A. Larsen, Assistant Director-Administration of SEWRPC, or to Ms. Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Bureau of Planning, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, P.O. Box 7913, Madison, Wisconsin 53707.

#### OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT

Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 3, 2015.

Sealed proposals will be received at 1124 North 11th Street, directed to the attention of Mr. Travis R Luzney, P.E., Director of the Division of Facilities and Maintenance Services, pursuant to Section 119.52(3) Wisconsin Statutes, until Tuesday, December 01, 2015 at 1:30PM, in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work:

All contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) are subject to the prevailing wage rates and hours of labor as prescribed by the Milwaukee Board of School Directors of the City of Milwaukee consistent with provisions of Section 66,0903 of the Wisconsin Statute

BID GUARANTY TO ACCOMPANY BID: MPS Bid Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check: 10% of Contractor's Base Bid

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Milwaukee, WI 53212 MPS Property No. 185

MPS Project No. 2889

The HUB requirements for this project are 20%

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Hours Educational Activities: 10 Hours Deposit for Drawings and Specifications: \$25.00

MAILING CHARGE: \$35.00

The bidding documents may be obtained 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.: Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744: fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of bid documents for pick up. Plans and specifications will be loaned to a prospective bidder upon receipt of the deposit listed, which deposit will be returned upon surrender of the plans and specifications in good condition. Bid documents must be returned only to A/E Graphics, Inc. Plans and specifications may not be examined at the Facilities and Maintenance Services' office or at A/E Graphics. Plans and specifications may also be viewed online at A/E Graphics, Inc. @ www.aegraphic

Each proposal shall be for a fixed lump sum. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals at the bid opening through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. The following TDD number is available for the hearing impaired for questions prior to bid opening, (414) 283-4611.

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### JOIN us at a **WORKSHOP** in **NOVEMBER!**



Please join the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) as we continue VISION 2050, an effort to create a long-range vision for land use and transportation in the seven-county Southeastern Wisconsin Region. We welcome your input during the current step of the process—comparing three detailed alternatives for how the Region's land and transportation system could look in 2050. You will be able to examine these alternatives and a thorough evaluation of how they would perform at an upcoming interactive public workshop. Your feedback will be important as we prepare a preliminary recommended plan for VISION 2050, to be reviewed next spring.

The fourth set of Visioning Workshops is designed to obtain public feedback on what should be included in the preliminary recommended plan. Please register in advance for the workshop in your county. Each workshop will last about 90 minutes, with snacks and refreshments provided. You will also be able to compare the alternatives and provide feedback through the VISION 2050 website. The following workshop has been scheduled in Milwaukee County:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 @ 5PM

MILWAUKEE COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL CENTER 750 N. LINCOLN MEMORIAL DR. MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

More information can be found on the VISION 2050 website at www.vision2050sewis.org. There you will be able to register to attend one of the workshops, sign up for the VISION 2050 e-newsletter, and find out what VISION 2050 is all about. You can also email questions to vision2050@sewrpc.org.

Meeting locations are wheelchair-accessible. People needing disability-related accommodations are asked to contact the SEWRPC office at (262) 547-6721 a minimum of three business days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made regarding access or mobility, review or interpretation of materials, active participation, or submission of comments.

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**BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT** ARE AVAILABLE AT: 633 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE, SUITE 1000 Milwaukee, WI 53203

For Further Information contact 414-278-4861 or www.county.milwaukee.gov

#### PROPOSED MILWAUKEE COUNTY DAS-FM Projects for Advertisement for Bids

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#### THE MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL TO PUBLISH LEGALS NOTICES IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ) has expanded its services to the greater Milwaukee community with the publishing of legal notices in its Weekend Edition. As a qualified provider of the publication of legal notices, MCJ will serve city, county and state offices for publishing community notifications. Such notifications include:

- Public hearings Public meeting
  - Election notices
- Divorce proceedings
- Name change notices
- Publication of summons when personal services cannot be made to defendants
- Notice of auction of unclaimed storage unit property
- Probate notices
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- Other general legal and public notices

About Milwaukee Community Journal Weekend Edition

The Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ) Weekend Edition is a public newspaper of general circulation that complies with the laws of Wisconsin relating to the publication of legal notices. MCJ's Weekend Edition has been published regularly and continuously in the city of Milwaukee for over 10 years. We have a paid circulation of approximately 65% of our circulation. Furthermore, our actual subscribers are over 1,000 copies each week.

MCJ's Weekend Edition is published regularly weekly. Each week, MCJ Weekend focuses on different subjects Health, Personal, Finance, Family, Men and Women. Our Weekend Edition now includes the publishing of records designated by the Milwaukee County Circuit Court for publication of legal notices; with added value in the Wednesday edition too.

About the Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ)

stockholder with 95% of stock; and Mikel Holt with 5% of stock.)

The Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ) is a quality news organization published throughout Milwaukee and the surrounding suburbs. Established in 1976, the Milwaukee Community Journal has advanced and reported the plight, struggles and victories of minorities in Wisconsin, with a passion for building community the MCJ accentuates the positive, analyzes the negatives and advocates to seed success! (Milwaukee Community Journal, Inc. has two stockholders: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, primary

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away from a welfare system to supposed jobs assistance programs like Wisconsin's Welfare to Work (W2); it took higher benefits for additional children out of the equation. Meaning those trapped in a culture of poverty were trying to do more with far less, and with less success.

Moynihan's other predictions also came true on the affect this phenomenon has had on the children raised in those households. Most are like rudderless boats since the single parent (in over 90% of the cases) was an uneducated, impoverished sister with no parenting skills, and void of the family networks we relied on a generation earlier. (In modern day Milwaukee, the grandmothers who helped us a few decades ago, is now in her 30s and is but an older version of the daughter.

In most cases, you can figure out the profile of the children raised in impoverished homes: a larger percentage of girls will do better than the boys in school, but have their educations, and lives disrupted by

Many of the boys will try to prove their manhood by impregnating as many girls as possible. Unless they are prodded and poked, given strong incentives and a support system, they will do poorly in school, and will eventually drop out.

Some data suggests nine of ten dope dealers came from, or in many

cases are still in those homes, taking up space, absorbing heat and contributing little in terms of being a role model. In many cases, they do make financial contributions, but their money comes from sources you can't discuss—or maybe you can—at the dinner table. Many will have criminal records before they are old enough to vote

(which they won't), end up in prison and leave behind another generation of fatherless boys. By the way, there's a reason why Wisconsin has the highest Black incarceration rate in the country, and it's not just because of institutional racism. An article written by Sara McLanahan and Christopher Jencks of

havior issues to come out of poor households without a consistent male presence (married or partner). "Growing up with only one biological parent reduces a child's chances of graduating from high school by about 40%," their report

Princeton and Harvard University, respectively, links a myriad of be-

revealed, "which is similar to the effect of having a mother who did not finish high school rather than one who did." Most studies, their report continued, found more definable effects

on boys than on girls. Also, "...a father's absence increase anti-social behavior, such as

aggression, rule breaking, delinquency and illegal drug use." The study also confirmed an old Black adage that posits: "Women

raise their daughters and love their sons.' The researchers found single mothers, "spend more time with girls

and feel closer to girls than to boys. More important, boys are far more sensitive than girls to parenting practices such as spending time with a child, emotional closeness and avoiding harsh discipline. "Boys also respond more negatively than girls to having been raised

by a teenage mother and to having grown up in a family with below average income. Single mothers are highly correlated with both teenage childbearing and low income." There's another impact on children (mostly boys) growing up with-

out a father, or significant male figure in their lives: Not only are they devoid of the protectivness, work ethic and leadership a father brings to the table, but there is psychological scarring that occurs which time

It ticks me off every time I hear a young, angry sister (they are generally mad because they realize they made a wrong choice and are suffering the consequences) declaring they don't need a father in the home, "I'm the father and mother too!"

BS and no wonder your child has problems, beyond not being able,

or unwilling, to read. Moreover, there's a reason why your son is so POed at the world and treats women the way he does. And it ain't just because you fed him that sugar-laden cereal and fat coated pork all the

Two final points about this "culture of poverty."

Many of these families, which some call dysfunctional primarily because they don't fit the mode of a nuclear family and are igniters for social problems, would be slightly better off if the "Holy Father" replaced the absent father, if you get my drift. Some are, but the majority, I guess, of poor households lack books in the homes, including the Bible or Koran.

But since we're dealing with truth and assumptions, let's be totally honest. Most Black people are sometimes neo-Christians anyway, despite what they put on job applications for government benefit forms.

Being a Christian or Muslim is a full time vocation and lifestyle. You can't go to church on Easter (to show off your clothes), fast when you're outta money, or go to a gospel show or play and declare yourself to be "saved." Nor can you honestly call yourself a follower if you simply listen to Bishop Hines Gospel show on Sunday mornings or tune in to Rev. Al Sharpton's radio show during the commercial break

A true Christian reads the word and abides by its tenets. If you did, you (women...SOME of you) probably wouldn't be having baby after baby outside of marriage. And the brothers would assume their mandated role and understand that fatherhood means to take your child 'further,' than you got.

Instead, because of this now fully entrenched phenomenon, we are witnessing the first generation of Black people who will not go further

The other point is (excuse me if I you caught me generalizing) not all Black households headed by women fit the aforementioned profile. Studies and common sense show that strong-willed and culturally attuned sisters with even minuscule education consistently beat the odds, and raise their children to be educated, upstanding citizens who knock down the doors of the middle class.

And a large percentage of college-educated sisters have also decided to have children, and generally their child (ren) grow up to replicate

Remember, Jesse Jackson grew up in a poor single parent household, as did Barack Obama.

And there's a reason why most of those college educated professional Black athletes smile at the camera and declare, "Hi Mom" after some success on the court or field.

Moreover, there's a growing number of Black men, like myself, Muhammad Sabir, Oshi Adelabu and others who raised our children as single parents. None of them are in jail, sold drugs, or dropped out That said, I can't help but wonder if President Johnson had taken

Moynihan's advice, the country's mood had not turned against helping

African Americans take off the final links of the chains they put on us, and Black leadership had led, instead of hid their heads in the sand, or worse, allowed outside special interests to engineer the Freedom Train, where would our community be today? Surely, institutional racism in the form of economic and educational

apartheid influenced our current plight. And the ineffectiveness of the current Black political corps, their misguided priorities and the fact that the Freedom Train has been derailed also contributed significantly.

But the real reason we're in this worn out box can be found by looking in the mirror. We didn't and don't follow the foundation of our ancestors, too many of us replaced fathers with Uncle Sam (a true pimp if ever I've seen one), and we didn't just take God out of the classroom, but the living room as well.

Thus, while the nation focuses on Black Lives Matter as a catch phrase against police brutality, we need to start another movement called, "All Black Lives, Including the Least of Us, Matter equally as Much, and Maybe More."

## UNIVERSALLY SPEAKING

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ship will determine how he treats his woman and pretty much Experts state that men who grow up with very nurturing

mothers tend to be more sensitive and attentive in romantic

This is where all of those great loves songs come from (i.e. She Use to Be My Girl, Close the Door, If You Don't Know Me By Now, Love, Need and Want You, etc.) These men adore their moms because they were raised by queens who instilled in them core values like discipline and deference, and showed them how to value a woman early on. They have a great respect for women overall.

This is why Kenny is the ultimate protector of Black women believing that, as the "mothers of civilization," we must do all we can to protect our women, and he does this Not only is Kenny a great father to his daughters, but he is

also a phenomenal role model as a husband (I wish I would've listen to him more in this area). Kenny truly loved his mother and he took care of her every need. She lived to the beautiful age of 95 - she had the opportunity to see Kenny Gamble grow up to be a great man and fulfill many of the dreams he held as a child.

This had to be a tremendous blessing for her to see that the child she bore would gift the world so much. They had a very special relationship- one that was rewarding for both of them. Kenny wrote a number one song about her: "I Always Love My Mamma". The message is in the music.

I am always exasperated at walking down the street or going anywhere with Kenny because I'm usually wanting to get to my destination on time - that doesn't matter to Kenny Gamble especially when people stop him and want to express something to him. He would always tell me that this is a blessing because this is how ideas come to him – the ideas come from the people

I formally met Kenny Gamble in 1992 when I was doing an event in Philadelphia called "The Celebration of Excellence," which was designed to be a week of activities that celebrated the successes in our community. I was introduced to him as a potential sponsor. This is not abnormal because most, if not all, efforts undertaken in the Black community in Philadelphia have his DNA all over them, and my project was no exception. He bought into our concept and not only did he become the chair of the event, he became the biggest financial sponsor and used his awesome personal and political capital to bring the Black community together. Needless to say, "The Celebration of Excellence" event was an incredible success. From the time we met in 1992, to today, we haven't stop dreaming and working together. Like his meeting with his writing partner nearly 50 years ago, Leon Huff, our meeting was destiny and as they say, "the rest is history."

Kenny Gamble is a world-renowned musical writer, composer, producer, founder and CEO of Philadelphia International Records and founder and current chairman of Universal Companies.

Kenny Gamble, along with his partner, Leon Huff, is responsible for writing, producing, and recording more than 3,000 songs performed by over 50 artists, 200 being all-time hits (standards). It is estimated that one of Mr. Gamble's songs is played every thirty minutes somewhere around the

world. This body of work affectionately termed "The Sound of Philadelphia (TSOP)" is one of the largest music catalogs in the music industry represented by signature artist (male and female individuals and groups), signature musicians, and

Gamble and Huff have worked with some of rhythms and blues greatest artist; including the Jackson Five, the Intruders Teddy Pendergrass, Billy Paul, Phyllis Hyman, Jerry Butler Nancy Wilson, Lou Rawls, the Ojays, MFSB, Harold Melvin & the Bluenotes, Patti Labelle, the Three Degrees, McFadden & Whitehead, the Delfonics, Stylistics, Jean Carn, Johnny Mathis, Dionne Warrick, Wilson Pickett, Nancy Wilson, and Grover Washington, just to name a few. Some of his nearly 200 standards include hits like: Me & Mrs. Jones, If You Don't Know Me By Now, Love Train, Wake Up Everybody People Make the World Go Around, Close the Door, Cowboys to Girls, Back Stabbers, Use to be My Girl, Ain't No Stoppin Us Now, and Never Gonna Give You Up, to name a few. Significantly, his catalog is the most played and most sampled in all of music.

In 1990, he and his family, made the ultimate commitment to our community when they gave up the quiet, luxurious life of the suburbs and moved back to his old neighborhood. This was significant for many reasons. Notably, this move symbolized a reversal of how we measure success. For many Black people – and Kenny Gamble was no exception – we were told that success can only be achieved or seen when we are furthest away from our own people. This is why – if we become successful – we only know one standard to live out our dreams and that is to have our success validated by moving into White communities. Kenny Gamble followed this same paradigm but realized that this only made the problem worse and this approach would never correct the problem.

Kenny Gamble's relocation back to his old neighborhood required not only a significant degree of vision, courage, and strength, but was a "game changer" - it made the difference. Today, we have completely rebuild that neighborhood any many other neighborhoods that confronted a similar predicament. A fine line exists between genius and insanity. In many cases, a sizeable number of Black people believed that Kenny was losing his mind. Kenny Gamble used to be in a number of "Black" movement type of meetings and he would hear "we should do this, we should do that." His question was always "who's going to do it?" "Who's going to do the work?" With the encouragement of his wife and partner, he took a hard look into the mirror and determined that the "who" was him. Coming to this realization, that he had to do the "work," he relocated back to his old neighborhood to take a "hands on" approach to rebuilding our community. To date, this "hands on" approach was lacking. In fact, many successful Blacks wanted to help but would only assist from a distance a long distance. This is one of the reasons, I describe Kenny Gamble as the Bill Gates of the Black Community.

Similar to Bill Gates, Kenny Gamble is slowly transitioning from the tremendous success of his first career and, for many, is now becoming best known for giving up the path most aspire to (leaving community for the suburbs) and returning back to his roots (his old neighborhood in South Philadelphia). By taking this path, Kenny personally addresses the issues of the Black community, which includes founding and chairing Universal Companies. Kenny Gamble is a true American success story and truly a Black American success story and example. He continues to stake his own future on the success of the community rebuilding effort he has initiated, demonstrating his continued high level of commitment to helping those who are less fortunate, starting with



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