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"GIVING THANKS!"

NO REGRETS We are living in a time where evil is amongst us and the devil is slither ing through our homes, neighborhoods, cities, states and outside countries.



We need to Love more and allow GOD in...we make up our plans but GOD is the director. If we allow GOD

in HE will direct us through our trials and tribulations. Following HIS lead... we will make the right decisions and have NO RE-GRETS.

last month. I was her caregiver with NO REGRETS.

I lost my Mom and Best Friend

Happy Birthday Mom and may you Rest in Peace...11/23/1923.

Let's Live, Love and Laugh more with NO REGRETS.

Tara R. Pulley "Always Keeping It Real"

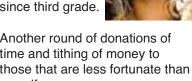
OPPORTUNITIES Another chance to get to know my mother...She's coming this

giving. Another year to commune and

year for Thanks-

break bread with my sister friend since third grade.

myselt.



Another blessing to be a blessing and meet someone at their need.

Another reason for the season to simply praise the most High for His mercy and His favor.

Give and it shall be given unto you...

Sonya M. Bowman "It Is What It Is"

NO REASONS NECESSARY As I live my purpose...I thank

As I walk in my truth...I thank you. As I appreciate those around me...I thank you. As I work to be of service...I thank you.

As I seek to make life better for others...I thank you.

As I ask for acceptance...I thank As I expect a miracle...I thank

As I request forgiveness for not

thanking you sooner...I truly Thank You! Zelda Corona-Vision Repre-

sents Faith!





A free dinner, health screenings, and giveaways...and meeting Milwaukee Bucks Guard Jerryd Bayless were the order of the day for residents from the community who attended Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. (MHSI) Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway Tuesday at the MLK Heritage Health Center, 2555 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. This was the fifth year the Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway courtesy of Bayless and his foundation. Also sponsoring and/or participating with good and medical exams at the the event were Molina Healthcare, PKSD Law Firm, JD Logistics Inc., Feeding America

"The primary objective of the Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway and health screening is to provide ac cess to health care services and supply a nutritious holiday dinner," says Pamela Clark, corporate communications specialist for MHSI. "The Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway provides an opportunity for our employees and collaborating partners to give back to the community we serve."-Kemp photo

Thanksgiving feast at Harambee Community Center

Ald. Milele Coggs invited residents to the WestCare Wisconsin Harambee CommUNITY Thanksgiving Feast Monday at the Harambee Community and Involvement Center, 335 W. Wright St. Harambee community members took advantage of the invitation to celebrate the holiday season with each other and the WestCare staff.--Photo by Yvonne Kemp



Voice of the Fatherless Child, an organization that works with at-risk youth, The Home Depot, and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, kicked off Christmas early by once again decorating a selected family's home for the holiday, complete with a decorated tree and lights decorating the outside of the house, gifts for the children and gift cards for the parents.

Voice of the Fatherless

Also helping with the effort this year was Christian Faith Church and its "iGive" program. Christian Faith was represented by Pastor D.J. Hines

This is the first year Voice of the Fatherless Child and "iGive" joined forces and the



response was great.

Another first-timer is Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Sheild, whose representative, Wendy Collins, helped deco-

The organiazation, church and businesses also brought Christmas cheer to the family of Alfredo Bautista, the 10year-old who was shot earlier

this year while asleep in bed. Other sponsors involved in the effort are Steinhafals Furniture Stores and Hupy & Abraham Law Firm.

The head of the law firm, Michael Hupy, is offering a





\$25,000 reward to the first person to provide information that leads to the arrest of those involved in the fatal shooting.

Ten other families will get this gift of joy and giving during the holiday season. -- Photos by Yvonne Kemp



Lena's Food **Market** Addresses recent issues and continues to serve the community

Since its humble inception over 50 years ago on North Avenue in the heart of the Black community, Lena's Food Market has strived to provide quality service to its customers.

Upon learning of the isolated incident that occurred at the Teutonia location Lena's Food Market owners "Lena's

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management have pulled and destroyed any and affected products, thoroughly cleaned and sanitized the area, sealed off entry points and ramped up ment have existing prevention and

control policies. destroyed It is our con-any and all tinued commitment to serve our customers and community as we have and thoroughly as our parents did before us. We are a much needed institution for many people who are limited by their lack of transportation and on

a fixed income. points and Lena's Food Market cur- ramped up more than 100 people. We will continue to pro- prevention vide an option for affordable groceries Milwaukee which plagued

by never before seen food deserts in much of the city.

"I believe that the Martin's will do what is needed to rectify any issues and continue to serve the community." stated Ald Ashanti Hamilton of Milwaukee's 1st Aldermanic District where Lena's Foods Teutonia store in centrally located. While the area is currently undergoing some much needed road construction, it is still one of the areas with the highest number of vacant/abandoned build-

These things occurring at the same time that temperatures drop as winter approaches creates a perfect storm for unwanted intruders.

"We want the best for our customers and our community, and we will work hard to keep them happy" said Greg Martin, one of the owners of Lena's.

"We are not just a family owned business, we are part of the community. We look forward to serving during the Holiday Season and beyond.

police brutality. No, his comments have not

changed my opinion of him because I have

always felt he is part of the problem."

PULSE OF THE COMMU

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

Recently, Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke made negative comments about the "Black Lives Matter" movement, comparing its organizers to terrorists, adding there hasn't been any "police brutal-

ity" since the 1960. Do these comments change your opinion of our sheriff? Why or why not?

PTOSHA DAVIS:

"No, I am not surprised at his comments. The sheriff is merely setting himself for a national platform. He aspires to run for higher office and appears to believe

'All Press is Good Press.' His comments don't merit an intelligent response because they are incognizable."

JOHNNY L. THOMAS: "I be-

lieve we (the community) waste too much valuable time speaking of Sheriff Clarke. I would rather support and cultivate these young civil rights ac-

tivists from Mizzou (nick name for Missouri) to Black Lives Matter."

MARTHA LOVE: "I'm disappointed

with the sheriff's comments. Black Lives do Matter, Clarke!"



JONATHAN "O.J. SPEED" **HUGHES:** "In my opinion, Sheriff Clarke is too far removed from the Black community to have a valid view of the state of the Black community, or



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CLEAN

Community groups team-up to give men in community a "Clean Slate"!

Clean Slate Milwaukee and The Fatherhood Initiative presented

a "Check Yourself" Child support 101 child support services for men in the community faced with that dilemma and other issues related to employment and finance, at the Hillside Family Resource Center, 1452 N. 7th St. The services offered covered Driver's License Recovery, credit card help, expungement of criminal records, and personal responsibility. Thought the event focused on men, it was free and open to the public. Pictured above are four of the key participants in the event (left to right): Alphonzo Watkins of the "Wake Up" program dealing with personal responsibility; Dell Williams, co-director of the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative (MFI); Dennis Walton, MFI co-director; and Shanyell McCloud, executive director of Clean Slate Milwaukee.

Senator Taylor to hold December listening sessions

Wisconsin state Sen. Lena Taylor (4th District) has scheduled a "Let's Talk" listening session for December 9, at 5:30 p.m., at her Milwaukee senate district office, located at 2602 W. Silver Spring Drive. Residents and constituents are encouraged to bring their questions, concerns and issues to the meeting.

The Senator will be holding two other sessions called "Coffee with the Senator." The first will be at the Colectivo Coffee House Dec. 7, at 8:30 a.m., at Bayshore Mall, 5735

N. Bayshore Drive, in Glendale; and Dec. 15 starting at 8:30 a.m., at Coffee Makes You Black, 2803 N. Teutonia Ave.

Sen. Taylor

For more information, contact Sen. Taylor's office at 414-342-7176.

Culver's of West Milwaukee Partners with St Rose's Food Pantry to Help Families in Need

Culver's of West Milwaukee will be collecting non-perishable food items for St Rose's Food Pantry beginning now through Thanksgiving. The restaurant's goal is to collect enough food to feed people in the community. Guests who drop off 3 or more non-perishables through the drive thru window from 12pm- 3pm on Thanksgiving Day will receive a coupon for a free pint.

"We are continuing our tradition of caring by supporting St Rose's Food Pantry. Their good work throughout the year makes a difference every day in the greater Milwaukee area," says franchise owner Mike Busalacchi, Culver's of West Milwaukee. Culver's of West Milwaukee is excited to have the opportunity to assist in helping St. Rose' Food Pantry stock their shelves during the holiday season. We are collecting non-perishables for St. Rose's Food Pantry and ask for your help to make this a successful food drive. With every donation of 3 or more items through our drive thru window on Thanksgiving Day from 12pm-3pm, a coupon for a free pint of your choosing will be given. Please take a few moments from your day to give others reasons to be thankful too and receive a pint of custard as a thank you from our West Milwaukee





A new community political action group and initiative called "Our Power, Our Future, Milwaukee (OPOF-MKE) held a launch event last week at the Skybox Sports Bar on historic MLK Drive. The venue was filled to capacity as political, business, voters and government leaders came together to hear the vision of the group, which is to take back political power, and strengthen the economic viability for the Black community. Pictured above are some of the event's participants (left to right): Ald. Russell Stamper, II, Nation of Islam Milwaukee chapter leader, Student Minister William Muhammad, Dana World-Patterson, chair of the Human Trafficking Task Force, Mark Wade, one of the main organizers of the OPOF organization, long-time community activist Martha Love, Activist and Poet Kwabena Antoine Nixon, partially hidden behind State Sen. Nikiya Harris Dodd, African American Chamber of Commerce Presdient/CEO Dr. Eve Hall, and Ald. Milele Coggs. --Photo by Yvonne Kemp

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





The Milwaukee Community Journal November 25, 2015 Page 3 **"THE GIFT AT THANKSGIVING"**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Sometimes is is hard to see goodness and possibility and peace and joy in the midst of the storm. Unemployment and under-employment continues to plague our community at the same time that the stock market is experiencing unprecedented increases. Confusion abounds!

Presidential hopefuls are spewing divergent mixed-messages, deportation, antiimmigration, elimination of the Black Lives Matter Movement, fiscal support for increased police-presence, fears of terrorism on the US homeland, support of France in the aftermath of the horrific destruction last week, and continuous critique of President Obama's refusal to escalate US foot-patrols in Iraq and Syria. These issues overload our national news-stories. The

desire to build an international coalition to focus on ISIS is upper-most in our minds as we prepare to gather for Thanksgiving with

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family and friends. And we pray for protection of our US soil.

It is important that we continue to see the United States, with all of its divergent views, as truly a country of immigrants and divergent cultures; and a country that has embraced differences yet common constitutional regards for freedom of religions, protests, speech and the pursuit of liberty and happiness.

Symbolized by the Statute of Liberty, given to the United States by France, the statute says: " Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.

The wretched refuse of your teaming tempest shore. Send these, the homeless tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door". We strive to make real these promises, as the Black Lives Matter movement tweaks the meaning of equality and forces us to make real the inherent fundamentals that make America the America we all love.

So as we gather let us rise above the rhetoric and stand firm on the things we hold dear...our families, our neighborhoods, our communities, our freedoms and our nation.

As we thank God for health, and food, and shelter, and even our distractions; let us thank God for our country....

And may God bless America...Land of the Free. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans bright with foam. God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home! May God bless you and your family.....Happy Thanksgiving!

Supporters of Milwaukee County District Attorney Candidate Verona Swanigan set record straight on relationship with Vel Phillips

To The Editor:

On November 15, Daniel Bice wrote an article where he stated that "Many political insiders believe that, given the right candidate, Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm could be defeated in next year's election;" which was the only true statement that was made in this article without him exaggerating or fabricating the truth.

Verona Swanigan is in fact the perfect candidate to become the new District Attorney of Milwaukee

Attorney Swanigan looks up to and honors Vel Philips, and was influenced by a conversation with Vel Philips discussing her history to run

Attorney Swanigan has never

made any report that Vel Philips was helping her in her efforts to run for office as stated by Mr. Bice, and based on the hard work and pioneering efforts that Vel Phillips has made in Milwaukee and Wisconsin, Attorney Swanigan has only stated that she looks at Vel Phillips as an inspiration for living a life of a job well done.

Attorney Verona Swanigan believes in giving back and protecting the community, and has worked her entire life in fields where she could

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It is her goal to reduce crime in Milwaukee County by 20 percent, and she will work tirelessly to do

Attorney Swanigan was a Bilingual Probation and Parole officer in Milwaukee, has worked for La Causa/Wraparound, and has managed employees as a supervisor for a faith-based nonprofit that worked with at-risk youth, sex trafficking victims, and gang members.

Attorney Swanigan is licensed to practice law in five states, and therefore brings a new perspective to the justice system with innovative ideas and fiscally responsible plans that shall reduce crime.

Attorney Swanigan has analyzed the community needs, and has used her experience, Juris Doctorate and Master's degree in Forensic Psychology, and her understanding of the challenges in the community where she was born and raised to develop 5 effective programs that will reduce crime and recidivism.

"I have stepped into this race knowing that my opposition is known for slinging mud and trying to dig up dirt, but I also entered this race knowing that a vindictive

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leader cannot do what is best for the overall safety and growth of the entire community.

The District Attorney must be focused on the major issues in the community such as the high murder rate, poor relations between the Milwaukee police department and the community, car thefts, armed robberies, rolling drug houses, and issues of racial tension. I aim to protect this community to the point that we are no longer listed on the Most Dangerous Cities in America list, which occurred during our current leader's watch."

Attorney Swanigan does not have any physical impairment or illness that will prohibit her from preforming the duties and obligations of being the Milwaukee County District Attorney.

Daniel Bice fabricated multiple statements saying that Attorney Swanigan made the statement during a conversation with him, which was entirely false.

As with many Americans, Attorney Swanigan has previously had health issues, which were resolved with dietary changes, exercise, and medication.

Attorney Swanigan was previously diagnosed with migraine headaches that caused symptoms that made it difficult for her to work for a short period of time, but it is offensive that a man in 2015 would attempt to twist the words and actions of a woman to try to insinuate that she is crazy or mentally impaired based upon a physical condi-

Is Daniel Bice still in the dark ages? Have we reverted back to the days when women were put under electric shock when sexist men refused to understand their health is-

Attorney Swanigan has never had brain surgery at Mayo Clinic as Mr. Bice indicates or been diagnosed as having a mental illness.

In fact, in July 2015, Attorney Swanigan was honored to be named one of the Top Forty African American Attorneys Under Forty in the United States by the National Bar Association, and was awarded the NBA Presidential Honor Award for her work in drafting legislation, lobbying, and conducting research.

Further, her mother who won the

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By Linda M. Jackson To all of the families who have lost someone in 2015, no money in the world can replace whathas happened. **LOVE IS THE KEY.** I LOOK AT THE NEWS AND I SEE THINGS IN A D **FERENT WAY THAN OTHERS.** So to all of our families who have lost loved **ones in 2015, I remind you. LOVE IS THE KEY. STAY STRONG AND PRAY** STAY PEACEFUL AND HUMBLE AND SMILE AND LOVE....STAY SAFE IN THESE **STREETS LOVE IS THE KEY....ACROSS THE STREET....ACROSS**

OUR COUNTRY....ACROSS THE WORLD. LOVE IS THE KEY.



Stop the Oppression Olympics: We can grieve Paris and care about Black tragedies too

Friday evening, as I headed home from the movies, I looked down at my phone and noticed a smattering of #PrayersForParis status updates on my timeline.

Thinking nothing of it, I did a quick Google search to see what was going on.

As I read the news stories and saw the videos of the gruesome and coordinated attacks, my blood ran cold. This all happened in Paris? Terrorists were murdering people all over the same Paris I'd planned to return to this

"That could've been me," I whispered to myself with a heavy heart. If I hadn't cancelled my trip due to another commitment, that could have very well been me. I rode the rest of the way home in a stunned silence.

As soon as I walked through the door, I turned on the news and watched everything I could. Parisians and fellow Americans alike spoke of their near death experiences in shocking detail. Several ex-pats waved to the screen, assuring their friends and family they'd made it out ok. That evening, my mother called me frantic, begging me to stay in the country and not travel abroad for a

I had been having a wonderful week up until then. But I went to bed covered in a blanket of sadness and relief acutely aware of how my postponed vacation may have saved my life.

The next morning, I logged onto Facebook to see what updates had surfaced. I expected words of love for the victims and intelligent think pieces reminding us all not to blame Muslims for the acts of an extreme minority. My timeline is super intelligent and socially conscious, so this is just par for the course when something really bad hap-

But instead, I was taken aback to see a barrage of angry posts condemning anyone mourning the terrorist attacks. Scrolled further down, more wagging fingers of condemnation. Went to Twitter, same thing.

"Why ya'll tripping over Paris when we getting beat in Ferguson?" one post asked.

"So ya'll don't care about #Mizzou anymore just because a bunch of white people got attacked?"another

By Blue Telusma, courtesy of thegrio.com; First posted on that site November 16

DISTRACTION! DISTRACTION! DISTRAC-TION!" someone else posted in cap locks I found so offensive, I unfollowed them on sight.

And without even thinking about it, I texted my friend "Ok, so who peed in everyone's Koolaid this morning?"

It seems like while I slept, 70% of my social media timeline had a secret town hall meeting where they all decided that Paris wasn't a place that deserved our sympathy. Instead, it was apparently decreed that thanks to all the antics the French government has pulled over the centuries - and because many Americans associate that country with whiteness and privilege — if you showed any shred of human compassion to those murdered or traumatized in the Paris attacks, you were not just an idiot but also not "woke."

Immediately, I found myself annoyed and wishing I could throw my laptop out the window.

How could this many people be that narrow-minded? It was like some sort of temporary insanity had taken over folks whose varied opinions and views I usually respected. And from what I heard from a few other weirded out friends, that sentiment was spreading all over the internet like a cold blooded chain letter, "If you don't write at least three posts saying you don't care about Paris your black card and your American citizenship will be revoked. #Hotep #Pyramids #StayWoke"

If this is what "woke" looks like, I must be sound

We do all know that it's possible to be upset about multiple human tragedies at once, right? How did showing basic kindness turn into an affront to the black commu-

For example, I can be sad about Paris, advocate for Black Lives Matter, and be annoyed the lady who does my eyebrows is off today... all at the same time. And I'm guessing most other folks can multi-task as well.

To those who got bitten by the anti-compassion virus this weekend, I have one question.

What is the true intention of all these Oppression Olympics posts where one set of tragedy victims is pitted against the other like a broke man's rendition of 'The Hunger Games'?

What exactly is your point? Assuming you all have

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St. Mark AME church auxillary holds Annual Bazaar

Members of the St. Mark AME Church's Geraldine Bradford Women's Missionary Society pose with vendors at their Annual Fall Bazaar, which took place this past Saturday. The event featured 19 local vendors who offered a variety of unique and creative products including homemade soaps and spa products, homemade jams and jellies, made-to-order greeting cards and scrapbooking kits, cosmetics, jewelry, purses, Christmas decorations, crotched items and an author with her books. The bazaar also offered an array of delicious baked items, food, photos with Santa, informational sessions and a thrift shop. A portion of the proceeds are used to support local, national and international Women's Missionary Society projects.--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

U.S. Muslims face backlash after Paris attacks

Article courtesy of the Associated Press via "The Rundown"

Muslims around the U.S. are facing backlash, including vandalism to mosques and Islamic centers, hate-filled phone and online messages and threats of violence.

Advocacy leaders say they have come to expect some anti-Muslim sentiment following such attacks, but they now see a spike that seems notable, stirred by anti-Muslim sentiment in the media.

"The picture is getting increasingly bleak," said Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Washington, D.C.based Council on American-Islamic Relations. "There's been an accumulation of anti-Islamic rhetoric in our lives and that I think has triggered these overt acts of violence and vandalism."

He said the rise in the level of anti-Muslim sentiment is reflected by some GOP presidential candidates, governors and others speaking out in opposition to the U.S. accepting more Syrian refugees.

Hooper said the council is seeing an increase in anti-Muslim incidents since Friday's attacks in Paris that killed 129 people and wounded more than 350.

Muslim leaders also have reported recent vandalism, threats and other hate crimes targeting mosques in Nebraska, Florida, Texas, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio, New York and other states.

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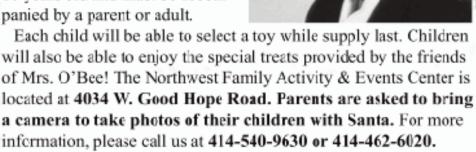
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Family Activity & Events Center will host its annual Mrs. O'Bee's Toy House on Sunday, December 13, from 1-3PM.

This event is open to children 2-10 years old and must be accompanied by a parent or adult.





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MCJ SPORTS After hard loss to Pacers, Bucks come roaring back



Riverside student signs letter of intent with **University of Wisconsin**

Milwaukee Community Journal Account Representative Jimmy Johnson'S first cousin, former Milwaukee Madison-Marquette Basketball Player Kevin Johnson's daughter, Alona Johnson, a Senior guard with Milwaukee Riverside University (she was a freshman player of that school's state championship team) recently signed a letter of intent to attend UW-Madison and play with their women's basketball team.Pictured above, from left to right: Mother (Kenyatta Johnson), Alona Johnson, and Father (Kevin Johnson)

Bucks come roaring back to beat the Detroit Pistons at the BC





and Aron Bayn



Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." -Tim Notke

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Presidential Award for Educators from President Clinton, is healthy, working for a university, and very supportive of her daughters desires to improve Milwaukee County. It is obscenely offensive for Mr. Bice to have attempted to describe her mother in a negative light as well.

Bice made an arrogant and sexist attempt to question her health, but you cannot question her ability to lead the District Attorney's office in a manner that will build new relationships, bring in new technology, develop effective programs, and thereby reduce crime in Milwaukee County.

The question of Attorney Swanigan's health has been answered, but the question of what effective efforts have the current District Attorney performed still stands.

Bice attempts to minimize the problems at the District Attorney's office by focusing on the "long running John Doe investigations", "the handling of the Hamilton case," and "others involving Milwaukee police. However, he fails to mention as the Milwaukee Journal has mentioned in

the past issues such as criminal case evidence missing as a result of a failure to have a back-up system. The Journal described that "As of February, all recordings made after

Jan. 2, 2015, were accessible, but recordings made before then were not

Further, there have been multiple concerns with the District Attorney's office of high risk criminals bailing out on no or minimal bail without any supervision or conditions of bail.

For example, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported on August 11,

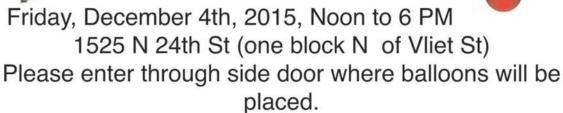
2015 that a defendant accused of a double killing and wounding three others in Milwaukee was allowed to sign himself out on bail, despite the growing problem of the murder rate in Milwaukee County. In another case, on October 14, 2015 the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that a 15 year old boy was raped by gun point in Brown Deer, and

then had twenty dollars thrown at him to keep his silence, but the defendant was allowed to bail out with no real conditions to protect the community or the young man for a mere \$5000 dollars. These are the things that Attorney Swanigan as your Milwaukee County

District Attorney plans to change in order to effectively to protect everyone in Milwaukee County.

Accordingly, a vote for Verona Swanigan for District Attorney is a vote towards safety, security, and crime prevention. -- This letter was drafter and authorized by "Friends of Swanigan," Treasurer Eddie V. Anthony, Dated 11/19/2015

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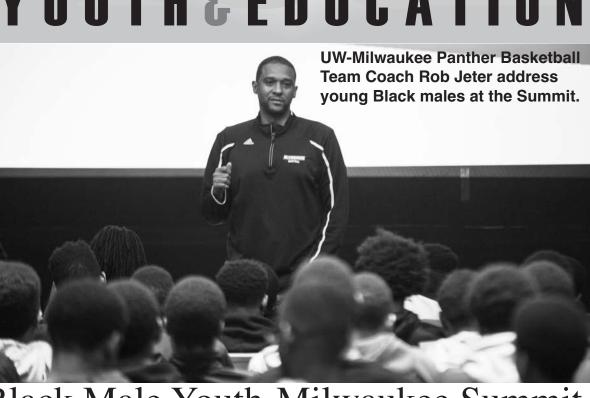


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The Milwaukee Community Journal November 25, 2015 Page 6 YOUTHEEDUCATION **UW-Milwaukee Panther Basketball Team Coach Rob Jeter address**



Black Male Youth-Milwaukee Summit shows options for young Black men

Talking is fine, but actions are even more important.

That's why hope, aspirations and options for young black men are on the agenda of the annual Black Male Youth-Milwaukee Summit at UWM, Dec. 15-16.

The event will bring approximately 400 African-American middle and high school students and their teachers and mentors to UWM. Tuesday's sessions are geared to the middle school groups; Wednesday's to high school stu-

Education is important to the fu-



ture of these young men, said Gary summit. "We want to make clear Williams, director of the Black

that these young men have options Cultural Center at UWM and one and opportunities, whether they of the coordinators of the 2015 come to UWM or MATC or

WCTC, there's a place for them in higher education."

Schools and organizations from all over southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois will bring in young men from their communities for a day of workshops and presentations on topics ranging from higher education to career opportunities to money management. The theme this year is Knowledge + Power + Perseverance = Success.

"We want to open these young men's eyes to what they can aspire to and introduce them to role models who are men of achievement at the university and in the community," added Williams, who also is an associate professor in the School of Education at UWM.

The event grew out of a 2012 meeting, called "Saving Black Boys," that Williams organized in response to the need for community discussion on the challenges facing young African-American men. That event, which gave the young men a chance to make their voices heard, was expected to attract around 50 people. Instead, more

than 200 showed up.

Following that experience, a group of UWM faculty, academic staff and community leaders formed the African American Male Initiative (AAMI), which organizes the now-annual Black Male Youth-Milwaukee Summit. The summit drew 300 participants in 2013; around 1,000 young men are expected to attend this year. "We will have a lot of energy in the building," Williams said.

Teachers, mentors and leaders from community organizations also get a chance to meet and network with colleagues in between presentations and sessions focused on evidence-based research on programs that can help young black men succeed despite poverty, racism and other obstacles.

"We know the environment that many of them come from, but we want to help them learn how to maneuver within that environment and succeed," Williams explained. "We want to help them look at their strengths and develop skills that will carry them through education

and life." Seeing role models who are like them is just as important to the youth attending the summit as the presentations are, Williams added "They see staff members, but also leaders from the Urban Forum, the NAACP, Northwestern Mutual business leaders, politicians, the black Greek fraternities, professionals from the trades like plumbers and electricians."

Listening to what the young men have to say and discussing the issues important to them is a summit priority, but organizers also want to focus on solutions, Williams said.

Schools like Chicago's Urban Academy, which serves young black men from low-income areas. have a 100-percent graduation rate for the past three years, demonstrating what is possible.

"These young men have the energy to succeed beyond belief. We need to make sure our expectations of them are high enough. We can set the bar high, but with guidance and support, they can surprise us and themselves."



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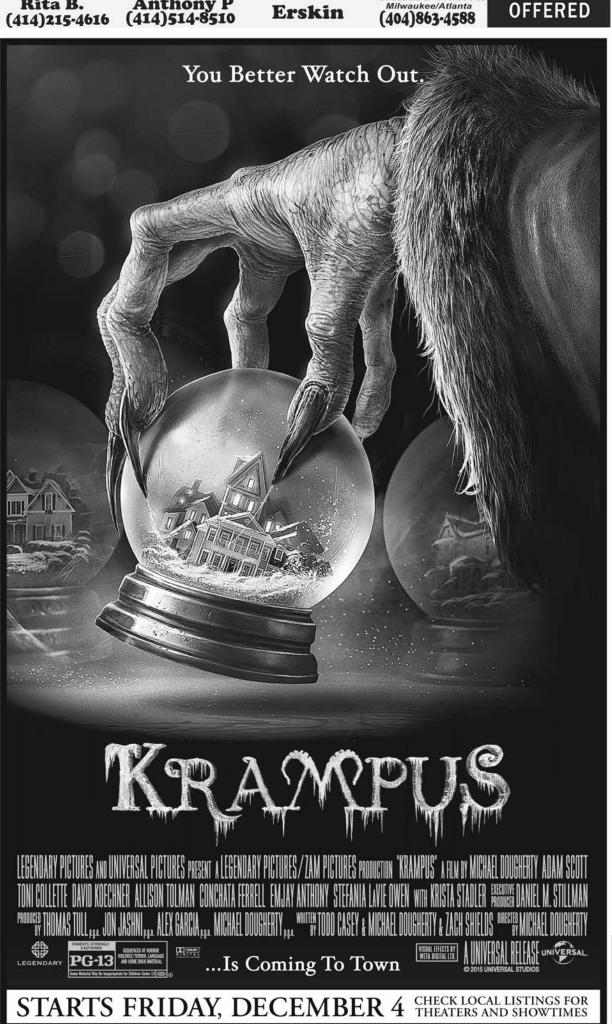
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Stop the Oppression Olympics: We can grieve Paris and care about Black tragedies too

Because if there is anyone who knows about the disparities between how the world treats first world folks versus those of us from developing countries (i.e. "third world") — it's me. France very specifically did some super foul things to my people in Haiti. Deeply messed up things that we're still paying for. My countrymen's heartache at the hands of the French government is leg-

And yet I can still be like, "Damn, innocent humans dying is sad." There is no conflict of interest there. And be clear, there are a ton of black folks in Paris. So again — NO CONFLICT. If Black Lives Matter, I would hope that includes even the ones with foreign passports. Oui?

Now don't get me wrong, I get where the general frustration stems from. There is a real inequity that needs to be addressed here. So if you want to side-eye the mainstream media for showing a clear tragedy bias, that's justi-

There are many other less esteemed countries who experience bloodshed every day — who don't get even half the coverage France has gotten the last 48 hours. There are places equally deserving of flag filters on Facebook and global outcry who are met with silence.

But attacking your timeline (you know — your friends) for acknowledging the loss of a human life doesn't make you conscious. It just makes you look self-righteous and judgmental. We're all adults here, and those snarky, "Let

me tell you why we're dumb for caring about France" posts are exhausting.

Ya'll have made me good and tired this weekend!

If you want to share knowledge and provide historical and political context to this news story, that is wonderful and totally your right. However, as someone who was supposed to physically be in Paris this week — I don't have the luxury of seeing this as just a "media distraction" that happened to an abstract

Had I stuck to my plans, I could have been injured over there, while people on Facebook tried to tell my loved ones that my trauma didn't count because I wasn't smart enough to get attacked on American soil.

I see no integrity in that stance.

Did any of you posting those scathing posts about the "sillyness" of our grief ever stop to think about what it would feel like if someone you cared about got blown up at a concert hall by extremists?

And in that glaring oversight lies the biggest flaw of playing Oppression Olympics; it ironically causes people who claim to want social justice and equality to create a counter caste system where the lives of all oppressed people are judged solely on the "weight" of their struggles — therefore marginalizing everyone even further.

The Oppression Olympics semi-finals usually sound like:

Oh you're a woman? That sucks. But not as bad as being a black woman

Oh you're a black woman. That sucks. But not as bad as being a black les-

Oh you're a black lesbian who witnessed a mass murder in Paris? That

Too bad it didn't happen in Ferguson though.

When does it end?

When is the loss of a life allowed to universally be seen as a bad thing without us all clamoring to take away its merit? How is this different from what we complain about what white supremacists are doing? They think some lives matter more than others. And according to some of your posts — many of you are (perhaps unintentionally) implying the same thing.

The true irony of all this is: using #PrayersForParis and this moment of grief as an excuse to undermine that tragedy and talk about other stuff... isn't that different from yelling "ALL Lives Matter," during a "Black Lives Matter" The same argument applies. Making someone else's tragedy about you is

never a good look. Telling someone they don't have the right to their pain is never a good look. Pitting victims against other victims just to win an argument (say it with me now) - IS NEVER A GOOD LOOK.

Be mad at the system. Be mad at corrupt governments, corporations, or even the media for their blatantly inequitable coverage.

But as people, real flesh and blood people dealing with the horror of the last few days, show some humanity and let them grieve.

Author's Note: Putting things in perspective is not Oppression Olympics For those who have done that — without casting judgment on others for showing compassion — I applaud you. To those who haven't managed to show that level of restraint, I have a piece of advice: before you check anyone else, make sure you're not mimicking the behavior of your oppressor.

CLASSIFIEDS/LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY Case No. 15FA006434 Divorce-40101

We can all agree that is wrong.

In Re: The marriage of: JOSEPH B HARRIS Petitioner and Respondent: DOROTHY L HARRIS

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

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th St Rm 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and to JOSEPH B HARRIS 1406 W Mineral Room 6 Milwaukee WI 53204

It is recommended, but not required that you have an attorney help or rep-

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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:

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- Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
- The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement

(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: 11-9-2015 BY: JOSEPH B HARRIS 015-012/11-20-27/12-4-2015

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY Case No. 15FA006757 Divorce-40101

In Re: The marriage of: HILLIS ACK-ERMAN Petitioner and Respondent: ANTOINE M ACKERMAN

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Date: 11-6-2015 BY: HILLIS ACKERMAN 015-010/11-13-20-27-2015

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 15CV009254

In the matter of the name change of: JEAN SHAWATHA DAVIS-MALLETT By (Petitioner) JEAN SHAWATHA DAVIS-MALLETT

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above From: JEAN SHAWATHA DAVIS MALLETT To: JEAN SHAWATHA MALLETT Birth Certificate: JEAN SHAWATHA DAVIS

IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State Judge's Name: HON. DENNIS P MO

RONEY ROOM 413 PLACE: 901 N 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233 DATE: December 15, 2015 TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given

by publication as a Class 3 notice fo three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspape published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 11-12-2015 BY THE COURT: HON. DENNIS P MORONEY

Circuit Court Judge

015-011/11-13-20-27-2015

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