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A Post-Thanksgiving Tradition Continues... Sorority, Christian Business Organization Cotillians Introduce the Best and Brightest to the Community

PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

Question and Photos
by Yvonne Kemp

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

We asked the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles at the 2015 Christian Business and Professional Alliance: "What are some of the advantages your daughter, granddaughter, or niece will receive being a debutante?"

RALPH WILLIAMS (father of Debutante **Shelby Williams**): "(It) will have the advantage of being a respectable young lady and to go on into life as a young Christian lady. I love her very much and I am very proud of my daughter."

PASTOR AARON ROBBINS (uncle of Debutante **Gera Robbins**): "She will have the experience to grow spiritually and mature through the various activities. Each activity will expose her to new things, building upon her future goals and current successes."

SHAMICKA GOVAN (mother of Debutante **Diamond Govan**): "The advantages of my daughter being a part of the cotillion is her having a chance to meet other Christian young women. She can understand the importance of being a Christian Woman and be able to walk in good character and integrity."

PATRICIA CHISOM (grandmother of 2014 Miss Debutante **Jonese Chisom**): "This is my fourth granddaughter that has participated in the Christian Debutante Cotillion. With Jonese being the reigning 2014 Miss Debutante, one of the many advantages is receiving a scholarship. The young ladies are given life long opportunities to experience; being a team player, bonding in a positive sister-hood, enhanced social skills. The girls are required to work on writing and needed speaking skills which will be useful in college and future endeavors."



Shelby Williams, the Christian Business and Professional Alliance Miss Debutante for 2015 (at the front wearing crown) poses with her escort and other debutantes and escorts after the Alliance's 35th annual cotillion held in the Grand Ballroom of the Milwaukee Hilton. --Photo by Yvonne Kemp



Taylor Alexandria Beamon (seated in the center) was crowned Miss Debutante for 2015 during the 42nd annual Cotillion sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Kappa Omega Chapter; and the Pauline Redmond Coggs Foundation, Inc. The AKA cotillion was held at the Pfister Hotel. The photo was taken before the event.--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

Milwaukeean BRITTANI ALSTON crowned Miss Black Wisconsin USA

She will represent state at 2016 Miss Black USA Pageant

Compiled by MCJ Staff

Milwaukee native Brittani Alston has been selected to represent Wisconsin in the 2016 Miss Black USA Scholarship Pageant, which will be held Aug. 3-8 in Washington, D.C.

As Miss Black Wisconsin USA, Alston will be among a select group

of young Black women to compete for a \$5,000 academic scholarship, a trip to Africa courtesy of Arik International Airways, and serve as a celebrity advocate for the Heart Truth Campaign to raise awareness of heart disease, the leading cause of death of women in the United States.

No Wisconsin pageant was held this year, Alston said. "I went through a rigorous interview process at the beginning of November and was selected and offered the title by the Miss Black USA recruitment team."

Alston said she saw a need to represent her home state in the pageant in order to address what she sees as an opportunity gap in the community.

Alston added she is also participating in the Miss Black USA Scholarship Pageant in order to gain more personal experience, spread the awareness of the pageant and, hopefully, implement a state pageant with the help of the national organization in the near future.

Alston's platform as the pageant's Wisconsin representative is "Embrace, Engage, Empower: Creating Opportunities for Our Children." She wants to promote to young students the idea of using art to constructively express their concerns with societal issues and promote young entrepreneurship. Alston will promote her platform throughout the state during her reign.

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"Black Friday Night" Vendor Event at WAAWC

Vendors (like the two young ladies pictured at right selling their wares), entertainment and opportunities were plentiful at the "Black Friday Night" event held the day after Thanksgiving at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center (WAAWC), 3020 W. Vliet St.

From 5 p.m. until midnight, shoppers were able to pick from a plethora of holiday gift items from craftspersons and those who offer services shoppers were looking for.

A similar post-Thanksgiving event was held earlier in the day at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society, 2620 W. Center



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The "Black Friday" events is part of a local and national effort being championed by the Nation of Islam and its "Justice or

Else" campaign of an economic boycott of holiday spending with non-Black business now until January 1. The Wisconsin Black Chamber of Com-

merce organized the "Black Friday" events with the focus being the empowerment of the Black business community. -- Photo by Yvonne Kemp



Ald. Willie Wade announces retirement at the end of term, Milwaukee County Sup. Khalif Rainey to run for seat

Wade at Gee's Clippers addressing the media after announcing he will step down at the end of his current term. (Photo: On Milwaukee.com)

Article courtesy of On Milwaukee.com

At a news conference gathered at Gee's Clippers, 4327 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Tuesday, 7th District Ald.

Willie Wade announced that he will not seek re-election to alderman and plans to step down from the Milwaukee Common Council after finishing his current term.

Wade was first elected to the Common Council in April 2003 during a special election. He served four terms as 7th District alderman, elected to his now final term in 2012.

He described his time served as alderman as, "a seriously wonderful experience," noting his work with the sewerage district as some of the things he felt most proud of accomplishing in the position.

Wade also said his family, and spending more time with them, was the main reason for stepping down from re-election.

"My family has taken a huge sacrifice," Wade explained. "When I

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Sup. Rainey



Rep. Mandela Barnes: "The opportunity is not there!"

Milwaukee

Democrat says

changes to FoodShare
program aren't working

By Bret Lemoine,
article courtesy of Fox6Now.com

State Rep. Mandela Barnes of Milwaukee says 2,700 Milwaukee residents are losing FoodShare (food stamp) benefits each month. He says that's a result of changes to the program that took effect in April. But supporters say the changes help to crack down on fraud.

The new rules require able-bodied, childless adults to work at least 80 hours a month or participate in a job-seeking program.

Rep. Barnes says a state program folks can be referred to in order to help them find work has a success rate of just 7%.

"The opportunity is not there," Rep. Barnes said.

Rep. Barnes says new statistics released about the state's FoodShare program paint a grim picture in Milwaukee.

"We're in the holiday season and unfortunately, we've seen over half of the people who receive their FoodShare benefits get cut off," Rep. Barnes said.

Barnes says the work requirement rule that impacted the FoodShare program in April hasn't been successful. He says only 7% in Milwaukee have found employment to keep their benefits, and 2,700 per month are being kicked out of the program.

Barnes says many in Milwaukee simply cannot find jobs.

"We're experiencing a lot of collateral damage -- a lot of people who have done nothing wrong except live in a place where the job opportunities are limited," Barnes said.

Barnes is calling on Governor Scott Walker to waive time limits for the FoodShare program. Currently, those who don't meet the requirements only get three months of benefits in a three-year period.

Supporters of the measures argue it not only cuts down on fraud -- but it also gets people to be less reliant on the government.

In a statement about the FoodShare program on his website, Rep. Mark

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Mandela Barnes

(pictured above)

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PERSPECTIVES

Just as Rosa Parks was tired of sitting on the back of the bus, it's time the community get tired of losing Black businesses

December 1, 1955. Sixty years ago, Rosa Parks refused to move further back on a Montgomery, Alabama bus and her decision is attributed to be the start of the Civil Rights Movement.

Only 42 years-of-age, born and raised in the era of Jim Crow or segregation, Mrs. Parks had moved to the Negro section of the bus for many years. Segregation was the Law. Blacks knew to drink from the "Colored" fountains. They went to Colored schools, went to the balcony at the movie theater and the back of restaurants to get their food.

There were no hotels to serve them, so many entertainers, family members and friends stayed with other family members or select homes whenever they traveled.

Some of us have known segregation. We've also known the injustices leading up the Civil Rights Movement, the deaths, the assaults, the many travesties associated with the struggle and the need for change for people of color.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a 26-year-old pastor, new to the Montgomery community became the leader, in partnership with Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Jointly, they began a boycott of the Montgomery buses that lasted 362 days...just short of one whole year. This action broke down the Jim Crow laws on public transportation.

Mrs. Parks often said: "People have said I refused to move that day because I was tired. The truth is that I was not physically tired, I was tired of moving back to the back of the bus".

The Civil Rights movement succeeded because the importance of one's dollar and using the strength of withholding your dollar, plus the power of numbers and a unified effort that makes change. Their theory worked. Read the history of the movement.

I think of the Martin family today, the founders and owners of LENA's Food Stores, as they keep their food business open, viable, and available to customers who frequent their stores.

Dispelling public relations associated with a rodent (when the weather began to change) photographed at one of their stores, is their request for a unified community effort, today.

That isolated occurrence, after years of employing; leading in the creation of new canned good products, and making competitive pricing a reality, should be remembered today.

Eliminating another urban desert

MCJ COMMENTARY

By Patricia O. Pattillo-MCJ Publisher



Photograph of Rosa Parks with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (ca. 1955)

could be lost if we permit convenience stores on multiple corners, for those who do not have automobiles or transportation. Access to more healthy choices, should not be lost in an unprecedented, unfortunate moment.

Big box grocers have come into the community and made smaller stores more vulnerable. What happens to the employees of smaller stores, if those stores are forced to go out of business?

What happens to Black business people who staked their lives, their families, their futures on the development of our community? Do we support Black business just because it is a Black business?

There are times when we must support Black businesses just because they are Black businesses...YES. For too long, Black businesses have gone into territories unproven and when they begin to make money larger businesses then follow. That's our money!

Yes, the big box stores often have more to offer in products; pennies cheaper sometimes. But if they can come in and close one of our own businesses, it means that another family will not have the opportunity to pass on that business.

Economics 101 teaches supply and demand. Economics 101 also teaches that the longer a business survives the more likely it is able to survive. And survival beyond five years is one of the strongest determinants of passing a business on to the second,

third and fourth generations. Therein lies autonomy within our community. Therein lies the ability to pass the business to the next generation. The Martins have a unique opportunity today. They can pass this business onto their next generation.

Bezelee and Lena Martin have retired, but their son Greg, a graduate of Morehouse College, has a unique opportunity to correct the problem and keep this business in the family and in the community.

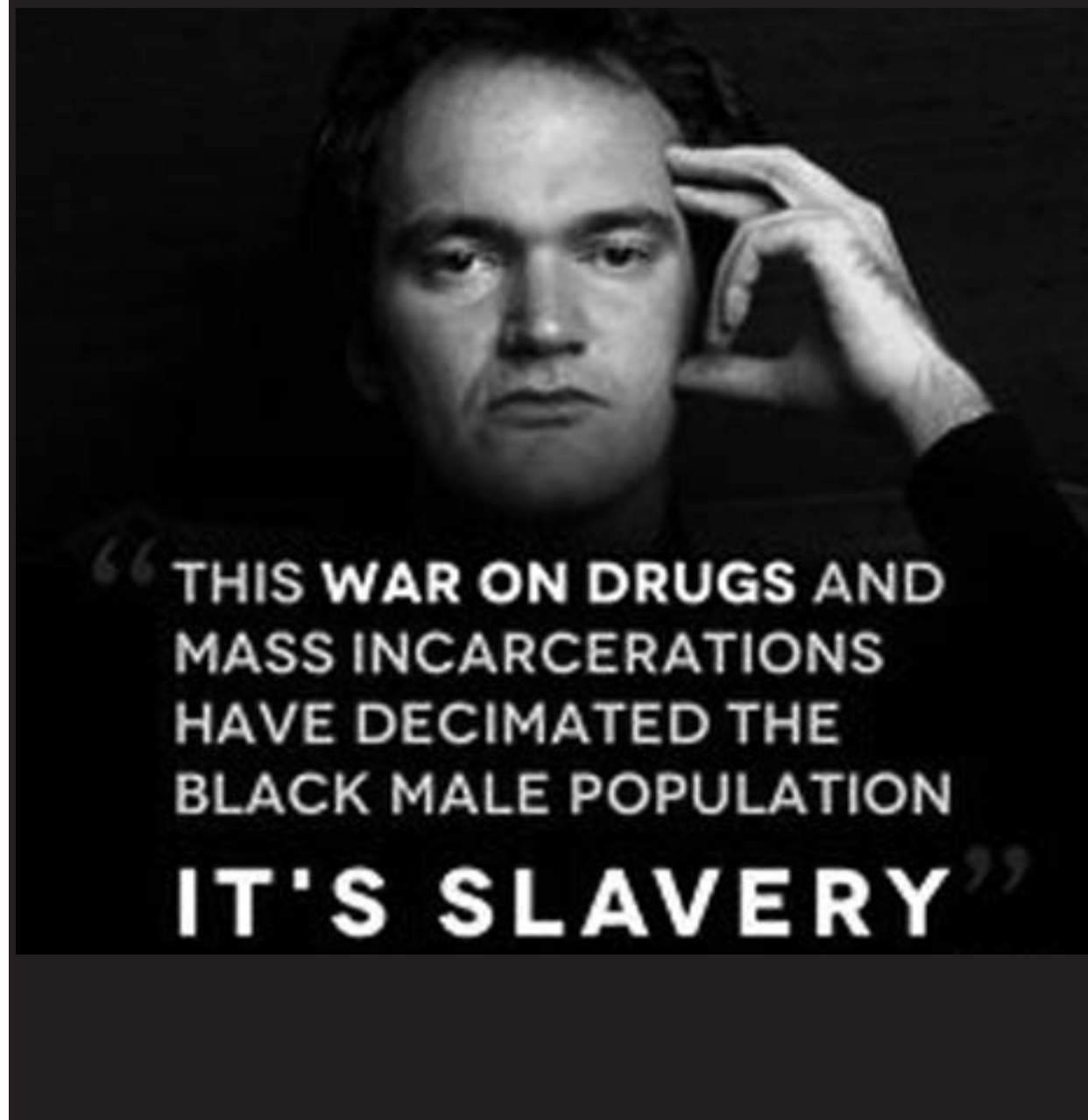
Greg Martin has rectified the crisis presented by the sudden weather change. He and his associates continue to make this store a viable option in the current grocery diaspora. And the family continues to hire, service, and offer good prices, even with the competition from the big box stores.

Like Rosa Parks who said: "I'm tired of going to the back of the bus. I pay the same thing as the persons sitting in the front of the bus," I think it is time for our community to say: "We are tired of losing Black businesses. And, we will not take it anymore!"

LENA'S has many of the products that we want, we like, and we want to keep them in the community.

We do not need more urban food deserts. And, we need to keep Black businesses in our community. Say NO is destroying another Black business. Say YES to LENA's....Get it right....Get it Straight...KEEP LENA'S for OUR COMMUNITY!!!!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“THIS WAR ON DRUGS AND MASS INCARCERATIONS HAVE DECIMATED THE BLACK MALE POPULATION IT'S SLAVERY”

How to compensate us for 500 years of lynchings, apartheid and prejudice

SIGNIFYIN'

Mikel Kwaku Osi Holt

I saw a posting on someone's Facebook page recently that posited America give Black citizens 5/3's (five-thirds) of a vote for the foreseeable future.

That proposition may sound confusing to the historically challenged and those who don't think African Americans are owed anything for 300 years of slavery and another 200 years of what I call "L.A.P." (Lynchings, Apartheid and Prejudice).

Actually, the more I thought about it, the more I concluded the proposition is worthy of serious debate. In fact, there are two other concessions that should also be put on the table.

But let's start with the 5/3 votes.

During the Continental Convention of 1787, representatives of the founding states spent more than a minute discussing whether African captives—AKA slaves—should be considered as part of the nation's first national census.

At stake was how their numbers would impact Congressional representation. If slaves were counted as full human beings, the balance of power would be concentrated with the southern states, where the overwhelming majority of African captives—aka slaves—were concentrated.

Intrinsic within the debate was whether African captives—aka slaves—were in fact "people," as opposed to "property." If they were the former, abolitionists argued, the American institution of slavery was not only illegal, but also immoral.

Conversely, if they were not "human," and thus were mere property, they shouldn't be counted in the census at

all, no more than "dogs, cows and mules," as one anti-slavery representative declared.

The compromise to come out of that debate was the "3/5" (three-fifth) clause, which allowed African captives—aka slaves—to be counted as "almost human."

Think about that. If the Civil War and 13th Amendments had not occurred, we would only have to pay 3/5's of our taxes. We could have gotten plane tickets for 3/5th of the full fare rate. Our men would only have to serve 3/5th of their prison terms. And those gangsta rap records would use the "N" and "B" words only 3/5th of the time.

Apartheid laws and anti-Black customs over the next century were rooted in the 3/5's clause to deny African captives—aka slaves—and even so-called Free Black Americans civil and human rights. The clause also cemented and justified White supremacy and privilege in the American cultural psyche.

So, if we were denied two-thirds of our freedom and humanity, why not make up for it today by providing us an extra vote or two, or 10,000, or 230,000,000?

Not being a greedy man, I would settle for an equitable electoral advantage for, say, the next 20-30 years.

And since less than half of eligible Black folks show up at the polls anyway, that makes my proposal a bargain.

As I see it, the Black electoral advantage would be a boon to White America as well. Look at what happened

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Message to the Community: Black Lives will Only Matter When the Black Vote Matters – Part III

Continued from last week's issue of the Milwaukee Courier:
Capitalists can profit off the misery of Black people.

If we examine the economic boom generated by the mass incarceration of Black people and follow the money, we will see how many people benefit.

Law enforcement, the courts, and the correction institutions have grown. The number of careers and the number of high paying jobs within these areas have quadrupled. Each one of these professions are supported by a higher education system that teaches and trains the workforce.

The explosion of crime fighters, lawyers, and correctional officers are now a big part of the American economy – for some of these towns they have swapped out agriculture for prisons.

Now, nearly everyone in the town works in prison. In addition, look at the number of jails, prisons, and courts, that must be built to accommodate the massive influx of contractors, architects, developers, financiers, and so many others are benefiting from the mass incarceration of Black men.

Yes, Black lives matter only when there is an economic benefit (i.e. mass incarceration).

Every year, more and more tax dollars are going towards the judicial system (police and enforcement, courts, and corrections) than any other part



of the government budget. It is estimated that it costs between \$40,000 and \$60,000 annually to house an inmate and this is only covering the basic necessities for living (i.e. food, clothing, and shelter).

Food contracts, clothing contracts, furniture contracts, health contracts and very lucrative and there are some businesses that feed solely off this industry (by the way they are doing well for themselves and their families).

While there are a number of businesses that benefit from these prisons, very little of the funds spent are used to rehabilitate and retrain those incarcerated. This is why nearly 75 percent of all those that are released return usually within a year.

In the example of mass incarceration, there are just too many people and private companies that stand to benefit from misery and absolute havoc that the mass incarceration is wreaking on the Black community. Making the agenda to keep things the way they are is easier and easier.

Restated, these economic gains that happen off the backs of our Black men can't change until we have an agenda equally as powerful as those that benefit. It reminds me of the economic windfall that slavery had on the world economy.

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RELIGION

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More photos from the 35th Annual 2015

Christian Business and Professional Alliance

Debutante Cotillion

The Milwaukee Hilton Grand Ballroom



Miss Debutante Jonesa Chishom
(standing center) with the 2015 Debs.



Debs perform dance routine



Flower girls, sub-debs, and
junior debs performing.



Debs performing dance
routine with their escorts

Photos by Yvonne Kemp

Second Sunday of Advent

The readings given us for this Sunday are: Baruch 5: 1-9; Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 1-6.

In spite of the evidence, followers of Jesus remain full of optimism and wild hope as we see everything through the lens of Jesus' Death and resurrection.

But that does not mean that we ignore reality and the great suffering and anguish our brothers and sisters go through everyday of their lives.

We are blessed with "wild hope" as we read the signs of the times and embrace the suffering and pain of so many today.

Baruch wrote his letter from Babylonia where he was in exile with Jeremiah. Scholars think around the year 150 B.C. Baruch, full of optimism, speaks to the people in Jerusalem: They are to be wrapped in the cloak of "justice." "For God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company."

So, out of exile and defeat, the people are given a new day to worship God in "the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." And they are doing this in the City of Peace, Jerusalem.

Luke picks up the optimism of Baruch. Hundreds of years after Baruch, John the Baptist, predicting a new day addresses his hearers with these hope-filled words from Isaiah: "A voice of one crying in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made



BREAD IN THE WILDERNESS

By Fr. Carl Diederichs,
All Saints Catholic Church

straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." John preached "wild hope."

Jesus is the object of John's "wild hope." Paul, in the passage from the Philippians for today says: "I am confident (wild hope) of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." For us, each day is the "day of Christ Jesus."

And each day ought to bring us closer to the "salvation of God." And this is not up there somewhere or over there or next year or may never.

No, the salvation of God is now. As baptized members of Christ, we have the honorable mission of making God's Kingdom, God's Culture, come here as it is in heaven.

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let's make real the prayer of Pope Francis: "Let the church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers (all of us) would be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error; let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God." Wild Hope! Wild Mercy!

Mrs. O'Bee's TOY HOUSE

The Northwest
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.

Each child will be able to select a toy while supply last. Children will also be able to enjoy the special treats provided by the friends of Mrs. O'Bee! The Northwest Family Activity & Events Center is located at **4034 W. Good Hope Road**. Parents are asked to bring a camera to take photos of their children with Santa. For more information, please call us at **414-540-9630 or 414-462-6020**.



SIGNIFYIN'

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when they implemented affirmative action. Before long, White women were the primary recipients of those programs, and later Hispanics and then “others” (whoever they are). When the smoke cleared, we were back at square one while others benefited.

Knowing what we know, we wouldn't waste our vote on some billionaire whose idea of national security is a data bank on all Muslims, which theoretically would be most Americans since Muslim means “he who submits to the will of God.”

Our extra votes would be streamlined towards politicians and policies that specifically address solutions for the myriad of concerns that impact people of color, here and abroad: Focus all resources on finding cures for diseases, remove non-democratic dictatorships, clean up the air, land, and water. No more aid to countries whose capitals whose names we can't pronounce to carry out wars.

Hire James Bond and the Avengers to eliminate all drug cartels.

End world poverty! Find other needs for the money spent making commercials of starving African children that air at two a.m.

The second item the country owes us is “40 acres and a mule.” Or in today's terms, and compounded annually, 10,000 acre lots in a warm climate and a Rolls Royce for every descendent of America's “peculiar institution.”

Actually, the mule was never promised, nor was the 40 acres. Instead, Civil War hero General William T. Sherman's “Order Number 15” called for freed slaves to be given a parcel of land, the size of a small state that included part of the Carolinas and Florida.

The land would have been taken from defeated Confederate plantation owners, meaning the order would have essentially undermined the system of neo-slavery that became the rule when politicians reneged on the promises of Reconstruction and instituted a system of apartheid instead.

But, imagine where we would be today if that “order” had materialized, if we had a self governing state, land and the wealth that it would have generated!

General Sherman made no bones about his proclamation, it represented compensation for our ancestors' enslavement, which is the third product I would put on the table: Reparations.

The call for reparations for our ancestors' enslavement and forced labor (not to mention their inhumane treatment, rape and murder) and systemic American apartheid that replaced it warranted compensation in the form of government and corporate reparations. Or to be more specific: “cash,” “dollars and cents,” “moola,” “dead presidents,” the “Big Benjamin's.”

The first recorded calls for reparations can be dated back to 1887 when former slaves presented Congress with petitions. They were laughed out of the White House (no pun intended), but that didn't stop them from resubmitting their righteous appeals dozens of times in subsequent years.

Dozens of Black organizations have advocated for reparations over the years, including the NAACP, United Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), started by Marcus Garvey, who led a “Back to Africa Movement” in the 1920s; to the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America, Black Farmers Associations and the Nation of Islam.

Not surprisingly, reparations have been granted to Japanese Americans who were put into concentration camps during WWII (German Americans didn't suffer the same fate, which speaks volumes about racism in America). Native Americans, who were targeted for extermination, were also compensated. But when the subject turned to people of a darker hue, the only thing we were given was advice: “Get over it!”

But the question won't go away, and has been kept alive not only by various organizations, but Black lawmakers like Rep. John Conyers, who has introduced legislation to study the matter.

Which raises the related question: Will a handful of “Benjamin's” make amends for the atrocities inflicted on our ancestors and the psychological harm that has been passed down from generation to generation?

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Milwaukee Alderwoman Milele Coggs holds a check for \$5,000 she received from the Our Power, Our Future-Milwaukee (OPOF-MKE) recently at the Sky Box Bar & Grill. Flanking Coggs are Rahim Islam of Universal Companies (on the left), and Mark Wade. Both Islam and Wade are two of three convenors of the OPOF-MKE, an organization focused on working with and supporting local elected officials committed to a Black community agenda. (Urban Media photo)

OPOF-MKE moves ahead immediately following launch

Just two weeks after launching, Our Power, Our Future-Milwaukee made its first major contribution of the spring election cycle during the Re-Election Campaign Kickoff for 6th District Alderwoman Milele Coggs, in the amount of \$5,000.

On November 17, Our Power, Our Future-Milwaukee held a launch event at SkyBox Bar & Grill in Milwaukee's historic Bronzeville District.

Community leaders from various sectors were present in support of the historic event. Our Power, Our Future-Milwaukee will consistently assist and support candidates and causes that seek to increase the quality of life for Black people in Milwaukee.

“When we launched OPOF we made a commitment to work with and support local elected officials that have demonstrated a desire and commitment to supporting a collaborative and team-driven agenda for the Black community,” said Rahim Islam, an Our Power, Our Future convenor. “Alderwoman Coggs is exactly the type of elected official who has shown a history of commitment to not just her district but the City of Milwaukee.”

Conduit funds allow constituents and community members to contribute funds and personally direct those funds to candidates running for local or state office. OPOF-MKE Conduit is essentially an advocacy vehicle that allows citizens to bundle contributions together so they have more impact.

In addition, the Our Power, Our Future movement has a PAC, and nonprofit Fund and Action arms that will amplify our ability to make change in the community.

If you are interested in making a contribution or requesting additional information please visit our website at www.ourpowerourfuture.com or email info@ourpowerourfuture.com.

Wade announces retirement at the end of term, Rainey to run for seat

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walked into this office, my daughter was five years old, and my son was one. My daughter will be 18 next month, and my son is 14, so they grew up with me as a leader in this community. And I'm sad to say that sometimes I've neglected some time that I needed to spend with them.

“So I need to capture that time before my daughter leaves for college and do some things family-oriented.”

Noting the oft-problematic issue of succession, Wade additionally put his support behind County Supervisor Khalif Rainey during the news conference.

“I accept the call to service, and I look forward to meeting with the neighbors of the seventh district,” Rainey said.

“I appreciate the support, confidence and belief that Alderman Willie Wade has in me, and I look forward to communicating and getting to know exactly what the needs are of the people in the seventh district.

“That being said, I hope you find me worthy, and I look forward to an exciting campaign.”

Milwaukee Democrat says changes to FoodShare program aren't working

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Born (R-Beaver Dam) says:

“We hear about the abuse and misuse within these programs frequently. It is important we make every effort to ensure benefits are allocated properly and serve their intended purpose of helping people in true times of need.”

Governor Walker's spokeswoman issued the following statement to FOX6 News:

“The entitlement reforms implemented in the 2013-15 budget included reforms to Wisconsin's FoodShare program to help childless adults transition into the workforce. This is part of our continued focus on moving

people from government dependence to true independence and ensuring they are workforce ready. No one will be kicked off the FoodShare program if they are actively participating in the FoodShare Employment and Training program or meeting the work requirement.

We encourage participation in the FoodShare Employment and Training Program as it helps increase opportunities for education, vocational training and active engagement in the workforce.

Governor Walker has invested over \$50 million combined in his last two budgets to support FSET and these training efforts.”

Candidate for Wade's seat comments on alderman's retirement

David DC Crowley, a candidate for District 7 Alderman, commented Wednesday on the retirement announcement Tuesday by Ald. Willie Wade.

“I want to thank Alderman Willie Wade for his years of service in the 7th District and the City of Milwaukee,” Crowley said in a statement. “I respect and commend Alderman Wade's decision to spend time with his family.

“Since becoming a candidate for Alderman in the 7th District, I've learned that it takes a great level of commitment and dedication to represent this district. In order to improve the quality of living for the residents of this district, we need elected officials who believe in being a champion on the issues that matter.

“I am dedicated to being the champion the 7th district needs and deserves. I am running in the 7th District to not only finish the work that has been started, but to create new initiatives that will benefit all residents. I'm committed to building upon our work at

Century City and finding an employer that is willing to create meaningful and sustainable jobs in the district. I will improve the city's outlook by investing in early childhood education that will create a better foundation of learning for our children before they attend school.

“I look forward to running an open and honest campaign, and being a servant leader to the people of the 7th District.”

Milwaukee native to represent state at 2016 Miss Black USA Pageant

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“My goal right now is to be the best Miss Black Wisconsin USA 2016 I can be and to do my best at the national competition,” Alston says in her gofundme profile. She's using the fundraising site to raise money for travel expenses to the national pageant, hotel accommodations for pageant week, souvenir advertisement magazine costs, official attire for appearances, service projects and pageant wear, and professional photos and public relations.

Alston is a graduate of Rufus King International High School, and a member of Holy Redeemer COGIC. She received her Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Music Merchandising at Lewis University. Alston is currently a student at Columbia College in Chicago where she is pursuing her Master's Degree in Arts Management with the hopes of starting a non-profit organization for young women in Milwaukee.

Miss Black USA is the nation's premier pageant for women of color. The non-profit organization, headquartered in Maryland, has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to its participants to date.

To help Alston in her quest to bring home the crown, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/MissBlackWIUSA2016>. You can also go to www.gofundme.com/missblackwis2016.

For bookings and appearances, Alston can be contacted at missblackwisconsinusa@gmail.com.

Volunteer income tax assistance program in need of matching funds

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, operated by the Social Development Commission (SDC) since the 2001/2002 tax season, has prepared and filed free tax returns for more than 162,800 low-to-middle income households in Milwaukee County. More than \$174 million has been returned to the Milwaukee economy through the program.

The grant, awarded by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), requires SDC to provide matching funds for VITA.

There is a current shortfall of \$40,000. Funds need to be secured by December 31 for the 2015/2016 season. SDC is asking for help from the community to raise matching funds.

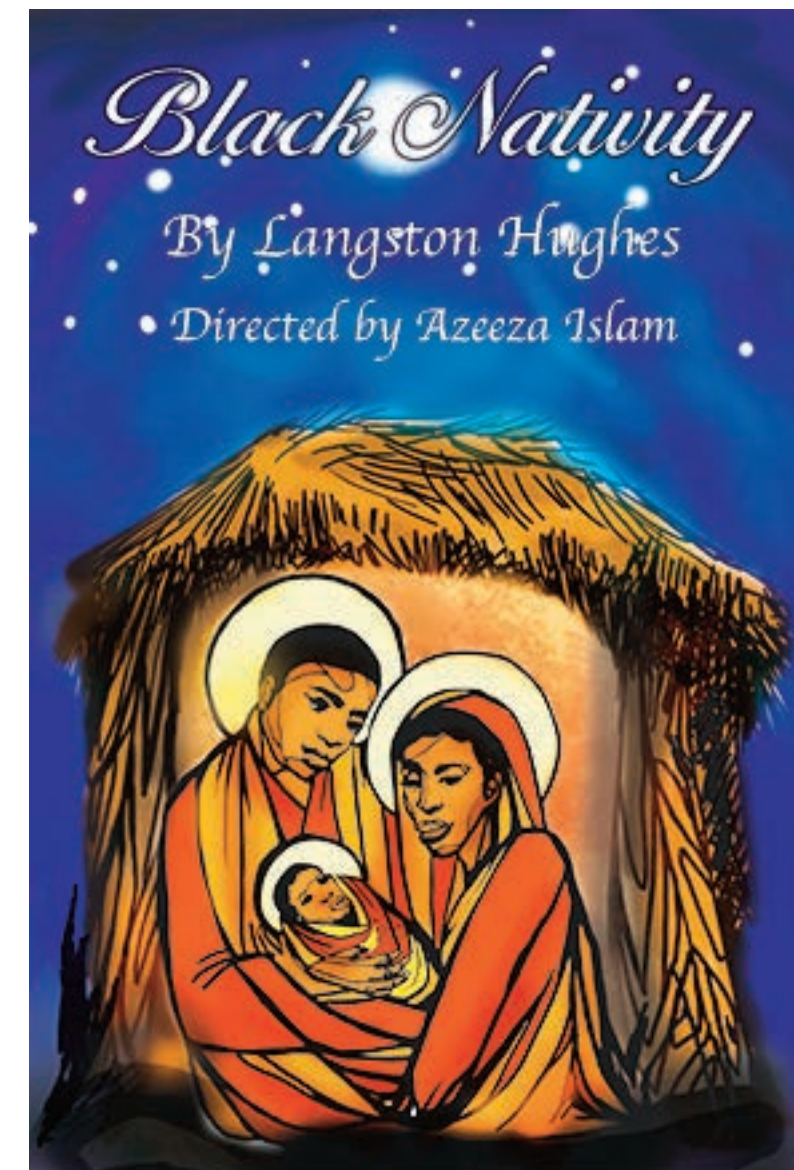
Tax preparation and filing is only one component of VITA. Clients served by the program have the opportunity to participate in financial workshops, meet with financial institutions to open new bank accounts, and are reconnected with the traditional banking community and their services. Hundreds of dollars can be saved by households partaking in VITA by using the free service instead of commercial tax preparation operators that often charge hundreds of dollars.

Donations are needed by organizations and individuals to support the operation of this valuable program that allows crucial dollars to stay within the household of low and middle-income individuals and families.

Those interested in making a donation to help the VITA program reach its goal, can click on the “Donate/Volunteer” tab at www.cr-sdc.org or can contact Social Development Foundation Manager LaToya Jones at 414.906.2823 or ljones@cr-sdc.org.

For more than 50 years, the Social Development Commission has operated as the Community Action Agency for Milwaukee County. SDC serves as a planner, coordinator, and provider of human service programs for low-income individuals and families residing in Milwaukee County.

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How Planning for Year-End Moves you ahead into the New Year

How Planning for Year-End Moves you ahead into the New Year Planning is needed in every aspect of our lives and should be viewed as a necessity. We often say, "I plan to do it", but never take action on establishing steps. There is always so much to do, that proper planning can be ignored.

There is no reason to not make planning a part of your routine. Will you say "I have too much money, I don't need to plan" or, "I don't have enough money, how can I plan?" Neither scenario is true and all reasonable ages need to participate. You can get your five year old in the habit of planning simply by having a scheduled routine everyday – by doing this you're giving them a great foundation.

Get Excited About Planning Your Life Write it down – what a difference a few sheets of paper can make! It can get pretty exciting when you start to lay it out. Planning will give you more benefits than I can list both personally and professionally. It helps you to come up with strategies, instead of just letting things happen.

Creating a Plan Think about where you want to be in 5 years. Then what do you need to do in the first year to get started?



Lydia Beasley

Next scale back to what you need to do in the first month that will set you on the path to achieve your five year goal. Now, write it down! The key is to stay focused – if something happens to take you off the path, get back on it as soon as you can.

Business Planning When making plans for your business, be sure that the company's financial statements are reviewed at least quarterly and especially before year end. Be sure to review the company's business plan annually. Seek advice to make sure you have the correct type of business entity; find out where you stand compared to industry standards; determine if you

need to pay estimated taxes; are you correctly recording business transactions; do you have a retirement plan, etc.?

The Magic of Planning We all know that we need a plan, however, we also know that things don't always go "as planned." But, here is the magic of planning...when circumstances change, you are able to make adjustments much easier than just trying to stay afloat. Review, Reset and Move Forward!

Get Started Now Starting your plan now in preparation for the New Year, ensures that you will start 2013 in action! Begin with a simple outline and add levels as you discover more of your interests and goals. Don't just write it down, keep moving, keep watch over your plans and stay on the path.

Final Tips Conduct planning meetings for the 2012 year end and get maximum results by outlining your 2013-15 strategic plans. Contact professionals and mentors that you feel can assist you and offer guidance. Have an agenda, allow for honesty, take ownership, delegate, and be open. "Like" Brown-Beasley Accounting on Facebook, where we can continue this discussion.--**Lydia Beasley**

Word of Hope Ministries holds 9th annual Employer Breakfast

On Wednesday, November 18th, Word Of Hope Ministries held its 9th Annual Employer Breakfast to recognize the companies, agencies, and organizations who contribute to the development of its client base. The event turned out many employers including: Patrick Cudahy, FedEx, Next Door Foundation, and Heart-Love Place.

Special recognition was given to assisted-living facilities AttentaCare and Sky Residential, who were both recipients of a customized plaque that recognized them for hiring multiple WOHM clients throughout the year.

Distinguished guests of the morning included 15th District Alderman Russell Stamper II and Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board CEO Earl Buford. Stamper thanked Word Of Hope Ministries, Inc. President Bishop C.H. McClelland and his wife Vice-President Prentiss McClelland for being a pillar of the Milwaukee community for over 19 years.

He also recognized the employers present for providing employment opportunities for citizens of the district he serves. Earl Buford was not only the event's keynote speaker, but the recipient of a personalized trophy acknowledging his commitment to the mission of WOHM.

Mr. Buford's speech outlined the importance of keeping up with economic trends and preparing our workforce to do the same.

About Word of Hope Ministries: Word of Hope Ministries, Inc. is a faith-based community ministry created by Dr. C.H. McClelland who is the pastor of the Holy Cathedral Church of God in Christ. Word of Hope Ministries, Inc. (Word of Hope) was established at its current location at 2677 North 40th Street in Milwaukee in 1996. The main objective of Word of Hope is to "Effect a social transformation so that lives are spiritually empowered and humanized." Though the main purpose is to provide spiritual empowerment, Word of Hope realizes that its message is more readily accepted when it takes an active role in bringing social and economic change to the res-



Bishop C.H. McClelland, President of Word Of Hope Ministries, Inc. pictured here with Earl Buford (left), CEO of Milwaukee Area Workforce Board and Russell Stamper II (right), Alderman of the 15th District. Buford was presented a trophy for his assistance with WOHM programs and initiatives at their 9th Annual Employer Breakfast on November 18th.idents of the Sherman Park and surrounding communities. A faith-based community ministry now in its 13th year of operation. Word of Hope provides a range of services in our resource and technology centers that

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New National Museum Allows African-Americans to Trace Roots

By Erika Whitehead
Howard University News Service

WASHINGTON -- Thom Reed sits in front of a computer day after day in Salt Lake City, Utah, researching name after name of former slaves, names that date back to just before the 13th Amendment that ended slavery.

It is a late weekday evening, and Reed is drowsy as he flicks through each name, searching for a glimmer of where his ancestors may have come from, as well as the distant relatives of millions of other African Americans.

He and others hope that Africans and African Americans across the globe will be able ultimately to use his work to discover in a matter of minutes what he is painstakingly trying to retrieve from one of the few bright lights in perhaps the darkest chapter in the nation's history.

Reed, the senior marketing manager at FamilySearch International, is one of thousands working on the Freedmen's Bureau Project, an ambitious collaboration to index millions of records from the Freedmen's Bureau, which was established during the Civil War to help freed slaves.

The other partners include the Smithsonian's National Museum of African-American History and Culture, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society and the California African American Museum.

When the project is complete, it will allow people to access four million indexed records of slaves, which will help trace the ancestry of the African American race.

Currently 10,200 volunteers are extracting raw record information about freed slaves, indexing the records to make them available to the public.

There have been over 440,800 records indexed thus far, officials said. Reed, one of the leaders on the effort, said the goal is to have all four million records indexed in conjunction with the opening of the National Museum of African-American History and Culture, which opens in fall 2016.

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Probably not. The wounds of slavery are too deep for a superficial ointment to cure. But then again, cash makes a good Band-Aid.

But, how big of a Band Aid?

Some folks far wiser than I have put the figure at \$8,000,000,000,000, which breaks down to a miserly \$200,000 per African American.

Some suggest giving money to poor people will not really benefit them, but corporations like General Motors, Rolex and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

I won't even deal with that theory, and maybe I shouldn't continue this column because most of you know my theories are rooted in wishful thinking, with no basis in reality.

But if nothing else, the road I just led you on is paved with historical fact. And knowledge of where we came from and how we got to this point is as profitable as gold.

family, hitting that brick wall. I can trace my lineage through my great grandfather, Thom Baynes, from years ago, but never knew anything about him."

The Freedmen's Bureau was created near the end of the Civil War to assist newly freed slaves in 15 states and the District of Columbia. From 1865 to 1872, the bureau opened schools, hospitals, provided food and clothing and solemnized marriages.

Sherri Camp, vice president of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, said the records reveal a treasure of information.

"The Freedmen's Bureau gives us actual dialogue, actual letters, actual handwriting, actual stories of African-Americans and what they experienced during this time period," Camp said. "The reason why the Freedmen's Bureau was so important during this time was because it was a bridge between slavery and free-

they are and have a sense of direction," she said.

"Once they have that, they have a sense of purpose, and they can begin to move in their lives with more power than they've had in the past. That I think is one of the major things that will change the trajectory of our youth.

"Some of our young people don't know what slavery is. So, knowing their history, knowing their family history, knowing there are people who went through this and survived, will change how they feel about themselves even."

Camp also has searched her family's history.

"I've been doing genealogy for 28 years now," she said. "When I first started, I hardly knew anything about my family. When I began researching, finding my slave ancestors, to me, was impossible. In fact, I've only found three, so far, of my slave an-



Reed addressing gathering on indexing the records of the Freedman's Bureau. --HUNS photo dom."

Camp said she believes the information will be particularly helpful to young people.

"We may not be able to have our history properly displayed in textbooks or in schools, but if we are researching out heritage and sharing this with others, young people have the opportunity now to know who

cestors. What the Freedmen's Bureau records mean to me, is the opportunity to find my family, which seemed improbable before."

For more about the project, visit <http://www.discoverfreedmen.org/>

The Milwaukee Public Museum's Streets of Old Milwaukee to Reopen on December 11

The Milwaukee Public Museum's (MPM) Streets of Old Milwaukee (Streets) exhibit, presented by the Rexnord Foundation, will reopen after a 4 month closure on Friday, December 11. Streets has been closed to the public while undergoing a renovation and reimagination process in celebration of its 50th anniversary.

"Rexnord is proud of our long standing relationship with the Milwaukee Public Museum," said Todd Adams, Rexnord President and CEO. "As a tribute to our legacy as a community oriented, Milwaukee based company, the Rexnord Foundation is proud to be the presenting sponsor for the reimaged Streets of Old Milwaukee."

Streets was originally opened in January 1965 and designed by former Exhibit Director Edward Green. Green, and then-Director Stephen Borhegyi, created one of the first walk-through dioramas in the world, transporting the visitor back to a fall evening in Milwaukee at the turn of the 19th century. It was an immediate hit and continues to be the most visited spot in the Museum. MPM's current exhibits team, led by Director of Exhibits and Graphics Julian Jackson, raised the bar even furtherer by incorporating themed storytelling and a heightened sensory experience to give the visitor a different perspective on every visit.

"Streets is certainly the most beloved exhibit in Milwaukee, possibly even in all of Wisconsin," said Dennis Kois, President and CEO, MPM. "When we announced the reimagination, there was both anticipation and even a bit of worry that Streets would change too much. We're very excited to unveil the enhancements to the public, some of which they clamored for and others that will be a surprise. Milwaukee's going to fall in love with Streets all over again."

Streets will be entered via a new life-sized street car that, through clever use of technology, will take the visitor on a journey back in time to Milwaukee's yesteryear. They will exit into a new courtyard highlighting some of Milwaukee's industrialized businesses, like the Falk Company, North Side Lumber and even a streetcar garage.

After leaving the courtyard, the walk to Granny's house seems familiar, but there are many new sights to see and even touch! New historical artifacts are displayed in some of your favorite shop windows, kids and adults alike will want to climb on top of the high-wheel bicycle and you may even catch a glimpse of what goes on behind the doors of the Pfister Hotel. Don't forget to take in a show at the nickelodeon theater, which will be playing popular cinema treats from the past every day.

"Choosing the new objects for Streets was a lot of fun," said Al Muchka, Curator of History Collections/Senior Collections Manager, Milwaukee Public Museum. "Technology may be how we reach them, but as a historian, bringing the past to life still centers on the objects that the public can see, hear or touch. Every selection, from items in the store fronts to the movies playing at the nickelodeon, was made to tie into the themes that were important to the people of the time as well as Milwaukeeans today."

Further down the cobblestones, visitors will get to eavesdrop on the goings on in the lives of Streets residents as they walk by the saloon, barbershop or pick up the phone in the general store. For those looking to immerse themselves even further, smartphone users can download a free app and pick a Streets resident to be your tour guide or even go on a choose your own adventure expedition.

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(Photo on far left): Hanif Cheatham of Marquette goes up for a layup during game over Jackson State. (Middle photo): Golden Eagle's Henry Ellenson, from Rice Lake, WI, goes up for an easy two points. (Far right photo): Duane Wilson going in for a basket against Jackson State's Raeford Worsham. (Photos by Bill Tennesen)

RECYCLE THE BLACK DOLLAR EXPO IS SATURDAY

ALDERWOMAN MILELE A. COGGS will be participating in the Recycle the Black Dollar (RTB\$) Expo from 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF CHIC CAFÉ, 770 N. JEFFERSON ST.

The mission of the event is to encourage attendees to support Black businesses. The ultimate goal of the RTB\$ expo is to ensure that everyone has at least one Christmas gift purchased from a Black-owned business under their tree this holiday season.

The Recycle the Black Dollar Expo will feature several workshops, including a POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DISCUSSION WITH ALDERWOMAN COGGS AND ALDERMAN WILLIE WADE ALONG WITH OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM 12:00-1:00 P.M. Other offerings include a financial tips workshop sponsored by BMO Harris Bank and a fashion segment featuring several local boutiques.

Official sponsors for the event include Chic Café, PMI Business Group, Luminocity, BMO Harris Bank, The Alternative, and the African American Chamber of Commerce.

Alderman Coggs encourages residents to attend the Recycle the Black Dollar Expo in order to become financially empowered and support businesses throughout the community: "We must be sure to support Black-owned businesses because they help to improve our community by circulating the dollar throughout and providing employment opportunities."

Streets of Old Milwaukee to Reopen on December 11

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Like the new objects and movies playing in the nickelodeon, the soundscapes and Streets resident guides are also tied into the themed storytelling.

These themes, app tour guides, movies, soundscapes and even some objects will change, refreshing the exhibit with a new perspective, twice a year. Starting on December 11, visitors will learn more about entertainment in Milwaukee through the eyes of a cakewalk dancer, a socialite or a vaudevillian depending on which character they choose. The app is available for both iOS and Android users. Visitors can choose to bring ear buds to listen to their guide with or read the text of the tour on their phone. Ear buds will also be available in the MPM Market place for \$3.99 plus tax.

"The app is one of the ways that technology is helping us to tell a multitude of stories," said Julian Jackson. "Prior to this technology, we were limited with what we could do. The app allows us to change perspectives, from people to important events going on in Milwaukee, and give the visitor a new experience every time they come back to the Streets of Old Milwaukee."

Old favorites have also been revitalized; use the now-working water pump, experience the flashes from the photography studio or peek inside Streets most common misidentified artifact to never again wonder what it is

(hint: it's not a telephone booth). The delicious scents coming from the bakery may make your stomach growl, leaving you rushing toward the Haymarket for a sweet treat, but don't forget to step inside the General Store. Yes, for the first time, visitors can go inside the General Store to see what items were being sold instead of pushing their face up against the window for a closer look.

Discover all of these – and other new secrets – when Streets reopens on December 11. Streets of Old Milwaukee is included with general admission. For more information on Streets, go to www.mpm.edu/streets.

About the Milwaukee Public Museum

The Milwaukee Public Museum is a natural and human history museum located in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The museum was chartered in 1882 and opened to the public in 1884. MPM has three floors of exhibits that encompass life-size dioramas, walk-through villages, world cultures, dinosaurs, a rain forest and a live butterfly garden, as well as the Daniel M. Soref National Geographic Theater and Planetarium. The museum houses more than 4 million objects and hosts nearly half a million visitors each year.

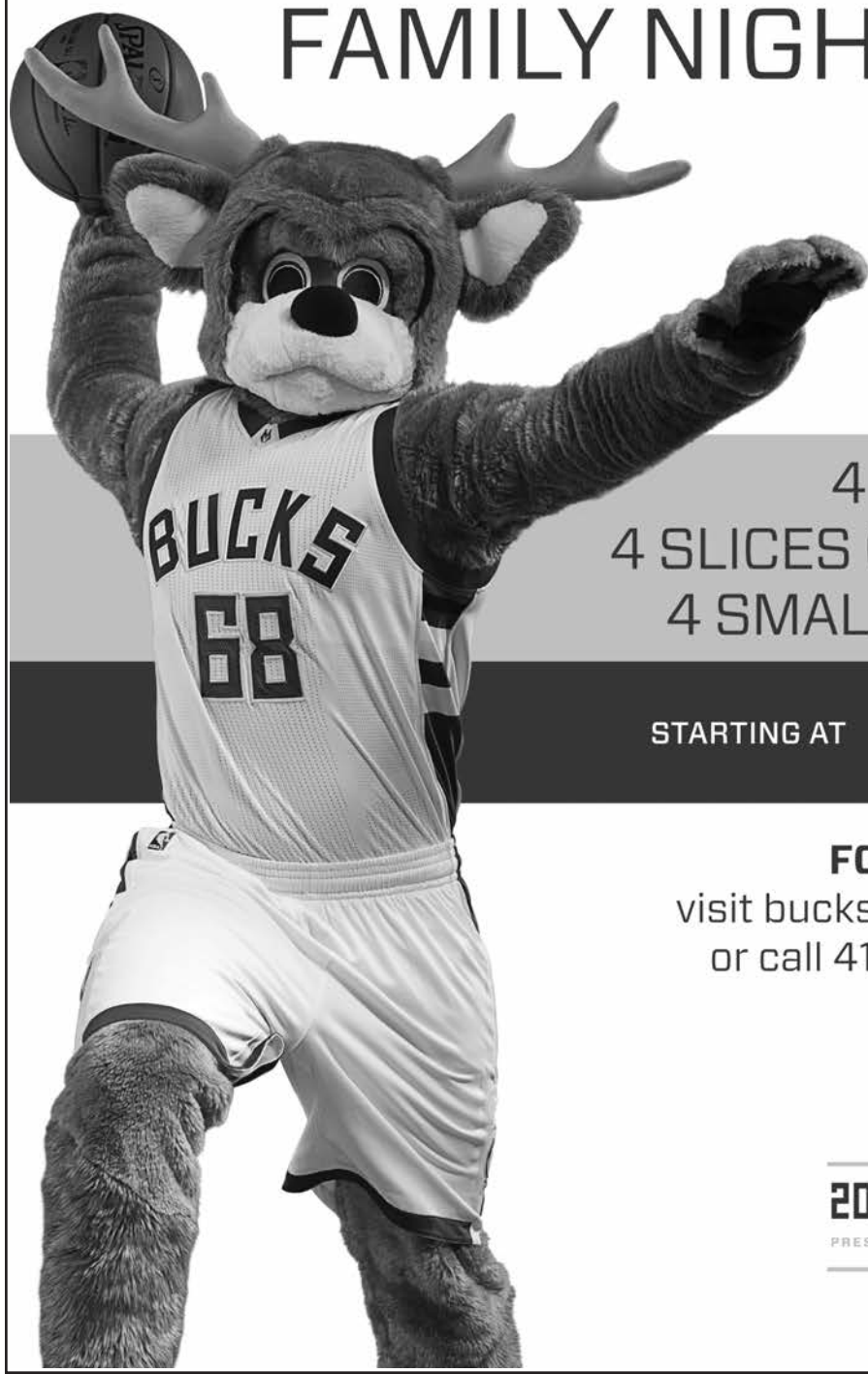
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The White business community, under the guise of an open and free market are those that dictate to the politicians what their agenda is – and you bet every penny that you have or will ever have, their agenda is not our agenda (it's also called public safety). In fact, their agenda is directly opposed to our agenda.

The Black agenda would be to get back to reasonable levels of incarceration of Black men. What's reasonable? I would say reasonable would also be equitable, and if Black men represent approximately four percent of the nation's population then they should equally represent four percent of the prison population and not nearly 55 percent.

What would that look like? It would mean that nearly 1.3 million Black men would be released from prison tomorrow. Black lives will not matter until this is reversed, and it can't be reversed without a political agenda.

The mass incarceration of Black men is not only an economic driver for the American economy, but it also helps to support and sustain a climate and culture of White supremacy and Black inferiority stereotypes which significantly and absolutely devalue Black life.

The portrayal of Black men as animals and criminals only helps to fuel the racist justification for such an oppressive system especially when you consider that the majority of men imprisoned are not violent but trapped in an unequal and unfair system involving drugs.

Let's face it, how can American politicians justify spending nearly two-thirds more on imprisoning Black men than to educate them? They can do it because: 1) mass incarceration of Black men is their agenda and 2) we

don't have agenda.

If Black lives matter, the Black community must have an agenda. If Black lives matter, the agenda must be backed by a mobilization and political education effort for the Black community.

In addition to developing a Black agenda, we must re-educate the Black community to re-engage in the political process. The Black community must become politically active and engaged. There is no room for political apathy, what some might say is political laziness. The Black community can't afford to be politically disinterested. I don't care how many disappointments that we suffer.

The only way in America to get others to respect you and to value Black life is through the political process. No other pathway will deliver. Black people can't have it both ways. We can't expect to hold others accountable to our agenda when we won't even hold ourselves accountable to the basics.

The Black community must double down on the political front and not continue to have either anemic voter turnout or giving our vote without accountability. Instead of low voter turnout in our elections, we should have 100 percent voter turnout. We must get our people to change their behaviors.

The Black agenda must be developed by a Black "private" sector power center that has three distinct focuses: 1) political - that fully optimizes and navigates the political process; 2) business – organizing and aggregating our Black business community to develop strategies, grow scale, create jobs, and increase the circulation of money in our community; and 3) grass roots activism – we must align all existing "activist" groups to focus in the political agenda.

The private sector power center must work in the best interests of the Black community and be a conduit for competing interests, ideas, and priorities. In addition, the Black private sector power center must work to change social issues to economic ones and restore public confidence in Black leadership in the process.

Brothers and sisters, Black lives will never matter to others more than they matter to us. If Black people are unwilling to organize and fight for themselves, we will continue to see that Black life is threatened even at a

greater level than it is now.

Black people must break the cycle of disunity and disconnect which I call functional unity. Our unity is predicated on the implementation of our collective agenda – an agenda that understands the inter-relationship of these structural issues. Protesting alone will not provide us relief. Every day we are bullied and all we do about it is protest when we have the power to punch the bully in the face.

Black lives will never matter if there is no Black movement and the movement cannot be successful until, as a collective, we begin to believe that Black lives matter and we take "action." In a democracy like America, Black lives will never matter until Black votes matter. Voting as a block is absolutely essential and critical to our political strategy.

The movement that will validate that Black lives matter is both internal (change behaviors) and external (hold America and its institutions accountable). The behaviors that we must change requires that we work smarter and closer together.

We must break the cycle of disunity and disconnection. We must have the different sectors of our community working with each other and our agenda must be comprehensive. The movement is a long-term proposition and the issues that affect the Black community will not happen overnight, but change will come if we will it to happen.

As I stated in part one, it's time for us to "put up" or "shut up." I've listened to every revolution speech known to man, and most ring hollow when it comes to more than just activism. There is no plan except to "act up." When it's all said and done, this isn't about some emotional acknowledgment of Black lives matter but a transfer of resources. If Black people are to benefit from these resources outside of entitlements (i.e. welfare, etc.), we will need engage the business community.

In addition, we will need to challenge each system through the courts system to get the relief that we need. We also need laws to be amended, abolished, and created by legislators that will support our agenda. It is the combination of all of these things that will create real change.

Black lives will never matter in America until they matter to Black people enough that will force them to use all of the tools in the toolbox to fight back and the biggest tool is the Black vote. Black lives will never matter until the Black vote matters.

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HON. DAVID BOROWSKI
Circuit Court Judge
015-013/11-27/12-4-11-2015

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

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.

You must respond with a written de-

mand 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 represent you.

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

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

garnishment or seizure of property.

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

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

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

767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2)Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a

revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:

(a)The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:

1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action
 2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
 3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
 4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.
- (b)The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

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

In the matter of the name change of: AMARIAH SKYI PERKINS
By (Petitioner) LARINA PERKINS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: AMARIAH SKYI PERKINS To: AMARIAH SKYI MATTHEWS-ROGERS
Birth Certificate: AMARIAH SKYI PERKINS

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

Judge's Name: HON. DAVID BOROWSKI
Branch 12 Room 206 Place: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
Date: December 17, 2015
Time 3:00 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: 11-16-2015
BY THE COURT:

In the matter of the name change of: LLYVIA ARIELY GUERRERO
By (Petitioner) MILADYS RODRIGUEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: LLYVIA ARIELY GUERRERO To: ARIELY MILARIS GUERRERO
Birth Certificate: LLYVIA ARIELY GUERRERO

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

Judge's Name: HON. DAVID BOROWSKI
Branch 12 Room 206 Place: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
Date: January 11, 2016
Time 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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The HUB requirements for this contract is 0%
The COIN requirements for this contract is 0%
The Student Employment I Participation requirements for this contract are 0%.
The plans and specifications, quotation requirements and guidelines 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. Plans and specifications may also be viewed online at A/E Graphics, Inc. @ www.aegraphics.com.
A pre-bid walkthrough for the site will be held on Tuesday, December 01, 2015 at 9:00 AM. Meet at the school's main entrance. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.
Darienne B. Driver, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
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