President Obama announces actions on guns in emotional speech

Article by Josh Lederman, courtesy of the Associated Press, posted January 5 via TheGrio.com

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama unveiled an array of measures Tuesday tightening controls on firearms with a somber call to Congress for action Wednesday to curb gun violence. The move came in response to recent mass shootings, including the one in Arizona over the weekend that killed six people and wounded 14 others, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona.

Obama wiped tears from his cheeks as he spoke emotionally about the victims of gun violence.

"This is not a plot to take away everybody’s guns," Obama said. "You pass a background check, you purchase a firearm. The problem is some gun sellers have been operating under a different set of rules.

At the centerpiece of Obama’s plan is a more sweeping definition of gun dealers that the administration hopes will expand the number of sales subject to background checks. Under current law, only federally licensed gun dealers must conduct background checks on buyers. But at gun shows, websites and flea markets, sellers often skirt that requirement by declining to register as licensed dealers. So new federal guidance from the Obama administration clarified that it applies to anyone “in the business” of selling firearms.

In a statement, Wisconsin Congressman Gwen Moore said "I commend President Obama for taking action in the House and Senate that would tighten control and enforcement of firearms in the nation."

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Jeanetta Prince, mother of UWM Vice Chancellor
vice-chancellor Dr. Joan Prince, passes

Funeral services will be held Jan-
yary 11, at St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, 4701 Wisconsin Ave., Chicago, for Jeanetta Prince, mother of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Vice Chancellor Joan Prince. She was 89.

St. Philip’s is located at 3212 N. Halsted St. The mortgage-free Funeral Chapel is serving the family.

Mrs. Prince was preceded in death by her beloved son, Eugene P. Prince, Jr., and beloved husband of 53 years, Eugene P. Prince.

Mrs. Prince is survived by daughters Deborah Carter, Dr. Prince, and a son Thomas Rhone; grandchildren Trace N. Carter of Milwaukee, Keshia Rhine and William Rhone of Atlanta, and sister Alberta Thomp-
son of Iowa. South Carolina, as well as a host of closely loved great-grand-
children, nieces, nephews, great-nephews, great nieces, other relatives and
many dear friends.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 13 at 11 a.m. Visitation will also be on the same day at 10 a.m. at the church until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jeanetta’s name to St. Philip’s Lutheran Church where she was a 55-year member is an option. For more information, contact Northwest Funeral Chapel, (414) 462-6020.

Wisconsin Coalition Against Homelessness urges officials to provide warming centers for homeless this weekend

The Wisconsin Coalition Against Homelessness is urging Wisconsin local government officials to open warming sites to house homeless families and single adults this weekend.

Cold weather reports that predict below zero temperatures and wind chills in the spike in the number of homeless families seeking shelter in Milwaukee, the Coalition is urging Mayors and County Executives throughout the State to provide warm and safe places for the homeless. Opening warming rooms will prevent injuries and possibly deaths due to the cold.

Contact a Milwaukee WISN TV news report that aired January 4th which reported that calls to the “211” Homeless Shelter Central Access had increased by 25% from last week, Joseph Volk, Executive Director of the Coalition stated “The report confirmed what we have known for some time; in the State’s large cities, including Milwaukee, there is a large, unmet need for emergency shelter, especially for families.

Sadly, more families are added to long waiting lists than those admitted to shelter. These families must be directed to warming sites. The Coalition is urging Milwaukee families and children not having a place to stay to just stay in vacant

Ken Schmidt, Board President of the Coalition suggested that government buildings, including City Halls and County Courthouses could be used as temporary shelters for the homeless. Schmidt stated: "An outbreak of arctic cold is as serious an emergency as a flood or tornado and local governments need to respond. Telling a homeless family with children to call 211 to put on a waiting list in 60-90 minutes is not responsible. If the shelters are full, the family should be directed to warming sites.”

Finally Volk stated “WCAR is in the process of contacting local leaders of large crises in Wisconsin, including County Executive Chris Abele and Mayor Tom Barrett to urge them to take action immediately to protect the health and welfare of the homeless, especially homeless children, during the upcoming arctic plunge. We do not want to see a repeat of a year ago when Seferin Rios- Flores, a homeless man, literally froze to death on New Year’s Eve on the streets of Milwaukee.”

MPS Supt. Driver, Bucks star Jabari Parker invite MPS families to summit on attendance

Milwaukee Public Schools families are invited to Superintendent Dr. Darienne Driver and Milwaukee Bucks forward Jabari Parker on January 11 for a summit focused on improving student attendance.

Families will have the opportunity to share their ideas on how to improve student attendance. Jabari Parker and Dr. Driver will also hosted a new in-

Pulse of the Community will return next week!
Mother of Voice of the Fatherless Child founder given big birthday celebration; recognized by state for contributions to community

Barbara L. Williams-Mabra, the mother of Voice of the Fatherless Child Founder Monte Mabra, was given a big birthday celebration by her family recently. She was also presented a citation by Wisconsin State Senator Lena Taylor for her contributions to the community.

Born January 4, 1940 in Little Rock Arkansas, Williams-Mabra’s family moved to Milwaukee when she was a child and where she has resided her entire adult life. She mothered nine children: Bonita Pridgeon (deceased), Mary E. Hall, Jacqueline Binns, Fredrick Williams, Monte R. Mabra, Rubin Ensley, Rickey Ross (deceased), Mary E. Hall, restaurant, and property owner.

In the early 1980s, Williams-Mabra battled and overcame a drug addiction, and by the grace of God, she was delivered and uses her testimony to inspire others who battle with addiction and problems in living. Her favorite scripture is Psalms 23: “The Lord is My Shepherd.”

MLK Mentor Weekend Is World’s Largest Celebration of the Life and Work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

500 cities expected to provide mentoring for youth on Dr. King’s Birthday

CHICAGO — On Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s 2016 Birthday Weekend, The Black Star Project will organize the largest commemoration of the great civil rights and human rights leader ever. In 500 cities across America, men and women will mentor boys and girls, and young men and young women, on the life and the practices of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In the spirit of Dr. King, adults and children of all races are encouraged to participate in this event.

Mentoring organizations, pre-schools, elementary schools, high schools, colleges, universities, libraries, park districts, faith-based organizations, fraternal organizations, military veterans, community organizations, youth organizations, sports teams, street organizations (gangs), men’s fraternal and women’s organizations, youth detentions facilities, homeless shelters, prisons, police stations and other organizations will participate in the amazing weekend of commitment to the ideals of Dr. King and service to their communities.

The MLK Mentor Weekend is scheduled to be a full weekend of activities that will include a viewing of a relevant film or documentary on Friday, performing a community service project on Saturday, attending a spiritual service on Sunday and the actual mentor day on Monday. The Monday mentoring session will last for 2 to 3 hours.

Along with reviewing the work of Dr. King, most sessions will include:

• Exploring Youth to Career Opportunities
• Exploring Educational Options with Youth
• Teaching Young People Character Development Using the Six Core Principles of Muhammad Ali
• A Certificate of Completion for Youth Participating in the MLK Mentor Weekend
• Lunch or Snack

Organizations or cities that wish to register for this mentoring movement or who need more information should call 773.285.9600 or visit www.blackstarproject.org.
"Nefarious"  "Quixotic"

I found the perfect sweatshirt to wear for the Old School Saturday. I just happened across the sweatshirt—purchased nearly 20 years ago—deep in my collection of tees and sweatshirts identifying significant events in my life. The sweatshirt was purchased while attending the National African American Leadership Conference in St. Louis, MO. During my discovery of the sweatshirt was a Grandson groups that the forum I attended at the NAACP's Men's Center put a half dozen "community elders" in the unique position of telling me the story of concern. It was a men's session that was concerned brothers (it was a men's event) and it covered the economic parity will only happen, but where the "landmines" were located and the decision of a Black dollar touching the sweatshirt—pur- posed a city ordinance introduced re- spected by yetVel Phillips yielded to legal- segregated legalization. Anti-racism activists supported marches from 11th and Center Streets to the near Southside for 200 days, being met by bigots who would have made the LKK and Donald Trump smile. They caused while throwing rocks and bottles at us. The police not only allowed those racist at- tacks, they were rumored to have been responsible for burning down our Free Home, and passed us a number of occasions for the mayor of Milwaukee (at that time the late Henry Meir) our Black community's declared our words illegal and we operated a hospital. And yes, did we know that we drank a locally produced beer made by Black hands? Yup! In addition to a Black brewery, high, and many of the "community elders" that I have interviewed are still alive.

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40th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Celebration Set

Churches United Reviving CommunityHere Inc. (CHRUCH) Inc. will hold its 40th AnnualScholarship Celebration on Sunday January10, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. The eventwill be hosted by Ministers of the HeartMinistry: Rev. Terri Thomas-Boyd, Pastor, at For Him Interna-tional Ministries, Apostles Isaac and Glenda Lovett, 2544 N. 27 St., Mil-waukee. This year’s featured speaker isMrs. Angela Allen (Crump), a former scholarship recipient and long time supporter of the fundraiser.

Mrs. Allen is a native Milwaukee-who attended Grinella Mor, and Rufus King Middle and High Schools, graduating with honors. She went on to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a Bachelors degree in Econom-ics.

Her career has focused on real es-tate, and she is a registered Senior Loan Officer, helping people get mortgages for their homes. Her hus-band and two children often join her in her volunteer work.

As a part of the festivities, Mr. Earl Ingram will receive the Rev. Emmet Glenn Community Service Award for his long-standing, deep commitment to the youth of the community.

His passion for the advancement of young people is great encouragement for all who follow in his footsteps. He is the second recipient of this award.

A dozen students will receive scholarships at this public event. At

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As the clock struck 12 (Noon), all in attendance at the Bucyrus Campus were poised and ready to lift their glasses to ring in the New Year!
The ball dropped, the crowd sang, and Auld Lang Syne resounded through the indoor Intergenerational Park!
The afternoon was filled with festive times including food, non-alcoholic Champagne was live music provided by Saxophonist Bobby Jiles. Many of the Bucyrus guests dressed for the occasion and were judged best dressed male and female by their peers.
The end of the New Year’s Eve celebration found many on the dance floor dancing to the beat amidst the falling confetti.--Photos by Diane Beckley

Exposure Magazine recently announced it will sponsor and host the first “SOAR in 2016,” Women’s Empowerment event, January 16, at the 3041 Urban Country Club headquarters.

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ELECTION WATCH 2016

Candidates deliver their signatures to get on the February 16 Primary election ballot

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President Obama announces actions on guns

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President Obama announced a series of executive actions on gun violence on January 5, 2016. In his speech, he outlined measures to strengthen enforcement, including deploying new examiners to the FBI background check process, redirecting federal funding to community gun violence prevention efforts, and requiring law enforcement agencies to report more accurately on gun violence.

The executive actions proposed by President Obama will work to decrease violence in Milwaukee neighborhoods and communities across the country. To lend a personal face to the issue, the White House assembled a cross-section of Americans whose lives were altered by the nation’s most searing tragedy.

In addition to these executive actions, I call on representatives from both parties to enact meaningful reform that will prevent guns from ending up in dangerous hands. As a nation, we can make great strides in making our country a safer place to live and thrive.

Sen. Harris Dodd calls on Committee Chair to hold hearings after President Obama’s Executive Order

MADISON—In response to President Obama’s recent executive actions concerning gun violence, Senator Nikita Harris Dodd (D-Milwaukee) today sent a letter to Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine), Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, asking him to hold a public hearing on Senate Joint Resolution 159 (SR 159) which would require background checks on the sale of all firearms in the state.

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MPS families invited to stand on attendance

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MPS families are invited to attend a meeting on attendance at MPS headquarters on February 11, 2016, at 6:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) will host a series of family roundtables on attendance, with the first meeting scheduled for February 11. The roundtables are part of a larger effort to improve attendance rates across the district.

MPS' overall attendance rate is about 90%, but the average for high school students is lower, creating a barrier to post-high school success. The MPS attendance summit is designed to bring together families, students, and community members to discuss strategies to improve attendance.

The roundtable discussions will focus on strategies to improve attendance, such as setting clear expectations, providing support and resources, and involving families in the education process.

President Obama and President-elect Donald Trump spoke about the importance of improving attendance at MPS, with Obama stating, “We need to create opportunities for our students to succeed and thrive.”

At the roundtable, participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences and ideas for improving attendance. The event is open to all MPS families, and those interested in attending should register in advance.

The roundtable discussions will be held at MPS headquarters, and there will be refreshments available. The meeting will also include a question-and-answer session with MPS officials.

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Photo A: The Milwaukee Bucks Jabari Parker drives for a reverse layup as the San Antonio Spurs LaMarcus Aldridge tries to stop him. Photo B: The Spurs Boris Diaw tries to make a pass between the Bucks’ Jabari Parker and John Henson. Photo C: It was “Young versus Old,” as Tim Duncan tries to gain position against the Bucks Giannis Antetokounmpo. There is a 16 year age difference between “The Big Fundamental” and “The Alphabet.” Photo D: Two legendary figures from Marquette’s glorious past, Old ‘Warriors’ Bowl Ellis (left) and Artie Green at the game between the MU Golden Eagles and Seton Hall. (Photos A, B, C by Bill Tennessen, Photo D by Kim Robinson.)

PACKERS VS VIKINGS

Packers and Vikings fans had fun at last Sunday Night’s game at Lambeau Field. But the fun was at the expense of the Pack, who lost their final game of the season, 20 to 13. The win gave the Vikings the Division Title, their first in several years in the NFC North Division, which has been dominated by the Pack.--Photos by Kim Robinson.