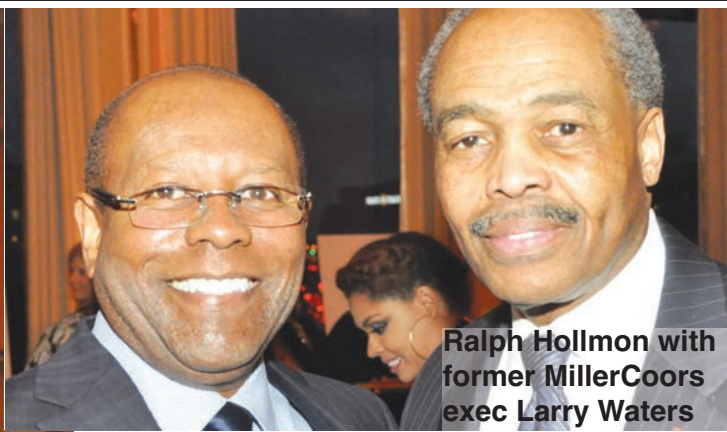




Mayor Tom Barrett presented retiring Milwaukee Urban League president and ceo Ralph Hollmon with a proclamation declaring Friday, Feb. 24, "Ralph Hollmon Day."

## RALPH HOLLMON saluted for his service and contributions to community and Milwaukee Urban League during retirement reception

State, county and city officials, representatives from community based organizations and local businesses, law enforcement and judicial system. All are entities who worked with retiring Milwaukee Urban League President Ralph Hollmon during his long and distinguished career as a public servant who impacted the streets and corporate suites. They all came to the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts for a retirement reception in his honor recently. --Photos by Yvonne Kemp



Ralph Hollmon with former MillerCoors exec Larry Waters



Hollmon, wife Margaret and Paul Mathews of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts



Hollmon and former Milwaukee County Board Supervisor and Chair Lee Holloway



Cong. Gwen Moore and Hollmon

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## New study compares performance of choice and charter schools to public schools in Milwaukee and state

Compiled by MCJ Staff

Students enrolled in private schools in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and in public charters performed significantly better on the 2016 ACT and Forward Exams than traditional public schools, a new study revealed.

The study, conducted by the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty (WILL), used—for the first time—the most recent ACT and Forward Exams test score results; providing parents and policymakers with the clearest possible comparison of student outcomes in each school sector in Milwaukee—and Wisconsin.

In the past, studies comparing the effectiveness of public, charter, and private schools depended on insufficient data and inappropriate apples-to-oranges comparisons.

The inadequate data muddled the debate over student achievement in public and private schools.

But the WILL study utilized a "apples-to-apples" comparison, meaning the study took into consideration a school's student population make-up of poverty, race, and English language learners.

Will Flanders, Ph.D., author of the report released today said: "This (the study and its findings) matters for parents. It is not about building one sector up or tearing another down.

"If we are to take seriously the wish of all Wisconsin parents to provide their children with the best opportunity to succeed, we have to make the best use of the available data to provide parents with accurate information about what is working and what isn't."

The study revealed private schools in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) significantly outperformed traditional Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS).

On the Forward Exam, students in the MPCP were approximately five percent more likely to be proficient in English/Language Arts and about four percent more likely to be proficient in Math.

On the ACT, students in the MPCP score, on average, eight percent higher than students in traditional public schools.

Both independent and non-instrumentality charters have higher proficiency rates than MPS.

Students in non-instrumentality charter schools were about eight percent more likely to be proficient in English/Language Arts and seven percent more

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## Council bestows Living Legacy Awards to deserving community members

Fourteen deserving members of Milwaukee's African American community were honored by Milwaukee Common Council members with "Living Legacy Awards" during the city's Inaugural Black History Program on Friday.

The awards are intended to recognize the individual contributions the recipients have made toward shaping the City of Milwaukee and the history of its African American community. Council members Milele A. Coggins,

Chantia Lewis, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson presented the awards to the recipients in front of a crowd of hundreds that participated in the Inaugural Black History Program, the culmination of the city's efforts to recognize the local legacy of Black History Month.

The recipients of the Living Legacy Awards were:

- **Spencer Coggs**—Spencer Coggs is the longest-serving African American elected public official in the State of Wisconsin. He was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1982 and re-elected until 2002. He was again elected in 2003 to the State Senate in a special election and re-elected in 2004 and 2008. Mr. Coggs was elected Milwaukee City Treasurer in the Spring 2012 election and re-elected in 2016, bringing his total years of service to 35.

- **Cordelia Taylor**—A registered nurse and experienced nursing home administrator, Cordelia Taylor started Family House out of concern for the way most of the community's elderly were treated in traditional nursing facilities. With the strong support and involvement of her family, she created an institution that is not just a long-term care program, but a hub for revitalizing the community.

- **Deborah Tatum**—Born in Milwaukee in 1955, Deborah Tatum began her activism in childhood, marching for fair housing and other causes with Fr. Groppi of St. Boniface Church. She served as an activist in her community throughout her life and kept others informed on important political issues.



Marvin Pratt being sworn in as acting Milwaukee County Executive by Federal Judge Charles Clevert as his wife Diane looks on in 2011. --Photo by Yvonne Kemp



Spencer Coggs



Cordelia Taylor



McArthur "Mac" Weddle

Ms. Tatum opened a child care center, worked with children and families for more than 15 years and advocated for other child care center owners.

- **Edward Montgomery**—A longtime employee at Pabst Brewing Company, Edward Montgomery played an active role in the civil rights movement as a union leader and community activist, advocating for fair housing. He has been a key spiritual leader in his church, serving as a deacon and using musical ministry in community outreach efforts. He established the Long-Way Round Scholarship Program, which has provided scholarships to 98 central

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## OPEN LETTER TO OUR READERS

Milwaukee Community Journal is an actual brick and mortar building, not just an online entity. I was downstairs reviewing our equipment in the storage office and it's like visiting a museum. Old relics, equipment, computers, software and past editions illuminate 40 years journaling the history of change.

Since our origin in 1976, we've moved with our audience. Today our readers are predominantly millennials, 18-40 years of age, shakers and movers, the buyers! They are buying homes, cars, raising families. They are eating "fresh", active in politics, exercising and partying.

Our readers find us in print, with our twice-weekly editions in tenured retail outlets, churches and selective distribution spots. But they also read us online at milwaukeecommunityjournal.com We're in this to win this! We're dynamic....crisp clear....interactive...and to be honest - exploding with information that you want to read!

We're perfect for new and established advertisers! We want more local interaction and community written articles. We want to offer more millennial access to a proven community source.

This is who we are, but one thing is still deep on our hearts, and that is you've got to join our team. You're the community part of the Milwaukee Community Journal. Let's build together!

Speech Thomas

The Milwaukee Community Journal  
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# Living Legacy Awards

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city and college-bound MPS graduates, and now continues with prison and nursing home ministry.

• **McArthur “Mac” Weddle**—Northcott Neighborhood House Executive Director McArthur Weddle is a product of the community he now serves. Known as “Mac” in the neighborhood, he has helped organize local programs including Juneteenth Day, the Black Expo, Spirit of the Men Conference, African World Festival and Community Call to Vote. As the Executive Director of Northcott Neighborhood House, he shares his energy with everyone, especially young people.

• **Mother Annie Naomi Scott**—Known lovingly as Mother Scott, Annie Naomi Scott was a successful business owner who was involved in and cared deeply for the Milwaukee community. In 1974 she opened the Scott Christian Youth Fellowship and Recreational Center, which provided summer youth recreation programs, daily hot meals, an emergency food pantry, a clothing bank, counseling services, Bible study, arts, crafts and music programs. Mother Scott was deeply spiritual and has been recognized often for her service to the community.

• **Dr. Lester Carter**—Dr. Lester Carter has been a pillar in the Milwaukee community since opening his pharmacy, Carter Drug Store, at 2400 W. Burleigh St. in 1968, serving members of the community for nearly 50 years. Dr. Carter, beloved for his patient and gentle nature, treated each of his patients with respect and courtesy during their private consultations, and lines of people often formed to seek Dr. Carter out for his advice and expertise.

• **Brandon Pope**—Named the Boys and Girls Club of Milwaukee’s Youth of the Year, Brandon Pope is a junior at Messmer High School who was chosen as an ambassador for the club in recognition of the difference he makes in in his community. He has an impressive record of academic accomplishments, with a course load of all honors and AP classes and a ranking of fifth in his class, and plans to study psychology at Florida State University next fall. Mr. Pope enjoys running track and volunteering with young people at the Jewish Community Center.

• **Cherrye Trotman**—Cherrye Trotman dedicated her career to service work with Milwaukee’s young people, teaching at MPS for 36 years. She was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 1976. As a member and leader of many nonprofit organizations, such as

the Business and Professional Women’s Club, NAACP Milwaukee and Girl Scouts of America, Ms. Trotman played an active role in the community and earned many leadership and volunteer awards.

• **Kathie Walker**—Ms. Walker has served as the club manager of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee since 2014, where she manages daily operations, the annual budget and staff hiring and training. Ms. Walker is also active in community service. She has volunteered with the American Red Cross’s Disaster Action Team since 2014, identifying the needs of local disaster victims and providing resources and temporary shelter, and in 2005, she helped Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Milwaukee access temporary housing.

• **Neva Hill**—In her five years as the Community Development Director and Community Liaison for the Woodlands Resource Center, Neva Hill has led efforts to revitalize the Woodlands neighborhood on the Northwest side of Milwaukee. By strengthening relationships among landlords, tenants and homeowners, building partnerships with organizations like the Hunger Task Force, hosting a variety of neighborhood events and promoting resident leadership and problem-solving, Ms. Hill is helping to transform the 576-unit complex and the surrounding neighborhood.

• **Erica Lofton**—A member of the City of Milwaukee Youth Council, Ms. Erica Lofton is founder and CEO of Girls in Action, Inc., a charity that promotes self-esteem and leadership for young girls. She conducts workshops, delivers keynotes and has appeared at speaking engagements that are aligned with her mission. Erica was invited to the White House to receive the Champion of Change Award, and attends the University School of Milwaukee, where she serves as Freshman Class Representative, and a member of the basketball and track teams. She hopes to one day attend Stanford University and pursue a career in Psychology or Law.

• **Marvin Pratt**—A longtime member of the Milwaukee Common Council from 1986 to 2004, Marvin Pratt served as the Common Council President, and in 2004, he became the first African-American to serve as Milwaukee Mayor. He is the only person in history to serve as both Mayor and Milwaukee County Executive, and he is the namesake for Milwaukee Public Schools’ Marvin E. Pratt Elementary School.

• **Dianne Pratt**—The former First Lady of Milwaukee and the wife of Marvin Pratt, Dianne Pratt has lived in Milwaukee since the age of three. While playing an important role in supporting Marvin’s success engaging the community, Dianne served for decades as a librarian for the Milwaukee Public Library and the Milwaukee Public Schools. Her efforts to engage children in arts and crafts and her role as a storyteller have been an important part of community events.

## Retired executive and inspiring speaker Thelma Sias joins Athena Speakers Bureau

The Athena Speakers Bureau (ASB) is pleased to welcome retired executive Thelma A. Sias to its lineup of speakers. Sias, named to Savoy magazine’s 2016 list of Top Influential Women in Corporate America, is a leading executive and professional speaker.

She was inducted in the Milwaukee Business Journal’s 2015 40 Under 40 Hall of Fame and served as co-chair for the 2014 United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County community campaign that raised over \$54 million.

Most recently, Sias was honored by the Milwaukee Urban League with a community leadership award and by the MKE Fellows with the inaugural Thelma A. Sias Fellows of Distinction Award created to provide a scholarship opportunity for a deserving young male of color.

A sought-after speaker, Sias is skilled, articulate, and knowledgeable. Her speeches are passionate extensions of her life and professional experiences.

From building executive women’s leadership to inspiring a new generation of leaders to combat intricate community issues, her messages will resonate with corporate, business and community audiences.

“To have a leader with the experience and influence of Thelma A. Sias join our growing list of speakers is exciting and we look forward to expanding her brand both locally and in national markets,” said Tammy Belton-Davis, founder of the Athena Speakers Bureau.



Thelma Sias

# Study compares performance of choice and charter schools to public schools

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likely to be proficient than traditional public school students.

When compared to MPS, students in Catholic schools are about seven percent more likely to be proficient on the Forward Exam in Math and 14% more likely to be proficient in English than students in MPS.

On its face, MPS’ citywide specialty schools—Golda

Meir, Ronald Reagan, King IB, etc.—outperform the vast majority of schools in the city.

But when schools’ race and socio-economic status are taken into account, specialty schools perform no better than neighborhood MPS schools and are outperformed significantly by the MPCP average.

The reason? MPS’ specialty schools—many of which have admissions policies—have less economically disad-

vantaged students and more “white” students than the rest of MPS, MPCP, and charter schools.

Schools in the Racine and Wisconsin choice programs score approximately 17% higher on the ACT composite score than traditional public schools.

Rural Wisconsin schools struggle as much as urban schools.

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Use of phrase, “bi-racial” by city’s daily in Tony Robinson death an attempt to soften the blow blame laid at the feet of the status quo

Question: Why did the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel refer to Madison homicide victim Tony Robinson as bi-racial?

Following Robinson’s killing by a Madison police officer under controversial circumstances two years ago, the Journal Sentinel used that reference. And they used it again when they reported last week that the family is being awarded a \$3.3 million settlement over Robinson’s death.

Community Journal Associate publisher and columnist Mikel Holt wrote a column when the racially defining term was used last year, suggesting the newspaper was trying to defuse the chants of protesters that police killed another unarmed Black man. Apparently, he was right.

Not to say that Robinson wasn’t bi-racial. But curiously, they have never used that description in reference to former President Barack Obama during his eight-year term. As a matter of fact, to our knowledge no media outlet—print, broadcast or social media—has ever referred to the former president as bi-racial.

Like the media and society in general, Obama identifies himself as a Black man...albeit the Black half of his DNA is African. But in America, whether you’re Black side is from Africa or Alabama, in America, you’re Black!

Actors and actresses and others in the entertainment industry are rarely—if ever—referred to by the media as bi-racial.

They’re identified as Black. As a matter of fact, most bi-

## A World of Our Own!

What would you do if you had the power to colonize an uninhabited new world?

What would your government look like? What about your educational system, constitution, cultural paradigm, military and religious system—or systems?

I was thinking about that possibility after reading last week that astronomers discovered seven new earth-like planets in our solar system.

The thought came to mind of how we—I—would colonize a world if somehow one of those planets was given to us—Black people—or at least Black Americans.

Forget for a second the improbability of the scenario. Just imagine, your worldview, your cultural foundation and even your religion, and how they would be metamorphosed into a new civilization, a new world.

Think of the planet as the new Liberia—the African nation conceived for and by free African Americans and slaves in the early 19th century. Abolitionists viewed Liberia as a MECCA for escaped slaves.

Many free Black “Americans” recognized they would never be truly equal or free from race hatred on these shores and thus sought the most viable option—a new nation back in the Motherland.

There are many who have come to the same conclusion today, that little has changed in terms of race relations—and overt racism and bigotry continue like a cancer eating away at the soul of America, and under Donald Trump have swept the country like a great tsunami.

Some Black folks have declared they don’t want to live in a Trump nation, and are eager to leave hate behind.

My new world offers a solution.

I would name the planet Kemet—the original name for Egypt—and it would be the new Liberia, offering us a new hope, and opportunity. Imagine a world without racism, or poverty, or crime. Where everybody looks like you, shares the same culture, and has rhythm.

If you could map out a new Kemet, what would it look like? How would the government be framed, the cultural paradigm—Africentric or European—and the spiritual foundation?

Would a criminal justice system be needed? What about the educational system? Would there be as many soul food restaurants as Chinese and Mexican or as many strip clubs as churches and mosques?

Inhabitants of our new planet would not have to concern themselves with

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## MCJ EDITORIAL

racial children are considered “Black” by mainstream society.

So why not identify Robinson that way?

As we noted before, the Journal Sentinel was probably trying to “soften the blow” for the powers that be—in government and law-enforcement—who have been buffeted to and fro by the instances of officer involved shootings of Black people in this state, especially in its largest city and its capitol; not to mention the outlay of dollars to the families of the victims of deadly violence by police.

To us it is another example of the manipulation—by the mainstream media (which represents and is a tool of White privilege)—of the “dominate narrative” controlled by the mainstream to maintain control and influence the thinking, actions and reactions of Americans, both Black and white.

No matter how the Journal Sentinel reports it, Robinson was Black...and bi-racial. But first and foremost in American mainstream society, if you are half-Black and half-White, the half that gets emphasized is your Blackness. Unless your death poses a threat to the status quo, and then the media tries to weaken protest by asserting the victim is “half white,” and thus his killing was not “racially motivated.”



## SIGNIFYIN’

**By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt**

being the pawns of Democrats anymore, or the victims of Republicans, because there would only be a Black People’s Party, run by and for us. It would function off a Democratic Republic, governed by a council of elders and youth, with equal seats for women and men.

Our economic system would be rooted in communalism, as was the system used by our ancestors for thousands of years.

The village would share the fruits, but the growers would profit from their labor. There would be no poor, or hungry or ill, but everyone would be required to work based on their God given talents and abilities. Those with special talents would be compensated accordingly, but a basketball player would not be paid 10,000 times more than a teacher.

Health care would be a right, instead of a privilege and education through college would be free.

I have yet to decide who would be allowed to live on Kemet. Should it be all Black people, all Hue-mans? Or just all African Americans. Should it be based on whether you just understood the essence of the question I just asked, or why I’m undecided?

Should the thugs and criminals be granted citizenship? Can their children be redeemed?

Maybe the Algerians had the right ideal. When they finally organized in the 1950s to throw out the French colonialists (who had divided up their forces to maintain control of Vietnam), the Algerians scheduled an armed revolt for the day after they warned all drug dealers, criminals and prostitutes that they had until the eve of the revolution to clean up their acts.

And those who didn’t—all considered Uncle Toms—they killed.

The revolution was successful.

Maybe we should think of the urban terrorists the same way. Or can they be reformed? Is poverty the reason for their criminology, or is it a social pathology? Are they morally bankrupt, or products of their environment?

Would the new world have prisons, or can you create a new world of like-minded people without sin?

Which prompts two other questions: Should there be a state religion, and how would I construct an educational system.

As to the first, the obvious answer is no. As the song goes, “hell to the nah, nah, nah.”

I practice the tenets of Christianity; I flirted with Islam and spent most of my life as a Deist. Plus, as a history student majoring in African antiquity, the influence of Kemet on Judaism, Islam and Christianity cannot be denied.

Moreover, organized religion brings with it a myriad of ills that affect those who follow them, and those who don’t. Christianity, for example was used to exploit an entire race of people, and to sanction the genocide of dozens of others, including Native Americans.

Slavery continues on the African continent and Middle East under the name of Islam, along with international terrorism and murder.

Thus, while there is a benefit and a moral code that comes from all religions, there is also the possibility of exploitation, prayer for profit.

Religion, or whatever avenue a person realizes as a conduit to God should be an individual choice. But I would consider government subsidies for religious organizations, taking the profit out of the equation.

As for an educational system, I would construct one that prioritizes children over adults, that is relevant to changing cultural mores and arms Black students with self-discovery and awareness of potential.

Equally important, my system would emphasize tracing their true contributions, the blood that flows through their veins, and their relationship to the universe and mother earth.

The history would start with the realization that life and civilization started in Africa—for a reason. We are God’s true chosen. Our ancestors were the

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## URBAN My DIALOGUE...



By Torre “ToeJoe” Johnson

## A Moment In Time

Let us rewind to rebound, to renew our vows, to remain the strong, to love and protect one another.

Let us rewind to examine our today that conditions compared to yesterdays are not often mentioned.

Let us rewind to pause, not in a moment of silence, but to acknowledge our strengths and repair our weaknesses.

Let us rewind so as to come up from behind.

Let us rewind to remember in honor of the times, the “How comes?” and “Why’s?” and the screams and cries, the tongue less mouths and blackened eyes.

Let us rewind to let it not be forgotten of all that was gained by a devastating lost.

Let us rewind by acknowledging the Black Holocaust, the innocent souls bound, captured, stripped, shackled, and sold, the brave enslaved erased and stolen.

Let us rewind their climb, their determination, their ability to conquer and accept death, humiliation, isolation, threats and separation.

Let us rewind today in recognition of our founding fathers and first mothers of this great nation often unmentioned as those that were forced to crawl, having been burnt, drowned, whipped and bit by dogs.

No other could have been so strong. All while head bowed, still finding reason to smile and become proud.

Let us rewind and begin acting not as if we’re a minority, but as the world’s majority, and yesterday’s dream that grew into you and I.

Let us rewind and no longer hide to salute true blackness, the marches, freedom rides and sit ins.

Let us rewind, regain, and retain our pride, being again not only black but also proud.

Let us say to ourselves, “I am my brother’s keeper, the protector of the tomorrows.”

Let us rewind by reviewing our lives so that we will value what was lost, to understand the struggle that so many of us today constantly ignore.

Let us rewind by recognizing the beginning after each of these endings to find reason and purpose.

So we will no longer be the cause of our present bondage, or the criminal institution incline, or educational decline, the black on black or any other crimes.

Let us rewind together to avoid the conquer by divide.

Let us rewind by combining each tribe for the betterment of our lives.

Let us rewind.

What better a time for the black man and woman to begin their rise again?

Peace

--Torre M. Johnson Sr. President, XMEN UNITED LLC

## MILLENNIAL MAGIC



**By Paishance Welch**

## Can Freedom of Speech Be Tamed?

This past week I received an assignment from my professor that focused heavily on our first amendment: freedom of religion, the right to petition, freedom of press, and the most controversial topic, freedom of speech.

After long hours of research and conducting many interviews and studies, I have learned that millennials do not all feel the same way when it comes to freedom of speech on college campuses.

As a college student, I understand and respect the importance of being able to speak freely. Currently, there are multiple controversial issues that individuals feel extremely strong about. We know that everyone was created differently and don’t necessarily agree on everything.

So how do you protect those who are not in favor of freedom of speech on college campuses? How do you respectfully handle classroom discussions and topics that professors may initiate in class? What does an individual who relies on safe spaces and trigger warnings do when the school itself recognizes neither?

For those who do not know, a safe space on a college campus is known as a location where students are free to relax, be themselves and feel free of judgement. This term apparently originated from LGBTQ communities on college campuses.

A trigger warning is a term that derived from psychoanalysis. Individuals who have experienced any kind of traumatizing event may be “triggered” by certain smells, sceneries or words. In some classes, trigger warnings may be used to inform students of particularly sensitive or intense material that may be covered in the class.

Most colleges are accredited and are required to adhere to specific policies in order to obtain accreditation. Failure to do so typically result in the loss of any certification towards a degree.

This means that the program completed and the degree obtained would be worthless. Although every college campus is not the same, mission statements of these campuses (in some form) comply with the policy that the exchange of ideas be free and/or open.

The issue that millennials face on college campuses is one that is honestly hard to address. How can a student be granted freedom of speech, and at the same time be expected to obey trigger warnings and safe spaces?

To my surprise, I have learned that freedom of speech should no longer be a right. In a popular situation that took place at Yale University, a student was asked when should freedom of speech be limited? The student’s response was “When it hurts me.”

How we feel, what we think, and the way we express ourselves contribute

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# RELIGION



## Black History salute at Antioch MBC

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church recently held its Black History program. The program honored eight individuals for their contributions to the community and as Black historical trailblazers. Pictured front, left to right: Will Moore, Antioch's Black History coordinator; Deacon Wilson Booker, Ruth Miller, 10-year-old Alex Hart-Upendo, Cliff Agee, Victor T. Manns, pastor of Antioch; back row, left to right, Maurice "Bo" Ellis, who was an all-American basketball player for Marquette University and was on the team that won the NCAA national championship in the '70s. He was also the keynote speaker of the event; Max Walker, WNOV 860 radio talk-show host Sherwin Hughes, and Herman Fisher.--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

### RELIGIOUS COMMENTARY



## My Church as a Social Club

By Dr. Gary Welton

Don't get me wrong. Churches are much more than just social clubs. Yet the evidence suggests that our churches need to be social clubs.

One of our concerns as Christian leaders and role models is the secularization of America. We hear that surveys show a growing number of Americans are identifying themselves as atheists. This is often blown out of proportion, however, as reviewed by (my former student) Jonathan Hill in his treatise, "Emerging Adulthood and Faith."

The growing number of atheists is not being drawn so much from faithful church attenders, but rather from those who have identified as rare and infrequent attenders.

Practicing religious teens tend to become religious adults, though sometimes they evidence a few years of searching during their developmental years.

Nevertheless, we as religious parents are concerned about the faith-development of our sons and daughters. What factors might increase the likelihood that our youth will remain among the people of faith?

A research team from the psychology department at Grove City College measured the religiosity of 191 teens (ages 13 and 16) and then went back to them four years later. The measures of religiosity did show small but significant declines.

The responses of these emerging adults indicated that they were somewhat less religious than they had been four years earlier. What factors predict religious stability versus religious decline?

As part of our surveys, we asked these emerging adults about their social interactions and shared values, in the context of their friends, their families, and other significant adults. What was the frequency and quality of their social relationships?

Our results demonstrated that the mere frequency of the teens' social interactions with their friends predicted religious stability. The frequency of the teens' activities with friendship groups matter. The time we spend on youth groups and youth outings is an important investment.

Lest you think, however, that I am advocating age segregation across church life, I hasten to note that the social interactions with family and other significant adults were even more important than the social interactions with friends.

These family and adult social interactions were 31 to 42 percent more predictive of religious stability. The time I invest in interacting with the teens in my church is critically important to their future religiosity, just as my involvement as a parent is critically important for my own children. The time we spend with our teens helps to stabilize the faith of the next generation.

Lest you think, however, that I am advocating that we reduce worship and teaching in order to increase social interaction time, I hasten to note that another variable—shared values—was an even stronger predictor. When teens indicated that they perceived shared values with their friends, family, and other significant adults, their religious faith was likely to be more stable.

This factor of shared values was 32 to 47 percent more predictive of religious stability than the impact of social interactions.

My position as a role model in my church is critically important to the children and teens at my church, just as my position as a parent is critically important for my own children. The recognition of shared values helps to stabilize the faith of the next generation.

Not that we can separate the two. I would suggest that it is only through the social interactions that our teens come to understand and appreciate the common values we hold that span across the generational gap. Social interactions and shared values are inherently linked.

Our churches must continue to be bastions of worship and Christian teaching.

However, the social aspects of church life are also valuable. To the extent that societal personal relationships are challenged in a culture in which family instability and mobility are common, it is critical that our churches provide the social stability, strength, and support that our teens and emerging adults so badly need. Our churches cannot ignore their duties in Christian teaching, but neither can they ignore the social needs of the Christian community.

Our church is not just a social club, but it must provide the social support necessary to facilitate stability in a culture of secular pressure.

-- Dr. Gary L. Welton is assistant dean for institutional assessment, professor of psychology at Grove City College, and a contributor to *The Center for Vision & Values*. He is a recipient of a major research grant from the Templeton Foundation to investigate positive youth development.

## PASSAGES

Avery, Mary Jo ("MJ" or "Jo") entered into Eternal Life on February 15, 2017 at the age of 74. Mary Jo was the loving mother of : Marlon A. (Sandra) King, Tonya, Terry, and Timothy (Stefanie) Avery Sr., a loving Grandmother of nine, and Great-Grandmother of 13. Also survived by sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews other relatives and a host of friends. Pre-deceased by Frank Gay, her long-time companion.

MaryJo was a woman who loved her family, her God and the Labor Movement. She was a fierce fighter for those she represented and did not shy from any struggle for justice.

Upon her retirement from Communications Workers of America, her work continued for years as the President of A. Philip Randolph Institute in Milwaukee.

Mary Jo was not only a notable national labor leader and champion for justice, but also a loyal and loving friend to many. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Rest In Peace, Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma, sister, auntie and friend. We got this now. We love you.

Visitation at TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2500 W. Medford Ave., on Friday, March 3, 2017 from 10AM-12PM with Services at 12PM. Burial to follow at Graceland Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to the family.



Hazel Maxine Adkins

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 3 for Hazel Maxine Adkins. Services will be at Victory Temple, 4700 N. 39th St.

Adkins passed February 19. Viewing will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at which time the funeral service will start.

Adkins will be laid to rest at Valhalla Memorial Gardens, 5409 N. 91st St. The repass will be at Victory Temple.



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# Signifyin’: A World of Our Own!

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creators of math, science, medicine and astrology. And our contributions grew throughout the millenniums—in spite of. My educational system would teach our children that greatness is a heritage, exploration is their virtue and inventiveness and resourcefulness is their birthright.

My system would empower them through truth, a rewriting of History so they can claim their rightful place. A people who are so empowered are unbeatable. They will not fall prey to exploitation; they are shielded against ignorance and subjugation.

My teachers will love their charges and nurture their creativity.

Parents would be partners in the educational process, as well as the village.

Which takes me to our cultural foundation, which in the Motherland is grounded in the nuclear family.

Everyone I asked to respond to this idea agreed that marriage should be promulgated as the foundation of a viable community (but not a polygamous society).

One went so far as to say our community here on earth imploded as we moved away from two parent households, a relationship with the church, and an appreciation of our African culture.

She has a point.

It is all but impossible to refute the assumption that single parent households are a major contributing component to a myriad of social ills, and equally important, hurt both child and single mother.

The children are handicapped because most single Black parents in America are poor, and too many of the mothers see their value only through the lens of lower expectations.

Our nation within a nation is on shaky ground when our women only see themselves as parents, sperm recipients by some “no account man-child” who sees his worth through the number of naïve women he can impregnate, but not care for.

On my planet, that would be a

crime. I would create a paradigm in which the nuclear family will be cornerstone. I know that’s discriminatory and goes against basic freedoms, but hey, it’s my dream and I want a new world order where Blackness can thrive, and challenge the rest of the solar system.

If somehow we screw up and end up back at our current predicament, then we deserve to be colonized and turned into a slave planet.

But if not...

We would need a strong military to fight our annexation because our

## Bethany Christian Services Celebrates Inaugural National ‘Pregnancy Counselor Appreciation Day’

*Pregnancy Counselors to be Recognized First Tuesday in March*

Pregnancy counselors provide critical support and play a pivotal role in the lives of women making one of the biggest decisions they may ever encounter.

To recognize these men and women who offer counseling, advice and resources to women in crisis, Bethany Christian Services, a global nonprofit adoption and child welfare agency, is

value to America in terms of labor and purchasing power would soon be missed.

Corporate America needs our \$1.2 trillion in buying power to insure a profit. Likewise, since a significant percentage of our ranks are high school dropouts they are forced to accept low wage jobs. And those who are ensnared by the criminal justice system provide “free” labor while in prison.

The missionary poverty pimps need us, as do the Korean weave makers, and the corner grocers to

inviting individuals and other organizations to join in celebrating Pregnancy Counselor Appreciation Day on the first Tuesday in March, this year falling on March 7.

The purpose of Pregnancy Counselor Appreciation Day is to raise awareness for the devoted and hard-working pregnancy counselors who work tirelessly to provide women facing an unplanned pregnancy with the help and support needed to navigate such a difficult situation.

These workers often provide a safe place to turn, offering a lifeline for women who may have no other place to go.

“Pregnancy counselors are vital to women and families dealing with the news of an unintended pregnancy,” said Kris Faasse, Senior Vice President of Clinical Services for Bethany. Approximately 37% of births are unintended in the United States and as

purchase their bad meats and their overpriced candies and chips.

So do the drug dealers and even the bigots, who need an excuse to justify their hatred and inadequacies.

Without us, America would collapse, which would be the most ironic twist of fate since the Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves Abe Lincoln didn’t have authority over and left in bondage those the war was fought to free.

Meanwhile, back on planet Kemet...

**Hotep.**

such, Bethany Christian Services believes that women and families should have access to dedicated and trained professionals to help deal with this difficult situation. Pregnancy counselors are an essential resource for women who are seeking information on life affirming options prior to making life-altering decisions.

The confidential bond between a counselor and a woman may be the only opportunity for these women to talk through all options available during this time of need.

To learn more about pregnancy counseling or other services through Bethany, please visit [www.impregnant.org](http://www.impregnant.org).

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## Can Freedom of Speech Be Tamed?

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to our individuality. Freedom of speech is who we are and how we identify with each other and the world. That special characteristic is destroyed once our voices have been silenced or manipulated to please others. It is, however, important that we question the individual’s intent. Although one may feel strong about an idea or concept, the intent is not always to discomfort or offend the opposing side.

As we uphold our position, “youth today, but future of tomorrow” we must remember to stay true to ourselves while also remembering the golden rule: “Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you.”

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## YOUTH & EDUCATION



Amber and Jared Anderson read to their children, Wesley, 4, and Bay, 1. Family time competes with school-work time for the Andersons, both UWM seniors studying to be science teachers in Milwaukee. (UWM Photo/ Derek Rickert)

## A couple who shares it all: Kids, college and career goals

By Kathy Quirk

Three years ago, Amber and Jared Anderson drove to Drake University in Iowa and back in one day to hear well-known scientist and educator Neil deGrasse Tyson speak.

That's one indication of how passionate the Andersons are about teaching science. The couple are now seniors in the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Married with two children, the couple juggles work, family and classes as they prepare to become teachers.

The Andersons are among 23 students currently benefitting from UWM's innovative Life Impact program, which provides support to UWM students who are parents. The financial support has been a big help, especially after Amber's financial aid ran out. "I don't know how I would have been able to finish this year without that program," she said.

But the Life Impact staff also helps them in dealing with other issues, she said. "They're really like a second family. You walk into that office and they help you keep your perspective; they encourage you and offer guidance. They understand what you're going through."

"They are an amazing couple," said Natalie Reinbold, program manager and life coach in the Life Impact office. "I see a hardworking family struggling to provide a brighter future for themselves and their own children, while also striving to provide a better public school opportunity to the children of Milwaukee."

Amber Anderson's decision to become a science teacher was crystallized by hearing Tyson speak passionately about the need for science literacy in America.

"That was really, for me, a personal tipping point, because I was really unsure of what subject I wanted to teach," Amber said. "Jared was dead set on science from the beginning, but I was a little unsure."

The Andersons, who both graduate in May, spent some time after completing high school in 2007 in finding their career paths.

"I was the general manager of a store and had worked as a cable technician, but I was finding none of those jobs gave me fulfillment," said Jared.

"We wanted our jobs to be meaningful," said Amber, "so we could look forward to going to work and making a difference."

The birth of their son, Wesley, in February 2012 moti-

vated them to make a concrete plan. "We share a lot of the same values and interests, so that's how we ended up sharing a major, a car and the same school schedule," said Amber.

Their days – and nights – are busy with classwork during the day and children in the evenings. Wesley is 4, and his sister, Bay, is 1. Jared also works part-time as a tutor through the SPARK Early Literacy program with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee).

Family is important to them and they wanted their children to be close in age, but adding one more child while they were still in school has had more impact than they anticipated.

"We often find ourselves not even starting homework until 9 or so," added Jared. "We've stayed up until 4 a.m., just to get up at 6 with the kids to get them to school. That's almost the routine, rather than the exception."

Faculty and staff at UWM have been incredibly supportive, both agree. Senior academic adviser Andrea Azarian was a big factor in their decision to come to UWM, Amber said. "She was so unbelievably helpful from day one."

Jared lauds professor Craig Berg and senior lecturer Ray Scolavino in the MACSTEP 2.0 science education program for their academic support.

"They're knowledgeable, they make science very understandable; they show you how you can make a difference as a teacher and how you go about teaching science," Jared said.

In addition to all the other support, the Life Impact program has helped them connect with other student parents.

"It's nice to have a group of people you know are going through the same thing you are," said Jared.

When they graduate, the Andersons are planning to look for positions in urban schools. "One of the reasons we chose UWM was because of its emphasis on culturally relevant teaching and urban education. A lot of education programs don't focus on that enough," said Amber.

Teaching science is one of their goals, but like Tyson they also want to teach children to think critically and find their own paths, said Amber.

"We're interested in educating kids to be well-rounded individuals, helping them discover their own strengths and weaknesses and improving their logical thinking. Science is a great medium for that."

## MPS athletics receives \$25,000 donation for baseball and softball equipment

Student athletes will accept donation from State Farm® and Pitch In For Baseball during Feb. 28 ceremony at MPS Hamilton High School State Farm® has collaborated with Pitch In For Baseball (PIFB) to donate \$25,000 in new and gently used baseball and softball equipment to the Milwaukee Public Schools Athletics Department. David Rhode, CEO and Founder of PIFB,

will present the equipment to student athletes during a ceremony on Tuesday, February 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of MPS Hamilton High School, 6215 W. Wernimont Avenue.

The donation will benefit over 200 male and female athletes who play JV and varsity baseball and softball in Milwaukee Public Schools.

Approximately 45 athletes, wearing their team jerseys, will join MPS coaches and staff to accept the equipment and thank the donors. Several athletes will be available for media interviews following the ceremony.

"This is a major donation for MPS Athletics and the students we serve," says Bill Molbeck, MPS Commissioner of Interscholastic Academics and Athletics. "We are grateful to State Farm® and Pitch In For Baseball for helping us enhance the experience of playing sports in Milwaukee Public Schools."

"Not only are more kids in Milwaukee going to be able to play baseball and softball, but we know from past school-based programs that being part of a team will lead to great outcomes like higher school attendance and increased academic performance for these boys and girls," says David Rhode, CEO and Founder of Pitch In For Baseball. "State Farm® agents and associates pitch in for our cus-

tomers and their communities every day. Supporting local schools in providing opportunities to participate in baseball and softball programs is a natural extension of who we are," said Leif Roll, Marketing Vice President of State Farm.

Founded in 2005, Pitch In For Baseball (PIFB) is the central organization for the collection and redistribution of new and gently used youth baseball and softball equipment to underserved communities around the world. PIFB had distributed equipment and uniforms to more than 90 countries worldwide and more than 500 communities around the United States impacting over 600,000 children in need. Based outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, PIFB is a 501 c 3 not for profit organization. For more information, visit [www.pifb.org](http://www.pifb.org) or contact David Rhode ([drhode@pifb.org](mailto:drhode@pifb.org)) at (215) 479-5293.

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## MPS Superintendent Darienne Driver goes "On the Issues" at Marquette Law School

Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent Darienne Driver will be the featured guest in an upcoming "On the Issues with Mike Gousha," Wednesday, March 8, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. at Marquette University Law School's Eckstein Hall, 1215 W. Michigan St.

Since becoming MPS Superintendent in 2014, Driver has earned positive reviews from community and business leaders for her efforts to improve the state's largest school district.

But with a four-year graduation rate of 58 percent and state exams showing that only about 20 percent of district students read proficiently, Driver acknowledges that much more needs to be done.

Late last year, she unveiled plans for a series of major reforms. They include an earlier start to the school year, school uniforms in most schools and more principal coaching and potential staff changes in MPS's



Darienne Driver

lowest-performing schools.

They also call for MPS to be the sole chartering authority in the city. Driver will discuss the district's successes and struggles, and her latest plans for reform.

Gousha, an award-winning broadcast journalist, is the Law School's distinguished fellow in law and public policy. His "On the Issues" series of conversations with newsmakers

supports Marquette Law School's commitment to serve as a modern-day public square for the city of Milwaukee, the state of Wisconsin and beyond.

Through public programming such as the Marquette Law School Poll, debates featuring candidates in significant political races, Gousha's "On the Issues" conversations with newsmakers, public lectures by leading scholars and conferences on significant issues of public importance, the Law School serves as the region's leading venue for serious civil discourse about law and public policy matters.

The event is at capacity for members of the public. Registration for a waiting list is available online. Members of the media who are interested in attending should contact Chris Jenkins in the Office of Marketing and Communication at (414) 288-4745 or [christopher.t.jenkins@marquette.edu](mailto:christopher.t.jenkins@marquette.edu).

## Pius XI Catholic High School Showcases American Voices with Productions of Golden Child and A Raisin in the Sun

Highlighting themes of unity and diversity, Pius XI Catholic High School's Performing Arts Department will explore unique American voices this spring with performances of Golden Child and A Raisin in the Sun. Performances are open to the public and will be held in the Black Box Theater at the Father Robert V. Carney Performing Arts Center.

David Henry Hwang's rarely produced show, Golden Child, will be directed by Joshua Pohja of First Stage Theater Academy, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre and Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, and will feature Pius XI's Chinese international students.

The show, which examines the collision of Eastern and Western culture in 1918 China, will also feature a quartet of students performing Chinese mountain songs arranged by Dr. Chen Yi accompanied by a traditional stringed in-

strument, the Guzheng.

"We have the special opportunity to host more than 70 Chinese international students through the Wisconsin International Academy," said Bonnie Scholz, chair of the Performing Arts Department at Pius XI High School. "These are students whose primary language is Mandarin, performing a play written entirely in English, with many acting onstage for the first time. It has been amazing to watch them gain confidence as they immerse themselves in the theatre."

Pius XI Performing Arts Department will also produce Lorraine Hansberry's American classic, A Raisin in the Sun.

The story of an African-American family living on the South side of Chicago in the 1950s, A Raisin in the Sun takes a close look at fulfilling dreams despite the struggles of racism and poverty.

The successful Broadway show is a staple amongst repertory theaters and will be directed by Pius XI alum Dennis Johnson. Johnson is also a co-founder of Milwaukee's Uprooted Theatre, the city's first professional African-American theatre company.

"Both Golden Child and A Raisin in the Sun investigate the ideas of change and diversity within society," Scholz said. "The productions delve into the lives of two very

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Lori Woodall and Ryan Schaufler--Photo by Laura Heise

## Acacia Theatre Company Presents “The Best of Enemies”

Acacia Theatre presents “The Best of Enemies,” the true story of an unlikely friendship between a black civil rights activist, Ann Atwater, and a member of the Ku Klux Klan, C. P. Ellis. Based on “The Best of Enemies” by Osha Gray Davidson, this adaptation by Mark St. Germain (“Freud’s Last Session”) dramatizes the relationship of Atwater and Ellis, which developed during meetings about the desegregation of the Durham, North Carolina, schools in 1971. “Best of Enemies” centers on two strong characters determined to overcome obstacles, least of which are each other’s prejudices.

The production is directed by Erin Nicole Eggers and stars husband and wife Ryan Schaufler and Lori Woodall as Ellis and Atwater. Also featured are Elaine Wyler and Derrion Brown. A chorus completes the cast.

Note: Due to the subject matter of the show, there will be some racist language.

The performances will be given in Concordia University Wisconsin’s Todd Wehr Auditorium, 12800 North Lake Shore Drive in Mequon, Wis.

For Best of Enemies, one member of the Milwaukee community who is personally or professionally involved with racial reconciliation will be part of the cast talkback after each performance.

Performances are set for: Fri., March 17th at 7:30 pm; Sat. March 18th at 7:30 pm; Sun., March 19th at 3 pm; Thurs., March 23rd at 7:30 pm; Fri., March 24th at 7:30 pm; Sat., March 25th at 4 pm; Sun., March 26th at 3 pm.

The single ticket prices for the season are \$16 for adults, and \$13 for seniors, full-time students, and full-time clergy. More information is available by calling (414) 744-5995 or visiting [www.acaciatheatre.com](http://www.acaciatheatre.com).

Founded in 1980, Acacia Theatre Company is an independent, non-profit, interdenominational group of dramatic artists who share a common desire to integrate art and faith by presenting theatre from a Judeo-Christian worldview. Through uplifting, quality entertainment, Acacia provides occasion for thanksgiving, growth and enjoyment, and the opportunity for Christians and non-Christians to consider their lives in relation to God. More information is available at [www.acaciatheatre.com](http://www.acaciatheatre.com).

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## 2017 Milwaukee Film Festival Call for Entries Now Open

***Festival Offers to Pay for All Work Screened; Free Entry for All Films; \$34,500 in Cash Prizes Promised***

Milwaukee Film is now accepting entries for the 9th annual Milwaukee Film Festival, Sept. 28 - Oct. 12, 2017. Works of all genres, forms, and lengths will be considered. The deadline for all entries is Monday, June 12. The festival is in its sixth year of offering free submission for all films and, for the third consecutive year, Milwaukee Film will offer to pay for all work that is screened in the festival.

Milwaukee Film’s Artistic and Executive Director Jonathan Jackson said, “It’s been four months since our festival ended, and we’re ready to start watching films and conceptualizing the content for our 2017 edition. In addition, we are proud to continue our commitment to paying artists.”

Steven Caple Jr., director of *The Land* which was featured at the 2016 Milwaukee Film Festival, said, “It’s a great festival. For directors, it’s what you want out of screenings. This place has a setting that sparks your love for filmmaking. Everyone is enthusiastic and supportive. Milwaukee’s festival is very intimate and the one-on-one networking goes a long way.” During his visit to the Milwaukee Film Festival, HBO announced that Caple Jr. would be writing an Emmett Till miniseries from a producing team that includes Jay-Z, Will Smith, and Casey Affleck.

The Milwaukee Film Festival offers additional support to filmmakers in the form of cash awards. In 2017, that total is expected to be over \$34,000. The following juried cash awards will be presented, with additional possible awards to be announced prior to the festival:

- Herzfeld Competition Award (\$10,000)
- Cream City Cinema Jury Award (\$5,000)
- Milwaukee Music Video Award (\$5,000)
- Black Lens Jury Award (\$5,000)
- Documentary Jury Award (\$5,000)
- Cream City Cinema College Filmmaker Award (\$2,500)
- Shorter Is Better Award (\$1,000)
- Kids Choice Short Film Award (\$1,000)

In addition, there will be two non-juried audience awards, presented by Allan H. (Bud) and Suzanne L. Selig.

The entry form and complete information regarding eligibility for the 2017 Milwaukee Film Festival Call for Entries is available at <http://mkofilm.org/call-for-entries>. Questions about submissions may be directed to [entry@mkofilm.org](mailto:entry@mkofilm.org).

The 2017 Milwaukee Film Festival runs September 28 - October 12. Passes and ticket 6-packs go on sale in May, with the best prices available to Milwaukee Film Members.

For information on how to become a Member, visit <http://mkofilm.org/membership>.

## Pius XI Catholic High School Showcases Golden Child and A Raisin in the Sun

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different families facing similar challenges.

This unique combination of shows allows us to extend our overarching theme for the year, American voices, as we explore a variety of backgrounds and experiences.”

Golden Child will be performed March 9 at 7 p.m., March 11 at 2 p.m. and March 12 at 7 p.m. Performances of *A Raisin in the Sun* will take place at 7 p.m. on March 10 and 11 and at 2 p.m. on March 12.

All performances take place at the Father Robert V. Carney Performing Arts Center in the Black Box Theater located at 135 North 76th Street. For tickets and additional performance information please visit [www.pius-pac.org](http://www.pius-pac.org).

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# MCJSPORTS: Despite shaky playoff picture, fans cheer on their Bucks as they defeat the Phoenix Suns

Bucks cheering section help pump up the volume at the BMO Harris Bradley Center.--All photos by Bill Tennesen



The Bucks Michael Beasley over Jared Dudley of the Suns



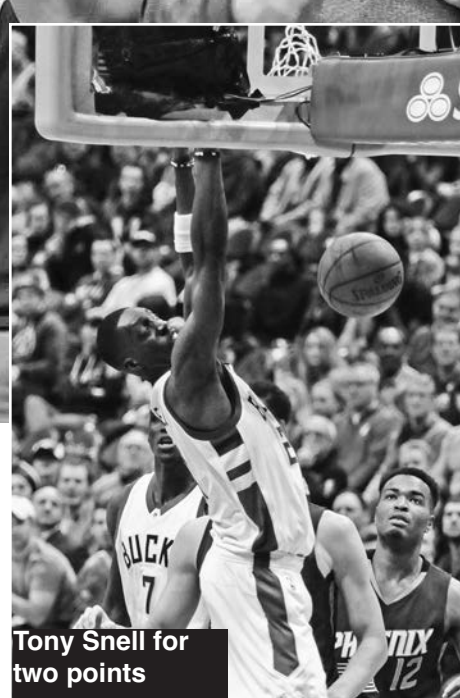
Khris Middleton with T.J. Warren



Defensive action by Giannis Antetokounmpo and Thong Maker against Alan Williams



Greg Monroe with his "Eye on the Prize" as he maneuvers around Leandro Barbosa



Tony Snell for two points

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**ELECTION WATCH 2016 THE RESULTS**  
Senate incumbent Taylor defeats challenger Barnes in hotly contested primary race

Jason Fields to return to Assembly, Gwen Moore easily defeats challenger Gary George

Compiled by MCJ Staff

Incumbent state Sen. Lena Taylor handily won the most hotly anticipated, contested and discussed political race of the year, defeating her challenger, Rep. Mandela Barnes in the August 9 state primary elections.

Taylor collected 61 percent (11,430) of the votes in her fourth district senatorial race. Despite heavy financial backing and support from the predominantly white suburb of Shorewood -- and the political action group, Wisconsin Working Family Party, Barnes could only muster 39 percent (7,414) of the votes.

In what could best be described as the second most hotly contested political race in the community, incumbent Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm defeated Anty. Vanna Swainigan. Chisholm received 51,460 votes (65 percent) in Swainigan's 27,570 votes (35 percent).

Described by local WNDV radio talk show host Sherell Hughes as "a phoenix rising from the ashes," former State Rep. Jason Fields reclaimed his former District 1. Joseph Fields collected 2,930 votes (59 percent) to Gibson's 2,062 (41 percent).

If there were ever a proverbial "snake walk," it would be the contest between incumbent U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore and former state Senator Gary George. Moore, walking figuratively speaking (and expectedly), Moore walked over George in this primary election, receiving 85 per cent of the votes (55,093) to George's paltry 15 percent (6,508 votes).

In the other senate race involving our community, Rep. LaTonya Johnson will succeed Nikya Harris Dodd to see the district six, who stepped down from the position for personal reasons.

Johnson defeated two other challengers for the seat Thomas Harris and Michael Bonds, the former president of the Milwaukee Public School's Board of Directors. The race for second place between Harris and Bonds was tight, with Harris receiving 33,558 votes (20 percent), and Bonds 1,011 (1 percent).

In two other Assembly races is predominantly Black districts, incumbent state Rep. Lee Young retained his District 16 seat defeating Edgema Lin, Brandy Bond, and Stephen Janney.

David Crowley will now represent the 17th Assembly district, defeating two other candidates, Kim Burns -- the daughter of the late legendary lawmaker Polly Williams -- and Marcus Hart.

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