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4th Annual 500 Black Tuxedos Event



The 4th Annual 500 Black Tuxedos We Got This, Inc. was held at the Hilton Hotel on the 5th floor Crystal ball room recently. Andre Lee Ellis, the founder of We Got This, Inc. and the creator of the Tuxedo event, gave out awards to young men and older men doing positive things in the community and for their academic achievements and awareness. Ellis says by giving these young brothers a chance to put on a tux and parade in the streets of Milwaukee we open up their whole perspective of life. This year, Ellis expanded the event to include a pre-Tuxedo meet and greet night last Friday at Northcott Neighborhood House, 2460 N. 6th St. The young men got haircuts and heard words of inspiration from Ellis and other individuals. See more photos in this week's Weekend Edition--Photos by Kim A. Robinson

Milwaukee's Black Community: Where Is The Civility?

If you've lived in Milwaukee as long as I have (70 years) you tend to acquire a cynical view of the current state of affairs facing, or more realistically plaguing, Milwaukee's Black community.

FIRST PERSON

By Roy B. Evans, Esq.



Atty. Evans

It's hard to explain to my friends and colleagues from around the country how and why I choose to live in a city designated as one of the worst cities in America for Blacks to live. Not only to live but also to prosper and grow as citizens. It's a hard question to answer.

I normally chalk it up to the changing times and a systemic racism that permeates every aspect of our existence. I know it's too simple an explanation; but to tell the truth would take more time than our brief conversations would allow.

It's not only difficult to explain this phenomenon to friends from afar, but in talking to others who were born in Milwaukee or migrated here back in the good old days (before the freeway) it's hard to rationalize how we have fallen to this point. Before the freeway Black Milwaukee was a thriving, vibrant, orderly community where expectations were high and nonsense was hardly ever tolerated.

But, after 70 years of witnessing and experiencing the decline of Black Milwaukee first hand, it's no mystery as to why we are in the state of affairs that

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PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

Photos and question by Yvonne Kemp

"It is a wonderful and masterful event. It inspired me to give my all to the youth I serve and the community that I belong to because the youth need positive images in a world full of so many negative ones. It's a great event that needs more coverage, sponsors and participation."



Donte Daughtry

"Scrolling down my Facebook/Instagram page and seeing Black boys in tuxedos reassured me that these young men in our community can be steered in the right direction with the right guidance. The young men in our community really need it (the event). Great job Andre Lee Ellis!"



Erskinte Henderson

"What is your opinion of We Got This! 500 Black Tuxedo event that inspired and uplifts the image of Black male youth?"

(Some of the answers have been edited due to space constraints.)

"The way our young Black males are portrayed in the media (and other outlets) is terrible. This event gives our city and the rest of the world a glimpse of who our young Black males truly are. And they are amazing!"



Rae Norwood

"The event simply sends a message to not only those in attendance, but also those who are able to catch a glimpse of it, confirmation of what is possible. Our young people are filled with promise. It's on us to provide them with a platform to blossom. On this day, seeds were planted and the foundation was laid! WE GOT THIS AND WE LIVE HERE! #414LIFE!"



Deonte Lewis

Doug Jones owes Black Alabamans BIG time

Black voters brought him to this place, and he can't forget that

By David A. Love, article courtesy of TheGrio.com

The epic victory of Doug Jones against Roy Moore in the Alabama Senate race is proof once again that Black voters are the Democratic Party's most reliable, enthusiastic and loyal voting bloc.

For his upset win, Jones owes Black Alabama big-time, in a state steeped in civil rights history, yet one in dire need of racial justice and redemption.

Mobilized and enthusiastic, the base of the Democratic Party in Alabama demonstrated what can happen when voters of color unite with millennials, women and woke white folks to decide that a dirty old man who had staked out his claim to the legacy of white supremacy will not have a seat in the U.S. Senate--this time.

Black turnout was high, with Black voters exceeding their numbers in the general population and clocking in at 29 percent of voters, just like the 2012 and 2008 elections when President Obama was on the ballot.

And 96 percent of African Americans cast their ballot for Jones, in line with their 95 percent support for

Obama in 2012.

Jones marketed himself to Black folks based on his role as a federal prosecutor who came for two Klansmen responsible for the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, also known as Bombingham.

That 1963 domestic terror attack left four little Black girls dead. The tragic event was a flashpoint in the civil rights movement and helped usher in the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Alabama holds a special place in the history of the civil rights movement. This is where the Montgomery Bus Boycott took place, the march from Selma to Montgomery and the police and Klan assault on peaceful protesters known as "Bloody Sunday."

Civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo was gunned down like a dog by the

Klan on her way from Montgomery to Selma in 1965. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter From Birmingham Jail," in which he articulated nonviolent civil disobedience, spoke of the moral duty to break unjust laws, and the moderate white clergy who insisted that he slow things down.

Alabama gave birth to George Wallace, who as governor was a stalwart guardian of white supremacy and segregation; Bull Connor, the Birmingham police commissioner who used fire hoses and police dogs on Black children, and Jim Clark, the sheriff in Selma known for violent confrontations with civil rights demonstrators.

That's a lot of history in Alabama, with heroes and villains playing their respective roles. This recent special

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Council committee to demand answers about photos of sewer company employees with guns and racist symbols

Article compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

The Common Council's Steering & Rules Committee has rescheduled a special hearing for Monday, December 18, with the owner of American Sewer Services, a contractor that has come under fire for photos showing its employees brandishing guns and having a cooler with a confederate flag and Klu Klux Klan logo attached to it.

The Contractor was scheduled to meet with the committee Thursday, December 14, but asked that his appearance be rescheduled. No reason was given for the date change.

The American Sewer Services official will address questions about a photo taken last week of an employee's cooler at a sewer job site at North 25th Street and West Wells Street. The photo shows a Confederate Flag and a Ku Klux Klan logo on the cooler. The contractor will also address a photo taken November 30 of three employees openly carrying guns on a city job site. One of the three had removed his weapon from its holster.

According to a recent news report, the employee with the KKK cooler has been fired, and the three gun brandishing employees have been disciplined. The one brandishing his firearm was reportedly terminated.

The photos were reportedly taken and posted on Facebook by residents of the area on the westside near downtown, which is predominately African American.

The hearing comes after several Black Council members who expressed outrage and disgust after the photos went viral on the Internet.

"It is sad and unfortunate that in 2017 we continue to see hurtful and painful symbols from our nation's past brought into work spaces and places where our community members reside, but we must address it," said Alderwoman Milele Coggs in a statement.

It was Coggs who sponsored what is called a "Communication File," calling for a special meeting of the committee to address the incidents. Ald. Russell

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We will have the follow-up to our December sixth front page article on the top Parental Choice schools in next week's edition.

MILLENNIAL VOICES

News and Views from today's Millennial Generation

Jingle Sales

Jingle Bells happy trails to a simpler time indeed, hello to impatience, a long "want" list, no more wishes just much greed.

I remember when Barbie dolls and action figures use to be the best; in fact, I had so many transformers figures, they all could not fit in my toy chest.

But those were for indoor play, we prefer to be outside. Girls jumping rope, boys playing sports till the street lights started to shine.

We knew nothing about 8 hour shifts in front of a Television screen, playing Playstations 4s or Xbox 1, then giving attitudes when its time to clean.

Not considering the sacrifices that were made to pay for the game system, parents thinking to themselves "At \$400.00 the game should help clean the kitchen."

We used to say, "Please can I have a new action figure for \$15.00?" With our manners rarely misplaced, but in today's time for \$15.00, we are lucky to get a phone case.

That's because, jingle bells or "jingle sales," are meant to jingle us all the way, straight to the poor house trying to buy happiness to an entitled child just for that day.

We all know the song. So, whatever happened to "Riding a one horse open sleigh?" Oh, wait they still have those in front malls, next to the conductor waiting for you to pay.

So, commercialized it all has become the true meaning have we ever had? Unfortunately, kids today seemed to think it is buried in their iphones and ipads.

So entitled, many have become. We must teach patience and humility, before they grow into adults with poor work ethics and expecting things for free.

Let us prolong their childhoods and remind them of Christmas' true purpose: to be thankful for life and those in it, not replacing our old devices that suddenly stopped working.

So, this holiday season, kids love your parents by showing them appreciation and love. Be grateful for whatever you receive, because there are many kids' homeless just praying for hats and gloves.

Oh! what fun it is to ride on a one horse open sleigh.

Joshua Thomas



Joshua Thomas

Christmas Takeaways



Time is the most precious thing life has to offer. When we learn to appreciate it, we tend to value the time we spend with our loved ones. It's not every day that families are relieved from work and able to spend quality time at home. Therefore, the feeling of love is sure to be in the air.

The holiday season has approached and families are shopping with joy. It's that time of the year, where people enjoy giving gifts with love. Families love to pour their hearts out through giving to show a little extra appreciation.

Here's eight things to remember this holiday season:

1. Memories Outweigh Materials
2. Gift Creatively
3. Books Are Amazing
4. You Can't Go Wrong With A Gift Card
5. Family Is Love
6. Phone Calls Are Sweet
7. Bless Others
8. Letters Are Meaningful

LaShawnda S. Wilkins

What Christmas Means to Me

It's referred to as the most wonderful time of the year and I honestly get excited whenever this time of the year comes around.

Christmas, to me, means so much more than gifts, and good food. Christmas to me has a special value for multiple reasons.

I will never forget the times that my mother would wake me up early in the morning to a hot breakfast, before unveiling the greatest gift of all, her love.

My family would always take Christmas time to bond together, no matter what, no matter how cold it was outside. If we hadn't seen each other for months, Christmas would be that holiday to recollect and reunite with family. I have fond memories of so many holidays where my family and I enjoyed some of the greatest times together.

That's what Christmas exudes in to me, family, love and prosperity. Christmas to me exudes in grace, and giving thanks. Christmas to me is a time to laugh, love and enjoy time that you may not have been given before. Christmas brings out a side of me that can't be downed or disgraced, it's a time where I take in the gift of being able to see my family yet again.

Some people may not take into account, that there are families that may not be able to see their loved ones for several reasons.

Whether they have family in the war, or maybe they have lost loved ones, due to tragic occurrences, this is always a great time to be grateful for everything that we have.

So, everyone, I wish you a tremendous holiday and a Merry Christmas. I hope that is one that you truly won't forget.

Quardeay Julien



A young Quardeay at Christmas

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Making Christmas My Own

My most fond memory of Christmas was the first time I made Christmas my own. Most holidays are usually spent alongside one's family, with traditions setting the course for the gathering.

Although my family holiday memories are still precious, the new memories I have made, as an adult, have stuck out the most to me.

As an adult, going into your identity and how that relates to your familial relationships can begin to change. Some choose to remain as close as possible with their families. Others may not be in contact with theirs.

To come to terms with your sense of autonomy, as an adult, is to also realize that you can make Christmas your own. This realization, that I could begin my own Christmas traditions, has made the holidays as enjoyable now as when I was a child.

Growing up, our family traditions included small things that I originally did not count as "real" traditions. The tradition that I am most fond of was opening presents at the stroke of midnight on Christmas Eve, versus opening them on Christmas day. As a child, I never thought anything about this practice was anything special. As long as I got to rip open my presents with my siblings, then I was happy.

As I grew older and started sharing my Christmas time traditions with friends, I realized that the midnight opens were a bit of an oddity. Most of my friends opened their gifts on Christmas Day. I couldn't imagine waiting that long to get my hands on the wrapping paper and shred it bits.

Looking back on how we felt in that moment, and how it was punctuated by the anticipation of waiting until midnight, made this more of a tradition than I had first realized. Traditions can be anything one wishes them to be. Currently, my favorite Christmas tradition is anything that involves being with my friends.

Recently, my friends and I have coordinated White Elephant parties. Keeping the gift price rule low, and focusing more on spending time with each other, has made for some of my favorite Christmases.

As I am settling into adulthood, I have realized that I have full control of whom I chose to spend my time and holidays with. That realization has been an essential for my personal brand of adulthood. For me, Christmas traditions are more about the feelings in that moment, rather than how much you are spending.

Sarah Thomas



Sarah Thomas

Committee to demand answers about questionable photos

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W. Stamper, II; Council President Ashanti Hamilton, and Ald. Khalif J. Rainey, who is also vice chair of the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee, co-sponsored the "Communication File."

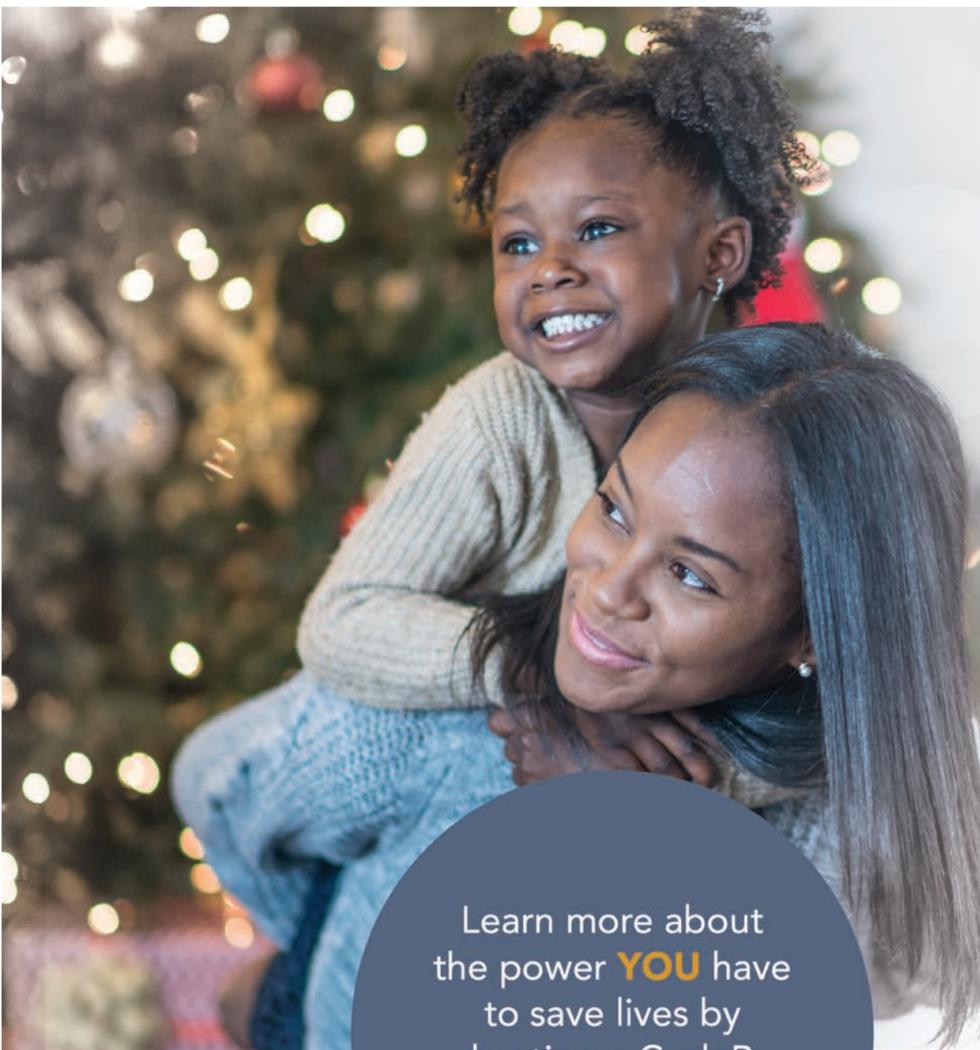
"It is my sincere hope that we can create a clear path forward that affirms a standard of respect for our community and one that leaves no room for offensive displays or messages. That standard will be clear and all companies we do business with will be required to abide by it at all times," the Alderwoman said.

Stamper said it was time to take a deeper look into American Sewer Services. "This company has allowed an atmosphere of disrespect and intolerance to exist and it is now being brought to the light. The brashness shown in the photo with the guns, and now this photo (of the cooler with the racist flag and logo) can be directly attributed to the environment this company has fostered with its employees, an environment where there is a total disregard for the community in which they serve."

Said Hamilton: "There is an important opportunity, we have to recognize, that comes with shining a light on behaviors, norms, and blatant acts of hatred that persist in this city that we all share. This issue is bigger than a sticker or gesture; the attitudes behind them impact our city, and especially minorities, in very real ways. I want to be clear that such behaviors have no place in this city and will not be tolerated in any public workplace."

Rainey said he looks forward to listening closely to the testimony from American Sewer Services when the file is heard.

"I am interested in finding out how the company recruits and hires its workers, and where they come from," Alderman Rainey said. "Too often it is clear that many of these (DPW-contracted) work sites include no individuals of color. I would hope contractors could find a way to hire a more diverse staff so that the workers working on city projects reflect the population of our community."



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RELIGION

Northwest Funeral Chapel holds 4th annual Mrs. O'Bee's Toy House



The staff of Northwest Funeral Chapel and the Northwest Family Activity and Events Center pose, along with volunteers held the 4th annual Mrs. O'Bee's Toy House recently. The event was held at the Activity and Events Center and was open to children two to 10 years of age. Each child selected a toy while supplies lasted, and enjoyed special treats provided by the Friends of Mrs. O'Bee.--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

Giving to the givers



Wilma Spann (front, third from right), president of the Church Women United-Milwaukee Unit, poses with representatives of nine social service agencies who received Christmas gifts to hand out to their respective clients. The gifts were presented during the CWU-Milwaukee Unit's annual Christmas Tea held at Apostle Presbyterian Church, 1509 S. 76th St. in West Allis.--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

GRAMMY AWARD NOMINATED SINGER-SONGWRITER CHERYL FORTUNE HITS NO. 1 WITH "FIGHTERS" AND EARNS FILM FESTIVAL AWARD FOR MUSIC VIDEO

Grammy Award nominated singer-songwriter, Cheryl Fortune, has landed at No. 1 on the Billboard Gospel Recurrent chart with her rousing anthem, "Fighters."

After 31 weeks on the Billboard Gospel Airplay chart, the song took the top spot on the Recurrent chart with a whopping 725 detections. In other news, the HGAG Music Video and Film Festival selected "Fighters" as best music video of the year during a screening at the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs on the campus of Texas Southern University in Houston, TX.

"Fighters" is the first radio single from Fortune's stunning debut album, *Simply Cheryl* (Ludlow Music/Tyscot), which debuted at No. 8 on the Billboard Gospel Albums sales chart in October. The versatile singer will release new radio singles from the urban inspirational album in January.

BlackGrooves.org recently gave the project a thumbs-up review that included this assessment, "While listeners will surely recognize definitive rhythmic grooves, guitar melodic lines, synth bass lines and horn stabs, harmonic progressions, and talk boxes, among other textures linked with R&B sensations such as Bobby Brown, Keith Sweat and Mint Condition to name a few iconic artists, the gospel message of encouragement, hope and resilience remains at the forefront of the album."



Cheryl Fortune

St. Mark to hold popular Christmas Cantata Dec. 17

St. Mark AME Church will hold its annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 17, at 10a.m. The popular holiday event will feature a live orchestra, liturgical dance ministry, and the St. Mark Christmas Choir directed by Maurice Cotton. St. Mark is located at 1616 W. Atkinson Ave. For more information, call 562-8030. Rev. Joy L. Gallmon is the pastor.

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PERSPECTIVES

Between a flat tire and a bus line

The young brother was distraught to the point of tears.

He had been arrested several hours earlier for driving after revocation, and would soon face a judge who could conceivably sentence him to a vacation in the County Hotel (aka jail).

It was the brother's third offense and his luck had run out. He said he and his girlfriend had returned from a movie and were sitting in his car "talking" when a police car pulled up behind him (maybe attracted by the strong smell of "stink," or "loud," or whatever they call that stinky, loud weed) that permeated from the half open window.

After a long minute, the young man's girlfriend exited and walked into her home. Seconds later, and oblivious to the cops behind him, the brother pulled off. Within seconds, the police pulled him over for a busted tail light.

Upon discovering that he was driving, once again, without a license, he was promptly arrested.

I tried to console the brother, and inquired if he had learned a lesson from his misfortunate.

His response was both juvenile and nonsensical: "Yeah," he said. "Next time I won't pull over; I'll make a run for it."

"It was racist; po-po always profiling a brother...cause we're Black." Here was a brother who just didn't get it!

I was somewhat sympathetic when he "explained" he continued to drive without a license because he needed transportation to get to his job.

But I drew the line over his inability to understand he was responsible for his predicament. Even if he was profiled, he had written his own script.

Even more alarming was his inability to grasp the possible consequences of running away from the police. That option was mind-boggling, bordering on pure stupidity, as I explained in a recent column about the central city becoming the Wilder than Wild West.

Sitting in jail for a month or two would probably mean the brother would lose his job. And the conviction on his record—maybe a felony—would almost assure that he would be limited in the type of jobs he would be able to secure after his release.

And if he couldn't pay the assessed fine that surely would be imposed in addition to his jail time, he would be digging an even deeper hole for himself.

Sadly, the young brother is not alone. Literally thousands of young Black men in Milwaukee find themselves in similar quandaries.

One could say they are caught between a flat tire and a bus line.

Apparently, they were never told that driving is a privilege, not a right. That most laws were put into place to protect us, from us. And while Yah/El (Christian/Hebrew names for our one God) gave man free will, (S)He also warned that stupidity has consequences.

I told the brother that taking the short route oftentimes didn't necessarily mean you'd get to your destination quicker.

I then repeated an adage that has guided my life: "Stumbling doesn't mean you fell down. Quite the contrary. You have to look at stumbling as 'falling forward faster'."

"Learn from it and it'll benefit you later in life."

"What?" he responded. "What the hell does that mean? I wasn't running, I was driving; you can't stumble if you're in a car."

Oh, well...so much for trying to have an intelligent conversation with a Neckbone.

Most of the brothers—and a few sisters—caught up in the criminal justice system for driving without, or with a revoked license, are products of their own making. Some can trace their situation to socioeconomic factors. But for the most part, they don't have a license because of their conduct or because they were lazy. Or cheap.

So, what does it say when the self-proclaimed victims then purchase cars unsuited for the road, or with illegally tinted windows, broke tail lights or hand written license plates?

Does it suggest they feel above the law? Or that they are stupid?

Most should consider themselves lucky that they normally get away with a municipal summons.

It's hard to have pity for them, particularly those who don't show up for a court hearing, or refuse to pay their fine, resulting in their being found in contempt and elevating their cases to county circuit courts. The next thing



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you know they face a felony and the cycle is complete.

Like hate crime enhancers, those brothers should get another fine or sentence for being stupid. And do community service for embarrassing our community, as well as providing ammunition for those who stereotype all brothers driving without a license.

By that I refer to those brothers who risk criminal records because they figure they have no other choice.

Back at the turn of the century, our overzealous (and apparently money starved lawmakers) enacted laws that allow the courts to include loss of driving privileges as punishment for everything from failure to pay child support to inability to pay overnight parking fines.

The end result was a thousand-fold increase in the number of poor Black Milwaukeeans without the ability to drive, meaning in many cases they can't get to work.

The bottom line: Over one third of all potential Black drivers in southeastern Wisconsin are now without licenses.

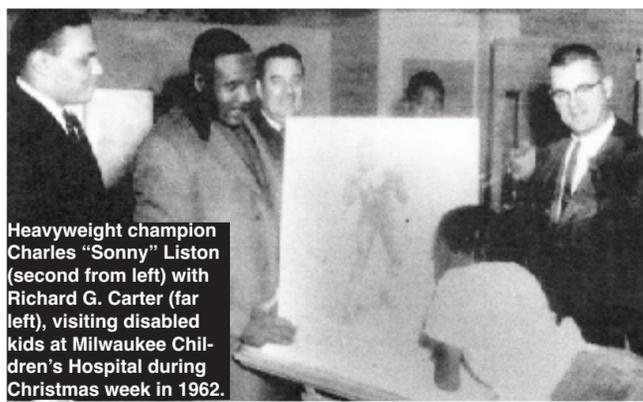
At the beginning of the current century, statistics revealed 78% of all Black males between the ages of 18 and 24 were without a valid driver's license.

That's compared to 58% of Hispanic males and 34% of White males. There are 30,000 African Americans with suspended licenses.

Of course, this phenomenon is not restricted to Black men. Exactly two out of every three Black women in that age group were without a license, which meant if everyone followed the law, the county transit company wouldn't be facing a ridership crunch.

This sociopolitical phenomenon has resulted in the unintended consequence of restricting their access to jobs, reducing their ability to secure hundreds of jobs that require a driver's license, and criminalizing literally thousands of younger brothers and sisters who feel they have no option but

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Heavyweight champion Charles "Sonny" Liston (second from left) with Richard G. Carter (far left), visiting disabled kids at Milwaukee Children's Hospital during Christmas week in 1962.

Remember when...

Heavyweight king Sonny Liston spread Christmas cheer to crippled kids in Milwaukee

By Richard G. Carter
"Hittin' Sonny was like throwin' corn flakes at a battleship..." --Joe Louis

Whenever Christmas season rolls around, I recall one of the most heartfelt events of my long career in journalism. And it happened right here in my hometown of Milwaukee.

It was Christmas week in 1962 when, as youthful sports editor of the Black weekly Milwaukee Star, I got a call that newly crowned world heavyweight boxing champion Charles "Sonny" Liston, was on his way to visit crippled kids at Children's Hospital.

As a lifelong follower of the "sweet science" and a Liston fan since my 1959-61 active service in the U.S. Army, I quickly donned a dark blue suit and, accompanied by a Star photographer, rushed over to the hospital, then at N. 17th St. and W. Wisconsin Ave.

Happily, no other local newspaper reporters were present, so I had myself a "scoop." And what I saw, and heard, during the champ's hour-long visit, was memorable.

Far from the fearsome fighting machine known to boxing fans, Liston -- whom Muhammad Ali dubbed "the big ugly bear" -- smiled ear-to-ear as he greeted, coddled and whispered to a number of bed-ridden, crippled Black kids of all ages.

Due to a hardscrabble Arkansas childhood with an abusive father and checkered past as a strong-arm mob enforcer in St. Louis, Liston spent time in prison, where he learned to box. Yet, owing to his many siblings, he developed an affinity for children in need.

So to me, the melancholy sight of this hulking, bigger-than-life sports figure spreading Christmas cheer to wide-eyed these kids was one I'll treasure and never forget.

Clad in a grey tweed overcoat with a black velvet collar, the burly, 6-1, 215 lb. Liston had the look of a champion. At one stop (see photo), his huge hands held a large drawing of himself in a fighting pose he presented to an awe-struck young boy on his stomach.

As he gracefully glided from child-to-child with the tiger-like grace he often displayed in stalking, and knocking out, opponent-after-opponent, I seized the opportunity to ask Liston a few questions about his meteoric rise to top in the late 1950s- early '60s. In so doing, I told him I'd first heard of his knock-out power from the late Sgt. Tommie "Sarge" Johnson, with whom I served at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in 1959.

Sgt. Johnson, later the trainer of the 1976 U.S. Olympic team, accompanied me -- a new 2nd lieutenant -- to a closed-circuit telecast in the post's movie theater showing heavyweight king Floyd Patterson vs. Sweden's Ingemar Johansson in Yankee Stadium.

As we awaited the action, Sarge said to me, "Don't be surprised if Johansson knocks out Floyd. The man can't take a big punch." I then asked him who he thought was the best heavyweight in the world, if not the 195-lb. Patterson.

Without hesitation, he replied: "Sonny Liston. If he ever gets the chance, he'll win by a knockout. I don't care who he fights. Liston is the hardest puncher I ever saw."

And then the lights went down, the fight started and, three rounds later, Patterson was an ex-champ as Johansson scored seven knockdowns to capture the crown.

The Sarge was right. And some three years later after regaining the title from Johansson, Floyd defended it against Liston in Chicago. But he was KO'd by Sonny in one round -- an outcome I predicted in advance on the front page of the Milwaukee Star.

A year later, Sonny again brutally dispatched Floyd in the first round of their return match in Las Vegas. And as I watched the close-circuit theater telecast in Milwaukee's Warner theater, I said to myself, "Right again, Sarge."

Thoughts of their first fight came rushing back to me as I talked with the soft-spoken Liston during his December 1962 tour of Milwaukee Children's Hospital. He smiled when I mentioned Sarge Johnson's name as we talked about some of his biggest wins. But when I worked up the nerve to ask his age, he simply answered, "Older than you might think."

In 2012, I learned from Paul Gallender's meticulously detailed book "Sonny Liston: The Real Story Behind the Liston-Ali Fights," that Sonny actually was born in 1917 and was 47 when, as a huge favorite, he lost his title to 22-year-old Cassius Clay in 1964. The book also claims Liston took an obvious dive in their 1965 return to Muhammad Ali (formerly Clay) -- going down for the count from a love-tap nobody saw.

Interestingly enough, Joe Louis -- the fabled Brown Bomber -- once opined that "hittin' Sonny was like throwin' corn flakes at a battleship." That's how tough he was.

Thus, countless boxing experts have long agreed that Liston -- whom Ali said looked as old as his father -- threw their second fight for his own reasons. The latter was covered in a startling 2009 movie "Phantom Punch," with Ving Rhames, a Liston look-alike.

Sonny KO'd 13 of his next 14 foes and sought a title bout before his strange death Dec. 30, 1970 from a disputed heroin overdose, as his fear of needles sparked rumors of foul play. His wife, Geraldine, found him dead in their Las Vegas home, Jan. 5, 1971.

As a boxing aficionado, I'm often asked to name the best heavyweights. I say Louis and Liston -- echoing Sgt. Johnson, with whom I stayed in touch. Sarge sadly perished in a 1980 airplane crash in Poland with some members of the U.S. national boxing team.

So again this Christmas season, my thoughts turn to two iconic, Black sportsmen who died tragically -- enigmatic Charles "Sonny" Liston and jovial Tommie "Sarge" Johnson.

--Milwaukee native Richard G. Carter is a freelance columnist



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Y&E YOUTH & EDUCATION

Campus prepares for Commencement this Saturday

Mount Mary University's winter Commencement will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. The ceremony marks the graduation of 119 students from summer and fall 2017 terms.

Occupational therapy students graduating from the professional entry program comprise 40 percent of the graduating students; these students will go on to test for

national certification exam and state licensure in spring. Although this program typically draws students from across the Midwest, one student from Port of Spain, Trinidad, plans to set up one of the first practices of its kind in the Caribbean nation.

This ceremony also marks the first Commencement celebrated by Christine Pharr, Ph.D., the University's new president who arrived in July.

Terri Jashinsky, an associate professor in the University's counseling program, will present the Commencement address. Jashinsky was awarded the 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award, and her department was awarded the 2016 Innovative Counselor Education Program of the Year by the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Jashinsky is a certified rehabilitation counselor and earned her Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



3 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS THAT ALL SINGLE MOMS AND LOW-INCOME WOMEN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Nationwide (BlackNews.com) -- Women are leaders in business and technology, and their careers usually start with college education. Because of this, more and more programs are being created to help single moms and low income women attend and graduate from college.

Here are three excellent programs that every woman should know about:

#1 - Jeanette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund For Low Income Women: awards scholarships every year to low-income women who are 35 years of age or older. Named after Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress, the fund has awarded over \$1.8 million in scholarships to over 700 women since 1978. The deadline is in March 2018. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/05/jeanette-rankin-womens-scholarship-fund.html

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#2 - Women Techmakers Scholars Program: (formerly the Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship) open to female undergraduate seniors or female students enrolled in a graduate program and studying Computer Science or Computer Engineering.

Students must attend college full-time and have a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Award recipients will receive a scholarship and an opportunity to attend the Google Scholars' Retreat in Mountain View, California. The deadline is December 2017. Apply now at www.scholarshipsonline.org/2017/06/women-techmakers-scholars-program-by.html

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To apply for hundreds of other scholarships for women (and men), visit www.ScholarshipsOnline.org

Between a flat tire and a bus line

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to risk the chance of getting caught driving with a suspended or no license.

For the record, I'm not excusing or justifying the situation the jailed young brother found himself in, or his 10,000 colleagues who make similarly idiotic choices.

It may not appear logical, but I do have empathy for those supporting a family with a job outside the restrictive county bus routes.

The Old Testament provides that a man who steals food to support his family should not be classified as a thief.

That's not to suggest using scripture as a defense in court, but I'm sure they get a different reaction from the judge if they explained he had to drive to support his family, versus taking a woman to the movie.

The jailed brother's situation warranted punishment. The absence of knowledge is ignorance. But the misuse or lack of appreciation for it is stupid. The jailed brother and those of similar "intelligence" are stupid.

I thus assume it was not for them that a group of brothers spearheaded a campaign 15 years ago to restore driver's licenses, instead focusing their efforts on the thousands of "circumstantial victims".

For those who need a license to survive, or to support their families, there should be some recourse, and a reevaluation of laws and policies that essentially penalize them because of their socioeconomic status.

Tyrone Dumas, Judge Derrick Mosley and former Urban League executive director Ralph Hollmon were among the dozen or so community leaders who sought to right those wrongs, with programs to restore licenses, pay off fines and when necessary, provide them with restorative counseling.

It's been an uphill climb, however, both because the numbers are so large and the resources so few, and secondly because their cries for justice have essentially fallen on deaf conservative political ears.

I remember when then-Mayor Marvin Pratt allocated funds for a one-time restoration project. Over 4,000 people showed up, with about one fourth ultimately navigating through the system to get their licenses back.

Some of them, Dumas recalled, "drove up to the Municipal Court building. Imagine that, they are driving illegally, and show up in court that way to get their licenses restored. It was almost funny".

That one-time effort grew into the Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability, a holistic program that not only provided financial assistance, but technical assistance as well. Other programs have been enacted since 2001 with similar goals, although lack of resources has limited their success.

Dumas explained at the time the recovery project not only helped individuals navigate through the court system, but also dealt with the underlying issues that influence the social phenomena.

He hoped at the time that stakeholders would lobby the state to rescind laws that allow judges to rescind driver's privileges for non-driving offenses. Unfortunately, that effort was unsuccessful.

"This is much bigger than merely someone's ability to drive. It's about economic restrictions, jobs and breaking the cycle of poverty," Dumas explained.

"We were not pushing for amnesty. People who break the law, or who ignore fines, or put themselves in predicaments of their own choosing have to deal with their decisions. But there are some double standards, and penalties that influence families and society.

"People are losing jobs because they weren't able to pay for an overnight parking ticket. They are ending up with felonies stemming from this situation."

As Tyrone spoke, images of the ignorant brother with the broken tail light came to mind.

What if he had sped off and ended up in an accident that killed someone?

Or, maybe he ran off and one of the police officers was a member of the 7th District Punishers—a vigilante group of reported White supremacists—had chased him down and shot him.

Imagine a scenario that started with a young brother unable to afford a driver's course, ending in death.

Blame it on the brother's stupidity. But a case can be made there were other hands on his steering wheel as well. **Hotep.**

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Jones owes Black Alabamans BIG time



Democratic senatorial candidate Doug Jones takes a picture with voters outside of a polling station at the Bessemer Civic Center on December 12, 2017 in Bessemer, Alabama. Doug Jones is facing off against Republican Roy Moore in a special election for U.S. Senate. (Photo by Justin Sullivan/Getty Images)

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election is proof that there is a battle between the old South and the new South, the Alabama of slavery and Jim Crow segregation against the Alabama of the twenty-first century.

Only one of them can win.

Charles Barkley, who while stumping for Jones told Alabama to “stop looking like idiots to the nation,” reflected positively on the Jones win, but with a warning. “I’m so proud of my state. I love my state. We got some amazing people here. Yeah, we got a bunch of rednecks and a bunch of ignorant people, but we got some amazing people here and they rose up today,” Barkley said on CNN.

Barkley also took Democrats to task for taking Black voters for granted “for a long time,” adding, “it’s time for them to get off their ass and start making life better for Black folks and people who are poor.”

The Equal Justice Initiative is opening a lynching memorial and a museum exploring African-American history from enslavement to mass incarceration in Montgomery next year, a reflection of past demons and the evils of excessive punishment and police violence that simply won’t go away.

Alabama has the highest incarceration rate in America and the fifth highest in the world. It is no surprise that whites are underrepresented in Alabama prisons, and Black people are overrepresented and make up the majority of those incarcerated.

And although the historic civil rights legislation was enacted over fifty years ago—due in no small measure to the martyrs who shed blood for racial justice and equal rights in Alabama—the voting rights of Black Alabamans are still under assault.

The state enacted a strict voter ID law designed to depress turnout among “aborigines” and “illiterates” who would ride “H.U.D.-financed buses” to the polls” and had closed 31 DMV locations, mostly in Black communities, to make it harder for them to obtain the necessary government-issued identification.

Despite the Doug Jones win, voter suppression still took place on Election Day, with long lines, sometimes as much as a two-hour wait, and some eligible voters erroneously turned away from the polls.

Alabama is taking a leadership role in voter suppression of Black folks. John Merrill, Alabama’s secretary of state who was a co-sponsor of the Alabama voter-ID law and defended the DMV closings, has tried to restrict voting rights.

He has not promoted early voting, and has failed to inform ex-felons of their right to vote.

“If you’re too sorry or lazy to get up off of your rear and to go register to vote, or to register electronically, and then to go vote, then you don’t deserve that privilege,” Merrill said, showing anger toward those who “think they deserve the right because they’ve turned 18.”

“As long as I’m secretary of state of Alabama, you’re going to have to show some initiative to become a registered voter in this state,” Merrill pledged.

Moreover, racial gerrymandering has ensured that Alabama has six white Republican members of Congress in bright red districts, and only one Black Democrat, and a supermajority in the state legislature.

This is the redneck foolishness still going on in Alabama. And this is why Doug Jones was elected.

Some pundits have urged the newly-minted senator to go the moderate-to-conservative route, and play nice with Trump and the Republicans if he wants to get reelected.

But that is a tactic in the old failed Democratic Party playbook of ignoring the base, especially voters of color, for the purposes of chasing after the elusive white Republican votes.

An autopsy of the 2016 election cited Dems for its self-inflicted wounds, of not addressing the needs of voters of color, turning off Black women, and not standing up against institutionalized racism and economic injustice because “they’re afraid to alienate big funders or to harm future job or consulting prospects.”

This mentality gave Trump an opening in 2016 with his fake economic populism.

The November election results across the country, and the diversity of candidates who won, is a testament to what can happen when inspiring candidates run with a bold, progressive agenda and grassroots organizing, rather than run as GOP-lite. This is why Doug Jones won in Alabama, as he was a part of this new wave.

The Doug Jones victory was not supposed to happen in the reddest of red states, and yet here we are. Black voters brought him to this place, and he can’t forget how he got here.



Cong. Gwen Moore (Photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images)

Cong. Gwen Moore called N-word, monkey by Roy Moore supporters

Rep. Gwen Moore was lured into interview by reporters who turned out to be racist trolls By thegrio

Two Roy Moore supporters called a Democratic congresswoman “every racial slur you can think of” while posing as reporters for the Associated Press.

According to Wisconsin Rep. Gwen Moore’s communications director, Eric Harris, two men with “very strong Southern accents,” called in claiming to be from the AP shortly after Rep. Moore had called on the Senate to prepare for “the possible election” of accused child molester Roy Moore.

Rep. Moore had called for the Senate Sergeant at Arms to take steps to protect the Senate pages, interns who are usually high school juniors and seniors.

“They were very clear on that they were offended by the congresswoman’s efforts to protect children,” Harris said of the Roy Moore supporters.

However, Harris quickly realized that the two men were not from the AP and called them out on their deception, at which point they became angry and started to spew racial slurs.

According to Harris, they called Rep. Moore “the n-word, a monkey, an animal who belongs in a cage.”

“Just really horrible, vitriolic stuff,” he said.

Roy Moore lost his race for the Senate seat from Alabama in a historic, close election against Democratic candidate Doug Jones on Tuesday night.

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Superintendent of Schools

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(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV013413**

In the matter of the name change of:
DUMAR TOWNS
By (Petitioner) DUMAR TOWNS and
By (Co-Petitioner) KENYATTA LOVE
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: DUMAR TOWNS To: DE-
MERE TOWNS
Birth Certificate: DUMAR TOWNS
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H.
YAMAHIRO
ROOM 403, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 25, 2018 TIME:
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Dated: 12-11-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN H. YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
017-335/12-15-22-29-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV013423**

In the matter of the name change of:
MASON IWARD JOHNSON
By (Petitioner) MATTHEW JAMES
GORNEY and By (Co-Petitioner) Ari-
anna Rae Johnson
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To: MASON IWARD GORNEY
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JOHNSON
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of Wisconsin.
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NAY
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Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 23, 2018 TIME:
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Dated: 12-12-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
017-334/12-15-22-29-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV11395**

In the matter of the name change of:
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By (Petitioner) ANGELINA BAILEY
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LEY To: ELIJAH XAVIER BAILEY
Birth Certificate: ELIJAH XAVIER
JONES-BAILEY
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This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. ELLEN R.
BROSTROM
ROOM 413, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2017 TIME:
10:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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Dated: 11-2-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. ELLEN R. BROSTROM
Circuit Court Judge
017-333/11-3-10-17-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE-40101
Case No. 17FA007393**

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner:
JOSE F. RODRIGUEZ and Respon-
dent: SILVIA L. ARGUETA
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WI 53233 and JOSE F. RODRIGUEZ
1720 S 16TH ST MILWAUKEE, WI
53215.

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requested in the Petition, and you
may lose your right to object to any-
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Petition.

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any real estate you own now or in the
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able upon your request from the
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You are notified of the availability of
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Commissioner as set forth in
§767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105, Information from Circuit
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dressed in such an action.
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awards, or modifying and enforcing
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judgments or orders.
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DATE: 12-1-2017
By: JOSE F. RODRIGUEZ
017-332/12-8-15-22-2017

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV013320**

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By (Petitioner) MARIAH WHITNEY
NYSHIA CARTER
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To: DAMYRA MARCHELLE REEL-

CARTER
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MARCHELLE REEL
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cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
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Judge's Name: HON. JOHN J. DI-
MOTTO
ROOM 401, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
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DATE: JANUARY 11, 2018 TIME:
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Circuit Court Judge
017-331/12-8-15-22-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE-40101
Case No. 17FA5486**

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner:
ODILIA VELA ROMO and Respon-
dent: JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ
CARDIEL
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
date of publication.

The demand must be sent or deliv-
ered to the court at:

Clerk of Court Milwaukee County
Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. Milwaukee
WI 53233 and ODILIA VELA ROMO
2172 S 4TH STREET MILWAUKEE,
WI 53207.

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

If you do not demand a copy of the
Petition within 40 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 any-
thing that is or may be incorrect in the
Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as pro-
vided 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 par-
ties to this action have minor children,
violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (In-
terference 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 fac-
tors that a court may consider for
modification of that standard under
§767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are avail-
able 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 judg-
ment or order in the action.
 2. The major issues usually ad-
dressed in such an action.
 3. Community resources and family
court counseling services available to
assist the parties.
 4. The procedure for setting, modify-
ing, 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.
- If you require reasonable accommo-

dations due to a disability to partici-
pate in the court process, please call
414-278-5362 at least 10 working
days prior to the scheduled court
date. Please note that the court does
not provide transportation.

DATE: 10-26-2017
By: ODILIA VELA ROMO
017-330/12-8-15-22-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV013199**

In the matter of the name change of:
SHAQUANTA SELENA HOLLMAN
By (Petitioner) SHAQUANTA SE-
LENA HOLLMAN
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: SHAQUANTA SELENA HOLL-
MAN To: SHA SELENA HOLLMAN
Birth Certificate: SHA SELENA
HOLLMAN
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H.
YAMAHIRO
ROOM 402, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 8, 2018 TIME: 2:00
PM

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: 12-1-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN H. YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
017-329/12-8-15-22-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE-40101
Case No. 17FA5178**

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner:
NIJA WHITLEY-SPICER and Re-
spondent: GREGORY WHITLEY-
SPICER
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
date of publication.

The demand must be sent or deliv-
ered to the court at:

Clerk of Court Milwaukee County
Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. Milwaukee
WI 53233 and NIJA WHITLEY-
SPICER 1017 DELAFIELD ST #2
WAUKESHA WI 53188.

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

If you do not demand a copy of the
Petition within 40 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 any-
thing that is or may be incorrect in the
Petition.

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vided 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 par-
ties to this action have minor children,
violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (In-
terference 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 fac-
tors that a court may consider for
modification of that standard under
§767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are avail-
able 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.

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pertinent to the action.

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dations due to a disability to partici-
pate in the court process, please call
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days prior to the scheduled court
date. Please note that the court does
not provide transportation.

DATE: 11-1-2017
By: NIJA WHITLEY-SPICER
017-328/12-8-15-22-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV012789**

In the matter of the name change of:
TRACIE BURNSIDE
By (Petitioner) TRACIE BURNSIDE
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: TRACIE BURNSIDE To: TRA-
CIE LADY MA'RIE BURNSIDE
Birth Certificate: TRACIE RUSHING
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. JOHN J. DI-
MOTTO
ROOM 401, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 12, 2018 TIME:
10:15 AM

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: 11-16-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. JOHN J. DIMOTTO
Circuit Court Judge
017-327/12-8-15-22-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE-40101
Case No. 17FA2653**

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner:
CORTNEY LYNN BORZYCH and
Respondent: CARL CHARLES
ROBERT BORZYCH
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
date of publication.

The demand must be sent or deliv-
ered to the court at:

Clerk of Court Milwaukee County
Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. Milwaukee
WI 53233 and CORTNEY BORZYCH
3813 N HUMBOLDT BLVD #1 MIL-
WAUKEE, WI 53212.

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

If you do not demand a copy of the
Petition within 40 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 any-
thing that is or may be incorrect in the
Petition.

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money may become a lien against
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future, and may also be enforced by
garnishment or seizure of property.

You are further notified that if the par-
ties to this action have minor children,
violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (In-
terference 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 fac-
tors that a court may consider for
modification of that standard under
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able upon your request from the
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DATE: 11-21-2017
By: CORTNEY L. BORZYCH
017-326/12-1-8-15-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE-40101
Case No. 17FA008087**

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner:
HOWARD LEE ECKFORD 8426 W
MILL RD MILWAUKEE, WI 53225
and Respondent: MARY ECKFORD
1222 SOUTH 24TH APT #4 MIL-
WAUKEE WI
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO
THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS
RESPONDENT:

You are notified that your spouse has
filed a lawsuit or other action against
you. The Petition, which is attached,
states the nature and basis of the
legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Sum-
mons, you must provide a written re-
sponse, as that term is used in ch.
802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The
court may reject or disregard a re-
sponse that does not follow the re-
quirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or deliv-
ered to the following government of-
fice:

Clerk of Court Milwaukee County 901
North 9th Street ROOM 104 Milwau-
kee WI 53233.

The response must also be mailed or
delivered within 20 days to the peti-
tioner at the address above.

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

If you do not provide a proper re-
sponse within 20 days, the court may
grant judgment against you, and you
may lose your right to object to any-
thing that is or may be incorrect in the
Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as pro-
vided by law. A judgment may be-
come a lien against any real estate
you own now or in the future, and
may also be enforced by garnishment
or seizure of property.

If you need help in this matter be-
cause of a disability, please call: 414-
985-5757.

DATE: 10-27-2017
By: HOWARD L. ECKFORD
017-325/12-1-8-15-2017

FIRST PERSON

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we are currently in. The Black communities display of Black empowerment and demands during the early 60's for fair housing, and equal rights prompted demonstrations, boycotts, marches and above all a sense of pride and unity. But, by way of history, these outward acts of civil unrest and disobedience prompted a response by the powers-that-be to declare law and order and call for the destruction of the Black community's political and cultural infrastructure with the placing of the freeway right through the heart of the Black community in retaliation.

The disbursement of people and destruction of housing, Black cultural venues and Black business effectively killed the strength of the Black community.

The destruction of the Black community's infrastructure gradually and effectively turned the Black community into a desert of poverty and powerlessness.

It's in this current poverty driven socio-economic abyss that we have now grown accustomed to as part of our daily lives. Becoming one of the worst cities in America for Black people to live in is by no means an accident.

In my opinion one of the current basic denominators fracturing the core foundation of the Black community in particular is our intolerance or lack of "civility" towards each other that we have allowed to take over most of our human interactions. (Civility: Politeness, courtesy; A polite act or courtesy. --Webster Dictionary)

Whatever happened to "excuse me," "yes sir," "no mam," "thank you," or "please?" Before the freeway, it was an important part of our civility towards each other. Now we look at each other in the face but hardly speak or say hello anymore.

When we don't speak to each other we fail to recognize each other's basic humanity and therefore become vulnerable to each other's "in-humanity."

For example: One of the worse lessons we have taught our children in that regard is: "don't speak to strangers." That's a ridiculous proposition. Once you speak to a stranger

they are no longer a stranger.

The lesson should be to learn to speak to strangers, but teach them to not accept gifts or go home with them.

When we don't speak to our children why do you think they tend to be afraid of us and we in turn of them?

Why do you think they don't listen to us when we do try to talk to them or critique their behaviors?

If you can't speak to a child, how can you ever teach them anything or pass on your wisdom and knowledge? A lack of civility creates a gigantic hole in the fabric of our collective culture.

I was amused but struck by Mikel Holt's recent MCJ article "The Wild, Wild West on Wheels." (MCJ Nov. 29, 2017) My grandmother used to always say: "when you hold an elephant by the tail you should know what you are going to get in your face." (My grandmother was a wise woman and I should have listened to her more often.) Make no mistake about it, Milwaukee's Black community has the elephant by the tail and for some reason refuses to let go.

There is not enough time or space in this article to point out all of the reasons that factor into making Milwaukee what it has become (i.e.: crime, poverty, poor education and health, lack of opportunities, drugs, violence and, the big elephant in the room, racism.) What our worst city in America designation does point to is a discombobulated Black community under extreme and consistent stress.

Recent findings by social and mental health experts show that extreme poverty creates--especially in our youth--high levels of Post Traumatic Syndrome Disease (PTSD) which manifests itself in the form of erratic anti-social behaviors and poor attitudes.

Disrespect for the law and a powerless disregard for self leads to an abandonment of hope and an absence of human empathy towards one's self and others.

Some call it a "lost generation," but I see it as a "cry for help." Death defying reckless driving in our community is a key symptom of the total disregard and out-of-control nature of our civic safeguards which have taken a back seat to the power and fatal attraction of reckless driving.

Zig zagging in and out of traffic, disregard for traffic lights, blowing through stop signs, passing on the right with total disregard to safety and the sanctity of human life.

This disregard for motor vehicle protocol to some has become just another car chase video game.

When you add to the mix, alcohol, suspended licenses, the thrill of car-jacking, no insurance and drugs (blunt filled synthetic weed like "stink" and "loud"), death of innocents, property destruction, rising insurance premiums for safe drivers and the feeling of unwarranted fear becomes the consequence therefrom.

We don't need cultural diversity studies to tell us what we already know or should know.

We need a targeted community summit of thinkers and doers who are not afraid to speak up, speak out, identify and call out the impediments to solving a solvable crisis.

Restoring the basic rules of community tolerance and engagement does not require political protocol or political management. Politicians have a role, but only as members of an affected collective community.

We must all declare the crisis in the Black community (starting with uncivil behaviors) a "state of emergency" and commence action by taking time to meet with each other to map out a strategy for how we want our community to be treated and function.

We don't have to like each other, but we must respect the common bonds and do our part to make sure we have collective standards to live by that do not put one above the other. Just the simple act of saying "hello" can reconnect a common bond that will allow us to connect to our common humanity for common causes beyond our individual selves.

We need to go "back to the future" and study why Milwaukee was once a great city full of promise and hope for Black people.

We need not relive or hold on to our history or the past but neither should we ignore the basic civil guidance that our history and past have provided to us.

There are messages in our history that we continue to ignore and dismiss without examination. We need to let go of the elephants tail and make Milwaukee great again so that I can at least tell my friends and colleagues that Milwaukee, the city in which I choose to live, is not really as bad a city as it is made out to be.

--Roy B. Evans, Esq.
(evans.roy@att.net)

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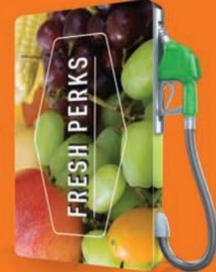
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