

INSIDE: "PANTHER" challenges Black self-hatred!

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15th Annual DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE!



It was "date night" for the 15th year in a row for area fathers who brought their special dates: daughters, step-daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to North Division High School on Valentine's Day weekend. It was a fun-filled evening for dads and their daughters and like-daughters who once again created lifelong memories as they twirled, and bopped. Some of the young ladies showed their daddies the latest dance moves. DJ Homer Blow played the best dance hits from every era. And yes, the dads and daughters did the "Cupid Shuffle!" which has become an annual Daddy/Daughter dance tradition!—Photos by Yvonne Kemp

PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

Photos and question by Yvonne Kemp

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

"We asked four fathers at the 15th annual Daddy/Daughter Dance which was held at North Division: How important is it for you to have a "date night" with your daughter?"

"A date night with my daughter is a very special and important moment for bonding time and to have fun with each other."



Antonio Alexander and daughter Shaniya Alexander (age 4)



Daniel Bell and daughters Amirah Dunlap (left, age 8); and Cynthia Dunlap (left, age 7)

"A date night with my girls is very important to me. I want them to know what to look for in a man. It allows me to see where their minds are."

"It's important that men set the bar for their daughters. 'this is what it looks like.' Everything following my example must be better."



Johnny Thomas with nieces Kamora Patrick (at left, age 4); and Marley Jackson (right, age 4)



Kevin Vann with Ny'Rik Martinez (left, age 8), Gwendolyn Vann (center, age 11); and Masiya Martinez (right, age 12)

"Fathers are the first heroes their daughters see. The first man they trust and learn how a man should treat a woman. So it is always important to spend date night with my daughter."



Dr. Patricia McManus takes the oath of office as the new Health Commissioner for the City of Milwaukee Health Department. She was sworn in on February 19, 2018 by City Clerk, Jim Owczarski, in the Common Council Chambers. Looking on is McManus' daughter, Denelle McManus. Also present in support—in addition to her grandchildren and Jim Addison of Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin—was Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton, Alderwoman Milele Coggs and Aldermen Robert Donovan, James Bohl, Jr., and Khalif J. Rainey. McManus took a leave of absence from Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin to fulfill this role as Mayor Tom Barrett conducts a search. (Photo by Clarene Mitchell TCM Communications).

IT'S OFFICIAL! McManus sworn in as interim city health commissioner

Council President Ashanti Hamilton accuses mayor of mishandling interim selection process, former commissioner Bevan Baker breaks silence

Compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton says Mayor Tom Barrett, not the council, politicized the selection of an interim city Health Commissioner after the resignation of Bevan Baker, accusing the mayor of mishandling the selection process from the beginning.

Hamilton was responding to Barrett's criticism of the council's quick action in choosing and confirming Dr. Patricia McManus as commissioner without a public hearing before the council's Public Health and Safety Committee. Barrett said the council's actions were politically motivated.

Barrett reiterated his displeasure during a news conference Thursday in which he announced he was sending back, unsigned, the council file confirming McManus as interim commissioner. The mayor had 10 days to sign off on the confirmation.

By sending the unsigned file back to the council, McManus, who is president/CEO of the Wisconsin Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, becomes health commissioner by default. She was sworn in as interim commissioner Monday in the council's chambers.

"I have made clear my displeasure and concern with the rushed and unprecedented application of the council's emergency appointment authority," Barrett said in a letter sent to Hamilton the same day as the news conference. "The vetting of the interim commissioner of health should have gone through the council's committee hearing process."

"The actions of the council were not motivated by public health concerns but by political concerns," the letter continued. "An unfortunate result was that the public was not afforded the option to attend a committee meeting and an opportunity for council members to ask additional questions and seek additional information was lost."

"I do understand the politicization of the process to date. Quite frankly, the children and families who need action from their city government and health professionals do not deserve an extended controversy over an interim appointment. It's time for that to stop."

Two weeks ago, Hamilton called for a "Committee of the Whole" hearing before the full 15 member council, allowing them to ask McManus questions regarding her qualifications, and what she would do to rectify the problems with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CLPP) program, which ignited Baker's resignation and brought to the fore revelations of other problems within the department.

After the hearing, McManus was appointed interim health commissioner by a 13-1 council vote with one council member abstaining.

At the time of the special hearing, Hamilton explained when one-time health commissioner Paul Nannis was rejected as the mayor's interim choice by the Public Health and Safety Committee, he felt it was important to move "with the speed of justice" to rebuild the health department's reputation and the impact the lead poisoning issue is having on the community's children.

In a response to the mayor's letter last Friday with a letter of his own, Hamilton said it was the mayor who was motivated by political concerns, given Barrett's close political relationship with Nannis, who received hun-



Ald. Ashanti Hamilton



Bevan Baker

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SECTION INSIDE!

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UWM basketball coach Pat Baldwin builds trust and teamwork



UWM head men's basketball coach Pat Baldwin knows the power of trust in building strong teams and communities. (UWM Photo/Elora Hennessey)

By Anthony Mandella

When Pat Baldwin accepted the role of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's head men's basketball coach in June, he also accepted big changes and big challenges.

He was a first-time head coach. He was also in a new community, with new players and a new staff. He knew it was imperative to establish one thing with everyone – trust. And

he knew people would watch to gauge his approach.

"They want to see how much you grind, how much you put into the day-to-day things that you need to get done," Baldwin says.

"We're about putting in the effort to get it done, and I think we built up that trust. We haven't swayed from one thing that we talked about initially, and that's very important."

Baldwin's ability to forge tight bonds is paying off for the Panthers.

UWM is poised to finish in the top half of the Horizon League's regular-season standings with a winning conference record. It's a big step forward, because a year ago, UWM won just four regular-season conference games and was last in the league standings.

Building a culture of trust and teamwork has been a staple of Baldwin's career, and good results have followed.

He came to UWM after four years as assistant coach at his alma mater, Northwestern University. One season before Baldwin joined the Northwestern coaching staff, the team had a 4-14 conference record.

But in 2017, the strong relationships he'd built with players and coaches helped Northwestern make its first NCAA Tournament appearance in school history.

The key, Baldwin says, is keeping his message consistent, whether it be with assistant coaches or players, or even people outside the program. In

doing so, he's created a system of faith and belief in each other that has allowed everyone to grow.

It's a lesson that resonates far beyond the basketball court. When people know they can believe in you and what you're saying, it's a recipe for success no matter the endeavor. Whether it's maintaining a loving family life, getting involved with the community or trying to win ball games, if your message remains the same, you and your actions become trustworthy to those around you.

"For us to survive, we need the support of other people," Baldwin says. "If we're saying one thing and doing another, I think that disintegrates that relationship that you have with your community, your team, your family, all of those things."

But even the most consistent messages won't matter if you and those around you don't believe in the collective goal.

"If you're doing something, it has to mean something to you," Baldwin

says. "Whatever you do, do your role and try to star in your role. If you have that mindset, a lot of good things can happen to you."

When everyone takes that approach, Baldwin says, the results add up. You get a group of trustworthy people, with each person contributing in a way that benefits the team, community or individual.

"We have this phrase within our basketball team that it's not your shot, it's our shot," Baldwin says. "From that standpoint, I think that you can be bolstered or uplifted by a group of people behind you, supporting you, giving you that nudge and that push telling you that you can be great at anything that you do. I think that's really important."

Wherever he has coached, Baldwin has seen how such teamwork can make all the difference. "Find those like-minded individuals that you can surround yourself with," Baldwin says, "and get to where you want to be."

IRS: Beware of new twist on the refund scam

Article courtesy of FOX Business via "The Rundown"

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued a warning to taxpayers this week to beware of "erroneous refunds."

According to the agency, there is an emerging scam where refunds are wrongly being deposited into taxpayers' accounts. Thieves use victims' real information to file a fake return, have the refund deposited into the taxpayers' real bank accounts and then use various tactics to steal the cash.

The number of victims has jumped from "a few hundred to several thousand in just days," according to the agency. The increase in activity comes shortly after the IRS discovered that a larger number of client data was stolen from tax professionals' computer files.

How to detect the scam

There are two versions of the scam thieves are using to collect the fraudulent refund from taxpayers. One involves criminals calling taxpayers acting as IRS-sanctioned debt collection agency officials to tell them the refund was mistakenly deposited and asking them to forward the money to their "collection agency."

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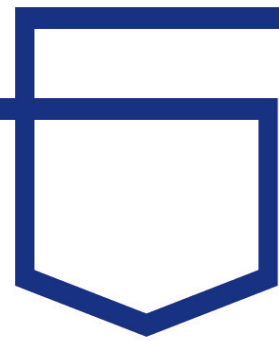


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RELIGION



Pastor John Gray counsels and uplifts those in need on new episodes of “The Book of John Gray,” premiering March 13 on OWN

New Season Features Reality Star Tami Roman, Actress LeToya Luckett, a Woman Grieving the Loss of Her Twin, a Military Veteran Coping with PTSD, and Michelle Williams Supports the Gray’s Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

LOS ANGELES – OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network announced today the return of all new episodes from “The Book of John Gray” featuring Pastor John Gray (Senior Pastor of Relentless Church in Greenville, SC while also serving as an Associate Teaching Pastor at Joel Osteen’s world-famous Lakewood Church) and his wife Averter premiering Tuesday, March 13 at 10 p.m. ET/PT with an encore airing on Saturday, March 17 at 10 p.m. ET/PT.

The series will continue to premiere in its regular timeslot on Saturdays at 10 p.m. ET/PT beginning Saturday, March 24.

The freshman season ranked #1 in its time period and scored as the #2 original series on all of TV among African American women.

John is back and preaching positivity at one of the largest churches in America by night, while ministering one-on-one to those in great need of his inspiring words by day.

Whether he and his devoted wife Averter are starting a foundation to help Houstonians affected by the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Harvey or assisting members of the community as they struggle to overcome grief, personal trauma, infidelity, illness, loss of faith or other all too common personal challenges, John shares God’s teachings like no one else - with a gentle grace and an outgoing sense of humor.

Known for her confrontational behavior on TV, reality star Tami Roman works with John in the premiere episode to shed the false image and persona that chronically plagues her across social media.

Meanwhile, John and Averter create their non-profit organization Become the Bridge (BTB) to help aid Hurricane Harvey victims in their local Houston community with singer Michelle Williams (Destiny’s Child) as a surprise supporter on the ground.

In later episodes, John helps a woman through her grieving process after the death of her identical twin sister and counsels a military veteran deal with effects of PTSD.

John also works on relationship counseling with actress LeToya

Luckett which comes full circle as she gets married and asks John and Averter to play a huge part in her special day.

Often sacrificing and putting the needs of others before his own, John’s health issues will land him in the hospital, but it’s the unwavering love and support he receives from Averter, his two children Four & Tutu, and his in-laws Bonnie & AY that make him believe he can, with their help, conquer his ongoing struggle with diabetes and be present when the time comes someday to walk his baby girl down the aisle.

But giving one’s life over to God means never knowing where you’ll be called next; and when John and

Averter receive an offer to be Senior Pastors at a church in South Carolina, it means big changes may be in store. No matter where life takes John geographically, some things remain absolute: his love for his family, his heart for the people, and his extraordinary ability to lead them out of the darkness and into the light while somehow making them laugh along the way.

“The Book of John Gray” is produced for OWN by Leftfield Pictures, with Gretchen Palek, Shawn Witt, Jordana Hochman and showrunner Rob Cornick as executive producers, alongside Jason Kennedy (E! News) and Rich Wilkerson, Jr. as consulting producers.

Alderman and Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton to keynote Grace Fellowship Church’s Black History program Feb. 25

The congregation at Grace Fellowship Church, located at 3879 N. Port Washington Rd., invites the community to join them for their annual Black History Celebration February 25 at 11 a.m.

The special guest speaker will be Milwaukee Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton.

The celebration also includes story telling from the youth of Grace Fellowship, a Black History Display and refreshments.

For more information, visit the church’s website at gracemilwaukee.org.and and like us on Facebook, or call at 414-265-5546.



Ald. Ashanti Hamilton

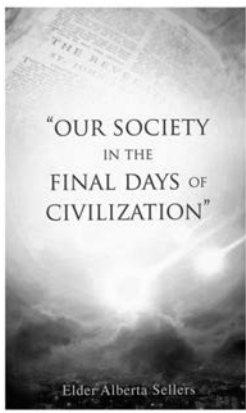
Local minister writes book based on the Book of Revelation



Tragic things are happening. People have hate, jealousy and a killing spirit in their hearts. The prophecies of the Bible are being fulfilled every day.” Those are the dire words of Elder Alberta Sellers from her book, “Our Society in the Final Days of Civilization. The book, which can be purchased on-line through Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and Xulon, warns of the final days as prophesied by the Book of Revelation. The final book of the Bible describes terrible plagues and worldshattering, truly earth

shaking events. “In these perilous times we need to have the word of God before us today and every day,” Sellers says. Sellers received her license for the Gospel Ministry in January 2016. She was ordained in October of the same year as an Elder (or pastor) at St. Anne’s Holy Church of Deliverance. Sellers was inspired to write the book from watching society and the world fulfill the Bible’s prophecies. The book can also be purchased at Barnes & Noble stores. You can also place an order for the book at VCY. Elder Sellers also invites the community to services at St. Anne’s, located at 5831 W. Burleigh St.: Sunday School at

9:15 a.m., service at 11 a.m.; Thursday Prayer and Bible study at 5:30 p.m., Prayer on the first and third Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. The pastors at St. Anne’s are Pastors Herman and Essie Copeland.



Christian Leaders Release Unity Declaration on Racism and Poverty

WASHINGTON, D.C. – More than 80 diverse faith leaders today released a declaration calling on the churches and Congress to focus on the integral connection between racism and poverty.

The Unity Declaration on Racism and Poverty, which was sent to members of Congress before last night’s State of the Union address, appeals to all people, especially Christians, to actively work against racism and poverty. It notes that the “body of Christ is perhaps the most diverse racial community in the world.”

The leaders call on political leaders from both parties to develop legislative agendas that will reduce racism and poverty. They assert that “[r]acism is systematic and structural in America and harms people of color in very specific, measurable, and tangible ways.”

The leaders are “deeply troubled” by budget and other proposals coming from Congress and the administration that would hurt struggling people of all races in both the United States and around the world. These threats to anti-poverty programs have unified them into “a more vigorous, multiracial Christian movement to maintain a circle of protection around all people in poverty and God’s children of color in particular, who are disproportionately impacted.”

A letter to Congress introducing the Declaration reads in part:

“As Christians, we are grounded in God’s love for all people, and we feel called to ask our churches and political leaders of both parties to work together to overcome racism and poverty which are theological, biblical, and gospel issues for us, not merely political or partisan ones...

“We are purposefully sending you this statement before you go to your respective retreats. In addition to reading this statement thoughtfully, we ask for the following three things: first, we ask you to discuss this statement and the issues central to it—racism and poverty— at your retreats; second, we ask you to incorporate these concerns into your policy decisions and legislation in 2018 and beyond; third, we ask you to convene meetings with faith leaders in your communities to plan follow-up action on these issues in your states and districts. . .

“Racism and poverty are systemic issues that are central to the Bible and the teachings of Jesus. Therefore, they are critical to policy choices made by political leaders of faith and conscience.”

Read the Declaration, including the full letter to Congress, here: circleofprotection.us/declaration

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PERSPECTIVES

MCJ EDITORIAL

Revelation the Florida high school shooter was a member of white supremacist group sheds light on fact America inching closer towards a race war

Within hours of the latest mass school shooting in Florida last week, progressive politicians joined citizens around the country to once again demand common sense gun restrictions. We join them in that appeal.

Last week's horrific mass killing took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The shooter in this latest tragedy, Nikolas Cruz, is a former student at the school and had legally purchased the assault-style semi-automatic rifle he used to kill 17 students and staff.

The renewed call for a ban on the type of weapon he used is a valid call that has been echoed throughout the country a dozen times in the last couple of years in response to mass killings in nightclubs, outdoor venues and in schools.

Sadly, the calls for gun control will probably be repeated again in the immediate future because they keep falling on the deaf ears of politicians who are more concerned about contributions and threats from the NRA than they are for the safety of their constituency.

And make no mistake; excuses about Second Amendment Rights' are for the most part nonsensical and misleading. The founding fathers never envisioned that provision would be exploited, or that mad men would use it to conduct acts of terrorism in schools and churches.

But there's another concern to emerge out to this tragedy that needs to be addressed. And it is an equally disturbing social phenomenon, one that many believe can be the catalyst for a race war if left unaddressed.

Cruz was trained in the use of his weapon, and military tactics, by a Florida White Supremacist paramilitary organization, which has blatantly called for the "cleansing" of the state of anyone other than WASPs (White Anglo Saxon Protestants), and creating from the dusk of violence an "ethno state (which we assume means no ethnic groups besides Aryans).

Where Cruz would fit in that scheme is anyone's guess. But what is known is that these types of white Supremacist, Neo-Nazi and KKK organizations are popping up more and more frequently since the election of Donald Trump, who has described them as "good" people.

What is also disturbing is that while it was recently revealed the FBI has brought back its infamous COINTEL program targeting Black individuals and organizations who are actively engaged in demonstrations against racists, that federal law enforcement organization is seemingly oblivious to the real terrorist organizations poised to destroy America.

Few are willing to admit it, but America keeps inching closer and closer to a race war. Gun sales have tripled during the last decade, and a major percentage of assault type weapons are being sold in rural areas! Why? Do you now need an AR-15 to hunt rabbits or deer? Is ISIS planning to raid Fond du Lac, Wisconsin?

And while you're pondering those questions, answer this one as well: Why is Cruz alive? Would he have been "arrested" without "conflict" if he were Black?

For that matter, explain why Dylann Storm Roof, who killed nine African American congregants at a Charleston, S.C. AME church is alive.

Many believe the answer to that question had something to do with the fact that after being peacefully arrested, police took him to a fast food restaurant before taking him to jail.

Whatever the underlying reasons, it is a certainty that as politicians turn their backs, no one is safe and America is moving closer to an implosion no one will escape from, Black...or White!

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Will “Black Panther” movie spark a re-“Birth” of Black cultural pride?

Black Panther is probably the most important Black film since Birth of a Nation—and not the 2016 flick about Nat Turner.

I'm talking about the 1915 D.W. Griffith racist propaganda film that justified White Supremacy by betraying African Americans as lazy, buffoonish, sex fiends with their eyes on White women and arms outstretched for watermelon and fried chicken.

The Black Panther does not erase from the mindset of those racists who identified with Griffith's "Birth" the false sense of ethnic superiority and blatant stereotypes the propaganda movie laid out a century ago, but it may serve as a counter balance today to bridge the ethnic divide, fuel Black cultural pride and provide an example—albeit imaginary—of what could have been had Europeans not raped, plundered and colonized all but a few African nations.

Both "Birth" and "Panther" are as much "movements as they are movies," opening eyes and planting seeds that go far beyond entertainment.

While cultural opposites, the two movies will probably have an impact on the American psyche for decades, reinforcing or undermining stereotypes and perceptions.

Interestingly, I have not seen the excitement for a film in decades as I've witnessed for "Panther," and not because it features a Black cast of stellar superstars, or is the latest inclusion in the Marvel comic book to movie universe.

Black folks were buying tickets months in advance and this was one of the first times in memory there was a universal call not to watch a bootleg copy (the strategy being to show Black patronage strength and to convince the pro-



SIGNIFYIN'

By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt

“The setting of the movie is a fictional country called Wakanda, one of the most technologically advanced and mineral rich nations in the world. Not by coincidence, the fictional country was never colonized, which is a subtle message about what could have been had not European countries declared a war of genocide against Africa. It also sends a message to Donald Trump, who while never setting his nasty feet on African soil has the audacity to call them sh—holes.”

countries declared a war of genocide against Africa. It also sends a message to Donald Trump, who while never setting his nasty feet on African soil has the audacity to call them sh—holes.

Wakanda epitomizes Africanism, the communal concept that is the foundation of "our" culture, along with spiritualism and true brotherhood.

It is my hope the movie--and the fact that we are embracing it as our own--

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FOR ALL

For all that was, so now could be

For those who died tricked by the promise of prosperity

Chained by neck, tongues split, forced into nesses

For all not understanding the moment, trapped, tracked and captured

For all that fought rather bare-handed with spear or rock

Your courage embraced, vessels and ships lined against first continent

Original people took, expressions and thoughts, anger fear and shock

URBAN MY DIALOGUE

By Torre “ToeJoe” Johnson



dark- Many nations invaded, our people naked paraded, slaughtered and raped

For all those left abandoned, who knew not why, who searched for answers on the ground and towards the skies

Their cries now, the winds and floods

Their graves, rich foreign soil and ocean waves

Their souls combined the sun,

representing growth, hope and drought

For the darker skinned person who was blood mixed

But never turned their back on their culture or true heritage

For all the women, men and children here and abroad that was stole and sold

I applaud

For all those who knew not why, those that was lost so that it could be a you and I

Both knees I mount with head bowed, a moment of silence please

As I stand I am proud to be a part of the strong the proud and the free

— Torre Johnson

Investing in Your Child’s Early Education

Preparation is one of the biggest ways anyone in this world can succeed in life. Preparation for the good or possibly the bad can turn unexpected outcomes, into predictable outcomes.

When it comes to our children's preparation for life, whether it's school, reading, writing, riding a bicycle or even choosing a college, when children are prepared and well equipped for what may be placed in front of them, there is no way that they can lose.

Early education is one method of preparation. Education does not only happen at school.

Education and preparation first starts in the home. You may be wondering why is it important to invest in your child's early education, as if starting your child's education on time is just enough.

Let me share an example: Imagine two students who are enrolled in the same class.

Both students attend the same seminar classes, take the same tests

and study the same material. One excels in the class, while the other is not performing so well.

Prior to enrolling in the course, one student pre-ordered the reading material as well as testing material. This student studied day after day, up until the first day of class.

The difference between both students, is that one student was preparing for the course, instead of waiting for the course to begin, to start learning and understanding the criteria.

This example can be used to mirror different ways you can prepare your children for their education. You don't have to wait until school starts to start exposing them to things that would advance their potential to grow mentally and physically.

Educating your young one, prior school and pre-k, is indeed an investment. It will take time, patience, and sometimes money to go above and beyond to prepare your child for many things.

MILLENNIAL MAGIC

By Paishance Welch



If you do the bare minimum, like the student in the example, you will see bare minimum results in your child's overall performance in life.

Investing in children's early education, especially in the black community, is not only lucrative to the child, but it is also lucrative to the community, as a whole.

When children are treated like they can be somebody, and they are given the proper tools and education to excel, the community is then rewarded with active in the community as well as intuitive black children who grow up to be educated and appreciated adults.

"I think we value our children less than other nations do," said Arne Duncan, the former U.S. secretary of education who pushed hard for increased federal investment in early care and education during his seven-year tenure in the Obama administration. "I don't have an easier or softer or kinder way to say that."

According to OECD Data base, in 2012, the U.S. ranked 35th among

developed economies in pre-primary- or primary-school enrollment for 3- to 5-year-olds, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an international economic association. The implications of failing to offer public preschool, especially for children from the highest-need communities, are "massive," Duncan said.

"It's a loss of human potential. We don't truly believe there's tremendous talent in rural America or among black and brown children or among poor children. So, we choose to under-invest."

Preparation in early childhood education can change the lives of our children, as well as our black community.

Investing does not have to be funded by government officials, the education can begin right at home. Prepare for your child's education with early education. The future version of your child will appreciate it.

— Paishance Welch

2018: THE YEAR OF THE CHILD A GAME CHANGER

The Milwaukee Community Journal's year-long focus on Children and Education

Thoughts on Pre-School Education

By Minnie Plummer

One of the ways I think that the problems that our pre-school children can

be solve is by matching them with our Senior Citizens.

We live at a time where Seniors between age 55- 90 are doing quite well.

We are encouraged to have fun the senior centers have games, dancing, field trips all kinds of fun things Now I feel we all worked hard and I not knocking

these various activities,but feel we can be so enriched by giving back. Are

we not told to assist the" Least of these ,(Mt 25:40 b) Programs could be set up where there are classes for the Mothers as well as classes for the pre school children

Maybe each senior can use their skills and talents to work with the children once a week.They can be taught in order for them to be ready for school.

Mother Church and senior groups at Churches could also be involved . We as seniors still have so much to give.

Kohl's Donates \$1.5 Million to Milwaukee Public Museum

Donation supports new statewide traveling education program and Kohl's Thank You Thursdays for free museum admission

MENOMONEE FALLS— Kohl's recently announced the continuation of its partnership with the Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM), donating \$1.5 million over three years to support a new educational initiative, MPM and Kohl's on the Move, bringing Museum-led programming to schools, libraries and community centers across Wisconsin.

The donation will also support the continuation of Kohl's Thank You Thursdays, offering free Museum access on the first Thursday of every month.

"We are proud to partner with the Milwaukee Public Museum on this exciting new traveling education initiative to bring hands-on learning and Museum collections to communities across the state of Wisconsin," said Jen Johnson, Kohl's vice president, corporate communications.

"The Museum is an asset to our hometown and through programs like MPM and Kohl's on the Move and Kohl's Thank You Thursdays, we are fortunate to make the Museum accessible to even more children and families in our community."

MPM and Kohl's on the Move will be led by a dedicated team of Museum educators and will focus on bringing programming to underserved communities.

The programs, which will be offered in both classroom models and larger workshops, will include hands-on learning with items from the Museum's educational collections, such as butterfly specimens and microscopes, dinosaur fossils and a paleontologist's toolkit and a mummification model.

The range of program topics offered will also include the solar system, Wisconsin's wildlife, Wisconsin's geological landscape, and the work of archaeologists.

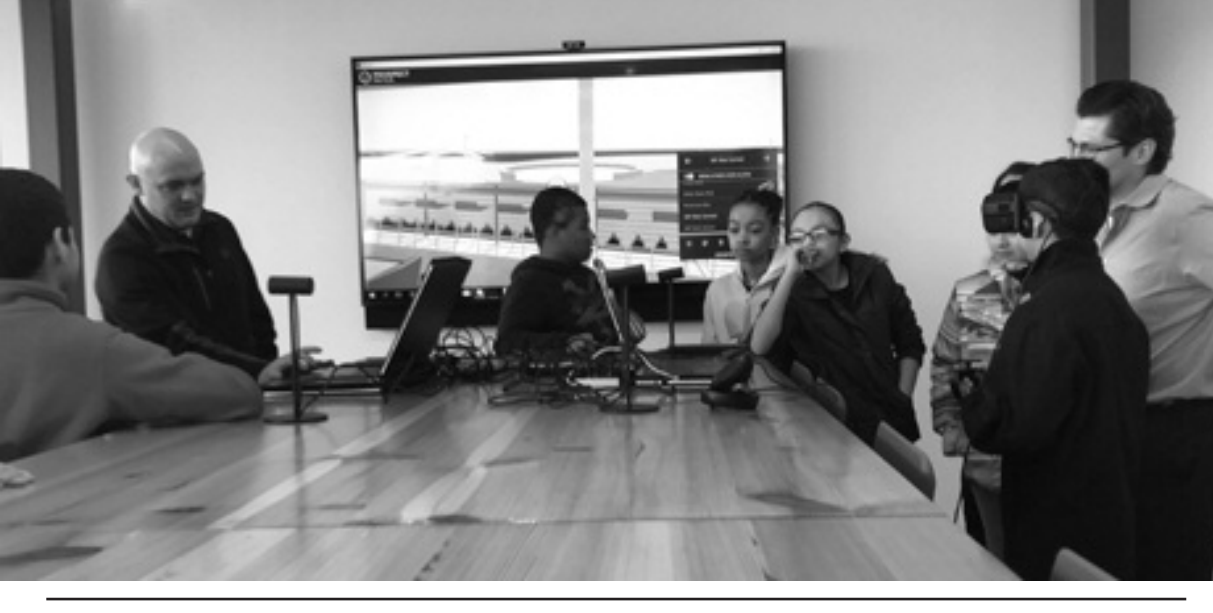
"We are honored by Kohl's commitment to the Milwaukee Public Museum and its support of our new educational program,"

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee get behind-the-scenes look at making of Summerfest's U.S. Cellular Connection Stage



U.S. Cellular and Milwaukee World Festival, Inc. recently hosted 12 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee members at Epstein Uhen Architects, 333 E. Chicago Street, so they could get an exclusive tour of the firm's offices and a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the new U.S. Cellular Connection Stage. Boys & Girls Clubs members who were in attendance are part of the organizations STEM program and will be able to speak with the architects of the stage, learn about the development progress and experience the completed stage first hand through Virtual Reality. Boys & Girls Clubs members were then be given the unique opportunity to sign a steel beam (pictured above) that will be a visible part of the completed stage. —Photo by U.S. Cellular and Summerfest



2018 Youth Entrepreneurs Summit Powered By: The Legacy Collective, Asset Builders of America & Running Rebels Community Organization set for Feb. 24

The Running Rebels Community Organization East will hold its 2018 Youth Entrepreneurs Summit Saturday, Feb. 24. from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its Capital Drive location at 225 W. Capital Drive.

The Youth Entrepreneurs Summit is a day of workshops, mentoring and vendor opportunities for youth entrepreneurs' ages 10yrs – 24yrs old. This interactive day of business building, collaborating and mentorship is designed to empower the next generation of entrepreneurs and equip them with the tools for success to create a legacy of wealth for families and communities.

Questions or press contact Gideon Verdin-Williams 414-841-4523,

gideon029@gmail.com

Children need diverse picture books

Let's converse about cultural ethnicity. Children need to see other kids that look like themselves in picture books. Why? Kids of color need to be represented in literature to show they are important in the world and they matter.

Black, African American, African, Biracial, Latino, Hispanic, Mexican American, Asian, Asian Pacific, Asian American, Native American, First Nation/Nation, Middle Eastern and kids from all cultures need to be portrayed as main characters in books.

Why do Caucasian children need to be exposed to diverse picture books?

The world is full of people and children need to learn about different races, nationalities, cultures, languages, religions, customs, and beliefs.

Exploring books that explore, recognize, and celebrate human diversity and multiculturalism may teach children to embrace and embody fairness, equality, and justice for all as well as promote empathy for marginalized minorities.

Publisher of diverse books, Lee and Low, propose that around 80 percent of children's book editors, authors, and illustrators are White.

The Snowy Day, authored by Ezra Jack Keats in 1962, was the first full color picture book with an African American child as the main character. Keats is white and American.

We Need Diverse Books, an organization with a vision of "a world in which all children can see themselves in the pages of a book." Visit www.weneeddiversebooks.org.

Multicultural Children's Book Day is an annual event in January.

The focus is on celebrating diversity in books. What is a multicultural book? According to co-founders, Valarie Budayr and Mia Wenjen, multicultural children's books are:

1. Books that contain characters of color, as well as characters that represent a minority point of view.

2. Books that share ideas, stories, and information about cultures, race, religion, language, and traditions.

3. Books that embrace our world, and offer children new ways to connect to a diverse and richer world. Visit www.multiculturalchildrensbookday.com.

What can parents do to encourage learning about multiculturalism?

1. Put diverse books on your child's bookshelf.

2. Read and discuss diverse books with all children.

3. Visit your public library with children and encourage them to select diverse picture books.

4. Ask your child's teacher about diverse picture books in the classroom.

5. Ask the school librarian about diverse picture books for the school.

Both babies and toddlers need to see their own faces and the faces of other ethnic infants on the pages. Parent can read board books to babies and toddlers. Everywhere Babies

Filename not specified. by Susan Meyers celebrates the diversity of babies and how babies

The Importance of Early Childhood Development

The early childhood period is considered to be the most important development phase in the lifespan. This is because as children get older, the tolerance for change and ability to easily adapt to new things, decreases.

The brain has been said to be "most flexible" in the earlier stages of life. Early childhood development is a significant part of a child's growth and failure to adequately contribute to this progression can lead to lifelong problems in learning, behavior and both physical and mental health.

While it is important to understand the importance of promoting and practicing early childhood development, it is also just as important to remember that no one child is a duplicate of the other. In other words, all children grow and develop differently.

Globally, more than 200 million children, under five years old, fail to reach their potential in cognitive social development. This is typically due to poverty, poor health, poor interaction from the parent or caregiver, malnutrition and deficit care.

All of the aforementioned factors contribute to early childhood development. World Health Organization (WHO) reported that "Healthy early child development (ECD)—which includes the physical, social/emotional, and language/cognitive domains of development, each equally important—strongly influences well-being, obesity/stunting, mental health, heart disease, competence in literacy and numeracy, criminality, and economic participation throughout life."

When it comes to a child's developing brain, the basic construction of the brain is developed through an ongoing process that begins before birth and continues into adulthood. Early experiences either build or weaken the foundation in which a child learns. Studies show that more than 1million new neural connections are formed every second after a child is born.

This means that from the beginning of life in the womb, the child is growing and adapting to its atmosphere. After a mother gives birth, her child is immediately learning new ways to adapt to the world in which it has been delivered.

The future of any society depends on its ability to explore the health and well-being of the next generation. (-Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University).

In an effort to identify and explore the aspects of development, MCJ has put together a document that presents analytical data that will hopefully provide a better public understanding of the maturation and diverse science of early childhood and early brain development. We hope to provide motivation for the creation and execution of strategies and programs that will impact our generations now, as well as those to come.

Early childhood education is more than preparing your child for school. It is more than ABC's and 123's. Early childhood education starts in the home, from the minute the child is born.

Teaching your baby early on, helps tremendously in the classrooms, during play dates and even at home. This guide is intended to share some visuals with our readers, as well as educate parents and families on the importance of helping your child to be the healthiest. With these tips and scenarios, you, as a parent or caregiver, will have a clear understanding many of the proper way to promote and engage in your child's biological intellectual and social growth.

Alexie features a Native American family.

We also need books about general topics that feature multicultural characters. My new picture book, Tessie Tames Her Tongue, is a book for all children on the topic of balancing talking with listening.

However, the main character is multiracial because children need to see books on general topics with multiracial characters—not just cultural stories. Both are important.

Diverse books, both fiction and nonfiction, help kids understand that even though children look different on the outside, they are all the same on the inside. Our homes, schools, libraries, and communities need diverse books on bookshelves.

—Melissa Martin, Ph.D., is a child therapist, behavioral health consultant, educator, children's book author, and a self-syndicated newspaper columnist.

View Martin's website at www.melissamartinchildrensauthor.com.

Kohl's Donates \$1.5 Million to Milwaukee Public Museum

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said Dennis Kois, president and CEO of the Milwaukee Public Museum.

“As Wisconsin’s only major Natural History Museum, we are especially excited for the opportunity Kohl’s has given us to share our exhibits, collections, and research with families throughout the rest of the state.”

Kohl’s donation will also continue support of Kohl’s Thank You Thursdays, allowing the Museum to offer free access to all visitors on the first Thurs-

day of every month. The next Kohl’s Thank You Thursday will be held on March 1, 2018. Through Kohl’s Thank You Thursdays, the Museum serves around 35,000 free visitors a year.

Since 2009, Kohl’s and Kohl’s Cares have committed nearly \$2 million to the Milwaukee Public Museum.

This donation is made possible through Kohl’s philanthropic program, Kohl’s Cares®, which sells children’s books and toys and donates 100 percent of the net profit to charitable initiatives nationwide.

Florida House Approves Mary McLeod Bethune Statue In U.S. Capitol Statuary Hall

By a vote of 111-1 on Tuesday afternoon, February 20, 2018, the Florida House approved HB 139 to place a statue of Mary McLeod Bethune in U.S. Capitol’s Statuary Hall.

The bill was signed by Governor Rick Scott. “More than 14,000 graduates and countless others have benefited from the measure and manifestation of ‘the answered prayer of a dream’ of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, to provide an education for African Americans and others which



Mary McLeod Bethune has and continues to transform the fabric of this country from hatred and division to cooperation and brotherhood.

This honor is a pivotal moment for Bethune-Cookman University, our nation and our world,” said Hubert

Grimes, interim president.

Among her accomplishments, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, civil rights leader and stateswoman, advised U.S. Presidents Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman.

She was an active participant in the writing of the United Nations Charter that was developed at Dumbarton Oaks, San Francisco in 1945. Dr. Bethune founded the Daytona Literary and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls in 1904 with \$1.50 and faith in God.

Bethune’s school eventually became Bethune-Cookman University located in Daytona Beach.

B-CU Board of Trustees members Nancy Lohman and Dr. Lucille O’Neal will spearhead fundraising efforts for the statue’s completion.

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PHOTO REVUE

Journey with us—February through August—as we focus on “The Child: 2018”. We will learn a lot about the loves of our lives—our most precious treasures: Our Children.

Send us photos of your baby—from birth through age eight. We will use some in our weekly articles.

Disclaimer: All photos must be accompanied with the agreement for MCJ to use the photo free of charge. The parent or legal guardian must acknowledge permission allowing Milwaukee Community Journal, Inc., to publish it. The child’s name will not be published, but must accompany the photo, along with the child’s age on the photo. No photos will be returned to the sender.

Best photos for each year, from birth to age 8 years, will receive a \$25.00 gift card. Best photos will be determined by a group of community leaders associated with “The Child: 2018”, including MCJ staff, consultants and contributors.

Name _____ Email address _____

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I _____ grant permission to the Milwaukee Community Journal to use the photo of my child in “The Child: 2018” Education Focus. I acknowledge I am legally the parent/guardian of _____ and have the right to make this decision.

Signed _____ Date _____

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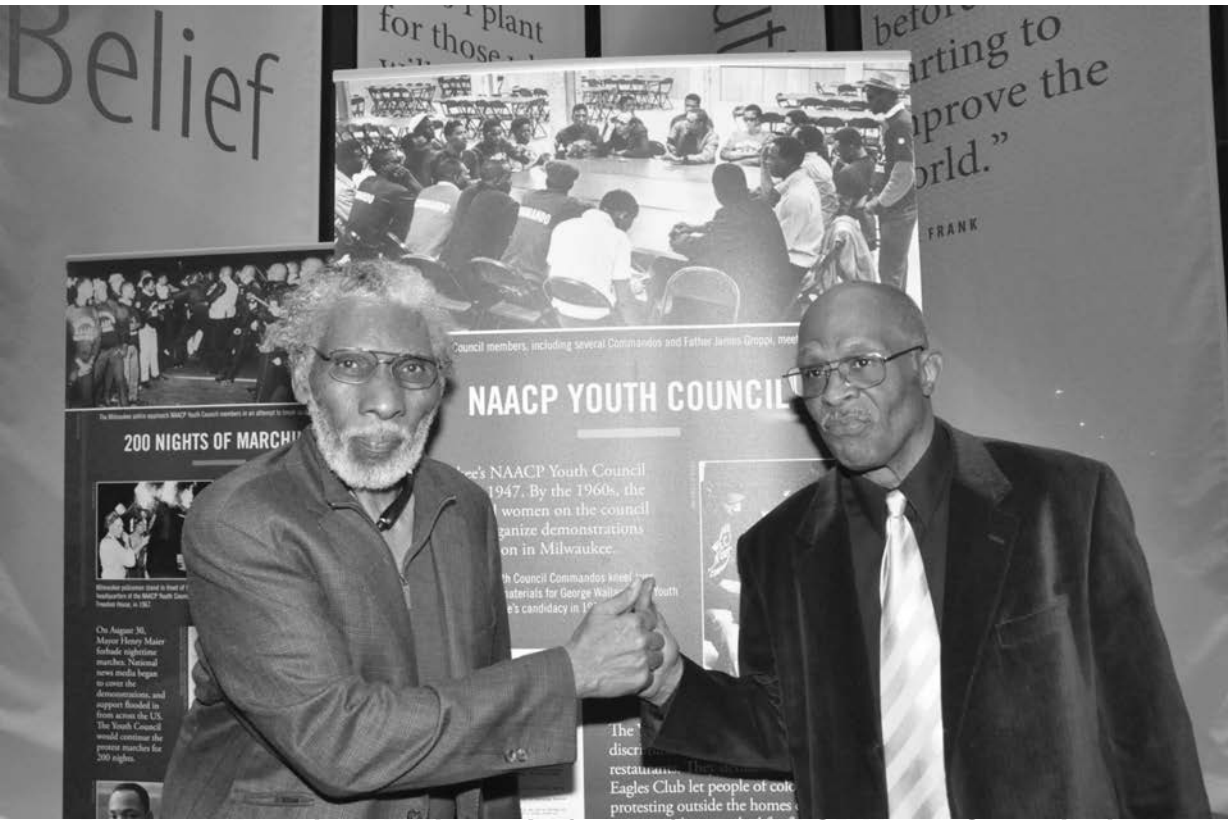
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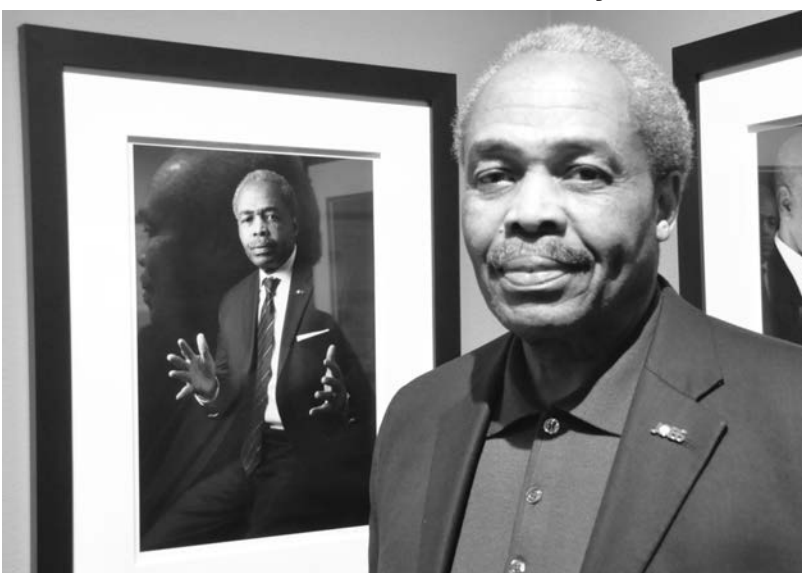
Fred Reed and Prentiss McKinney in front of the NAACP Youth Council display.



Rodney Bourrage, Sr.-Founder/Executive Dir. of Operation DREAM



Cecelia Gore of the Brewers Community Foundation



Retired MUL President/CEO Ralph Hollmon

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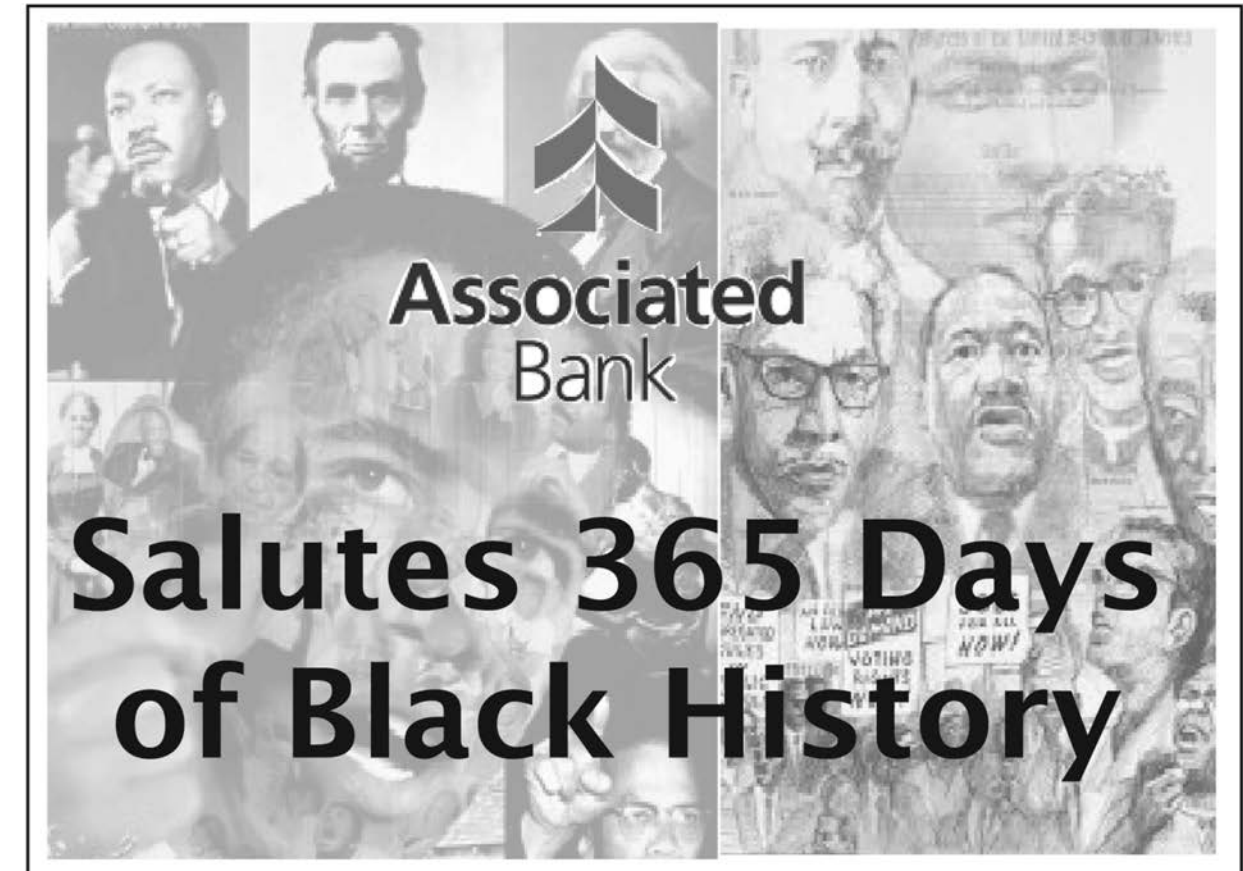
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Exhibition tracing the alliance of African Americans and Jews in the civil rights struggle in Milwaukee



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An exhibition tracing the alliance of African Americans and Jews during the civil rights struggle at the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee also featured portraits of Black Milwaukeeans who have, and continue to make, an impact on life in the community and city in general. Prentice McKinney and Fred Reed spoke on the struggle for open housing in the 1960s. The exhibition runs until March 25. The Jewish Museum of Milwaukee is located at 1360 N. Prospect Ave.
—Photos by Yvonne Kemp



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Public Notice

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000433

In the matter of the name change of: ANONYA GAO SHOUA YANG
By (Petitioner) JENO YANG and By (Co-Petitioner) AMANDA JEAN SCHULZ
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ANONYA GAO SHOUA YANG
To: ANONYA GAO SHOUA XIONG
Birth Certificate: ANONYA GAO SHOUA YANG
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit 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: MARCH 15, 2018 TIME: 9:00 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: 1-19-18
BY THE COURT:
HON. ELLEN R. BROSTROM
Circuit Court Judge
018-033/2-9-16-23-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000432

In the matter of the name change of: JENO YANG
By (Petitioner) JENO YANG
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: JENO YANG To: JENO BOUA YENG XIONG
Birth Certificate: JENO YANG
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
ROOM 415, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 15, 2018 TIME: 8:30 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: 1-17-18
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
018-032/2-9-16-23-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 18FA008387

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: DANIELLE R. MEYER and Respondent: MICAH G. MEYER
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 demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at:

Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St., Room 104, Milwaukee WI 53233 and to DANIELLE R. MEYER 423 MARION AVE #2 SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WI 53172.

It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 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 anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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

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

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

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

§767.105, Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

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

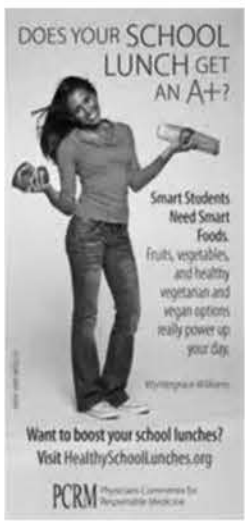
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-278-5362 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE: 2-6-2018
By: DANIELLE MEYER
018-031/2-9-16-23-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000978

In the matter of the name change of: AMIR LARNZELL RUCKER
By (Petitioner) TATYANA WHITE
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
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From: AMIR LARNZELL RUCKER To:

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IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
ROOM 414, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 16, 2018 TIME: 11:00 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: 2-2-18
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
018-029/2-9-16-23-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000811

In the matter of the name change of: MARY DIETRICH STROSIN

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New Covenant Baptist Church,

2315 N. 38th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210, is looking to fill an immediate opening for a part-time musician/organist. Musician will be required to play for/during Sunday Morning Worship service and also be available for funerals, choir singing engagements and other special occasions as needed. Musician will also be required to conduct weekly choir rehearsals and lead congregational singing. The ideal candidate will have experience playing and teaching both traditional and contemporary gospel music; and be familiar with gospel hymns. Interested candidates should call the church office at (414) 873-1221.

OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT

Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Sealed proposals will be received at 1124 North 11th Street, directed to the attention of Mr. Mark Bethel, Project Specialist of Design and Construction, pursuant to Section 119.52(3) Wisconsin Statutes, until Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 1:30 PM, in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work: All contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) are subject to the current livable wage rate, in accordance with the City of Milwaukee Ordinance 310-13. Per 2015 WI Act 55, prevailing wage rate laws have been repealed for all MPS Construction Projects beginning January 1, 2017.

BID GUARANTY TO ACCOMPANY BID: MPS Bid Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check: 10% of Contractor's Base Bid.

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Milwaukee, WI 53207	Milwaukee, WI 53224
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The HUB requirements for this project are 0%
The COIN requirements for this project are 0%
The minimum Student Participation requirements for this project are:
Paid Employment: 0 Hours
Educational Activities: 10 Hours
Deposit for Drawings and Specifications: \$25.00
MAILING CHARGE: \$35.00

The bidding documents may be obtained 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of bid documents for pick up. Plans and specifications will be loaned to a prospective bidder upon receipt of the deposit listed, which deposit will be returned upon surrender of the plans and specifications in good condition. Bid documents must be returned only to A/E Graphics, Inc. Plans and specifications may not be examined at the Facilities and Maintenance Services' office or at A/E Graphics. Plans and specifications may also be viewed online at A/E Graphics, Inc. @ www.aegraphics.com.

A pre-bid walkthrough will be held at Milwaukee Parkside first on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 8:00 AM, meet at the school's main entrance; Vincent High School's walkthrough will be held immediately after.

Each proposal shall be for a fixed lump sum.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals at the bid opening through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. The following TDD number is available for the hearing impaired for questions prior to bid opening, (414) 283-4611.

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PHASE II REMODELING

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MPS Property No. 026

MPS Project No. 4336

The HUB requirements for this project are 25%

The COIN requirements for this project are 15%

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Paid Employment: 300 Hours

Educational Activities: 10 Hours

Deposit for Drawings and Specifications: \$25.00

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A pre-bid walkthrough for the site will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 9:00 AM, meet at the school's main entrance.

Each proposal shall be for a fixed lump sum.

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OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT

Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 15, 2018.

Sealed proposals will be received at 1124 North 11th Street, directed to the attention of Mr. Mark Bethel, Project Specialist of Design and Construction, pursuant to Section 119.52(3) Wisconsin Statutes, until Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 1:30 PM, in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work: All contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) are subject to the current livable wage rate, in accordance with the City of Milwaukee Ordinance 310-13. Per 2015 WI Act 55, prevailing wage rate laws have been repealed for all MPS Construction Projects beginning January 1, 2017.

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NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000720

In the matter of the name change of: CHRISTINE SMITH
By (Petitioner) CHRISTINE SMITH
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: CHRISTINE SMITH To: QUEEN CHRISTINE JACKSON
Birth Certificate: CHRISTINE JACKSON
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
ROOM 412, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: APRIL 9, 2018 TIME: 9:00 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: 1-25-18
BY THE COURT:
HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
018-024 /2-9-16-23-2018

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Will “Black Panther” movie spark a re-“Birth” of Black cultural pride?

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—will spark a cultural renaissance.

Back in the day, Black Americans took pride in our African heritage. We wore the clothes, promoted the culture and even learned the languages. I went so far as to take two years of Swahili as my required language while at UW-Milwaukee, even though it is a West African language—a trade language rarely spoken in the west where our ancestors probably were captured before getting a one-way ticket on the Jesus (which was ironically—or maybe not—the name of the first slave ship).

I took my late son, Malik, to Africa when he was 10-years-old. We immersed ourselves in the culture and the spirit of brotherhood, which filled all of our senses, down to our very souls. We even visited Goree Island, the small island off the coast of Senegal where our captive ancestors were held awaiting the slave ships. That day permanently changed my life and my worldview as I realize we were the end result of slaves who had survived the worst form of slavery known to mankind, not to mention racism, bigotry and injustice.

“Panther,” sadly will be the only exposure many have to a positive African experience. And it is especially important because “Black brainwashed” moviegoers will see positive Black people in roles of authority, caring and sharing with each other. They will see images of Black pride and strength. From that perspective, everyone in the movie is a superhero.

Which takes me to my second point: Black women in power. Make that beautiful Black women who defy the propaganda and the Eurocentric socialization process.

Let’s be honest. A large percentage of Black Americans hate themselves. They hate their nappy hair, Black skin, thick lips and broad noses.

We were well trained during slavery (some of us still stand under its shadow) and as a result, self-hatred was passed down from generation to generation as part of our DNA. As a result, we look down on anything black but coffee and accept European standards of beauty and culture. That’s one reason why sisters (and many brothers) fry their hair, wear extensions and use skin lighteners instead of shea butter.

That’s why we (actually y’all, I don’t) call each other niggers and bitches and THOTs, and refuse to accept the kinship and brotherhood that is not only Africentric, but ordained by the one god, whose name is Njinl in Cameroon, Nyame in Ghana and Yatta in Sierra Leone.

Along the same lines, the movie not only shows us proud and powerful Black women, but beautiful dark-skinned ones.

That old saying about the “darker the berry, the sweeter the juice” is true of Black women, although we’ve been brainwashed to hate our hue, and the darker—the more melanin—the more we have been taught to despise it.

Not only have many, if not most of us, accepted European standards of beauty, but along with that, we are color conscience to the point of being generically suicidal. How many of you were taught, “If you’re white, you’re alright?”

If you’re yellow, you’re mellow. If you’re brown, stick around. But if you’re black, get back?” Whether those exact words were used or not, something similar was engrained in us.

Even Beyoncé’s father recently admitted her success was directly tied into her light skin complexion and the wigs and weaves she wears. (Europeans have idolized the big butt, so that African attribute is acceptable.)

By the way, not only should we feel blessed to have roots in the

Motherland because it is where life originated, they just discovered the human remains of a Black woman dubbed “Eve” that is four million years old.

And if that’s not enough to rock your boat, scientifically, only the Black woman possesses the “mitochondrial DNA” that has all the DNA properties to produce every ethnicity. In other words, everyone comes from the original Black woman, not the other way around. We are the image of the one God talked about in the Bible, Koran and other religious books.

Wow! They never tell you that in public schools do they?

And they don’t teach our children that our ancestors invented math, science, and organized medicine. They don’t teach that the so-called great European philosophers and scientists studied at the feet of Africans like Amenhotep. Or that the first Christian church was in Africa, or that the original Hebrews were Black, and many migrated back into central Africa, including Ghana in 70 AD as a result of Roman persecution.

And I know they don’t tell you that our ancestors were the first to believe in the one God—monotheism.

Which is my third point: Maybe Panther will spark a desire in adults to know and spread the word, to teach our children what they won’t learn in government schools. Maybe y’all will move away from being what they made you into, and instead learn who you really are—and be proud of it.

Armed with knowledge, we can reestablish, and reconnect to that cultural foundation we maintained until we were told we were free and had to be like “Mike.” We were told to accept second-class citizenship if we wanted to live in the American promised land. Which incidentally, looked nothing like Wakanda.

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McManus sworn-in as interim health commissioner, Hamilton and Barrett square off, Baker breaks silence

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dreds of thousands of dollars in contracts from the health department’s previous administration. At the time he nominated Nannis for the position, the mayor asked the council to “quickly confirm” him.

“For the record, the council did act promptly, rejecting Mr. Nannis and, at the same meeting, recommending the confirmation of Dr. McManus,” said Hamilton in his letter.

Hamilton noted before he went before the committee, Nannis was acting as if he had been confirmed by it and the council, holding meetings with health department staff. The council president also reminded the mayor he bypassed consulting the city attorney before he “dismissed” Baker, leaving the city without a commissioner or a public health officer.

“If, as you write, you understand the politicization of the process to date, this familiarity is that of a creator to his creation,” Hamilton continues in his letter. “I am proud that the common council took the steps that it did to take politics out of the process—surely you will acknowledge that Dr. McManus is beholden to no one on either side of city hall—and end the downward spiral in which the Milwaukee Health Department was caught.

In his first—and what he states will be his sole statement since his resignation in January, former Milwaukee Health Commissioner Bevan Baker expressed confidence the current investigation into the troubled CLPP program

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will reveal and confirm he took the necessary actions to identify mismanagement and hold individuals accountable.

“The investigation will find that I followed (city) protocol by initiating disciplinary action and informing executive leadership about this issue,” said Baker in the statement released Tuesday.

“The removal of lead hazards from all sources requires that every crucial resource in Milwaukee, the state of Wisconsin and the federal government be dedicated to protecting residents. Childhood lead poisoning remains a critical public health concern.”

Baker said reports that there was a “communications gag order” in place within the health department during his tenure are “emphatically false.

“The communications policy instituted within the MHD—similar to policies at other organizations—was designed to ensure that a chain of command and protocols were followed when communicating with elected officials.

“The protocol detailed within the policy was in place during my entire tenure; it was not implemented in response to the CLPP concerns.”

Baker added the policy was chronicled in October 2017 to comply with national public health accreditation board requirements. “It was imperative that staff convey MHD policy when speaking as part of their job duties, rather than stating individual views and/or opinions. The policy did not prohibit individuals from expressing their viewpoints or personal concerns on their own time.”

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