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# OMMUNITY

## African American Breastfeeding Network celebrates 10th anniversary Dalvery Blackwell, executive director of the African



American Breastfeeding Network (AABN), poses with Robert and Jolie Brox, who were recognized as the "Family of the Year" during the AABN's 10th anniversary commemorative celebration held at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center (WAAWC), 320 W. Vliet St. Founded in 2008, the AABN was founded by community residents concerned about-and wanting to address-the disparities and inequalities in breastfeeding among Black women. The AABN works to increase awareness, penefits and value of the mother's milk, partnering with community allies, and denormalizing formula use. The AABN promotes breastfeeding as the natural and best way to provide optimal nourishment for babies and young children. The AABN has gained national recognition by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for its pillar program, Community Breastfeeding Gatherings CBGs), which are monthly educational sessions for oregnant and breastfeeding women and their families. Since its inception, 137 CBGs have been held, reaching over 1,000 families. -Photo by Yvonne



#### **City Health Commissioner Patricia McManus honored for** community healthcare advocacy

Dr. Patricia McManus (pictured at left with Nation of Islam's Student Minister William Muhammad) was honored recently by Mosque No. 3 during its "Flowers While You Live" ceremony at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center (WAAWC). Dr, McManus was recognized for her long time and unwavering health advocacy for the community as president of the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin. She is currently Milwaukee's Health Commissioner. The honor was part of the Jazz/Poetry Brunch the Mosque sponsors annually as a fundraiser for the 10,000 Fearless Conflict Resolution Campaign, and the WAAWC. The event featured local Jazz saxophonist James Dallas, poetry by Ajamou Butler, and the African Dance troupe "On Fyah." The WAAWC is located at 3020 W. Vliet St.

—Photo by Yvonne Kemp

### Milwaukee Brewers organization celebrate the life of "family member" Davey Nelson



Brothers (left to right), Fr. Dominic and Rickey Nelson, stand next to the plaque honoring their late brother, former Milwaukee Brewers coach and broadcaster Davey Nelson during a celebration of his life held recently at Miller Park.

A member of the Brewers family since 2001, Nelson was a Major League All-Star infielder for several MLB teams. a coach, and a scout. He died earlier this year after a long illness. He was 73. The plaque will be located on the field level near the scoreboard in Miller Park known as "Nellie's Corner."

Photo by Yvonne Kemp

## MUL holds forum on preserving housing opportunities



The Milwaukee Urban League held its second public issues forum recently, which focused on the city of Milwaukee's plan to preserve housing opportunities The forum was held at its offices at 435 W. North Ave. and included a presentation by the Department of City Development (DCD) and members of the African American Leadershship program. Above are some of the participants (left to right): Nolan Zaroff, senior planner with DCD; Jerusha Daniels, program officer for housing with LISC Milwaukee; Tiffany Henry with the office of US Sen. Tammy Baldwin and vice president of MKE Urban League's Young Professionals; Jordan Roman, president MKE Urban League Young Professionals, and senior manager with Trustmark Insurance; MUL President and CEO Dr. Eve Hall, Lavelle Young, president of Young Development Group; Community advocate Martha Love, state Rep. David Bowen, Sakuri Fears, senior program officer with LISC Milwaukee, and Sam Leichtling, a long range planning manager with DCD. -Photo by Yvonne Kemp



## Supreme Court Stunners!

Nation's high court deals setbacks to religious liberties and unions Compiled by MCJ **Editorial Staff** 

Two national labor organizations that defend the rights of Black Americans and women, condemned a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that dealt a severe financial blow to the nation's labor unions.

On Tuesday, Muslims wanting to enter the United States to visit, live, work or attend school were handed a huge setback by the Court, when it upheld President Donald Trump's travel ban, allowing immigration restrictions on individuals from seven countries, five of which are majority Muslim.

In a 5-4 decision Wednesday in the case of Mark Janus v. AF-SCME, the court ruled public employee unions cannot collect so-called "fair share fees" from non-union members to cover the costs of collective bargaining and enforcing contracts that protect

The court said the law violated the First Amendment rights of nonunion workers. The ruling also scraps a 41-year-old decision allowing unions in 24 states to require employees to pay fees to unions that represent them, even non-union employees.

These fees were key to labor's long-standing financial support of the Democratic Party and its election campaigns. The Party is a decades-long champion of organized labor and its causes.

"Today's Supreme Court ruling in the Janus v. AFSCME case is a clear ruling against workers, especially workers of color," read a statement by the National Black Worker Center Project (NBWCP)

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#### **PULSE OF THE COMM**

Photos and question by Yvonne Kemp

#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

"What do you think of the Supreme Court's decision upholding President Trump's ban on Muslims coming into the United States to visit, live, and go to school?

"The last time I checked, North Korea and Venezuela weren't Muslim countries. Saudi Arabia is known for human rights abuses, but they aren't on the list of banned coun-



tries, but they're favorable to America's policy in the Middle East. The real aim is to criminalize America's critics and stop the influence of Muslims in the country."

"We need to focus on having more attrorneys at law like (the late Supreme Court Justice) Thurgood Marshall, who won 14 of his 19 cases in the Supreme Court.

WINSTON We need more winning attorneys who look and come from us. We need them in organizations like the ACLU, NAACP, and National Urban League."

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"I think we need to stop whinning about who the Supreme Court justice is and, instead,



focus on more getting more Black lawyers to address our issues in the court system."

"Once again, **President** Trump is trying to control another group of people he has SOULESE no regard for. **CHAPMAN** He is good at

making up lies (about) why Muslims should not be allowed in the United States."

## Mental stimulation the best way to promote healthy brain development in your child

By Paishance Welch

The brain development of children at this stage accelerates as they receive opportunities at school to learn new mental skills and concepts.

As they grow and develop, they become more curious about the world around them, become more interested in exploring it, and begin to solve problems

It's important to note that for this stage in brain development, learning takes place most effectively through concrete experiences. As we thrive to build the brains of our youth, it is quite interesting to know that one of the biggest influences on positive brain development is reading.

Mental stimulation is the best way to promote healthy growing and brain development. We've all heard the saying, "The mind is a terrible thing to waste." A Neuroscientist, by the name of Stanislas Dehaene, published a study that explored how crucial it is to implement reading early on in your child's day to day activities.

Three different groups were monitored: Group #1: Adults who had learned to read and practiced reading at an early age. Group #2: Adults who learned to read as adults and group #3 were adults who never learned to read.

From this study a few conclusions have been made on how reading helps improve the function of

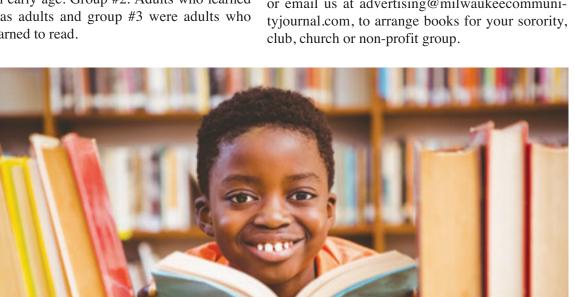
The occipital lobe is the area of the brain that processes visual information. The adults who had been reading all of their life, showed enhanced results of them being able to process visual information at a faster speed, as well as more accurately than those in group #2 and #3.

Although reading is a multi-tasking exercise (analyzing, comprehending, visual processing of words) the visual stimulation alone can strengthen the occipital lobe tremendously.

The parietal lobe is the part of the brain that turns letters into words, and words into thoughts. The parietal lobe is mainly recognized for its ability to increase writing skills.

It also helps with comprehending ideas and concepts while reading. When anyone is reading, the parietal lobe becomes very active and works with the temporal lobe to store information.

Reading is fundamental! Continue to promote healthy brain development by visiting your public library. You can also visit MCJ office daily to pick up a free book, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Moss and Dr. and Mrs. Roland Pattillo. More books will be available through Hippy USA Milwaukee in the month of July. Call our offices at 414-265-5325 or email us at advertising@milwaukeecommunityjournal.com, to arrange books for your sorority, club, church or non-profit group.



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### **Words Drastically Improve Your Toddler's Capacity** to Thrive

#### By Kisha Shanks, Chief Executive Officer, Infinite Family Solutions, LLC

Children understand language long before they can speak. At birth, their mother's voice and the voices of anyone that has been around her during pregnancy are all

They understand tone, inflection and recognize diction. All these things combined contribute to not only their vocabulary and capacity for language, but also contribute to their brain's emotional and social development.

Through words, your toddler can establish language to label their feelings, and to communicate effectively, in general. Therefore, consistent and effective communication with your child, in the early years, is crucial.

There is said to be a 30-million-word gap which suggests that children growing up in poverty hear 30 million fewer words by age 3 than "other children." While there is great speculation on the validity and relevance of that research, there is no refuting the fact that African-American children, specifically those in here in Milwaukee, are testing significantly lower in reading comprehension than other children of the same age across the nation. With the ever-increasing use of technology and society's need for instant gratification, books and conversation are tools rarely used to engage young children today and the impact is long lasting.

Children learn so much about the world through quality

When those interactions are hindered by technology, a parent and/or caregiver's inability to empathize, or a general lack of verbal and nonverbal communication, the child suffers greatly.

Toddlers experience a wide array of emotions, just as adults. The difference lies in their ability to understand what they are feeling, to label said feelings appropriately and to communicate those feelings in an effective way. Their response to being emotionally overwhelmed is to cry, scream, and to throw tantrums, which are all age-appropriate behaviors.

A caregiver's response to such behavior, however, can either help them learn to self-regulate their emotions and calm themselves or completely dysregulate them and send stress hormones to the brain. Something as simple as, "I know you're upset" can make a world of difference in how their brain internalizes that experience.

While it is important to engage your child in quality conversation, it is equally important that your child is read to and is encouraged to "read" to you.

Many toddlers will "read" the pictures from a book and tell the story based on what they see. Reading allows children to not only hear words and learn the proper way to speak, seeing the words on paper also improved their reading skills and comprehension. Label items around your home and point to them often. Utilize subtitles on your television.

Describe the world around you to your toddler and have them repeat. Ask them questions. Listen attentively and respond appropriately. Using language, your toddler is empowered to be

an equal contributor to their interpersonal experiences. It creates a sense of autonomy and supplies them with tools needed to concisely explain a complex experience. With words and your support, their capacity to thrive throughout life is improved exponentially.



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# RELIGION

Men In Black Day at Mt. Zion Wings of Glory



The Men of Mt. Zion Wings of Glory COGIC recently held its 17th annual Men's Day last Sunday. lt was an all deomination "Men In Black" event. The guest speaker was Pastor Willie Lewis from the Family Worship Center, 1428 N. 27th St. in Milwaukee. Pictured above is Deacon Mack Rowsey of Mt. Zion Wings of Glory (far left) siting with church elders who were invited to pariticipate in the special day. They were (in no particular order): issac Cole, Elder Andrew Anderson, Pastor John Colton, Elder James Smith, and Pastor Donnell Allen. Eugene Yarbrough is pastor of Mt. Zion Wings of Glory. —Photo by Yvonne Kemp

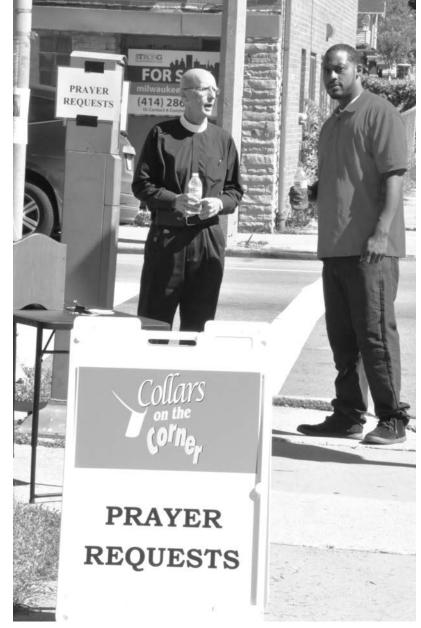
## Collars on the Corner

Rev. Kevin Stewart, a Missioner for Community Engagement with the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, talks to neighborhood resident Leon Evans who asked for prayer at the corner of 51st and Center. Stewart was part of "Collars on the Corner," a ministry of presence and prayer that helps individuals in the community grow in faith. A group of pastors from Milwaukee and other cities come to neighborhoods in teh community to pray with people and take prayer requests. They also pass out water. St. Catherine Par-

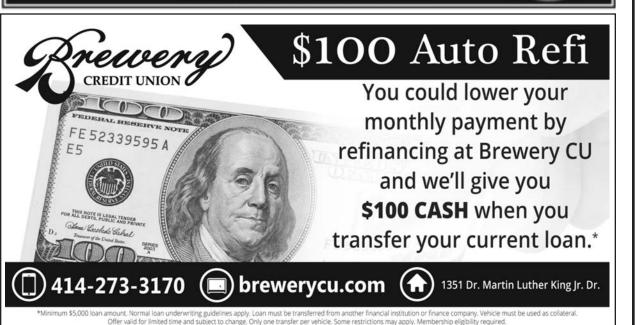
rish was the host church

—photo by Yvonne

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Jesus elders condemn misuse of scripture to support morally indefensible family separation policy and issue church led call to action

WASHINGTON, DC—Following the recent signing of the Reclaiming Jesus declaration, multiracial elders from across traditions—including evangelical, mainline Protestant, Roman Catholic, and African American churches launched the "Suffer the Little Children" statement condemning the splitting apart of families at the United States border and the abuse of Scripture to defend a morally indefensible policy.

The Trump administration is abusing Scripture to justify abusing children.

Last week, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Sarah Huckabee Sanders, speaking for the president, quoted the apostle Paul in Romans 13 to justify this policy of cruelty against children and families.

The elders respond, "This is yet another misuse and violation of the Word of God to defend a morally indefensible policy. This is a line of demarcation that political power must not be allowed to cross. If Jesus is Lord, we are called to love our neighbors in every circumstance, and to even love our enemies.

In Matthew 22, Jesus puts loving God and loving your neighbor at the heart of everything. 'On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' In Matthew 25, Jesus commands us to welcome the stranger."

The apostle Paul, in Romans 13, does not say that cruelty is a justifiable tool or role of government. Rather, Paul says the government's role is meant to be "God's servant for your good"; government exists to be the protector of the good and to guard people from evil. Romans 13:3 says, "For rulers are not a terror to

good conduct, but to bad." In cruel contrast, the new family-destroying policies of the administration are the reverse of the proper role of government described in Romans 13.

Separating children from their parents is not mandate of current U.S. law, but rather a deliberate policy choice this administration is making to use cruelty as a deterrent, and some administration officials have admitted it. The truth is that the administration could stop ripping families apart tomorrow, which is why elders are calling upon the President to do just that.

While we still need comprehensive, compassionate, and just immigration reform, elders are calling on Congress to pass a simple legislative act that would prohibit the administration from separating families.

Specifically, the elders call on the administration to: immediately stop separating children from their parents; ensure that no children who have already been separated from their parents are lost; and to

immediately begin reuniting families torn apart by the United States government.

The elders also call on the church to teach and preach about this moral crisis, organize candlelight prayers at the offices of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and at local Congressional offices, and prayerfully consider non-violent civil disobedience at appropriate places in the days ahead.

The elders commend this call in prayer and hope for the reclaiming of Jesus in our time.



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#### Loving, Mary Ellen

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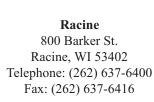
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## High Court's decision upholding travel ban won't hurt only Muslims

We unequivocally agree with the four U.S. Supreme Court justices who opposed Tuesday the decision by the majority of justices siding with President Trump in restricting the immigration of Muslims to the United States.

In a 5-4 decision in the "Trump v. Hawaii" case, the majority said the president had "sufficient national security justification" to order the travel ban against the Muslim nations of Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen.

Two of the four dissenting justices, Sonia Sotomayor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote a scorching dissent, pointing to America being a nation "built upon the promise of religious liberty."

The justices wrote our nation "honored that core promise by embedding the principle of religious neutrality in the First Amendment. The Court's decision today fails to safeguard that fundamental principle." They added the Muslim ban "now masquerades behind a façade of national-security concerns."

Sotomayor and Ginsburg also noted the majority ignored facts, misconstrued legal precedent, and turned a blind eye to the pain and suffering Trump's proclamation inflicts upon numerous families and individuals, many of whom are American citizens.

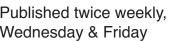
Civility, respect, honoring diversity and drawing strength through assimilation as a nation of immigrants have been long-held tenets of this nation and its promise of the "American Dream" regardless of who you are and where you come from...or pray to.

That promise has been harmed and the dream differed by the Court's Tuesday ruling. We must be careful about singling out groups of people because of their religion, race, ethnicity, gender and gender preference, or age.

What the court did will open a proverbial Pandora's Box of challenges to the "American Idea" of liberty and justice for ALL. American citizens may also have to be wary of facing discrimination themselves when traveling abroad. Will Americans be denied entry into a country because they are Americans who are White, Black, Latino and Christian?

Protection against lawlessness is understood and is necessary in maintaining our freedoms. But to prohibit entry into our country because of religious reasons, or any other non-sensical reason, is undemocratic. Our strength lies in building upon our differences while, at the same time, protecting our country, people...and

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The Children's Court Blues The Milwaukee County Children's Court facility may be the most depressing

place in Wisconsin. Architecturally, it's no great structure, but that's not what I mean. It's the sea of confused, frightened and angry faces that make up the daily visitors which makes the place so sullen and depressing.

It's their makeup.

On any given day, the Children's Court hallways are overflowing with women, primarily minority, the majority of whom are Black. And in all but a few exceptions, they are alone. No male companion. No father. Not even a sperm donor.

I counted 60 people awaiting trials for their children on the day I visited. Forty-seven were African American, and all but five were women.

Three of the men were with a woman, one was there by himself, and the last one seemed displaced because he had on a suit and was tightly holding a bible in one hand, and used the other to comfort the sister whose eyes were closed as if she was resting, or praying. Or maybe praying for

No one on either of the two floors I visited was smiling, and given the fact there was only a sprinkling of small children present, I assumed (based on my talk with a security guard before and after my tour) most of their "defendants" were in DT (detention center) which means they were being detained following a crime, awaiting their first court appearance and official listing as a statistic.

Sprinkled throughout the two floors were a half dozen attorneys, all but a few of whom were White, public defenders. I noticed one PD scurrying back and forth between several women, which implied he was representing several different juveniles.

In case you don't know, Wisconsin has the lowest reimbursement rate for PDs in the country, which means most are rookies who have yet to establish themselves or find a better job, and are over worked.

Even if they are the best in their field, they are grossly overworked, which has an impact on their representation. If the parent(s) had money even a modest income—they would hire Dan Adams, or Lynette McNeely

The law enforcement officers and clerks in Children's Court never seemed to be in a hurry, although there were four courts in session, offering a quasi-assembly line Just-us.

Most of the veteran employees had the look of individuals who had seen too much despair, and too little resolution.

I couldn't help but wonder if any of their children ever went through the process. Naw, I said to myself answering my own question, they are like public school teachers in that regard.

The staff was generally polite and resourceful, although I did witness two confrontations with frustrated parents, which strained their temperament, even though it was only 10:30 a.m. in the morning. Hopefully, I thought, they are used to emotional outbursts from angry and frustrated parents, and took each incident with a grain of salt.

The halls where most parents were forced to wait are drab—albeit well



By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt

lit. The seating was uncomfortable, hard and sturdy, symbolic, maybe, of things to come. I took in all of the aforementioned scenes in a few seconds—although

I dwelled on each during my observations. The scenery was no more than a backdrop for this reality television show. The real focus of this continuing drama were the parents. This

week's episode focuses on the men...or lack thereof. It was a poignant reality that obscured everything else. There were only

five men out of all the "parents" in attendance. That shocking "cast" could be taken several ways. Maybe the women's

husbands were working. (Sorry, we're talking about Milwaukee folks, with the highest Black male unemployment rate in the country.) Maybe the women had hidden their child's delinquency from the husband, fearful of his reaction. (Unlikely. Both because only 30% of Black

women in Milwaukee with children are married, and the sperm donor recently had his cell phone cut off for lack of payment, or that's what he told his baby's mama.) Or maybe the men were away on a religious retreat, or off working the doors for Tammy Baldwin. (Sorry, that's another cable show called, "The

Rich White Housewives of Waukesha.") The truth, whether we care to admit it or not, is not romantic, culturally attuned or politically correct.

The truth is that most of the children who appeared in court that day. and others, whose futures and life ambitions were to be determined in a setting consisting of a judge, stenographer, assistant district attorney and a sheriff's deputy poised to respond if the situation dictated, would have as their sole support, a Black woman—a poor mother and chief apologist who, for the life of her, can't figure out where she went wrong.

The truth is, and the statistics and case records bear me out, over 86% of the Black children appearing in children's court will be males and 90% will come from female-headed households. Impoverished households Households without books. Rental households with empty refrigerators. Apartments where you don't look down when you hear a crackling sound

Seventy-plus percent of the detainees will have siblings, and over half will have different fathers—or sperm donors as the case may be.

The only thing consistent is that few of the "fathers" will be actively involved in their children's lives, and thus the fact that they are not in court should not be a surprise.

I would venture to guess that a large percentage of the boys who end up in children's court have been running the streets since before they could

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## Let's begin experiencing being free

I shouldn't have to apologize for being in support of the betterment of my people, or the social development of the black race. As a black man, it's more than my job. I'm obliged to do whatever it takes to waken those that are comfortable just dreaming to avoid the social realities. Someone has to be willing to stand guard and sound the alarm when

Our communities are being crush and crippled by ignorance and substances of destruction and our only weapon of defense seems to be just

All the while others push dope and shoot bullets. It is then that we run from each other, while others move in and take over. In the midst of all the chaos, they see the treasure through disaster. They gain over and over from our pain.

One of the reasons I have gotten tired of being proud of just being black, is becasue it has got to be more to it than just that. It's a start, but we all need contents and purpose to have the will to continue to exist.

I embrace black power to mean being in control of my own destiny, home, education, employment and surroundings. Black power is not always having to depend on others to see me and the black people through. Black power means self-sufficiency, embracing our heritage and having the need to be.

We must stand up and against all injustices starting with those placed on us by ourselves.

We step forward using the strengths of our past so that when we reach tomorrow, looking back will no longer hurt.

Their system is not broken, ours is or we just do not have one. Black love has the strength to overcome any and all things. Let's begin to experience being free. Peace

Torre M Johnson Sr ,President XMEN UNITED LLC

## Reuniting families separated at the border won't be easy

Article courtesy of New York Magazine via "The Rundown"

When the Trump administration ends its policy of separating children and their parents at the border, it will be an indisputably good thing.

But the horror visited upon the thousands of migrant families torn apart by the "zero tolerance" immigration policy will not be over, because there's no plan to reunite the children taken into government custody with their detained parents.

"This policy is relatively new," Steven Wagner at the Department of Health and Human Services told the Associated Press HHS is responsible for caring for the children after they've beer taken from their parents, who are locked up by the Departmen of Homeland Security and Department of Justice. "We're still working through the experience of reunifying kids with their parents after adjudication," Wagner added.

So far that experience is not going well. Some parents in detention are struggling to find their children, some of whom are being flown to places as far away from the border as Michigan Other parents have been deported without ever learning the whereabouts of their kids. As the Houston Chronicle reports, the records kept by the various agencies with a role in this process are messy and hard to track.

Social workers struggle to find parents within the two agencies overseeing immigrant adult detention, the departments of Justice and Homeland Security. Officials in charge of children have said they are not routinely provided information about how family separations occur or where a minor's parents may be.

Parents have been encouraged to call a hotline to find their kids, but some have been given the wrong number. And those who do get the right number may be told, as one reporter for Quartz was, that they should call HHS's Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Spelling errors and the language barrier complicate matters too. Even when English-speaking advocates are enlisted to help families find their children, their success or failure can seem more a matter of luck than anything else.



#### The Legals/Classifieds/Public Notices



SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV005209

In the matter of the name change of: JESNIEL SAMUEL ACEVEDO CA-

By (Petitioner) JESSIVETT CAMA-CHO and By (Co-Petitioner) MICHAEL PEREZ NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From JESNIEL SAMUEL ACEVEDO CAMACHO To: JESNIEL SAMUEL PEREZ CAMACHO

Birth Certificate: JESNIEL SAMUEL ACEVEDO CAMACHO IT IS ORDERED:

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

Judge's Name: HON. ELLEN BROSTROM

ROOM 413 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JULY 24, 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: 6-20-18 BY THE COURT: HON. ELLEN BROSTROM Circuit Court Judge 018-167/6-29/7-6-13-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV005329

In the matter of the name change of: CODY LEE HAPKA

By (Petitioner) CODY LEE HAPKA NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change

the name of the person listed above: From CODY LEE HAPKA To: CODY LEE HAPSON Birth Certificate: CODY LEE HAPKA

IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Cir-

cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK

ROOM 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: AUGUST 6, 2018 TIME: 9:30

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: 6-25-18

BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 018-166/6-29/7-6-13-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 18FA002931

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: NICOLE ANNMARIE ALSWAGER and Respondent: RICHARD LLOYD

ALSWAGER 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 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 NICOLE ALSWAGER 3716 S 86TH ST MILWAUKEE, WI 53228

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

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

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

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

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

§767.105, Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:

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

1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action. 2. The major issues usually 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 accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE: 6-26-2018 By: NICOLE ALSWAGER 018-165/6-29/7-6-13-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV005282

In the matter of the name change of: NICKOLAS ANDREW HOREJS By (Petitioner) NICKOLAS ANDREW

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: **NICKOLAS ANDREW** HOREJS To: NICKOLAS ANDREW HOREJS FIELD

Birth Certificate: NICKOLAS AN-**DREW HOREJS** 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 413 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: JULY 24, 2018 TIME: 1:30 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: 6-22-18

BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 018-164/6-29/7-6-13-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 18FA000954

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: BRITTNEY DAWNYETTA EVANS-JONES and Respondent: TAVARES **JONES** 

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 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 BRITTNEY EVANS JONES 5141 N 27TH APT 3 MILWAUKEE, WI 53209

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

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.

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1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action.

2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.

3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.

4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.

(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

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

DATE: 6-6-2018 By: BRITTNEY D. EVANS JONES 018-163/6-22-29/7-6-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV005097

In the matter of the name change of: FELICIA ANNETTE PAGE By (Petitioner) FELICIA ANNETTE PAGE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From FELICIA ANNETTE PAGE To: HADARAH BETHEL ISRAEL Birth Certificate: FELICIA ANNETTE PAGE

IT IS ORDERED:

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

Judge's Name: HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN ROOM 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JULY 20, 2018 TIME: 10:00

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: 6-15-18

BY THE COURT: HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN Circuit Court Judge 018-162/6-15-22-29-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV004843

In the matter of the name change of: ZANE PAXTON HARRIS By (Petitioner) ZANE PAXTON HAR-RIS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ZANE PAXTON HARRIS To: IRENE DROSERA CARDINAL Birth Certificate: ZANE PAXTON **HARRIS** 

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: JULY 25, 2018 TIME: 8:45 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Circuit Court Judge

018-161/6-15-22-29-2018

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: 6-7-18 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR

#### NOTICE

Milwaukee Public Schools is requesting quotations for Pool Chemicals Materials and Delivery, Only. Material specifications, quotation requirements and guidelines may be obtained 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of proposal documents. Documents may also be viewed online at A/E Graphics, Inc. @ www.aegraphics com.

The HUB and Coin requirements for this contract are 0%

The minimum Student Participation requirements for this contract are: Paid Employment: 100 Hours

Educational Activities: 10 Hours

All questions should be submitted in writing to the facilities and Maintenance Services DFMSProcurement@mjlwaukeek12.wi.us or fax number (414) 283-4682. No questions will be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their response to the request for quotation. Only questions submitted in writing prior to 4:00 PM on Thursday, July 05, 2018 will be answered. No questions will be answered after that date and time. These responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.

Submit all quotations no later than 1:30 PM on Thursday, July 12, 2018 to Mr. Mark Bethel, Project Specialist of Design and Construction, Facilities and Maintenance Services, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.

Keith P. Posley, Ed.D

11574566/6-22-28/7-5 Interim Superintendent of Schools NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV005070

In the matter of the name change of: KIARA ANA NUNEZ

By (Petitioner) KIARA ANA NUNEZ NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: KIARA ANA NUNEZ To: KIARA ANA AVILA

Birth Certificate: KIARA ANA NUNEZ IT IS ORDERED:

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

Judge's Name: HON. ELLEN BROSTROM ROOM 413 PLACE: 901 N. 9th

Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JULY 19, 2018 TIME: 2:30 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: 6-14-18

BY THE COURT: HON. ELLEN BROSTROM Circuit Court Judge 018-160/6-15-22-29-2018 SUMMONS

(PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV005047

In the matter of the name change of: MATRINNA SHERRELL WOODS By (Petitioner) MATRINNA SHER-**RELL WOODS** 

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FromMATRINA SHERELL WOOD To: MATRINNA SHERRELL WOODS Birth Certificate: MATRINA SHERELL WOOD

TIS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. CLARE L.

**FIORENZA** ROOM 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: AUGUST 17, 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: 6-7-18 BY THE COURT:

HON. CLARE L. FIORENZA

018-159/6-15-22-29-2018

Circuit Court Judge

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV004949

In the matter of the name change of: KEYAIRA RUSHAY BUFORD MER-CHANT By (Petitioner) KEYARIA RUSHAY

**BUFORD MERCHANT** NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change

the name of the person listed above: From: KEYAIRA RUSHAY BUFORD

**McCRANEY** Birth Certificate: KEYAIRA RUSHAY **BUFORD MERCHANT** IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Cir-

cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY

WITKOWIAK

ROOM 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JULY 23, 2018 TIME: 10:45

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: 6-7-18 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK

Circuit Court Judge

018-158/6-15-22-29-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV004850

JASMINE MARIE RIVERA By (Petitioner) ROSE MARIE TAPIA and By (Co-Petitioner) JASMINE MARIE RIVERA NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JASMINE MARIE RIVERA To: JAYSON PRINCE RIVERA Birth Certificate: JASMINE MARIE

In the matter of the name change of:

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

RIVERA

Judge's Name: HON. DAVID L. BOROWSKI ROOM 206 PLACE: 901 N. 9th

Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JULY 11, 2018 TIME: 2:30 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: 6-7-18 BY THE COURT: HON. DAVID L. BOROWSKI Circuit Court Judge 018-157/6-15-22-29-2018

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PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT THE MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

The Milwaukee Community Journal, Inc. has expanded its services to the greater Milwaukee community with the publishing of legal notices in the Weekend Edition. As a qualified provider of the publication of legal notices, MCJ will serve city, county and state offices for publishing community notifications. Such notifications include:

- · Public Hearings Public meetings
- · Election notices
- Divorce proceedings Name changes
- · Publication of Summons when personal services cannot be made to defendants · Notice of auction of unclaimed storage or property
- Probate Notices · Foreclosure Sheriff's sale notice of creditor listing of
- property for sale
- Other general legal and public notices

About Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ) WEEKEND EDITION

The Milwaukee Community Journal Weekend Edition is published weekly. Each week, MCJ Weekend focuses on different subjects, HEALTH, PERSONAL, FINANCE, FAMILY, MEN AND WOMEN. Our Weekend Edition now includes the publishing of records designated by the Milwaukee County Circuit Court for publication of legal notices with added value in the Wednesday edition. The Weekend Edition is a public newspaper of general circulation that complies with the laws of Wisconsin relating to publication of legal notices. MCJ Weekend Edition has published weekly over ten years, in the state of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County. We have a paid circulation of approximatel 89% of our circulation, weekly. And our actual paid subscribers is over the 1000 required by State Statute.

About the Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ)

The Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ) is a quality news organization published throughout Milwaukee and the surrounding suburbs. Established in 1976, the Milwaukee Community Journal has advanced the plight. struggles and victories of minorities in Wisconsin, with a passion for building community. The MCJ accentuates the positive analyzes the negatives and advocates to seed success. The Milwaukee Community Journal's stockholders are Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo (95%) and Mikel Holt (5%) respectively; and is current in filing by the State of Wisconsin, effective 9/2016.

## **OPEN LETTER TO OUR READERS**

Milwaukee Community Journal is an actual brick and mortar building, not just an online entity. I was downstairs reviewing our equipment in the storage office and it's like visiting a museum. Old relics, equipment, computers, software and past editions illuminate 41 years journaling the history of change.

Since our origin in 76, we've moved with our audience. Today our readers are predominantly millennials, 18-40

years of age, shakers and movers, the buyers! They are buying homes, cars, raising families. They are eating "fresh," active in politics, exercising and partying.

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









Coming full circle:

The saga of North **Division High** 

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County Board Chairman

and County Executive

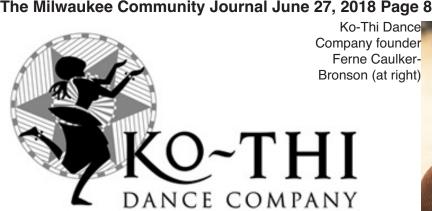
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This is who we are, but one thing is still deep on our hearts, and that is you've got to join our team. You're the community part of the Milwaukee community journal. Let's build together!-- Speech Thomas, The Milwaukee Community Journal, Wisconsin's Largest African-American Newspaper.



### Ko-Thi Dance Co. Leaves BAMKE, **Prepares for** 50th **Anniversary** Season

As it prepares for its 50th anniversry season, the legendary Ko-Thi Dance Company (Ko-Thi) recently announced it is seperating from Black Arts Milwaukee (BAMKE).

The company maintains its independence as a 501c3 arts organization and will continue to fundraise for its unique programming.

As a founding member of Black Arts Think Tank (now BAMKE), Ko-Thi, stressed its "great appreciation" for the opportunity to be a part of an entity which supports Black arts in Milwaukee. "We wish BAMKE much success in its future endeavors, as we are supportive of any initiative to bolster Black arts in Milwaukee," the company said in a statement.

"We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to Paul Matthews and the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Cory Nettles, Jackie Herd Barber, and the rest of BAMKE Board for their tremendous support of our tenure with BAMKE."

In 2019, Ko-Thi will celebrate its 50th anniversary. This is no small feat, as historically, there are very few African dance companies throughout the world that can claim such longevity of consistent and high quality artistic product and programming.

Ko-Thi was founded in 1969 by



Ferne Caulker-Bronson, Professor Emerita of Dance at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM).

During her 45 years at UWM, Bronson created the first Bachelor of Fine Arts degree of Performance and Choreography of Africa and the Diaspora Dance; along with the Caulker Method, a teaching pedagogy that trains dancers in the African and Caribbean genres.

For nearly 50 years, Ko-Thi has provided Milwaukee with stimulating artistic performances, training, and quality youth programming embodied in Ton Ko-Thi Children's Performing Ensemble. Ko-Thi has also represented Milwaukee nationally and internationally, touring in major opera houses all over the United States, the Mitsui Festival in Tokyo, Japan, and the Ontario Festival in Ontario, Canada.

In preparation for its 50th year, Ko-Thi has established a new dynamic artistic team led by DeMar Walker and a revitalized Board of Directors, chaired by Cheryl Blue. The 50th anniversary season will include brand new dance performances, a historical exhibit, and an alumni reunion.

**UWM** is the doorway for many paths to success By Mark A. Mone Chancellor University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Chancellor Mark Mone is proud of UWM's role in helping students reach their life's goals

There is no one path to finding your future success. At the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, we have many open doors that lead to what you want to accomplish in life.

Just last month, more than 3,300 people received a degree from UWM and are now beginning new chapters in their lives, whether starting new jobs, doing research or continuing to graduate school. Along the way, these individuals experienced many unexpected steps and just as many successes. Here are just a few of their remark-

Sandra Plascencia faced many obstacles on her way to earning a degree in social work from UWM. She was born in a small Mexico town as the youngest of eight children and didn't have much financial support, yet she became the first from her family to go to college. Sandra made new friends by getting involved in UWM's clubs, events and activities.

She completed an internship at the Department of Health and Human Services in Waukesha, which solidified her desire to help others through social work. Sandra told us that the path to her dream belonged to many. "When you're a first-generation student, this dream... it's not just mine," she said.

"It's of all of the people that came before me — my parents, my siblings, even my grandparents when they were raising my parents."

Before coming to UWM, Abbey Palmer had a successful career as a massage therapist. A car crash left her unable to continue with the physical demands of that work, and she needed to find a new path.

Abbey decided to pursue her love of languages and

linguistics, which opened up possibilities that she hadn't

Over the past two summers, Abbey has traveled to China and Russia, and she has taught English to refugees. The next steps on her new path lead to the University of Oxford in England to work on a master's de-

She is both proud and amazed at the direction her life has taken. "I'm going places," she said, "and I've been places just in the past few years that I never thought about as possibilities."

Ali Bakhshinejad ran a business with his brother in Iran, but he wanted to broaden his world even further After earning a master's degree in Iceland, he came to UWM and immersed himself in research and entrepreneurism while earning a doctorate in engineering. He did not know anyone when he came here and wasn't sure how he would feel.

Ali told us about the incredible acceptance and encouragement he received by being involved in UWM's Student Startup Challenge and I-Corps program. The experiences helped him promote his business ideas and research, which could lead to better treatment for brain aneurysms. He is considering several job offers and has found a home in Wisconsin, where he intends to stay.

Sandra, Abbey and Ali are all examples of how life's sometimes-unexpected chapters can lead to new paths to success. These remarkable individuals are learning exploring and thinking at greater levels than ever before and they did it right here in Milwaukee. With their new experiences and education, all three are confidently walking through open doors to their futures. That is the power of getting a college degree.

Please visit us and learn about what your paths to success can be. From now through Sept. 14, if you take a campus tour, you will receive free tickets to Summerfest, State Fair or a Milwaukee Brewers game. Visit uwm.edu/summervisit to schedule your tour today.

## U.S. Supreme Court deals setbacks to religious liberties and labor unions

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a national organization focused on addressing the multi-dimensional job crisis for Black workers.

"To be clear, African Americans have as much at stake in maintaining strong unions as anyone with regards to economic security, affordable healthcare and retirement benefits. But, the union advantage disappears with Supreme Court decision and changes the landscape for the 20 percent of African Americans who work in public sector jobs."

The NBWCP added Black workers will face the uncertainty of stagnate or diminished wages, job insecurity and the possibility of retiring into poverty.

Shaunna Thomas, executive director of UltraViolet, a national women's advocacy organization, called the court's decision a "coordinated attack from the administration and private interests on women, who form the backbone of America's workers. By siding with corporations to weaken workers' ability to come together to win fair wages and key labor protections, the court is forcing Black women—who are disproportionately represented in public sector jobs—to pay the price."

Thomas said women of color deserve fair wages and a dignified, safe workplace. "Women will fight on to continue to resist this administration's efforts to widen the racial and gender wage gap and weaken working people's ability to defend themselves from labor abuses."

On Tuesday, in the case of Trump v. Hawaii, the court, in another 5-4 decision, said the Trump travel ban legally allows vast restrictions on immigrants from Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela,

The court found the president had "sufficient national security justification" to order the travel ban. However in a dissenting opinion, Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg issued a scorching

dissent calling attention to Trump's anti-Muslim rhetoric during the 2016 presidential election.

Sotomayor and Ginsburg accused the court majority of "ignoring the facts, misconstruing our legal precedent, and turning a blind eye to the pain and suffering the Proclamation inflicts upon countless families and individuals, many of whom are United States citizens."

In an article by Daniel Mach, Director of the ACLU's Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief, said Trump's Muslim ban, allows the federal government to target Muslims worldwide based on unfounded fears and religious animus.

"In the face of Trump's repeated, unambiguous statements condemning Islam and Muslims, the Supreme Court essentially gave the president a free pass to vilify an entire faith and enshrine that bigotry into national immigration policy.

Mach noted the Muslim ban decision comes several weeks after the court, in the Masterpiece Cakeshop case, "bent over backwards to find religious hostility, despite a much weaker factual record.

"In Masterpiece, the Court ruled in favor of a Christian-owned bakery in Colorado that had refused to sell a wedding cake to a gay couple on the same terms as all other customers.

Mach added in the Masterpiece Cakeshop, the Supreme Court emphasized that fundamental religious freedom "bars even subtle departures from neutrality on matters of religion." "The First Amendment, the court explained, 'commits government itself to religious tolerance, and upon even slight suspicion that proposals for state intervention stem from animosity to religion or distrust of its practices, all officials must pause to remember their own high duty to the Constitution and to the rights it secures.'

"If only the Supreme Court had applied that standard a few weeks later to the president and his Muslim ban."



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#### **Health insurers** 'unwittingly' played a role in opioid crisis, researchers say

Article courtesy of UPI via "The Rundown"

Health insurers may have helped fuel the U.S. opioid epidemic by not encouraging use of less addictive pain medications, a new study contends.

In 2016, more than 2.1 million Americans had an opioid addiction. And more than 42,000 died from opioid overdoses, government data show.

"Our findings suggest that both public and private insurers, at least unwittingly, have contributed importantly to the epidemic," said study senior author Dr. G. Caleb Alexander, of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore.

Opioid-based painkillers like oxycodone (Oxy-Contin) and hydrocodone (Vicodin) are just one tool in the pain management tool box, said Alexander, co-director of Hopkins' Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness.

"Unfortunately, many of the plans that we examined didn't have well-developed policies in place to limit their overuse," he said in a university news re-

Alexander's team examined Medicare, Medicaid and large private insurers' 2017 coverage policies for drugs to treat chronic lower-back pain. Chronic back pain is frequently linked to overuse of prescrip-

The analysis included 30 prescription opioids and 32 non-opioid medications. Non-opioids included nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), muscle relaxants and pain relievers applied to the

The researchers concluded that the insurers' drug

coverage policies should have done more to get pa-

tients to use safer and more effective treatments than

prescription opioids.

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# The Children's Court Blues

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walk, live in environments plagued by drugs and hopelessness, do poorly in school, were verbally and physically abused, and witnessed their mother's assorted needs being taken care of by different "uncles," including Sam.

I would also guess, many—if not most of—the boys have sampled drugs, been influenced by gangsta rap, fallen victim to a culture of materialism and "gimmegotta-have-it," and think school (and educational excellence) is for punks.

Sadly, I would also guess most of the boys (all but a handful probably) don't have a positive male in their lives, including a minister or imam.

I bet most of them see their fathers regularly on twitter or Facebook, but rarely in person.

I bet their father is unemployed—unless hustling is considered employment—think their son is a "trophy" and calls the boy's mother derogatory names when she refuses to allow him to pick the cherry...again.

I bet the mother uses less than faltering terms to describe the boy's father...in the child's presence, and the boy's siblings play the dozens with each other as if it were the natural order of things.

I also bet my car (which is suffering from hypertension) that the boys are following in the footsteps of their "sperm donors," creators who don't understand what fatherhood is about, or what Nyame's defined role is supposed to be.

And I bet my life that most of the boys who were to appear in court when last I visited, would not be there if they came from a traditional, Black nuclear family, with a spiritual and cultural foundation, no matter their

Trying to hold back tears, an idea hit me that maybe we should request one of our underworked state representatives introduce a law to bring back shotgun

weddings. Or maybe the fornication law. Make it a crime to have unprotected sex out of wedlock, and if they violate that law, make the man marry the mother so their child would have a father in their lives.

Naw, that wouldn't fly, if for no other reason than the fact that so many people make money off our poverty and dysfunctionality. Plus, the feminists would start screaming about choices, and no good men and how all the Black women are victims.

Plus, marriage today has become a socioeconomic indicator that separates the haves from the have-nots.

That's sad, and disingenuous to a supposedly religious people. I don't take the Bible literally, but God whether called Nyame, Allah, Jehovah or Superman, set a paradigm which, when followed, strengthens our tribe and enhances are lives.

Call it old time thinking or conservative or whatever you will, I contend we would be better off if we embraced—again—our Africentric culture and traditional values and mores.

As we have moved away from that paradigm, we have filled the courts. You can ignore the truth all you want, but children—particularly boys, raised without a father are "generally" handicapped by the loss of a role model, a disciplinarian, a provider, protector and

And their absence is felt, and noticed in the Milwaukee Children's Court.

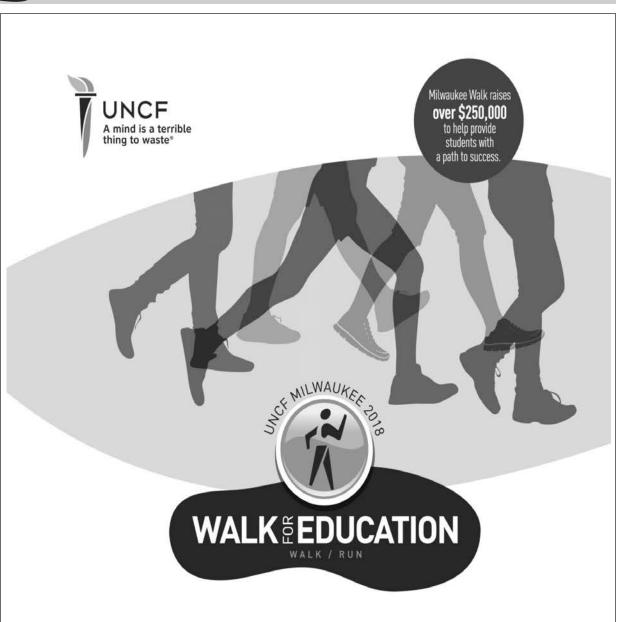
As I noted, Children's Court is a drab, dreary and ugly place, no matter what color they paint the walls.

Not just because of the architecture, but because there no men their promising to be better fathers and too many women there who raise their daughters, but love their sons.

Now that I think about it, maybe the wrong people are on trial.

Hotep.

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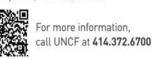
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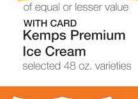
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