



DISPELLING THE MYTHS ABOUT BLACK FATHERS

By Aaron Paxton Arnold
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In America, the perception is that the black father doesn't exist. Negative stereotypes of black men persist, and people on the right blame the victim in cases like those of Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner and Michael Brown.

But if we look at the ground level, black fathers are there all around us. On the streets and in hip-hop culture, "the Block" is celebrated and used to describe a neighborhood. Black men, young and old, take pride in their hood. If you come to my block you will see black fathers and husbands celebrating with their wives and spending quality time with their children.

A couple of years ago when I was outside my home playing with my daughter, some of my fellow African-American male neighbors were also outside playing with their kids.

It was almost a surreal moment as I began to think that we were all young black men in our 30s, married, homeowners and taking care of our children.

Over the years, those commonalities created a brotherhood and bond between us that will last forever. It helps to dispel the myths and negative statements that are often expressed in and out of our community, like "there are no good black men," "black men don't take care of their kids," or "black men abandon their families."

Yet, before my very eyes, I was looking at

this amazing image -- young black men, with their kids, being playful nurturing fathers. One time, I took my daughter to a daddy-daughter event and again was inspired to see the abundance of young black men and their daughters having the best time. I realized that while we still have problems in our communities, there have for decades been black men who have been good men, good husbands and of course good fathers.

However, this positive picture is rarely shown. It's an oversight that appears to prevent the constructive narrative from bringing changes to our communities. What we have is an institutionalized racism, which counters those images with negativity and perpetuates an idea that African-American men are no good, especially as fathers.

Now, there is some truth to the stereotypes. An article in the New York Times entitled "1.5 million black men missing" describes the disproportionate number of black men missing from everyday life versus their black female counterparts. Whether it's due to early deaths, incarceration, homicide, heart disease or accidents,



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black men grapple with issues that result in more single-parent families. But there has to be another narrative countering this by showing the positive picture.

If we look at some statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we learn that:

* Children under the age 5: Black Fathers prepared and/or ate meals more with their children vs their white and Hispanic coun-

terparts

* Children 5-18: Black Fathers took children to and from activities daily more compared to their white and Hispanic counterparts

* Children 5-18: Black Fathers also helped their kids with homework more than their white and Hispanic counterparts

Positive energy begets positive results. And if positive trends like this can help dispel the myths of black fathers as irresponsible, then young African-Americans will know (whether they have a father in their life or not) that they can prove the myth wrong.

If this positive narrative is shown more, maybe and just maybe, those outside (and within) the African-American community will look at black men as human beings and not as rabble-rousers or criminals. Maybe the police, retail establishments, corporate America and our judicial system will then stop racially profiling black men.

It sounds naive and far-fetched but one thing is for sure: if we don't show and share positive stories about black fathers, then the ugliness of institutional racism will prevail.

America and the world knows for too long the struggles plaguing African-Americans. Black men are associated with drugs, prison incarceration and gun violence. It's time for America to learn about the other side of African American men -- and it starts with telling and celebrating the amazing stories of all the great black fathers in our communities.

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BLACK FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR CELEBRATES BLACK FATHERS NATIONWIDE WITH UNIQUE GIFT BOX FOR MEN

The gifts that make up the gift box come from five different Black-owned businesses



Pamela Jenkins Booker, founder/owner of Koils By Nature

Atlanta, GA (BlackNews.com) -- Koils By Nature, an affordable natural hair & skincare line of cleansers, conditioners, shampoos, butters, gels, oils and treatments for all hair types, including curly, wavy, straight, relaxed, natural hair announces a Father's Day Box special.

Pamela Jenkins Booker, founder of Koils By Nature says, "I am delighted about this collaboration with five other black owned businesses to come up with a beautiful box full of wonderful products for the men in our lives, a great gift for Father's Day".

Koils By Nature products cater for the entire family and the natural men's care

products added to the collection has been a hit. This glowing review from Jacquès O. Beatty confirms this - "Hands-down the best beard products I've used to date, the "Beard Butter" is especially my favorite. I'm a fan and will be a faithful customer for the foreseeable future!"

This year, Koils By Nature is celebrating the men in our lives by teaming up with other five black owned businesses namely; 'Savoy Scents' - a handmade candle & home fragrance company; 'Slather Butters' - a handmade bath & body boutique, 'Riada by Adair' - online retailer & boutique specializing in unique handcrafted jewelry and gifts; and 'Harrison Blake Apparel' - a lapel pins, neckties & accessory line for gentlemen; and for the combo box option, Benson Watches - a premier luxury watch brand. Everything you will need for the special man in your life in one amazing box.

This Father's Day Box from Koils By Nature makes the act of giving simple and stress free.

Boxes ship on June 13 &

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About Koils By Nature

Koils by Nature is an affordable, all natural hair & skincare company for all hair types, including curly, wavy, straight, relaxed, natural hair; color treated and locked hair, for the entire family.

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Koils By Nature was founded by Pamela Jenkins Booker, a science graduate and a veteran from South Carolina, recently listed in the '16 Women to Watch Out for in 2016' by Centric TV.

She has been incredibly passionate about healthy hair care after transitioning into her own natural hair in 2007.

For more details about the company, visit www.koilsbynature.com



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'The Phoenix' From Benson Watch Company

Washington, DC (BlackNews.com) -- The Benson Watch Company, a Black owned watch company has released 'The Phoenix' - the newest addition to its signature watch line via PurchaseBlack.com and its mobile app.

The Phoenix is the sequel to the company's popular 'Cardinal I.' The luxury timepiece will retail for \$299 with only 100 quantities each of two styles.

The Benson Watch Company began with signature timepieces, each piece is engraved with the message "Time should be spent doing what you love."

The owner wanted the message to serve as a reminder to chase your passion, take charge of your life, and live on your own terms and to do so in style.

The Benson Watch Company and PurchaseBlack.com have been working together since 2015 selling luxury watches.

"Working with Benson Watch

has been a great opportunity. My customers demand luxury and high quality - Benson's products consistently deliver" said Brian AM Williams, founder of Purchase-Black.com "We have sold out of his products on numerous occasions, and expect to do so again. They are hot items!"

'The Phoenix' watch is now available for pre-order and will be for sale on Purchase Black until they are gone.

This is a limited edition watch and only limited quantities are available. Once sold out they will be discontinued.

"The purpose of Purchase Black is to empower the Black community, by making it easy for people of any background to buy from quality Black owned businesses with confidence" said Mr. Williams

"We understand that just being Black owned simply isn't enough. So we've set high standards for our merchants to ensure that when you shop with us, your dollar goes further and you are getting the best product.

With Benson's customer service, community support, and very high quality, it's a natural fit between PurchaseBlack and Benson Watch Company."

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BUCKS GROUNDBREAKING AND SECOND ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY SET FOR JUNE 18

Oscar Robertson, Jabari Parker, Bucks owners and elected officials all scheduled to attend

Construction on a new multi-purpose arena will officially begin at the Bucks Groundbreaking and Second Annual Bucks Block Party on Saturday, June 18. The event, which will run from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., will give fans a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be present as the first shovels go in the ground for the transformational new arena in downtown Milwaukee.

The official groundbreaking will take place on the corner of Fourth Street and Juneau Avenue, with the block party extending north on Fourth Street to McKinley Avenue and on Juneau Avenue between Fifth Street and Old World Third Street.

Bucks owners Wes Edens, Marc Lasry, Jamie Dinan and Mike Fascitelli, former Bucks owner Senator Herb Kohl, current Bucks players, including Jabari Parker and Steve Novak, and a number of Bucks legends including Oscar Robertson, Jon McGlocklin, Bob Dandridge, Bob Lanier, Sidney Moncrief, Marques Johnson, Wayne Embry and Fred Roberts, will all be on hand as the first dirt is turned at the new arena site in a special ceremony beginning at 11:30 a.m. Governor Scott Walker, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele will also be in attendance for the groundbreaking.

Fans attending can expect plenty of surprises during the ceremony, making this groundbreaking a truly unique and one-of-a-kind event. Following the ceremony, the Bucks Block Party will continue into the streets with local music acts, food vendors and interactive kids games set up throughout the block party for fans to eat, drink and celebrate with the Bucks. Entry into the Bucks Groundbreaking and Second Annual Block Party is free.

During the party, fans will have the opportunity to permanently leave their mark on the new arena by signing one of the first foundation piles that will be used during the construction of the arena. Additionally, fans will be able to take photos on the groundbreaking site with past and present Bucks players to commemorate the special event.

The Bucks are recommending that fans park in either the BMO Harris Bradley Center parking structure at Sixth Street and State Street or in the City of Milwaukee parking ramp on Fourth Street and Highland Avenue – which will only have access off Highland Avenue between Old World Third and Fourth Streets due to part of Fourth Street being closed for the event. Street parking will also be available.

and @BensonWatch on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Download the PurchaseBlack mobile application for android and iPhone.

For more media inquiries, interview requests please contact arrie@allcommunications.co

About Purchase Black

PurchaseBlack.com is a curated

online marketplace & mobile application selling products from exceptional Black owned businesses that sell by invitation only.

They want to change the conversation surrounding Black owned businesses to have them reflect the excellence contained within this business community. They aim to make it easy for the

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MCJ's Weekend Edition is published regularly 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 too.

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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 and reported 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!

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WITH CARD

GET 1 LB. PACKAGE OF STRAWBERRIES FREE (UP TO \$3 VALUE) WHEN YOU BUY 3 PARTICIPATING KELLOGG'S ITEMS. LIMIT 1 OFFER WITH CARD.

Kellogg's
Special K, Raisin Bran,
or Mini-Wheats Cereal
selected 10.6-18.7 oz. varieties

Special K Crackers
selected 4-8 oz. varieties



Kemps
White or Flavored Milk
selected half gallon varieties
\$1.29
WITH CARD