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### Fighting like girls for a good cause!



Local female community leaders and celebrities got in the inflated ring to “duke it out” against each other on behalf of cancer research.

The event was the fifth annual “Fight like a Girl”/The All-Stars Edition and proceeds from the series of “battle royals,” held at the Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center, will be used to support local advocacy organizations to increase the awareness of cancer--especially breast cancer--among the communities that need it most, such as the African American community which is disproportionately impacted by the disease in all its various forms. The organizations that will benefit directly this year are Sisters4Cure, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Cancer floor in memory of Jori LeFlore.

--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

### Brewers become brewmeisters



Three members of the Milwaukee Brewers--first baseman Eric Thames (third from left), pitcher Cory Knebel (second from left), and reliever Oliver Drake (third from right) made an off day visit recently to MillerCoors to become brewmeisters for a day and help create a limited release beer offering exclusive to Miller Park. Thames, who says he loves beer and praised Milwaukee for having great brews, submitted his “wish list” for style, taste, appearance, and aroma to the experts. He and his teammates helped brewing pros (some of whom posed with the players for the photo at left) begin the production phase at a MillerCoors pilot brewery. Knebel actually has experience as a home brewer. The name for the new beer has yet to be decided.

--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

## Seventeenth annual Fellowship Open award recipients announced

*Basketball Legend Bob Dandridge and Former WE Energies Executive Thelma A. Sias to Receive 2017 Honors*

Former Milwaukee Bucks legend Bob Dandridge and retired WE Energies executive Thelma A. Sias have been tapped to be the 2017 honorees by the Fellowship Open.

Each year the Fellowship Open honors individuals who have had a measurable impact on the improve-



Thelma Sias

ment of the lives of people in America, with a particular focus on those who have created more opportunities for the nation’s youth. Past recipients



Bob Dandridge

include Oscar Robertson, Allan H. (Bud) Selig, Vel Phillips, Frank Robinson, Wayne Embry, Henry Aaron, Herb Kohl, Willie Davis, and

Junior Bridgeman. The Fellowship Open is one of the nation’s largest community empowerment golf tournaments attracting participants from more than 25 states.

“Bob Dandridge and Thelma Sias are extraordinary people whose commitment to helping others is enviable,” said John W. Daniels, Jr., chairman of the Fellowship Open.

“Bob has demonstrated amazing leadership both on the NBA court as a player and on the NCAA sidelines as a coach at Hampton University.

“Thelma is a consummate civic leader whose passion for the arts and social justice has dramatically im-

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## PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

Photos and question by Yvonne Kemp

“For Memorial Day, I plan on relaxing and enjoying my day off work. As long as I have my mom, my husband and kids, my life is content. That’s all I need.”



Tara Szulczewski

“For Memorial Day, I plan to spend time with family, sharing lots of family memories and some good old, down home, good cooking.”



Terrance Marshall

“I am spending my holiday by cooking out and laying back in the yard and enjoying my family.”



Randy White

“For Memorial Day, I will be visiting my husband’s grave, as well as Mrs. O’Bee’s and decorating their graves for the lives that they lived and loved everyone.”



Lorretta Kingsby

## NAACP announces major shift in its civil rights mission

*Dismisses its president, Cornell William Brooks, will conduct national listening tour*  
**Compiled by MCJ editorial staff**

Noting dwindling support among African Americans that coincides with the loss of Black support for the Democratic Party, the national office of the NAACP will undertake a national listening tour as it seeks to ‘reinvent’ itself.

The “reinvention” by the nation’s oldest civil rights organization also coincides with growing apathy among Black voters towards establishment political parties, i.e. the Democratic and Republican parties, and the emergence of new Black organizations Millennials are gravitating to--such as Black Lives Matter-- that tend to be more militant and aggressive in their demands for equal rights and justice.

The first step the NAACP has taken in its reinvention was to dismiss its president, Cornell William Brooks, who has been the leader of the nation’s oldest civil rights organization since 2014.

Brooks was the NAACP’s 18th national president. His contract expires this summer, at which time a national search for a new leader is expected to start.

NAACP board chairman Leon W. Russell and vice chair Derrick Johnson will lead the organization until a new president is selected.

In a press statement announcing the NAACP’s sea change, Russell said while the organization understands and appreciates the historic model of protest it has practiced in its 108-year history, “we believe as an organization we need to retool to become better advocates, better at educating the public, better at involving them in our operation,” and better legislation and litigation efforts.

Russell praised Brooks’ leadership, adding the NAACP remains at the fore-

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Illustration by Rob Dobi

## “LEAN”

### This opioid cocktail is becoming a real problem in Milwaukee

**Article by Eben Pindyck,**  
first printed in the February 2017 edition of Milwaukee Magazine

A Milwaukee rapper who goes by “C-Bandz” hoists a double-stacked plastic foam cup and a bottle of cotton candy-flavored Faygo.

More insulated cups bob behind C-Bandz in the video for “New Milwaukee,” a song by a collective of young lyricists known as 414Work, and they’re not for coffee. The first rapper on the track, YBN Kenny, who’s wearing rumpled white jeans and a “Young Boss” T-shirt, rhymes about counting money and “sippin’ lean.”

“Lean” or “purple drank” or simply “sizzurp” is made by combining high doses of prescription opioid cough syrup and, most commonly, flavored soda. While such cough syrup has been abused for decades, this colorful new cocktail has become popular among young adults, teens and even younger children. “Ten-, 11-, 12-year-old kids are trying lean,” says Andre Lee Ellis, an activist in the city’s black community and founder of We Got This, a neighborhood revitalization group. “They can get lean in the morning before they go to school.”

It’s called lean because it’s highly sedating, combining the effects of the

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# Seventeenth annual Fellowship Open awardees announced

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pected this community. She is truly a renaissance woman and servant leader whose dedication to creating opportunities for young people in our community is unparalleled."

The Fellowship Open event will be held on Friday, August 18, 2017, at Silver Spring Country Club. For more information, visit [www.fellowshipopen.com](http://www.fellowshipopen.com).

## About Bob Dandridge

Bob Dandridge is truly a legendary sports figure in Wisconsin.

A four-time NBA All Star, Bobby helped bring Milwaukee its only NBA Championship in 1971 together with teammates Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Oscar Robertson.

He was not only instrumental in elevating Bucks basketball to a World Class Powerhouse but was heavily involved in civic and community affairs.

He continued his remarkable work after completing his professional playing career in a number of related vocational pursuits including serving as an assistant coach at Hampton University.

Long-time community leader Chuck Harvey said, "Bob Dandridge is revered not only in Milwaukee for his remarkable career on the floor winning the World Championship, but also in Washington for his enormous personal generosity and involvement in the community."

"Even now, his ongoing involvement with the team represents the continuing story of his Bucks legend."

"It is a real testament that Dandridge's Number 10 has been retired and hangs in the rafters of the existing Bradley Center. No one has contributed more to sports in a creative, thoughtful and personal way than Bob Dandridge."

## About Thelma A. Sias

Thelma A. Sias is a Wisconsin business and community icon. A tireless advocate for virtually every important cause affecting Milwaukee,

Sias has been instrumental in a multitude of civic and public affairs both as an advisor to key government leaders and as a respected community leader.

She has been recognized with many awards, most recently by the Milwaukee Urban League, the Thelma A. Sias MKE Fellows Medal of Distinction and the 2017 Greater Milwaukee Foundation Award. Executive Director of Brewers Community Foundation Cecelia Gore stated, "When you survey Milwaukee's stakeholders, there is no one who has done

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more to help community initiatives than Thelma Sias.

Not only has she been a relentless advocate for positive change, she has been prominent in facilitating quality of life improvement in so many ways.

Thelma and her husband, Steve Adams, are community fixtures and have dedicated their entire careers to making life better for others.

Congresswoman Gwen Moore described Sias's importance to the community as follows:

"There is no one that symbolizes dedication to the community better than Thelma Sias."

"Her thoughtfulness and commitment have generated tremendous respect for both public officials and private corporations."

"She not only talks the talk, but she makes things happen, demonstrating leadership in the urban community and beyond."

## About the Fellowship Open

The Fellowship Open was founded more than 16 years ago by a group of business and civic leaders to promote and inspire youngsters to pursue careers in business, and to foster support for diversity and inclusion in the business community.

The event's list of honorary chairs features some of Milwaukee's most prominent professionals in business, government, and civic affairs. Each year, its ranks have grown with individuals that bring outstanding attributes and commitments to the community.

Over the past 16 years, the Fellowship Open has contributed more than \$1.4 million to youth organizations, involving more than 75 organizations throughout Wisconsin.

# NAACP announces major shift in its mission

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front of civil rights activism in the United States.

The national attempt by the NAACP to transform itself comes amidst questions about its relevancy, with many younger leaders seeing the civil rights organization as a dinosaur stubbornly refusing to adapt a new agenda and methods of garnering civil rights for Black America.

Those latter points were made glaringly real during the Milwaukee NAACP branch's last Freedom Fund Dinner.

During his opening remarks as the dinner's keynote speaker, television personality Roland Martin lambasted the organization for its attacks on charter schools.

Martin also blasted the civil rights organization for what he called its failure to address the failures of education and for siding with special interests over the will of the people.

He noted during his speech and on his syndicated media outlets that the NAACP has become stale and irrelevant and finds itself opposing the majority will of African Americans.

The MCJ attempted to solicit comments from Milwaukee NAACP Branch president Fred Royal about the organization's historic shift in direction and focus. He did not return repeated calls to the branch's office.

# BMO Harris to build new bank branch in Sherman Park

By Trisha Bee, courtesy of fox6now.com

After last August's civil unrest forced BMO Harris Bank to temporarily shut down its Sherman Park branch due to damage, the company will build a new, permanent branch in the community, right across the street from its wrecked office.

The new branch will open at 3637 W. Fond du Lac Avenue (near Fond du Lac and Burleigh) and is expected to be completed by this fall, BMO Harris officials said Thursday, February 23rd. BMO Harris opened a temporary banking facility to serve the Sherman Park community in September.

"Today's announcement reinforces our commitment to the Sherman Park community," said Jud Snyder, senior Milwaukee executive at BMO Harris Bank, in a news release.

"We are proud to be part of this neighborhood. We look forward to having a brand new branch, right in the heart of Sherman Park, to serve the financial needs of our customers."

"I am deeply grateful for BMO Harris Bank's commitment to Milwaukee and the Sherman Park neighborhood," said Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett in the release.

"I value the investment the people at BMO Harris Bank have made in making Milwaukee an even stronger city, and I applaud their community spirit."



BMO Harris officials said this branch will be the first "Smart Branch" in Wisconsin.

"The Smart Branch brings customers the latest in branch banking technology while delivering an exceptional customer experience," said Chris Michalski, regional president of BMO Harris Bank, southeast region.

According to BMO Harris officials, some of the features of this Smart Branch include:

A team of branch bankers helping customers with all of their financial needs

Smart ATMs that offer customers new options including Mobile Cash withdrawals without the use of a debit card

Video conferencing, which provides customers with instant on-demand access to a wide variety of specialized bank professionals

Free wifi to provide customers with access to their mobile devices

# State Legislator Joins ACLU Lawsuit Against Stop-and-Frisk

*Program by Milwaukee Police Conducted Without Reasonable Suspicion and Based on Racial Profiling*

On Tuesday, the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Wisconsin, and the law firm of Covington & Burling filed an amended complaint in their class-action lawsuit against the city of Milwaukee over its police department's vast stop-and-frisk program.

The revised complaint adds three named plaintiffs to the lawsuit, one of whom is Representative David Crowley, a state legislator representing Wisconsin's 17th Assembly District.

Like the other named plaintiffs and tens of thousands of other Milwaukeeans of color, Rep. Crowley has been subject to an unconstitutional stop and frisk by the Milwaukee police without reasonable suspicion of criminal activity and based on racial profiling.

One evening before he was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly, Rep. Crowley was walking with his godbrother in Milwaukee. "We heard gunshots in the distance, so we walked in the other direction to avoid trouble."

A patrol car stopped in front of us, and two officers jumped out with guns drawn and pointed right at us. I was terrified," said Rep. Crowley.

He and his godbrother put up their hands. The police frisked them, taking their wallets from their pants pockets and pulling their IDs from the wallets.

One officer asked if the two men had thrown a gun into the field where they had been walking.

"The police treated us like suspects, yet we had done nothing wrong. The officers drew their guns on us, searched us without our consent, and never explained why," said Rep.

Crowley. "As young Black men, we were presumed guilty. The police decided that the Constitution doesn't apply to us."

Another new plaintiff in the suit is Jeremiah Olivar, a 19-year-old Latino Milwaukeean, who was stopped and frisked by police without reasonable suspicion while riding his bike in the early afternoon.

The third new plaintiff, Jeremy Brown, is Black, and a police officer stopped him while he was walking one morning because the officer didn't recognize his face.

The officer ordered Mr. Brown to drop what he was carrying and stand against a fence while he questioned him. Mr. Brown was eventually taken to the police station and released with a \$185 ticket for disorderly conduct.

"The Milwaukee Police Department has been routinely interfering in the lives of tens of thousands of Black and Latino residents, stopping them, searching them, and worse—all without reasonable suspicion and as if the Constitution didn't exist," said Karyn Rotker, senior staff attorney at the ACLU of Wisconsin.

consin.

"The department's practices have caused Black and Latino Milwaukeeans to deeply distrust and fear police, crippling its ability to investigate crime."

The Milwaukee Police Department conducts far more stops and frisks in neighborhoods that are predominantly Black or Latino than in other parts of the city.

Collins v. City of Milwaukee seeks reforms of the Milwaukee Police Department that protect constitutional rights through bias-free and evidence-based policing, transparency, and accountability.

These reforms include an end to conducting stops and frisks without reasonable suspicion and to stopping people based on race or ethnicity.

The lawsuit also seeks improved training, supervision, and monitoring of officers who conduct stops and frisks, and the collection and semiannual release to the public of data on all stops and frisks to permit analysis for evidence of constitutional violations.



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# RELIGION

## Feast of Ugandan Martyrs and Liturgy of Remembrance at St. Margaret Mary

The 9th Annual Celebration of the Feast of Ugandan Martyrs and Liturgy of Remembrance will be held at 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at St. Margaret Mary Church, 33970 N. 92nd St. (92nd and Capitol Drive) in Milwaukee.

The Ugandan Martyrs were 22 African men who were executed in 1886 after they refused to give up their belief in Jesus Christ when requested to do so by King Mwanga II. St. Charles Lwanga, St. Andrew Kaggwa, and St. Kizito were among the Ugandan Martyrs.

The Liturgy of Remembrance provides an opportunity to remember our ancestors as well as the multi-

tudes of people of African descent who have been killed or kidnapped. These include but are not limited to the 147 Kenyans killed in Kenya, the 50 Coptic Christians who were killed, and the 300 missing Nigerian girls.

Fr. Patrick Kimani, Fr. John Vianney and other priests in the area will be concelebrants with Father Michael Lightner who is the pastor of Margaret Mary.

The African choir will sing, and there will be fellowship after the Mass.

The event with the Celebration of the Feast of the Ugandan Martyrs and the Liturgy of Remembrance is sponsored by the African Catholic Committee of the Black Catholic Ministry Commission, Archdiocese of Milwaukee and funded by the Black and Indian Mission Grant and by In-Kind and Free-Will donations.

For further information, please contact Antoinette Mensah (414) 510-7950, Reine Marie Assana (414) 614-4907, Sebastian Ssemppijja (414) 915-2967 or Shandra Johnson (414) 573-0725.

## Soul winners revival at Greater Outreach

Greater Outreach COGIC, 2741 N. Teutonia Ave. (located inside the Scott Christian Youth Center) will host the "It's all about souls-soul winners revival Wednesday, June 14 to Friday, June 16. The theme is: "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

The speakers will be Prophetess Renee Gordon (6/14), Evangelist Irene Hall (6/15), and Pastor Darrell Grayson (6/16). Pastor Joe Sellers is pastor of Greater Outreach. The revival is sponsored by Evangelist Margaret Adams.

## Evangelist Margaret Adams birthday celebration at Heritage International Ministries

The community is invited to join Evangelist Margaret Adams in celebrating her birthday Saturday, June 10, at Heritage International Ministries, 1036 W. Atkinson Ave., starting at 4 p.m.

Special guests will be Minister Curtis Eubanks, Deacon Tony Neal, Deacon Delvis Malone, and Sis. Benita Harris.

There will be praise in dance presented by Dr. Lisa Qualls and Pastor Diane Green. Elder Paulos Hughes and an excellent taste of praise will be there along with Pastor Carol Griffi and God's Praise and Worship Ministries.

Host pastors are Bishop Nathaniel and Pastor Carolyn Stampley of Heritage International Ministries.

## Brentwood Church of Christ to hold two events

Brentwood Church of Christ will celebrate its 75th anniversary with five days of spirit-filled events. The celebration will be held July 15-20 at the church, located at 6425 N. 60th St. The theme for the anniversary is: "We've Come This Far By Faith"--II Corinthians. The theme encompasses the churches faithful journey from its old 35th and Cherry location to its present location.

The guest speaker will be Bro. Wesley T. Leonard of Southside Church of Christ, Orlando, FL. For more information, contact the church at 353-6757.

Brentwood Church of Christ, located at 6425 N. 60th St., will be the place to see some of the coolest cars, trucks and motorcycles at its second annual car show.

The car show will be held on June 17 on the church grounds, from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Individuals who think there care is the coolest ride out there can participate in the show. You can register at 10 a.m the day of the show for \$15. The show is being sponsored by the church "Y.E.S." youth group to help raise funds for future activities.

## Maggie Vance celebrates 99th birthday



Maggie "Idea" Vance celebrated her 99th birthday recently with family and friends.

She was born in Wilmot AR on April 17, 1918. She moved to Milwaukee in 1949. She held various jobs through the years: nursing homes, the dietary department at Mt Sinai hospital to name a few. She was very active in her community, going door-to-door in the 1950's and 60's working on voter registration. She was a member at Philadelphia MBC under the late Rev. H. Henderson; she was a member of Genesis MBC under Rev. A.L. Douglas Jr. and is presently a member of Greater Love MBC under Pastor Frank Ballantine. When she first moved to the city in the late 40's she lived on 7th Street. She moved on 23rd and Walnut Street in the late 50's where she purchased two homes and moved her daughter and six children into one of the homes and she lived in the other. She lost her only daughter in July of 1972 in a car-train accident. Without any hesitation she moved into the home with the six children and got them to adulthood.

As you can see Maggie has accomplished a lot with only a 5th grade education and the Lord on her side.

Maggie and her family



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**Burton, Elza**

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**Butler Jr., William**

Age 69 yrs. May 17, 2017. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 6PM. Visitation Friday 4PM until time of services at:



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**Wilson, Phillip E.**

Age 63 yrs. May 14, 2017. Beloved husband of Shirley Wilson. Loving son of Joan Wilson. Also survived by 2 daughters, 3 sisters, 1 brother, 7 grandchildren and a host of other loving relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 11AM at Union Hill Baptist Church 2190 N. 49th St. Visitation Tuesday 10AM at the CHURCH until time of services. The family is served by:



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**Jamal, Anthony Q.**

Age 51 yrs. May 18, 2017. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 1PM at Christian Faith Fellowship Church 8605 W. Goodhope Rd. The family is served by:



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**Johnson, Dorothy A.**

Age 92 yrs. May 13, 2017. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 11AM at Wisconsin Memorial Park "Chapel of Chimes" 13235 W. Capitol Dr. The family will gather on Saturday at 10AM at the "Chapel of Chimes" until time of services. The family is served by:



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**Maben, Thelma L.**

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**Moreland Jr., Edward**

Age 72 yrs. May 12, 2017. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 11AM. Visitation Friday 10AM until time of services at:



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**Taylor, Lillie M.**

(nee Gray) passed away at her home on Sunday, May 14, 2017, at the age 78 yrs. Born September 10, 1938, she was member of the first class of African American nurses to graduate from Milwaukee's Mount Sinai School of Nursing in 1958. Lillie married James Taylor in 1960 and is survived by her husband, James Taylor, her two daughters, Monica Taylor and Cassandra Taylor, her grandson Brandon Taylor and her sister Diane Simmons. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 11AM. Visitation Thursday at 10AM until time of services at:



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# “LEAN”: The opioid cocktail that is becoming a real problem in Milwaukee

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opiate painkiller codeine and the powerful antihistamine promethazine, which can cause a user literally to stoop and lean. The concoction can also cause a person to stop breathing.

According to a report by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, lean, like other opiates, “presents a high risk of fatal overdose due to its effect of depressing the central nervous system, which can slow or stop the heart and lungs.”

Opiates played a role in some 88 percent of the 269 drug overdose deaths that plagued Milwaukee County during the first 11 months of 2016, a record number.

While codeine, as a lower potency opiate, may be harder to overdose on compared to high potency drugs like fentanyl and heroin, users may still mix it with alcohol or with benzodiazepines such as Xanax that can dramatically raise the chances for death.

Sippers can obtain the syrup needed to make lean with a prescription or by purchasing it on the street, where it’s much sought-after and a popular target for thieves.

A local pharmacy chain, Hayat, which has locations on the North Side, now keeps the cough syrup locked up in a safe after a string of more than a dozen syrup-motivated burglaries during the summer of 2016.

Lean has deep roots in hip hop. The concoction was an essential part of the influential Houston rap scene in the 1990s and 2000s with songs distorted into slow, otherworldly remixes mimicking the effects of the drug. Tragically, lean played a role in the sudden deaths of several well-known Houston artists.

Regardless, lean grew into a national phenomenon in the early 2000s, and in 2013, Atlanta artist Gucci Mane released a love song to syrup with the lyric, “Actavis, you are love,” referring to the brand most prized for making lean. Its maker has discontinued the product, wary of widespread “unlawful and dangerous use.”

During last summer’s Lil Wayne performance in Milwaukee, the rapper could be seen sipping from a double-stacked cup. On his flight to California, he experienced a barrage of seizures. The plane made an emergency landing in Omaha, where Wayne initially refused treatment. He later ascribed the attacks to not being able to get his seizure medication in Milwaukee.

“Music is where they get the attention of the young people,” says Ellis, who contends that lean “is a major problem” in the inner city. But Timothy Gauerke, spokesman for the Milwaukee Police Department, says it’s “not that widely encountered by officers and is not that prevalent” in the city.

Regardless, Ellis wants to push it into the open. “The community needs to come together,” he says.--*Article and graphics used with permission of Milwaukee Magazine.*

## YOUR BRAIN ON LEAN

Opioid cough syrups are “sort of a farce that the pharmaceutical world put together over a century ago,” says Matthew Hearing, assistant professor of biomedical sciences at Marquette University.

There’s little evidence that the opiates included, such as codeine, have anti-cough effects – most of the suppression is believed to come from the syrups’ antihistamines. What codeine can be used for is recreation, leading to its popularity as the key ingredient in lean.

What happens to someone’s brain when he or she drinks lean? Matthew Hearing: The initial euphoria, especially during the first few uses, is primarily due to increased dopamine levels throughout the brain. In the course of a day, if they’re drinking it in soda or something, you’re going to have a gradual dissociative effect where [it feels like] your mind is separated from your body.

What are the short-term risks? With extended use, you can have dangerously low respiration. [Lean] can lead to seizures in some cases and can produce a substantial amount of sedation, which can be a problem with kids if they’re out operating a motor vehicle.

At what point does lean become addictive? Outside of some molecular differences, codeine isn’t that different from more dangerous opiates such as heroin. It’s still addictive.

How hard is it to overdose? If [adolescents] do lean throughout the day, it can be very dangerous. If someone has a pulmonary condition, or an allergy to one of the compounds, it could be lethal.--Source: Milwaukee Mag-

# Trump’s unbiblical budget: “What Would Jesus Cut?”

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worsen hunger in American by cutting SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) by more than 25% and eliminating federal funding for subsidized school lunches.

“President Trump calls for a \$43 billion increase in military funding next year, reversing the biblical instruction to beat our swords into plowshares. Instead, the proposed budget cuts would beat plowshares into more swords.

“Leaders in the faith community must stand up to these deeply flawed priorities, to say that the choice to protect the rich instead of the poor in the name of deficit reduction is an immoral one.

Demonizing the poor and slashing programs that benefit low-income people – while refusing to scrutinize the much larger subsidies we provide to the wealthy – is hypocritical and cruel.

“The priorities of this budget are not consistent with Christian, Jewish, or Muslim values. They are not only bad economics, they are also bad religion; as we say in the evangelical community they are unbiblical.

“It is now up to Congress to set their own priorities and to present their own budgets. It is therefore time once again to ask our elected officials – especially those who call themselves people of faith – What would Jesus cut?”

# Signifyin’

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with the cultural differences—stand alone as an exception to their prejudices and false beliefs?

The academics were not a problem. With a solid foundation and expected to be pushed and prodded by his mother, there was never any doubt that John could and would handle the rigors of an upscale education.

But culturally? I had my doubts...

But I quickly relented, understanding the wisdom of the choice, not only because of the opportunities his enrollment provided, but more so because John is a member of W.E.B. Dubois’ “Talented Tenth” and what that connotation represented.

Not only was the school he attended considered one of the top five in the state, but moreover, it was an institution that serves as a launching pad, an introduction, and a telephone number.

I learned over the years that White privilege and superiority are not concepts created by partisan politics. But instead are the tools of it—used to divide and conquer by both political parties.

# Millennial Magic

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The budget cut also proposes around \$200 million in cuts to federal TRIO programs. These programs benefit low-income, first-generation and disabled students.

There are many people who agree with this drastic government budget cut. There are also individuals who disagree. One thing can be said for sure, is only time will tell how much things will change for college students and their status of financial statuses to obtain a college education.

--Paishance Welch, Millennial Magic!

# Urban, My Dialogue

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challenged before being examined and many are very important for our community growth. Some of them are showing more hope than I've seen in many years. I salute them and all who are paving the way towards a new day.

Look around you. Begin to listen and have a vision. Get involved. Black Milwaukee, we are winning. We are just so caught up in counting each loss. Today we focus on tomorrow's growth. Peace.

--Torre M Johnson Sr/ XMEN UNITED LLC.

On the other side of the corporate board door decisions are made based on profit and protectionism. Black America is excluded because we don’t have access.

We fight for equal opportunity and silver rights, and yet are handicapped because we don’t have seats at enough tables.

The classmates my grandson graduated with will be the future board members and corporate heads he can call, have lunch, or golf with. He can negotiate a seat at the table, and equally important, open the doors for other Black folks.

Plus, he will never forget who and what he is, because he was raised the right way, and armed with the right cultural tools.

But, if John isn’t interested in a seat at the corporate table, he is capable of building his own, constructing a building around it and a communications network to link it to the world.

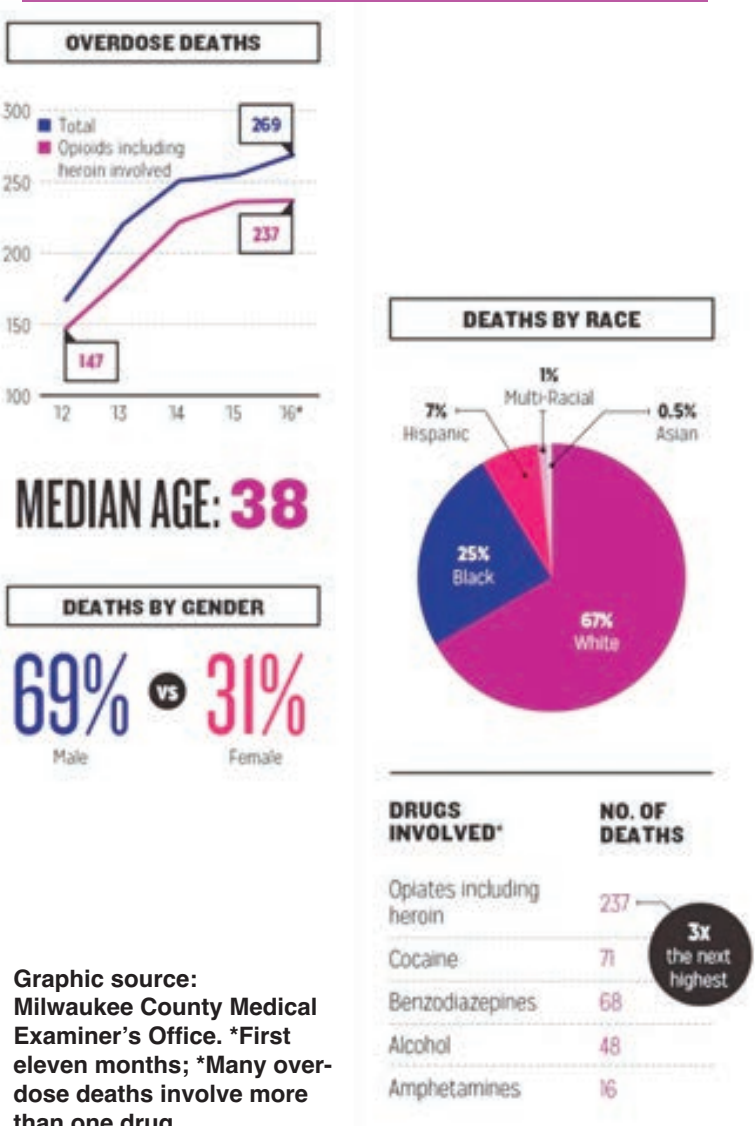
Let me start over again.

My grandson graduated from an exclusive private school at the ripe old age of 16 on Mother’s Day. He overcame many of the social stigmas that derail nearly half of our Black youth today, and has been accepted at every college he applied for. My late son’s son is now a step closer to assuming his role as a member of the Talented Tenth.

We will win the “war” (not in my lifetime), when there are millennial soldiers to replace me throwing rocks at the castle wall and planting the seeds of African-centric thought and culture to compliment future leaders like John, who will secure seats at the corporate table or build their own empires.

Hotep.

## Some “LEAN” statistics



**Workforce Development JOBS Town Hall Event**

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Please attend this session to learn about great career opportunities available for our community and to hear from **Alderman Khalif Rainey** as well as **Milwaukee Bucks Senior Vice-President Alex Lasry**. Representatives from other key community organizations will be present to inform the community about additional workforce development resources. Attendees will be able to sign up for **SkillSmart** for construction and other career opportunities.

Light refreshments will be provided.

WRTP/BIG STEP will be onsite to answer questions, schedule Residential Preference Program (RPPI) appointments and certify qualified individuals.

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# Y&E YOUTH & EDUCATION



## Love, optimism, dedication inspire UWM student to help reform foster care

By Kathy Quirk

Jameelah A. Love (shown above) just finished her sophomore year at UWM, but she's already starting a student organization, beginning an internship in Washington, D.C., leading the Wisconsin Youth Advisory Council and working part-time. Her goals include law school and reforming the foster care system. (UWM Photo/Troy Fox)

Jameelah A. Love spent her childhood bouncing from house to house as her family life unraveled. At age 14, she went into the foster care system.

Now Love, who just finished her sophomore year at UWM, is helping others who grew up in foster care to succeed.

This summer, she heads to Washington, D.C., for an internship with the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. She'll be one of 12 interns working with a federal legislator to develop a policy reform proposal on foster care. The recommendations will then be presented to Congress and published.

Love, 26, isn't sure exactly how she overcame a traumatic, troubling environment.

"I think about it a lot," she said. "Sometimes I think it's my personality because I'm sort of on the optimistic side. I find it to be a lot less stressful when you try to see the positive."

On the other hand, she added, sometimes she thinks those negative influences and people that affected her childhood motivated her. "I didn't want to be like them."

Love is president of the Wisconsin Youth Advisory Council, has testified to lawmakers in Madison about legislation on foster care, and is a young adult consultant to the ICF Capacity Building Center for States, a national organization working to reform the foster care and child welfare system. She helped organize "Hands Around the Capitol," an event to bring attention to the issue during May, which is National Foster Care Month.

Love is also part of a committee forming Fostering Success at UWM, an organization to support students who grew up in foster care. It will be the second program of its type in Wisconsin and one of the few in the Midwest. She is also planning to start a foster youth student organization at UWM.

That organization will be specifically for students, though the group will likely work with the Fostering Success program on some projects, she said.

"Because of the experiences I've had in life, I just want to help other people go through these things," Love said. "I had to jump over hurdle after hurdle and barrier after

barrier just to get a fair chance."

With the help of others who came in and out of her life, including a Bay View High School chemistry teacher who insisted all her students take the ACT, Love applied and was accepted to college. Education is important to her. "I knew what I did not want to become and college was a way to keep that from happening."

Her initial experiences at UW-Stout showed her some of the needs other foster students would face. "I moved six hours away, and I didn't know anybody. I definitely didn't know any other foster youth, so when I started to face difficulties, I didn't have anybody I could turn to."

But she persisted. "I eventually chose UWM. I really wanted to go somewhere that was diverse and understood minority populations and the different cultures and circumstances that we face," she said.

Gradually, she became an activist.

"After some time in the system, I became very timid; I lost my voice, my will to speak." But after attending a meeting of the Youth Advisory Council, that changed. "I found it empowering to be in a room full of other people that had had similar experiences, some even worse than mine. They were willing to use their experiences to advocate for other people. It gave my story value and some worth that I didn't see in it at first."

Love is majoring in political science with the eventual goal of going to law school so she can advocate for children. She is minoring in Arabic and global studies to leave the door open for work in the Middle East.

Politics may also be in her future so she's taking part in programs that help prepare women and young people to run for office. She also works as a life skills specialist at the Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth, a non-profit that focuses on trauma survivors.

She would like the child welfare and foster care system to focus more on prevention rather than intervention and punishment to help children find stability in their lives.

"The outcome I want to work toward is doing our job so well, to be so great at what we do, that there is no need for a foster care system."

In Washington, her policy report will be on a foster care bill of rights.

"I'm going to D.C. and advocating for change on a national level," Love said. "This is amazing."

## New MPS Learning Journey will send 9th graders on free Washington, D.C. educational trip

Program supported by Herb Kohl Philanthropies and MPS Foundation

Four hundred Milwaukee Public Schools ninth grade students will take part in the pilot of a new Learning Journeys program that will send the students on a five-day, all-expenses paid educational experience to Washington, D.C.

The Learning Journey will grow to support all MPS ninth graders participating in the trip every year. While in Washington, D.C., students will visit the White House, Smithsonian Museum, Holocaust Museum, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and the U.S. Supreme Court among many other educational attractions.

The program is being funded by Herb Kohl Philanthropies, which was founded by former U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, and is supported by the Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation.

"We are pleased to support MPS Learning Journeys by funding these student trips to Washington, D.C.," said Herb Kohl. "We want students to have the opportunity to learn about leadership, government, civics and democracy through the invaluable experience of travel that connects the real world to their classrooms. Whether it's the trip of a lifetime or a life-changing trip, we encourage and support students taking it."

Learning Journeys are highly-developed, beyond the classroom learning experiences that connect standards-based classroom instruction for MPS students with real-world learning opportunities at southeastern Wisconsin's finest museums, cultural experiences and scientific venues.

A Learning Journey connects learning in the classroom with the greater community where students have the chance to have hands-on learning experiences, engage their senses and imagination, and experience beyond their neighborhoods. Current Learning Journeys include Boerner Botanical Gardens, Discovery World, Junior Achievement, Milwaukee Public Museum and Oak Ridge Farm in Waukesha County.

"The MPS Foundation is so very pleased with our partnership with Herb Kohl Philanthropies to make this 9th Grade Learning Journey to Washington, D.C. happen for 400 of our MPS students," stated Ann Terrell, executive director of the MPS Foundation.

"It has been exciting to plan this groundbreaking program which will be life-changing for our students. The events we have planned for them for this Learning Journey are aligned to their studies and we've included some really fun things for them as well!"

Students at select MPS schools will begin experience this Learning Journey in early 2018. The MPS Foundation and Herb Kohl Philanthropies are partnering with Brightspark Travel, a leader in the educational travel industry with more than sixty years of experience.

## Milwaukee Bucks and Johnson Controls to build \$150,000 multi-sport complex at MPS' Browning Elementary School

Joint gift to include up to \$600,000 in additional funding to support youth-focused programming

Earlier this spring, the Milwaukee Bucks announced Johnson Controls, a global multi-industrial leader, as the official "Smart Building" partner and the first Founding Partner of the new Wisconsin Entertainment & Sports Center in downtown Milwaukee. Today, the Bucks and Johnson Controls announced that this partnership will extend far beyond the walls of the new state-of-the-art arena, as the two organizations jointly revealed plans to build a \$150,000 multi-sport complex on the campus of Browning Elementary School and Silver Spring Neighborhood Center in Milwaukee's Westlawn Neighborhood.

Together, the Bucks and Johnson Controls are building a smart, sustainable and efficient world-class arena while joining together in a commitment to develop a healthier and more vibrant Milwaukee community for future generations.

"Our partners at Johnson Controls share our vision for the future of Milwaukee and our commitment to ensuring the impact of our downtown development radiates throughout the community," Bucks President Peter Feigin said.

"Helping children flourish today is integral to the well-being of our community in the future."

"Together, the Bucks and Johnson Controls are committed to providing a safe haven for Milwaukee youth to put them on the path towards becoming responsible and productive citizens who will continue to carry our city forward."

Given this focus, the Bucks and Johnson Controls are donating a \$150,000 multi-sport complex to Milwaukee Public Schools, the Sil-

ver Spring Neighborhood Center and the Housing Authority of Milwaukee. The complex will include six basketball courts, one futsal court, a soccer field and additional recreation space, all contained within a 200-meter track.

The courts have been configured to allow flexibility for use of other sports, such as volleyball and tennis, and will be well lit to provide a safe space for recreation during evening hours as well.

The entire project will be completed before children return to school this fall.

"It has been a pleasure to collaborate with the Bucks, MPS and the Sil-

ver Spring Neighborhood Center on this project.

The plans for the court and programming were developed with strong input and excellent ideas from MPS and the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, who kept the needs of the children they serve paramount," said Grady Crosby, Vice President Public Affairs, Chief Diversity Officer and President, Johnson Controls Foundation.

"Johnson Controls has a particular interest in making sure that this neighborhood has the resources it needs for its young people. Through this gift, the kids who play in this

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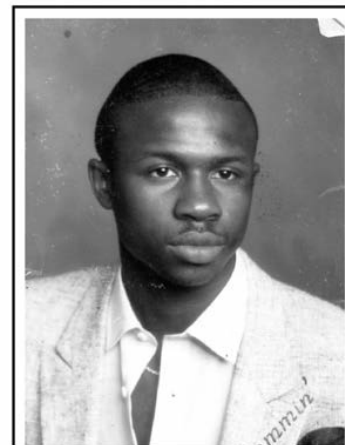
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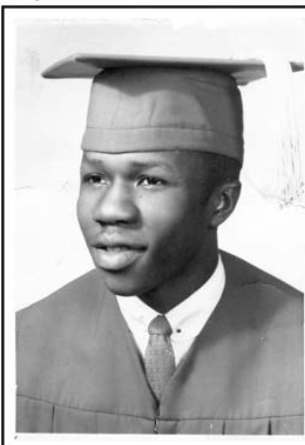
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## ‘OUR UNITY, OUR RISE’

Article courtesy of  
Dwayne X

On a cool and drizzly morning at the African American Women’s Center, Black men gathered for the Black Men’s Summit on May 19.

The weather characterized the state of the condition in the city, as men convened on the birth-anniversary of Malcolm X.

Longtime activist and Chicago native Tony Courtney acted as the facilitator of the eight hour learning session.

Men shared information and provided resources in regards to their various businesses.

During a special awards luncheon around noon, some women and guests of all races were invited to recognize Black men 80 years of age who have been pillars in the city for decades.

There were few elected city officials and no whites in attendance.

Atty. Roy Bradford Evans, the keynote speaker for the luncheon, stressed that we as a people need to get back to the basics.

He recalled when he was growing up in Milwaukee that there was never



**Pictured at top (sitting left to right): Monroe Swan, Reuben Harpole, Ronald Shabazz, James Beckham, (standing left to right): Fred Reed, Paul Blackman, Wallace White, Ben Johnson, The other honorees weren't present for the ceremony. Pictured above: People sit back and have lunch as the keynote speaker prepares to take the microphone.**

any trash on the ground.

“When we don’t pick up trash, it is a clear sign we aren’t connected to our community.”

In addition, Atty. Evans said we have to get back into the habit of saying “yes sir” or “no sir.”

He emphasized we have to get back into determining our value to one another without allowing others to dictate our value, while taking on the challenge of being great again as a people.

“Let’s honor the ones’ who have paved the way and give honor where it is due.”

Those honored were: Ben Johnson, Monroe Swan, Lester Carter, James Beckum, Robert Thomas, Robert Mayes, Ronald Shabazz, Franklin Atwater, Reuben Harpole, Wallace White, Dr. William Finlayson, Dr. Randall Pollard, Elmer Anderson, Paul Blackman, Sam Johnson, Doss Bender, Fred

Reed, Julius Joseph, Bezelee Martin and Beechie Brooks (posthumously).

“A lot of times, a lot of Brothers are doing a lot of things in our community and a lot of the Brothers now have an opportunity to now know how to hookup,” explained Mr. Courtney.

In a brief interview at Coffee Makes You Black café, Mr. Courtney said the youth can benefit from the think tank meeting, if Black men show unity to one another and move toward to a common goal.

In sum, we as Black men need to take ownership of our communities and be held accountable for our own actions.

One presenter mentioned to the nearly fifty men in attendance, that “we as a people go to a lot of meetings,” but we need to stop “pontificating” and “get up and go to work” and clean up our communities.

## How To Match Your Current Savings To Your Ultimate Retirement Needs

by Rick Rivera

In a nation that debates nearly everything, this topic creates almost no disagreement.

Americans aren’t saving anywhere near enough for retirement, setting the stage for a potentially dreary time ahead for many when they reach the closing act of their lives. In fact, a study by the Economic Policy Institute found that almost half of American families have no retirement-account savings at all.

While the widespread-savings shortfall is a given, a consensus is trickier to find when it comes to advice on just how much of your weekly salary you need to stash away if you want your retirement to be secure.

“Opinions vary; you’ll hear some people say 10 percent, you’ll hear others say 15 percent,” says Rick Rivera, a partner at Safeguard Investment Advisory Group (www.safeguardinvestment.com). “Some people say you need to have saved \$1 million by the time you retire, which is a tall order for a lot of people.”

Clearly, something is better than nothing, but following some general rule of thumb for saving could lead you astray, Rivera says. Everyone has different circumstances, goals, and objectives.

“What your neighbor needs and what you need may not be the same thing at all,” he says. “You need to take a look at your own financial situation and at what a good retirement would look like to you.

Rivera suggests a few things to consider on the way to zeroing in on the right savings amount:

- Figure out what it is you plan to do in retirement. Do you want to travel or spend a lot of time golfing? Is there a hobby you enjoy?

- Maybe you want to spend time as a volunteer. “Once you have an idea what it is you want to do,” Rivera says, “you’ll want to consider the expenses related to those activities.” That means creating a budget and determining the amount of

monthly income you’ll need to do the things you want to do.

- Review your potential income sources. Will you receive Social Security? Is there a monthly pension check in your future?

Although it’s becoming much less common, some people have great pensions, so they don’t need to save as much. Most people, though, don’t fall into that category, so they need to focus more on saving to cover the shortfall.

- Do the math. If, for example, your pension and Social Security add up to \$4,000 a month, but you’ve determined you’ll need \$6,000, then you know you’ll

need to make up that \$2,000 shortfall from your savings. Based on your age and an estimated rate of return, a calculation can be made to figure out how much you’ll need to save to accomplish your goal.

A young person, obviously, could save a smaller percentage of their income than someone who’s just 10 or 15 years away from retirement.

“Depending on just how close you are to retirement, you may even have some catching up to do,” Rivera says. “This is why I say that following a general rule in a vacuum isn’t the best idea. It may or may not get you where you need to be.”

## Bucks, Johnson Controls to build \$150,000 multi-sport complex Browning School

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space will be able to develop athletically, and they will also receive the opportunity to connect with and learn from mentors, coaches and teammates. We are investing in this multi-use court and programming because we believe it takes all of us, working together, to keep our neighborhoods strong and healthy.”

In addition to building the athletic complex, the Bucks and Johnson Controls will commit an annual gift of \$60,000 for the next 10 years towards community programming.

In the first three years, two annual grants of \$30,000 each will be given to Playworks, to fund programming at Browning Elementary, and to the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, to provide after-hours and weekend programming at the new complex. Together, these grants will ensure that the complex features proven programming designed to maximize the value of the space for the surrounding community.

“We are grateful that our good partners – the Milwaukee Bucks and Johnson Controls – believe in the children of our community and in providing first-class opportunities for them to grow and reach their fullest potential,” MPS Superintendent Dr. Darienne Driver said.

“Ensuring that all children have top-notch recreational facilities not only provides a safe outlet for young people, it also reinforces to them that they are a vital part of the future of our city and worth the investment of the time

## May Father’s House, Inc. and Parklawn Y to co-host 14th annual pre-Father’s Day celebration and cookout

My Father's House, Inc. will be co-hosting along with the Park Lawn YMCA the 14th Annual pre-Father's Day Celebration and Cookout, Saturday June 10,th at the Park Lawn YMCA, at 46th and Congress Ave. from 10 am thru 3 pm. Come join us, Free Food! Games! Prizes! Employment opportunities! Child Support Assistance! and Much More!

Come celebrate with us your Father's ! Grand-Father's ! Step-Father's! and the Father Figures in your lives. This is a Milwaukee County-wide event

In addition: The Wisconsin Blood Center will be conducting a Blood Drive in the gym, so come prepared to DONATE!

### 8TH ANNUAL FLAG DAY CELEBRATION AT THE MARCUS CENTER’S PECK PAVILION *Honoring the Dead by Serving the Living*

The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts is hosting its 8th annual Flag Day Celebration on Wednesday, June 14, which is sponsored by the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts and CBRE/ESI. Festivities are at the Marcus Center’s Peck Pavilion beginning at 9:00 am. The theme is Honoring the Dead by Serving the Living and this event is free and open to the public.

The ceremony will commence with the Milwaukee Metro Non-Commissioned Officers Council as they perform the Presentation of Colors and will proceed with the National Anthem performed by MPS’ Riverside University High School Arts Connect Students followed by an invocation by Father Patrick Fitzsimons, V.A. Medical Center Chaplain.

A moment of silence and POW/MIA is being presented by George Banda, U.S. Army and Pat Romero, U.S. Navy is the Master of Ceremonies. Paul Mathews, President and CEO of the Marcus Center, will welcome guests and veterans.

The keynote speaker for the program is Daniel Allan Kafka (U.S. Army), current student of UW-Milwaukee and Corporate Partners Liaison for the UWM Military & Veterans Resource Center.

The program will conclude with a United States Naturalization Ceremony at 10:00 am.

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