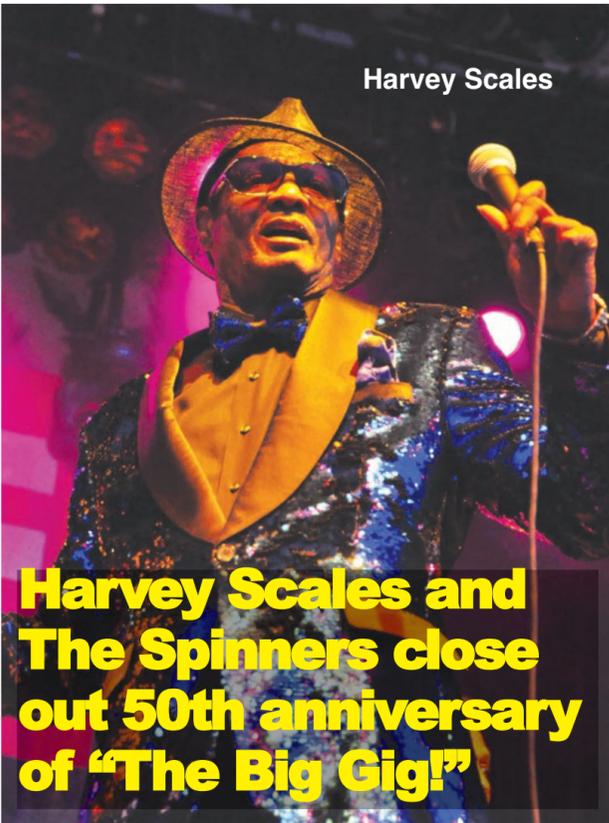




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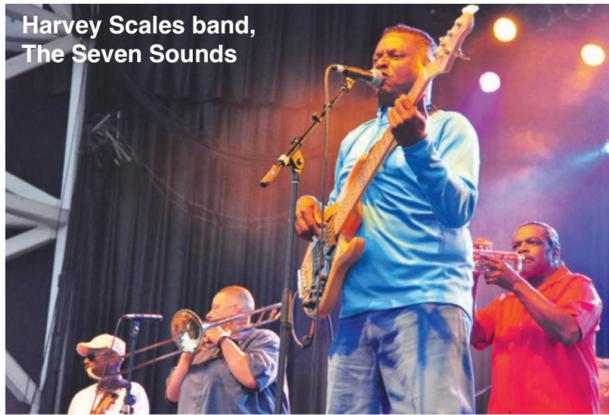
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Harvey Scales

Harvey Scales and The Spinners close out 50th anniversary of "The Big Gig!"



Harvey Scales band, The Seven Sounds

The Uline Warehouse stage was rockin' old school style with homegrown and well-known singing groups taking the audience "waaaay back" by performing their classic hits on the last night of Summerfest's 50th anniversary run. Milwaukee music legend Harvey Scales and The Seven Sounds dropped some hot homecookin', while the smooth and stylish R&B group The Spinners crooned their hits. This was the second time the Spinners performed in Milwaukee this year. They performed in Milwaukee in June at the Milwaukee Urban League's annual Black and White Ball. --Photos by Yvonne Kemp

Grassroots group announces petition effort to recall Mayor Tom Barrett

But mayor says he's not surprised, had heard rumors of possible attempt

Compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

Mayor Tom Barrett said he's not surprised a group of north and southside residents announced recently they plan to collect around 52,000 signatures on a petition to recall him from office.

"Nobody loves a recall," Barrett reportedly said, adding he takes the recall challenge seriously. "But at the same time I welcome the opportunity to talk about the progress we've made in Milwaukee."

The mayor said he had been hearing rumors of a recall attempt for several weeks. He noted some people, unhappy with the results of the last election, in which the city's chief executive handily beat his challenger, southside Ald. Bob Donovan (Barrett garnered 70% of the vote), were waiting for the required one year to pass before launching a recall effort.

The group, a political action committee called "Save Our City, Milwaukee Can't Wait," filed a notice of petition at city hall. They have 60 days to collect the signatures for the petition.

A press statement by the group lists four reasons for the recall:

- Malfeasance in public office. Barrett, they claim, has directed tens of millions of city tax dollars towards the construction of downtown trolley at the expense of health and public safety, repair and replacement of public infrastructure, public education, and job creation.
- Official misconduct. They claim Barrett has pursued a political and legislative agenda that benefits his major campaign donors.
- Dereliction of duty. The organization charges Barrett has not sufficiently protected the city's residents from crime.
- * Endangerment of public health. The group claims Barrett has not acted to protect the serious health effects of lead poisoning caused by lead lateral pipes impacting at least 70,000 homes throughout Milwaukee.

The petition action is being led by Allen Jensen, a southside resident who supported former Ald. Joe Davis and Ald. Bob Donovan in the last election.

Also involved in the recall petition movement is Darryl Farmer, who goes by the name "King Rick." Farmer heads the Milwaukee Black Panthers Party. An outgrowth of former Ald. Michael McGee, Sr. Black Panther Militia of the mid to late 80s, which challenged city government and former Mayor



Mayor Barrett

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The Spinners



Rev. Justin and Courtney Lester

Milwaukee natives return to keynote annual Dr. Thomas Scholarship event

Reverend Justin Lester and his wife, Courtney Marie (Jones) have been confirmed as the keynote speakers for the 41st Anniversary celebration of the Milwaukee Community Journal at its annual fund-raising Jazz Brunch.

The afternoon supports the Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholarship and will be held on Sunday, August 6, at 12 noon, at the newly remodeled Italian Conference Center, 631 E. Chicago Street.

Reverend Lester built a lasting reputation as an exciting Biblical orator who preaches and was principal speaker at a number of Milwaukee churches, especially their youth ministries while matriculating at Marquette University, where he majored in Advertising and Marketing.

Coming to the Dr. Thomas Scholarship Fund as a Freshman, Reverend Lester quickly showed outstanding academic prowess; and it was at one of the annual scholarship events that he met Courtney Marie Jones. Jones began as a freshman, attending Fisk University, studying Business Administration and Sociology, as an undergrad.

The two sat side by side on the dais, year after year, though few knew the couple were beginning to date.

Over the years, attendees at the Jazz Brunch, and administrators of the fund noticed, with strong approval, blossoming scholastic growth. So when they sought post graduate continuing stipends, with funds from the Ernestine O'Bea bequest, Rev Lester's continuation at Marquette University and Courtney's pursuit of her Masters Degree in Social Work at Washington University, in St. Louis were applauded. Their budding romance was never disclosed.

Reverend Lester continued his advance studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee, where he led the Black Seminarians

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PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

Photos and question by Yvonne Kemp

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: "What did you like about this year's 50th anniversary edition of Summerfest?"

"I like how Summerfest showcased Milwaukee's (musical) talent, such as Harvey Scales and the Seven Sounds who performed here 50 years ago."



Janette Herrera

"I liked Summerfest 50 because the music was great, and the food was good. But most of all, I got to see people having fun and enjoying themselves."



Rommie E. Hall

"I really enjoyed Summerfest 50. This was the first one I attended, being that I live in St. Louis. Once I saw the Spinners on the lineup to perform, I didn't mind making that five-and-a-half hour drive to patronize this awesome event."



Venecia Turner

"I loved Summerfest 50 because they didn't forget about the legends. Harvey Scales was wonderful and Dick Tate did his thang!"



Cameron Webb

Milwaukee natives return to keynote annual Dr. Thomas Scholarship event

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of the college. He helped with the National Baptist Convention and graduated in 2015 with a Masters in Divinity.

Later, we received an invitation to the wedding of these academic stalwarts and we applauded another strong union that illuminates our motto... "we seed success".

The Dr. Thomas fund has encouraged identifying mentors from the many community thought leaders who annually attend the Jazz Brunch. We highlight their scholastic honor-roll status, on an on-going basis, as they are encouraged to reach for the stars, and pay it forward when they complete their academic journeys. They all understand that it takes a whole village to keep the success-strategy building, and multiplying.

The students do not disappoint, today, there is a 98% graduation ratio for undergrads and 85% in post graduate degree awards. Academic excellence and expectant success are tenets that propel the students over time. They want to be present the next year. The community is able to watch them grow in maturity and career-potential.

The Board of Directors, and others close to these outstanding graduates, are delighted, for the Lester's are the epitome of hard work, perseverance, commitment to meeting challenges and building their personal lives, as well as the lives of their flock at the Congdon Baptist Church of Providence, Rhode Island.

On May 25, 2017, the two became three with the birth of Master Lester, whom we shall soon meet. Reverend Lester and Courtney, and their families are proud of their accomplishments as they come to share their excitement as a new family; and express their appreciation to family, the community, the sponsors and the Dr. Thomas Committee who work tirelessly, each year, to ensure that the funds are there to support excellence and upward mobility. Over \$800,000 has been awarded to Milwaukee students. Many now create their own families, their trajectories for a new Milwaukee.

Reverend Lester will challenge us, he will motivate us, he will inspire us all to seek our best selves as the fulfillment of creation, and our pre-ordained purpose.

We are excited to hear this outstanding millennial of Milwaukee origin speak to a new model for a new Milwaukee! Join us as we welcome home our own...Reverend and Mrs. Justin Lester and their son...a Dr. Thomas first family whom we all claim with pride and expectancy.

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Community Block Grant Funding input needed at public hearings

Council members looking for input to help create jobs, development activity

Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, is asking Milwaukee residents and representatives of community organizations and non-profits to attend public hearings scheduled for next week to prioritize funding proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Alderman Stamper said the Community and Economic Development Committee will hold three public hearings to obtain citizen comments on the proposed funding categories for the 2018 Community Development Funding Allocation Plan (FAP):

- 6 p.m. on Monday, July 17 at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet St.
- 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18 at the Mitchell Park Conservatory (Domes), 524 S. Layton Blvd.
- 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 24 at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center, 3020 W. Vliet St.

"We are inviting community members to play an integral

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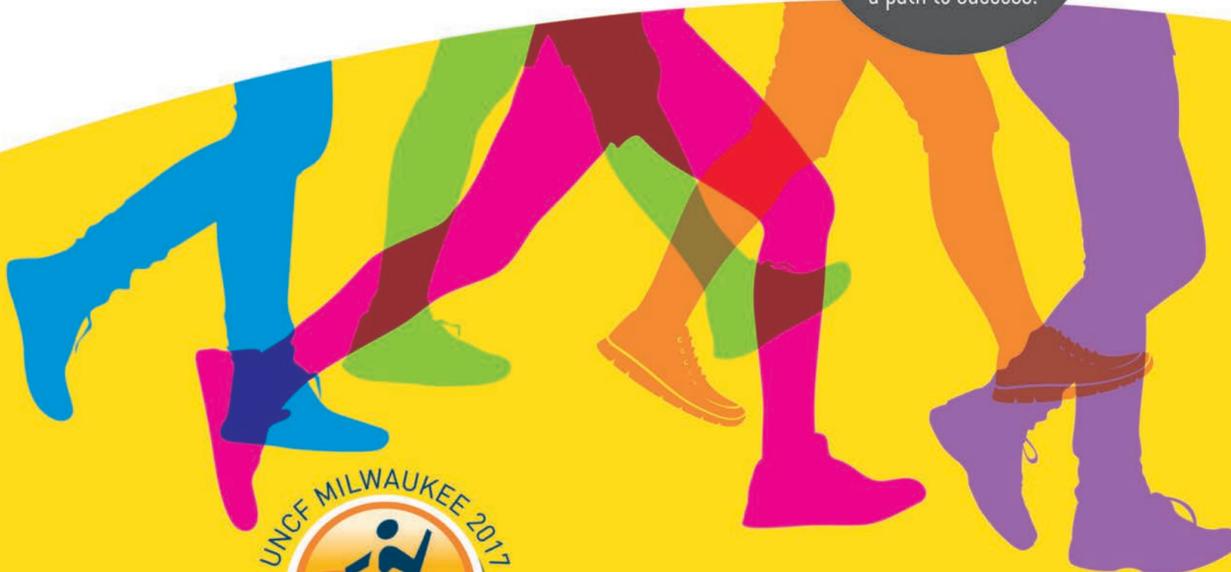
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Brentwood COC to celebrate 75th anniversary July 15-20

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.

McDonald's and Gospel Music Superstars to Bring Night of Uplifting Music to Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

Event to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee

McDonald's "Praise for Peace" will bring a free night of inspiration and joyful song to Uihlein Hall on Saturday, August 26. Presented by the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, the event is general admission seating with doors opening at 5 p.m. and the musical celebration starting at 6 p.m.

Headlining the concert will be Bishop William Murphy, an Atlanta-based performer whose fourth album, "God Chaser" reached the Gospel Albums chart, as well as the Billboard 200. The event will also feature the talents of the Ugandan Kids Choir, which will be touring the US in August.

The choir is made up of 10 sponsored children who

come from the poorest parts of Uganda. The children are chosen for their enthusiasm, ability, and dedication—all of which make them potential leaders when they return to their communities.

Local talent will also be featured throughout the evening with performances by Milwaukee's own Bishop Darrell Hines and a 150-voice choir of local singers of all ages.

The event is co-hosted by Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, which will be spotlighted throughout the evening for its efforts to make a difference in the City of Milwaukee. Many Boys & Girls Clubs members will practice all summer long to prepare for the concert.

McDonald's Praise for Peace focuses on the importance of giving back to the community by supporting Boys & Girls Clubs and the community coming together to make a difference. Concertgoers will have the opportunity to learn about the Clubs and the important role it plays in helping kids thrive in Milwaukee.

"It's a privilege to share this amazing celebration of uplifting music that can motivate our local community and at the same time support Boys & Girls Clubs," said Robert Pyles, owner of McDonald's Restaurants in Milwaukee. "The concert will give us an opportunity to celebrate all that is good in our community."

Faith Leaders Question Voter Fraud Commission's Request that States Turn Over Confidential Voter Data Groups Say No One Should Be Allowed to Tamper with Our Democracy

GEORGIA—Advocates, partners and faith leaders with LIVE FREE, an initiative of PICO National Network, recently held a press conference to sound the alarm about an intrusive request from President Donald Trump and his dubiously-titled Voter Fraud Commission.

Led by Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, who has a history of advocating harsh, anti-immigrant policies, the Trump administration through its Voter Fraud Commission demanded states turn over highly sensitive data on American voters.

Among the requested information was partial social security numbers. The request comes in the face of widespread reports that voter fraud is virtually non-existent.

"There are thousands of faith leaders in the LIVE FREE campaign working in over a dozen states to empower voters and increase civic engagement in local, state and federal elections," said the Rev. Michael McBride, LIVE FREE director of Urban Strategies.

"The actions of this administration continue to grow erratic and immoral, and many of us in the faith community believe democracy is at risk.

"The right to vote, secured decades ago with the blood of Black folks and people of color, is being threatened by the Trump administration. In the Christian faith tradition, the prophet Isaiah warned us, saying "Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people. What will you do on

the day of reckoning?"

"There is no compelling governmental interest to substantiate such an intrusive and far-reaching request," said Bishop Dwayne Royster, political director for PICO National Network.

"Indeed, with legitimate concerns over potential voter suppression schemes, it is impossible for the Trump administration to justify why they need the information they've requested."

Historically, when the federal government issues public information records requests to states, they do so through the Office of Budget and Management. President Trump and Kris Kobach sidestepped precedent and, wrongly, went directly to the states.

At least 44 states and the District of Columbia are resisting the order to turn over the privileged information. One such state is Georgia, where the LIVE FREE campaign partners with the New Georgia Project.

"We applaud leaders in Georgia and other states who have not buckled under pressure due to the Trump administration's assault on free, fair and accessible elections," said Pastor Timothy McBride of Tabernacle of Praise Churches, International.

"As a pastor committed to activating voters of color, I know we already face unprecedented voter suppression in the south. If we want to increase opportunity, reverse incarceration and decrease gun violence, we need more access to voting, not less."

"This is another example of the Trump administration throwing its weight around. It started with crowd size when President Trump urged the Park Service to greatly exaggerate the number of people who attended his inauguration.

The pattern continued with edicts from the White House threatening to withhold funding for cities that provide sanctuary for undocumented individuals and families. Are we to now believe that this order isn't issued with nefarious intent?"

While some elected officials complain of bloated government, Trump's Voter Fraud Commission is tripping

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What Does It All Mean?

(Part 2 of 2)

As mentioned in Part 1 of this series, there are several symbols that embody Christianity and whose connotation carries us beyond themselves and ourselves and into the real union and knowledge of things eternal and divine.

Since Christianity is a religion so rich in symbolism, this writer has chosen to focus on two in this series.

This writer will certainly revisit this topic in the future. This month, the history behind the ancient Christian symbol, the Fish, will be explained.

The Fish

The History Behind the Adoption of the Fish Symbol. During the reign of Nero, Christianity was a crime and Christians became easy targets for persecution.

Christians and faithful Jews acknowledged only the one true God, therefore, they rejected any practice whatsoever that requested that they worship man, a government or Roman statute as Savior.

They suffered unbelievable tortures because of their refusal. Some were crucified or torn apart by wild dogs. Others were covered with pitch and used as torches to light Nero's garden.

As persecution grew tense, the Early Christians would take refuge in underground passageways where they would worship. Because of fierce persecution, worship services could not be publicized.

The early Christians devised a method to communicate and share information with one another as to worship times and local Christian meeting places.

This is when it is said that the secret symbol of the



Biblical Counseling for Today's Christian Family
By: Rev. Judith T. Lester, B.Min., M.Th.

Fish was adopted as a mode of recognition.

It worked like this: If two strangers met and they were unsure whether the other was a Christian, one would draw an arc in the earth like: (If the other were a Christian, they would complete the symbol with a reverse arc:) forming the outline of a fish. This helped the early Christians to identify fellow believers.

The fish plays a major role in the gospels. For instance, in Mark 1:17, the disciples were often referred to as "fishers of men."

Disciples are followers of Christ and therefore the command is for all Christians to become fishers of men.

Though Christ does not need man, yet He is pleased to make use of him in setting up His kingdom. We are to fish for souls and win

them to Christ.

Today, the recognition of the fish outline symbol is experiencing an incredible return. We see it in the form of bumper stickers, casting mounted on cars, key chains and jewelry, etc.

The body of the symbol may be empty, or may contain a name, Jesus or ICTHUS or ICTUS. This ancient Christian symbol continues to transcend differences in cultures and denominations. From generation to generation the Fish continues to signify true followers of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

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PERSPECTIVES

GUEST COMMENTARY

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'Policing while Black' is a problem that can't be ignored

When a Black police officer is shot by a white officer who mistakes him for a regular Black criminal rather than a cop, we are told this is "friendly fire." Does that mean the bullet doesn't hurt so much because it is friendly?

The absurdity of it all is exactly why we need to deal with internal racism in law enforcement. The recent troubling incident in St. Louis is a case in point. A Black off-duty officer coming to the aid of his fellow cops was shot by one of them, a white officer who viewed him as a threat because he is Black. Seven cops are now on administrative leave as a result of the incident, until the department can sort out exactly what happened.

Yet, there is a distinct sense that we may very well know enough about what took place. The uniformed officers encountered the off-duty cop, who is 38 with 11 years on the force, and in possession of his department-issued firearm, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. They ordered him on the ground, then ordered him to get up and walk toward them when one of the officers recognized him.

One of the officers just arriving on the scene—36 years old with eight years on the force, and "fearing for his safety"—shot the off-duty Black cop in the arm.

Because Blue Lives Matter. The department tried to say the officer was wounded in the crossfire between police and armed suspects in connection with a car theft. But apparently, that isn't how it went down. This, in a city that has been rocked by tensions in the community and people erupting in protest in the streets over police shootings of Black men in the last few years.

Certainly, this is by no means the first Black police officer to be bombarded by "friendly" white police bullets, stopped and searched, arrested, or otherwise criminalized for policing while Black.

In 1994 in a New York subway station, Officer Peter Del Debbio opened fire on Black undercover transit officer Desmond Robinson, hitting him four times, twice in the back, and wounding a woman civilian as well.

In 2005, Howard Morgan, a Black former Chicago cop was shot 28 times—21 in the back—during a traffic stop for driving the wrong way on a one-way street. A jury, believing Morgan had discharged his weapon, found him guilty of attempted murder and sent him to prison for 40 years before his sentence was commuted.

NYPD Officer Andrew Dunton, a white cop who killed his Black colleague Omar Edwards, 25, in 2009 after ordering him to drop his gun, not only faced no punishment, but was promoted to sergeant three years later. Because apparently only "White" Blue Lives Matter.

Then there is the story of the four Black parole officers who were held at gunpoint and detained by local police in Ramapo, NY while on official business. And let's not forget the white plainclothes officers who were busted for ordering Chief Douglas Zeigler—a three-star chief, head of the Community Affairs Bureau and the highest ranking Black cop in the NYPD—out of his department-issued SUV with his ID around his neck.

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I Love America, BUT!...

An elderly White neighbor walking past my house on the 4th of July stopped to ask what the "strange" flag situated at the head of my driveway represented.

In tribute to "Independence Day," my wife had adorned our driveway with a dozen American flags. I planted a larger African Liberation flag—adorned with a picture of Marcus Garvey imprinted upon an outline of Mother Africa—in a flowerpot near my garage door.

I politely tried to explain to the White senior the dichotomy of "our" "non-citizenship" on July 4, 1776; how we were later identified as three fifths of a man in the constitution, and thus did not "have any rights Whites had to 'dis-respect.'"

Like no other "immigrant," we were brought here in chains and endured the worst form of slavery known to mankind despite—and in direct contradiction to—the biblical principles this country was supposedly founded upon.

Because our ancestors were stripped of their culture, language and religion, we have been striving for nearly four centuries to return home—if not physically, at least metaphorically.

Those of us of conscience, who have researched and recognized this, proudly embrace our membership in the Diaspora. We take pride in being children of the Motherland, the cradle of civilization.

We acknowledge that our ancestors are the survivors of the Maafa—the great holocaust—and it is only because our ancestors were able to endure indescribable atrocities that we are around today to "celebrate" this nation's independence.

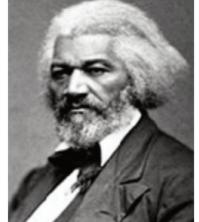
However, we do so fully cognizant that our African ancestors in America could not, because they were too busy laboring in the fields, subjected to the whip and other chains, treated like human chattel.

Black leaders over the decades have kept alive our link to the Motherland,



SIGNIFYIN'
By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt

"This Fourth [of] July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn. To drag a man in fetters into the grand illuminated temple of liberty, and call upon him to join you in joyous anthems, were inhuman mockery and sacrilegious irony.



--Frederick Douglass (above at right), from his famous speech, "What to a slave is the Fourth of July"

as well as to impress upon survivors of our holocaust a vision of who and what they were. Their self-worth, cultural pride and unwavering spirit were essential defenses against oppression and bigotry.

Among those leaders was Marcus Garvey, who conceived the red, black (continued on page 10)

URBAN My DIALOGUE...



By Torre "ToeJoe" Johnson

Milwaukee We Must Not Deteriorate!

Milwaukee's deteriorating neighborhoods are becoming very depressing. Home after home, covered with boards or broken windows and no doors. These places are home to any and everything from homeless people to raccoons or children, who for enjoyment, explore them with little to no concern how dangerous it could be.

Driving through Milwaukee I see the alley trash and forestry humiliating the weeds, overtaking everything. The trash still being illegally dumped and we as people act as if we do not notice. I know that many of the abandoned buildings that surround these communities use to be much needed resources and employment for many of us. It was the glue that held the community together.

The other day I heard that the mayor refers to Milwaukee as the heart. Maybe he was suggesting the heart to be downtown. If that is the case, then that left me to believe that the inner city is the soul.

The soul that has been scarred to the point it has darkened, becoming very cold and losing its compassion, its ability to produce love and its ability to demand for respect.

Over the last week I've been bombarded with questions about what should be done to better our situation. While I am not the one suggesting marching, singing, "We will overcome." I'm not trying to be funny but I know the day has come and that our time has arrived. It's time to identify them and then eliminate them. We must work together at some point and invest in ourselves. We must put up or shut up. We must stand up by waking up, taking action over procrastination.

Milwaukee deteriorating in our living areas should build collaboration and determination that forces us to make better choices and create continuous growth. Peace!

--Torre M Johnson Sr. / President of XMEN UNITED LLC

MILLENNIAL MAGIC



By Paishance Welch

Presidential Check-In: How Millennials Feel President Trump is Doing in Office

The 100th day of our new President has come and gone. There are many things that have come into play and of course there are many things that have not come into play.

All in all, I believe it is time to have a little check in. It is time to see what the generation of now has to say about the changes or stagnation that's going on in America.

According to CNN news, a recent poll released by Harvard Kennedy School's Institute of Politics says that only 32 percent of millennials approve of his performance so far. About 40% said they would give President Trump an "F". Only a third said they support the strategic way he handled ISIS and Obamacare. The numbers for this recorded poll aren't the best, but apparently some millennials agree and others do not.

I'm a little unsure if millennials are basing their polling on the president's attitude and character. Maybe they are looking at all of the funding that the president is aiming to cut into, such as HBCU funding, even financial aid funding. Is it possible that the generation is focusing their attention on how disconnected Trump is from the needs of those less fortunate? Whatever it is, it is fine by me.

We all know that there have been many other presidents. But is it so surprising that Trump's national approval rating is lower than any modern president? The way the president addresses individuals of the public is widely criticized.

The televised, harsh way he's referred to others, calling them names that (continued on page 11)

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Bill Maher should've been fired by HBO for "house n----" comment

By Richard G. Carter
Editor's Note: The Milwaukee Community Journal does not condone the use of the N-word, nor several other objective words and descriptions in Carter's article. Though we edited the story to use only the first letter of the N-word, we left the other questionable phrases intact so as to not change the stores intended affect.

"You know why the chicken crossed the road? Because the road crossed the chicken..." Delroy Lindo, "Heist" (2001)

I have been a big fan of cable television for many years -- especially its commercial-free uncut movies, championship boxing and freedom of expression on premium channels such as HBO, Showtime and Cinemax. Yet, some things are better left unsaid.

Now that the smoke has cleared, I'd like to discuss an egregious case in point on HBO involving pug-ugly Bill Maher -- foul-mouthed host of its weekly "Real Time with Bill Maher," that airs live at 10 p.m. on Fridays.

On the night of June 2, Maher laughingly offended a live audience and viewers nationwide in an exchange with his guest, U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb).

While discussing adults in California still dressing up for Halloween, Sasse said it didn't happen in his state. Maher replied, "I've got to go to Nebraska more." Sasse answered, "You're welcome. We'd love to have you work in the fields with us."

Putting his foot squarely in his mouth, Maher then smilingly replied: "Work in the fields? Senator, I'm a house n----." Uh-huh. That's what this fool said on live TV.

HBO said Maher's comment was "completely inexcusable and tasteless" and would remove "his deeply offensive comment from subsequent airings of the show."

Although the channel inexplicably chose not to fire him, all hell broke loose from coast-to-coast among cable talkers, on social media and among liberal and conservative activists and politicians. And there were calls for his firing by several Black activists.

"Bill Maher has got to go," said DeRay McKesson, of Black Lives Matter. "There are no explanations that make this acceptable." And the Rev. Al Sharpton spoke out forcibly on his radio show about Maher's tasteless, racist remark:

"Just because Bill Maher is a liberal and our friend, you don't give him a pass. It's wrong and we're calling him on it. You cannot allow folk to act like there's anything funny in that context about using that word."

On the other hand, Michael Eric Dyson -- noted Black author and professor of sociology at Georgetown University -- called Maher "a champion of justice." However, he also said the so-called N-word "should be reserved for Black use."

Here's how Maher explained his intemperate remark following HBO's statement:

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MPS to host uniform vendor and enrollment fair July 15

Milwaukee Public Schools will host a Uniform Vendor and Enrollment Fair at South Division High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2017. Beginning this fall, most MPS schools require student uniforms.

At the Uniform Fair, families can select and order uniforms from a number of vendors, find out about district and school-specific colors, and learn how to opt out of the uniform policy, if desired.

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Free water bottles will be distributed by the Department of Student Services in the hallway outside South Division's fieldhouse. Food concessions will be available. A second uniform and enrollment fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2017, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information on the Uniform & Enrollment Fair call (414) 475-8159.



Survey: 70 percent of millennials say student debt is a bigger threat than North Korea

Article courtesy of AOL via "The Rundown"

There are many major issues currently facing the United States, and LendEDU, an online marketplace for student loans, recently asked millennials which ones they find the most menacing.

When prompted to pick which problem facing the U.S. is more threatening, North Korea or student loans, just under 70 percent said college

debt. Notably, the survey was conducted between June 2 and June 14, weeks before North Korea announced it had tested an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching the U.S.

Prior to the survey, it had performed numerous trials of smaller missiles and threatened to reduce U.S. troops in South Korea "to ashes."

As for student loans, the collective educational loan total among the roughly 43.3 million borrowers stands at \$1.41 trillion.

On average, people borrow about \$28,400 and 11.8 percent of loan recipients go into default.

According to LendEDU, "the \$1.41 trillion in outstanding student loan debt is still a ways off from the \$10.6 trillion in mortgage debt during the peak of the Great Recession. However, student debt in the U.S. is now the second largest class of debt, above credit cards."

Marquette professor leads development of first Wisconsin standards for computer science instruction in K-12 schools

Dr. Dennis Brylow, associate professor of math, statistics and computer science, was co-chair of the committee that developed Wisconsin's first standards to guide K-12 school districts in their computer science instruction.

The standards, approved in late June by Tony Evers, Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction, are expected to be approved by a majority of the state's 447 school districts.

"Computer science has become a foundational skill that all students need to have access to during the formative K-12 years regardless of their occupational path," Brylow said.

The Computer Science Standards Writing Committee, co-chaired by Brylow, developed the first template for Wisconsin schools to implement computer science academic standards for K-12 districts. It calls for computer science content and concepts to be integrated throughout the curriculum in elementary schools.

It also recommends that all middle and high school students have access to computer science instruction, including advanced courses for students who want them.

"Kids who are in school today are not going to be in traditional jobs," Brylow said. "They aren't going to operate a welding machine -- they are going to be programming the welding robot."

Computer science is the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, networks and their impact on society.

"This set of Wisconsin standards will ensure consistency in academic expectations across the districts that adopt them, and will establish a consistent way for educators in the field to connect and share resources assisting in our shared goal to ensure every student is a graduate, college and career ready," Evers wrote in a letter to Brylow and his co-chair, Joseph Kmoch, a longtime computer science educator in southeastern Wisconsin.

Brylow's work to establish the state standard is the latest example of Marquette's leadership in computer and data science.

"This is another example of Marquette taking leadership in emphasizing

the need for computer science earlier and earlier in students' education," said Richard Holz, dean of the Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences.

Other examples of Marquette's efforts in computer and data science education:

In April 2017, Marquette established the Center for Cyber Security Awareness and Cyber Defense to serve as the university's primary hub for cyber security education and research. It's the only such center in the Milwaukee metropolitan area.



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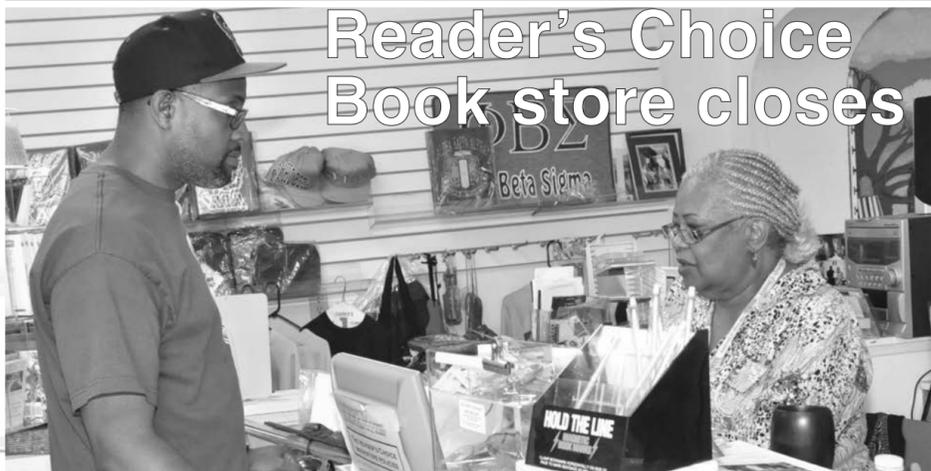
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Reader's Choice Book store closes



Carla Allison, the owner and proprietor of The Reader's Choice Bookstore makes another one of her final sales in that establishment during the recent closing celebration and liquidation sale. The event took place at the store, located at 1950 N. Martin Luther King Drive. Reader's Choice was the last Black-owned bookstore in the state of Wisconsin and has served the community for more than 28 years.--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

'Policing while Black' is a problem that can't be ignored

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Because sometimes you mess with the wrong one.

And recently, a white NYPD sergeant Valentin Khazin filed a federal lawsuit claiming he is facing harsh treatment from the department for refusing to bully a Black cop who filed his own discrimination lawsuit against the highway patrol.

When off-duty, Black police officers face harassment and racial profiling from white officers and feel threatened.

Racism on the force is a problem that affects Black cops, yet the prevailing white police officers' narrative that attempts to silence community protest tends to overlook it.

Influenced by the civil rights and Black Power movements, Black officers facing a climate of hostility and discrimination formed their own associations, because the majority organizations did not represent their interests.

This divide continues to this day, with the Fraternal Order of Police endorsing Trump for president, and proposing a curious wish list (pdf) that included reversing the federal ban on private prisons, ending the

Bush-era ban on racial profiling, restricting federal aid to sanctuary cities, ending Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and reversing Obama-era changes in U.S.-Cuba relations, "perhaps until such time as the cop-killers harbored there [a thinly veiled reference to Assata Shakur] are returned to the U.S."

The FOP also recommended that Trump scrap the recommendations made by the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing (pdf) under Obama, designed to "identify best policing practices and offer recommendations on how those practices can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust."

Black people have been monitored and regulated since the days when the slave patrols, the nation's first police force, roamed the plantation. And bad habits are hard to break. So it should surprise you not that the racism of law enforcement culture is visited upon Black police officers.

An off-duty Black cop out of uniform looks just like any other Black civilian. Unfortunately, in the eyes of some of their fellow officers, this means they in tandem look like criminals, which is how more Black victims are created.

COMMUNITY

By Sonya Bowman and Zelda Corona

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gree day through the undergrad college admission process and then on to Law School, finally achieving the ultimate goal; a graduation day that became inundated with thick black smoke that cut off my breath and forced me to my knees. I had learned that the mother who pressed me to supersede my intentions, was now on crack.

I became the bridge for my mother. It could have been me with a cocaine addiction. Where was I any different? But I was.

I made it out. God shielded me all those years bringing me right to this very moment with thoughts of my past haunting me.

The ink pen in my hand shaking as I wrote quickly across my notepad preparing a speech on sisterhood that I had to deliver in less than thirty minutes.

A lump formed in my throat as I thought of all those women in that auditorium depending on me, Lena from the block, not Jenny from the block - to deliver words of encouragement, when the words would not come.

My feet were gridlocked to the stage as I stood behind the curtain trying to choke back the tears, when I heard the master of ceremonies ask the audience to give a round of applause for Senator Lena Taylor.

The crowd went loud with cheer, their hand (continued on page 10)



State Sen. Lena Taylor

Detoured, But Not Denied
Florescent orange vomit splattered the floor as it gushed into the white toilet bowl. I had fallen in deep and I was drowning from a tsunami of emotions and I did not know how to free myself from the insanity of my cyclical existence.

But the speckles of undissolved pills and food that smudged the back of my hand after using it to wipe the remaining puke from my mouth, was the deaden evidence of my failed prescription drug cocktail.

As a teenager, I was terrified of public scrutiny - the gawking and whispering from the neighbors on 15th and Capitol.

But that phobia did not even come close to how petrified I was to tell my mother that I was going to give her a grandchild. W-2 checks and food stamp books were like blinking lights, attempting to alert me of my next destination - the path that I wanted to divert at all costs.

Pimps, hustlers, and prostitutes were my friends and cousins - my biggest supports. I should have been addicted to drugs, but God sent a drug-dealer as my guardian angel and he redirected my path.

I was afraid to dream past my circumstances. Failure. Disappointment. Fear of success.

These were my benchmarks. I barely graduated from high school - crossing the stage with a "D" average. My ambitions were hallucinations - artificial delusions by a girl who lived on the block.

But my mother believed that I had a different fate, so she grabbed me by the hand and drug me like a sack of cotton on a 90-de-



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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: 7-6-17 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN H. YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 017-184/7-7-14-21-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV005387

In the matter of the name change of: EVELINA CARMONA By (Petitioner) MARIA ISABEL FLORES NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: EVELINA CARMONA To: EVELINA FLORES Birth Certificate: EVELINA CARMONA IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. DAVID A. HANSHER ROOM 412, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: AUGUST 3, 2017 TIME: 10:30 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: 6-26-17 BY THE COURT: HON. DAVID A. HANSHER Circuit Court Judge 017-183/7-7-14-21-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV005386

In the matter of the name change of: PERLA CHAVEZ By (Petitioner) MARIA ISABEL FLORES NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: PERLA CHAVEZ To: PERLA FLORES Birth Certificate: PERLA CHAVEZ IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. JOHN DIMOTTO ROOM 401, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: AUGUST 4, 2017 TIME: 10:00 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: 6-26-17 BY THE COURT: HON. JOHN DIMOTTO Circuit Court Judge 017-182/7-7-14-21-2017

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CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV005386

In the matter of the name change of: ERNESTO JESUS CHAVEZ By (Petitioner) MARIA ISABEL FLORES NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ERNESTO JESUS CHAVEZ To: ERNESTO JESUS FLORES Birth Certificate: ERNESTO JESUS CHAVEZ IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. JOHN DIMOTTO ROOM 401, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: AUGUST 4, 2017 TIME: 10:00 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: 6-26-17 BY THE COURT: HON. JOHN DIMOTTO Circuit Court Judge 017-181/7-7-14-21-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV005540

In the matter of the name change of: THOMAS W. SCHWELITZ By (Petitioner) THOMAS W. SCHWELITZ NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: THOMAS WILLIAM SCHWELITZ To: APOSTLE THOMAS Birth Certificate: THOMAS WILLIAM SCHWELITZ IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. REBECCA F. DALLET ROOM 403, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: AUGUST 16, 2017 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: 7-5-17 BY THE COURT: HON. REBECCA F. DALLET Circuit Court Judge 017-180/7-7-14-21-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV005533

In the matter of the name change of: SANIYA EASTER KENDLE By (Petitioner) SANIYA EASTER KENDLE NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: SANIYA EASTER KENDLE To: SANIYA EASTER WALKER Birth Certificate: SANIYA EASTER KENDLE 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: AUGUST 17, 2017 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: 7-3-17 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 017-179/7-7-14-21-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT

MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV005534

In the matter of the name change of: NATASHA MARIE BENT By (Petitioner) NATASHA MARIE BENT NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: NATASHA MARIE BENT To: NATASHA MARIE RIVERA Birth Certificate: NATASHA MARIE RIVERA IT IS 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 24, 2017 TIME: 9:30 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: 7-3-17 BY THE COURT: HON. CLARE L. FIORENZA Circuit Court Judge 017-178/7-7-14-21-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 17FA001008

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: CLARISSA N. BOLER 2730 W LISBON AVE #303 MILWAUKEE, WI 53208 and Respondent: ANDRA BOLER 7020 W FOND DU LAC AVE APT #104 MILWAUKEE, WI 53218 THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT: You are notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other action against you. The Petition, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

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

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

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DATE: 2-20-2017 By: CLARISSA N. BOLER 017-177/6-30/7-7-14-2017

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In the matter of the name change of: NESTOR GERARDO LOBOS-GARCIA By (Petitioner) FRANCISCA GARCIA NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: NESTOR GERARDO LOBOS-GARCIA To: JAYSON GERARDO LOBOS-GARCIA Birth Certificate: NESTOR GERARDO LOBOS-GARCIA IT IS 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: JULY 11, 2017 TIME: 10:00 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: 5-30-17 BY THE COURT: HON. CLARE L. FIORENZA Circuit Court Judge 017-176/6-30/7-7-14-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV005391

In the matter of the name change of: MIYA MARIE WILLIAMS By (Petitioner) JENNIFER ROSE FISCHER NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: MIYA MARIE WILLIAMS To: MIYA MARIE FISCHER Birth Certificate: MIYA MARIE WILLIAMS IT IS 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 22, 2017 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: 6-27-17 BY THE COURT: HON. CLARE L. FIORENZA Circuit Court Judge 017-175/6-30/7-7-14-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 17FA003135

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: RAFAEL GUTIERREZ and Respondent: DULCE YVONNE GUTIERREZ THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT: You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

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

Clerk of Court Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. ROOM 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and RAFAEL GUTIERREZ 1311 S 9TH ST MILWAUKEE, WI 53204.

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 45 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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

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

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

Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105, Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(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 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 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE: 6-27-2017 By: RAFAEL GUTIERREZ 017-174/6-30/7-7-14-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 17FA003485

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: SABITRI B. KHAREL and Respondent: MIN PRASAD KHAREL THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT: You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 45 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 SABITRI B KHAREL 7815 S SCEPTER DR APT # 23 FRANKLIN, WI 53132.

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

DATE: 6-26-2017 By: SABITRI B. KHAREL 017-173/6-30/7-7-14-2017

(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:
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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, in order to participate in the court process, please call 414-985-5757 at least (10) working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE: 6-26-2017 By: SABITRI B. KHAREL 017-173/6-30/7-7-14-2017

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 45 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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DATE: 6-26-2017 By: SABITRI B. KHAREL 017-173/6-30/7-7-14-2017

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 approximately 89% of our circulation, weekly. And our actual paid subscribers is over the 1000 required by State Statute.

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Legals/Classifieds/Public Notices

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 17FA2887

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: ALEASA THOMAS and Respondent: ANDREW L. DAVIS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:
You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.
You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

Petition within 45 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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DATE: 6-23-2017
By: ALEASA THOMAS
017-172/6-30/7-7-14-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV005173

In the matter of the name change of: KEEMAN AKEEM RAYMAR DORTCH

By (Petitioner) KEEMAN AKEEM RAYMAR DORTCH NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: KEEMAN AKEEM RAYMAR DORTCH To: KEEMAN AKEEM RAYMAR BIRTH Certificate: KEEMAN AKEEM RAYMAR DORTCH IT IS ORDERED:

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

Judge's Name: HON. DENNIS P. MORONEY ROOM 413, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JULY 24, 2017 TIME: 11:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 6-20-17
BY THE COURT: HON. DENNIS P. MORONEY Circuit Court Judge 017-169/6-23-30/7-7-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV004539

In the matter of the name change of: LAIO SHIEFF DARNELL

By (Petitioner) LAIO SHIEFF DARNELL NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change

the name of the person listed above: From: LAIO SHIEFF DARNELL To: LAIO SHIEFF BAILEY Birth Certificate: LAIO SHIEFF BAILEY IT IS 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: JULY 20, 2017 TIME: 10:30 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: 5-31-17
BY THE COURT: CLARE L. FIORENZA Circuit Court Judge 017-155/6-9-16-23-2017

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PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY OF MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROPOSED YEAR 2018 FUNDING ALLOCATION PLAN

The City of Milwaukee - Community Development Grants Administration (CDGA) is soliciting public comments on proposed funding categories for the Year 2018 Community Development Funding Allocation Plan (FAP). The FAP incorporates strategic direction for the following grants: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

The Funding Allocation Plan will be available to the public beginning Friday, June 30, 2017 and can be picked up at the CDGA office located in Room 606, City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street or accessed on the website at www.city.milwaukee.gov/CommunityDevelopment310.htm

Written comments on the 2018 Funding Allocation Plan can be submitted during the public comment period of June 30, 2017 to July 31, 2017 to: Mr. Steven L. Mahan; Director, Community Development Grants Administration; City Hall - 200 E. Wells Street, Room 606; Milwaukee, WI. 53202

In addition, the City of Milwaukee - Community and Economic Development Committee will hold the following public hearings to obtain citizen comments on the proposed funding categories for the Year 2018 Community Development Funding Allocation Plan (FAP).

Monday, July 17, 2017
Washington Park Senior Center
4420 W. Vliet Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208
6:00pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, July 18, 2017
Mitchell Park Conservatory (Domes)
524 S. Layton Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53215
6:00pm - 8:00 pm

The Community & Economic Development Committee will meet on **Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 1:30 pm at City Hall - Room 301-B** to adopt the 2018 Funding Allocation Plan.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. For additional information or to request this service, contact the Council Services Division ADA Coordinator at 286-2231, (FAX) 286-3456, (TDD) 286-2025, or by writing to the Coordinator at City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202.



CITY OF MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF THE BLACK MALE ACHIEVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - YEAR 2017

The City of Milwaukee - Community Development Grants Administration (CDGA), is requesting proposals for the provision of community development services for low income persons residing in the City of Milwaukee. Service categories include: ACCESS TO ECONOMIC AND ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY IDENTITY, GENDER AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Eligible applicants must be located in the City of Milwaukee and be incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency at the time of application.

A hard copy of the RFP application packet will be available at the Community Development Grants Administration Office on July 13, 2017 and can also be accessed at www.milwaukee.gov/CDBG. In addition, copies will be available for viewing at the following Milwaukee Public Libraries: Main Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.; Capitol, 3969 N. 74th St.; Center St., 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave., Zablocki, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave., Forest Home, 1432 W. Forest Home Ave.

Completed proposals are due to the Community Development Grants Administration no later than **July 21, 2017, 2:00pm**.

Incomplete applications and applications received after this date and time will not be reviewed and will be returned to the applicant.

For more information contact:

Community Development Grants Administration
City Hall - 200 E. Wells Street; Room 606
Milwaukee, WI. 53202

Telephone (414) 286-3647
TDD: (414) 286-8047
8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Monday through Friday



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 40 years journaling the history of change.

Since our origin in 1976, 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!

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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
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I Love America, BUT!...

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and green flag—green, symbolizing the vegetation of the Motherland, red for the blood we shed in our struggle for “redemption and liberty,” and black for the “noble and distinguished race to which we belong.”

Interestingly, while the Pan African/liberation flag was formally adopted on August 13, 1920 during the Declaration of the Rights of the Negro Peoples of the World conference in New York, it was prompted by a popular—albeit racist—song of the year before titled, “Every Race has a Flag but the Coon.”

Yeah, you read that right. “Every Race” was true “country” music, a hit record in a country that fought tyranny and injustice around the globe.

Obviously, I didn’t enumerate all of that to the elderly man, but instead offered a condensed version, complete with a few Negroisms I assumed he could relate to.

The man’s expressions oscillated from confusion to aggravation and back again during my diatribe. Accompanied by his wife, who seemed amused by my explanation, the man was obviously a true patriot, had worked hard all of his life and lived the American dream.

I surmised he was an elderly gentleman who lived a life of White privilege even if he didn’t know it, and during his lifetime was supportive of some civil rights, as long as they didn’t infringe upon his lifestyle or culture.

While he laughed at some racist jokes told by friends, and still called Black people “Afro-Americans,” he didn’t think he was racist.

But he lived his life as a pragmatist, and was fully aware that Black people tend to be more... well, you know, uncivilized.

It’s not prejudice if it’s a fact, he probably believed. After all, Black people do commit the most crimes, have the most children out of wedlock, and blame White people for being poor and illiterate.

The White guy was probably not too concerned when a Black family moved into his neighborhood 20 years ago, but his eyes opened wider as the area became darker and darker. (Diversity is probably not a word in his vocabulary.)

Now, he was a little more cautious, bought a security system

and accompanies his wife when she takes her daily stroll.

He was also obviously taken aback because I was wearing a Vietnam veteran’s cap, an emblematic representation that I had served this country as only a minority of Americans have.

I could see in his eyes that he viewed my position as being unpatriotic. I should be proud of being an American, of fulfilling the American dream, of pulling myself up by my bootstraps, being an exception to the rule—for Afro-Americans (with a hyphen).

But he didn’t confirm my prejudices and assumptions, instead offering that “tradition” and custom called for my Pan African flag to be positioned lower than the American flag.

On that point, he was right. Tradition and custom did “require” all national flags to be positioned below the U.S. flag. And to be honest, I didn’t think of that “requirement” when I positioned the flag.

I could have explained my flag was physically larger than the American flags, which outnumbered the Pan African flag by a 10 to one ratio, so it would stand out regardless. Or I could have noted my flag represented a “continent” and not a nation, so the rules didn’t apply.

But that would have been a cop out.

The truth is while I did not wish to disrespect the country or tradition, as a descendant of slaves for whom America’s independence day and the constitution represented a dichotomous mockery and grave injustice, my flag exemplified who—and what—I am.

For my ancestors, July 4th represented an abomination and an affront to God Almighty.

Had I been prepared, I would have recited the following from Frederick Douglass, a former slave, whose impassioned speech on July 4, 1851 shook the foundation of this nation, putting it on trial before the world court:

“This Fourth [of] July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn. To drag a man in fetters into the grand illuminated temple of liberty, and call upon him to join you in joyous anthems, were inhuman mockery and sacrilegious irony.

“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. O! had I the ability, and could I reach the na-

tion’s ear, I would, to-day, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. The feeling of the nation must be quickened; the conscience of the nation must be roused; the propriety of the nation must be startled; the hypocrisy of the nation must be exposed; and its crimes against God and man must be proclaimed and denounced.”

But I wasn’t prepared for the White dude’s question, and usually don’t carry Douglass’ speech in my back pocket.

So, because respect for elders was one of the attributes my parents instilled in me, I responded as pleasantly as I could muster offering that my house is a free zone.

It represents a nation within a nation. And at my address, where I pay taxes and a mortgage, I make the rules. (At least when allowed by my wife to do so.)

I smiled as I politely explained I was making an important point about our path to citizenship, and the importance of our establishing a link to the continent from which we were stolen.

By doing so, I was expressing one of the freedoms for which I served in the armed forces. Accordingly, my flag exhibition was an acknowledgement that upon my return from Vietnam to civilian life, I was forced to endure second-class citizenship, discrimination and oppression. That the fact I wasn’t afforded the rights I was willing to give my life for others to enjoy was a sore that has never healed.

As the White couple walked away, I could see them talking softly to each other. The White man had a look of disgust on his face, and when he turned back to look at me and my flag arrangement, I loudly proclaimed, “have a blessed day.”

I was not being sarcastic. I truly wished God’s blessings on him, for He has blessed us—Black, White, Red and Brown—to live in the greatest nation on earth, despite its history of hypocrisy.

I love America, but she was birthed with a handicap. And it would be dishonest of us not to explain to her on her birthday why she limps.

Hotep.

Community Block Grant Funding input

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and positive role in the CDBG funding process and we strongly encourage neighbors to make plans to attend one or both of the public hearings,” Alderman Stamper said.

“This is a great opportunity to improve our community through making funding recommendations for youth achievement and employment, economic development opportunities, neighborhood revitalization, job creation and community engagement,” he said.

The Community and Economic Development Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19 in room 301-B at City Hall to adopt the 2018 Funding Allocation Plan.

Faith Leaders Question Voter Fraud Commission’s Request that States Turn Over Confidential Voter Data

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over itself to stockpile information on Americans, without respect to the burdens their request imposes on state and local officials.

“This latest stunt (attempting to bully, silence and coerce state governments into turning over voter data) is reminiscent of Julius Caesar’s empire,” said LIVE FREE Southeastern Regional Director Phyllis Hill. “In a democracy, there must be equal respect and dignity for all people, endowments granted by The Creator and the Constitution.”

“This sort of meddling in state affairs serves no legitimate interest,” said the Rev. Michael McBride.

“On the contrary, it’s an attempt to undermine democracy. We urge all people of faith and lovers of justice to reject this strategy of voter suppression and stand on the right side of history.”

Community Podium

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clapping resounded like thunder in my head as I stepped to the podium with the mic in my hand. My fear subsided instantly as I felt that familiar discourse engulf my tongue. So, I shared with my audience my vision to create a platform dealing with the lack of diversity in addition to disparities for African Americans and racial profiling.

My lyrics dripped from my lips like honey over piano keys, flowing my prose into the challenges that I faced by beating the statistics and becoming the second woman in the history of Wisconsin to become a state senator.

My head turned from one side to the next, telegraphically making eye contact with the young Black woman in the front row, as well as the Latinas and White women alike.

The lighting was hot causing beads of sweat to form on my brow, I took a sip of cool water and continued to complete my delivery on the challenges of raising my seventeen-year-old son and fighting the system for him and other youth that fall prey to the ills of our community.

I shared my struggles with the budget meeting in Madison and how I am always striving to be a public ser-

vant - giving back through my life journey. I was in a zone. I loosened the collar on my dress and then shared with them what my child told me - “Go mama, and do what you do best, fight for the rights of others.” His words gave me a peace surpassing all understanding. Their ovation showed me that I was changing preconceived notions - too direct; too strong; too brutally honest. My face flushed a golden hue as acceptance of their energy for my truths, my position, and my past - causing a centrifugal motion.

As their applause subsided, I took my finger and wiped a few tears from under my eyes, and in my most brutally honest voice, I stated, “I do not apologize for knowing who I am and for what I want. I am not hostile, just forth-

right. I am Senator Taylor, the around the way girl who detoured the odds and won!”

Rain was pouring hard as I drove away to meet two more women in the community that I had an appointment.

My icy fingers adjusted the radio station and Marvin Sapp serenaded me with, “I never would have made it!” The hair stood up on the back of my neck. The song was confirmation from God that I had been brought out.

A faint resounding whisper escaped from my lips, “Why me lord, why me?” The still small voice echoed His answer between the rhythms of the wiper blades - Favor ain’t fair Lena; favor ain’t fair.



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Bill Maher should've been fired by HBO for "house n-----" comment

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"Friday nights are always my worst night of sleep because I'm up reflecting on the things I shouldn't have said on my live show."

Last night was a particularly long night as I regret the word I used in the banter of a live moment. The word was offensive and I regret saying it and am very sorry."

Presidential Check-In

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their mom didn't name them is heavily weighed and not to mention the lack of experience he has in politics and anything else other than business and old work traditions.

Although we are millennials and we are into technology and the ever-growing cyber world, sending a tweet vs. publically speaking in front of people is not much of a plus either. Nearly 70% feel as if Trump's 'presidential tweeting is inappropriate.' Sometimes it's hard to take anything that's unfamiliar seriously, but how can the commander-in-chief expect the world to take him seriously when twitter fingers are keeping the world updated with every post. According to many polls and surveys that have circulated since the election, if millennials had their way, it would be Hillary in the Oval Office.

Over all, there are many things that presidents just don't do. America needs the type of president who doesn't 'do' the 'don't's'. It is very simple. Yes, millennials are very much non-traditional, but if tradition means bringing back our old leaders who worked very hard to provide an equal world for all to live in, then count me as traditional any day!

--Paishance Welch,
Millennial Magic!

On his show a week later with Dyson as a guest, Maher said this: "A guy made a weird thing and made a bad joke. Every quarterback throws an interception. Comedians are a special kind of monkey." Dyson smiled nervously at the "monkey" remark, and the live audience loudly gasped.

I'm not buying Maher's apologies and explanation and strongly feel that he should have been fired by the popular premium cable TV network. Why? Simply because his outrageous use of the phrase "house n-----" was just the latest in a long line of vulgar and intemperate outbursts on his 10 p.m. weekly HBO show.

For example, he defended a racist comment by ratings king Bill O'Reilly, who has since been fired by Fox News Channel: Commenting on U.S. Rep Maxine Waters (D-CA), O'Reilly said: "I didn't hear a word. I was looking at the James Brown wig." Said Maher: "Why is that racist? Because she's compared to Black people?"

Maher also laughingly made vulgar sexual comments about President Trump and Russian President Putin, including "Trump is Putin's b-----." Discussing Trump and fired FBI director James Comey, he said, "If only Trump had asked Comey to b----- him!"

Even more cringe-worthy, Maher made an off-color joke with an obscene, graphic hand gesture about Trump and his daughter, Ivanka, in a sexual relationship.

In 2015, after saying that One Direction band member Zayn Malik -- a Pakistani -- resembles the half-Chechen terrorist Tsarov brothers, he asked: "Where were you during the Boston Marathon?"

Perhaps Maher's most insensitive comment came just days after the devastating Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States in which more than 3,000 people of all races and colors were killed at the World

Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. To wit:

Referring to Americans as "cowards," Maher said the U.S. had brought on the attacks by "lobbing cruise missiles from 2,000 miles away."

"That's cowardly," Maher added. "{The terrorists} staying in the airplane when it hit the building, say what you want about it, it's not cowardly."

Over the years, the scurrilous Maher has expressed many such tasteless and racist sentiments -- including his unspeakable "house n-----" comment -- to millions on his Friday night premium cable televi-

sion program. And they all add up to just one thing: HBO should have fired him long ago. And they still should.

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