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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

"Why are high school class reunions important?"

"To share memories with old and current friends you knew and



JACKIE SMITH

like (and recalling) 'remember when?...'"

"Reunions are a time of reflection on days past. They offer the opportunity for childhood friendships to be renewed."



JAMES GREEN

"Class reunions are important to do a number of things: A) Maintain the continuity of friendships; B) Reflect on positive growth stories; C) See what your former classmates felt about the alma mater after all these years; D) See how the years have treated you and others; E) See the accomplishments of your beginning education."



CURTISS HARRIS

"Class reunions are important because they give you the opportunity to interact with old classmates and update each other. I love seeing them sharing old times."



ARTHELLA ANDERSON-THOMPSON

California Senator Kamala Harris stumps for Baldwin!



California U.S. Senator Kamala Harris was in Wisconsin recently to campaign for the state's incumbent U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin. The senator and possible Democratic presidential candidate, spoke at a rally for Baldwin. Harris spoke at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St. Also making an appearance on behalf of Baldwin was U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore. Harris was reportedly the fifth Democratic Senate colleague to visit the state in support of Baldwin, who faces a tough reelection bid against a Wisconsin businessman and state senator, both Republicans.



—Photos by Ingrid Laas



Earnell Lucas

Candidate for Milwaukee County Sheriff says collaborations with community stakeholders key to reducing crime and having safe streets

By Thomas E. Mitchell, Jr.

Collaborations with multiple community stakeholders and municipalities in Milwaukee county is the key to reducing crime and making the streets safer according to Earnell Lucas, a candidate for Milwaukee County Sheriff.



Lucas believes strongly he has the qualifications to make the changes he feels will improve the department and promote greater cooperation between the sheriff's department and the county's 19 municipalities, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and numerous organizations dealing with public safety.

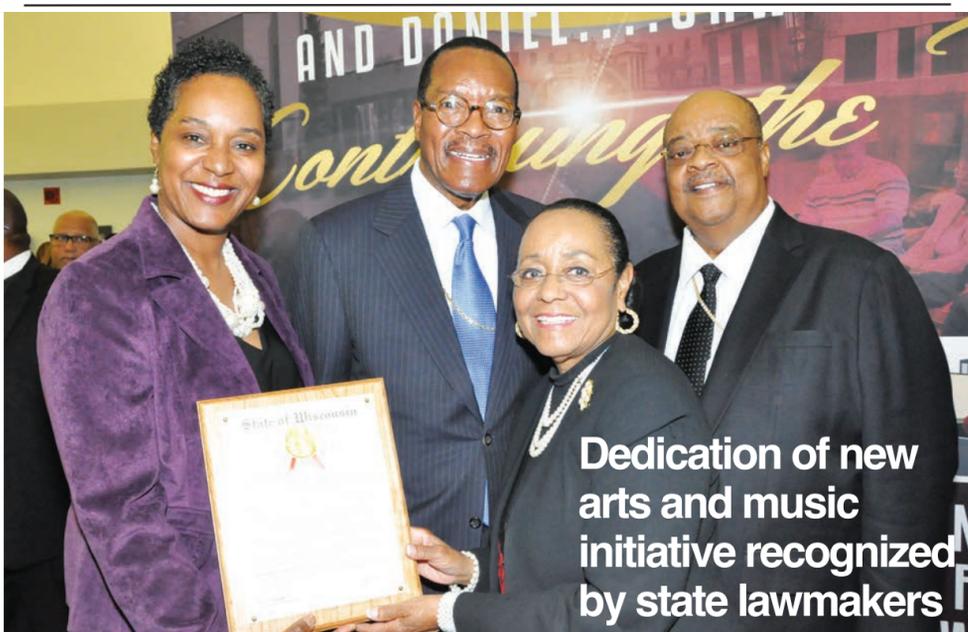
Inspired to become a police officer after an encounter as a young boy with a Milwaukee police officer searching for a robbery suspect, Lucas served 25 years with the MPD rising to the rank of Captain and the department's spokesperson.

After retiring from the department, Lucas spent 16 years working for Major League Baseball as a security supervisor in the commissioner's office. He later became vice president for security and facility management. He was also the chief liaison for security and investigations, responsible for fan safety and internal affairs within Minor League Baseball.

It's these professional experiences, Lucas believes, that makes him more than capable to handle a department of 250 sworn members, with a multi-million dollar budget.

"I feel that my skills, my judgement, and my leadership that I learned from years working with law enforcement professionals in the United States and the world (as an MLB security official) makes me the right choice...and the

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Dedication of new arts and music initiative recognized by state lawmakers

State Sen. Lena Taylor (far left) presented a state proclamation recognizing the creation and dedication of the Institute for the Preservation of African American Music and Arts (IPAMA) and its two campuses during a building and conceptual dedication recently. The campuses are the Martel C. Scott Campus, located at 9100 N. Swan Blvd; and the William J. Tucker Campus, 3200 W. Hampton Ave. Pictured with Taylor are (left to right): Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, chief celebrant for the event; his wife Mae Blake, and Bishop Sedgwick Daniels of Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God In Christ. IPAMA is the educational and cultural initiative of the MKDCC envisioned by Daniels. IPAMA was created to preserve the rich tradition of African American artistic contribution in the performing and visual arts. The goal is to integrate arts into academic environments utilizing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Individuals involved in this endeavor believe with the massive exodus of family and home ownership, along with the closing of Northridge and other businesses, this project will bring culture, education and awareness to help revitalize the community and stabilize the Northwest corridor of the city. —Photo by Yvonne Kemp

AKA Sorority award scholarships to worthy students



Five local students received scholarships totaling \$5,000 during a scholarship reception hosted by the Diamond Jubilee Pearls Foundation of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Inc.'s Upsilon Mu Omega (Milwaukee) Chapter. The students are (left to right behind the sorors): Isaiyah Gordon, Lyric LiNa Carter-Perry, Hawa Shidad, Amina Matthews Hinton, and Taylor Owens. The sorors pictured with the students are (left to right): Susie Canady, co-chair of the scholarship committee, (seated sorors): Brigitte Hyler Richardson, vice-president of Diamond Jubilee Pearls; Berthena Brister, president of Diamond Jubilee Pearls Foundation, and (standing) Shawnee M. Daniels-Sykes, Ph.D, scholarship committee co-chair.

—Photo by Yvonne Kemp

Local producer Everett Marshburn honored with national award

Everett L. Marshburn, one of the most distinctive and creative voices behind Milwaukee PBS' local productions, just received one of the highest honors in his field.

The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) named Marshburn as the recipient of its 2018 Journalist of Distinction Award.

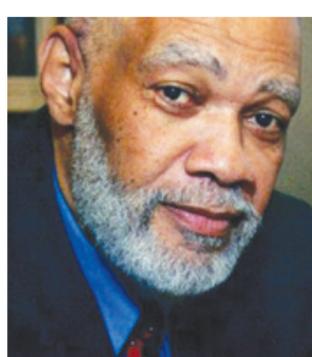
"I am surprised, humbled and delighted. NABJ has been an integral part of my professional career and development and is a major part of my extended family," said Marshburn.

Marshburn is honored with this award for "his ability to shine a light on stories ignored by other media outlets while recruiting, developing and mentoring the next generation of journalists."

For the last 12 years, Marshburn has been the producer of Milwaukee PBS' local series Black Nouveau. Now in its 26th year, Black Nouveau is one of the nation's longest running local weekly series, and serves both Marshburn's and Milwaukee PBS' commitment to producing and broadcasting quality programming with topics of importance to the diverse viewership it serves. Black Nouveau is part of the Milwaukee PBS Presents format, which airs every Thursday at 9:00 p.m. on Milwaukee PBS 10.

"Milwaukee PBS is dedicated to providing a platform and a voice to every-

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Everett Marshburn



Kindergarten: To be or Not to be

Article by Paishance Welch
Ok, so I know you're probably freaking out. Today is the day that your child goes off to Kindergarten. You're worried whether or not your child will interact well with the other kids.

You're not sure if they'll be ok with not being beside you for so many hours straight. The list goes on and on, but there is no need to do so much stressing.

The weeks prior to this one have properly prepared you for this day. You've been active with your toddler since the day they were delivered in your arms.

Everything up until this point was almost like practice. Their social, cognitive and basic comprehension skills have all been tested out all the while at home.

While the transition from home to school can be nerve-wrecking, some children are not always ready to transition into such foreign environment. There have been many cases where children suffered from separation anxiety. Are you one of those parents who isn't sure whether or not your little one is ready for the drastic change?

If so, here is a list to help you make the best decision when enrolling.

Your child is probably ready to start Kindergarten if he or she:

1. Follows simple directions. Maybe you're lucky and your little angel does whatever she's told. But in reality, most children don't behave all the time. It's important, however, that your child can listen to a teacher and com-



plete instructions.

2. Sits still. Your child shouldn't be expected to sit for a three-hour opera, but should remain in one spot long enough to listen to a story and participate in class activities.

3. Uses the restroom. Your child should be able to know when they have to go to the bathroom, and be able to manage it by themselves.

4. Recognizes some letters. Believe it or not, it's OK if your child isn't reading when they start school. But they should recognize some of letters of the alphabet.

5. Works on fine and gross motor skills. Your child should have some practice jumping and running, throwing a ball, and holding a pencil and scissors.

6. Gets along with peers. Ideally, your child knows how to share and take turns, but those are skills that can take a lifetime to master.

7. Handles emotions. It's normal for a five year old to

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Planting Healthy Seeds and Growing Strong Learners

Article by Angie Wilks-Tate

How many parents would frown ever so slightly at the very thought of their young children playing outside in the dirt or better yet taking a splash in a mud puddle after a nice rain fall?

How would you feel to seeing your little ones come bouncing into the house with dirt covered clothes excited to show you their mud pie creations? I am certain some of us would have looks on our faces that would be priceless whether good, bad or indifferent.

So, how can we turn this dirty moment into an enriching lesson. Let's think creatively about how we can take the idea of playtime with dirt to a whole new level.

Take a moment to think about ways you could actively engage your child in a meaningful learning experience using the great outdoors as play time.

Did the idea of "Gardening 101" even cross your mind? Growing a simple and basic vegetable garden can bring a wealth of opportunity for learning while at the same time assist children in developing a greater appreciation of the food we eat and how it makes us our bodies grow healthy and strong.

The process of planting a home-based garden does not have to be overwhelming especially if space around your home is limited. Options for limited ground space include use of a trellis, circular planters or a small linear shadow box.

Your role as a parent is to help your child connect the

dots with how our food is grown and the positive impact of eating fresh foods.

Where do you begin this gardening journey? Start with a trip together to the local library and assist your preschooler or school age child in picking books that focus on planting seeds or growing a small garden. Suggested readings for books on gardening include, "National Geographic Kids Look and Learn: In My Garden", as well as "Eating the Alphabet" or "Growing Vegetable Soup" by Lois Ehlert.

The next step can include a visit to the local outdoor farmer's market. Start the conversation about how farmers grow all their vegetables and bring them to the market to sell so families can take them home to cook. The educational process should continue with walking around the market and identifying the different types of vegetables on display.

The final step is to talk about how you as a family can learn how to grow fresh vegetables and continue to eat healthy right from your own backyard. Remember that even your home garden needs the right nutrients to grow and the type of soil and fertilizer used is equally important.

Visit your home improvement or garden shop for more guidance on which products to purchase for a successful harvest.

The rewards of helping your child plant his or her own garden includes, spending quality family time together, enhanced physical activity, a positive sense of responsibility and an enriching learning experience. 1...2...3 Let's grow!

Angie Wilks-Tate is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). She is the WIC Project Director for the MLK Heritage Health Center, the co-founder of the African American Breastfeeding Network and a 2018 MCJ Honoree for the Year of the Child Project



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Vigil for fallen MPD officer

On Monday, June 12, the community came out for a candle-light vigil in memory of Milwaukee Police Officer Charles Irvine Jr. (inset picture pictured below right). He was 23 years of age. He died in the line of duty in a squad car accident on 76th and Silver-Spring Drive. The candle-light vigil brought out neighbors from all walks of life, all ethnicities, and showed solidarity and unity within the community.—Photo by Kim Robinson



Earnell Lucas

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best choice to become Milwaukee County Sheriff," Lucas said in a recent interview.

Unlike the Milwaukee police department, the County Sheriff's office is not as visible on the streets of the city as it is on the freeways, the county courthouse, the zoo, the park system and the House of Corrections to name a few county entities and responsibilities it has.

Which begs the question: How and why is this branch of law enforcement so important? And can it have an impact on crime reduction and public safety like the MPD does?

Lucas answered by noting during his years with the MPD, he regarded the sheriff's department as the organization that collaborated with the 19 municipalities in the county to help make it a safe place to live and work.

"For years, the sheriff's office and department took that responsibility and adhered to it, and the 19 municipalities responded to it very well. However, what we've seen over the last several years in the (sheriff's) administration there hasn't been the kind of collaboration or cooperation between the municipalities the sheriff's department."

Lucas stressed the need for the sheriff's office to work closely with all 19 municipalities to help keep the county

safe. "I feel the current leadership hasn't been doing that and hasn't done that for the last 10 to 15 years (under the leadership of former Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke).

"It's important that we reestablish that collaboration, that partnership that was so effective in my time in day-to-day law enforcement. We have to reestablish and reassert that leadership the Milwaukee County Sheriff's office once held.

On improving relations between the Sheriff's department and the community, Lucas feels it's important the sheriff's office set an example of being willing to reach across the divides of race, religion, age, or gender. "The sheriff must be willing to work with community groups, community-based organizations on any number of issues that confront our community."

The sheriff's candidate also stressed the need to work with various entities to combat two high-profile problems in the county and nation: opioid addiction and human sex trafficking.

"I want to partner with any organization that wants to try to make Milwaukee County strong and safe. That's the goal and commitment I have as the county's next sher-

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18th ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP OPEN SURPASSES \$2 MILLION IN GIVING AND ANNOUNCES 2018 BENEFICIARIES

Signature Golf Event Tee's Off August 17 at Silver Spring Country Club

Three youth-serving organizations and several community-based, youth-focused initiatives will receive awards from this year's Fellowship Open Golf Event bringing the total number of programs and initiatives to more than 100 and funds awarded to more than \$2 million. Every year, several nonprofit organizations are identified as beneficiaries of the Fellowship Open's fundraising efforts.

For 2018, those organizations are 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc.'s Youth Empowerment Initiative, Signature Dance Company, providing mentorship, performing arts camps, and dance classes for girls and women in the Greater Milwaukee area, and Black Arts MKE, with a new vision and strategy for the restoration of African World Festival.

The Fellowship Open was founded more than 17 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 17 years, the Fellowship Open has con-

tributed more than \$2 million to youth organizations involving more than 100 organizations throughout Wisconsin.

Every year the Fellowship Open recognizes individuals who have had measurable impact on the improvement of lives of people in America with a particular focus on those who have created significant opportunities for the nation's youth.

This year's honorees are Senior Vice President of University Relations at Marian University and former Green Bay Packer Super Bowl Champion Dr. George Koonce, UPS Executive and former NBA Player La Rue Martin, Jr., and Milwaukee Attorney David E. Gruber.

For the 18th consecutive year, the Fellowship Open will raise tens of thousands of dollars to support educational opportunities, personal development, and professional guidance which open paths to successful careers for Milwaukee's youngsters.

"While the measurable results being achieved by youth served through the Fellowship Open are truly amazing, it is the committed corporate and community support for this initiative which continues to drive it's remarkable success," said John W. Daniels, III, President, 2018 Fellowship Open.

"Potential is transitioning into reality, and the organizations and programs supported through the Fellowship Open are already having positive impact on the quality of life and future prosperity for this great city."

Over the previous 17 years, more than 80 local nonprofits have received similar financial support.

In addition to its fundraising activities, the Fellowship Open honors celebrities, professional athletes, corporate business leaders and other role models for their accomplishments as well as for the examples they set for young people.

The annual charity event will take place Friday, August 17, 2018 at Silver Spring Country Club in Menomonee Falls.

As has been the case consecutively for nearly two decades, course number one is already SOLD OUT! Every available slot in the golf tournament will be filled well before event day.

More than 300 golfers will participate from more than 25 states, including celebrities, luminaries and business, civic and sports dignitaries.

For more information, visit www.fellowshipopen.org.

Producer Everett Marshburn honored with NABJ award

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one in our diverse community, and to bring attention to the issues that matter to our viewers," said Bohdan Zachary, General Manager of Milwaukee PBS.

"Everett is essential to that goal -- he is completely committed to tell the stories of the African American community that aren't being told, and need to be. Milwaukee PBS, and its viewers, are lucky to have him and we are delighted he is being recognized by the NABJ."

During his tenure at Milwaukee PBS, Marshburn has also produced several documentaries that highlight the issues, culture, history and challenges affecting African Americans in southeastern Wisconsin. These include "Freedom Walkers for Milwaukee Jobs," "This Little Light of Mine," "Stories from the Homefront" and "Other

Faces of AIDS."

Marshburn has won numerous awards and honors throughout his career, including: four Emmy Awards, two CINE Golden Eagles, a duPont Silver Baton from the Columbia University Journalism School, two Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Awards, a Gracie Allen award, three awards from the National Black Programming Consortium, and more than a dozen NABJ Salute to Excellence awards.

He was the 2014 recipient of the Bayard Rustin Leadership Award from Diverse and Resilient in Milwaukee; the 2012 Black Excellence Award in the field of Media from the Milwaukee Times; and a 2013 Inductee into Maryland Public Television's Alumni Wall of Honor.

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Research Suggests Suicides By Racial and Ethnic Minorities are Undercounted

Article courtesy of Dr. Kimya N. Dennis, The Conversation Published: 09 June 2018. This article comes via The Portland Skanner

As a sociologist and criminologist, I often do community outreach on mental health prevention. I urge organizations and programs to avoid “one size fits all” approaches.

There are many ways that mental health issues can impact individuals, depending upon race and ethnicity, gender identity, sexual identity, religion and more.

But I have found mental health conditions and suicide are often still considered a “White people’s problem.” When I speak with African Americans and non-white Hispanics groups that are often overlooked by the mental health community – I’m often asked why I’m “wasting time” addressing race, ethnicity and other cultural variations.

In some ways, this is not surprising. Whites make up more than 70 percent of the total U.S. population and have the highest rate of suicide relative to population size.

In the African American community, there’s a tendency to label suicide and mental health conditions as “crazy” or evidence that you aren’t praying enough. People in this culture, as well as Hispanic, Asian and American Indian communities, are less likely to acknowledge the possibility of having a health condition or seek mental health services. Or, as some commentators and academics have said, suicide is seen as a “White thing” – “African Americans don’t ‘do’ suicide.”

Unfortunately, despite the existence of culturally specific support systems, many cultures still experience silence and shame around mental health issues. This is reflected in the care that’s provided as well. Based on false assumptions, many health professionals and health services end up, intentionally or unintentionally, catering to predominantly White consumers.

Counting errors

The problem is partly due to data.

Whites have a suicide rate of 18.5 per 100,000 people, leading to the highest total number of suicides for any racial or ethnic group in the U.S. Whites also comprise the majority of membership in suicide prevention organizations and have greater access to resources needed to seek out mental health services.

Meanwhile, African Americans make up about 12 to 13 percent of the U.S. population and are underrepresented in suicide data. Data suggest that African Americans have approximately 6 percent of the recorded rate of suicide com-

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Editor’s Note:
In light of the recent suicides of star chef, author and TV host Anthony Bourdain and celebrity designer Kate Spade, the Community Journal received this article by Dr. Kimya N. Dennis first published on the website “The Conversation,” and then in the Portland Skanner. Dr. Dennis is an associate professor of sociology and criminal studies; and the creator and coordinator of the Criminal studies program at Salem College, located in Winston Salem, NC.

I’m giving serious thought about wearing my Confederate cap to next week’s Juneteenth Day celebration.

In many southern cities that host the “Black liberation holiday,” I would be extremely hesitant to wear the cap, which as many of you know I’ve been strutting around the Metropolitan area wearing for the last month to elicit a response from “Hue-mans” of all different ethnicities.

The fact that I’m still alive speaks volumes about my theory about Black ignorance and White denial. It also provides me with the assumption that I can walk along Martin Luther King Drive on June 19 and feel pretty safe wearing the offensive cap.

But to be truthful, I would prefer fighting my way through the expected 100,000 folks who are expected for the nation’s largest block party to commemorate the day official word reached the last African captive POWs (slaves) about the emancipation proclamation.

Far too many of those “party goers” next week will be in attendance merely to party. They don’t understand the significance of the holiday; its roots or how it is used as a measuring stick to determine how far we’ve come.

In fact, many of them don’t even realize they are still slaves.

Sadly, Juneteenth--to many Millennials--is merely a day to take in the three “B’s”: booze, big butts and ballyhoo.

That’s a dilemma not unique to Milwaukee.

Although Juneteenth is probably one of the most important days in our American sojourn, it is not taught or rarely discussed in the public (and most private) schools, even though we make up the overwhelming majority of the local school population.

Moreover, as far as I can ascertain, most Black parents don’t sit down with their children to discuss the commemoration, or our history surviving the worse form of slavery known to mankind.

Apparently, many are ignorant themselves, or subscribe to the Snoop Doggy Dud sentiment of absurd stupidity about disconnecting ourselves from our sojourn, because he doesn’t want to be reminded of our enslavement.

To “Snoopy Dud,” we should forget the road traveled and our encounter with American apartheid and, instead, accept our new status as what he proudly refers to as “niggers” and “bitches,” gangsters (original or wannabe), THOTs and terrorists. (I’m merely quoting him; you know I detest those adjectives.)

To “the Dud” and other “mentors” like “Con-y’all” West, instead of celebrating Juneteenth as an important point in our history, let’s fill King Drive with Neckbones with greasy lips from BBQ sauce and ears filled with self-denigrating rap.

Sad, sad, sad.

That Juneteenth has become for far too many people (hopefully not you) a street party without a cultural platform is an indictment of epic proportions, and explains why 70% of our households are headed by women, and why half our children can’t read.

Maybe by total coincidence—or maybe by divine intervention (don’t laugh)—I was scanning through old documents last weekend and ran into my notes from a visit I made to San Antonio Texas nearly 30 years ago to meet with the Juneteenth Day committee there. African American journalists from around the Diaspora were summoned to the city to preview that year’s commemoration and to discuss how to strengthen the remembrance nationally.

The location was significant because it was on June 19, 1865 when federal troops gave word to Black slaves/POWs in Southern Texas of the emancipation proclamation, a document drafted by President Abraham Lincoln on September 22, 1862 but didn’t take effect until New Year’s day 1863, freeing all slaves in the (so-called) Confederate States of America.

Although it was not discussed at our conference, Lincoln was not the first to issue the freedom papers, nor did it have the legal standing we have been led to believe. In fact, the proclamation didn’t outlaw slavery, and it didn’t free the million slaves in the north.

Actually, one of the president’s generals, John Fremont, had issued the proclamation the year before, but Lincoln rescinded it, falsely believing it could be an impediment to “peace talks” with the south among other assumptions.

Lincoln, who we were falsely taught was the great emancipator and loooooovvvvvvveeee the po’ old darkies, was actually a racist (he felt Africans were inferior, but nonetheless “creatures” of Nyame).

And his “emancipation document” was a military strategy to undermine the south by the emancipation of four to six million slaves.

Indeed, his proclamation only “freed” slaves in the south, and did not impact the 800,000 being held in cruel bondage in the north. In fact, the proclamation didn’t carry the weight of law, and would not have withstood Supreme Court scrutiny because the U.S. could only mandate the release of prisoners of foreign nations, and the essence of the civil war was that the Confederacy was in fact illegal—the states did not make up a “new foreign nation”.

If that’s confusing to you, pick up a history book. But make sure it’s not a “HIS-story” manuscript.

In any event, on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, TX and issued General Order Number 3, which declared, “in accordance with a proclamation from the (president), all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former master and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor”.

Granger’s proclamation echoed throughout the state and kicked off what has since been called Jubilee, or Juneteenth Day, the Black Independence Day, the “Black Fourth of July”, (which is an appropriate designation since the celebration initiated in 1776 did not include Africans, Indians or Hispanics born on this continent).

On Juneteenth 1865, “slaves” dropped down their tools, stared their “owners” in the eye, and in some cases kicked butt.

They were finally free (at least on paper). Their prayers were finally answered; their hopes for peaceful coexistence, if not integration, were answered...or so they falsely believed.

The 13th Amendment officially ended slavery, and gave us legal—if not moral—standing. Although in subsequent years, Uncle Sam gave way to his cousin Jim Crow, we were legally citizens and thus empowered to fight for the rights some of us have yet to receive.

But, unfortunately, Juneteenth become too much like the Fourth of July, or

Memorial Day or even Christmas—a day to party, or a day off work with no real meaning of its substance.

In many states, the politics, culture and intrinsic foundation of Juneteenth has been taken out of the holiday.

Yes, we should celebrate, but also commemorate. Juneteenth should enrich, rejuvenate and in some sense, take on a spiritual meaning, and a bonding of brothers (and sisters).

Unfortunately, it is not a catalyst, and the second paragraph of Granger’s declaration has been lost in translation and time.

(You should read—to yourself and your children—the second paragraph of his statement, and Frederick Douglass’s speech on the Fourth of July. They are equally profound.)

During that San Antonio trip almost three decades ago, Texas State Rep. Al Edwards said to the gathering of Black journalists he recognized the deficits and sought to correct the problem by making Juneteenth a vehicle for cultural empowerment.

Edwards introduced legislation to make Juneteenth a state holiday.

But his efforts were not merely symbolic, there was an agenda behind his campaign that transcended the paper and politics.

At a breakfast for the Black Press, Rep. Edwards explained the rationale for his legislation.

“We view this as an important educational tool, it’s an important vehicle



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By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt

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for debriefing,” he said.

“Juneteenth can be a vehicle to bring us together. When you’re emancipated, you don’t do drugs, you don’t get girls pregnant, or commit crimes against your brethren. A free people act like free people.”

Not surprisingly (to us who fought for issues of Black empowerment in Wisconsin), Edwards found himself fighting liberals and conservatives alike to see his legislation enacted. Nonetheless he pressed on, stressing that it was his hope the legislation would spark dialogue among the races and political parties about the remnants of slavery, the PTSD many of us continue to suffer from, as well as an assessment of where we came from and how far we must go.

“I want Juneteenth to be more than a day to party. I want us to take our emancipation seriously,” he said to the echoes of amen from the cultural congregation.

“Slavery, and what happened afterward, needs to be written about and discussed openly to understand where we are.

“But we also need to address the fact that while many of our people are not physically wearing shackles, they still have slave mentalities.

“If you don’t do business with your brother because you think he’s inferior or less professional, if you call each other names, if you would rather be White and see everything

Black as negative, then the mental shackles are still on you,” the Black state legislator declared.

Edwards was right. And his comments should plant a seed in Black Wisconsinites who understand the importance of the battle waged for Black America’s self-interests.

Edwards also validated my premise introduced in last week’s column on the importance of Black Nationalism and an Africentric cultural foundation.

True, Wisconsin wasn’t a slave state. But most Black residents have roots in states that were. More importantly, the shadow of slavery covers all of America and the cancer of racism, germinated 450 years ago, bears fruit today in Milwaukee, where the disparities between the ethnicities are too obvious and too vast to be coincidental.

Edward’s legislation could be duplicated here and thus could assist the local coordinators led by Mac Weddle, breathe culture and politics into the celebration.

Equally important, legislation brought by our Black lawmakers could and should mandate that Juneteenth be taught as a serious history lesson, instead of a trivia point.

Juneteenth holds the possibility of being much more than a celebration. The seeds of Black empowerment within its creation. We need to germinate them through education and cultural fertilizer.

And we should use this holiday (holy-day) to address the other elephant in the room: We are still enslaved by attitudes and injustices, and our own actions and inactions as African Americans; our lack of a cultural identity and a spiritual foundation.

You have to have the power to do what Abe Lincoln supposedly sought to do 135 years ago...move on down the road to true emancipation and equality; to remove the shackles of ignorance and self-degradation.

Keep those goals in mind as you enjoy yourself at this year’s Juneteenth celebration. Make it more than a party. And please get upset when I walk by with my confederate hat on.

Hotep.

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

In the matter of the name change of: KEYAIRA RUSHAY BUFORD MERCHANT
 By (Petitioner) KEYAIRA RUSHAY BUFORD MERCHANT
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: KEYAIRA RUSHAY BUFORD MERCHANT To: KEYAIRA RUSHAY MCCRANEY
 Birth Certificate: KEYAIRA RUSHAY BUFORD MERCHANT
 IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
 ROOM 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: JULY 23, 2018 TIME: 10:45 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 6-7-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-158/6-15-22-29-2018

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

In the matter of the name change of: JASMINE MARIE RIVERA
 By (Petitioner) ROSE MARIE TAPIA and By (Co-Petitioner) JASMINE MARIE RIVERA
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: JASMINE MARIE RIVERA To: JAYSON PRINCE RIVERA
 Birth Certificate: JASMINE MARIE RIVERA
 IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. DAVID L. BOROWSKI
 ROOM 206 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: JULY 11, 2018 TIME: 2:30 PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 6-7-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. DAVID L. BOROWSKI
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-157/6-15-22-29-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV004832

In the matter of the name change of: ZAWEL VAN BIK
 By (Petitioner) ZU CUNG LING and By (Co-Petitioner) THA HNEM
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: ZAWEL VAN BIK To: JOEL VANBIK LING
 Birth Certificate: ZAWEL VAN BIK
 IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
 ROOM 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: JULY 24, 2018 TIME: 8:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 6-7-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-155/6-8-15-22-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV004728

In the matter of the name change of: YOON JIN PARK
 By (Petitioner) YOON JIN PARK
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: YOON JIN PARK To: SARAH YOONJIN PARK
 Birth Certificate: YOON JIN PARK
 IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
 ROOM 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: JULY 19, 2018 TIME: 2:30 PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 6-5-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-154/6-8-15-22-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE-40101
Case No. 18FA001394

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

Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St., Room 104, Milwaukee WI 53233 and to LAVONYA L. SIMS 4843 N 70TH ST MILWAUKEE, WI 53218
 It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.
 A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment:
 If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.
 You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105, Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.
 (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 278-5362 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE: 6-6-2018
 BY: LAVONYA L. SIMS
 018-153/6-1-8-15-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV004704

In the matter of the name change of: LAVAR ELBERT
 By (Petitioner) LAVAR ELBERT
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: LAVAR ELBERT To: LAVAR MATTHEWS
 Birth Certificate: LAVAR ELBERT
 IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN
 ROOM 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: JULY 9, 2018 TIME: 9:45 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: 6-4-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-152/6-8-15-22-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV004603

In the matter of the name change of: ALLISON NICOLE BUIE
 By (Petitioner) ALLISON NICOLE BUIE
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: ALLISON NICOLE BUIE To: THEODORE DOMINIK LOCKWOOD
 Birth Certificate: ALLISON NICOLE BUIE
 IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
 ROOM 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: AUGUST 13, 2018 TIME: 11:30 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: 5-31-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-151/6-8-15-22-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV004591

In the matter of the name change of: RONALD D. JAMES RATCLIFF JR.
 By (Petitioner) RONALD D. JAMES RATCLIFF JR.
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: RONALD D. JAMES RATCLIFF JR. To: PRINCE D. IKECHI
 Birth Certificate: RONALD D. JAMES RATCLIFF JR.
 IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 5-31-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-151/6-8-15-22-2018

Birth Certificate: RONALD D. JAMES RATCLIFF JR.
 IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN
 ROOM 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: JULY 12, 2018 TIME: 9:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 5-31-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-150/6-8-15-22-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE-40101
Case No. 18FA002178

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

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

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at:
 Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St., Room 104, Milwaukee WI 53233 and to DONTE JORDAN 8236 W LISBON AVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53222.

It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.
 If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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

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

If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.
 You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105, Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(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:

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

pate 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: 5-30-2018
 By: DONTE JORDAN
 018-149/6-1-8-15-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV004080

In the matter of the name change of: KENNEDY JANAE HARRIS
 By (Petitioner) DIONNA NIKEL RICHMOND
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: KENNEDY JANAE HARRIS To: KENNEDY JANAE RICHMOND
 Birth Certificate: KENNEDY JANAE HARRIS
 IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. ELLEN BROSTROM
 ROOM 413 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: JUNE 19, 2018 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: 5-14-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. ELLEN BROSTROM
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-148/6-1-8-15-2018

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV004491

In the matter of the name change of: KHYELL NEIL JACKSON
 By (Petitioner) JESSICA JANET STEINBRING
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: KHYELL NEIL JACKSON To: KHYELL NEIL STEINBRING
 Birth Certificate: KHYELL NEIL JACKSON
 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 24, 2018 TIME: 8:30 AM
 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 5-29-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. CLARE L. FIORENZA
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-147/6-1-8-15-2018

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: 5-15-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-145/6-1-8-15-2018

Dated: 5-29-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. CLARE L. FIORENZA
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-147/6-1-8-15-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV004502

In the matter of the name change of: EDEN ELIZABETH BLASING
 By (Petitioner) AMANDA JEAN BERNDSEN and By (Co-Petitioner) GARY MICHEAL BERNDSEN
 NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: EDEN ELIZABETH BLASING To: EDEN ELIZABETH BERNDSEN
 Birth Certificate: EDEN ELIZABETH BLASING

IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. STEPHANIE ROTHSTEIN
 ROOM 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: JULY 9, 2018 TIME: 9:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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 Dated: 5-29-18
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. STEPHANIE ROTHSTEIN
 Circuit Court Judge
 018-146/6-1-8-15-2018

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CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 18CV004149

In the matter of the name change of: ROMERO RUIZ RAMIREZ
 By (Petitioner) GAUDENCIO RUIZ-RAMIREZ
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 Birth Certificate: ROMERO RUIZ RAMIREZ

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 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
 ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
 DATE: JUNE 27, 2018 TIME: 11:00 AM

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Earnell Lucas

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iff.”
 To do that, Lucas will depend on his ability to develop strong relationships with individuals and groups. He noted his tenure as the MPD’s public information officer under former Chief Arthur Jones, that department’s first Black police chief. “I had to keep the community advised and apprised of the activities of its police officers.”

Lucas also demonstrated his ability to connect with residents as captain of the Third District on the city’s west side, an area with a population of roughly 120,000 which encompassed the Marquette Area, Metcalf Park and Washington Heights.

“We had affluent areas and economically challenged areas in the district,” Lucas recalled. “It was my responsibility as the commanding officer in the district to bring all those groups together, to work on problems, to make everyone understand we can’t do this without working together.”

“We worked collaboratively and did an outstanding job reducing crime and getting people out of their neighborhoods and working all across the district to improve safety and make our community strong. It’s the type of collaboration and work that is necessary and needed here in Milwaukee county.”

Realizing the budget constraints the sheriff’s department is currently under do to a \$70 million budget “hole” and costly lawsuits, Lucas he would first look at staffing issues and create staffing that is fair not only to the workers in the department, but also establishes balanced budgets that addresses the needs of the service without expending a great deal of overtime.

He would also look at ways to eliminate waste and mismanagement. “Are we addressing our core functions and not doing missions that are not the core value of the Sheriff’s office,” Lucas asked rhetorically. Lucas said he would also explore ways of creating new revenue streams for the department.

Lucas also touched on improving the attitudes and atmosphere within the department and among sheriff’s deputies, some of who were critical of Clarke’s management and command style.

“If we’re going to exact the highest level of service from our public servants and elected officials, they too must be treated with dignity and respect. If they’re not treated with dignity and respect, you can expect the level of service to fall off.”

“I’m going to have a relationship with the deputies and the Deputies Association, with the correctional officers and their bargaining units, and any and everyone who works under the employ of the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s office. I’m going to ensure that we set high standards and that we all live up to those high standards.”

Though the Sheriff’s department doesn’t have the type of day-to-day impact on crime and crime reduction the city’s police department has, Lucas stressed the Sheriff’s department has, can and will—under his leadership—make an impact by using the technology that is available to law enforcement, as well as partner with federal and state law enforcement agencies and provide information from them to the 19 municipalities in the county so they can impact crime in their communities.

Lucas said the Sheriff’s department must restore the trust that has been lost during the Clarke administration. “Reaching out to the community, working with the community helping solve some of its problems of human sex trafficking, the opioid addition crisis, the hopelessness.”

“I feel if a young boy or girl can look at me and say: ‘He went from being from the Hillside housing project, a product of the Milwaukee Public School system, went on to become a commanding officer in the police department, and went on to oversee security in Major League Baseball, maybe I too can aspire to do the very same thing.’ I want to be the next Milwaukee County sheriff so I can inspire some hope in some young people who can, like me, aspire to do the best and be the very best.”

Research Suggests Suicides By Racial and Ethnic Minorities are Undercounted

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pared to whites. But this data is likely incomplete – thanks to deaths that have been misclassified.

African American, Hispanic and American Indian suicides have historically been more misclassified than White suicide – and still are to this day. No one knows which specific deaths have been misclassified.

However, researchers believe that these errors can be largely attributed to either the coroner’s misclassification of cause of death as homicide or undetermined or the family’s desire not to record the accurate cause of death. That leaves data at the local, state and national level incomplete.

Over the last 40 years, there has been slight decline in the number of suicides misclassified as undetermined or unintentional, although this trend varies by demographics and cultures.

There’s no clear reason why the cause of death is becoming more accurately classified. Possible causes include more research on misclassification; better record keeping by law enforcement and coroners; and family awareness of cause of death.

Failing to seek help

Societal attitudes towards African American men may also partly explain why suicide data is incomplete.

When criminologists talk about violence, we often focus on how demographic factors such as race and ethnicity, socioeconomic status and gender apply to outward violence, or violence toward other people. But I believe that we should also talk about how these factors influence inward violence, or violence toward oneself.

The number one recorded cause of death for African American males between the ages of 15 and 34 is homicide.

But are these deaths often characterized by law enforcement, coroners and family as accidental or homicidal when, in fact, the individual wanted or expected to die?

African American masculinity is arguably more confined than white masculinity. African-American boys and men are even more likely to be labeled “weak” and “not a real man” when in need of help. In the “code of the street” described by sociologist Elijah Anderson, African American boys and men must learn to hide weakness and appear strong and resilient.

Society tends to view African American men as heteromale, unemotional and aggressive. As boys and as men, they are taught to never admit mental or physical pain.

Research shows that some African American boys and men do not expect



Dr. Kimya N. Dennis

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- Veterans Crisis Line (link is external) - 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)**
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to live long. They grow accustomed to hiding their feelings, expressing negative emotions through violence. This can lead them to enter harmful, dangerous environments with the anticipation that it could lead to death.

Expanding our definition

The false sense that “suicide is a White people thing” has created and perpetuated a problematic cycle.

Suicide and suicidal self-harm among American Indians and Alaskan Natives is an example of this.

In 2015, American Indians and Alaskan Natives had the highest suicide rate of any race or ethnicity: 21.39 suicides per 100,000 people, while representing approximately 3 percent of the total U.S. population.

American Indians and Alaskan Natives tend to suffer from feelings of alienation and have less access to health services. This contributes to alcoholism and opioid addiction, as well as suicide and suicidal self-harm.

Cultural factors mean American Indians and Alaskan natives are less likely to recognize health issues and seek health services. In turn, the majority of health services are not designed for this minority group or any minority group.

There are mental health organizations and programs specifically designed to reach underserved groups. But all mental health and suicide organizations need to capture these cultural differences in their services.

Race and ethnicity – and other demographic and cultural factors – are often seen as merely a subplot, reserved for special occasions or particular times of the year, such as Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. As these identities are so important in shaping our beliefs and experiences, I believe that they cannot be left as merely a side topic for one or two days out of the year.

Schools and programs that train mental health professionals should rethink their courses. Mainstream mental health and suicide prevention organizations should rethink their delivery of care.

Conduct annual assessments of the demographics represented at all events. Find practical ways to use funding and resources to reach demographically and culturally diverse populations.

It’s important to challenge mainstream organizations that provide health services, rather than just creating organizations and programs focused on minorities.

This is a form of segregation. Health segregation allows mainstream health organizations to pretend health is culturally neutral and that services are “one size fits all.” I believe it’s important to change the structure of mainstream health organizations so we can reach all cultures and communities.

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Council members call for transparency and accountability by MPD after more of Brown video released

Article compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff



Brown

The recent release of additional bodycam footage from the Sterling Brown incident has prompted 10 Common Council members to call for a full audit by the Fire and Police Commission of what occurred.

"The footage provides yet another glimpse into the activities and comments of some of the police officers involved," read the statement, signed by 10 of the --- council members. Councilmen who didn't sign the statement were Aldermen Bob Donovan, Mark Borkowski, Terry Witkowski, and Tony Zielinski.

"It is concerning and unacceptable that these clips and others were not included as part of the initial bodycam footage shared with the Common Council members over two months ago and the public recently," the statement continued.

Brown, a player with the Milwaukee Bucks, was tased and arrested in January after parking across two handicapped parking spots in the parking lot of a Northside Walgreens. Brown was not charged.

There was an outcry from the community and elected officials after the release of the initial video footage. The MPD conducted an investigation into the incident and found the officers acted inappropriately. The officers were disciplined.

In the additional footage obtained by CBS 58 News from what they called a "different source," shows Brown being loaded into an ambulance. It also shows that after Brown is brought to the ground and tased, an officer steps on Brown's ankle. That's when a different officer realizes who he is.

Later in the footage, police talk about the potential repercussions of their actions. "Because he plays for the Bucks and if he makes a (expletive) compliant, it's going to be a (expletive) media firestorm and then any

EDITOR'S NOTE: The front page article in the Community Journal (dated June 6, 2018) on Sterling Brown was not continued on page three as promised. We are printing the article here, in its entirety. We apologize to our loyal readers for the inconvenience.

little (expletive) thing that goes wrong is going to be 'Ooh, The Milwaukee Police Department is all racist...blah blah blah.'"

In response to the additional footage and what MPD officer said, the ACLU of Wisconsin, in a statement, said the new video is "further proof that the culture and conduct of the Milwaukee Police Department toward people of color and their concerns need to change."

In addition to the audit, the Council members also asked the Commission to share the results of the audit with the public, and that a file specific to the Brown incident include all bodycam footage, communication and reports associated with the event.

The Council said it has been assured by MPD that a plan would be put forth to make improvements in handling similar encounters between citizens and police.

"We are anxiously awaiting the de-

Kindergarten

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break down in tears when she's upset. But, it's important that she knows her feelings, and has coping strategies.

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—(Dr. Kyle Snow, director of the Center of Applied Research at the National Association for the Education of Young Children.)

tails of this plan and urge MPD to be transparent with the public in its approach," the statement read.

"At the same time, it is our continued commitment that there be complete transparency around this issue along with swift and appropriate action to all those involved who violated MPD policies and procedures.

"We remain steadfast and are ready to work with the community, Fire & Police Commission and MPD toward necessary change."

Milwaukee Police Chief Alfonso Morales said, in a statement, all raw video footage from all body-worn cameras of the Brown incident was reportedly released to his attorneys last week.

He added the MPD's investigation into the incident was internally generated after supervisors within the department reportedly brought it to the attention of the executive command staff.

Morales added additional videos and other documents related to the investigation will be given to those who have filed public records requests, but only after the statutory requirements have been reached.



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