



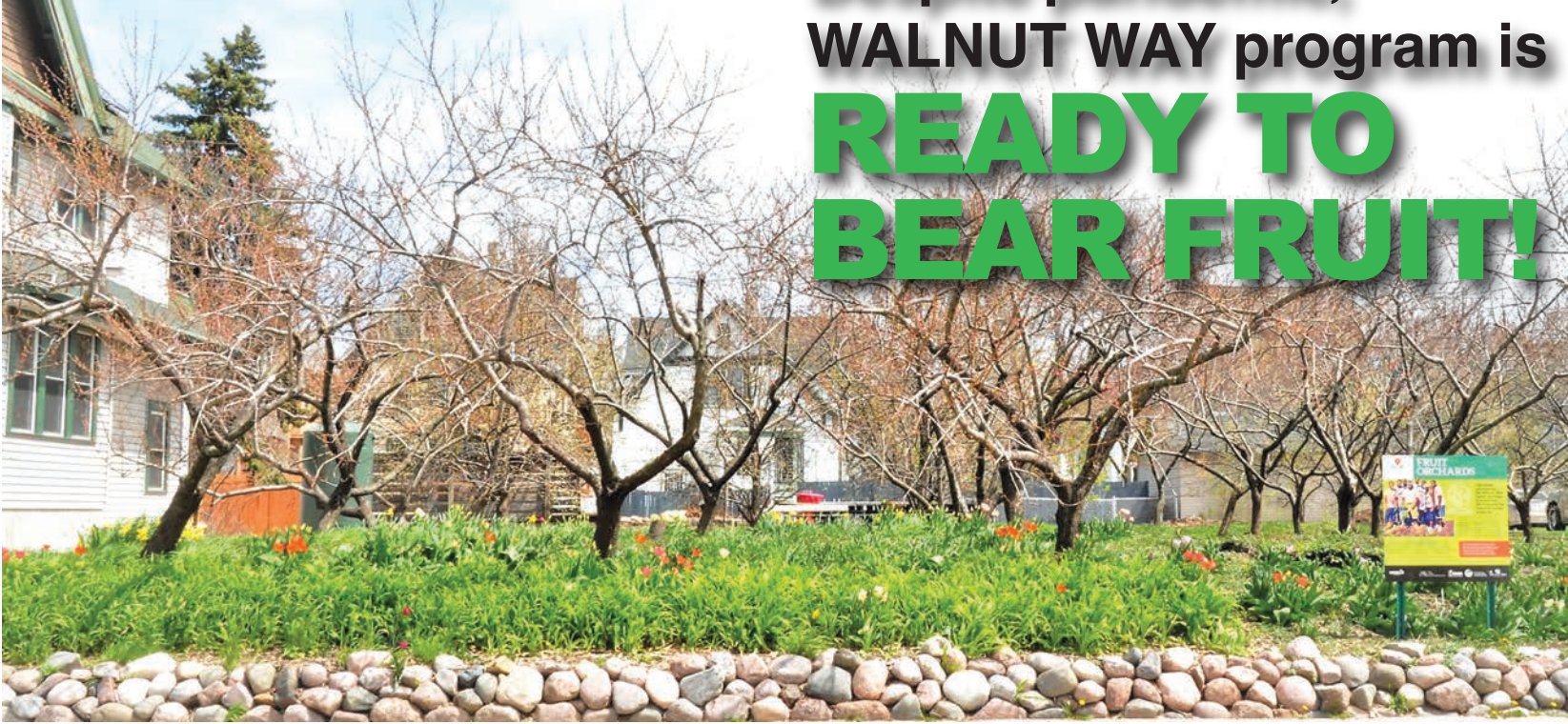
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COPING WITH COVID-19



A row of peach trees line the garden next door to the Walnut Way Center, located at 2240 N. 17th Street.

They are just some of the 150 fruit trees that surround the blocks of the center that now occupies once vacant properties. Walnut Way is offering a summer youth program where teens will learn to take care of the trees and other plants and vegetables.

Called the 'Growing Youth Leadership Program for Youth,' this nine week (June 6 thru August 8) program unites the education and skill development of local youth with the values of the community's elders—coupled with community space—with the goal of producing and sharing locally grown food and supporting community health.

The program employs teen interns who are interested in gardening, agriculture, biology, arts and other similar fields. There are also openings for Walnut Way's Blue Skies Landscaping Program (for adults), as well as clerical/administrative positions. Walnut Way Conservation Corp. (Walnut Way) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit neighborhood organization founded by residents in 2000. The center is a restored early 20th century house that had been slated for demolition.

It now serves as an active center where youth, families, elders, homeowners and renters participate in community development. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp

Despite pandemic, WALNUT WAY program is **READY TO BEAR FRUIT!**



(Photo above) stately peach trees line the garden next to the headquarters of Walnut Way. Members of Walnut Way's Blue Skies Landscaping Program (this photo) doing some spring cleaning around the properties owned by the organization, which is housed (below) in a restored early 20th century house that was a boarded-up drug house once slated for demolition.



Practicing social distancing, Appeals Court Judge Joe Donald swore in new Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley in front of his home as family, friends, and neighbors looked on. — Photo courtesy of CBSChannel 58

Straight Into The Fire!

New MKE Cnty Exec David Crowley takes office in midst of COVID-19 pandemic

Compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

Like his predecessor Chris Abele, new Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley said he won't bow to growing pressure to reopen businesses until the threat of COVID-19 is under control.

Just hours after he was sworn into office in front of his North side home before a small group of family, friends and neighbors earlier in the week, Crowley said the county will continue to have businesses closed.

"But it's extremely important that when we look at reopening our economy that you have government, you have business, as well as our public health officials and medical providers at the table to see what that looks like, Crowley said.

The new county executive made his comments during what might undoubtedly have been his first official act in office: attending the daily teleconference held by county and city of Milwaukee leaders.

There has been a push in some states—with the encouragement of President Donald Trump—to reopen businesses in the middle of the nation-wide COVID-19 pandemic.

Wisconsin's Gov. Tony Evers isn't among the dissidents, and has rejected appeals from a small fringe group of state residents led by Republican lawmakers to end the stay at home moratorium. If there was speculation as to what direction Crowley would advocate now that he is county executive, he immediately erased those doubts when he declared businesses will remain closed.

"We want to continue to flatten this curve," Crowley continued. "But we have to continue to focus on social distancing."

Crowley also wants to keep a focus on the areas being hit hardest by the pandemic. "We have to continue to talk about the racial disparities and health outcomes that we generally see," he said.

Taking over a new job is never easy, and is unimaginable in the middle of a global crisis, but Crowley says he has a clear blueprint to follow.

"We want to make sure we have one message for everybody, no matter

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MUHAMMAD SABIR

Warrior, teacher, mentor, friend



Muhammad Sabir

If true greatness is determined by a person's positive impact on others, Milwaukee lost one of its most exceptional citizens, Friday, with the death of Muhammad Sabir.

SIGNIFYIN'

By Mikel Kwaku Osei Holt



An educator, civil servant, and spiritual leader, Sabir was probably best known as the city's premier martial arts instructor, operating the largest school serving African Americans.

But that latter profile speaks only of the platform he used to impact lives.

In his pioneering capacity, Sabir impacted thousands of central city children providing not just lessons in self-defense, but life.

As such, he was an inimitable mentor to scores of African American children during a 40-plus year tenure, taking several generations through a process that would best be described as a rite of passage.

Sabir mentored his students about personal discipline,

civic responsibility and leadership, while opening their eyes to a world many didn't know existed.

An avid traveler and student of subjects ranging from religion to physics, Sabir took his students on vicarious journeys to countries he visited, including Japan, Saudi Arabia, France, India, and Spain.

And for poor children, many of whom had never ventured beyond the central city, the pictures he painted sparked both curiosity and a determination to someday explore those foreign places.

In a heart wrenching "obituary" written by his wife Akua four months before his death, she noted his name (in Arabic) appropriately means 'praiseworthy/extreme patience, qualities his students could attest to.

And my proposition that Sabir impacted thousands is not an exaggeration.

Within hours of my posting his passing on social media Saturday, I received over 300 responses. Most of the condolences carried a similar refrain about the scores of children, and adults, he impacted over the decades.

That sentiment was echoed Monday morning during his internment services at Wisconsin Memorial.

In addition to his Muslim brothers and sisters, many in attendance were former students, including several prominent community leaders.

Master Griot Teju Ologboni was among them and shared reflections about his life journey with the man he respectfully referred to as Sensei (teacher).

The fact so many people risked their personal safety to bid farewell to Sabir during a world-wide COVID-19 pandemic spoke volumes about their love and respect for Sabir, Teju said proudly.

Because of the pandemic, the participants were not allowed to embrace each other and were instead required to stand six feet apart, surrounding the burial site. Many observed from their cars, following a protocol of silent prayers.

Teju was among a dozen "black belts" in attendance—including my two youngest sons, Mykel and Adrian. Almost all of them have volunteered as instructors at Sabir's Karate and Fitness after achieving their advanced ranks, teaching and mentoring several genera-

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COMMUNITY2GETHER! YES! They're OPEN for BUSINESS

Here are four popular businesses in YOUR community that are still “up and running” for the benefit of Black consumers and their need to get some air! —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



Mr. Perkins Family Restaurant
2001 West Atkinson Ave.
(414) 447-6660



Greens & Things Restaurant
8614 N. 107th Street
(414) 716-5295



Reed's Furniture & Appliances
4909 W. Center Street
(414) 449-1955



Walnut Way Conservation Corp.
2240 N. 17th Street
(414) 264-2326

Break from School Does Not Mean Break from Learning at Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy

Staff Mobilize to Ensure Scholar Learning Continues

When it was announced on March 13 that Wisconsin schools would close, Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy took swift and extraordinary actions to ensure scholars continue to learn, stay engaged in school traditions and remain connected to their teachers, peers and mentors.

Administrators contacted all parents to notify them about the emergency closure and the provisions made to emphasize that a break from school does not mean a break from learning.

By March 23 scholars were being taught remotely because the scholars – as they are called – already had access to Chromebooks with personalized assignments on them.

The charter school also partnered families with Spectrum Cable to provide scholars' homes with 60 days of free Internet service where they could access digital tools (website, Facebook and videos) to communicate.

“It is important that we remain engaged with our 300 scholars and to remind them that we take our motto ‘to nurture scholars to and through college’ very seriously,” said Judith Parker, principal.

“We are using every means of communication – video, text, chat, social media – to ensure learning continues, and continuing traditions such as student shout-outs.

“I am proud how our teachers and counselors are continuing office hours to connect with students.”

Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy's motto is to nurture scholars capable of transforming the world, by sending them to and through college.

This year makes the eight consecutive year 100% of the seniors have received post-secondary offers, with the 2020 graduating class garnering a record-breaking \$3.5 million in scholarships!

Decision Day – the day seniors announce their post-



Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy
– Founded in 2004 –

secondary plans – was much different for this class, so many of the seniors created a video using TikTok's “Don't Rush” challenge to celebrate and reveal their decisions on YouTube and Facebook.

School administration took many other actions to connect with families and engage teachers, including:

- Contacting Scholars: Mentoring is an important piece of our school

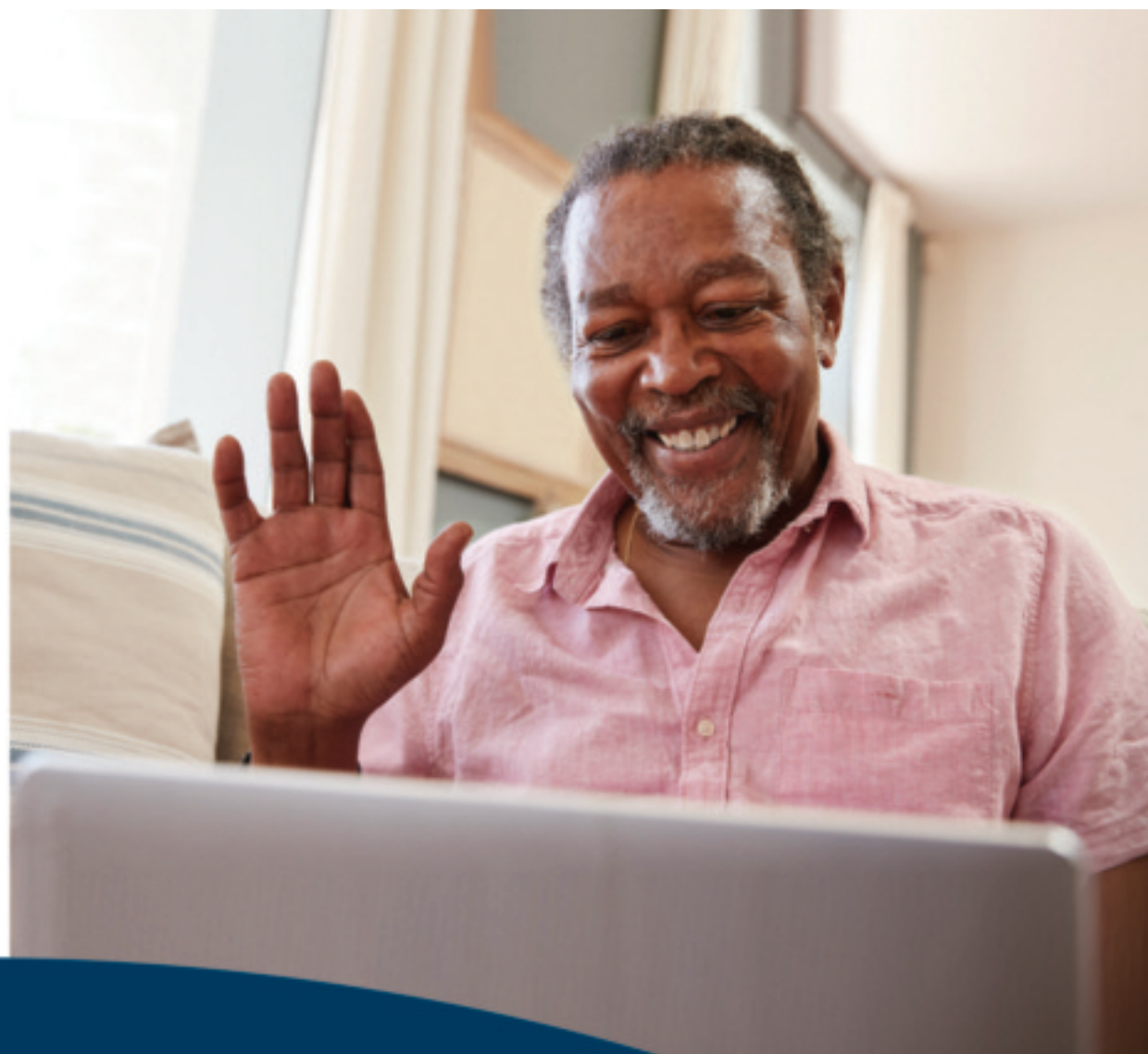
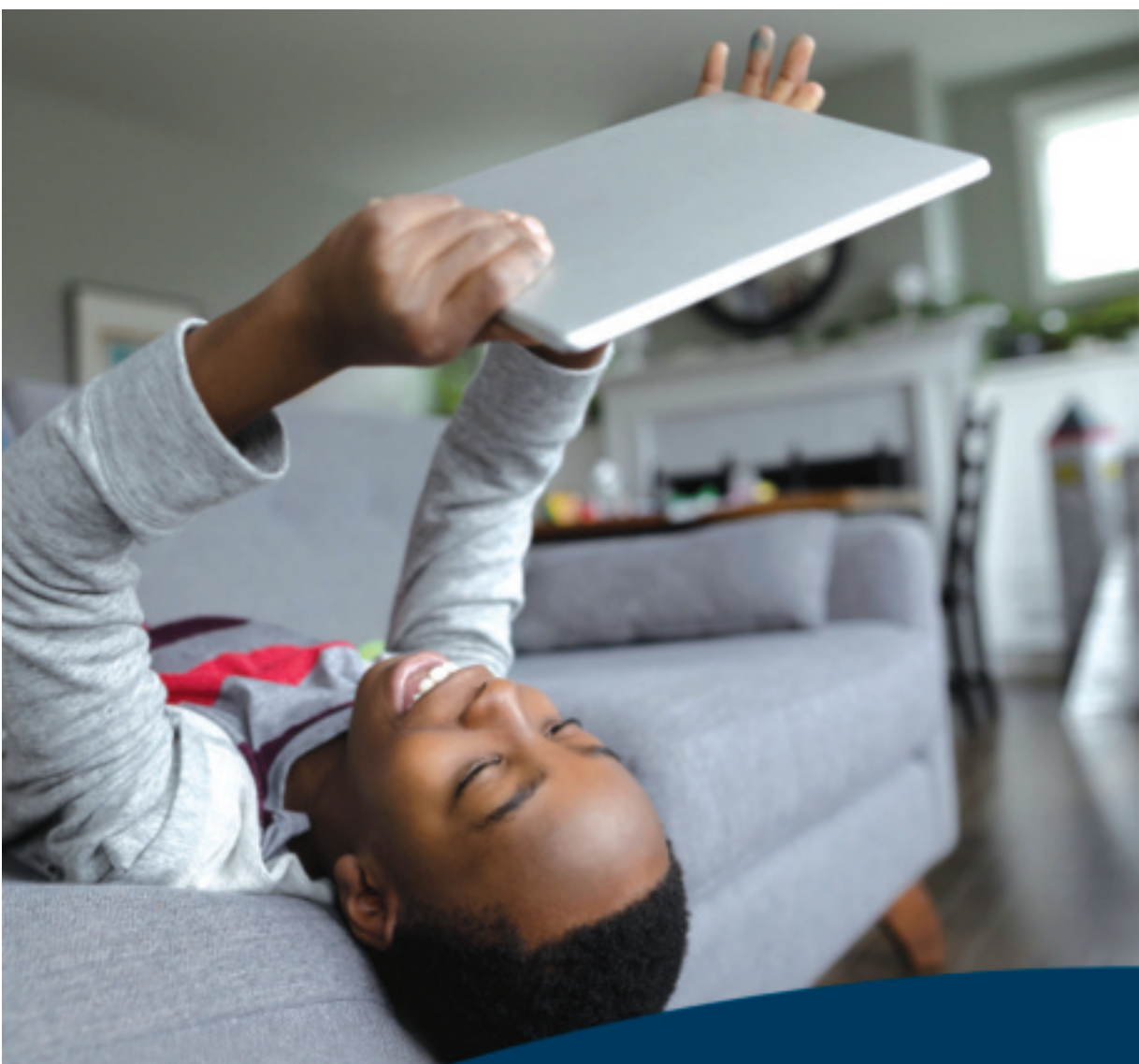
culture and every student has a trusted, adult mentor.

Mentors have personally connected with every scholar; seniors are meeting 1:1 remotely with counselors; and students with Individual Educational Plans are receiving services.

- Refocusing Staff: Conference calls and Google Hangout video chats with teachers for 1:1 check-ins and to develop instructional plans.

- Teacher Professional Development using digital tools: Prior to Covid-19, staff began reading the book: Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience which addresses educator stress and burnout from teaching by encouraging teachers to remain connected with peers, playing games, and incorporating fun, brain-stimulating activities.

- Check-ins with Alumni: Making wellness checks with our alumni. Providing weekly stipends to college students who may have been displaced from their dorms or facing other hardships in travel, moving or storing items.



WORKING TOGETHER TO STAY APART

COVID-19 is serious and can be deadly. And within our African American communities, the impact seems to be greater. Let's take care of each other by staying home except for work and grocery shopping. If you have to go out, stay 6 feet away from others, wear a cloth mask and wash your hands often.

If you have questions or think you have symptoms, visit aah.org/covid-19.

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AMID A GLOBAL CRISIS, MANY IN WASHINGTON ARE PROTECTING **INSURANCE COMPANY PROFITS** OVER **BLACK HEALTH CARE**

Unsurprisingly, COVID-19 is killing Black Americans at much higher rates than White Americans. Even knowing that, many members of Congress are pushing for a surprise medical billing legislation that would only serve to further starve Black communities of access to health care — at a time when we need it most. If this legislation goes through as written and is included in the next coronavirus package, insurance companies will be able to continue refusing to cover emergency services, forcing patients to pay bills they cannot afford, or shuttering hospitals. And hospitals in our communities are the first to be hit. Emergency services are already hard to come by in our communities, and we are already receiving the brunt of this global health crisis — the time to put a stop to it is now. Together, we can ensure that the old way of doing business — putting insurance company profits over people - **STOPS**.

**FOR TOO LONG, OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN SUFFERING
AT THE HANDS OF GREEDY INSURANCE COMPANIES.**

Let's join leaders like Rev. Al Sharpton, the Congressional Black Caucus, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Black Women's Health Imperative, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Dr. Benjamin Chavis, and Dr. Julianne Malveaux in working to ensure that insurance companies expand their networks and cover more emergency services.

JOIN US AND SUPPORT THE CBC

Help us work to make sure that while they prepare the next coronavirus aid package, Congress passes a bill that keeps us healthy and alive — by allowing insurance networks to grow and cover lifesaving services.



**Dr. Benjamin F.
Chavis Jr.**

**Dr. Julianne
Malveaux**

For more information, visit: <https://nationalactionnetwork.net/newnews/black-americans-and-healthcare>

SIGNIFYIN'

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A friend consoles Maanan Sabir as the herse carrying the body of his father, Muhammad Sabir, drives by towards the burial site at Wisconsin Memorial Cemetery.—Photo by Mikel Holt

tions under Sabir’s guidance.

It is said Sabir promoted more African American students to black belt status—after years of rigorous training—than any other martial artist in Wisconsin, other than his mentor, the renowned creator of the Kempo Goju system, Master Charles Warren.

"It really brings joy to my heart to see so many of his students here, adults whose foundations were strengthened by Muhammad over years of training and fellowship," Teju posited.

"He was not only an exceptional martial artist and instructor, but he also taught them about life, about responsibility to God and the community.

"He developed them into warriors, not just in a physical sense, but emotionally and culturally."

One of those students who started at a very young age was renowned spoken word artist and community activist Muhibb Dyer.

"He instilled discipline in us at an early age," the poet said as we violated the pandemic rule of standing six feet apart.

"The Sensei (instructor) taught us to channel our energies into studies and to await the rewards. I'm a better man because of what he provided. He had a tremendous impact on my life."

Among the participants at the free service were many parents, mostly women, who entrusted Sabir and his staff with the development of their male (and many female) children.

Sabir was strict, hands-on and at times, observers may have thought he was a drill sergeant. In fact, it wasn't unusual for Sabir to order parents to leave the dojo until his class concluded.

But there was a method to his madness, a time tested routine that polished coal until it became a diamond.

I recall him explaining his philosophy after forcing one of my children to assume a push-up position on his knuckles for several minutes: "To make a diamond, you have to apply pressure."

Which is not to say it was all about discipline. Sabir generally balanced those rigorous sessions with expressions of love. And his lessons were not limited to the dojo. Students were taken on field trips, movies, and cultural events.

"We were surrogate fathers in a sense," Teju posited, "applying discipline like a parent, not to punish, but to push, to motivate and to instill discipline."

"We were an extended family. Muhammad would check on them at home, and there were many occasions when a student would be surprised to see Sabir at their school, talking with a teacher.

In every sense of the word, Sabir maintained an old school family atmosphere, rearing his students as his parents, Gus and Beulah Jackson, raised him and his siblings. Family was a cornerstone of Sabir's philosophy.

Mine was one of several dozen intact 'families' who joined his karate commune. After studying Tae Kwon Do from one of the last Korean central city schools, I joined Sabir with my young son Malik back in the mid-1980s.

I was a single parent at the time, as was Muhammad, who was shepherding his two young sons, Mupsit and Maanaan. Thus, our relationship was unique, in that we shared a commonality that transcended karate.

Over time, our “team” became known as the M&Ms: Malik, Muhammad, his two sons, Mupsit and Maanaan, and myself.

Our sons grew up together, just as Muhammad and I would evolve politically, spiritually, and culturally. He loved to debate, and you had to be on your toes to defend your position.

I respected Muhammad so much that I asked him to serve as the best man at my wedding. I also encouraged his bid for political office, an election he lost after his religion became an issue exaggerated by his opponent. Meanwhile, the M&Ms “terrorized” the Midwest

karate tournament circuit; Sabir earned a national ranking as a heavyweight, while Mupsit, Maanaan, and Malik won more than their fair share of top prizes during competition.

Indeed, in our martial arts system, Kempo Goju grew to become the most respected and feared style in the state. Our students were aggressive, disciplined, and resourceful.

For Malik and me, the competition culminated when we became the first father and son tandem to win the state champion belts.

Sabir won his division as well, and I'm sure Mupsit and Maanaan-- probably the most talented of the M's-- would have won had they participated.

But what most surely cemented our relationship was the eventual deaths of Mupsit, and later Malik in separate car accidents. There is nothing more devastating than losing a child, and Muhammad and I had to lean on each other to make it through that experience.

Little did I know when I joined black belts Andre Muhammad and Nate Hamilton in comforting Muhammad at his home that several years later, our situations would be reversed.

Maybe those deaths sparked a renewed desire for Muhammad to reinvest in his mentorship programs. What is certain is that he drowned himself in his school and religion, and along with Maanaan, dedicated themselves to a higher purpose.

A retired public school teacher, he earned a Ph.D. to supplement his educational foundation and immersed himself in his core mission.

In the basement of his karate dojo (school) on 48th and Center Street, were dozens of student desks used to tutor his students before and after classes. It was apparent Sabir understood the importance of karate being but one part of a student's development.

The precursors to his karate classes---particularly to those who couldn't afford his minimal fees--- were good grades and conduct outside the dojo.

Many, if not most, of his students, were the offspring of a single parent who enrolled them in the program because of Sabir's reputation for instilling discipline and manhood training.

But Sabir's impact wasn't limited to the dojo. Many people would note his community activism and his contributions to advance programs that impacted the Black community.

He was one of the founders of African World Festival, Community Call to Vote, and co-host of the television program 'Islam Live.'

After my near-death experience in 2014 limited my physical activities—including karate—Muhammad suffered a similar fate.

Even though he continued to teach, it wasn't the hands-on instruction we remembered.

Instead, he allowed Akua to lead the classes, as he observed from afar, frequently injecting a comment or correcting a technique.

Our visits became more infrequent in the last couple of years, and it was emotionally draining for me to envision the once vibrant and powerfully built warrior reduced to a mortal man.

But in one sense, even as I feel guilty, I appreciate not seeing him deteriorate, losing weight and function.

And I remember the poetry of Akua, who with Muhammad, presented me with a poem after Malik's death, the first two paragraphs seem apropos now as it did then:

*"At the last, you vanished, gone to the unseen.
Strange the path you took out of this world
Strange how your beating wings demolished the cage
And you flew away to the world of the soul."
Indeed, a great man has left us physically. But, as Muhibb once said, "don't say how he died; speak of how he lived. And will live on."*

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THE PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE

By Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo-Publisher

COVID-19 virus exposes the best and worst of "U.S."

Pandemics are not new to history. Polio, SARS, Yellow Fever, the Spanish Flu of 1918, immediately come to mind as examples of massive numbers of people dying from an aggressive disease. HIV/AIDS and Ebola are recent diseases that infected large numbers of people in many countries. But Coronavirus (COVID-19), to date, is unparalleled in the rapidity of its travel around the world.

Christmas 2019, the world celebrated as it typically does. New Year's followed, and hundreds of thousands from all over the world huddled in Times Square waiting for the famous crystal ball to drop into a new year.

By the second week of this new year, we heard of a serious illness overtaking Wuhan, China. But Wuhan sounded like a world away (and it was). It wasn't until New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced in March he was putting his state under quarantine because many people were flooding emergency rooms overtaken by a new virus, not the typical flu which often exacerbates in the winter months.

The whole world changed by March 15th. A name was given to this new virus—this "coronavirus": COVID-19. Now we all have new lives that involves social distancing, surgical face masks, in-home quarantines, deaths...deaths...and more deaths. And funerals with only ten people permitted to memorialize their loved ones.

Nursing homes and senior care facilities have been hot-beds for the disease and people have not worked for weeks. Over three trillion dollars in economic recovery relief has been approved for issuance to help families and business to, hopefully, avert another depression.

Even Warren Buffett, one of the richest men in America—and an acknowledged investment guru with billions of dollars—was caught off guard not knowing "when to hold them" and "when to fold them."

Governors from across the nation are now weighing the benefits of opening things up, or keeping things closed. Businesses are also wondering if they can now go back to (a NEW) normal, or would it be more advantageous to wait...just a little longer, hoping (and praying) their city's death and hospitalization numbers show declines sufficient enough to believe better days are ahead.

Yet, daily deaths are still being recorded and there is a fear warmer weather and our natural desire to leave our homes and state-imposed isolation may be tantamount to a "death sentence" if the number of dead again increase and the entire country slides backward into a second round with the virus.

If this virus—COVID-19—has revealed anything about our country, it's that it MUST deal with its age-old challenges, such as reducing poverty levels that perpetuate urban ghettos and greater rural isolation in the face of increasing insufficient food and healthcare access, as well as the loss of jobs, and the interruption of the education system and other services. It's these discrepancies (plus the familiar demons of preexisting health conditions) which is fueling the tsunami of disproportionate Black and Latino deaths from the virus.

In communities of color, we often say half-jokingly and half-seriously (I'm paraphrasing here): "When White folks catch a cold, Black and Brown folks get the flu...or pneumonia! Can it get any more explicit (as it relates to the unrelenting power of this virus) than that?"

Ironically, Black and Brown Americans (or immigrants) are now seen as "essential workers" during this pandemic (after this pandemic is over will they still be?). Before this crisis, they were nothing more than grocery store stockers (who made sure we have enough toilet paper...and other products), the factory workers, truckers, those "illegals" working in meat, poultry and pork plants preparing the food the store stockers stock.

The virus is putting democracy and free-enterprise capitalism to the test. Small businesses must feel like the poor, being shoved to the curb like an unwanted step-child while their corporate "big brothers" fed greedily at the trillion-dollar trough (feed box) provided by the U.S. Congress supposedly to "rescue" them.

By the time small business owners could figure out what was going on (and get through the digital maze set up by the government to "help")

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INFO & UP-TO-DATE NEWS ON HOW THE COMMUNITY IS DEALING WITH THE PANDEMIC

City health commissioner explains process in contacting individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Responds to criticism by Sen. Taylor who calls lack of testing follow-up "unacceptable"

Compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

A Black state lawmaker's criticism of procedures utilized by the city health department to contact residents who may have been in contact with COVID-19 infected persons are misplaced and display a lack of cognizance to federal limitations, the head of the health department explained Tuesday.

Responding to criticism by state Sen. Lena Taylor that Milwaukee's health department fails to contact relatives and friends of COVID-19 victims for tracing purposes, Commissioner Jeanette Kowalik says her department makes multiple attempts to contact infected individuals, but is restrained by federal laws and safety concerns.

"The Milwaukee Health Department makes every, and all attempts to follow-up with individuals who have a laboratory confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 and close contacts of people who have tested positive for COVID-19," said Kowalik in a statement responding to Taylor's charge.



Jeanette Kowalik

Responding to a recent news report that a number of Milwaukee residents and families who tested positive, or had a family member succumb to COVID-19 haven't been contacted by the health department, Taylor called the department's reported failings "unacceptable."

In a press statement, Taylor implied the department has yet to contact associates of the city's first casualty, Lawrence Riley, who passed away more than 40 days ago.

"It is impossible to believe that not one of the 19 city workers or additional staff offered by the state, has made their way around to talking to a single member of his family," stated Taylor.

The senator, who recently lost her bid to replace incumbent Mayor Tom Barrett, said there is an assertion that contact tracing hasn't happened because people don't answer a phone call because it shows up private or with an unknown number. Taylor said such an excuse isn't good enough.

"The Riley family has said that not a single family member has received a call or message from the Milwaukee Health De-



Sen. Lena Taylor

partment," said Taylor.

"I'm assuming there is a record of the contact attempts. If so, the health department needs to provide them to the Milwaukee Common Council on a regular basis."

Kowalik explained the health department attempts to contact "cases" (individuals who have tested positive for the virus) and close contacts by phone at different times for a minimum of three consecutive days.

If those efforts are unsuccessful, the department mails letters to the individual(s). "As you can imagine, home visits are not possible at this point in time due to capacity and safety issues," the commissioner said.

Kowalik acknowledged there have been times the department hasn't been able to reach an individual who tested positive because their phone number(s) aren't current, and there has been no response to voice mail, letters and texts.

When this happens, the MHD will then resort to contacting hospitals for medical records to obtain information about emergency contacts, power of attorney, or other means to get

information.

"We recently addressed another longstanding issue with the health department calls because they have always come up private," Kowalik added.

"We do know that many people do not answer private calls even if messages are left so we are removing that barrier so you will see that the city of Milwaukee is calling."

Kowalik said the method used for case investigations, contact tracing (the list of people that have been in close contact with the "case") and contact attempts is in accordance with federal and state guidance.

Kowalik said she appreciates Taylor's concerns, however due to the health risks to staff, there are federal HIPPA privacy laws, which forbid staff from discussing specific health issues with family members, even if they are in the same household.

When the department's staff ask cases for information regarding their close contacts, they go from two days before to when their symptoms started through infectious period (up to 14 days after the first day of symptoms).

"Now we know cases can tell others that they have COVID-19 and we have seen this even on social media," Kowalik stressed. "Regardless, the health department is not allowed to say who the cases are due to federal laws."

Kowalik encouraged individuals with questions to contact the department's hotline (414-286-6800) or dial 211, or visit their updated website for the most current information: www.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus.

Milwaukee Health Department launches a new responsive, dynamic website

The Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) recently launched a new responsive, dynamic website which is a platform for mobile compatibility. Although the technology is not new, what is new is the citizen engagement component to dynamically push information.

This was an intradepartmental effort between MHD and the Information Technology Management Division (ITMD) at the Department of Administration for the City of Milwaukee, and within a public/private partnership led by Romke de Haan, Principal Consultant at GuidePoint Security and Founder of Ekmor Holdings, LLC. Mr. de Haan, was the outside lead volunteer who made this possible and brought in more specialized volunteers from organizations such as Code for Milwaukee and Generations Together. Most of their efforts were donated in facilitating the digital transformation effort. A special thank you to these volunteers in refining MHD's efforts to communicate in real-time. Everyone is welcome to sign-up for email and/or text notification.

The new website format will provide an enhanced user experience for Milwaukee residents to easily navigate important information and resources. MHD continues to play an important role in disseminating accurate and updated information in an effort to provide factual details to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Residents are also reminded to call 2-1-1 for any questions or concerns related to Covid-19. Additionally, please follow MHD social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates.

The new website can be located at milwaukee.gov/Coronavirus.

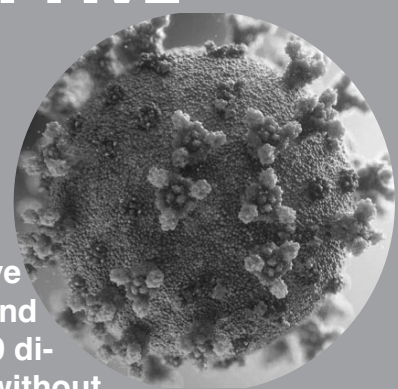
More than 1 million meals

have been provided to Wisconsin students since the closure of **K-12 school** buildings because of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to claims filed to the **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction**.

Since March 18, 2020, **447 school food authorities and sponsors in Wisconsin** have provided meals through the National School Lunch Program's **Seamless Summer Option** and the **Summer Food Service Program**, which allow meals to be served free of charge to children 18-years old and younger living in low-income areas.

COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE AT FIVE MILWAUKEE HEALTH CENTERS

Five of Milwaukee's Community Health Centers have increased testing efforts and are now offering COVID-19 diagnostic testing to those without a primary physician. Please view article for more information. These are the five health centers: **GERALD L. IGNACE INDIAN HEALTH CENTER: (414) 383-9526 www.gliihc.net** **MILWAUKEE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.: (414) 372-8080 www.mhsl.org** **OUTREACH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS: (414) 727-6320 www.ochc-milw.org** **PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS: (414) 882-2040 www.progressivechc.org** **SIXTEENTH STREET COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS: (414) 672-1353 www.ssche.org**



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them collect some relief), the trough was empty!

Yet, it’s small businesses that employ the bulk of Americans... and from whom comes the bulk of the tax dollars.

They are the builders of the gross national product, not the big corporations.

The average small business loan under the Economic Care Act was reportedly \$79,000; chump-change when compared to the billions that went to the airlines and other big businesses.

In conclusion, let’s thank every single essential worker putting their health...and their very lives

Straight Into The Fire!

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what zip code you live in,” Crowley said.

Someone who is no stranger to the challenges of handling the pandemic, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, said he and other city officials will work with Crowley and the county in facing down the threat the virus represents to their respective government entities.

“We all want to work with you to make sure that if you’re successful, the county is successful, all the 19 communities in Milwaukee County

on the line!

Whether doctors, nurses, techs, cleaning and maintenance teams, our first responders; our plant workers (especially those who work tirelessly at Amazon), drivers who deliver everything from pizzas to groceries, cashiers, truckers, hotel housekeepers and hoteliers who provide housing for those on the road; teachers and parents who have become teachers, entertainers who have offered songs, money, and encouragement; and our media giants, including your Milwaukee Community Journal, whose team has kept working, dreaming, assessing, and analyzing in order to

keep you—our readership—abreast of what’s happening, whether it relates to the virus or not.

We thank our new elected (and reelected) public officials, all called to see this pandemic as a new opportunity to jointly capture the resources so badly needed in the community and their respective districts to continue addressing and ameliorate slowly these flagrant injustices (pre-, current, and post-pandemic) that hurt, destroy and force multiple generations to be plagued with asthma, diabetes, and heart conditions—plus overcrowding and painful depression and addictions that come out of oppression and suppression and the feeling of not being able to rise.

Most of you are STAYING HOME, YOU ARE WEARING FACE MASKS, YOU ARE SOCIAL DISTANCING, YOU ARE WINNING! CONGRATULATIONS!

WE SHALL WIN THIS WAR OVER CORONAVIRUS!

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SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
Case No. 20FA001440
Divorce-40101
In Re: The marriage of:
RAQUEL ESPINO PUENTES
Petitioner and Respondent:
CESARIO CRUZ VAZQUEZ

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 day of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Court-house 901 N 9th St Room 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and to RAQUEL ESPINO PUENTES 1112 S 61st St Milwaukee WI 53214

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 con-

sider 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.


Date: 4-27-2020
BY: RAQUEL ESPINO PUENTES
150/ 5-6-13-20-2020

OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT
Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 5, 2020.
Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 1:30 PM on-line through A/E Graphics, Inc., pursuant to Section 119.52(3) Wisconsin Statutes in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work:
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MPS Project No. 5709
MPS HUB, COIN and Student Employment / Participation requirements are identified on the Project Manual Cover and Bid Form and defined within the Contract Compliance Services Participation Plan Requirements in the Project Manual.
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The bidding documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from A/E Graphics On-line Plan Room, at <https://mps.aegraphics.com/>. Hard copies may be obtained 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. **Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of bid documents for pick up.** Plans and specifications will be loaned to a prospective bidder upon receipt of the deposit listed, which deposit will be returned upon surrender of the plans and specifications in good condition. Bid documents must be returned only to A/E Graphics, Inc.
A pre-bid walkthrough for the site will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM, meet at the school's main entrance.
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Green Tree Preparatory Academy project information page from which bid documents were obtained. Submit bid forms per Instructions to Bidders, Article B-5 of the Specifications.
The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.
Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals at the bid opening through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. The following TDD number is available for the hearing impaired for questions prior to bid opening, (414) 283-4611.
Keith P. Posley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
11883787/5-8


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Joyce C. Duhart
Age 89 yrs. April 27, 2020. Beloved mother of Cheryl (Charles A.) Harvey. Loving sister of Thomas A. Horton, Jr., Grandmother of Charles W.R. Esq. (Dr. LeOndra) Harvey, of Sacramento, CA and Carolyn(Jason)Johnson of Matthews, NC. Great-Grandmother of Edison Harvey, Grant Johnson, Lincoln Harvey and Olivia Johnson. Bonus mom of Darice L. Brown. She is also survived by her Church Family, Calvary Baptist Church, a host of nephews, nieces and other loving relatives and friends. In Lieu of flowers please send all donations to the American Heart Association 1555 N. Rivercenter Dr. #211 Milwaukee, WI 53212. Final resting place will be held at Pinelawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020 from 12:30PM until 2:30PM at:



Vera Bailey
Age 79 yrs. April 29, 2020. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 from 12:30PM-2:30PM at:




Betty J. Stephens
Age 77 yrs. April 30, 2020. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 8, 2020 from 4PM until 6PM at:



Levi W. Watts
Age 65 yrs. May 1, 2020. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 12 Noon until 2PM at Wisconsin Memorial Park "Chapel of Chimes" 13235 W. Capitol Dr. A graveside service with honors will be held at 3PM at Wisconsin Memorial Park. The family is served by:

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DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, it is more important than ever that we work together to keep our community safe and healthy. Milwaukee County and the 19 municipalities that make up the Unified Emergency Operations Center (UEOC) encourage residents to practice social distancing and limit public interactions in an effort to halt the spread of COVID-19.

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