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Election Watch 2016 CANDIDATE Q&A

Candidates answer questions about Public Safety and Tax Reform in second of four part series on their positions on the issues!

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Mayor Tom Barrett addresses the audience and officials at the Milwaukee Mentoring Forum at the BMO Harris Bradley Center. Listening to Barrett speak on stage are (left to right): Bob Lanier, former Milwaukee Bucks player and NBA Cares Ambassador, Marques Johnson, former Milwaukee Bucks player, MPS Superintendent Dr. Darienne Driver, White House Cabinet Secretary and Chair of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force Broderick Johnson, Peter Feigin, President of the Milwaukee Bucks, Amy Chionchio, President/CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee, and Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele. --Photo by Yvonne Kemp

Martha Toran, legendary owner of 'Toran's Tropical Hut' and community/political activist, passes

Compiled by MCJ Staff
Martha Toran, who with her husband James owned one of--if not the most popular bars (called "taverns" years ago)--in the Central City, "Toran's Tropical Hut," died Saturday, Jan. 16. She was 84.



Martha Toran

Popular with "Inner City" (as the Black community was once called) activists and political leaders, Toran's Tropical Hut (or "Toran's" as it was affectionately known), was located at 2901 N. 5th St., and was ground zero for anyone interested in or involved in community politics.

This was because a large number of Toran's customers were registered voters and active in community affairs.

Toran's was also a favorite place to have lunch for many in the community. Part of the reason was the cooking of the tavern's chef, Mary Humphrey.

The other reason? There was a good chance you would meet someone you knew.

It was also a popular Happy Hour and weekend spot that was strictly for adults, not the teeny boppers, as the MCJ reported in 2011 when Toran was one of the newspaper's Academy of Legends honorees.

Toran first came to Milwaukee in 1943 on a visit from her hometown of Harrell, Ark. She came back to the city two years later because she didn't like the segregated schools in her hometown.

She enrolled in North Division High School, graduating in 1949. Shortly after she and James married, Toran reportedly wanted to learn how to tend bar and more about the business of running a tavern.

"I knew the best way to teach her," James said in a 1976 Milwaukee Journal article on the couple and their business. "I wrote up a price list, gave it to her and walked out and told her: 'It's yours baby, do the best you can.'"

Martha did more than her best. She learned the business well and by every definition they were co-partners.

When the couple moved to their Fifth Street location in 1957, they were probably the first Black tavern owners to have a bar as far north as Locust Street. At that time, a big percentage of their customers were White. Country and western and polka records were in the juke box.

After her husband died, Toran closed the legendary watering hole and never looked back. She found another niche, that of community activist, a role she continued to pay for many years.

Toran was active in politics well into her 70s, participating in voter registration, senior citizen rights and numerous other activities throughout Wisconsin.

A staunch supporter of light rail, Toran was also chair of the Central City Transit Task Force. She also had the distinction of serving as a delegate at national Democratic conventions.

Toran was active with the NAACP and served on the City of Milwaukee Ethics board, as well as other committees.

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Mayor Barrett Announces Mentoring Initiative at My Brother's Keeper Mentoring Forum with MPS, Milwaukee Bucks

White House Chair of My Brother's Keeper Joined to Applaud Nationwide Progress

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett was joined recently by Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Darienne Driver and Milwaukee Bucks representatives, along with local and national leaders from President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative, to discuss the mentoring landscape in Milwaukee at a Mentoring Forum at the BMO Harris Bradley Center.

The objective of the forum was to raise awareness and identify gaps in mentoring services across Milwaukee to ensure that every young person has access to a mentor. January has been declared National Mentoring Month.

"We are fortunate to have support from the White House, Milwaukee Public Schools and the Milwaukee Bucks to ensure that the City's youth have more economic and social opportunities," Mayor Barrett said. "By creating more mentoring opportunities, we are making sure every young person in the City has a positive influence to shape their future."

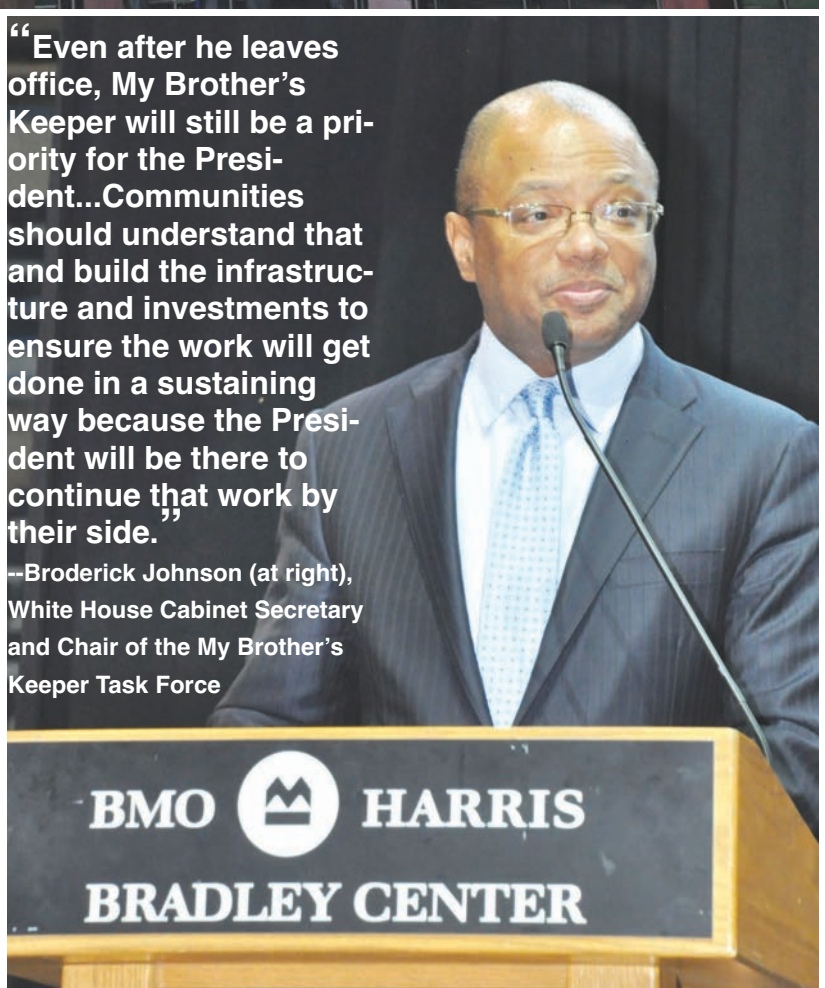
White House Cabinet Secretary and Chair of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force Broderick Johnson participated in the forum to applaud Milwaukee's efforts and discuss the progress of the national initiative following the President's State of the Union address.

"Even after he leaves office, My Brother's Keeper will still be a priority for the President," said Cabinet Secretary Johnson. "Communities should understand that and build the infrastructure and investments to ensure the work will get done in a sustaining way because the President will be there to continue that work by their side."

Prior to the forum, the Milwaukee Mentor Network, a new mentoring initiative, was announced that will serve as a resource for youth-mentoring organizations which will support their services through an outlet for sharing best practices in shaping, teaching and advising Milwaukee area children and teens. The initiative was announced by Mayor Barrett, MPS Superintendent Dr. Driver, Amy Chionchio, President/CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee, Peter Feigin, President of the Milwaukee Bucks, Marques Johnson, former Milwaukee Bucks player, and Bob Lanier, former Milwaukee Bucks player and NBA Cares Ambassador.

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--Broderick Johnson (at right), White House Cabinet Secretary and Chair of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force



"As a district, we know it is mission critical for our young people to have mentors and connect to successful adults. I am thrilled that so many individuals and organizations joined us in taking this critical first step to develop a plan to serve more of our young people," MPS Superintendent Dr. Driver said.

"We have the opportunity and ability to improve the lives of children in our community. Today's forum illustrates that in Milwaukee we have the collective commitment to do so."

"This program is a part of the fabric of what our organization stands for," said Feigin. "We want to be transformational, affect change and accelerate improvement. Our commitment to My Brother's Keeper and to the community spans across our entire organization and we are so proud to be a part of this initiative."

Mayor Barrett, joining with a diverse group of local organizations and citizens, accepted the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge in October of 2014. The MBK Community Challenge is a national call to action from President Barack Obama to improve life outcomes for all young people. As a part of meeting this challenge, President Obama and his Cabinet have made the strengthening and expansion of mentoring opportunities a national priority.

To learn more about mentoring services, visit www.mentoring.org. To learn more about Milwaukee's My Brother's Keeper program, visit www.city.milwaukee.gov/bma. To learn more about the My Brother's Keeper initiative, visit www.whitehouse.gov/MBK.

MKE Common Council Approves \$5 Million Settlement of Body Cavity / Strip Search Suits

The Milwaukee Common Council on Tuesday approved a \$5 million settlement that will be divided among 74 African American young men -- including a 15-year-old boy and a wheelchair-bound paraplegic -- who were subjected to illegal body cavity and strip searches by Milwaukee Police as part of a wide spread and racially discriminatory pattern and practice of the MPD.

Approval of this historic settlement demonstrates that the City of Milwaukee has at last

accepted its responsibility for the blatantly unconstitutional conduct of its District 5 Unit of Power Shift police officers that was led by now-convicted felon Michael Vagnini.

Attorneys for the men and several of their clients will hold a press conference to discuss in detail the meaning and ramifications of this settlement after it is finalized by the approval of the Mayor and with the signatures of the aggrieved search victims.

--Andy Thyaer

PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

Question and Photos by Yvonne Kemp

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: "What does Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day mean to you?"

ANTHONY LAPOINTE: "Martin Luther King Day is a reminder of how important dedication is to the Black community. If all the great leaders had given up on their goals, then they would have been yielding the advancement of our community. Dr. King is a symbol of perseverance and I hope to become great like him one day."



MILTON MARTINEZ: "Martin Luther King Day is a wonderful, inspirational and uniting day where individuals around the nation celebrate the great achievements and efforts for civil rights by Dr. King."



AMBER RANDLE: "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day means a lot to me. It means acceptance, freedom, and a more diverse community. Dr. King worked hard for everyone to have acceptance, and be set free from unequal treatment. This world is more equal and just. We can go where we want to go and live in a better place now."



KRYSTAL GRIFFIN: "MLK Day to me is a day of reflection to all. This is a day that we as the human race must not take for granted. So many people have sacrificed their time, passed on their knowledge and stood up for what was, and is, a right. MLK Day and every other day we are able to make a change in our community is a great day in my book."



ADVERTORIAL

Dance program showcases Africa and the Diaspora

The story of African peoples and their passage into the New World is embedded in dance. Slaves from Sierra Leone, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Senegal and other West African nations brought their music and dances through the Middle Passage to the New World.

History and culture were preserved

in that music and dance, said Ferne Y. Caulker Bronson, professor of dance and director of the African Diaspora Track for dance and choreography majors in the Peck School of the Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"It's not just about dancing...it's about exploring an aesthetic that is very, very old, that has influenced the whole planet. The migration of enslaved Africans changed the aesthetic in those places where they went.

Dance in America would not be what it is if it were not for the African influence."

Caulker Bronson, who will be retiring in May, has shared her knowledge of and passion for African dance for more than 40 years through

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Ferne Y. Caulker Bronson

MILWAUKEE RECREATION GETS READY TO DANCE

Thirteenth Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance set for Feb. 20

Milwaukee Recreation has partnered with the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative and the Social Development Commission (SDC) to host the thirteenth annual Daddy/Daughter Dance at North Division Community Center, 1011 W. Center St., on Saturday, February 20 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The night will include dancing, food, prizes, and a live DJ. Fathers and daughters of all ages are welcome to attend.

"The Daddy/Daughter Dance is a chance for fathers and daughters to dress up and enjoy a great evening together," says MPS Recreation Supervisor Percy Eddie. "This event provides a great way for young ladies to strengthen their relationships with their fathers. We also

encourage grandfathers, uncles, and other adult males who are father figures to sign up with the special little ladies in their lives."

New this year, there will be two registration options: Dinner & Dance or Dance Only. The fee for the Dinner & Dance option is \$25 per adult, \$10 for the first child, and \$5 per additional child (limit 3 children for every 1 adult). Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. The fee for the Dance Only option is \$15 per adult and \$5 per child (limit 3). Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. for the Dance Only option.

The Daddy/Daughter Dance is limited to pre-registered guests only. The registration deadline is Monday, February 15. For more information, please call (414) 475-8811. To register online, visit MilwaukeeRecreation.net.

The Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative is a non-profit organization with a broad-based mission to improve the well-being of young people by increasing the proportion of children growing up with involved, responsible, and committed fathers in their lives.

The Social Development Commission (SDC) serves as a planner, coordinator, and provider of human service programs for low-income individuals and families in Milwaukee County.

Milwaukee Recreation is a department of Milwaukee Public Schools, established in 1911 to provide the entire community with affordable and enriching recreational activities. For more information, visit MilwaukeeRecreation.net or contact Brian Hoffer at (414) 475-8938.

Martha Toran passes

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Toran is survived by her daughter Sandra Toran-Butler and James E. (Katrinka) Toran; sisters Pauline Riddock, Marie Lockett, brother Nathaniel (Juanita) Woods and Joyce Allen. She is also survived by grandchildren Robert Toran-Butler, Kim (Patrick) Bradley, and Dawn Toran (Randy) Simmons; as well as a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 26, at 11 a.m., at Greater Galilee Baptist Church, 2432 N. Teutonia Ave. Visitation is also Tuesday, January 26, at 10 a.m. at the church until time of services.

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Election Watch 2016

CANDIDATE Q&A

This is the **second** of a four part series in which your Milwaukee Community Journal asked eight questions to candidates running for city and county wide offices in predominately Black city and county districts for Common Council and County Board of Supervisors. The questions pertain to jobs and business creation, education, tax reform, public safety, transportation, affirmative action and inclusion programs, housing and foreclosure, and if government should be involved in the daily lives of its citizens. As you may have seen in last week's first installment, several more prominent political figures declined to respond to our questions. As we indicated last week, our questions were sent to the candidates in November after Thanksgiving--by the

deadline of December 28th. That deadline was extended twice to give all the candidates we contacted an opportunity to respond. We have one correction to make for this week's installment, which focuses on public safety and tax reform. We inadvertently identified aldermanic candidate David Crowley as running for the second district seat. We were wrong. Mr. Crowley is running for the SEVENTH DISTRICT ALDERMANIC SEAT! Our apologies to Mr. Crowley for the error. Also, we are removing from the respondents John Wallace, who was seeking the ninth district aldermanic seat. At the time of publication, we learned that Mr. Wallace was disqualified from running because he did not have the required number of signatures to have his name on the February 16 primary election ballot. --The Editor.

QUESTION THREE: What is your position on public safety? CITY ELECTIONS/MAYOR



Bob Donovan: My administration will hire nearly new 200 officers and detectives, positions cut by the current administration since 2009. It's important to point out--the 200 new officers I plan to hire would not put anymore officers on our streets than were patrolling them prior to 2009. And what has happened to public safety since those reckless cuts by the current administration? Milwaukee is now the 5th most violent large city, according to FBI statistics. We must hire these 200 new officers and detectives to restore order to neighborhoods overtaken by crime and violence. It's vital we restore public safety because not until that time will we be able to attract new businesses and jobs.

Many of the 200 new officers to be beat cops--concentrating on assigned neighborhoods, working to get to know neighbors and

business owners and improving community-police relations. I will also reinstitute the Milwaukee Police Department's Vice and Gang units to get back control of our streets from violent criminals and drug dealers. My administration will also institute "Project Safe City", modeled after "Operation Impact", a program to enhance public safety which I created in my aldermanic district.

In the Milwaukee Fire Department, I will work to end brownouts of fire engines and ladder trucks--the current administration's brownout of MFD equipment along with many of the decommissions of MFD firefighting apparatus since 2009 places City residents at increased risk. The safety and lives of our residents is vital, and I intend to make their safety a Priority.



James Methu: We need quicker response to issues in our city. I will focus on empowering citizens to use technology to reach our city departments. We will report crimes and respond in real time, real time response to a fire, send in information about a pothole or drug house in the neighborhood with an app.

I will call for the resignation of Milwaukee Police Chief Flynn. The Police Union recently gave him a vote of no confidence. We know we need more police but when you are more concerned about protecting downtown while the rest of the city looks like the wild, wild, west, then there is a major problem. The Police Dept. needs a full investigation in which every area is audited, including patterns and practices. Having said that, we must ensure that we as civilians know what is right and what isn't with regard to dealing with police so we don't leave any room for excuses and mistakes. I'll work with schools and job programs to help train Milwaukeeans in proper ways in dealing with law enforcement.

We will also hire qualified applicants in proportion to the diversity of our community immediately. We will also train officers in dealing with the

public as it relates to civilians with mental health issues or special needs. We will also arm officers with non-deadly weapons such as Tasers or rubber bullets. We will organize our sworn strength better, to focus on preventive measures like locating and busting up drug houses in our neighborhoods or focusing on high crime areas with quicker response times and stabilization.

We will increase speeding fines and will install cameras at the city's most dangerous intersections so that we can reduce safety risks in our neighborhoods. This will bring in more dollars to the city while reducing the burden placed on law abiding city residents. We will redirect city spending as well. Spending \$880,000 on police body cameras was a "two feet in approach" that I disagreed with. We could have spent half of that amount and phased it in while redirecting investment into the community, thus attacking the crime problem from two directions.

I support expanding the Safe Zones initiative the city used previously. I will fund \$1 million dollars to expand it and employ neighborhood residents for various roles as we rebuild our communities.

COMMON COUNCIL



David Crowley (Dist. 7): I'm committed to working with neighbors and the Milwaukee Police Department to reduce crime and restore trust between our community and law enforcement. I support providing police officers with body cameras in order to ensure accountability for their actions, with community dialogue and input on how and when they are used.



Frank Emanuele (Dist. 9): Public safety is close to my heart. I have been a Firefighter/Emt since 2002. Helping people at their worst time is what I enjoy doing. But our violent crime is out of control to many people are being shot and killed over what all stupid stuff. We are short of cops on our streets by a lot and there are even more eligible to retire.

Since the city does not want to hire a mass amount of police to patrol our city and respond to calls then we need to think outside the box. I say we bring in part time cops to fill in the voids, I say we create a neighborhood patrol made up of the citizens from that neighborhood and if they are attacked or assaulted or threatened under a new city ordinance those who are committing the crime will be charged just as if they assaulted a police officer. I also say we get our police aides away from the desk and rotate them into the street such as other communities that surround us do and have them respond to traffic control situations, abandoned autos etc let them respond to those calls that you don't need police to respond to, free up

that squad to respond to 911 calls. I say use drones in our city to patrol heavy crime areas, helicopters are too expensive drones are not. I know people are worried about privacy but when your neighborhood is considered a high crime area you need everything you can to help control it and monitor it that drone will get there faster than a police squad will. We also need more pole cams set up with 24/7 watch by someone in the communications division. We need cameras at the intersections taking pictures of cars who fly thru red lights, we need speed bumps installed in areas around schools and places where there are parks and lots of kids. Our District attorneys need to actually charge individuals with the crimes they committed and stop handing out warnings. Our judges need to give stiffer sentences to the criminals, which are states judicial system needs to change to. We also need education and mentor programs for the kids causing the crimes, programs for them to be admitted to where they get a mentor and an education so they don't depend on the street for guidance.



Chevy Johnson (Dist. 2): At the local level public safety means having adequate fire and police service. I believe that these aren't the only means to achieve that end. A proactive approach to engaging communities can be effective in curbing death, illness or injury by fire and carbon monoxide. Working to stabilize neighborhoods by encouraging organization among neighbors, facilitating positive relationships with police, working to increase access to family supporting jobs, supporting avenues for police accountability, voicing the importance of the residency rule, and working to make sure that our law and protective services reflect the diversity of our community will help to address public safety.



Chantia Lewis (Dist. 9): As a mother to two sons, it's imperative that our neighborhoods are safe places for us to live and our children to play. It is also critical that we bridge a gap between police and residents. The current state of our city is very concerning and I am appalled at the lack of attention and reform being given by elected officials. I am also very disheartened at the level of adversity aimed at any organization or movement designed to create awareness or end such injustice. As an elected official I will work side by side with any organization that is working to help create a better quality of life for us all.



Sherman Morton (Dist. 2): This is probably one of the most significant issues that need to be addressed in the city. When people think of public safety they automatically begin to talk about, what the police are not doing... wrong... We have to first look at ourselves... what are we doing or not doing has a greater impact on public safety than the police do.

We have to all ash ourselves... What are we doing to help the safety and well-being of our city/ I saw a quote a long time ago that said... Evil prevails when good people do nothing. This is a topic that I can go on and on about, but I have a typing limit so maybe I will get the chance to expound on it at later date.



Sean Muhammad (Dist.15): As a result of building up the economic platform, there will be a correlation in crime reduction. An employed productive community is the first, best and only permanent solution to the rampant crime we see occurring today. More police is not the solution. True public safety occurs when the community/neighborhood take the reigns of their future.

COUNTY ELECTIONS/COUNTY EXECUTIVE



Chris Larson: Public Safety is important to all residents. Our current county executive has let personality issues get in the way of serving our neighbors and tackling public safety. Milwaukee County is the perfect forum to bring people together to foster safe neighborhoods and our current county executive has failed at that. I will work with law enforcement to ensure that we are doing all we can at a county level to keep the public safe.



Joseph Thomas Klein: I am inclined to advocate for Park patrols to be conducted by municipal police rather than the Sheriff's office. I would prefer that the county Sheriff's office work primarily at patrolling the interstate highway and executing their duty to issue warrants. Beyond the standard rhetoric about public safety, we need to look into transforming the way we view the relationship between the law and the people. We need to examine how we interact with people all suffering from mental conditions. We need to have trained professionals within our law enforcement agencies that are capable of dealing with people under extraordinary conditions without resorting to deadly force.

The Declaration of Independence holds the right to life as an inalienable right, governments and its instruments of public safety should be securing our rights and not arbitrarily taking them away from people especially when the taking so disproportionately affects minorities and people of color.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Martha R. Collins-De La Rosa (Dist. 18): Poverty and violence goes hand in hand. Gun violence is claiming too many lives in our community, especially precious young lives. There is a drastic need of accountability for the citizens in Milwaukee County and the residents in District 18 to ensure the development of a dramatically new approach to this issue will create real change that reduces violence and addresses poverty by fighting for higher wages and opportunity for those hardest hit by unemployment.

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RELIGION

Archdiocese of Milwaukee Announces New High-Performing Educational System Designed to Strengthen Urban Milwaukee Catholic Schools

Called Seton Catholic Schools, the independently chartered and governed 501(c)3 will deliver the resources, tools and infrastructure to drive growth and enhance nearly 10,000 students' educational and spiritual journeys



Seton Catholic Schools has the ability to positively impact our community.

I strongly support Seton Catholic Schools and believe it will make a difference in our schools, our parishes and in the community, and I deeply thank all who have been involved in its formation, most especially John Stollenwerk, who has long been a driving force for advancing the reach and impact of Catholic education."

When fully operational, 26 elementary schools will be part of the Seton Catholic Schools network. The first cohort will include nine elementary schools and will begin operating under the Seton Catholic Schools umbrella at the start of the 2016-17 school year.

Full rollout is expected by the 2018-19 school year. Vital to the success of Seton Catholic Schools are the following core strategies:

- Raising the academic achievement of all students to ensure they are progressing at a rate that is equal to or higher than the best urban schools in the nation;
- Increasing the teaching resources in the classroom and expanding learning tools and curriculums designed to foster continued academic progress for all students;
- Reducing the administrative burden on school leaders to be no more than 10 percent of their time, with finance, facilities, human resources, technology and other functions managed instead by a team working on behalf of the entire Seton Catholic Schools system.

This will allow principals greater time to lead and mentor their educators, and allow educators to dedicate more uninterrupted time to their students;

- Integrating the Church's Catholic identity into the school experience in a more robust, consistent and engaging way.

Every school will enjoy a rich sacramental life where Catholic traditions are visible and pastors are a regular, engaged presence in the classroom;

- Engaging with parishes, parents and communities in a more comprehensive way through defined engage-

ment plans and local school advisory committees; and

- Creating more compelling training and compensation platforms for the valued teachers and principals who dedicate their life's work to forming the community leaders of tomorrow.

At its essence, Seton Catholic Schools is moving away from the traditional parochial model and instead forming a network of high performing schools guided by a strong governance structure and managers with deep experience in education and complex operations. Drees, Hughes and their teams will lead the full implementation of this strategy.

Oversight and governance will be provided by a board of directors, led by Kris Rappe, retired Wisconsin Energy Corporation chief administrative officer and active community leader. Archbishop Listecky and Dr. Kathleen Cepelka, superintendent of Catholic Schools, will be among the leadership represented on the board of directors, which will also include business, educational and civic leadership from the area.

"While the needs of our communities have changed, our traditional school model has remained largely the same," Drees said.

"Thanks to the visionary leadership of Archbishop Listecky and Dr. Cepelka, our community of faith has reimagined how we can better equip our schools to successfully prepare more children of diverse backgrounds for the future workforce. We believe this network of Seton Catholic Schools will do just that."

Seton Catholic Schools is modeling its educational approach after the best performing urban schools. It will add teaching resources to the classroom to strengthen the teacher's ability to increase student academic growth rates.

All schools will have specialty classes (i.e. art, music) and coordinated before and after school programs as well as summer programs. As a network, teachers and school leaders will collaborate across schools and more easily share resources.

"Traditionally, families choose a Catholic school not just for acad-

emics, but also for the spiritual and personal growth that comes from a faith-based education. Seton Catholic Schools will work to not only improve the academic growth of our future leaders, but also instill a deep respect for others, self-discipline, responsibility for our actions and impact on the world, and an ability and willingness to recognize the presence of Christ in themselves and others," Hughes said.

"I am so very grateful for my time at Schools That Can Milwaukee, which I believe prepared me very well for the challenges and opportunities inherent in launching a startup and expanded my skill set in the most current instructional and leadership strategies that are increasing student achievement and engagement in urban and suburban schools. I very much look forward to continuing a strong partnership between them and Seton Catholic Schools well into the future."

An active capital campaign is underway to raise the necessary funds to fully finance the launch and support long-term operations of Seton Catholic Schools.

Local minister's letter critical of Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke's negative view of fellow Black Americans

An Open Letter to Sheriff David Clarke:

Nobody gets to choose their race. Whatever your race, it is what our creator intended it to be, and all are equally beautiful.

For a while now, we have seen and heard Sheriff David Clarke on the airwaves of Fox News denouncing "everything black" and the causes espoused by our community:

- "The members of Black Lives Matter Movement are 'sub-human creeps.'"
- The sheriff's refusal to do the customary security protocol when the president visits the area, which shows respect for the office, even if you disagree with the politics;
- And finally making a most extreme untrue statement to shamelessly pander to his base: "There is no police brutality." That statement deserves no commentary because it is so extremely ridiculous. Even Bill O'Reilly of Fox News conceded while most of America's cop are good people, there are bad ones!

Several years ago, a Canadian journalist by the name of Orville Douglas wrote an article called "why I hate being a Black man." In this article he talked about how he hated his full lips and broad nose. The anger at who he was - a Black man - was crystal clear. His self-hatred was so perceptible until our own anger at him was tempered with pity. He obviously was a victim of the social pathology called self-hatred.

Mr. Douglas is hardly an aberration. Many African Americans have the same disease.

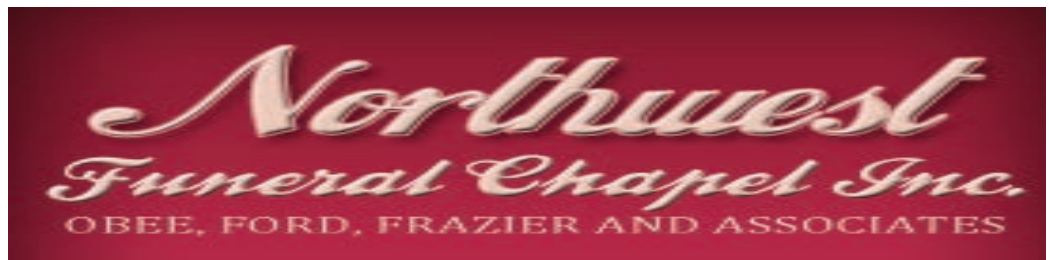
The only difference is that it is not spewed across the television like Sheriff Clarke's is. What Sheriff Clarke spews out his mouth says more about his self-hatred than it does the victims of his ugly diatribe. Everybody has a right to their opinion. But public officials have the professional responsibility to state them in ways that does not dehumanize (sub-human creeps?).

But we know Sheriff Clarke, until you learn to love yourself, the skin in which God placed you in, our demand that you cease and desist working out your issue of self-hatred on television is only wishful thinking.

And let's be clear, your views are in no way reflective of our community, but nor is it reflective of every person who believes in the inherent dignity of every human being.

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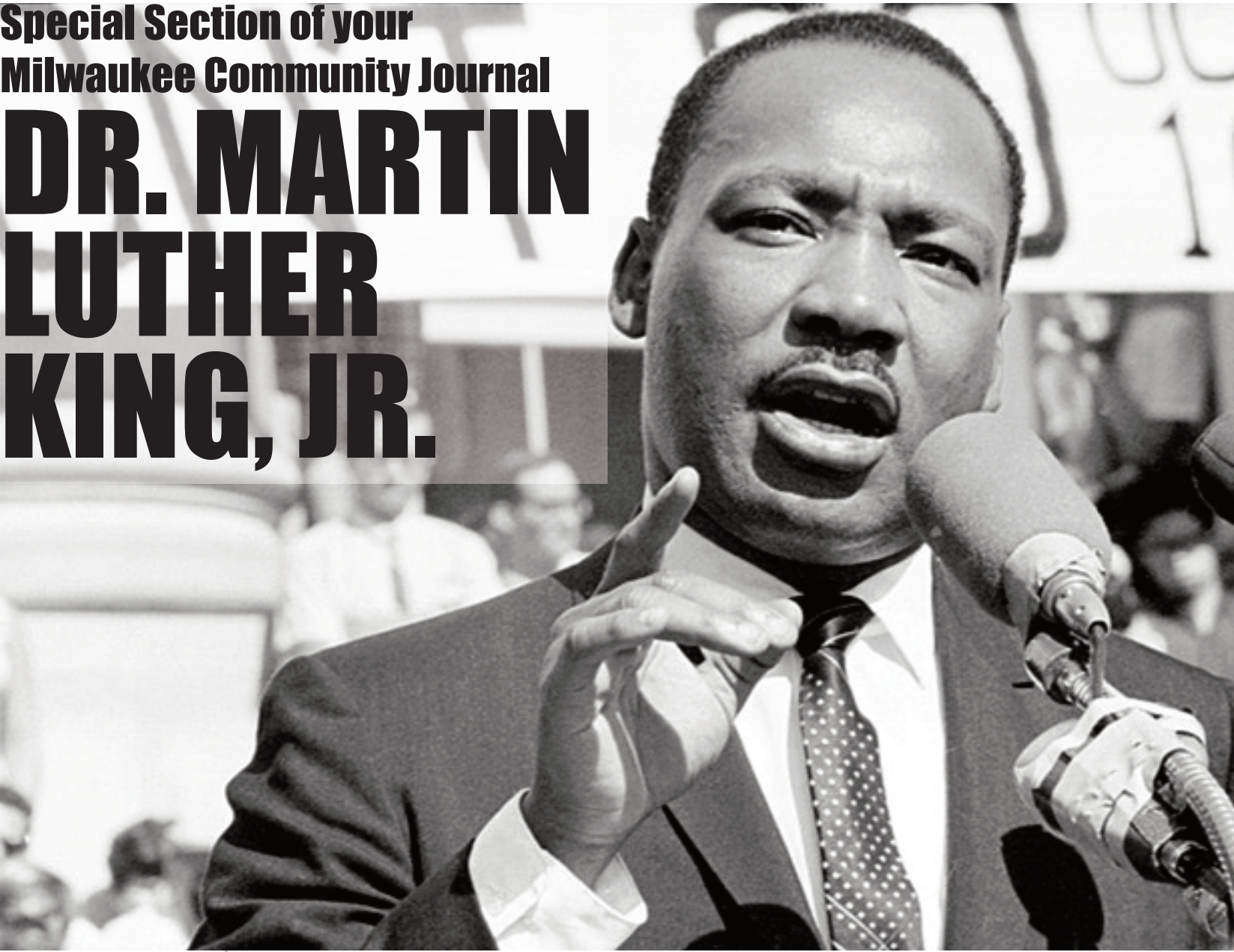
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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1967

10 Facts about Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American hero and civil rights activist. His teachings are still an inspiration today and his influence is immortalized in a national holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Below are some interesting facts about this great leader:
1. At 35 years old, Martin Luther King, Jr. was the youngest man to have ever received the Nobel peace prize. Currently Tawakkol Karman of Yemen is the youngest winner, at 32.
 2. Dr. King worked for Economic Equality, not just civil rights. After the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Dr. King began the Chicago campaign. It targeted the economic reality of segregation and focused attention on the plight of the urban poor in the north.
 3. Martin Luther King, Jr. improvised entire parts of the "I Have a Dream" speech, including the famous "dream" passage. It was edited right up to the moment Dr. King began speaking.
 4. Dr. King is the only non-president to have national holiday dedicated in his honor and also the only non-president memorialized on Washington D.C.'s Great Mall.
 5. In 1963, Dr. King was named Time Magazine's Man of the Year. King garnered a lot of attention that year for leading the March on Washington and delivering his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.
 6. While at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, Dr. King was elected president of his senior class, which was predominately white.
 7. His Seminary Professor gave him a C+ in a Public speaking course! King was renowned for his great public oration, but even he didn't master the skill over night.
 8. Many Civil Rights Activists did not support the 1963 "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom." Some leaders, such as Malcolm X and Storm Thurmond, held different views on the civil rights movements and, at times, disagreed with Dr. King's approach.
 9. Martin Luther King made an impact even while in jail. After being detained for defying an injunction against protests in Birmingham, Dr. King wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail." It detailed reasons for acting to change civil rights in Birmingham and around the country and became a monument of the Civil Rights Movement.
 10. Mahatma Gandhi and the principle of non-violent action heavily influenced Dr. King. King was introduced to the ideology while at a lecture given in Philadelphia by the president of Howard University.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. firmly believed that everyone, regardless of their background, should receive equal treatment under the law and have an opportunity to live, as well as receive education and work without being discriminated against. This is a message we must remain committed to in our fight against the global inequality that characterizes poverty in the world today.
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Jayda Cole recites her spoken word piece during the 19th annual YMCA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Breakfast at the Italian Community Center. Cole is one of three first place winners in her category who had the opportunity to present their spoke word piece. This year's spoken word theme was: "Life's Most Persistent and Urgent Question Is, What Are You Doing For Other?" The breakfast program celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. King and recognized local community members and organizations who live their lives in service to others, just as Dr. King did.

--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

In These Times, We Must Hold Fast to Dr. King's Vision

Posted by Brenda Wright on January 18, 2016

As we celebrate Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, it's worth reflecting on Dr. King's last campaign, which brought him to Tennessee to protect the rights of public sector workers to unionize.

In February 1968, two Black sanitation workers in Memphis had been crushed to death by faulty equipment.

The city's sanitation workers organized a strike for job safety, better pay, and the right to unionize, and Dr. King, who was organizing his Poor People's Campaign for economic equality and opportunity, took on their cause.

Preparing for a peaceful march in April, Dr. King addressed the sanitation workers, reflecting that: "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life—longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now... I've seen the Promised Land.

"I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land."

Sanitation workers only prevailed and won a union after Dr. King's assassination, which happened just two days after that speech.

This history shines a necessary, if harsh, light on our politics and our ju-

dicial system today, nearly 50 years later. Today, the rights of working people to band together and unionize are under severe attack.

And unfortunately, the Supreme Court is poised to lead the backward march. Just this month, the Court heard arguments in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers' Association*, which asks the Court to overrule decades of precedent protecting the ability of working people to win fair wages and working conditions through effective unionizing.

If the Court's conservative majority embraces that demand, it will be the latest in a radical transformation the Court has been undergoing in recent years.

Instead of applying the Constitution to protect marginalized people from the tyranny of discrimination and economic subjugation, a five-person majority now uses its immense power to protect the wealthiest few.

We saw that in *Citizens United*, which gave us the *Anatole France First Amendment*: the Constitution, in its majestic impartiality, now allows the wealthiest corporations and the poorest citizens alike to spend as much as they have in order to elect their preferred candidates to office.

We saw it when the same five-person majority used the Constitution to strike down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act that has been instrumental in protecting against racial and language minority discrimination in voting and elections—unleashing a wave of discriminatory voting laws across the country.

Even the doctrine of one person, one vote—a fundamental tenet of American democracy under the Fourteenth Amendment—is under threat in the current Court, in a case called *Evenwel v. Abbott* that will be decided this year.

When so much of the progress we have fought for is under attack, we must hold fast to a better vision of the Constitution.

As Dr. King said in his most famous speech, "when the architects of our Great Republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall

heir."

Demos is proud to be in the battle to pursue that vision of the Constitution, joining with civil rights organizations in an amicus brief to oppose the evisceration of public sector unions in *Friedrichs*; authoring a brief in *Evenwel v. Abbott* to defend

the right to equal representation; and, more broadly, articulating a new vision of the constitutional principles that must undergird the regulation of money in politics in order to lead us out of the Inequality Era and provide working families a fair shot at upward mobility and basic economic

security.

The battle will not be won overnight; but even if "the arc of the moral universe is long," as Dr. King reminded us, we must do all we can to make sure that it "tilts toward justice."



King Fest at Green Bay Ave./Millennium Academy

Area students Monica Adams (second from left) and Taariq Muhammad (center) received certificates and scholarships of \$500 each at the 15th Annual King Fest, held at the Universal Company's Green Bay Avenue-Millennium Academy campus on Monday. Adams and Muhammad received their prizes for their entries in a writing contest sponsored by Ald. Milele Coggs (second from right). Also in the photo is JoAnn Watson, who was the keynote speaker (far left) and Janette Herrera (far right) the King Fest's principal organizer.

--Photo by Yvonne Kemp

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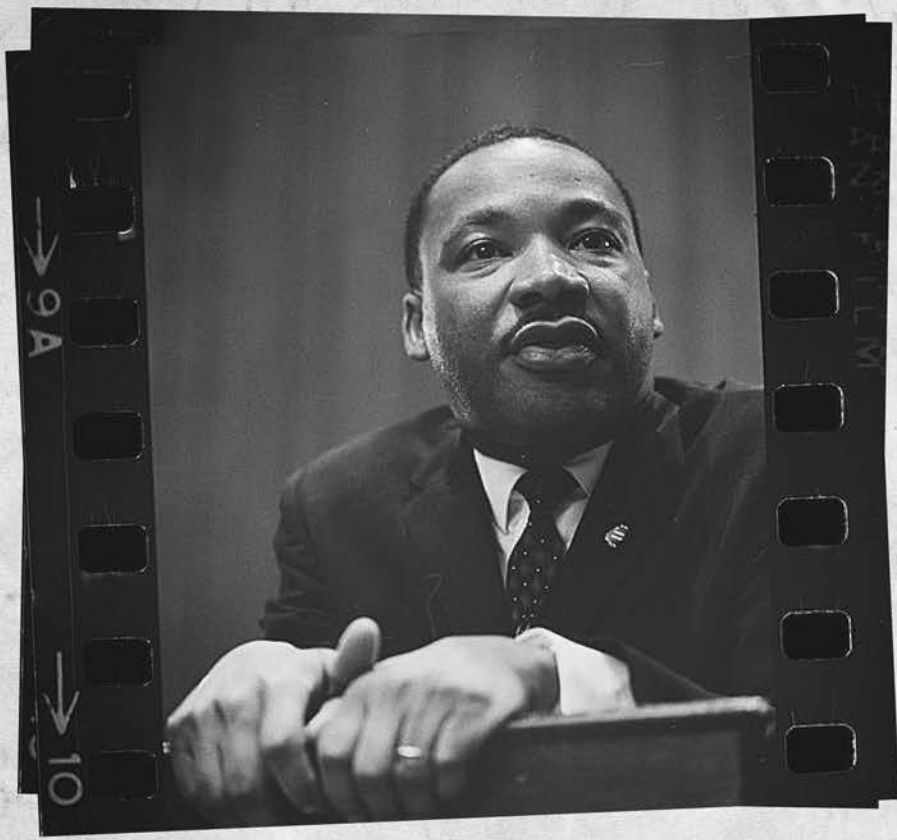


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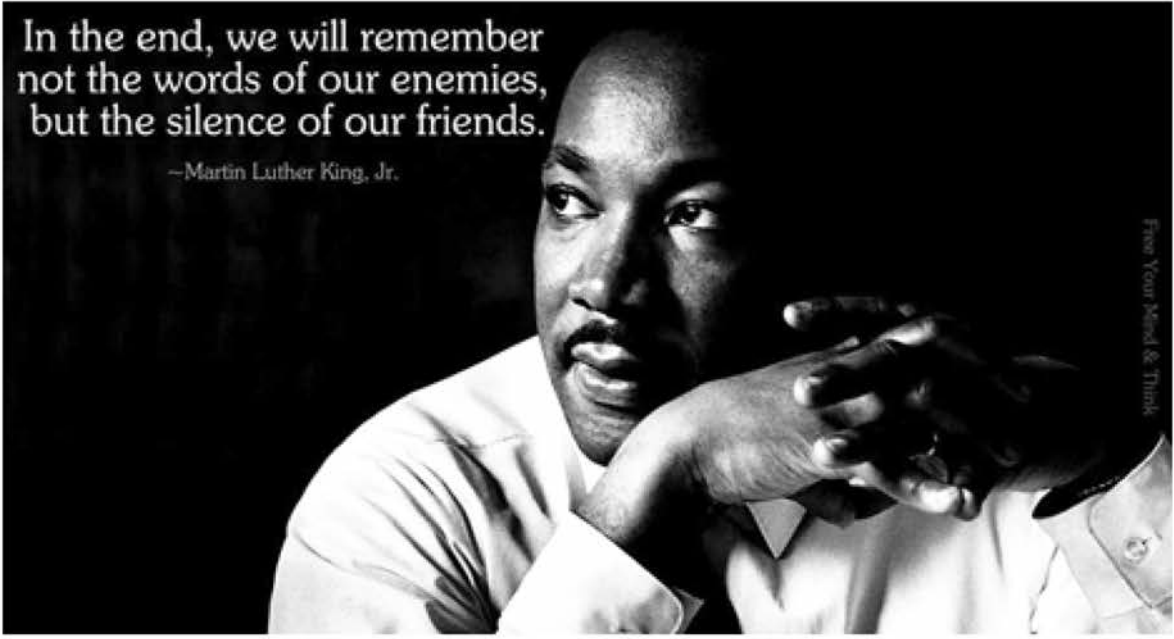
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North Division students win Drum Major Award from Milwaukee Frontiers

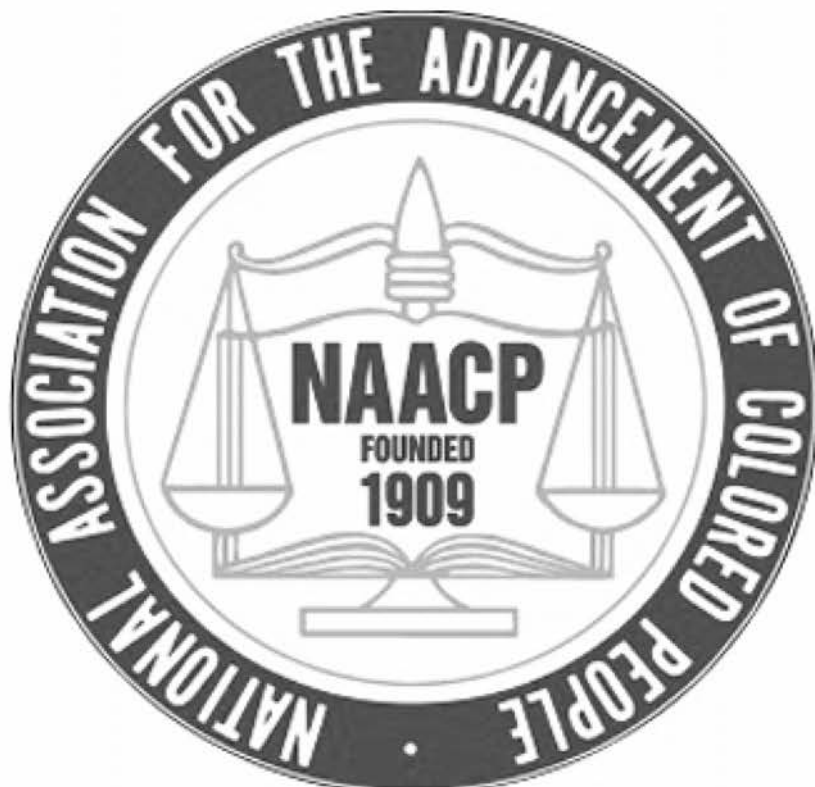
The Milwaukee Frontiers International Club held their annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award Monday at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center, 3010 W. Vliet St. Three students from North Division High School received the organization's Drum Major Award. The students are (from left to right): Samuel Johnson (10th grade), Milton Martinez (12th grade), and Anthony La Point (12 grade). With the award recipients is North Division Principal Stanley McWilliams (far left) and Yokefelow Johnny L. Moutry, president of the Milwaukee Frontiers.--Photo by Yvonne Kemp



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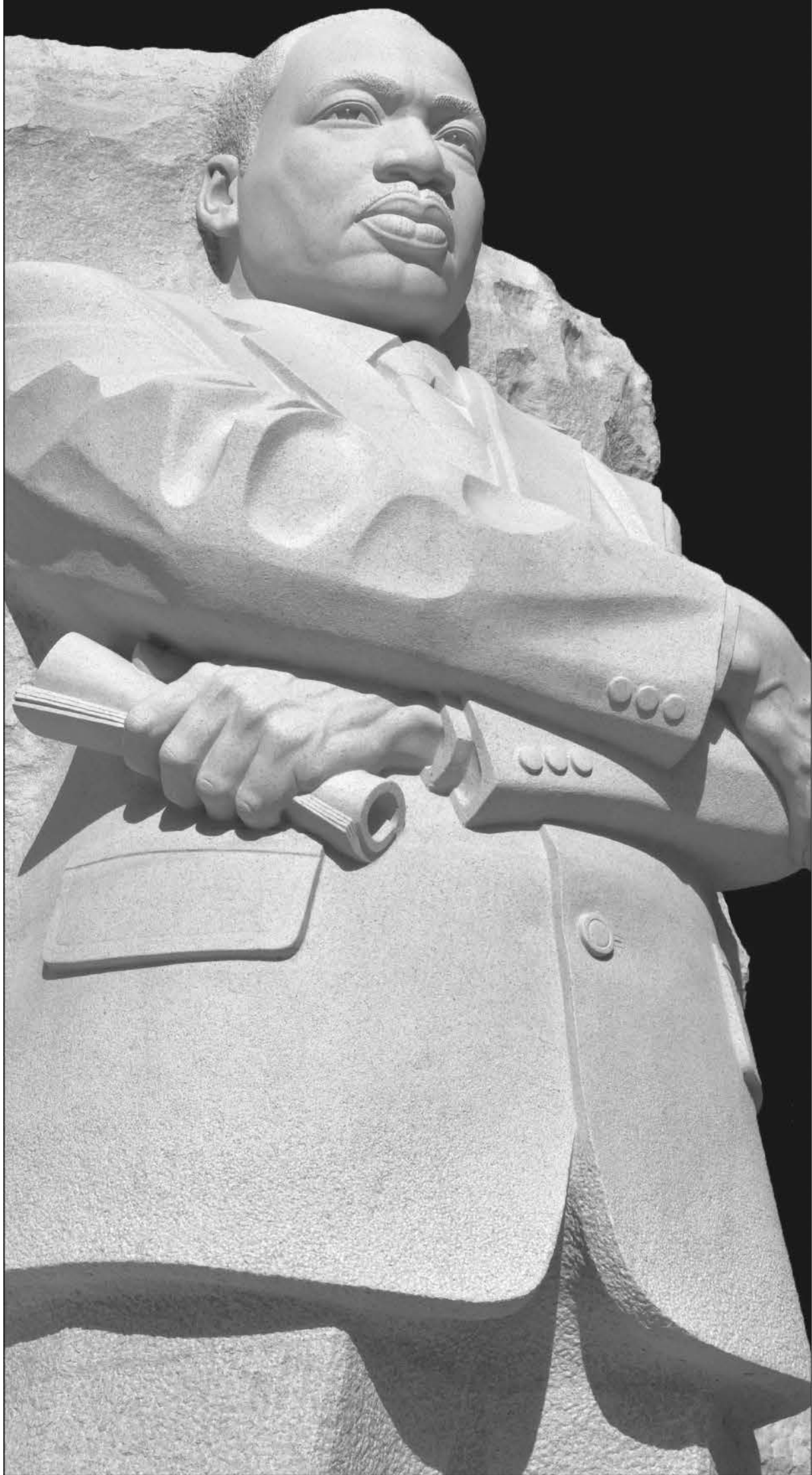


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Dance program showcases Africa and the Diaspora

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performances, teaching and research.

As artistic director of "Winterdances 2016: Evolve As We Enter," Feb. 4-7 at UWM, she will showcase Africa and the Diaspora in the Winterdances' finale. The piece features work by guest choreographers Amaniyea Payne (artistic director of Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago), Debra Loewen (artistic director of Wild Space Dance Company and lecturer in the Department of Dance), Melinda Jean Myers (former company member of Trisha Brown Dance Company), and the Peck School's Maria Gillespie, an assistant professor, and Senior Lecturer Dani Kuepper.

Caulker Bronson has helped cement UWM's reputation as a leader in teaching and performing African Dance. Milwaukee's Ko-Thi Dance Company, which she founded in 1969, partners closely with the Peck School and is currently based at UWM. The university's pioneering work in teaching and performing the dances of Africa and the Diaspora was featured in Dance Magazine in the summer of 2015.

Key aspects of the African Diaspora Track will reach even more students as the program merges with the Peck School's contemporary dance track in 2016, allowing students to diversify their dance training.

Desmond Cotton, who graduated from UWM in December 2015, took

African dance classes as part of his contemporary dance major. The tie to his heritage was one factor in choosing those classes.

"I really enjoyed being able to experience the freedom of motion and the call-and-response format. I read a lot about the art form and the history. It really contributed to my knowledge of the dance and the history."

Caulker Bronson strongly encourages all dance students to take the dance classes focused on Africa and the Diaspora, as well as enroll in related history and culture courses. Students who are going into teaching can especially benefit, she said.

"The majority of these students when they get out of here are going to be faced with classrooms full of minority students, particularly African-Americans if they stay in this city," Caulker Bronson said. "They need to have this concrete information in their toolbox, information that is not stereotypical."

UWM's African dance program grew out of Caulker Bronson's work with Ko-Thi. She was teaching a popular class on African dance part-time as a lecturer in the university's Africology Department when the dance department invited her to move the class into that area. She became an assistant professor in what was then the Department of Theatre and Dance in 1977. In 1994, she received a three-month Fulbright fellowship to study in Tanzania, East Africa. That gave her the opportunity and time to research and begin to build an academic program that incorporated not only dance movements, but history, culture and the work of pioneering African-American choreographers like Katherine Dunham and Pearl Primus.

With more than 2,000 ethnic groups with their own dances on the African continent alone, Caulker Bronson said there was plenty of material to work with. The history courses she developed trace the paths that African dance travelled to the New World and blended with European and indigenous forms.

Recent dance graduate Karlies Kelley, for example, discovered and researched the history of the Cimarrons, a group of slaves who broke free from the Spanish and settled in her native Panama.

"We can go to Haiti, look at Haitian dance forms tracing them back to Dahomey [an African Kingdom located in the area of the present-day country of Benin]," said Caulker Bronson. "We can go to Brazil look at Capoeira and trace that back to Angola."

Cultures met and mixed through dance.

"When you talk about American tap, for example," Caulker Bronson continued, "it's an American indigenous form that is a combination of two ethnic groups that were marginalized, the Irish culture with its clog dancing, and the African culture. Those two coming together created this amazing American form. Without Irish and Africans, there would never be an American tap."

In a similar mixing of diverse dance cultures, the Winterdances finale brings together dancers from all different Peck dance tracks in a performance that focuses on the African Diaspora. Choreographer Payne, for example, incorporated beginning African dance steps to make her piece work for all dancers and selected a young white male with ballet training for a lead role.

That's very much in keeping with Caulker Bronson's philosophy of exploring diverse cultures through dance. "My philosophy as a teacher has been to encourage students to explore with genuine curiosity. That is key to understanding each other's religions, history, culture and practices."

UWM is celebrating Black History Month during February with a series of performances, films, lectures, seminars and a Black History Ball. Most events are free and open to the public. Learn more about Black History Month events at UWM.

Election Watch 2016/CANDIDATE Q&A (CONTINUED)



Sequanna Taylor (Dist. 2): Public safety is a growing concern in our community, implementing and maintain measures to ensure that individuals can live a healthy and safe life is an issues that as my attention. Working with local police districts, neighborhood associations, block watches and additional safety measure already in place to strengthen and improve lines of communication.



Valerie Sauve (Dist. 7): To have vital and thriving communities we need a well trained, equipped, and just network of safety providers that can work together to provide prompt services to the citizens of Milwaukee County. When it comes to providing a public service such as public safety, we must put service first, not politics.

QUESTION FOUR: What is your position on tax reform? CITY ELECTIONS/MAYOR

Bob Donovan: We must stop putting a heavy burden on our city's property tax payers. Yes, the current administration has held the line on the property tax, but fees paid by taxpayers have increased from \$40 million in 2004 (when the current administration took office) to \$106 million in 2016—a whopping 164% increase. Further, the current administration has increased the City's debt by nearly 50% during its 12 years and continues to borrow significantly from various funds to plug holes in funding its budget. The bottom line is we cannot continue to place the full burden on City property taxpayers—my administration will work diligently to lessen the burden on property tax payers. We must do what is necessary to ensure we don't lose more good residents because they can no longer afford their tax bills and fees.

James Methu: In my first 180 days I will demand an audit of Community Development Block Grant, Housing Urban Development, and Environmental Protection Agency dollars coming into the city. A bold approach is necessary at the local and federal level to dismantle housing and banking discrimination, and investigate infrastructure and zoning policies that perpetuate the problem, as Marc Levine mentions in his work with University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. I'll focus on targeted hiring no matter what it takes. We have billions of dollars in development coming to our city over the next 15-20 years and we don't need another Westlawn debacle in which the city receives dollars (\$82 million with \$30

million more coming) yet fails to hire adequately from the community, with no accountability. I'll also move the Office of Small Business Development from the Mayoral administration to the Clerk's office where it should be, and where it can get better management.

The city must not continue to prey on the central city for fees and tickets. In fact, we need to find more ways to support the central city. I propose lowering parking tickets for city residents overall and raising them for commuters. We will continue to keep property taxes flat, while focusing on lowering the water bills for the average property owner.

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David Crowley (Dist. 7): Milwaukee must ensure that taxes are going toward services that benefit all of its residents. Tax money should be spent on services for those who need them most, such as early childhood programs, health services, and adequate and affordable transportation. We need to set labor and wage standards for employers who receive public funds to provide these services, so that we do not perpetuate the cycle of low-wage jobs in Milwaukee.

Frank Emanuele, Jr. (Dist. 9): Doesn't it seem some way or another we are always paying taxes on something no matter what it is we buy? How about we start saving people money so they can spend more money in our city build up our own economy here locally instead of forcing them to the fall's and Germantown to spend their money.

If the current mayor cared about the city we wouldn't have to worry about letting the police officers and firefighters move out of the city, but the city is at such a failing point he needs them to stay so the city doesn't miss out on their taxes. Again get ahold of the crime wave happening and keep people safe and the businesses protected and we wouldn't be having this issue.

What I would like to see happen in the future is as I stated giving businesses new to the city a tax break to help with

Chevy Johnson (Dist. 2): Homeowners have expressed frustration that in the event of a drop in their property values that they don't also see a correlating drop in property taxes. I hope that as we work towards getting commercial and residential properties from City-owned tax foreclosure and broadening the tax base, that we're able to reduce the burden on residents in neighborhoods.

Chantia Lewis (Dist. 9): When it comes to any tax reform, I am definitely in favor of finding ways to save residents money on property taxes as well as the amount of taxes we pay on sales/revenue, but not at the expense of education and other much needed public services.

Sherman Morton (Dist. 2): This is a topic for the state or federal government. The only real taxes we deal with on a city level are property taxes and even that is broken up into 5 different parts. City, County, MMSD, MATC and MPS. The formula that determines property taxes is a formula that is given to us by the state. My suggestion to anyone that has an issue with either their property value being too high or too low, is that they contact the city assessor's office and get their home personally assessed. This is the only way to get a true picture of what your property is really worth.

Sean Muhammad (Dist. 15): Taxes fund most city services and operations, and the quality of such services is related to how efficiently this resource is utilized. An efficient balance must be found, where community needs are met and municipal debt avoided. Additionally, income inequality creates a challenge when looking at "who needs what, and where is it needed most?" The resident that has \$100 to spend, plans differently than the resident that has only \$10. Both use the same roads, shop at the same grocery stores and even pay the same utilities, yet the poverty burden is different for both. So the common Council of Milwaukee has to evaluate how we increase our city's living standards while at the same time avoiding a "increase taxes and spend more money" scenario. I don't propose that it is easy or readily identifiable, but it has to be done in order to ensure our great city's future.

COUNTY ELECTIONS/COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chris Larson: The portion of the Bucks Arena deal that Chris Abele negotiated was a bad deal for County taxpayers. The county's most impoverished residents will end up paying the most taxes due to the county executive's lack of leadership. As county executive, I plan to relieve the tax burden on the working class through economic development that will spur growth in our local economy.

Joseph Thomas Klein: I believe it is politically difficult to raise taxes above the rate of inflation. I would like to find ways to transfer the funding of MCTS to a dedicated funding source other than property taxes. If this would be implemented it would provide some level of property tax relief.

Any staff or wage cuts should come from the top and middle before the come from the bottom. Silicon Valley uses flatter hierarchies within the nation's most successful business; we can apply some of these modern management techniques to our Milwaukee County operations.

More important than just offering blankets tax cuts or tax reform I feel it is a personal responsibility of the county executive to participate fully in the budgeting process and in public meetings related to the budgeting process. I would like to have a videographer at staff meetings and indeed at any meeting, which will eventually impact taxation or the budget. I want the public to have full access to the budgeting process including draft budgets and draft proposals. For significant contracts, I believe that the negotiation of those contracts should be done publicly and the video of that those negotiations should be available to anyone with an Internet connection.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Martha R. Collins-De La Rosa (Dist. 18): We need to take action on tax reform right now! The prosperity of our County depends on it. For the past 30 years, most changes to tax codes have made it more complex and less fair for working families. There is a need to lower rates and get rid of loopholes that allow the "well-connected" to avoid most tax liability.

Sequanna Taylor (Dist. 2): Cut taxes for those working families and middle class not the wealthy. The current system is not fair.

Valerie Sauve (Dist. 7): If elected, I will use my background in accounting and budgeting to help keep taxes as low as appropriate to deliver the best services possible for Milwaukee County residents.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The MCJ mistakenly omitted Aldermanic candidate Chantia Lewis' response to the second question last week (January 13 Edition) on education. Here is her response to the question: "Education is one of the most important issues we as a community need to fight for. It is our responsibility to help raise up the generation behind us, not just as an elected official, but as a resident, a mentor, a parent, brother or sister. And as an elected official I will make it a top priority to ensure our children have access to a great education, no matter their income level or geographic location."

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY Case No. 15FA5464 Divorce-40101

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: CHRISTOPHER NADIO ADELL and Respondent: STACY HOGAN ADELL

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 Courthouse 901 N 9th St Room 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and to CHRISTOPHER NADIO ADELL 6044 N SHERMAN BLVD MILWAUKEE WI 53209

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

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

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

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

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

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in 767.105 Wis.Stats.

767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2)Upon the request of a party to an

action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:

(a)The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:

1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.

(b)The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

Date: 12-4-2015 BY: CHRISTOPHER NADIO ADELL 016-007/1-15-22-29-2016

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY Case No. 15FA7834 Divorce-40101

In Re: The marriage of: RAQUEL GERENA, Petitioner and Respondent: EDWARD GERENA

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 Courthouse 901 N 9th St Room 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and to RAQUEL GERENA 5832 W STACK DR #2 MILWAUKEE WI 53219

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

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

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Date: 1-6-2016 BY: RAQUEL GERENA 016-006/1-15-22-29-2016

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY Case No. 15FA007335 Divorce-40101

In Re: The marriage of: CARLOS A COLON, Petitioner and Respondent: PRISCILLA BATISTA DOS-SANTOS

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.

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mand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first day of publication.

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Date: 1-6-2016 BY: CARLOS A COLON 016-005/1-15-22-29-2016

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY Case No. 15FA006375 Divorce-40101

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: DEQUANA M BOSTICK and Respondent: DE'NAL BOSTICK

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 Courthouse 901 N 9th St Room 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and to DEQUANA M BOSTICK 4124 N TORONTO ST MILWAUKEE WI 53216

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

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Date: 1-6-2016 BY: DEQUANA M BOSTICK 016-005/1-15-22-29-2016

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 15CV010493

In the matter of the name change of: SANDRA LEE ROZGA By (Petitioner) SANDRA LEE ROZGA

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: SANDRA LEE ROZGA To: SANDRA LEE LIPINSKI Birth Certificate: SANDRA LEE LIPINSKI

IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MEL FLANAGAN ROOM 404 BRANCH 04, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 11, 2016, TIME: 11:00 A.M.

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: 12-30-2015 BY THE COURT: HON. MEL FLANAGAN Circuit Court Judge 016-003/1-8-15-22-2016

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Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 19, 2016.
Sealed proposals will be received at 1124 North 11th Street, directed to the attention of Mr. Travis R. Luzney, P.E., Director of the Division of Facilities and Maintenance Services, pursuant to Section 119.52(3) Wisconsin Statutes, until Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 1:30PM, in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work:
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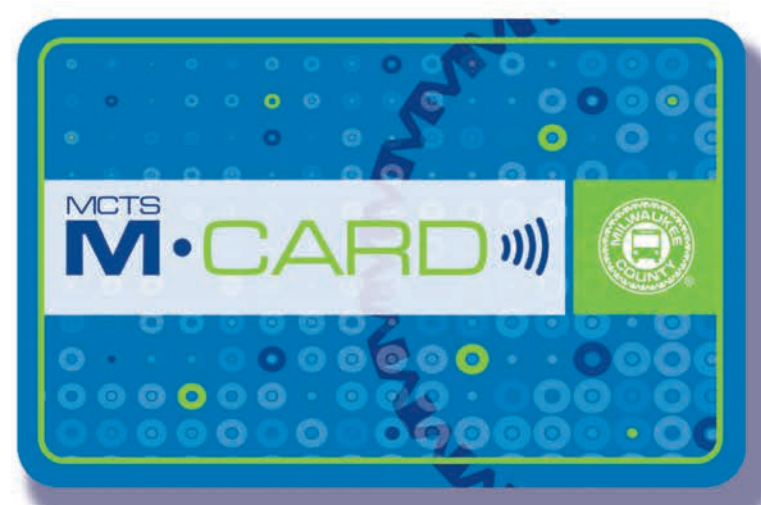


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