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# The Woman in the Mirror Thinking Outside

by Lisa Parham

As the summer approaches and we begin to take vacations, it is also the time of year when we love to gather and eat outside. I don't know about you but I like to sometimes have a summertime dinner under the stars in my backyard surrounded by family and friends. It feels quite special without any extra effort.

We are more relaxed and, dare I say, at our happiest. Maybe it satisfies a yearning to gather around a fire like our ancestors did. Pretensions dissolve and the troubles or disagreements of the day fall away. Picture yourself in that context, and invariably a good memory will perhaps pop in your head. For me, it is like just relaxing from a long week of work and everyday life.

In the summer I like to try to eat outside as much as possible depending on the mosquitoes. Outside dinner is never anything fancy, just a simple table setting, a few lamps, and everything is being cooked on the grill. It just seems to me that when we're away from the distractions we experience indoors, it's easier to focus on what meal times are all about while enjoying a few hours with the people we love.

This 4th of July holiday, take the time to laugh, and enjoy your family, be kind to someone. Go that extra mile, you will be so surprised how you will feel when you do something great for someone.



Most importantly, be safe, drive responsibly. Sometimes we think that we have to always go out to spend money in order to have a good time. But that is not always the case. Go right in your backyard, and enjoy your family. Let them know how important they are to you and how much they mean to you.

All the Best,  
Happy 4th of July.

*Lisa Parham*

Ms. Lisa Parham  
President & Chief Operating Officer

*"I feel that we should all work to continue to make Racine a positive atmosphere for our Younger People, Thank you for helping to be a positive influence in our Community."*

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# Lakefront Festival celebrates 15th Anniversary

## The Arts & Crafts Village returns to festival with Kenosha Arts Association partnership

Kenosha – The HarborPark Jazz Rhythm & Blues festival, Kenosha's most festive lakefront music event announces internationally acclaimed Saxophonist Paul Taylor as the Jazz headliner to celebrate the 15th Anniversary event. The music kicks off with Wisconsin's most popular Reggae band, Madison based, Natty Nation followed by Milwaukee's hottest R&B band Christopher's Project with Joe (the Crooner) Jordan. The Blues headliner will be announced in the coming weeks. "The HarborPark Jazz, Rhythm & Blues Festival has been providing a wonderfully diverse mixture of music in Kenosha for the past 15 years," said Dennis DuChene, President of the Kenosha Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Drawing visitors from Milwaukee, Chicagoland and beyond, the event showcases our beautiful lakefront and highlights our community's dedication to the arts and cultural activities. The return of the Arts & Crafts Village is a testament to that as well. We are proud to partner with the Mahone Foundation to have events such as this in our area."



Testimonial from few long term attendees:

"We've been attending Harbor Park Jazz since the start, albeit the first event was rained out for jazz pianist Ramsey Lewis. The venue on the Lake front is great! We love the family friendly environment along with the great lineup of local and nationally known musicians. We're looking forward to this year's event featuring saxophonist Paul Taylor!!," said local resident Adelene and Derrell Greene"

Its always a festive great time bringing my friends and family to the Kenosha HarborPark Music Fest. The Lakefront is absolutely beautiful, the ease of parking and of course listening to the great music while tasting various types of food is the highlight, says Chicago based Dr. Michael Guthrie.

After a five year hiatus, the Arts & Crafts Village returns to the HarborPark festival showcasing a broad mix of juried fine art, paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture, jewelry, handmade clothing, fine crafts and a lively art-making tent aimed at families with young children. Artisans will showcase their talent in a variety of mediums on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan. Art pieces, prints and merchandise will be available for purchase.

"The Kenosha Art Association is excited to partner with the Harbor Park Jazz Rhythm & Blues event to celebrate its 15th anniversary. It's a natural fit to align our organizations and bring quality music and creative arts and crafts vendors for the attendees to enjoy, says Pat Koesser, Kenosha Arts Association representative..

Organizers are taking applications for various artists. Artists can get more information and an application by visiting [mahonefund.org](http://mahonefund.org) or contacting the KAA at 262-654-0065 or email [info@kenoshaartassociation.org](mailto:info@kenoshaartassociation.org). Deadline for entries is July 19, 2019. The Kenosha Art Association's mission is to promote art, art education, and art appreciation in the greater Kenosha area! Please visit our website at <http://www.kenoshaartassociation.org>

The festival is scheduled for Saturday August 17th at HarborPark Celebration Place. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. The festival kicks off at 1:15pm with the popular "Cooking Studio", an interactive Chef demonstration. The Cooking Studio provides the gourmet foodie and aspiring cooks a gorgeous lakefront atmosphere to learn the tricks of the trade in a mock Kitchen environment. Stay tuned for more details on the year's competitive format.

Besides listening to quality music throughout the day, patrons will be able to purchase raffle tickets for the 50/50 raffle and participate in the very popular Silent auction and "Wine Pull" raffle, giving supporters the opportunity of winning top quality bottles of wines and fun prize packages.

Volunteers for the festival are needed in the following areas: Security, Ticket Admissions, Wine/Beer Garden, I.D. Verification, V.I.P Area, Volunteer Tent, Hospitality, Crowd Control, Stage Crew, Ground Crew (set-up & clean-up). Shifts will be determined by a volunteer's availability and a four (4) hour minimum is required. Benefits include a volunteer t-shirt, refreshments during the time of your shift and admission to the festival. If you are interested in volunteering, please email your request to [harborparkjazz@mahonefund.org](mailto:harborparkjazz@mahonefund.org) and

the mailing address is HPJBF Volunteer Recruitment, c/o Kenosha Community Foundation, 600 52nd Street, Suite 110, Kenosha, WI 53140.

If interested in registering as a food or corporate vendor contact Michelle Nelson at [kkaiser@kenoshafoundation.org](mailto:kkaiser@kenoshafoundation.org). For sponsorship and corporate package information contact Tim Mahone at [chairman@mahonefund.org](mailto:chairman@mahonefund.org).

Tickets go on sale Monday, June 24 at Tenuta's, Andrea's, and the Kenosha Community Foundation office, or visit [www.mahonefund.org](http://www.mahonefund.org) to receive \$5 online discount. General admission lawn seats are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the gate. The Texas Roadhouse VIP tickets are \$85 (includes concert ticket, food, complimentary beer and wine).

All proceeds benefit the Mahone Fund. The mission is to provide educational opportunities for economically and academically deserving youth and to support healthy lifestyle initiatives in communities of color.

### MUSIC OVERVIEW

Natty Nation - [www.nattynation.com](http://www.nattynation.com)

Christopher's Project Featuring Joe (the Crooner) Jordan – [www.christophersprojectonline.com](http://www.christophersprojectonline.com)

Headliner - Paul Taylor – [www.paultaylorlorsax.com](http://www.paultaylorlorsax.com)

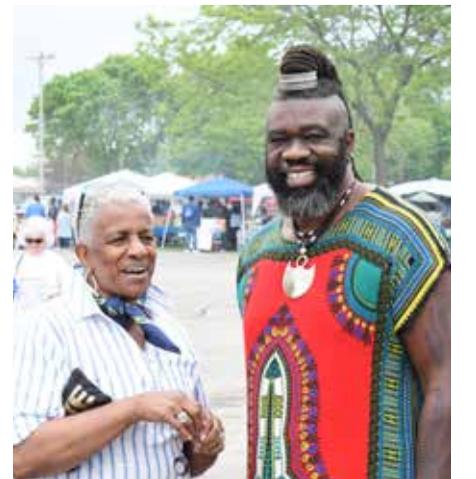


"It's hard to believe we reached a 15 year milestone given our first event with Ramsey Lewis was a complete washout. Our goal was to recruit national and local musicians to bring high quality Jazz and Blues music to our beautiful lakefront while raising money for our Career Exploration Organization mentoring program. Over the years, the committee has worked really hard to create a festival which features a range of musical genres while offering great food and drink that all people can enjoy. What started out as a local Jazz & Blues event has grown to a regional music festival with sounds of Reggae, Lite Rock and R&B attracting fans from all over the Midwest. It's been a tremendously successful 15 year run and as long as the Lake stays there so will the HarborPark Jazz, Rhythm & Blues fest", says Tim Mahone.

# Juneteenth Celebration Features Caron Butler Dream Court Ribbon Cutting and Basketball Camp







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# Nothing is Free

by Ed Mohrbacher

There is no doubt that there are millions of Americans need some type of help in one way or another. The assistance could be in the form of prescription drugs or health care. Maybe it's food or housing. It could be helping to pay for an education, but the facts remain, a lot of our fellow Americans could use a helping hand.

The thought of it being "free" is however a misconception. Those receiving the aid they need perceive a benefit with little to no out of pocket cost from them. The truth is however that someone, somewhere has to pay for it. Doctors, teachers, pharmacists don't work for free. They have to earn a living to support their families too. The popular political promises are to provide free this, or free that. Where would our government get the money to pay for these promises? Clearly the answer is tax dollars. Where do those tax dollars come from? The answer to that is clear as well. The funds come from either businesses or individuals through several forms of tax. The most common are income, property and sales taxes.

Let's take a look at the individual side first. Whoever is employed is paid a gross wage from which income taxes are paid. If our government decides to provide their "free" programs to help out someone in need, the only way they can do that is to commit tax dollars received from working individuals. If taxes are raised to support those programs, hardworking people have less money to support their families. I would like to believe that those same people are compassionate and would not hesitate to help

someone in need. That is when they can afford to do it without jeopardizing the welfare of their families. Forcing those individuals to pay higher taxes so those less fortunate can have more just doesn't seem fair. They work hard for their money. Shouldn't they be able to enjoy the fruits of their labor?

Now let's peek inside a business. In many cases, the owners of businesses have personally guaranteed the loans they have taken to support their businesses. What does that mean? It means that if the business fails, they chance to lose everything they own. It's just that simple. Those same business owners feel a responsibility for their employees knowing that those employees depend on the success of the business for their livelihood. They come to work every day with the responsibility of not only supporting their family, but with the added responsibility knowing that the decisions they make will have a profound impact on those who rely on the business for an income. The same scenario exists for businesses. They pay taxes on their income. It doesn't matter if the business pays the tax directly or the owner pays it through their personal income tax return. The fact remains, they pay taxes. The higher the taxes become, the less profitable the business is and the more difficult it is to provide a wage to the employees of that business that also rely on its success.

In both of the above cases, increasing taxes to provide free programs turns out to be detrimental to hard working people. Individuals have less money to support their families and the business owners have less money to employee people depending on the success of the business.

The argument that "some people have too much money" and should be forced to turn it over is simply ridiculous. If you have two televisions in your house and your neighbor does not, should you be forced to give one to the neighbor simply because they don't have one? Of course not. Then why would it be ok for the government to take money away from someone who has worked hard and earned it? Let's say you saved up little by little from your paycheck to purchase a new car. You are ecstatic that you finally got there. You go buy your car only to find out that the government says that you have to give it away because there is someone "more deserving". How would you feel about that?

Free may be free to those receiving whatever it may be, but it surely isn't to those who have to ultimately pay for it. The answer is clear. The more people that are working, the more overall taxes our government will get. Keeping our country at full employment is the best way to provide not only the tax dollars to help support government programs for those that need it, but it allows compassionate Americans with the ability to help out others wherever and whenever they can. America was not built on free anything. It was built on hard work, dedication and sacrifice. Have faith in your fellow man. Except their gifts when given and share your blessing with your neighbor.

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# Maresh Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home

by Dominique Lambricht

Charles and Jeanette Maresh opened the Maresh Funeral Home on St. Patrick Street in 1935. In 1948 they relocated to 803 Main Street where the Thronson Funeral Home had formerly operated. Mr. and Mrs. Maresh served Racine until 1972 when they sold the business to Thomas and Barbara Meredith. Tom previously served families for 12 years at the Strouf – Sheffield Funeral Home in Racine. The Meredith name was added and operated as Maresh-Meredith Funeral Home. Tom and Barbara had nine children and they were all active with the business while growing up. Always having the utmost respect for the Acklams, as good neighbors and competitors, the Acklam Funeral Home in 1999 was acquired. The Acklam Family had a long history of serving Racine dating to 1875. The Acklam addition gives a total span of service to Racine to over 130 years.

The original building was constructed in 1847. In about 1894 Dr. Julian R. Sims moved from Union Grove to Racine, opening an office at 827 Main St. Two years later he purchased the house at 803 Main Street in 1898. In 1902 Dr. Simms sold the property to Dr. Clarendon Irving Shoop whose name was nationally known as the manufacturer of a widely advertised patent medicine. During Dr. Shoop's residence, the house was extensively remodeled with adding a new front and a second story over the wings. In 1922 the house was sold and again remodeled to provide quarters for the Thronson Funeral Home. Shortly after their purchase of the building in 1948, Charles and Jeanette Maresh expanded by connecting the carriage house with the

building and remodeling it into a chapel. The Meredith family expanded the facility in 1995 to include the building at 811 Main and remodeled for handicapped accessibility. They also take advantage of Preservation Hall to help with holding celebrations and receptions.

The Meredith's take pride in providing the Racine community the finest in funeral facilities. The stature and craftsmanship of the building along with the elegant and tastefully decorated interior lend to provide a dignified and comfortable atmosphere not found in homes built today. Out of all the children they had, today, six work together in the funeral home. One of their siblings was lost in a car accident in 1992. While growing up, the children knew little of anything else. It is interesting that the funeral home life just grew to them so much they wanted to become a part of it when they got older. They had to sit in the office all day waiting for the phones to ring when they were younger. Also, when their friends would come over they thought the funeral home was great in a creepy way.

The Marsh's had one daughter and when the new children came to live in the funeral home, later in life, they spoke with some of her friends. They would tell stories of when they were younger running around the funeral home. They mentioned messing with the people in the caskets and how it was so normal because when you grow up around all that a funeral home encompasses it becomes all part of everyday life, literally. Speaking of, a normal day today for the funeral home is very unpredictable. Anything can change within a matter of minutes, I was told. Anyone can call from anywhere, they don't only have to be located in

Racine County. One day may bring 3 to 5 funerals, another day may have none, there are always visitations of the home so people can familiarize themselves with the location, and then there are also meet and greets that take place for the families. So far on their record of funerals in a day is 8. The great thing is with 6 of the siblings still working there they have multiple funeral directors and usually enough staff to take care of things.

The hours of operation for the funeral home are 24/7, death doesn't take any holidays. I asked how many funerals they believe occurred a year and they told me about 400. That is a big number. When they took over the Acklam Funeral home they received all the records. With those records being 1875 books of records, plus the Meredith records of 1935, they had fun organizing them (sarcasm) haha. The best thing that happened was the transition of files converting over to the computer. Before they were just handwritten out on paper and filed away. As I was given a tour I notice all the intricate details that make up the well-decorated rooms throughout the funeral home. There is a sitting area for family members to get away and take a moment to themselves. If they have small private funerals they can rearrange rooms and create something beautiful. The beautiful courtyard is usually held for visitations. A room is specifically for arrangements and conferences. And a little fun fact, the casket balming is held upstairs, not in the basement as they show in movies. I was shocked.



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If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the family funeral home, please call for a tour anytime. The place is beautiful and breathtaking. Every space is well decorated and well put together.

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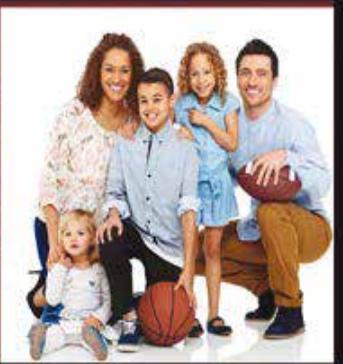
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# Five Simple Tips to Maintain Positive Cash Flow in Your New Business

by Yvette Stewart

When it comes to finances, the difference between success and failure is often the ability to maintain a positive cash flow. We have this goal in our everyday lives: we seek to earn enough to pay the bills each month while saving strategically for long-term investments that will fuel future growth. The same is true for a business. If you are thinking about becoming a small business owner, know going in that your cash flow needs to be a top priority. Here a few simple steps you can take to help maintain a positive cash flow:

**1. Invoice on a timely basis.** It isn't unusual for some business owners to take their time sending invoices, which can seriously hamper cash flow. You might want to specify a certain day of the week or a couple of days during the month as your days to issue invoices. Or commit to taking care of it immediately after a sale is made or work is completed. You can even ask for a down payment up front, a particularly important practice if you incur out-of-pocket expenses to complete the job. If sending invoices and following up is taking up too much of your time, consider hiring an accountant or implementing an online service or mobile app.

**2. Set clear terms for payment.** There is no hard and fast rule for what your terms must be. Many small business owners request payment upon receipt of an invoice,



or within a specified number of days. The important point is to find what works for your business model and clearly communicate it to clients (ideally in writing). Also, create a repeatable system for following up if payments are not received on time.

**3. Track expenses.** The downfall for many businesses, particularly in the early months of operation, is a failure to keep spending in check. While it may be necessary to spend to get your business off the ground, create the habit of recording all expenses and keep an eye on your overall spending pattern. And, keep your business accounts separate from your personal ones so that you have a clearer line of sight into your cash flow.

**4. Be cautious with debt.** Many startups or smaller businesses finance activities through bank loans or by building up credit card debt. The latter, in particular, is an expensive form of financing that could impact your personal finances fairly quickly if not used responsibly. If you're unsure about how to finance or move forward with your business, consider consulting a business coach or financial advisor.

**5. Minimize credit to customers.** De-

pending on your business, some customers may seek to make their purchases on credit. If you determine that this is workable for your business model, be diligent in assessing the customer's ability to repay you on a timely basis and following the terms you set up in step #2 above.

Cash flow management is one of the cornerstones of any business plan. If you want support or have questions along the way, schedule meetings with a lawyer, accountant and financial advisor who can review your finances and business plan in more detail.

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Madison – Governor Tony Evers today issued an Executive Order reestablishing the state Pardon Advisory Board and a pardon process. The Pardon Advisory Board reviews pardon applications and makes recommendations on those applications to the Governor. During his two terms in office, former Governor Scott Walker refused to fill appointments to the Pardon Advisory Board or issue any pardons.

"I'm happy to see that Governor Evers recognizes that people can complete their sentences and make meaningful changes in their lives and that those people deserve a second chance," Sen. Bob Wirth (D-Somers) said.

The Pardon Advisory Board is made up of nine members, eight appointed by the Governor and one by Attorney General Josh Kaul. Under the pardon process, people convicted of a Wisconsin felony may apply for a pardon if they completed their sentences, including extended supervision, at least five years ago and have not committed any new crimes. A pardon is an official act of forgiveness that restores some rights lost when a person is convicted of a felony, such as the right to hold public office, obtain certain professional licenses and serve on a jury.

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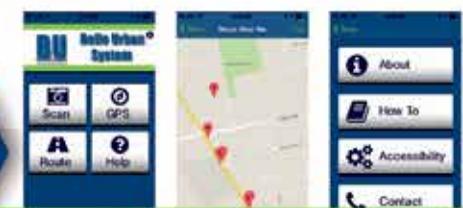
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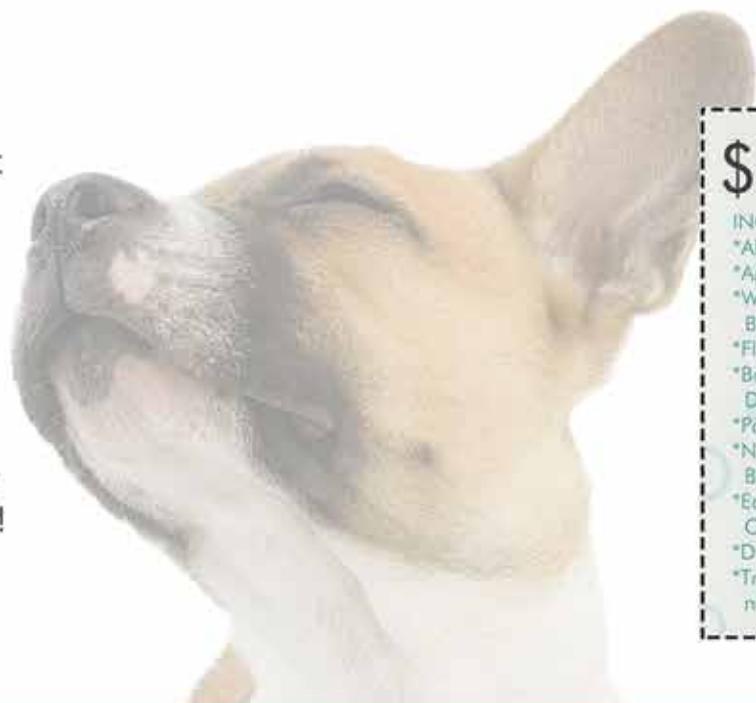
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## Community Women's Club Awards Four \$1,000 Scholarships

On April 13, 2019, the Community Women's Club awarded 1,000 scholarships to four outstanding high school students from the Racine community. The 37th Annual Scholarship Program was held at the Covenant at Murray Mansion, located at 2219 Washington Avenue, in Racine. This year's theme was "A Spring Fling – First Ladies Fashions" which featured clothing from Divine Apparel Fashions, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a creative dance performance by Soiya Cameron. The Community Women's Club was organized in 1982 and has awarded nearly 100 scholarships to eligible youth in the Racine community.



**Sanaa Hill** is the daughter of Phillip and Sandra Hill. She is a senior at Walden III High School where she has achieved a standard 3.8 grade point average. Sanaa is on the Honor Roll and is a member of the National Honors Society.

Sanaa is very active in school and in the community. She is a member of the Case High School Varsity cheerleading squad, Walden III Green School Environmental Club, Student Government, Model United Nations, Senior Committee, Battle of the Books, and Jostens Program. She also worked as a Library Assistant.

In the community, Sanaa volunteered her time to help the Racine Sparkle Cheerleading Squad, which is a high school cheer squad for students with disabilities; as well as the Racine Stars Youth Cheer Team, a middle school cheer squad. She also participated in the Democratic Party of Wisconsin and the Relay for Life Run/Walk. Since June, 2017 to present, she has worked a part-time job while balancing her commitments to school and community. Sanaa plans to attend Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois, and major in Business Administration with a career goal to be a Retail Merchandiser.



**Naomi Lewis** is the granddaughter of Pamela Smith. She is the daughter of the late Portia Smith and Christopher Lewis, of Panama, Central America. Naomi attends J. I. Case High School and is in the International Baccalaureate Program. She is on the Honor Roll, has a standard 3.6 grade point average, and is a member of the National Honors Society. Naomi also holds the honor of being a Student Ambassador at Case High School.

Despite her rigorous academic schedule, which includes many International Baccalaureate

ate weighted courses, Naomi was able to balance school, a job, and Poms Dance Team all while maintaining high academic honors. For the past four years, Naomi was a Poms Dance Team member and currently is Captain of the Team. She also played baseball for one year. Naomi is a Youth Leader at the Racine Assembly of God Church where she participated in several youth missions. Naomi plans to attend UW-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, and desires to become an Industrial Engineer.



**Juana Antonio**, daughter of Joel and Minerva Antonio, is an Honor Roll student at Washington Park High School and is an officer of the National Honors Society. Juana has attained a standard 3.9 grade point average. Juana enjoys competitive sports and was a member of the tennis, soccer, and basketball team. She is a member of Positive Impact, Link Crew, and serves as Treasurer of the International Club. Juana was in the PEOPLE Pre-College Program since her freshman year, which gave her an opportunity to take classes during the summer at UW-Madison.

In the community, Juana works at the Kingdom Manna Food Pantry and participates in

the A.I.M. (Abilities Inside Me) and C.O.B.Y. (Youth Outreach) Programs at Kingdom Builders Fellowship Church. Juana plans to attend Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and will major in Forensic Science with the career goal of becoming a Forensic Scientist.



**Diana Antonio**, daughter of Joel and Minerva Antonio, is an Honor Roll student at Washington Park High School. Diana has achieved a standard 3.9 grade point average and is an officer of the National Honors Society. Diana enjoys competitive sports and was a member of the tennis, soccer, and basketball team. She is a member of Positive Impact, Link Crew, and serves as President of the International Club.

Diana provides community services at Kingdom Builders Fellowship Church. She helps with the Kingdom Manna Food Pantry and participates in the A.I.M. (Abilities Inside Me) and C.O.B.Y. (Youth Outreach) Programs. Diana plans to attend Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan, and will major in Biochemistry. Her career goal is to become an OBGYN Physician.

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# Real Talk Therapy: Shake It Off

by D. White



For you Millennials' out there I want you to know up front that this article doesn't have anything to do with Taylor Swift. For the middle-aged born in the 60's & 70's, it don't have anything to do with Mariah Carey either. If you are still interested in reading this then I want you to take something into consideration. From Baby Boomers to babies of the 80's & 90's and everyone in between, I believe we've all had to shake some things off along the way. We've all met some hard-headed people that refused to listen. Have you ever pleaded with an individual or group to do the right thing? The old school preacher would encourage them to "Straighten up and fly right" simply because it was the right thing to do. Have you ever cared about a person or cause more than that person cared about the cause or the well-being of others? Keep reading.

We've all failed to listen or heed lessons that were for our benefit and had to learn the hard way. The hard way generally resulted in natural and logical consequences and may have included missed opportunities. Did your parents ever tell you not to touch the hot stove and you touched it anyway? What you got was a natural and logical consequence that resulted in you screaming, "OUCH!" and shaking your hand as you jumped around writhing in pain. Unfortunately some are so hard-hearted and vindictive that they will spitefully refuse to heed a good message even when they know it to be true (2 Tim 4:3).

If you know what I'm talking about all I can say is shake it off. If you don't know what I'm talking about then keep reading. The Bible says, And whosoever shall not receive you, nor

hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet (Mt. 10:14). To give context to this passage it would help us to understand something about the custom during the time in which it was written. It was common for people to wear

sandals or even go barefoot. Since they didn't have the convenience of motorized vehicles for transportation, walking was a common means of getting around. With that in consideration it was not unusual for people's feet to collect dust. The online dictionary defines dust as earth or other matter in fine, dry particles. Dirt is defined as any foul or filthy substance, as mud, grime, dust or excrement. Since God created the first man from the dust of the earth (Gen. 2:7) humans are naturally dirty. In other words we all have flaws and we all need to shake some dust off from time to time.

The only thing worse than someone refusing to do what's right after multiple admonitions, is others who give tacit approval by going along with the wrongdoing; especially learned people who know better (James 4:17). When you have acted in good faith and others won't heed the truth, according to the Bible, you need to "shake it off." You need to keep moving. You need to find fertile ground to plant seeds. You need to find healthier pastures in which to labor. Even errors and omissions that

appear minute on the surface can have long-term disastrous effects. The Bible says, A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump (Gal. 5:9). In other words complacency (neglect) can lead to displacement (of priorities) which can lead to displacement of loyalties (waning faith) which can cause a huge up-rising against the truth; an assault on sound doctrine and insult on the labor of love.

When a situation becomes toxic, shake it off. When you are persecuted for righteousness sake (Mt. 5:11), shake it off. When you lose support for maintaining your integrity, shake it off and keep on keepin' it real! When you are falsely accused for your faith, shake it off and lean on God's grace (Heb. 4:16). When you are ridiculed for doing right, shake it off and keep

fighting the good fight (2 Tim. 4:7). Shake it off, I say, Shake it off!

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We see this all through scripture. In just one day, David went from a shepherd boy to the one who led the Israelite army to victory. Ruth was a poor widow collecting scraps in the field, and God sent Boaz to her. She went from begging in the field to owning the field. God breathed in her direction. God took her further, faster.

Remember, the thoughts you think and the words you say are prophesying your future. If you want to see a shift occur in your life, you've got to get in agreement with God and say, "Yes, God, this is for me. I thank You that I am coming into my destiny sooner than I imagined!"

Father, I choose to trust that You are working behind the scenes on my behalf. I believe that You can take me further, faster than I could ever imagine. I surrender every area of my life to You. Use me for Your glory in Jesus' name. Amen.



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## Claire Weslaski Becomes New Founders Rotary President

Claire Weslaski, founder and president of Image Management and ten-year Rotarian, became the president of RACINE FOUNDER'S ROTARY CLUB during a Changing of the Guard ceremony held June 26 at Racine Country Club.

Weslaski is the third female president to preside over the club, following Denise Feiner in 2009 and Ashley Staeck in 2016.

The impacts of Racine's Rotarians run deep throughout the community in support of local projects and people, and its reach also extends internationally.

"We have over 100 members in our club, and Rotary has over 100 years of history in Racine. I'm thrilled and honored to be the club's 2019-2020 president and I'm looking forward to an amazing year," Weslaski said. "This year Rotary had a float in Racine's 4th Fest Parade for the first time ever!"

Did you know? Paul P. Harris the founder of Rotary International, was born right here in Racine on April 19, 1868.

Last month the club awarded five \$2,000 Dennis Barry Strive Scholarships to Racine-area high school graduates who display academic improvement, community service, and leadership as they STRIVE towards success in life. Weslaski plans to continue the tradition of "Service Above Self" by continu-



ing the club's signature events: Rotary Post Prom, Dennis Barry Strive Scholarship Golf Outing, Career Discovery Solutions and Vegas Night, to support initiatives such as the Racine County Food Bank, Camp Anokijig, Youth Exchange and international humanitarian projects in Uzbekistan, Guatemala and Kyrgyzstan.

"Our next major event is the Strive Scholarship golf outing which will be held on September 9, 2019 at the Racine Country Club. The golf outing will raise funds for next year's scholarship winners," said Weslaski

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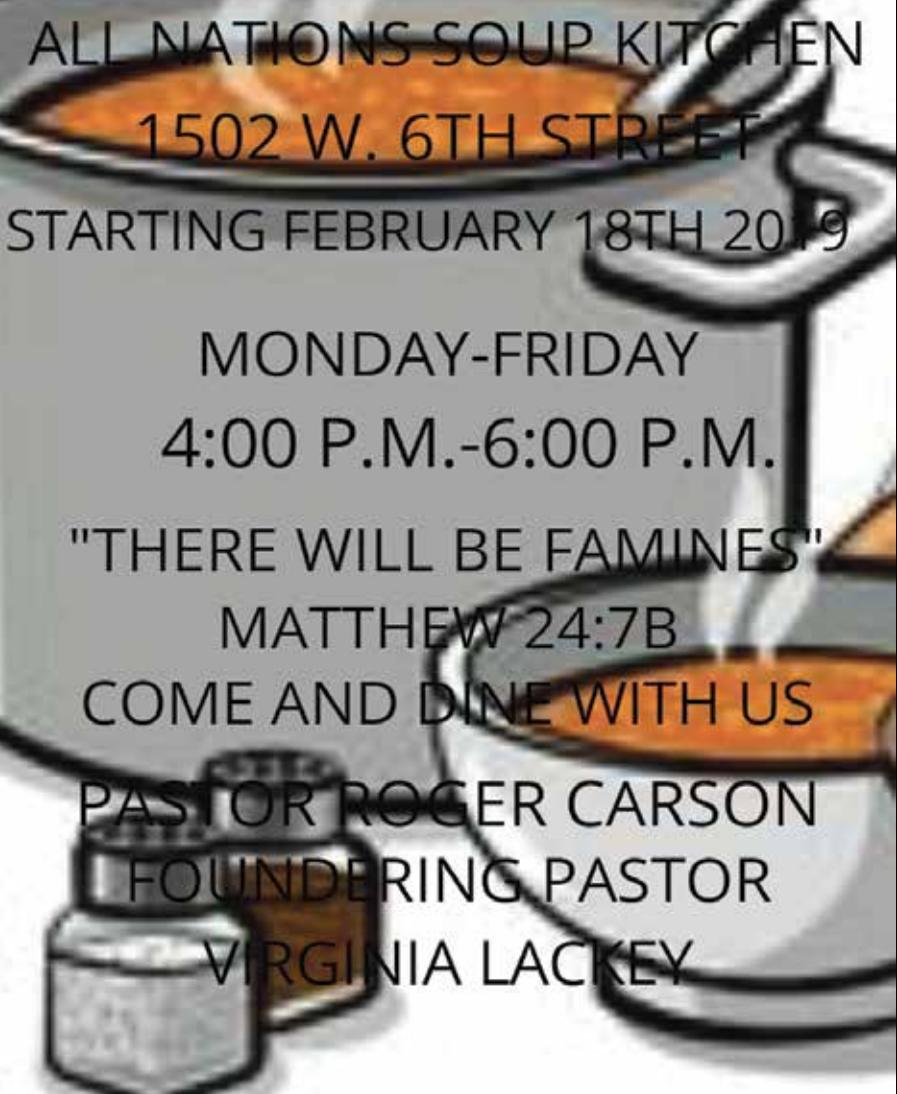
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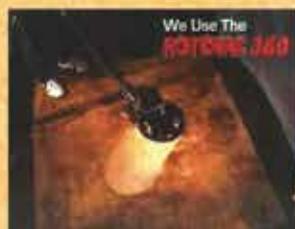
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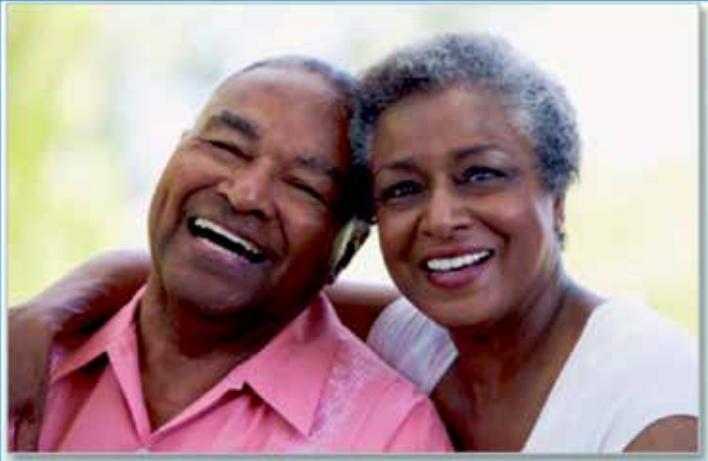
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## Racine Branch NAACP President issues statement regarding Tyrese West incident

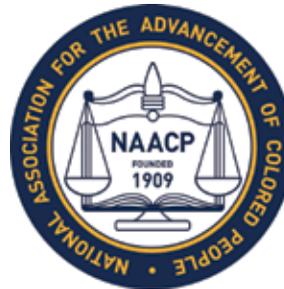
The vision statement of the NAACP is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race. The recent shooting of Tyrese West on June 15, 2019 by a Mount Pleasant Police Officer highlights the fact that we still have much work to do. This incident shines light on the fact that police encounters with African Americans are often escalated-even to the point of death. We are currently seeing images from Phoenix, where a pregnant African American Mother had a handgun shoved in the face of her and her children while the officer yelled that he would blow her (expletive) head off. This is the escalation that is not a regular occurrence between others and law enforcement.

The veil of secrecy after incidents such as this only fuels the suspicion of the community, and make already strained relations even worse. Why pay taxpayer money for body cameras only to have policies that give officers the option whether to wear them or not? As the NAACP Racine Branch President, I have been working tirelessly since the shooting of Donte Shannon to ensure that all local law enforcement have body cameras in use-so that transparency exists in a time like this. The department has body cameras, but where is the footage? Where is the footage from local businesses and houses? What non-lethal methods were used to defuse the situation?

But most importantly, why do people of color stand the risk of dying when encountering police; whether it's from holding a wallet like Amadou Diallo, or holding a cell phone like Stephon Clark!

The Racine Branch NAACP has worked throughout its history with local law enforcement to strengthen relationships between the Community and Law Enforcement. We look forward to continuing to tackle this challenge. The Racine Branch of the NAACP sends its sincere condolences to the family of Tyrese West.

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# You Auto Know How to Make Your Car's Finish Look Spectacular!

by Tom Kral

Last time we looked at hand-washing your vehicle to get rid of normal daily grime. This time we will go a step further and explore a few techniques to really make the paint pop on your ride.

The paint on your car defines its appearance—for better or worse. It is an extremely thin coating, thinner than an eggshell. It is subject to the ravages of its environment—dust, dirt, grit, bird dropping, bug marks, scratches, scuffs, etc. You get the picture. It's a tough world for a car's finish. It is remarkable that your car's paint can last as long and as well as it does, but a few things can help it look its best for as long as possible.

Expanding on the last column and the benefits of frequent washing, I recommend two more steps: waxing and claying.

Everyone knows about waxing, but claying is usually a practice limited to the realm of professional car detailing. The good news is that you can do it too and produce spectacular results. Claying kits are available at auto parts stores and many retailers for \$30 or less. Meguiars, Mother's, and Pinnacle, among others, all offer kits. A kit is comprised of one or more clay bars and a cleaning/lubricating solution. It may also contain a microfiber cloth. Most



agree that claying a car once or twice a year is all that's necessary.

So how do you achieve that spectacular look?

This time of year the first step is to clean bug marks, bird droppings, tree sap, and/or tar from the finish using a dedicated bug and tar solvent.

Turtle Wax makes a product that produces fine results.

The remover may leave a residue so the next step is a thorough washing.

Now comes claying. Clay is clay—it's very similar to modeling clay we played with as kids. It is a very mild abrasive and, as such, it will gently smooth imperfections in the paint's surface and remove contaminants. It will also help eliminate residue left over from the bug and tar remover.

To begin, take a bar from its package and work it in your hands until it becomes pliable. Form it into a flat disk and you're ready to start. Spray the cleaner/ lubricant

over a two foot square section and push and draw the disk over the surface. Use a forward and back motion across the sprayed section first lengthwise then across the width. Do not use any pressure on the disk. Just draw it over the surface. Avoid circular movements.

At first you will feel resistance as the clay pulls contaminants out of the paint, but soon the surface will become smooth as glass. The clay has done its job! Remove the residual spray with the microfiber cloth and start the next section.

You should be aware that although claying smoothes the finish, it will not remove scratches and swirls. Other products address those problems.

As the clay picks up contaminants from the paint, the disk will become darker. Once that happens on both sides of the disk, rework the bar in your hands until a clean, dirt-free disk is formed. Use the bar until you can no longer create a clean disk then throw it away.

Be very careful not to drop the disk on the ground because it can instantly pick up grit that will scratch your paint. If that happens, clean the disk as well as you can and reform it. If you can't clean it, use a new bar.

You can safely clay the paint, chrome,

and glass on your vehicle—yes, glass picks up lots of grit, too.

Here's a great before-and-after test to prove how well the claying works: Put a plastic baggie over your hand and gently rub it across the finish. You will be surprised how even a recently washed surface feels rough and gritty. After the clay application, feel the difference. Impressive.

After the claying is complete the next step is to apply a quality wax or paint sealer. The clay removes contaminants but it takes off wax as well. It must be replaced to protect the paint.

There are many great products on the market. I tend to prefer Meguiar's liquid tech wax because it's easy to apply and remove, and it can be used on textured plastic parts without turning them gray. Use a dampened sponge hand applicator or a dedicated orbital applicator to apply the wax in a circular motion. Do only a small section at a time, like the claying process, and avoid applying it in direct, hot sunlight. Once the wax hazes, remove it promptly with a clean microfiber cloth.

Then step back and prepare to be dazzled!

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**Gateway to name Atrium after Arthur Mahone**

**Mahone family supports students through scholarship**

Gateway Technical College recognized and honored the Mahone family May 16 by announcing that the Atrium in the Science Building on its Kenosha Campus will be named the Arthur F. Mahone Student Atrium.

Mahone was a well-known and well-liked 18-year welding instructor at the college.

“We are proud to be able to honor Arthur F. Mahone by naming the Atrium after him,” said Stephanie Sklba, Gateway Vice President, Community and Government Relations. “He affected the lives of students for many years at the college through his strong belief in education and its ability to change their life.

“We are grateful for the Mahone family, a strong supporter of the college to assist our students in their success.”

There will be a celebration in Fall 2019 to officially name the Atrium after the late Arthur Mahone.

In addition, Tim Mahone of the Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund also announced the group’s continued strong support of the college to assist students with their success through a \$10,000 donation to the Gateway Technical College Foundation.

“We are grateful for the thoughtful gift from the Mahone family in honor of their father and his commitment to teaching,” said Jennifer Charpentier, Gateway Technical College Foundation executive director.

“This generous investment will carry on his legacy of changing students’ lives.”

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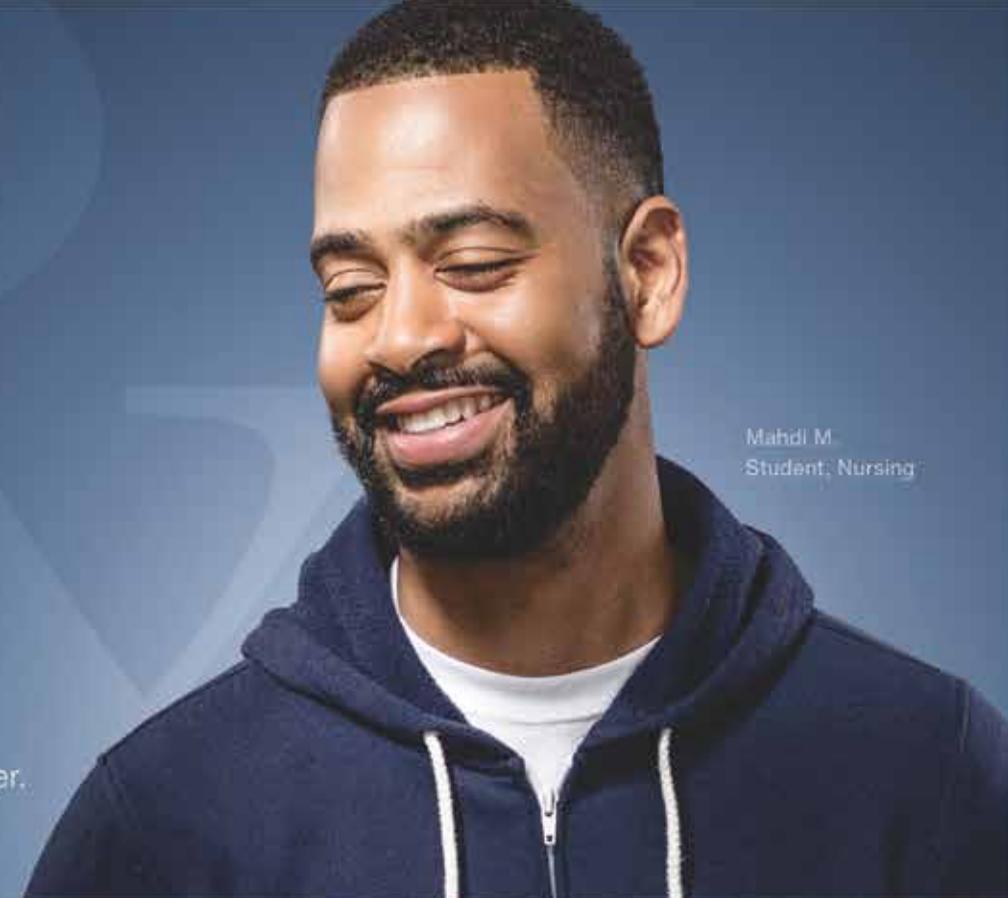
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# 2019 'Men of Distinction'

*Al Gardner's "Men of Distinction" article last issue was truncated due to space limitations. We are sorry for any confusion this might have caused. The full article is included below.*

## Alfonso Gardner

Alfonso Gardner was born on September 22, 1952. He has been a lifetime resident of Racine, Wisconsin. He is the fifth of seventeen children of Steve and Alma Gardner. Al Gardner has much love and affection for all of his siblings, nieces, nephews, and family members. He entered the United States Army in 1976 and received an Honorable Discharge in 1979. He graduated from Gateway Technical College with a degree in Human Services and has worked as a Youth Outreach Worker, Alcohol and Drug Outreach Worker, and an In-School Suspension Supervisor. For fifteen years, he worked as a Wisconsin W-2 Case Manager at the United Migrant Opportunities Services in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After retirement, he worked at the Racine Civil Leadership Academy, which closed in 2016. He is currently working at Goodland Elementary School, but plans to be fully retired at the end of this school year.

Al Gardner and his wife, Denise, have been married for twenty years. He has two step-children and five grandchildren. Denise said about her husband, "He loves the City of Racine. Whenever we see something new and innovative in another city, he says we should do this or have that in Racine. He has even gone so far as to call the company and invite them to visit Racine as a possible location to establish their business. When I met Al, he was a very quiet, low-keyed kind of guy who was not recognized as a leader in the community. When the Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility was built on Hamilton Street, he was greatly disturbed. I told him instead of complaining to me, he should speak out or do something about it because there are other people who probably feel the same way he feels. From then on, he realized he had a voice and there is power in his words. He is only one person with a strong, compassionate voice, but his desire is that others will realize that they too have a voice. He firmly believes that everyone should be treated fairly and have the same opportunities for jobs and education. Economic inclusion is what he stands for. Now that Racine has been identified as being the third worst city for African Americans to live in the U.S., we should all be speaking out or perhaps screaming to be heard!"

## Community Service

Alfonso Gardner is a well-known Community Activist in the City of Racine. He is also a member of the NAACP. He has actively fought for economic inclusion to enable minorities and women to gain employment in the skilled trades field and advocated for minority businesses to be included in city and county contracts.

In 1999, he became co-founder and President of the Racine/Kenosha Economic Inclusion Coalition which led to the creation of the First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program.

In 2003, Mr. Gardner proposed an employment inclusion program to the City of



Racine which was adopted as an ordinance called the Racine First Program.

In 2008, Mr. Gardner proposed that Racine Unified School District award referendum contracts to local contractors and hire local minority workers. The School District adopted this plan in April, 2008.

In 2015-2016, Mr. Gardner proposed a 20/20 minority economic inclusion plan (for the new schools that were built) which was adopted by the Racine Unified School Board.

In 2018, Mr. Gardner tried to establish a 20/20/20 minority economic inclusion plan for the Foxconn construction project.

In March, 2019, Mr. Gardner collaborated with Ascension Health Care Center to create a Diversity Inclusion Program.

Mr. Gardner is currently meeting with Advocate Aurora Health Care Center to ensure minority participation on their new \$250,000,000 hospital and medical office building.

## Special Recognition Awards

Mr. Gardner has received several special recognition awards for his commitment and dedication to the Racine Community: 2000 — Received the Racine Black History Community Service Award from the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center; 2001 — Featured as "Man of the Year" in the Insider News; 2003 — Received the 4th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Community Service Award from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside; 2005 — Featured as a "Role Model" in the Wisconsin Trails Magazine; 2007 — Received the Julian Thomas Industry Award from the NAACP; 2008 — Featured as one of five Black Leaders in Racine in the Insider News; 2012 — Chosen as "Employee of the Year" at United Migrant Opportunity Services; 2013 — Theodore W. Harris Humanitarian from the NAACP; 2018 — The Heritage Committee of Racine awarded the Emancipation Award to Mr. Gardner for his distinguished work to improve the lives of African American citizens in Racine, Wisconsin

Mr. Gardner believes that "everyone has a calling to do something in life."

He stated, "I have found my calling, which is to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity for employment. I think it's what God put me down here to do." As a result of Mr. Gardner's efforts, several men and women have been trained and many have gained employment in the construction field. His motto is "Can't Stop, Won't Stop" the fight for Economic Inclusion.



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## As Opposition to the Solar Tax Grows, Milwaukee Moves to Vote for 100% Clean Energy We Energies' Misguided Solar Policies Out of Step

Milwaukee, WI: Businesses, nonprofits, elected officials, and individuals gathered today to speak out against We Energies' solar tax, demonstrating the growing momentum against the proposal. The press conference, hosted by the Wisconsin Solar Coalition, featured a wide range of voices calling on We Energies to drop their solar surcharge, which would force people who have invested in solar energy to pay extra fees and is widely seen as an attempt to monopolize the solar industry.

The growing protest against the solar tax comes against a backdrop of other clean energy initiatives advancing in the area. This afternoon, the Milwaukee City Council moved to introduce a resolution to commit the area to a 100% clean energy future through a city-county task force focused on climate and economic justice. "We Energies could prove itself to be an advocate and promoter of economic fairness and justice through this process or an adversary," stated Milwaukee City Council President Ashanti Hamilton, sponsor of the resolution. "We're hoping that they choose to be the former because they, above anyone else, could have the greatest impact in moving this agenda forward."

State and local elected officials, including Sen. Chris Larson, Milwaukee Sup. Steve Shea, and Racine Sup. Fabi Maldonado agreed on the urgency of a clean energy transition. "Racine County and Wisconsin cannot afford to not go solar. The rest of the world is beating us in creating these new clean energy jobs," stated Fabi Maldonado, Racine County Board Supervisor. "We are moving forward towards clean energy with or without We Energies."

Small business owners also condemned We Energies' anti-solar approach. "To demonize individuals and small businesses who have made the stretch to do something good for their environment and communities is unconscionable," stated Ryan Clancy, an owner of Bounce Milwaukee, a local business that recently invested in solar panels. "We Energies' repeated attempts to tax us unfairly are clearly designed to discourage future customer-generated solar."

"The idea of a tax on solar by We Energies is pretty inconsistent with the American way of life. If we want to grow our own food, the grocery chains don't try to stop us. If we want to build our own house, the housing industry doesn't try to stop us," added Mike Cornell, the Director of Business Development and CIO at Arch Electric, Inc. "Heck, if we want to get water from a river instead of the utility, we can, so what's the difference? What's next?"

Nonprofits and schools would also be affected if the proposed surcharge goes through. "Escuela Verde students, staff, and community supporters spent over three years raising funds to put solar on our school last year. Currently, our students track both the carbon offset and the money we save with our panels," stated Joey Zocher, science teacher and co-founder of Escuela Verde, a local public charter school. "Our students will notice this tax and it will be clear that We Energies values profit over our earth. This is not just a financial issue, it's a moral and ethical issue."

"Affordable solar power is transforming our nation's energy landscape for the better, and instead of bringing that opportunity and innovation to its customers, we are seeing more of the same from We Energies: unfair fees that will protect its corporate profits at the expense of consumer options and a brighter energy future for the people of Wisconsin," said Will Kenworthy, Midwest Regulatory Director with Vote Solar. "We are speaking out with state and national partners today to remind We Energies executives that it's their job to serve the public and to urge the Commission to reject these anti-solar, anti-consumer fees."

As an increasing number of businesses, individuals, nonprofits, schools, and governments make their commitment to clean energy clear, We Energies is increasingly out of step with the needs of Southeast Wisconsin. "The answer to our climate change and pollution issues is 'blowin' in the wind' and shining in our skies," stated Sister Janet Weyker, founder of the Eco-Justice Center and neighbor of We Energies' Oak Creek coal plant. "We need to move forward in providing more jobs and a better Wisconsin economy through clean solar and wind energy."

"Humanity is facing a global crisis on a scale we have never seen before. Power monopolies were created to address energy needs of the early 20th Century, but the model is badly in need of an update," stated Greg James, a residential solar owner in We Energies territory. "Utilities like We Energies must stop impeding progress."

At the beginning of May, We Energies filed a proposal at the Public Service Commission that would impose a significant surcharge on customers who own solar power systems. This new surcharge could slow down solar development in the state and is widely seen as an effort to throttle customer use of clean energy. We Energies introduced this proposal despite publicly acknowledging a need to expand solar energy in its territory. We Energies proposed a similar surcharge back in 2014, which was ultimately struck down by the courts. More information can be found at [wisolarcoalition.com](http://wisolarcoalition.com). The Wisconsin Solar Coalition is a growing alliance of nonprofits, businesses, and individuals.

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# Racine Prom



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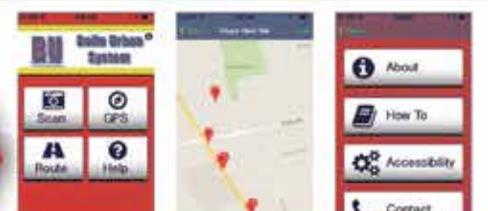
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**Genesis 2:23-24**

Vs. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Vs. 24 Therefore shall a Man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

The word flesh means, one person. Husband and wife in the eyes of God is one person not two. Don't try to live as if you are not married. Husband protect your wife from family members who tell her how to treat her husband, and they are not married, or have left their husbands. Same thing goes for the husband, don't listen to your friends or others who tell you how to treat your wife.

When you leave your father and mother and cleave unto your wife, keep members of your family and her family out of your marriage. Old friends must go. Don't let them hang around your home.

When you and your wife are married don't go live with no one. If you can't afford your own house or place, wait and get married later when you have the money to live alone. Save money for one year so you can live alone in your own home. Don't let no one come and live with you when you just got married because you are just get-



ting started. So husband don't try to change your wife, wives don't try to change your husband. I am talking to born again believers in Christ Jesus. Don't hide nothing from

each other, our marriage is suppose to be based on the Word of God.

I know that the word tell us the man is the head of the woman, that is true but that means the Spiritual head. The family foundation which is built on Jesus Christ, who is our foundation. So we as husbands or wives cannot lay another foundation other than Jesus Christ. Husbands when you and your wife have seperate bank accounts, she says this is my money, or husbands you have a seperate bank account and say this is my money, you are being two not one person. Big time trouble already.

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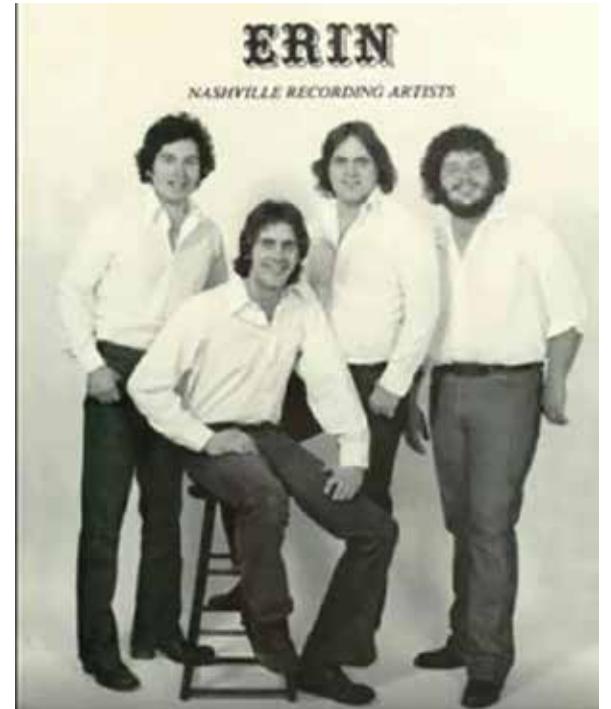
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