



No charges in Kajieme Powell killing

Prosecutor says cops 'could have reasonably believed the use of deadly force was necessary'

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Officials protested for missing meeting

Jamala Rogers, with the Coalition Against Police Crimes and Repression, led a protest in front of St. Louis City Hall on Monday, November 2. The protest was organized because both the mayor and police chief did not attend a Public Accountability Mass Meeting on Sunday at Saint Louis University.



Photo by Wiley Price

'We need this to keep moving,' activists say of Ferguson Commission calls to action

By Rebecca Rivas and Mariah Stewart Of The St. Louis American

Rev. Starsky Wilson, co-chair of the Ferguson Commission, and about 10 representatives from activist groups occupied Mayor Francis Slay's office at about 10 a.m. on Monday, November 2, demanding to know why he did not attend a Sunday community meeting to discuss the Ferguson Commission's recommendations.

At 11 a.m. when *The St. Louis American*

attempted to enter Slay's office, a security guard said it was on "lockdown" and the group was still meeting with the mayor's staff.

"We told them of the impact of what happened yesterday," Wilson said at a press conference in front of City Hall after he came out of Slay's office. "We responded to the call that was given to us as community over a year ago to come from the streets inside to meet at the policy table."

More than a thousand people - including clergy, students, lawyers and school leaders

- attended the November 1 Ferguson Forward Public Accountability meeting at Saint Louis University to "prioritize" the commission's almost 200 calls to action.

Slay, County Executive Steve Stenger, police chiefs Sam Dotson and Jon Belmar, Attorney General Chris Koster, County Judge Maura McShane and Frank Vatterott (who is heading up the committee for county court reform) were among those invited to the "people's table" to

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People's merges with Health and Dental Care for Kids

Butler: 'This is a marriage of excellent organizations'

By Sandra Jordan Of The St. Louis American

Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers now has a fourth site for medical treatment, Health and Dental Care for Kids, located at 4055 Lindell Blvd. A merger agreement signed on Monday, November 2 connected the pediatric facility to the family of organizations at People's.



Cozy Marks Jr. who chairs the boards of directors for both organizations, recognized the leadership of People's for putting the merger together.

Dwayne Butler, president and CEO of People's, said the merger means an additional 10,000 children will benefit from comprehensive health services.

"This is a marriage of excellent organizations that together, in concert, will do better than each of us could apart," Butler said. "Their addition is not simply expanding our breadth, they also

"We will see a more efficient and higher quality of treatment for our children."

- Dwayne Butler

bring an expertise in pediatric care that is going to provide improvement for the entire community."

The merger will result in nearly 500 employees for People's. Butler said there will be executive management changes.

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Akande installed at Westminster

Chancellor Wrighton, Nigerian governor pledge partnerships with college

By Chris King Of The St. Louis American

"That's what I do. I strengthen colleges by growing them. I have a full mandate."

- Benjamin Ola Akande

FULTON, MO - It was evident what special value Benjamin Ola Akande brings as the 21st president of Westminster College during his installation on Saturday, October 31.

Washington University Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton delivered the keynote address, giving a detailed argument why Akande possesses the necessary traits of a successful president

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Photo by Rebecca Barr

Benjamin Ola Akande was installed as the 21st president of Westminster College on Saturday, October 31. He is the 165-year-old college's first African-American president and the first Nigerian-born president of a liberal arts college in America.

Justice as criteria for reconciliation

By The Rev. Starsky D. Wilson For The St. Louis American

"Too often 'reconciliation' is used merely to reach some political accommodation that does not address the critical questions of justice, equality and dignity. Such political arrangements invariably favor the rich and powerful but deprive the powerless of justice and dignity. This we call 'political pietism.' When Christians discover what is happening and refuse to run the risk and challenge of prophetic truth-telling, we become complicit. This we call 'Christian quietism.'"

These words were jointly penned by the Rev. Dr. Allan Aubrey Boesak, a founder of the United Democratic Front that led the

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