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POST-THANKSGIVING TRADITION RETURNS!

Our community's young ladies make debut at two premiere Debutante Cotillions



Debutantes and their escorts (left to right): Arianna King (Narsja Banks), LaTonjana Wilder (Jordan Taylor), Mia Marie Washington (Clinton Mallat)

Arria Chinn (Van), Mihayla Merriweather (Micah Merriweather)—All Photos by Yvonne Kemp



Deanna Rachs 2018 Miss Debutante

CHRISTIAN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ALLIANCE

39th Annual DEBUTANTE COTILLION

At the Milwaukee Hilton Grand Ballroom



Mihayla Merriweather 2019 Miss Debutante

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL PAULINE REDMOND-COGGS COTILLION



“EMPOW-HER”

(On floor, left to right): Taylor Amari Davis, Chandler Reese Yow; (Seated, left to right): Aaliyah Chanel Rave, Zhane Deleciya Ima-Unique Moseley, Gabrielle Lena Martin (2019 MISS DEBUTANTE), Shaniyah Natcole Sherard; (Standing left to right): Mya Nicole Goines, Timmeya Monique Kinzey, Jessica Janea Keeler, Madison MacKenzie Walker.—Photo by Yvonne Kemp

HABARI GANI?

(What's The News?) National News Briefs

U.S. Senator **Kamala Harris** has ended her bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020, explaining the campaign doesn't have the financial resources needed to continue. "I've taken stock and looked at this from every angle. And over the last few days have come to one of the hardest decisions of my life," Harris said in a note to supporters. Viewed as a candidate poised to excite the same voters who sent Barack Obama to the White House, Harris' candidacy began to flatline when candidates Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren, and Bernie Sanders began attracting more attention and dollars. Also, Harris faltered because she had an inconsistent message. —TheGrio.com



Weeks before he was to retire, Chicago Police Superintendent **Eddie Johnson** was fired by that city's mayor, Lori Lightfoot. According to the Chicago Tribune, Lightfoot accused Johnson of engaging in a series of actions that were "intolerable." She explained it was her belief Johnson intentionally misled the public, and also behaved in an unethical manner in relation to the October evening he was found by CPD officers asleep in his parked car after drinking. Johnson initially said he had failed to take his prescription medication. He later admitted to Lightfoot he had "a couple of drinks" with dinner. The mayor, in a sign to the community that "the old Chicago way" won't be tolerated, fired Johnson. —TheGrio.com



A new study by the nonpartisan **Council on Criminal Justice** reveals racial disparities have narrowed across the U.S. criminal justice system over the last 16 years, though Black people are still significantly more likely to be behind bars than White people. Racial gaps broadly declined in local jails, state prisons, and among people on probation and parole, according to the study. The divide in state imprisonment rates dropped for all major crimes but was most pronounced for drug offenses—a key driving factor for the racial rift. Blacks were 15 times more likely than Whites to be in state prisons for drug crimes in 2000, but that dropped to five times as likely by 2016. —TheGrio.com



Photo by Yvonne Kemp

MCTS observes anniversary of bus segregation resistance by Rosa Parks with open seat tribute

Compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff
For the fourth year, from December 1 through December 3, a red rose and a special placard featuring a photo and message about civil rights trailblazer Rosa Parks was placed on a reserved seat on each Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus in the fleet.

The tribute celebrates the anniversary of Parks defiant refusal to give up her seat to a White man in Montgomery, Alabama on December 1, 1955. Her small act of civil disobedience led to a landmark Supreme Court ruling that outlawed segregation on public transportation. The MCTS and the Milwaukee County Office on African American Affairs (OAAA) partnered to honor Parks and recognize her contribution to the ongoing fight for equality and equity for all.

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PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

By Yvonne Kemp

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

“Do you think what Rosa Parks did by not giving up her seat is still a significant moment for the Black community?”

“Yes, because of her sacrifice and commitment to the Civil Rights Movement, we are able to sit anywhere we choose to sit. Although there is still more to be done, her selflessness moved the needle to get us where we are today.”



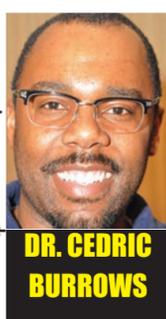
MICALA PEETE

“Definitely. It was a defining moment in our culture that shows our perseverance.”



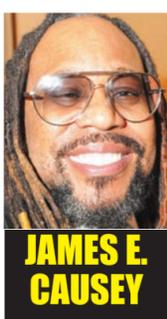
TRACEE MILLS-SCAGGS

“Yes, because her action served to galvanize the community and begin the movement to end segregation and fight for civil rights on a larger scale.”



DR. CEDRIC BURROWS

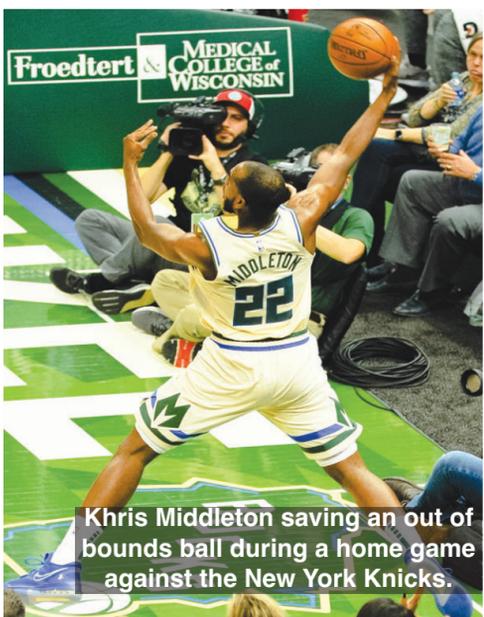
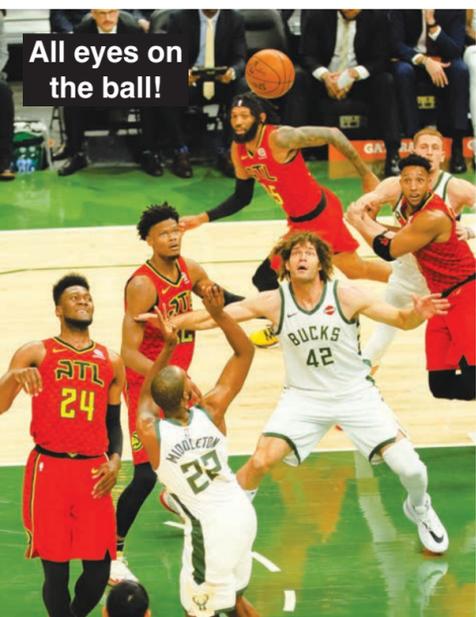
“Yes, because that moment served as a catalyst for the civil rights movement and it showed what could happen when we unite as one. We still have many more fights to take on.”



JAMES E. CAUSEY

Sporting Life PhotoOp

All eyes on the ball!



Khris Middleton saving an out of bounds ball during a home game against the New York Knicks.



Greg Elliott bringing up the ball around Dante Treacy.



Theo John with determination.



Brendan Bailey slams home two points

GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO NAMED EASTERN CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Giannis Antetokounmpo looks as if he's walking on air as he prepares to lay-up during a recent win over the Portland Trailblazers at Fiserv Forum. —Photo by Bill Tennesen

Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo has been named the Eastern Conference Player of the Month for October and November, the NBA announced recently.

While leading the Bucks to the best record in the Eastern Conference and matching the best start in franchise history at 17-3, Antetokounmpo averaged 30.9 points, 13.4 rebounds, 5.9 assists, 1.5 steals and 1.4 blocks per game while shooting 56.0% from the field in October and November.

Each of those averages ranked inside the top 10 of the Eastern Conference, including his 30.9 points and 13.4 rebounds, which ranked first and second, respectively.

To begin the season, Antetokounmpo recorded a double-double in the first 19 games

– the longest streak to begin a season in the NBA since Bill Walton in 1976-77 (34 games) – and tallied a league-high 12 games with at least 30 points and 10 rebounds in the first 20 games of the season. Antetokounmpo logged triple-doubles in the season opener at Houston on Oct. 24 and against Portland on Nov. 21 when he scored 24 points with 19 rebounds and a career-high 15 assists.

He also had the second 50-point game of his career when he scored 50 points with 14 rebounds, six assists and zero turnovers in a win over Utah on Nov. 25, becoming just the fourth player in NBA history to have 50+ points, 10+ rebounds and no turnovers in a game.

After winning Player of the Month four times last season, Antetokounmpo has now won the award in all but one month dating back to the start of last season. Overall this is the sixth time he's earned Player of the Month honors in his career.

Photo op photos By Bill Tennesen

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NEWS OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Calling All Entrepreneurs and Hopefuls!

Free workshop teaches business startup basics

Ever thought of being your own boss? Find out how to go about it at the free Business Incubator Workshop presented by Launch MKE and BizStarts.

The 90-minute event begins at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, at St. Ann Center for Inter-generational Care-Bucyrus Campus, 2450 W. North Ave.

Aspiring entrepreneurs will learn how to evaluate a business idea or strengthen their existing business. Other topics include identifying customers, branding and messaging, product and service distribution, startup needs and costs.

"The business incubator gives entrepreneurs the support they need for their idea and makes business ownership accessible to everyone," said Ald. Russell W. Stamper II, chair of the Mil-

waukee Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee.

"This will help Milwaukee's north side businesses expand and ultimately revitalize the community."

Following this introductory workshop, participants will have access to BizStart's coaches, mentors and resource network and Launch MKE's 10-week Business Academy.

That program, offering hands-on training in business planning and operations, begins the week of January 20 and meets 10 evenings based on the number of participants.

Pre-registration for the Business Incubator Workshop is required, and space is limited. Refreshments will be served. To sign up or to learn more, email contact@launchmke.org or call (262) 243-4365.

MATC Baking & Pastry Arts Students' Gingerbread Houses on Display at Milwaukee Public Market Dec. 7-16

Fifteen elaborate and fanciful gingerbread houses created by students from the baking and pastry arts associate degree program and the baking production diploma program at Milwaukee Area Technical College will be on display from Saturday, Dec. 7, through Monday, Dec. 16, at the Milwaukee Public Market, 400 N. Water St.

The public is encouraged to view and bid on the houses. Proceeds from silent auctions for each house will be used to

offer scholarships to students in baking programs through the MATC Foundation, Inc.

Industry professionals will judge the houses for design and quality. Visitors are also invited to vote for the "People's Choice" scholarship winner.

Scholarship awards will be presented to the winners of the competition at a ceremony that begins at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16.

Results of the silent auctions also will be announced at the ceremony, and auction winners may take the houses with them that evening.

The Wisconsin Bakers Association provides \$1,500 in prizes as well as medals for the winners.

The market is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Cheryl Miranda at (414) 297-6972.

MCTS observes anniversary of bus segregation resistance by Rosa Parks with open seat tribute

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The annual effort has gained widespread attention on social media and inspired transit agencies across the country to implement similar initiatives.

"Every year, we receive an outpouring of support and positive feedback about this important tribute," said MCTA director Donna Brown-Martin.

"This is a unique opportunity for our bus riders, employees, leaders and other community members to come together to reflect on the past and look ahead to the future."



Parks riding on a Montgomery, Alabama bus after the boycott ended in victory.

rights leaders, and to do our part to continue, grow and advance our efforts to achieve racial equity and make Milwaukee the healthiest county in Wisconsin."

"By refusing to give into racism and oppression, Rosa Parks demonstrated bravery that continues to inspire us more than six decades later," said Nicole M. Brookshire, executive director of the OAAA.

"This tribute serves as a reminder to the progress made and also the critical work of driving



The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is encouraging members of the community, including residents from communities of color, to apply for the position of Deputy Sheriff.

Deputy Sheriff's perform a variety of duties and tasks related to the protection of life, limb and property.

Including law enforcement and crime prevention work; inherent in this work is the investigation of crime and forceful apprehension of criminal suspects.

Successful candidates should be at least 21 years of age, possess a high school diploma or Wisconsin GED, an associate degree or higher from an accredited college/university OR must attain a minimum of 60 college level credits from an accredited college/university within 5 years of employment, be

physically able to perform the duties of a Deputy Sheriff and successfully complete a background check.

Qualified applicants will be invited to one of the Deputy Sheriff written examinations that will be held on Friday, December 13th and Tuesday, December 17th.

To learn more about the Deputy Sheriff's position, including additional job qualifications and requirements, as well as a list of benefits offered by Milwaukee County, please visit <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Sheriff>.

If interested in booking one of our members to discuss law enforcement career opportunities with MCSO, please contact Director of Public Affairs and Community Engagement Faithe Colas at (414) 639-5506 or Faithe.Colas@milwaukee-countywi.gov.

Milwaukee Repertory Theater Shines a Light on the Milwaukee SHERoes During Eclipsed March 3-29

Milwaukee Repertory Theater to highlight the Milwaukee SHERoes during the run of Eclipsed, March 3 -29, 2020.

Written by Black Panther star Danai Gurira, Eclipsed is a play about five women and their tale of hope and resilience set in the midst of the Liberian Civil War.

Every week of the run in March, Milwaukee Rep will highlight the work of three individual women* of color who are fighting for the betterment of the community as a Milwaukee SHERo.

A Milwaukee SHERo exemplifies the values of dedication to one's community, collaboration and sisterhood.

Nominate a Milwaukee SHERo by visiting this LINK now through February 7, 2020.

The nominations will be collected by Milwaukee Rep's community engagement team and then submitted to an outside selection committee, which includes Rep employees and community mem-



Danai Gurira

bers to deliberate the top 12 candidates.

SHERoes will be announced in mid-February and featured each week during the run of Eclipsed.

To be nominated, individuals must:

- identify as a woman* of color
- live in the Greater Milwaukee area for the last 12 months (1 year)
- Working with communities, towards the betterment of our city exemplifying the values of solidar-

ity, joyful collaboration and resilience.

*Women/she- we recognize the limiting nature of the binary use of women.

We are explicit in being radically inclusive to those on the gender spectrum who claim identities outside of that binary; trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming, gender queer/fluid are always welcome.

Eclipsed is sponsored by Executive Producers Jackie Herd-Barber, Michael Barber and Judy Hansen with Associate Producers Catherine and Buddy Robinson. Milwaukee Rep is sponsored in part by UPAF.

Purchase tickets at www.MilwaukeeRep.com, by calling the Ticket Office at 414-224-9490 or in person at 108 E. Wells Street in downtown Milwaukee.

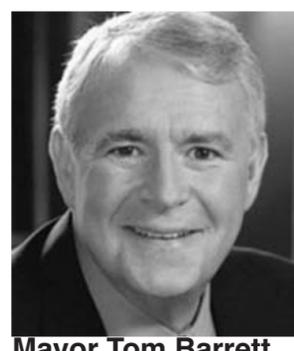
For more information, please visit our website www.MilwaukeeRep.com

Mayor Barrett Proposes \$2.2 Million in Block Grant Funds for Lead Abatement

Mayor Tom Barrett recently announced a portion of his proposed allocation of 2020 Community Development Block Grant funding. The proposal includes \$2.2 million for lead abatement.

This funding provides the matching requirements for the \$5.6 million Lead and Healthy Homes grant the City was awarded in October by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In addition to the \$21 million allocated to lead in the 2020 City budget, the Mayor's proposed Block Grant funding will help protect Milwaukee families from the hazards of lead. The \$2.2 million, allocated to the City's Health Department, will help prepare 30 individuals with training and certification and provide an additional 40 homes with full lead abatement.



Mayor Tom Barrett

Since 2004, Mayor Tom Barrett has allocated over \$66 million in funding toward lead abatement, leading to a 70 percent reduction in the number of Milwaukee children with lead poisoning.

"This funding allows us to continue to do the work that we have been doing for years," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "We will continue to act proactively to reduce the number of Milwaukee children with lead poisoning."

With the support of community partners, parents and physicians, the City continues its fight to end lead poisoning in Milwaukee. Organizations like the Social Development Commission and Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers support the City's efforts by building awareness and educating residents on the issue of lead.

"This is an important issue for SDC," Social Development Commission CEO George Hinton says. "We're a community action agency committed to empowering people with resources to move beyond poverty. The lead issue tends to impact people in poverty. For us, this is a huge opportunity to address an issue that is threatening our community."

"SDC has been a partner with the City for a long time on the lead abatement process. We're also now engaged in some of the outreach efforts," Hinton says. "With several of our programs, we're already inside affected homes. This enables us to engage and educate local residents. We look forward to working with the City."

The entirety of the proposed Block Grant allocation will be heard by the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee this week, and be voted on by the full Council on December 17.

RELIGION

How The Fight For Religious Freedom Has Fallen Victim To The Culture Wars

By Tom Gjelten, article courtesy of NPR.org, Posted May 23, 2019

The promotion of religious freedom in America, a cause that not long ago had near unanimous support on Capitol Hill, has fallen victim to the culture wars.

A high point came in 1993, when Congress overwhelmingly passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, meant to overturn a Supreme Court decision that limited Americans' right to exercise their religion freely.

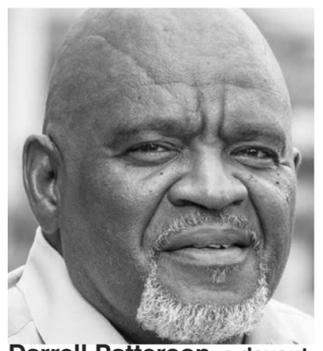
Those days are gone. The consensus surrounding religious freedom issues has been weakened by deep disputes over whether Americans should be free to exercise a religious objection to same sex marriage or artificial contraception and whether the U.S. Constitution mandates strict church-state separation.

"It is more difficult to get a broad coalition on religious freedom efforts now," says Holly Hollman, general counsel at the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. "People have a bad taste in their mouth about what they think the other side thinks of religious freedom."

"It's a divisive issue," says Todd McFarland, associate general counsel at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a denomination historically known for its advocacy of religious freedom. "For a long time in the country we kept it down to a dull roar. When that's no longer possible, it's a problem."

The religious freedom question could arise again in the months ahead, as the U.S. Supreme Court considers whether to take new cases that involve the limits on Americans' religious rights.

In theory, the commitment to religious freedom is straightforward. The First Amendment to the U.S.



Darrell Patterson, a devout Seventh Day Adventist, says he was fired after he refused to work on Saturday.

Constitution bars Congress from making any law "respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Most of the attention, especially in recent decades, has focused on the "free exercise" clause. An important case involved Adele Sherbet, a Seventh-day Adventist, who was fired for refusing to work on Saturdays and then denied unemployment benefits. In a 1963 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Sherbet's free exercise right had been violated.

In a 1990 decision, however, the Court significantly narrowed the Sherbet precedent, ruling against a Native American man, Alfred Smith, who was dismissed from his job because he had illegally ingested peyote as part of a religious ritual.

The Court's Smith ruling met with bipartisan outrage in the U.S. Congress and led to passage of the RFRA legislation. Among the sponsors was a first-term liberal Democrat from New York, Jerrold Nadler.

"Unless the Smith decision is over-

turned," Nadler argued on the House floor. "the fundamental right of all Americans to keep the Sabbath, observe religious dietary laws, to worship as their consciences dictate, will remain threatened." The bill passed the House unanimously and was approved in the Senate by a vote of 97-3.

Religious freedom politicized
In the years since, however, the religious freedom cause has been politicized, with conservatives claiming it for their purposes and liberals shying away from it for reasons of their own.

When liberals started pushing for expanded protections for the LGBT population, conservatives grew alarmed, arguing that practices such as same-sex weddings go against biblical teaching. They've argued that religious freedom should mean they can't be forced to accommodate something they don't believe in. Liberals portrayed that stance simply as discriminatory and argued it should be illegal.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, made the issue a major theme of his campaign when he ran for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination.

"We're a nation that was founded on religious liberty," Cruz told an interviewer, "and the liberal intolerance we see trying to persecute those who as a matter of faith follow a biblical definition of marriage is fundamentally wrong."

When the conservative Heritage Foundation celebrated the 25th anniversary of the RFRA passage earlier this year, the organization's president, Kay Cole James, blamed "the left" for the erosion of the origi-

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Mrs. O' Bee's Toy House

The Northwest Family Activity & Events Center will host its fifth Mrs. O' Bee's Toy House on Sunday, December 15, 2019, from 1-3PM.

This event is open to children 1-8 years old and must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

Each child will be able to select a toy while supplies last. Children will also be able to enjoy the special treats provided by the friends of Mrs. O' Bee! The Northwest family Activity & Events Center is located at 4034 W. Good Hope Road. Please bring a camera along to take photos with Santa. For more information, please call us at 414-462-6020 or 414-540-9630.

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NEWS & VIEWS ON THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY

SOULS TO THE POLIS!
Army of Ministers Lead House-to-House Canvass on Milwaukee's North Side

Central City religious leaders from diverse denominations mobilized voters for Nov. 6

More than 40 Ministers from City of Milwaukee churches convened at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church - 2975 North 11th Street - to hold a press conference before they launched a massive canvass door-to-door effort.

Ministers and members of their congregations knocked on every door in an 80 square block area between 8th and 11th streets and between 29th and 30th streets from 8 AM to 5 PM.

According to Rev. Greg Lewis of St. Gabriel's Church of God in Christ, "Our people must use their voices as a megaphone to call for jobs, health care, police accountability, safe streets, and quality schools."

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—Rev. Greg Lewis (pictured above), Assistant Pastor at St. Gabriel's Church of God in Christ

"No religious leaders, we can't expect hope that voting makes a difference in who makes decisions that can help or hurt us."

—Rev. Greg Lewis (pictured above), Assistant Pastor at St. Gabriel's Church of God in Christ

to 2018, we are going to drive political leaders that our voting block, voters and we better be a party in the future.

The canvass went south from Chambers Street to North Avenue.

Back to the Polis is a network of Churches build decisions made in Madison and Washington."

—Pastor Mike Fisher of St. Timothy's Baptist Church

We are using resources for critical services because our community is not a priority for many at 414-334-1820 or email at info@polis.com

Over 8,000 had no voter ID. Souls to the Polis is addressing both the lack of voter engagement and the problems with harsh new voting laws. Voting assistance acts program is underway to make sure

See Page 2 to learn about our restructured Weekend Edition focus line-up

FIRST SUNDAY

The NEW MCJ Weekend focus on the news and views in Milwaukee's Faith-Based Community

If you have news about your church and its activities and outreach efforts, we'd like for you to place it in "First Sunday," the new edition to the Weekend Edition that will appear in area churches on or before the first Sunday of each month. The information will also appear on the religious page of the MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL. This new focus joins the Weekend Edition focus family, and is part of our restructured roster of focuses, which includes: "Family Time," "Health & Wellness," "In The Black" (business and personal finance).

Below is the list of things we would like you to include when sending us your news! Email your event news to: editorial@milwaukeecommunityjournal.com

We look forward to hearing from you and putting your "good news" in the Milwaukee Community Journal.

Sunday has its own newspaper

WHO: (The name of your church)
WHAT: (What religious or non-religious event are you holding or sponsoring at your church)
WHERE: (The location of your church [the address])
WHEN: (Day, Date, and Time)
WHY: (Why is this event being held and the person or group, in or outside the church, who will benefit)

In Memorial
Earnestine O' Bee
Founder

J.C. Frazier
Funeral Director

Kamona Dixon
Age 48 yrs. Nov. 24, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 11AM at Canaan Baptist Church 2975 N. 11th St. Visitation Tuesday 10AM at the CHURCH until time of services. The family is served by:

Bertha Priscilla Quarles
Age 89 yrs. November 23, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 29, 2019 at 1PM. Visitation Friday 12 Noon until time of services at:

Doss, Gus
Age 88 yrs. Nov. 18, 2019. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 1PM at:

Christine Walker
Age 57 yrs. November 25, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 1PM. Visitation Friday 12 Noon until time of services at:

God is my strength and power; and he maketh my way perfect." -2 Samuel 22:55

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PERSPECTIVES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It doesn't matter how strong your opinions are. If you don't use your power for positive change, you are, indeed, part of the problem."—Coretta Scott King



The power of White feminism and its sway over Black men

I did give a second thought about hugging the young woman until I looked around after our short embrace to see several sisters staring at me with that "look" on their faces--the Black women's stare that all brothers' dread.

The scene was a Northside community school following a well-attended parent meeting.

The young woman had enrolled her biracial son in the school at my urging, and seconds after the meeting concluded crossed the room to where I was standing to express her gratitude.

The hug was to thank me, a fact that no one in the room could have known.

In fact, given the hostile look on the sisters' faces, you would have thought I had committed a crime.

Actually, I did--albeit a violation of a 'Colored Code of Conduct,'--specifically, chapter three, paragraph six of the surreptitious "Black Women's Book on Relationships, Race Relations, and Religion."

But since I was not privy to a personal reading of the book, I was confused by the sisters' mean stares, and as such, quickly surmised their glares fell in one of three categories:

An assumption that I was engaged in a May/December romance--a middle-aged man flirting with an attractive 30ish-year-old woman.

My marital status.

The "Relationship Handbook" apparently frowns on brothers who are even remotely tempted to share a platonic emotional bond with another woman. The penalty is slow death through sarcasm and neglect, and the aggrieved spouse is allowed to drain the couple's bank account.

The third possibility, however, was the most likely, and most volatile.

For it was grounded in the fact that the woman I was embracing was White, attractive, and by virtue of her having a biracial son, obviously liked dark meat.

It immediately dawned on me that the engineer of the Freedom Train had detoured from the early civil rights destination of integration and instead ended up at separate but equal, where only interracial relationships involving a sister was allowed.

There is a large percentage of sisters who view White women through the same prisms that many angry and

culturally impotent brothers see Caucasian men.

The difference being brothers react to history and racism, while many sisters' animosity is rooted in what they believe is an unfair advantage they have over them.

I would surmise 68% of African Americans—including Christians—are suspicious or moderately hostile towards Whites given their history of oppression and apartheid.

But even within that group, most are willing to give Whites the benefit of the doubt, particularly if they know the words of a gospel song or acknowledge white privilege exists.

Nonetheless, about half of Black women have an ingrained distrust, suspicion, and envy of White women and not just because 54% of them voted for Donald Trump.

Their trepidation is rooted in what they perceive to be the power of White feminism and its sway over Black men.

It's an unfair advantage because the sisters fear all but a few culturally attuned brothers will 'go White' if given the opportunity and option.

That assumption is borne out by Black millionaires--athletes and entertainers--who party Black but marry White.

However you assess it, the Freedom Train deviated from the 1960s goal of a colorblind integrated society that King and his army fought and died for.

As such, for the last half-century, many sisters put on the back burner what I referred to as the "Tiger Woods Miscegenation Solution," if it involved Black men.

OK. I'll stop being insouciant long enough to get a serious point across.

The reality is that the civil rights movement gave way to a daunting cultural dichotomy. One that manifests itself in the form of covetousness of White women by sisters who fought to keep the Black nuclear family intact but believe White women have some mystical power over brothers that undermine their goal.

Up until the early 1990, that was a far easier goal because society frowned on Black male-led interracial relationships.

White women were out of bounds; they were put on a pedestal by White men and considered sacred--goddesses, keepers of racial purity. And a brother could--and were--lynched for even looking at a White woman.

Thus, for many brothers, getting a white woman was as much a strike against White supremacy and bigotry as it was a God-endorsed option.

And, though I'm not supposed to

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But it wasn't just the legs and sexuality.

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If it ended there, it wouldn't be as alarming as the fact that this incredulous paradigm transcended ethnicity and settled in the realm of hue and hair texture.

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Based on my generalizations (supported by history) the reaction from sisters had nothing to do with age or infidelity, but with an incorrect revelation that as an avowed Pan Africanist, I was now revealed to be the penultimate hypocrite; embracing a nice-looking White woman and thus justifying their assumption of White women's mystical power.

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Thus, while I never saw the elusive goal of integration as a cure-all, I stand firm in my quest for equal opportunity and access, including the right to live, work and play with whomever they want, unencumbered by racism or apartheid.

I also recognize that opportunity and options are not synonymous.

Another PSA: there is nothing more striking, compellingly aesthetic, or fulfilling than a Black woman.

Which is not to say everything Black/African is beautiful. Looks run skin deep. If a sister doesn't know who and what she is, she loses points on my compatibility scale.

My preference is not only more melanin but natural, proud, and self-confident sisters, as Nyame (God) intended.

I don't like wigs, weaves, fake eyelashes, or heavy make-up. It's taken me a lifetime to accept the fake European (good) hair as the norm. But, I have evolved to the point where I now look at extensions as "enhancements and hats." Like hot sauce on the table for a plate of neckbones.

Of course, my opinions on women are tainted, since I've never dated a so-called White "woman."

I know many who are beautiful, intelligent and would make excellent mates, although they can't see through our prisms, and as such, hinders full engagement.

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SIGNIFYIN'

By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt

sisters (if that's your preference). That falls within the old adage that a white woman looked better walking toward you while a Black woman looked better crossing your path.)

That said, it is redundant and disingenuous for sisters, on the one hand, to hold jealousies and distrust toward White women (to suggest Black men find them more attractive than sisters) all the while trying to emulate them.

My faith teaches Africans were the first people, a fact that is sustained by anthropologists who agree the first human (make that "Hue-man") was a resident of the area in Africa that is now Botswana thousands of years before Europe was occupied.

And since most agree Nyame doesn't make mistakes, we can assume the perfect female was African. Scientifically, whiteness is not pure, but merely the absence of melanin created through the migration of Africans around the globe, particularly northward to colder climes.

In essence, the differences between the so-called races are more cultural than physical.

But the Global minority doesn't think that way. They put white women on a pedestal and did everything in their power to keep the so-called races pure, and their control over resources and opportunities intact.

I grew up in that an era' when you could be murdered, tarred, and feathered, if not lynched for even looking at a White woman or objecting to the concept of White Supremacy.

Fortunately, things have changed, both because of new societal norms as well as opportunities.

Part of that evolution has been the acceptance of a consensus that racial barriers must continue to fall down if diversity is to be achieved.

That doesn't mean everybody should marry a person of different ethnicity. But we must fight for that option.

As I explained to my niece during a recent debate about this very subject, when I have a taste for pizza, I prefer an authentic Italian pizza. Many millennials have a more diverse palate.

As for me, if someone is serving Papa John or Pizza Hut, I'll indulge, but it's not my preference.

My niece said she prefers brothers, but as she gets older, she keeps her options open. After all, she surmised, all pizza is really just cheese bread with ketchup on it.

Each is made of tomato sauce, cheese, and in the case of the drive-through pizza establishments, something that looks like deer droppings, but is labeled sausage.

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How The Fight For Religious Freedom Has Fallen Victim To The Culture Wars

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nal consensus.

"I wish we could get that kind of bipartisan support today," she said. "The political left has actively worked to undercut our freedoms."

Religious freedom and discrimination

As conservatives focused the religious freedom debate narrowly around issues of sexuality and marriage, progressives doubled down on the promotion of LGBT rights. The Democrat-controlled House this month approved the "Equality Act," which would prohibit virtually all discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. One provision actually singles out the RFRA law, prohibiting its use as a defense against discrimination allegations.

Rep. Nadler, having originally been a RFRA backer, co-sponsored the new "Equality" legislation as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

"Religion is no excuse for discrimination in the public sphere, as we have long recognized when it comes to race, color, sex, and national origin," Nadler argued in a committee markup hearing, "and it should not be an excuse when it comes to sexual orientation or gender identity."

When the bill came up on the House floor, another co-sponsor, Democrat Bobby Scott of Virginia, explained why it may seem that progressives have turned cool on the Religious Freedom act.

"RFRA was originally enacted to serve as a safeguard for religious freedom," he said, "but recently it's been used as a sword, to cut down the civil rights of too many individuals."

Some traditional advocates of religious freedom issues are dismayed by how the debate has evolved among both conservatives and liberals.

"When you [tell people] you work for the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, they want to know, 'What kind of religious liberty?'" says Hollman. She is evenhanded in her assessment of responsibility for the breakdown of bipartisan sentiment around the issue.

"It is unfortunate that some on the right will use religious freedom in order to advance a particular partisan issue," she says. "I think it is problematic on the left to cede arguments about religious freedom, to just say, 'Oh, people will use that now to advance an anti-LGBT perspective.' These are tough issues to work on, and religious freedom should not take the fall."

Fired for observing the Sabbath

One current religious freedom case, in fact, is similar to those that led to the court fights of the last century. In 2005, a Seventh-day Adventist named Darrell Patterson interviewed for a trainer job at Walgreens in Orlando, Fla.

"I was completely up front with them that I observed the Sabbath and that the Sabbath was important to me," Patterson told NPR.

He got the job, and six years passed without a problem. But one Friday afternoon he was told to report to work the next morning.

"The Sabbath is a beautiful, beautiful day," Patterson said, explaining why working Saturdays is for him unthinkable. "If you were to come to my house on the Sabbath, you would find that our house is in order. There is a peaceful, serene atmosphere. My wife and my family spend time in prayer. We sing hymns together."

Patterson skipped work that Saturday. When he went in the following Mon-

day, he was called into a supervisor's office and told that he was fired.

He sued.

In a statement to NPR, Walgreens says it is "committed to respecting and accommodating the religious practices of its employees" and "reasonably accommodated" Patterson's requested scheduling, but that doing more would have imposed "an undue hardship on our business." The Eleventh Circuit court ruled in favor of Walgreens, but Patterson is appealing.

The U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether to hear the case and revisit, yet again, the question of what religious freedom means.

McFarland from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is tracking the case closely. He expects Patterson to be broadly supported, but he also recognizes that the politics around religious freedom issues have shifted in recent decades.

"One of the most unfortunate things is that religious liberty has become the issue of one party," he says. "For Democrats, it's viewed as a divisive issue, especially in a primary context. [They say] 'how is this going to help me?' They used to feel that being on the right side of religious liberty was an important value, and they don't anymore."

Like the Baptist Joint Committee, however, the Seventh-day Adventists fault Republicans and Democrats alike for the politicization of religious freedom issues in recent years. The Adventists are bothered by the apparent reluctance of Republicans to embrace the "establishment" clause in the First Amendment, barring government from endorsing a religion. Conservatives have pushed for prayer and Bible readings in public schools and government funding for some religious institutions. Some have even suggested the United States be identified as a Christian nation.

"We have a strong interest in having a vigorous establishment clause," McFarland says. "That's something evangelicals and other conservative churches historically have not been as interested in. We are not trying to see the U.S. government impose any type of ideology. We have concerns about that. We have long believed that government and church need to stay in their separate spheres."

The Adventists' support for the establishment clause has allied them on various occasions with the American Civil Liberties Union, an unlikely partnership for other conservative Christian denominations.

The two parts of the freedom of religion provision in the First Amendment are sometimes seen as conflicting: Is the government in favor of religion or against it? But traditional American religious freedom advocates say the two clauses can also be read as complementary: The free exercise of religion is guaranteed only if it applies to all faiths. That can happen only if government does not take sides.

In Orlando, Fla., Darrell Patterson went back to school after being fired from Walgreens. He is now working as a mental health therapist. His campaign for the right to rest on the Sabbath, now possibly headed to the U.S. Supreme Court, no longer has to do with his own work situation.

"It's about other people that are going to come after me," Patterson says "that deserve to be able to practice their religious faith and conviction without putting their livelihoods in jeopardy."

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Of course, preferences are generally the result of environmental conditions and exposure.

I grew up isolated from the White community, which was everywhere beyond the segregated boundaries of the “ghetto.” I was told not to even glance in White women’s direction and reminded of Emmitt Till and other Black boys who violated that unwritten law.

My participation in the Open Housing Marches educated me on the parameters of race relations in Milwaukee.

In my freshman year of high school at Rufus King (an opportunity afforded my family because of overcrowding at our segregated government schools), I fell in lust with a White girl who lived on Capitol Drive—later rebranded as ‘Blackfish Bay’.

I was at her house after school early in our relationship when her mother arrived and explained to both of us the facts of life—sexual and racial.

I never returned.

Now there’s a new generation, dominated by millennials who view life differently. As my generation fought for desegregation, they are in the midst—albeit early stages—of integration.

Interracial marriages are commonplace today, up by nearly 20% since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against laws that banned them at the height of the civil rights movement (1967).

There are no accurate stats on interracial dating. Still, a Huffington Post survey a couple of years ago revealed of the top 10 states, five are southern, implying a significant cultural shift in race relations.

In fact, if you used television as an indicator, every other couple in America is multiracial. At least that’s the conclusion I’ve come to after seeing several million interracial couples used in every television commercial in the last year.

And I assume this new social paradigm is not rooted in Black men’s quest to taste the forbidden fruit or Black women expansion of options or a shortage of “good” Black men.

I can’t supply all the reasons, but you can’t discount the ending of social climates that impacted my generation. The media introduced and sustained a new culture in which Whites buy most rap CDs and now feel comfortable calling Black friends’ niggers (n-word). In my day, that word was a gauge for racism.

Today, even suburban high schools host interracial prom couples, and movie stars and politicians (former Governor Jim Doyle) adopt Black children.

Without fully recognizing it, a significant percentage of my close relatives are in interracial marriages, and most are exceptional people—unbiased pioneers.

I do have concerns about their children, given that White supremacy and Black animosities continue to exist. But that’s a different story.

Thus, to paraphrase Voltaire, when it comes to interracial relationship, I’ll

fight to the death for my children, and yours, to date or marry who they please. Just as I struggled to protect those interracial couples who were ostracized and victimized in the past.

That doesn’t mean I’m without prejudices and anxieties.

I recently went to a fitness center chain in Germantown only to discover there was only one person utilizing the facility—a white woman. I immediately left vs. being alone with her. That’s the ingrained paranoia I have yet to overcome.

Most brothers would understand my fear. Many sisters would suggest I did the right thing for the wrong reason.

Many of our tribe would not agree with that assessment. They want integration, but not to integrate, particularly if the brother chooses to cross the Mason Dixon line.

And while I understand—if not agree with—the rationale of sisters then and now toward interracial dating—or more specifically toward White women “stealing” the best brothers or their belief that Caucasian women are more appealing, I temper my judgment given sisters acceptance of their dating and marrying White men as a result of the new societal norm.

With the icing on the cake being the sisters’ acceptance of the standards, they supposedly denounce as inducements for Black men.

A female friend recently expressed concern that nine of 10 local Black female television news hosts subscribe to the template of Eurocentric beauty, and for whatever reason (I hope love and mutual respect) are married to White men.

In that particular medium, however, sisters are required to look and sound a certain way based on perceived acceptance by the majority audience—the primary viewership of news.

Within that paradox, I’m more concerned about those of either ethnicity losing their cultural identity than I am of who they date or mate with.

My faith teaches me that we are all of one seed. And the only sure way to tear down the walls of apartheid is by replacing South African stones with cream city bricks.

As part of that process, sisters have to learn why so many brothers look beyond the village for relationships.

Is it because of the perception that they feel Black women are overly aggressive? Is it a cultural paradox? Are white women more tenacious in their eating habits, as one sister told me? Or is it merely for the same reason sisters chose White, Asian, and Latino men, based on mutual interests, education or worldviews?

It’s safe to say all of the above, as well as our acceptance of Eurocentric standards of beauty, which translates

into an inferiority complex for many of us.

My niece and I disagree with that latter point. She wore a long ponytail Sunday, but explained she usually wears her hair naturally—different styles— but the night before the ponytail matched her outfit.

“Sometimes you feel like a nut...”

We do agree, however, on the roots of the Eurocentric brainwashing and how we unconsciously contribute to the negative self-image of succeeding generations of Black girls when we provide them with white dolls instead of chocolate ones.

And if you don’t understand the connection, research the white doll test used in the Brown v. Board of Education lawsuit. It revealed how our children are brainwashed early in their cultural development to accept Eurocentric standards of beauty.

We—African American adults—are the gatekeepers—either for self-esteem or self-degradation and inferiority.

The dichotomy today is that even though most of us stress the beauty of Blackness, talked the talk about the blacker the berry, many of us are still hung up on hue, and good hair. And many of us can’t see humanity for being hue-man.

Within the context of that dichotomous philosophy, my hugging this young White woman, who I had talked into enrolling her Chocolate Children in this school with a robust African-centric curriculum, was a catalyst for a discussion we need to have in an open forum.

I thought of that possibility during Thanksgiving dinner as I asked for a piece of turkey. Dark meat is juicier, but I prefer breast (no pun intended), as long as it’s not too dry.

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PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 414 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 17, 2020 TIME: 10:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 11-21-19

BY THE COURT: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. FOLEY

Circuit Court Judge

019-295/11-29/12-6-13-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008279

In the matter of the name change of: AGNES ROSE CONNER By (Petitioner) ERICA KRISTINE BOESE

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: AGNES ROSE CONNER To: AGNES ROSE BOESE

Birth Certificate: AGNES ROSE CONNER

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. FOLEY

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 414 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2019 TIME: 11:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-28-19

BY THE COURT: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. FOLEY

Circuit Court Judge

019-294/11-22-29/12-6-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 19FA6237

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF

Petitioner: ANITA FAY DYSOM-BAKER

and Respondent: MARKELL ANTONIO BAKER

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 other legal separation against you.

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

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at:

CLERK OF COURT, MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 901 N. 9TH ST. ROOM 104 MILWAUKEE, WI 53233

and to ANITA FAY DYSOM-BAKER 5707 N 38TH ST 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 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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

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

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

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

§767.105, Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:

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

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

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

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-278-5112 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE: 11-20-2019
By: ANITA FAY DYSOM-BAKER
019-293/11-22-29/12-6-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY FAMILY DIVISION ORDER FOR PRETRIAL ORDER TO APPEAR Case NO. 19FA001676

In re the marriage of: DERMITRE BO WATTS petitioner, and LATISHA RENEE WATTS respondent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above action is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing before the HONORABLE CAROLINA MARIA STARK, Branch 17 Date: December 16, 2019 Time: 2:30 P.M. Location: Room 513, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 North 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attorneys (if any) who will actually try

the case and both parties must be present unless appearance is waived BY THE COURT. In the event a stipulation is reached, the matter will be heard and a divorce granted at the time of this pretrial if all required information is on file.

If the respondent fails to appear, the Court may proceed with the case. Action that may be taken includes granting the divorce, dividing property, awarding or permanently denying maintenance, assigning responsibility for debts, making orders for the custody and placement of minor children, making or modifying child support orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall provide to the Court and to the other party, at least 14 days prior to the pre-trial, current financial information, including proof of earnings, on a signed financial disclosure statement under oath.

The parties shall be prepared to:

- a. discuss property valuation and whether written appraisals are needed, or if the parties can agree on the value of the real and personal property, and pensions;
- b. agree on appraiser(s), if needed, before or at this pretrial, subject to the Court's approval (if parties cannot so agree, the Court will appoint needed appraiser(s) a the pre-trial);
- c. advise the Court of any custody or visitation disputes, whether mediation has been attempted, and whether a guardian ad litem may have to be appointed and the parties' ability to pay the fees of the guardian ad litem;
- d. indicate what issues the parties have agreed on and those issues that have not been resolved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petitioner, not less than 5 days prior to this hearing, serve a copy of this order upon the Department of Child Support Enforcement, Courthouse Room 101 If either party receives any W-2 benefits (including employment positions, work programs, job access loans, education and training, health and/or child care, or transportation assistance), or medical assistance, or if a child of the parties is in foster care.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no adjournments will be granted without Court approval.

Failure to comply with the order of the Court, including failure to provide required information, may cause appropriate sanctions to be imposed pursuant to sec. 802.10(5), Wis. Stats.

Dated: 9-17-2019
BY THE COURT
CAROLINA MARIA STARK
019-292/11-22-29/12-6-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008784

In the matter of the name change of: MAYSA NASSER AHMAD By (Petitioner) MAYSA NASSER AHMAD

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: MAYSA NASSER AHMAD To: MAYSA ABEDULHALEEM GHAZAWNEH

Birth Certificate: MAYSA ABDULHALEEM GHAZAWNEH

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. KEVIN E. MARTENS

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 403 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: JANUARY 6, 2020 TIME: 11:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 11-15-19
BY THE COURT:
HON. KEVIN E. MARTENS
Circuit Court Judge
019-291/11-22-29/12-6-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008279

In the matter of the name change of: ARDEN EDWARD CONNER By (Petitioner) ERICA KRISTINE BOESE

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ARDEN EDWARD CONNER To: ARDEN ALEXANDER BOESE

Birth Certificate: ARDEN EDWARD CONNER

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. FOLEY

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 414 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2019 TIME: 11:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-28-19

BY THE COURT: HON. CHRISTOPHER R. FOLEY

Circuit Court Judge

019-290/11-22-29/12-6-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008760

In the matter of the name change of: JEREMIAH ELIJAH HARMON By (Petitioner) LASHAUNDA JAQUIS SCOTT

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JEREMIAH ELIJAH HARMON To: JEREMIAH ELIJAH SCOTT

Birth Certificate: JEREMIAH ELIJAH HARMON

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. CARLASHLEY

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 500 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: JANUARY 8, 2020 TIME: 9:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 11-15-19

BY THE COURT: HON. CARLASHLEY

Circuit Court Judge

019-289/11-22-29/12-6-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008730

In the matter of the name change of: DEANNA MIRI WHITAKER By (Petitioner) DEANNA MIRI WHITAKER

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: DEANNA MIRI WHITAKER To: THEODORE EVERETT HOLMES

Birth Certificate: DEANNA MIRI NELSON

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM

402 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2019 TIME: 2:00 PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 11-14-19

BY THE COURT: HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN

Circuit Court Judge

019-288/11-22-29/12-6-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008768

In the matter of the name change of: JENNIFER LOPEZ-SERRANO By (Petitioner) JENNIFER LOPEZ-SERRANO

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JENNIFER LOPEZ-SERRANO To: JENNIFER LOPEZ-SERRANO

Birth Certificate: JENNIFER LOPEZ-SERRANO

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 415 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2019 TIME: 11:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 11-15-19

BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK

Circuit Court Judge

019-287/11-22-29/12-6-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008471

In the matter of the name change of: KATHY MARIA TATE By (Petitioner) KATHY MARIA TATE

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: KATHY MARIA TATE To: KATHY MARIA HALL

Birth Certificate: KATHY MARIA TATE

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 402 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 11-15-19

BY THE COURT: HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN

Circuit Court Judge

019-286/11-15-22-29-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008678

In the matter of the name change of: ROBERTA CARLENA WARE-BOOSE By (Petitioner) ROBERTA CARLENA

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ROBERTA CARLENA WARE-BOOSE To: NAVII KEHLANI WILLIAMS

Birth Certificate: ROBERTA CARLENA WARE-BOOSE

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. KEVIN E. MARTENS

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 403 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2019 TIME: 11:00 AM

WARE-BOOSE

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ROBERTA CARLENA WARE-BOOSE To: NAVII KEHLANI WILLIAMS

Birth Certificate: ROBERTA CARLENA WARE-BOOSE

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. KEVIN E. MARTENS

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 403 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2019 TIME: 11:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 11-13-19

BY THE COURT: HON. KEVIN E. MARTENS

Circuit Court Judge

019-285/11-15-22-29-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008662

In the matter of the name change of: JARED PAUL SARFF By (Petitioner) JARED PAUL SARFF

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JARED PAUL SARFF To: RINCA SHAY SARFF

Birth Certificate: JARED PAUL SARFF

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 402 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2019 TIME: 9:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 11-12-19

BY THE COURT: HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN

Circuit Court Judge

019-284/11-15-22-29-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008172

In the matter of the name change of: ALISIA MARIE NEWPORT By (Petitioner) ALISIA MARIE NEWPORT

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ALISIA MARIE NEWPORT To: ALISIA MARIE ZAREMBA

Birth Certificate: ALISIA MARIE ZAREMBA

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 402, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 5



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