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HABARI GANI?

(What's The News?)
National News Briefs

Increasingly alarmed that 78-year-old **Bernie Sanders** could become their party's presidential nominee, establishment Democrats are warning primary voters the democratic socialist would struggle to defeat President Trump and hurt the party's chances in key congressional and governors' races. The urgent warnings come as Sanders shows new strength in the first two primaries in Iowa and New Hampshire, and a dominant fundraising operation. Sanders has escaped close scrutiny as rivals doubt he can win the nomination. Former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel warned Sanders' status as a democratic socialist and support for "Medicare for All" won't play well among swing voters. "You need a candidate with a message that can help us win swing voters in battleground states. The degree of difficulty dramatically increases under a Bernie Sanders candidacy. It just gets a lot harder."



The Fox network says it's official: **Jussie Smollett** won't be returning for the "Empire" finale. Nearly a year ago, Smollett was canned from the hit drama amid charges he concocted a wild story about being robbed at gunpoint by two, homophobic men on the streets of Chicago - charges that were later dropped by Cook County state's attorney Kim Foxx. Since then, there's been speculation Smollett would return in the finale episode. However, Fox entertainment head, Michael Thorn, said that's not happening, according to *TheWrap*. Producers wrote Smollett's character, Jamal Lyon, out of the show at the end of season five. Chicago police built its case on the theory Smollett staged his attack to promote his career. Currently on a midseason break, "Empire" will return in the spring to run its final episodes.



Comedian and actor **Martin Lawrence** said recently the sexual harassment lawsuit brought by former "Martin" sitcom co-star Tisha Campbell 20 years ago was...B.S.! Lawrence made the claim while promoting the upcoming "Bad Boys for Life." In 1997, Campbell, who played Lawrence's girlfriend Gina in the sitcom, made allegations that she had experienced "obsessive" physical and emotional abuse by Lawrence, which included "repeated and escalating sexual harassment, sexual battery and violent threats." Lawrence has always vehemently denied the claims and alluded in an interview how the tension on set led to him leaving the show, even though it was originally reported that it had been canceled. I have nothing but love for her, and I always have."



John Givens

Funeral services held for noted local civil rights activist John Givens

Compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

Funeral services were held Wednesday for civil rights activist John Givens, the first African American in Milwaukee's history to become a staff assistant to a mayor, in this case former Mayor Henry Maier.

Services were at St. Mark AME Church, 1616 W. Atkinson Ave., where Givens was a long-time member. Givens passed away December 30, 2019. He was 83.

Givens was the chairman of the Milwaukee chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and a member of numerous civil rights organizations, including the Milwaukee United Integration Committee (MUSIC) and the Milwaukee NAACP advising its legendary Youth Council in the 1960s.

He later became a labor negotiator for American Motors Corporation where he helped place African Americans in management po-

sitions and skilled trades.

Givens was instrumental in the early protests around job and housing discrimination. Between 1962 and 1964, Givens and other civil rights activists in Milwaukee would send testers to apply for jobs or seek to rent an apartment at businesses and with landlords who never seemed to hire Black residents or house them.

The testers would gather and document enough examples of racial preference to allow anti-discrimination campaign leaders to confront business owners or landlords about their hiring or rental practices to Black employees or tenants or face demonstrations.

"What we wanted to do was change this community," Givens said in a 2007 interview with the city's daily newspaper. "We were about action."

From those discrimination protests, Givens was tapped to become

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The observance of Imani closes out week-long celebration of Kwanzaa!

The Wisconsin African American Women's Center hosted the last night of Kwanzaa, which celebrated the seventh principle of the holiday: "Imani" (Faith). The Ina Onilu African Dance Group (pictured above) was the featured entertainment. Ajamou Butler of Heal The Hood MKE (pictured inset at left) lit the final candle in accordance to the tradition of the holiday, which began Thursday, December 26. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



Planned state voter purge will negatively impact the Black vote

Compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

The 2020 Democratic National Convention isn't until July and already the nation's attention is riveted on Wisconsin and how it handles a potential mass purge of voter rolls, which is expected to negatively impact the Black vote in Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Election Commission says one in 10 voters in the city (who presumably live in predominately Black zip code areas) could be impacted by the purge.

Approximately 35,529 Milwaukee residents' right to vote in this year's local and national elections are at risk as the state's Election Commission finds itself deadlocked on how to respond to an Ozaukee County judge's order to purge 234,000 state voter registrations from the rolls because they may have moved.

Last fall, the Election Commission sent mailings to roughly 232,500 people (the number has reportedly been the cause of some dispute) who appeared to have moved and told them to confirm their addresses within 30 days if they wanted to remain registered Wisconsin voters.

The vast majority didn't respond. But the commission suspects a significant percentage may not have moved out-of-state, but rather moved within the same community or did not move at all.

During a late December 2019 city hall news conference where he asked government officials to protect the integrity of the voting system, Mayor Tom Barrett noted out of the 35,529 city residents flagged, 186 people responded to the mailings. One thousand, three hundred, twenty-seven reg-

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BIRTHDAY SURPRISE!

Margaret Martin (pictured inset at right and above with family) got a surprise 80th birthday party thrown for her by her family and friends at the Joel Kinlow Memorial Center, 7841 West Appleton Ave. Given the smile on her face, she loved the "flowers" she received by her loved ones. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

By Yvonne Kemp

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

"What is your New Year's Resolution for 2020?"

"My New Year's Resolution is to remain patient and positive as always. To continue smiling and being kind to anyone I cross paths with. I also plan to get in better shape and working out with the youth at Northcott keeps me active."



EDDIE V. ANTHONY

"I want to be more engaged in the needs of my neighborhood and youth social development in the Bronzeville area."



SIR W. TAYLOR

"My New Year's Resolution is to stay away from things that are not good or profitable for me."



RAY C. TURNER

"For the new year, I want to spend less money and I want to enroll in a training program to increase my income."



THOMAS CARTER

Cong. Gwen Moore endorses Theo Lipscomb for Milwaukee County Executive

Moore believes Theo is best suited to address needs of county



Cong. Moore



Lipscomb

Theo Lipscomb, current Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and candidate for Milwaukee County Executive, today announced the support of Congresswoman Gwen Moore:

Moore stated, "After carefully examining this race and all of the candidates, I've decided that Theo Lipscomb is without a doubt the best choice to be the next Milwaukee County Executive.

We need someone who truly understands what's at stake and how to address the issues at hand.

Lipscomb stated, "I am honored and humbled by the endorsement

of Congresswoman Gwen Moore as I seek to become Milwaukee's next County Executive.

Congresswoman Moore is a tireless advocate for all of our neighbors in Milwaukee County and knows the many challenges we face - she has helped to secure tens of millions of dollars for the county transit system and our MKE airport.

As County Executive I will work with Congresswoman Moore to pursue additional federal funding to improve our infrastructure and services for those in need."

"Theo's years of public service to Milwaukee County are what we need at this very moment.

"I'm going to do all I can to help him win, and I'm asking you to join me," said Moore.

Legislation addressing human trafficking during DNC, violence reduction, extended trauma training for MPD officers to be heard by committee

The Public Safety and Health Committee Thursday, January 9 took up legislation requesting the Chief of Police to present a report to the Common Council on the Milwaukee Police Department's strategy for educating hotel and other hospitality operators and their staff on recognizing and reporting human trafficking during the Democratic National Convention.

Common Council File #191454 - originally a footnote that was adopted as part of the 2020 city budget in November - seeks the Police Department's overall

strategy for educating hotel and hospitality operators on recognizing and reporting human trafficking during the July 2020 DNC.

It is expected that 50,000 visitors will come into the city for the event, and there tends to be a spike in human trafficking during similar major events, said Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, the primary sponsor of the legislation, which is co-sponsored by Alderwoman Chantia Lewis and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II.

"The City of Milwaukee will be front and center on the world stage during the DNC, and we want to ensure a safe and uplifting experience for all who will be visiting us during the convention," Alderwoman Coggs said.

"The Milwaukee Police Department is positioned to partner with local hoteliers and hospitality operators by making resources and information on human trafficking available, and we would like details and a

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registered somewhere else. Barrett said many residents thought the postcard was spam or a scam.

The last time the state Election Commission did a voter-roll purge, people came to vote in 2016 expecting to be registered, only to find out they were not.

While Wisconsin has same-day voter registration, the expected need to register meant not everyone had the required documents, causing delays at polling locations and problems for poll workers.

The Commission's current voter mailing was an attempt to avoid a repeat of 2016 in 2020.

Democrats, the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin and others are fighting to make sure the purge does not take place until the commission has time to figure out who on the list moved and who were mistakenly put on the list.

The affected state voters primarily come from Democratic voter strongholds, such as Milwaukee and Madison. An examination of demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that a disproportionate number of mailers were sent to areas with large Black voting bases.

While the Black voting population comprises only 5.7 percent of Wisconsin's total electorate, the highest concentrations of 2019 ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center) mailers were sent to areas that are home to the largest Black voting populations in Wisconsin.

ERIC uses data from the DMV, Social Security, and the U.S. Postal Service to see when a registered voter has moved.

Over one-third (35 percent) of the mailers sent to voters on the 2019 ERIC list went to the two counties where the vast majority of Wisconsin's Black voters reside, Milwaukee and Dane (Madison).

These two counties are home to three-quarters (74.665 percent) of Wisconsin's Black voters; Black voters make up 17.45 percent of these counties' entire electorate.¹

While these two counties are large, they aren't large enough to account for the significantly higher number of voters targeted in a lawsuit brought by the right-wing Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty (WILL) seeking to force the pre-election voter roll purge.

The WILL lawsuit is on behalf of Republican campaign donors, as well as the urging of a Wisconsin GOP leader. The organization wants the state Supreme Court to take up the suit immediately.

Ironically, the voter purge could impact the election bid of right-wing state Supreme Court candidate Dan Kelly, who was appointed by former Republican Gov.

Scott Walker a few years ago to fill a vacancy on the court.

As to Milwaukee and Dane counties and its number of voters, Milwaukee County makes up 15 percent of the state's electorate, but received almost 22 percent of the mailers. Similarly, Dane County makes up nine percent of the electorate, yet received 13 percent of the total mailers.

In comparison, Fond Du Lac County, which has an electorate that is 96 percent white, makes up two percent of Wisconsin's total electorate and received 1.4 percent of the mailers.

The Census data revealed the voter purge could negatively impact Latino and Asian American voters in the state. Milwaukee County is home to 37.32 percent of the state's Latino voters, and 20.73 percent of its Asian voters.²

Many of these voters have a limited ability to understand English, but the ERIC mailers were not provided in any other language.

In a statement, Wendell Harris, president of the NAACP State Conference, said his organization is now developing voter engagement plans in conjunction with its partners, the League of Women Voters and the ACLU, for the upcoming November election.

The NAACP believes the voter mover list is a political smokescreen for racial discrimination. The civil rights organization added the voter purge may be a violation of the National Voter Registration Act.

The Voting Rights Act permits voters to remain on the polls for at least two federal election cycles after voter registration cards are returned as undeliverable. It also requires that before a state can purge a voter, it must prove that the voter did change residence for voting.

"Since the founding of (the) NAACP, we have continually worked with members, the public and our coalition partners to fight any and all barriers to voting, especially those that seek disenfranchisement of thousands of citizens," said Harris in the statement.

Voters should know the purge can't stop them from voting in any election. Voters should take to the polls with them on election day a form of ID (identification). They can also take a utility bill that proves they've lived three months at the address on the bill. If a voter's name is not on the rolls, they can immediately register and vote the same day.

"This action highlights how important it is that Wisconsin institute election day registration so voters can register at the polls when they go to vote."

1. 2018 ACS 1-year estimates available at <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table>

Services held for activist John Givens

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the associate director of the Model Cities Program, which was created to bring federal money to Milwaukee's central city.

The goal of Model Cities—a five-year demonstration project to deal with housing and unemployment—was to involve residents in planning decisions such as where to put a health clinic or how to deal with dilapidated housing.

Though stalled repeatedly by the Common Council, Model Cities was eventually approved after the city's 1967 race riots.

In the application Milwaukee filed for federal funds in 1968, it listed poverty, unemployment, crime and low educational attainment, factors that led to the riots. Ironically, these same issues continue to plague Wisconsin's largest city.

At the end of the five-year project, though unemployment actually jumped (according to a U.S. Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development report) from 6.3 percent in 1970 to 13.5 percent in 1975, the number of affordable housing units increased. More than 400 units were built, and 900-plus units were rehhabbed.

A total of \$9 million in federal and local funds were spent on public works projects in the area, and parks and social service centers existed where they hadn't before, according to a 1976 report.

As associate director of Model

Cities, Givens opened the door for several Black Milwaukeeans—at the time the most the city had ever seen—such as Tom Sprewer, who served as a managing director of Model Cities; Bill Fisher, who became director of city housing; and Vance Coleman, who was deputy commissioner of city development.

Givens left city government in 1979 for a position with the state.

Sources: Civil Rights Digital Library, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article published August 1, 2007

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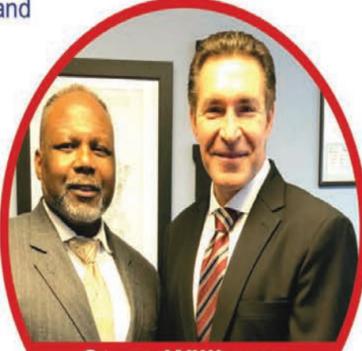
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IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE!

As the Co-Founder and Publisher of the Blue Book Milwaukee, I am big on results and getting things done. Unfortunately, this city has been going backward. Recently, an analysis by 24/7 Wall St. found Milwaukee to be the worst city in the country for Americans who are Black! Moreover, reckless driving, potholes, poverty, toxic lead, unemployment and crime are intolerable.

I've personally seen our small businesses suffering and unsupported by the current administration. I've personally reached out several times to the current administration with no response at all.

There are a lot of people who are suffering and there is no hope in site with the existing Mayor who has been in office for 16 years. We need change. I have gotten to know Alderman Tony Zielinski, he is running for Mayor. Mr. Zielinski and I have discussed my concerns with education, employment opportunities, police, crime and small businesses.



Steve Williams,
Publisher
December 4, 2019

I strongly believe he is the one that can turn things around. He has a proven track record of turning his district around. Alderman Zielinski understands that our neglected neighborhoods need to be the priority. At the same time, he understands that the long-term solution must involve education.

He often says:

“Education reduces poverty and crime.”

I am impressed with his vision, sense of urgency and passion. Those are the qualities we need in a Mayor that will turn things around. That's why I'm proud to endorse Tony Zielinski for the office of Mayor, City of Milwaukee.

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Dr. Kim Muhammad gives medical advice on natural health cures during presentation at Milwaukee Mosque #3. —Photo by Dwayne Muhammad

Muslim doctor gives presentation on the benefits of natural healing

By Dwayne Muhammad
Dr. Kim Muhammad, a Naturopathic Physician out of Phoenix, Arizona recently visited Milwaukee's Muhammad's Mosque No. 3 to give a presentation on the natural healing cures for conditions afflicting us within our communities.

Dr. Muhammad was invited to the mosque by Student Minister William Muhammad, who is the state representative of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan in Wisconsin. She was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and is Bro. William's first cousin, also a native Chicagoan.

Dr. Muhammad decided to go to naturopathic medical school about ten years ago after starting off as a registered nurse. She said one of the things a doctor should talk about is "thinking outside the box." She said natural health care allows her to address the root cause of conditions rather than just prescribing medication to temporarily treat the symptoms.

Studies correlate obesity or being overweight to diabetes and high blood pressure. Such conditions will eventually lead to heart attacks, strokes and death. Also, living a sedentary life is actually worse than smoking one or two packs of cigarettes daily.

Dr. Muhammad also linked obesity to sleep apnea. She said good sleep hygiene is vital for overall good health and well being. She suggested exercising two to three hours a week and wearing a night mask to improve "Rapid Eye Movement" (REM) at bedtime.

"If someone is obese, it [sleep apnea] may have something to do with their nasal cavity and sinuses. A CPAP will keep the airways open so you can rest properly," said Dr. Muhammad. However, she indicated that a CPAP machine isn't

the cure for sleep apnea. Dr. Muhammad noted that the best exercise is walking. She said that 99.9% of all conditions can be cured with a healthier gut, because 75% of our immunity is in our gut. Yoga is also a good form of exercise alongside cardio and weight training.

She continued, "When our guts' bacteria isn't balanced, we get constipation or diarrhea. There is a strong correlation between the gut and IBS [Irritable Bowel Syndrome]. When you have IBS, a good probiotic is one of the things we prescribe."

In addition, Dr. Muhammad said natural remedies help to reduce inflammation and regulate digestion. Such thermogenic herbs such as: ginger, curcumin, cayenne, turmeric and other herbs increase the body heat and can help reduce the gut and burn fat. Also, coffee and green extract tea work too as well.

Dr. Muhammad cautioned the eating of process foods. She said the foods are high in sugar and salt. Such foods don't produce weight loss. Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) comes from pork. MSG is highly addictive and causes cancer. "It [MSG] is a stimulant. If you have high blood pressure, it can negatively affect you," warned Dr. Muhammad.

She also warned us from consuming too many starchy foods; mainly grains and potatoes. "Browning the rice: It decreases the amount of starch. Our bodies

see grains as sugar. We ingest sugar and it is turned into insulin. The insulin created helps metabolize the sugar," stated Dr. Muhammad. Dr. Muhammad pointed out that we should increase the consumption of fiber and water in our diets for proper digestion. Such measures are good because it helps regulate digestion. Also, the secretion of waste (regular bowel movements) prevents us from developing colon cancer. One reason that we get colon cancer, is because our intestines are not designed to digest meats. Red meat builds up in the colon and causes colon cancer.

We should fast to prevent sickness by allowing the stomach to rest, while preventing toxins from accumulating in the gut. Since the body is 75% water, we should hydrate ourselves with water and continue to exercise. This helps

removes toxins while increasing stamina simultaneously. However, those who take prescription medications, should continue to take them under the care of their medical doctor.

In conclusion, she said that the minimum age for a woman's mammogram test should be 40-years-old and the test should be administered every two to three years.

Finally, she said eating one meal a day and drinking water is the best solution for optimum health, but consuming too much water can lead to enlarged breast for males.

The condition happens when a male is predisposed to too much estrogen in the water. Eating foods like cabbage, brussel sprouts, broccoli and cauliflower helps get rid of excess estrogen.

For private consultations, Dr. Muhammad can be contacted at kikatama@protonmail.com.

Council committee focuses on safety, human trafficking during meeting

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full report on what the Police Department has planned." The Public Safety and Health Committee meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Thursday's meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee. It can also be viewed via streaming video on the City website at milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

RELIGION

Religious coping's positive impact on older adults with depression



HOUSTON— People use different coping mechanisms to deal with depression, and many use religion to handle depressive symptoms.

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas at Austin studied the effects of religious coping and its correlation with the treatment of psychotherapeutic depression in older adults.

Their findings were recently published in Aging and Mental Health.

"There are some in the religious community who place more of a negative stigma on mental illness and mental health treatment.

"We wanted to see whether somebody's religious coping affected their willingness and satisfaction with therapy and whether it affected their outcome," said Dr. Mark Kunik, professor of psychiatry research at Baylor.

Researchers studied 277 impoverished, homebound older adults with depression. Participants self-reported their religious coping mechanisms on a coping scale and were divided into three groups.

Two of the groups received different types of depression treatment videos:

Behavioral therapy: a brief, structured therapy that aims to increase and reinforce healthy behavior, such as engaging in meaningful life activities aligned with personal values and beliefs.

Problem solving therapy: a brief, structured, cognitive-behavioral treatment that teaches patients problem-solving coping skills to help them deal with major negative life events, as well as daily problems that are making them depressed.

A third group of participants were part of the attention control group, which provided telephone call check-ins instead of video therapy.

According to Kunik, preliminary findings of the study showed religion's positive effects on patients undergoing video therapy.

Those that use religion to cope with depression, such as through prayer and meditation, experience better mental, physical and cognitive health.

The study also found that religious coping was more common among women and African Americans.

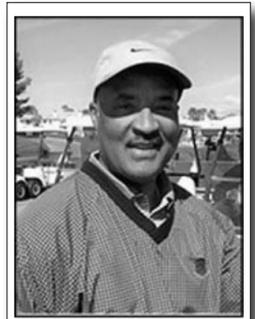
These findings can inform homebound and other older adults who suffer from depression and are reluctant to seek psychotherapy as well as aging service providers who work with them.

Other contributors to this work include Namkee G. Choi, John E. Sullivan and C. Nathan Marti.

This work was supported by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (under grant 1R01MD009675; PI: N. Choi). St. David's Foundation also provided supplemental grant.

In Memorial
Earnestine O'Bee
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J.C. Frazier
Funeral Director



Ezell Banks
Age 77 yrs. Dec. 20, 2019. In Lieu of flowers please send all donation to the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, in Ezell Banks name. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 11AM. Instate Saturday 10AM until time of services at:

Emma Fenceroy
Age 77 yrs. January 1, 2020. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 11AM at Christian Faith Fellowship Church 8605 W. Goodhope Rd. Visitation Thursday 10AM at the CHURCH until time of services. The family is served by:

James Cooper
Age 78 yrs. December 30, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 11AM at Mt. Zion Assembling of God 4300 N. Greenbay Ave. Visitation Friday 10AM at the CHURCH until time of services. The family is served by:



Alice Dugger
Age 92 yrs. December 27, 2019. Funeral services will be on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11AM at Hampton Church of Christ 5701 W. Hampton Ave. Visitation Saturday 10AM at the CHURCH until time of services. The family is served by:



John H. Givens III
Age 83 yrs. December 30, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 11AM at St. Mark AME Church 1616 W. Atkinson Ave. Visitation Wednesday 10AM at the CHURCH until time of services. The family is served by:

Ruby Rodgers
Age 79 yrs. December 31, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11AM at Macedonia Baptist Church 7265 N. Teutonia Ave. Visitation Saturday 10AM at the CHURCH until time of services. The family is served by:



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PERSPECTIVES



Vacant, Boarded-Up Houses

What Must the City Attorney Do About It?

By Vince Bobot

Over ten years ago as an assistant city attorney, I proposed and developed a strategy to deal with vacant, boarded-up houses in our City.

Unfortunately, the need to deal with those vacant homes fell on deaf ears. Now we have a situation where a vacant, boarded-up house may not only destroy an entire block, but a neighborhood as well.

For example, in the 2900 block of North 27th Street a heavily traveled street in Milwaukee where tens of thousands of cars travel daily, there are five vacant, boarded-up homes.

Not only is that block in danger, but the entire neighborhood is threatened by their existence. The failure to recognize and deal with this problem is long overdue.

At the time I proposed an initiative to deal with vacant, boarded-up houses in Milwaukee.

The demand for housing was brisk, home values were increasing, and many felt private sector efforts to deal with the problem were adequate.

However, I was convinced that those factors were not going to alleviate the problem. More importantly, every vacant house we were able to eliminate was a positive.

Not only to save existing houses on the same block and possibly the neighborhood, but providing a clean, safe, affordable house to a Milwaukee resident.



Bobot

The City Attorney must be at the forefront in removing and restoring a vacant, boarded-up house to a clean, safe and affordable home.

First, the owner of the house must be identified. This may sound easy, but oftentimes it presents a real challenge.

Many of the vacant, boarded-up houses in Milwaukee have been in that condition for a number of years.

The transfer of ownership for many of those properties has not been properly recorded in the Register of Deeds Office.

Therefore, finding the true owner of the property can be difficult. Yet, it can be done with persistence and ordinance enforcement.

The next thing that must be done is to assess the value of the vacant house.

Many of those homes have fallen prey to scrappers who strip the plumbing and electrical systems out of the house.

Therefore, it may be wiser to raze the vacant house than con-

sider remodeling it. The result is another vacant lot on the block and in the neighborhood.

The next City Attorney is in position to go after any scrap yard owner purchasing stolen metals and fixtures from vacant houses.

Every scrap dealer is licensed and needs to be put on notice that Milwaukee is no longer going to ignore or tolerate the purchasing of stolen goods.

Prompt attention to the vacant house by the City of Milwaukee can also go a long way in preventing looting of the house. An alarm system can be installed in the vacant home to alert the police of an intrusion by trespassers.

A secondary positive feature of the alarm installation in a vacant house is the prevention of drug dealers using them to traffic narcotics in our city.

The cost of that alarm system could be bore by the owner of the vacant house through city ordinance(s). Additionally, a monthly inspection plan of vacant, boarded-up houses should be instituted by the Department of Neighborhood Services to ensure the vacant home has not been compromised by trespassers. Such reinspection fees are the responsibility of homeowner and can be placed on the property tax bill.

The final step is to rehabilitate the vacant house or to raze it. The remodeling must be viewed as a neighborhood event. Input from neighbors on the block and in the surrounding area is crucial.

Once a has been ascertained, the City of Milwaukee must find a way to get it done. Doing nothing is not an option. If the vacant house does not warrant fixing it up, then it should be razed with a plan to replace it with a clean, safe, affordable house in short order.

Anything less undermines neighborhood restoration and endangers the overall health of our City.

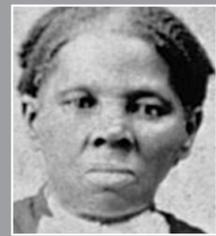
We now have a strong, vibrant downtown in the City of Milwaukee. With that being said, it is now time to take the fight to our neighborhoods.

The City Attorney can no longer remain on the sidelines. As your next City Attorney I will be in each and every neighborhood talking with residents and listening to them.

The City Attorney is in the unique position to do something about the problems facing Milwaukee. As your next City Attorney, I will do just that!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”—Harriet Tubman



The end of a decade: What I've learned these past 10 years!

The end of the decade signifies an opportunity for reflection as well as renewal.

In many respects, the decade past was like exercising on a treadmill—you're improving yourself while looking forward, exerting energy but occupying the same space.

The world changed during the last 10 years, but few of us benefited. We saw history made with the election of an African American president, but our poverty rate increased.

I could fill-up this newspaper with events of importance, but instead, allow me to provide a handful of lessons I learned:

Never take your health for granted.

I miraculously survived two near-death experiences in the last decade.

Or maybe, a case can be made I twice walked into the glowing light but returned to the familiar darkness.

In both cases, my disregard for my health was the primary culprit—self-inflicted wounds for which I will be penalized for the rest of my life.

My work on healthcare issues should have taught me how fragile African Americans, in general, and Black men in particular, are. We are disproportionately impacted by cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and pregnancy (if that's a disease). Access to health care, poor diet (precipitated by poverty), environmental concerns, and genetic factors significantly taint health disparities.

Add ignorance and fear to the mix, and Black Americans place ourselves in a dichotomous void. Take nothing for granted when it comes to your health, seek out information, and get regular checkups.

As noted earlier, I'll pay for my disregard for the rest of my life, but also with a testimony that I pray others will take heed of.

Speaking of prayer...

My wife's response to a physician's recommendation that she pull the plug on me in 2014 was to call family and friends together for a prayer vigil that wrestled me from death's grip. Several participants have told me my sister, Reverend Deborah Thomas (now my pastor), led a prayer that woke up the heavens and drew God's attention.

Journal Sentinel writer supreme James Causey later wrote I emerged with an enlightened sense of spirituality and a newfound appreciation for the power of prayer.

I am now convinced that our lives should be dependent upon a religion created by man, but in relationships, established by Nyame. And it doesn't hurt to have a good woman in your corner (and who has God on speed dial).

The more things change, the more they remained the same...

Racism, bigotry, and White supremacy are inheritable genes in the American DNA. Short of divine intervention, the only other



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By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt

way to exorcise that genetic trait is to weed it out through generational miscegenation.

In other words, we probably won't see an end to racism until there is an end to economic exploitation and all of Nyame's children are tan-skinned, with slanted eyes, nappy hair, big lips, and rhythm.

I've traveled the world, participated in wars at home and abroad. I have studied, researched, and reported on the cancer of racism in all its various forms.

I am an expert and victim and, as such, can attest that cancer is everywhere and incendiary.

I erroneously believed the body would eventually heal itself. That as people gained more knowledge, as science revealed more truths, we would realize there is but one “human race,” and environment and economic factors generally determine outcomes, that racism would eventually be cleansed from the body.

But, obviously, I was wrong. And the decade past proved conclusively, that it continues to dominate both the body and the American psyche.

You need no more evidence that acknowledging the election of Barack Obama created causation that led to the election of Donald Trump.

I can only assume that when all voters share a common physical trait-- they are related by blood and destiny---the body will heal itself.

A tree without roots cannot reach the stars.

The decade past revealed to me who I am, and where I came from.

The ever-evolving science of DNA evaluations revealed the last known home of my ancestors was in the Ivory Coast---by way of Nigeria.

Equally astonishing is the fact that one of them was descendent of Rameses III, pharaoh of Kemet! That means I am a descendant of royalty, and when I refer to my grandchildren as princes and princesses, I am being more than merely inspiring.

The revelation also means I no longer have to identify myself by a continent but regions. I am inches away from being whole.

There was a reason the devils masking as Christians who stole us from the Motherland, separated and forced us to accept a new language, religion, and destiny.

They understood the importance of our not knowing who we were, of keeping us ignorant until the poison took effect, and we would look in the mirror and see chattel instead of God's chosen. The oppressors knew that a rootless tree can be easily mowed over.

And that process continues to this day.

They continue to indoctrinate us with “His-story,” and to ignore not only our contributions to this great country, but also to world civilizations. They have convinced many of us that even God (Nyame) is a

white man who looks like Uncle Sam, that we are savages, uncivilized and pathological. They create the mechanisms for self-hatred and watch as we kill and distrust each other.

Learning the truth, who we are, our greatness, and our status as God's first creation will empower us.

Part of my vision for the new decade is to convince our family that we are more than what we have accepted. We are not (excuse my use of the hated word) 'niggers' (n-word), but descendants of kings and queens; curators of science and math and medicine. If we can get others to follow my journey, we can emerge as a mighty people.

All liberals and so-called progressives are not colorblind...

I first learned that lesson in the late 1970s when I attended a meeting on the liberal east side to discuss a proposal to 'desegregate' suburban schools.

The hostility of the “liberals” in attendance reminded me of a KKK meeting. I never forgot that lesson, and even if I could, I have been reminded continuously since that racism transcends labels.

Racism is a belief that your so-called “race” is superior, or that another is inferior. Bigotry is the application of racism to the detriment of an ethnic group (there is but one actual race;

we often confuse the two terms).

And just because someone shows civility or smiles in your face, doesn't mean they think you're equal to them.

Liberals, conservatives, Democrats, Republicans. They are all the different vines on a tree.

There is good fruit hanging from the vines and rotten fruit right next to it.

Whether it's an apple or a fig makes no difference.

If nothing changes, nothing changes....

That's an adage that is prominently situated on my wife's desk. It should also be a motto of the decade now past.

As much as we clamor for change, most of us are either afraid of it or unwilling to put forth the effort to implement what is necessary.

A friend told me in the early part of the decade that Black America is stuck on stupid. We kept doing the same things over and over and expected a different result. We have fallen for the okay doke.

Most of us realize the government school system is not educating our children. Still, we don't intervene and instead allow special interests to dictate structure and choices, to mis- and under-educate our children. The governing political parties want to keep us trapped in poverty and despair, refuse to address the concerns of the oppressed beyond band-aides and

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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 FAMILY DIVISION ORDER FOR PRETRIAL ORDER TO APPEAR Case NO. 19FA1526D

In re the marriage of: BESSIE WILSON petitioner, and ROOSEVELT WILSON respondent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above action is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing before the Honorable WILLIAM SOSNAY, Branch 8 Date: FEBRUARY 13, 2020 Time: 9:00 A.M. Location: Room 512, 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: 12-3-2019 BY THE COURT WILLIAM SOSNAY 003/12-6-13-20-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN Case No. 19FA004882 DIVORCE 40101

In re the marriage of: JEWEL SMITH, 4611 N 38th St Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209, Petitioner and CHARLES HENDERSON 2443 N Hubbard St. Milwaukee WI 53212, RESPONDENT

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the person named above as respondent:

You are notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petition, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in Ch. 802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The Court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government office: Clerk of Court Milwaukee County 901 North 9th Street Room 104 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233.

The response must also be mailed or delivered within 20 days to the petitioner at the address above.

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

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days the court may grant judgment against you 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 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. Dated: 8-20-2019 By: JEWEL SMITH 005/12-6-13-20-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008847

In the matter of the name change of: DEON AJANI WILEY By (Petitioner) LAPARIS CHAMPANE MONDY WALTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: DEON AJANI WILEY To: DEON AJANI WALTON Birth Certificate: DEON AJANI WILEY

IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY TRIGGIANO ROOM 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 9, 2020 TIME: 3:00 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: 11-19-19 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 001/12-6-13-20-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009090

In the matter of the name change of: KATHLEEN JO STORCK By (Petitioner) KATHLEEN JO STORCK

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

From: KATHLEEN JO STORCK To: KATHLEEN JEANNE STORCK Birth Certificate: KATHLEEN JO STORCK

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 ROOM 403, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 13, 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: 11-27-19 BY THE COURT: HON. KEVIN E MARTENS Circuit Court Judge 002/12-6-13-20-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY Case No. 19FA4040 Divorce-40101

In Re: The marriage of: SHERON HARRIS Petitioner and Respondent: OMAR HARRIS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT: You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.

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

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th St Milwaukee WI 53233 and to SHERON HARRIS 7010 W Thurston Ct Milwaukee WI 53218

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. Date: 8-26-2019 BY: SHERON HARRIS 004/12-6-13-20-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY Case No. 19FA5010 Divorce-40101

In Re: The marriage of: ANA M LEAVITT Petitioner and Respondent: JASON M LEAVITT

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT: You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.

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

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th St Room 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and to ANA M LEAVITT 3304 W Lapham St Milwaukee WI 53215

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.

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court

3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties. 4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders. (b)The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

Date: 12-9-2019 BY: ANA M LEAVITT 009/12-13-20-27-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009367

In the matter of the name change of: ALEXA XIMENA RAMIREZ GUTIERREZ By (Petitioner) LUZ CHARITO GUTIERREZ HERNANDEZ By (Co-Petitioner) JUAN MANUEL RAMIREZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ALEXA XIMENA RAMIREZ GUTIERREZ To: JESSICA XIMENA RAMIREZ GUTIERREZ Birth Certificate: JESSICA XIMENA RAMIREZ GUTIERREZ

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 Room 403 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 23, 2020 TIME 8:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-10-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. KEVIN E MARTENS Circuit Court Judge 006/12-13-20-27-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009366

In the matter of the name change of: CURTIS RICHARDSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CURTIS RICHARDSON To: CURTIS NATHANIEL HARRIS Birth Certificate: CURTIS RICHARDSON

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 Room 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 16, 2020 TIME 9:15 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-10-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. JEFFREY A CONEN Circuit Court Judge 008/12-13-20-27-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009419

In the matter of the name change of: DIYA GITANJALI NOBLE-MARK

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: DIYA GITANJALI NOBLE-MARK To: DIYA GITANJALI MARK Birth Certificate: DIYA GITANJALI MARK

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARSHALL B MURRAY BR 4 Room 208 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 21, 2020 TIME 10:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-11-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. MARSHALL B MURRAY Circuit Court Judge 007/12-13-20-27-2019

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009486

In the matter of the name change of: GARY WAYNE TURNER By (Petitioner) GARY WAYNE TURNER

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: GARY WAYNE DAVIS TURNER To: GARY WAYNE TURNER Birth Certificate: GARY WAYNE DAVIS TURNER

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK BR. 22 Room 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 14, 2020 TIME 11:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-13-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 011/12-20-27-2019/1-3-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009498

In the matter of the name change of: NATALIE MARIE GRUENWALD By (Petitioner) NATALIE MARIE GRUENWALD

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: NATALIE MARIE GRUENWALD To: NATALIE MARIE MONTES Birth Certificate: NATALIE MARIE GRUENWALD

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM S POCAN Room 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 26, 2020 TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-13-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM S POCAN Circuit Court Judge 010/12-20-27-2019/1-3-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009561

In the matter of the name change of: YASER AHMAD DARWEESH By (Petitioner) YASER AHMAD DARWEESH

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: YASER AHMAD DARWEESH To: YASER AHMAD ABU JARADEH Birth Certificate: YASER AHMAD ABU JARADEH

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

Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK BR. 22 Room 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 24, 2020 TIME 8:30 A.M.

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

Dated: 12-17-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 012/12-20-27-2019/1-3-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN Case No. 19FA006464 DIVORCE 40101

In re the marriage of: GWENDA LAWSON, 2813 N 54th St Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210, Petitioner and JEFFREY L BUTLER 2813 N. 54th St. Milwaukee WI 53210, RESPONDENT

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the person named above as respondent:

You are notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petition, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in Ch. 802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The Court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government office: Clerk of Court Milwaukee County 901 North 9th Street Room 104 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233.

The response must also be mailed or delivered within 20 days to the petitioner at the address above.

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

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days the court may grant judgment against you 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 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.

Dated: 11-8-2019 By: GWENDA LAWSON 013/12-27-2019/1-3-10-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV008803

In the matter of the name change of: AMIRA MARIE BATTISTE By (Petitioner) ONTYON WESLEY

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: AMIRA MARIE BATTISTE To: AMIRA MARIE BATTISTE-WESLEY Birth Certificate: AMIRA MARIE BATTISTE

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSUEN Room 206 PLACE: 901

N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 17, 2020 TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 11-18-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSUEN Circuit Court Judge 015/1-3-10-17-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009811

In the matter of the name change of: JAZMYNE MARIE FEARS-JONES By (Petitioner) DETA A MOOR

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JAZMYNE MARIE FEARS-JONES To: JAZMYNE MARIE CARTER Birth Certificate: JAZMYNE MARIE FEARS-JONES

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. CARLASHLEY BR. 33 Room 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 13, 2020 TIME 1:30 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-30-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. CARLASHLEY Circuit Court Judge 016/1-3-10-17-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009695

In the matter of the name change of: JOSIAH JOB HEDRINGTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JOSIAH JOB HEDRINGTON To: JOSIAH JOB STRONG Birth Certificate: JOSIAH JOB STRONG

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 BR. 30 Room 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 29, 2020 TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-23-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. JEFFREY A CONEN Circuit Court Judge 020/1-3-10-17-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009774

In the matter of the name change of: KAYLA MARIE BIRMINGHAM By (Petitioner) KAYLA MARIE BIRMINGHAM

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: KAYLA MARIE BIRMINGHAM To: KAYLA MARIE KIM-HERNANDEZ Birth Certificate: KAYLA MARIE BIRMINGHAM

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 BR. 30 Room 402 PLACE:

901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 31, 2020 TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-27-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. JEFFREY A CONEN Circuit Court Judge 021/1-3-10-17-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009696

In the matter of the name change of: NAJEEB RAHEEM HEDRINGTON By (Petitioner) NAJEEB RAHEEM HEDRINGTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: NAJEEB RAHEEM HEDRINGTON To: NAJEEB RAHEEM STRONG Birth Certificate: NAJEEB RAHEEM HEDRINGTON

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 BR. 30 Room 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 29, 2020 TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-23-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. JEFFREY A CONEN Circuit Court Judge 019/1-3-10-17-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009523

In the matter of the name change of: CAURICE JONAE' DAVIS

By (Petitioner) CAURICE JONAE' DAVIS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CAURICE JONAE' DAVIS To: CAURICE JONAE' STARNES Birth Certificate: CAURICE JONAE' DAVIS

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. CARLASHLEY BR. 33 Room 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 27, 2020 TIME 3:00 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-16-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. HON. CARLASHLEY Circuit Court Judge 014/1-3-10-17-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009525

In the matter of the name change of: RAPHAEL JOSHUA MALONE By (Petitioner) RAPHAEL JOSHUA MALONE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: RAPHAEL JOSHUA MALONE To: RAPHAEL JOSHUA ISRAEL Birth Certificate: RAPHAEL JOSHUA MALONE

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

Judge's Name: HON. LAURA GRAMLING PEREZ BR 32 Room 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 30, 2020 TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-16-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. LAURA GRAMLING PEREZ Circuit Court Judge 017/1-3-10-17-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN Case No. 19FA007140 DIVORCE 40101

In re the marriage of: SHEKEYA TAMARRA FARMER, 5807 W Helena St Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53223, Petitioner and GERALD JEROME CLARK 8928 W Appleton Ave Apt 9 Milwaukee WI 53225, RESPONDENT

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the person named above as respondent:

You are notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petition, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in Ch. 802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The Court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government office: Clerk of Court Milwaukee County 901 North 9th Street Room 104 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233.

The response must also be mailed or delivered within 20 days to the petitioner at the address above.

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

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days the court may grant judgment against you 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 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.

Dated: 12-17-2019 By: SHEKEYA FARMER 018/1-3-10-17-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009672

In the matter of the name change of: VLADIMIR JOSE RUIZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: VLADIMIR JOSE RUIZ To: TOMMY JOSE RUIZ Birth Certificate: VLADIMIR JOSE RUIZ

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 Room 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 6, 2020 TIME 3:00 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-20-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 022/1-3-10-17-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 20CV000010

In the matter of the name change of:

CELESTE ROSE CARRASQUILLO By (Petitioner) CELESTE ROSE CARRASQUILLO

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CELESTE ROSE CARRASQUILLO To: TYLER RAVEN CARRASQUILLO Birth Certificate: CELESTE ROSE CARRASQUILLO

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 BR. 30 Room 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 6, 2020 TIME 3:00 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 1-2-2020 BY THE COURT: HON. JEFFREY A CONEN Circuit Court Judge 024/1-10-17-24-2020

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: 1-2-2020 BY THE COURT: HON. JEFFREY A CONEN Circuit Court Judge 024/1-10-17-24-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009266

In the matter of the name change of: DENISE JANINE PIERCE By (petitioner) DENISE JANINE PIERCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: DENISE JANINE PIERCE To: DENISE JANINE LENTZ Birth Certificate: DENISE JANINE PIERCE

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Room 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 24, 2020 TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-5-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 034/1-10-17-24-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 20CV000110

In the matter of the name change of: DEVIN LEE HALE By (petitioner) DEVIN LEE HALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: DEVIN LEE HALE To: DEVIN LEE CHURCH Birth Certificate: DEVIN LEE HALE

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Room 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 17, 2020 TIME 10:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 1-6-2020 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 028/1-10-17-24-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009268

In the matter of the name change of: DORRAIN ADELL PIERCE

By (petitioner) DORRAIN ADELL PIERCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: DORRAIN ADELL PIERCE To: DORRAIN ADELL LENTZ Birth Certificate: DORRAIN ADELL CALHOUN

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Room 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 24, 2020 TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-5-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 033/1-10-17-24-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 20CV000101

In the matter of the name change of: JOSEPH WILLIAM SCHERBARTH By (petitioner) JOSEPH WILLIAM SCHERBARTH

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JOSEPH WILLIAM SCHERBARTH To: JOSEPH INSMEGISTUS SEID Birth Certificate: JOSEPH WILLIAM SCHERBARTH

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Room 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 14, 2020 TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 1-6-2020 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 031/1-10-17-24-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009265

In the matter of the name change of: JOSHUA JAMES PIERCE By (petitioner) JOSHUA JAMES PIERCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JOSHUA JAMES PIERCE To: JOSHUA JAMES LENTZ Birth Certificate: JOSHUA JAMES PIERCE

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Room 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 24, 2020 TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-5-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 035/1-10-17-24-2020



SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009844

901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 14, 2020 TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 1-6-2020 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 030/1-10-17-24-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009791

In the matter of the name change of: MERLE PHILIP STARR By (Petitioner) MERLE PHILIP STARR

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: MERLE PHILIP STARR To: PHILIP MERLE STARR Birth Certificate: MERLE PHILIP STARR

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 Room 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 6, 2020 TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 1-2-2020 BY THE COURT: HON. CHRISTOPHER R FOLEY Circuit Court Judge 026/1-10-17-24-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009267

In the matter of the name change of: MIRANDA NICOLE PIERCE By (petitioner) MIRANDA NICOLE PIERCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: MIRANDA NICOLE PIERCE To: MIRANDA NICOLE LENTZ Birth Certificate: MIRANDA NICOLE CLARK

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Room 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 24, 2020 TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-5-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 032/1-10-17-24-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 20CV000100

In the matter of the name change of: LUKYAN WILLIAM SCHERBARTH By (petitioner) RACHEL ELIZABETH JENNETT

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: LUKYAN WILLIAM SCHERBARTH To: LUKYAN MORPHEUS SEID Birth Certificate: LUKYAN WILLIAM SCHERBARTH

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Room 412 PLACE:

Case No. 20CV000100

In the matter of the name change of: RACHEL ELIZABETH JENNETT By (petitioner) RACHEL ELIZABETH JENNETT

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: RACHEL ELIZABETH JENNETT To: MINA NIAMH SEID Birth Certificate: RACHEL ELIZABETH JENNETT

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Room 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: February 14, 2020 TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 1-6-2020 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 029/1-10-17-24-2020

waukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 1-6-2020 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 029/1-10-17-24-2020

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 19CV009336

In the matter of the name change of: TREBLE HWORB HENDERSON By (Petitioner) TREBLE HWORB HENDERSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: TREBLE HWORB HENDERSON To: TREBLE HWORB HENDERSON Birth Certificate: TREBLE HWORB

Got something to put in the MCJ? Send it to: editorial@milwaukeecommunityjournal.com

NOTICE
Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is requesting sealed quotations for **REBID - HVAC Filter Purchases** for System Wide - Various Locations, 1124 N. 11th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Filter material specifications, quotation requirements and guidelines may be obtained online at: <https://mps.aegraphics.com/>, **THEN:**

1. Click on "All Public Jobs".
2. Search for the project listed above.
3. **OR** paper copies may be obtained from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of proposal documents.

The are no HUB, Student Employment / Participation requirements for this request for quotation.
There will not be a pre-quotation conference held for this RFP
All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 16, 2020 to DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or fax number (414) 283-4682, attn. DFMS Procurement. No questions will be answered after that date and time. No questions will be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their response to the RFP. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.
Submit all quotations, as stated within the Request for Quotaion (RFQ) Quotation Submission Instructions, no later than 1:30 PM on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

Keith P. Posley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT
Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 5, 2019.

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 1:30 PM at DFMS Procurement - Design and Construction, Facilities and Maintenance Services, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, pursuant to Section 119.52(3) Wisconsin Statutes in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work:

All contractor(s) and subcontractors(s) are subject to the current livable wage rate, in accordance with the City of Milwaukee Ordinance 310-13. Please note that this project is funded by Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB); therefore, it is subject to the payment of prevailing wages in accordance with the Federal Davis Bacon act.

BID GUARANTY TO ACCOMPANY BID: MPS Bid Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check: 10% of Contractor's Base Bid.

WEDGEWOOD MECHANICAL UPGRADES
Wedgewood Park Multi-Plex
6506 W. Warrimont Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53220
MPS Property No. 044
MPS Project No. 2353

MPS HUB, COIN and Student Employment / Participation requirements are identified on the Project Manual Cover and Bid Form and defined within the Contract Compliance Services Participation Plan Requirements in the Project Manual.

Deposit for Drawings and Specifications: \$25.00
MAILING CHARGE: \$35.00

The bidding documents may be obtained 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of bid documents for pick up. Plans and specifications will be loaned to a prospective bidder upon receipt of the deposit listed, which deposit will be returned upon surrender of the plans and specifications in good condition. Bid documents must be returned only to A/E Graphics, Inc. Plans and specifications may also be viewed online at <https://mps.aegraphics.com/>.

A pre-bid walkthrough for the site will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 9:00 AM, meet at the school's main entrance.
All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 to DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or fax number (414) 283-4682, attn. DFMS Procurement. No questions will be answered after that date and time. No questions shall be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their Bid. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.
Each bid shall be for a fixed lump sum.
The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.
Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals at the bid opening through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. The following TDD number is available for the hearing impaired for questions prior to bid opening, (414) 283-4611.

Keith P. Posley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. CARL ASHLEY BR. 33 Room 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: January 27, 2020 TIME 11:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 12-9-2019 BY THE COURT: HON. CARL ASHLEY Circuit Court Judge 027/1-10-17-24-2020

NOTICE
Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is requesting proposals for **Project Engineering & Design Services for Washington High School Track And Field Improvements at Washington Complex**, 2525 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee, WI. Project scope, proposal requirements and guidelines may be obtained online at: <https://mps.aegraphics.com/>, **THEN:**

1. Click on "All Public Jobs".
2. Search for the project listed above.
3. **OR** paper copies may be obtained from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of proposal documents.

The **HUB** requirements for this contract is 25%
The minimum **Student Participation** requirements for this contract are:
Paid Employment: 200 Hours
Educational Activities: 10 Hours
A pre-proposal walkthrough for the site will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, January 9, 2020. Meet at the school's main entrance.
All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 16, 2020 to DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or fax number (414) 283-4682, attn. DFMS Procurement. No questions will be answered after that date and time. No questions will be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their response to the RFP. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.
Submit all proposals, as stated within the proposal document instructions, no later than 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

Keith P. Posley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT
Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 3, 2019.

Sealed bids will be received until Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 1:30 PM at DFMS Procurement - Design and Construction, Facilities and Maintenance Services, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, pursuant to Section 119.52(3) Wisconsin Statutes in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work:

All contractor(s) and subcontractors(s) are subject to the current livable wage rate, in accordance with the City of Milwaukee Ordinance 310-13. Please note that this project is funded by Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB); therefore, it is subject to the payment of prevailing wages in accordance with the Federal Davis Bacon act.

BID GUARANTY TO ACCOMPANY BID: MPS Bid Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check: 10% of Contractor's Base Bid.

2019 HARTFORD SCHOOL - PARKING & PLAYGROUND RECONSTRUCTION
Hartford Avenue University K-8 School
2227 E. Hartford Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211
MPS Property No. 208
MPS Project No. 2050

MPS HUB, COIN and Student Employment / Participation requirements are identified on the Project Manual Cover and Bid Form and defined within the Contract Compliance Services Participation Plan Requirements in the Project Manual.

Deposit for Drawings and Specifications: \$25.00
MAILING CHARGE: \$35.00

The bidding documents may be obtained 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of bid documents for pick up. Plans and specifications will be loaned to a prospective bidder upon receipt of the deposit listed, which deposit will be returned upon surrender of the plans and specifications in good condition. Bid documents must be returned only to A/E Graphics, Inc. Plans and specifications may also be viewed online at <https://mps.aegraphics.com/>.

A pre-bid walkthrough for the site will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 9:30 AM, meet at the school's main entrance.
All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Monday, January 6, 2020 to DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or fax number (414) 283-4682, attn. DFMS Procurement. No questions will be answered after that date and time. No questions shall be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their Bid. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.
Each bid shall be for a fixed lump sum.
The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.
Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals at the bid opening through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. The following TDD number is available for the hearing impaired for questions prior to bid opening, (414) 283-4611.

Keith P. Posley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT
Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DIVISION OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 3, 2020.

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 3:00 PM at DFMS Procurement - Design and Construction, Facilities and Maintenance Services, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, pursuant to Section 119.52(3) Wisconsin Statutes in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work:

All contractor(s) and subcontractors(s) are subject to the current livable wage rate, in accordance with the City of Milwaukee Ordinance 310-13. Please note that this project is funded by Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB); therefore, it is subject to the payment of prevailing wages in accordance with the Federal Davis Bacon act.

BID GUARANTY TO ACCOMPANY BID: MPS Bid Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check: 10% of Contractor's Base Bid.

BOILER REPLACEMENTS
Casimir Pulaski High School
2500 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53215
MPS Property No. 026
MPS Project No. 2638

The HUB requirements for this project are 15%
The COIN requirements for this project are 15%
The minimum **Student Participation** requirements for this project are:
Paid Employment: 200 Hours
Educational Activities: 10 Hours
Deposit for Drawings and Specifications: \$25.00
MAILING CHARGE: \$35.00

The bidding documents may be obtained 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of bid documents for pick up. Plans and specifications will be loaned to a prospective bidder upon receipt of the deposit listed, which deposit will be returned upon surrender of the plans and specifications in good condition. Bid documents must be returned only to A/E Graphics, Inc. Plans and specifications may also be viewed online at <https://mps.aegraphics.com/>.

A pre-bid walkthrough for the site will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 9:00 AM, meet at the school's main entrance.
All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Thursday, January 23, 2020 to DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or fax number (414) 283-4682, attn. DFMS Procurement. No questions will be answered after that date and time. No questions shall be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their Bid. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.
Each bid shall be for a fixed lump sum.
The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.
Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals at the bid opening through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids. The following TDD number is available for the hearing impaired for questions prior to bid opening, (414) 283-4611.

Keith P. Posley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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FLU SEASON BASICS for 2020 (Flu Season 2019 –2020)

As flu activity increases in the City of Milwaukee, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) is reminding all residents that it's not too late to get your flu shot.

From September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 there have been 131 influenza-associated hospitalizations in the City of Milwaukee. This time last year there were 17 influenza-associated hospitalizations.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this potentially serious disease. The flu vaccine reduces flu illnesses, doctors' visits, hospitalizations, and missed work and school due to flu.

The flu can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk of serious flu complications. The Commissioner of Health, Dr. Jeanette Kowalik urges residents to take action "Please keep yourself and your families safe by getting vaccinated".

Millions of individuals safely receive vaccines each year. The U.S. has a longstanding vaccine safety system that ensures vaccines are as safe as possible, and there is no evidence to suggest that vaccines threaten a long, healthy life.

In addition to getting a seasonal flu vaccine, you can take every day preventative actions like staying away from sick people and washing your hands to reduce the spread of germs. If you are sick, stay home from work or school and cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow to prevent spreading flu to others.

Included with this press release is a one page Flu Season Basics covering topics such as: flu basics, how it spreads, who is most at risk, treatment options and prevention, along with Milwaukee Health Department clinic hours.

SIGNIFYIN'

The end of a decade: What I've learned these past 10 years!

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promises. Still, we keep voting the same people into office.

Remember, ignorance is the absence of knowledge. Stupidity is the abuse of it. You can figure out where we fall.

Nowhere is safe anymore. The epidemic of mass shootings in churches and synagogues, temples, and classrooms is proof we can find ourselves facing death anywhere. And forget the conceal-carry panacea; more often than not, carrying a gun won't help you.

If nothing changes, nothing changes...

That's an adage that is prominently situated on my wife's desk. It should also be a motto of the decade now past.

The chickens came home to roost, they quacked and cockadoddle-doed.

The cancers of violence and race hatred inherent in our culture has been allowed to fester and grow for two centuries. So, we should not be surprised by the implusions that have rocked our nation in the decade passed. Cultural dysfunctionality has emerged in the form of terrorism, homicide, and self-destruction.

I spent much of the last decade thinking about the posit of Malcolm X, who said the chickens came home after the assassination of John F. Kennedy back in the sixties. He was ostracized. But his words could not be ignored.

Dozens of mass shootings, domestic terrorism, and street violence highlighted the decade.

I've witnessed militia training in the rural suburbs, gun sales going through the roof, and families teaching their children war-zone survival skills.

Some folks are worried about Iran and Mideast terror groups. I entered the new year more concerned about domestic calamity (i.e. American-style terrorism).

Is the Black Church going the way of marriage...?

Surveys reveal an ever-declining number of people (less than 50%) attend church, which is

not surprising since a majority of millennials don't think the church is relevant to them.

I can understand their concerns.

A growing percentage of younger African Americans say they are more spiritual than religious and that the Black church has become a business venture.

Too many Black churches have become businesses, using tithes to enrich preachers with little interest in spreading the gospel or shepherding the sheep.

Moreover, the Black church seemed to abdicate its position at the vanguard of the civil rights movement over the last couple of decades.

I did see some reversal as the decade came to a close, including the adaption of the liberation theology paradigm throughout the country.

The emergence of Pastors' United was significant, as was the open defiance of several churches that are spearheading the campaign for educational options, in defiance of the Democratic Party and teacher's union.

For the Black church to survive, it has to re-brand itself from being an insurance company to being a catalyst for change and redemption. It should be a catalyst for salvation, but also a catalyst for social and moral reform.

And its ministers must view themselves as shepherds instead of sheepherders.

I was impressed by CTK's Rev. Jon McVicker's sermon on New Year's Eve Watch Service.

He used the bible to motivate and inspire, to advocate for social and political change. He told the congregation to use their voices to precipitate change; to shout over the political rhetoric of patronizing liberals and uncaring conservatives. Prayer without works...well, you know the rest of that sentence.

My church, House of Grace, is mission-oriented. We are non-denominational and disregard traditional structures, allowing everyone to contribute, question, and lead. We hold services among the homeless, go into neighborhoods to hand out supplies, and touch people. We study history and link ourselves to

African antiquity. And we pray and then organize to take action.

Our vision is to use the church, the assembly, to huddle people under Nyame's shadow, and to carry out the mission and mandate of Yeshua.

Technology has changed us for the better and for the worse...

It has provided us with more information than at any time in history, easily accessible and often life-altering. But it has also made us intellectually impotent. Most of us no longer read, and a large percentage accept fiction as fact. We rely on text messages instead of face to face conversations and put sensitive information about ourselves on social media to be dissected and disseminated.

Most of us don't recognize that Big Brother is not only watching our every move, but dictating our direction.

We're a different ethnicity, a new people...

We have morphed from Africans to zombies, to various shades of African Americans.

Most of us don't know our original language, culture, or even our native religion. The truth of the matter is, though we share the same blood as our African ancestors, we are more American than African; we are more colored than Black.

We are a new people, with a different language (and I'm not talking about standard English), different customs and a different culture.

Most of us don't even view ourselves as members of the Global Majority, much less as brothers and sisters of the diaspora. We are the mixed breed, confused and uncultured by-products of the Maafa and institutional racism.

We don't recognize many of the mores and customs of our African ancestry; we give our children non-sensical and meaningless names and reject Nyame's parentage.

What we will evolve into in the next decade is left to the imagination and circumstance. I hope and pray we are led back to the source, but...

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