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National News Briefs

Pop superstar Beyonce' said recently Black America has been 'strengthened and inspired by Meghan Markle follow-



ing her Sunday CBS interview with Oprah Winfrey. In a post on her website, Beyonce wrote: "Thank you, Meghan, for your courage and leadership...We're all strengthened and inspired by you." In the interview Markle gave viewers a glimpse into the challenges she's experienced since marrying into the Royal Family. She disclosed she suffered a mental health crisis that included suicidal thoughts. In a Tuesday statement, Buckingham Palace said the Royals are "saddened" to learn the full extent of the challenges Markle and her husband, Prince Harry faced and that the Royals will address the issues "privately."

Former President Jimmy Carter said recently he's "disheartened, saddened and angry" over the Georgia legisla-



ture's voting bills, which would end no-excuse absentee voting, adding the Republican-backed proposals appear to be rooted in partisan interests, not the interests of all Georgia voters. The push for the legislation by that state's GOP comes after Georgia favored President Joe Biden in November and elected two new U.S. senators in January, giving Democrats control of the U.S. Senate and cementing Georgia as a clear battleground. Carter, 96, said the restrictive voting legislation are reactions to heavily refuted allegations of voter fraud.

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike **Tyson** recently slammed the streaming network Hulu over an upcoming 'Iron Mike



series it is producing that, oddly, he has no involvement with in any capacity. Titled 'Iron Mike,' the eightepisode series will explore the wild, tragic and controversial life of Tyson who, according to Hulu, is one of the most polarizing figures in sports culture. Tyson called Hulu 'greedy,' and that their greed has led to their "tonedeaf cultural misappropriation" of his life story. Tyson said the fact Hulu made the announcement of the series during Black History Month "only confirms Hulu's concern for dollars over respect for Black story rights."



La'Kenya Donaldson, a medical assistant with Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. (MHSI) vaccinates Dereck Gray (above photo) who received one of the first shots the clinic gave out as it administered the first round of Pfizer-**BioNTech COVID-19** vaccinations to its pa-



tients and employees, such as Pamela Clark (shown above) corporate communications specialist with MHSI, who was vaccinated by MHSI Nurse Manager Erica Crigler. The clinic will complete and receive their second dosage of the Pfizer vaccine on March 24.—Photos by Yvonne Kemp

Black balloon release honors lives lost to drug addiction

535 black ballons, symbolizing the lives lost in Milwaukee due to drug addiction in 2020, were relesed recently by patients, their family members and the staff of Samad's House, in partnership with Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. The balloon release not only brought awareness to lost lives due to drugs, it also brought attention to those who continue to suffer from the perils of addiction. Samad's House is a sober living home located in the 5306 zip code. It takes a unique approach to treatment for women involved in their programming that is geared to reshape mind, body, and spirit. - Photo by Yvonne Kemp



Cong. Gwen Moore reveals information on Stimulus Funds and tax credits to benefit you and your family

I want to provide you with information on how to receive missed funds from the first and second stimulus checks.

According to the IRS, as many as 11 million did not receive payments which they were eligible for, including many in our community.

While there are many reasons why this may have happened (the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) had no income tax return information for them or had information that was outdated or incorrect), you can do something to claim this money to for (continued on page 2)





Applications now being accepted through March 26; New scholarship added to the growing list of scholarships provided by the **Foundation**

In honor of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and National Women's History Month, the Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation is launching the new "Ruth Bader Ginsburg Scholarship" program to provide more young

women of color access to the field of law. In collaboration with the Milwaukee Bar Association Founda-

tion, the MPS Foundation will provide scholarships for young women of color who are attending college in advance of law school or who are attending law school at Marquette University or the University of Wisconsin. Each awardee will be assigned a local mentor, already in the field of law, to help guide them on their journey.

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Holton Youth and Family Center renamed The "STRONG MILWAUKEE" Center to highlight community role in youth mental health

With mental health issues escalating for Milwaukee children, the Holton Youth and Family Center (HYFC), a hub for youth activities since 1989, been renamed The **STRONG** MILWAUKEE Center.

The building at 510 E. in the city of Milwaukee. Burleigh Street is home to the STRONG Child & Adolescent

Day Treatment Program and other mental health counseling services for individuals and families offered by Christian Family Solutions (CFS).

The renaming of the Holton building marks a significant shift to next-generation issues

The new STRONG MIL-WAUKEE Center is the only

in-person day treatment center in the city for children between the ages of 5 and 14 who face significant behavioral and mental health issues.

Just as the HYFC rallied the community to address youth crime issues in the 1990s, we're rallying the community to treat children's mental health issues," says Dr. Ashley

Schoof, STRONG Program Clinical Director. "We rely on referrals from schools, medical professionals, parents, or anyone who notices the symptoms of trauma or other underlying health issues.

"It's important for the community to know that The **STRONG** MILWAUKEE

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which you are eligible: file your taxes!

The IRS started accepting 2020 tax returns on Feb. 12 and the deadline for filing your taxes is April 15, 2021. In these difficult economic times when every dollar is so critical, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to claim these critical funds.

If you need assistance filing your tax returns, the IRS offers free local help and an online service for qualified taxpayers. Additionally, you can find tax filing assistance according to your zip code through the IRS.

The IRS and U.S. Treasury Department stopped sending out stimulus checks on January 15, 2021. But if you were eligible for but did not receive your entire stimulus check or received less than you expected, you can still recover cash when you file your 2020 tax return. When you file your 2020 tax return, you can claim the Recovery Rebate Tax Credit to receive any unclaimed stimulus funds you were eligible for but did not receive.

The Recovery Rebate Credit uses the nearly the same eligibility guidelines as the stimulus checks but a crucial improvement for mixed-status families was made with the second round that applies retroactively to the first. Married taxpayers filing jointly where one spouse has a Social Security Number and one spouse does not are eligible for financial assistance under both rounds.

Since the Recovery Rebate Credit is based on

your 2020 tax information, you can still be eligible if you had a change of income even if you were not eligible for previous stimulus payments. To claim the Recovery Rebate credit, you will have to file a tax return, even if you normally don't need to file one. And for your tax return, you need to know the full amount of any stimulus funds you received. Find more information about eligibility criteria here at the IRS Recovery Rebate Credits and Economic Impact Payments page.

Tax Credits to Benefit You and Your Family

Additionally, as you file your taxes, I encourage each of you to learn more about the tax credits you may be eligible for, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit. Don't miss out of on cash that could be yours! The EITC is a refundable tax credit, meaning you do not need to owe taxes to benefit. This tax credit can provide real relief to eligible individuals and working families and could decrease the amount owed or increase their refund.

Taxpayers with a dependent under 17 years old may also be eligible for the Child Tax Credit (CTC), which helps provide support to families raising a child. For help determining if you are eligible to claim the CTC or the credit for other dependents, click here.

Also, know that a temporary rule was created to allow taxpayers to "lookback" to use earned income from 2019 for purposes of determining the EITC and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) - the refundable portion of the CTC - in tax year 2020. This will be especially helpful for many workers who have been unemployed or had lower wages in 2020.

Your friend, Gwen

The "STRONG **MILWAUKEE**" Center

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Center is a place to heal and help children, thanks to the vision of the HYFC board of di-

In November CFS signed a five-year agreement to lease the HYFC. CFS remodeled the building and moved STRONG from its former location on the north campus of St. Marcus School, increasing its enrollment capacity from a census of 25 children to 60 children. Several other tenants continue operating youth-oriented programs in the building when day treatment is not in session.

The prolonged pandemic conditions of isolation and added stress in homes will have longlasting effects on children, according to Dr. Schoof.

Day treatment includes trauma-informed and culturally-sensitive therapy five days a week for an average of two to three months. Children spend three to four hours per day in group therapy, while individual and family sessions help reinforce the skills learned during group time.

The family component has been particularly important during the pandemic, as many children have been attending school virtually at home, compounding any stress that may exist in the home environment.

Most of the children referred to STRONG re-

ceive services and transportation through Medicaid. The STRONG program is able to operate in Milwaukee thanks to generous donors and a network of community professionals who refer children into the program.

"We now count the board of directors of the Holton Youth and Family Center among our generous donors and friends," says Dr. Schoof. "The Holton board understands that treating the effects of trauma and mental health issues is the next great challenge for Milwaukee. The STRONG MILWAUKEE Center will make that treatment accessible for more children, especially those underserved in the city of Milwau-

According to the Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health, communities must address the demand for mental health services. The consequences of not meeting this need lead to an increase in family conflicts, child abuse, and neglect; risk of suicide, homelessness, and substance use; out-of-home placement and juvenile detention; emergency room visits and hospital stays; and other costs associated with delayed intervention of mental health treatment.

The OCMH is looking for ways to strengthen connections between behavioral health organizations, schools, and local community organizations to increase access.

The STRONG program accepts family or professional referrals and serves children with both commercial and state insurance.

Inquiries and referrals can be made by calling the Christian Family Solutions referral appointment line at 800.438.1772.

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MPS Foundation Launches Ruth Bader Ginsburg Scholarship for Young Women of Color

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passionate litigator, a pioneering jurist, and teria: most importantly, an inspiration to generations of women and girls who want to make the world a better place.

The new Ruth Bader Ginsburg Scholarship program was founded by local lawyer and MPS Foundation board member, Fred Tabak.

"Justice Ginsburg's legacy compels us to identify ways we can help more young women follow in her footsteps.

"In Wisconsin and across the country, we have a great need for the legal profession to look more like the communities we serve, yet it is difficult for those from underserved neighborhoods to succeed," Tabak said. "The scholarship will make a little dent, we hope, in that lack of diversity."

The scholarship program is in its initial fundraising stage. Tabak is calling for lawyers, law firms, and other organizations to help fund this scholarship.

Anyone interested in supporting this program is invited to make a donation to the fund.

DONATE: mpsfdn.org

"Everything we do is about breaking barriers for MPS students. This timely effort is right in line with that mission," said Wendell Willis, MPS Foundation, Executive Director. "We are incredibly grateful to Fred's leadership and callto-action. We are now accepting student scholarship applications and will award our first student this Summer."

Support:

- Undergraduate: Recipients will receive \$2,000 each year of undergraduate studies
- Graduate: Recipients are eligible for up to \$10,000 per year while attending the University of Wisconsin Law School or Marquette University Law School

Eligibility:

Justice Ginsburg spent her long career working on expanding the opportunities available for women, and in carrying forward her legacy, this

scholarship will assist Milwaukee Public Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a history-maker, a Schools graduates that meet the following cri-

- Women of color
- Demonstrated history of academic achievement
- Are recommended by their teachers, mentors, supervisors, or other adults

To aid scholarship reviewers in their evaluations, students who apply for the scholarship will be asked to discuss women in their life who inspire them, share career goals, and articulate how they plan to impact their communities.

Application

Apply online at mpsfdn.com/scholarships by Friday, March 26.

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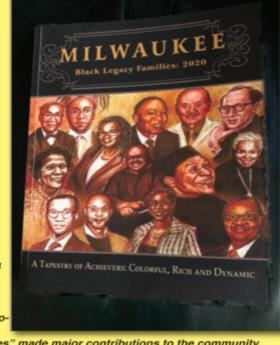
-Fred Tabak, MPS Foundation board member

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The Milwaukee Community Journal, now celebrating 44 years, has written about a lot of people. As is true with every person, each is a story within themselves, and we've tried to record and tell their stories truthfully with the honor their lives deserve. Their stories are legacy sto



Many of the people in "Milwaukee Black Legacy Families" made major contributions to the community, but they pre-dated Google and the web, so their contributions are frozen in memories that now flicker and newspaper morgues where papers yellow from lack of adequate preservation. These contributors built, stacked accomplishment on top of accomplishments, designed strategies to increase their educational, financial, legal, business and electoral power. And their strengths now echo in many of our present leaders. Who are they? What did they do? How do those achievements create the pathway for what we have just experienced?

"Milwaukee Black Legacy Families-2020" shares a lot of the history, the players, their objectives and their successes. Are you in the book? Is a family member there? You should be....so share. We building 2021 now! Share your story and Mom's Dad's legacy. email: legacy@milwaukeecommunityjournal.com

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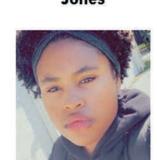
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Alexis Wilson

Milwaukee Rep's top two performers will compete and receive a \$400 cash prize with the opportunity to win further scholarships. Milwaukee Rep's AWMC kicked off this season

with in-school and after school offerings including free virtual workshops every Wednesday afternoon in January and February where Milwaukee Rep teaching artists helped students prep for the initial audition on February 27, 2021.

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Milwaukee Rep teaching artists served schools including Bay View High School, Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, and multiple Boys and Girls Clubs locations across the city. Auditions included students from 14 schools from around the Milwaukee metro area. The National August Wilson Monologue Competition is a free arts education program celebrating the words of playwright August Wilson, inspiring high school students to express themselves through

theater. Founded in 2007 by Kenny Leon and Todd Kreidler at Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company in Atlanta, the program is produced in collaboration with the national presenting partners

True Colors Theater Com-

pany and Jujamcyn Theaters. Milwaukee Rep honors the legacy of August Wilson as a new host of the AWMC as well

continued productions of Wilson's work. Milwaukee Rep has presented 7 of the 10 plays in Wilson's

Century Cycle, most recently with Two Trains Running in 2019.

Milwaukee Rep's August Wilson Monologue Competition participation is sponsored in part by MKE

REC Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and Milwaukee Rep's Spotlight Members.

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



Yexuani Rivera Melendez



Lilyanna Romer



Fardowso Shidad

MILWAUKEE REP SELECTS 10 **STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUGUST WILSON MONOLOGUE COMPETITION REGIONAL FINAL**

Winners of the Regional Final go on to Compete in the National ^gCompetition with Students from Across the Country

local high school students to participate in the regional finals of the 2021 August Wilson Monologue Competition (AWMC) to be held virtually on Monday, March 29, 2021.

Milwaukee Rep is a new host theater for the National monologue competition which is designed to inspire and educate Milwaukee youth using monologues from August Wilson's "American Century Cycle," a 10-play cycle that details the complexity of the African American experience in the 20th century.

After an initial audition the following students were selected to participate in the regional finals: Jonathan

Milwaukee Rep selected 10 Edwards (Rufus King High rehearsal sessions provided by School), Terynn Erby-Walker Milwaukee Rep Teaching (Golda Meir School), Francis Artists to refine their perform-Faye (Marquette University High School), Kamani Graham (Pius XI High School), Dejanaye Jones (Milwaukee High School of the Arts), Anyiah Lobley (Golda Meir School), Yexuanj Rivera Melendez (Milwaukee High School of the Arts),

High School of the Arts), Fardowso Shidad (Rufus King High School) and Alexis Wilson (Brown Deer High School).

The students represent six different schools in the greater Milwaukee area and will receive additional training and ance while gaining valuable acting technique.

On March, 29, at 7:30pm CT the 10 regional finalists will compete by performing their monologue virtually in front of an invited audience, including a panel of judges.

In the past the top two per-Lilyanna Romer (Milwaukee forming students would receive an all-expense paid trip to New York City for the chance to perform in the AWMC national finals on a Broadway stage.

> This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the national competition will be held virtually on May 3, 2021 and

You are invited! I-94 East-West Freeway Study Online Public Involvement Meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation invites you to an online Public Involvement Meeting regarding the I-94 East-West Freeway Corridor Study from 70th Street to 16th Street. Meeting presentation will be available on the project website prior to and after the meeting.

For more information, call project

manager Josh LeVeque at 414-750-

Tuesday, March 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Date/Time

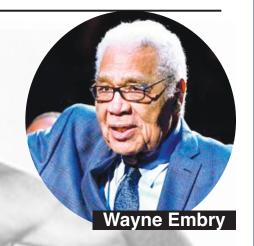
Meeting link:

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Project website: wisconsindot.gov/94eastwest

1468 or visit the project website. For the hearing impaired or those requiring another language, please dial 711 prior to the March 12 to request an interpreter.





FELLOWSHIP OPEN'S LEGENDS HONOREE WAYNE EMBRY

Former Milwaukee Bucks player and team executive Wayne Embry will become the first African American alumnus of Miami University of Ohio to have a statue capturing his likeness and signature hook shot created in his honor.

The unveiling and dedication ceremony is scheduled for the spring of this year. The statue will be permanently and prominently on display at the main entrance of Millett Hall, home of Miami University basketball.

During an 11-year playing career with the Cincinnati Royals, Boston Celtics, and Milwaukee Bucks, Embry was a five-time All-Star, and won an NBA championship with the '68 Celtics. He was also vice president and general manager of the Cleveland Cavaliers from 1985-1992. Before that he broke the league's glass ceiling for executives of color as the Bucks first African American general manager in 1971.

In 1994, Embry became the league's first African American team president and was named NBA Executive of the year in 1992 and 1998. He was inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame in

In 2008, he was recognized as a legend honoree by the Fellowship Open, an annual charity golf event that supports thousands of youngsters in Milwaukee in all aspects of their development, which includes the arts, technology, job skills, and job readiness.

Embry is completely emblematic of the ideals and characteristics which the Fellowship Open which also supports the MKE Fellows, one of the most innovative youth empowerment initiatives in the country, designed to provide professional development and work experience to outstanding college students through internships, mentoring, and vocational support—endeavors to demonstrate and make accessible to the youth the Open engages throughout Milwaukee.

Embry's example as a player and NBA executive has set the bar for professionalism and ethical servant leadership. "We overjoyed he continues to find quality time to spend with the city of Milwaukee and the MKE Fellows," read a statement from the Fellowship Open.

"The Fellowship Open takes exceptional pride in saluting NBA Hall of Famer and 2008 Fellowship Open Legends honoree Wayne Embry for this well-deserved acknowledgement of a lifetime of exemplary service to youth, community, and alma mater."



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Joint statement from members of the Milwaukee Common Council: Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Cavalier Johnson, Alderman Nik Kovac, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Mark Borkowski, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Scott Spiker, Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II...

During a recent meeting of the Common Council, we took a moment to provide special recognition to Dr. Joan Prince as she retired after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the City

"Dr. Prince received four degrees from the **University of** Wisconsin-Milwaukee, including being the first African American recipient of a Bachelor's Degree in Medical **Technology and** Master's in Clinical Laboratory Sciences."

Mayor Tom Barrett also attended the virtual presentation to provide his well-wishes and declare the day, "Dr. Joan Prince Day" throughout the city.

We couldn't be more appreciative for the impact Dr. Prince has had on the community.

She has had a seat at the

table to advocate for the city in corporate boardrooms, in office suites of chief executives, and with chancellors in academia.

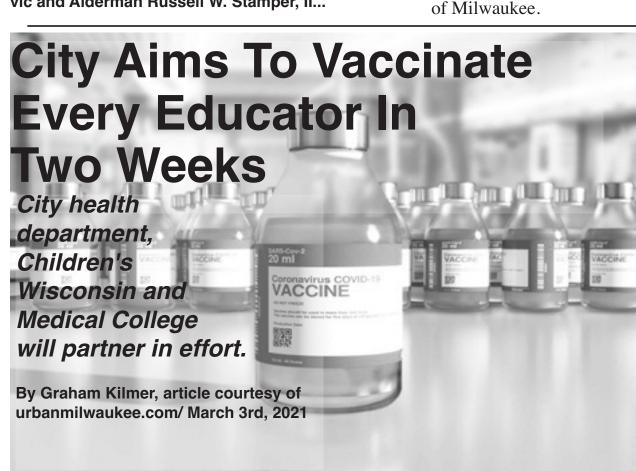
It is dizzying to see how many boards she has served on and initiatives she has been a part of, and we are eternally grateful for her years of commitment and service.

Her accomplishments are endless. Dr. Prince received four degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, including being the first African American recipient of a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology and Master's in Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

In 2012, Dr. Prince was nominated by President Barack Obama to the key administrative post of Alternate Representative to the 67th General Assembly of the United Nations, with the honorary rank of Ambassador. She also served as a member of the 2013 United States Delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), appointed by Secretary John Kerry and Ambassador Susan E. Rice.

This is all in addition to serving in leadership positions locally including on the Greater Milwaukee Foundation Board of Trustees and the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees, among many, many others.

Regardless of what she decides to do next, we know Dr. Prince will continue to be a role model and inspiration while uplifting her community to make it the best possible place for everyone, something we are all thankful for.



The City of Milwaukee and two major health systems are partnering in an attempt to vaccinate every educator and childcare worker in the city.

The second phase of vaccination began last week Monday statewide and the first priority group that became eligible includes educators and childcare workers.

The city is trying to make sure that every educator who wants a vaccine can get one within the first two weeks of this phase.

live or work in the City of Milwaukee can be vaccinated through the Milwaukee Health Department.

School districts across the state have already returned to in-person or hybrid classrooms.

Milwaukee Public Schools have already begun in-person education for 300 specialneeds students, and will begin phasing in the rest of the school district beginning in April.

"Healthy teachers who are back in the classroom are good for children," Mayor Tom Barrett said at a press conference Wednesday.

Educators and childcare providers can make an appointment for a vaccine by going to the health department's website. The website has a portal for registering for the vaccine and it will prompt you to indicate if you are an educator.

The city has partnered with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) and Children's Wisconsin in this undertaking.

Both health systems are working to coordinate staff and volunteers for vaccination sites for educators.

The partners are providing staffing to keep vaccination going at the Wisconsin Center seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This week, the department and the partners will begin running four new community clinics to make it easier to access the vaccine.

Two clinics are specifically for MPS staff. All educators and childcare workers that These will be at two high schools: North Division, 1011 W. Center St., and South Division, 1515 W. Lapham Blvd. The North Division clinic will run from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday March 11. South Division will operate the same hours on Friday March 12th.

> Two other community clinics will be open to all educators and healthcare workers living or working in the city.

> The first is at the Mitchell Street branch of the Milwaukee Public Library, 906 W. Historic Mitchell St., Tuesday March 9th 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The second is at Villard Square library branch, 5190 N. 35th St., Wednesday March 10th during the same hours.

Both private health systems are providing hundreds of volunteers to staff and coordinate this undertaking to vaccinate educators before students return to school. Dr. Kristin Busse, MCW COVID-19 program manager, said

"We believe these community sites that you announced is just what our community needs, to meet people right where they are with vac-

Telephone Scams Targeting Individuals About Scheduling Vaccine Appointments Reported

The Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network advises individuals not to provide financial information to unsolicited callers about scheduling a vaccine appointment

The Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network is being notified by patients of fraudulent calls they are receiving claiming to be from network representatives seeking credit card information to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment. These calls are not from Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network and the health network would not ask for credit card information over the phone relating to a vaccination ap-

These fraudulent calls are being reported from the phone number 1-800-805-5880 and the ¹ caller ID states it is from "Froedtert Systems."

If you receive such a call asking for credit card information, do not respond and hang up. Call recipients may note the telephone number (if available) and contact their local law enforcement agency to report the incident.

For more information on what to do if you fall victim to an identity theft scam, visit the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection website: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Publications/Phishing402.aspx.



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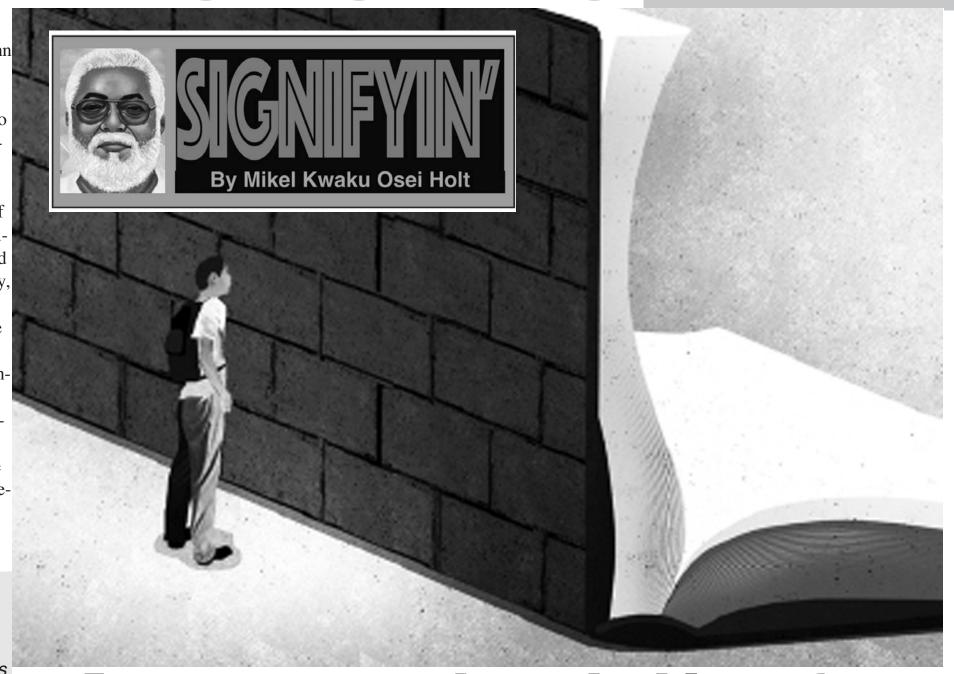
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"The most disrespected person in America is the Black woman. The most unprotected person in America is the Black woman. The most neglected person in America is the Black woman."—Malcolm X

QUOTE OF THE WEEK





Everyone must share the blame for African American Educational Apartheid!

The only thing more disconcerting than the narrative of an e African American Baltimore high school senior at the top half of his class with a 0.013 (-F) GPA, was that so many peoe ple are surprised by the chronicle.

'child' would not graduate this summer but instead be sent back to 9th grade.

never intervened but, instead, disingenuously

promoted him even though he failed all but sign of trouble. three classes in four years.

Obviously, the 'educracy' paid little attention to outcome-based production since they are a monopoly, and many of those entrusted to educate our children have low expectations and assume nothing will happen to them since the victims are 'po' ghetto pawns,' anyway.

What difference does it make that he can't read, write, add or conceptualize a future in poverty, prison, or purgatory?

Or that the boy's mother was unaware her been listed as tardy or absent nearly 300 times attests to his lack of motivation and self-esteem.

It also puts into play the theory that his mother Or, maybe that the government school system wasn't involved in the educational process. If she was, she would have interceded at the first

In case you've been hiding under a government school textbook, intoxicated by the educracy's and teacher union excuses, or merely apathetic to the system of educational apartheid in America today, the unnamed son of Tiffany France has been the subject of hundreds of stories, talk shows, and African American church sermons since his sojourn was revealed last

But, the only consensus among the varied crit-Nonetheless, the fact that the young man had ics and radio revolutionaries was that this young brother is the plausible template for a new course focusing on Carter G. Woodson's underappreciated masterpiece, 'The Miseducation of the Negro.'

This dark drama (no pun intended) plays out

The 17-year-old manchild (maybe 'student' isn't appropriate) has been attending Baltimore's Augusta Fells Avenue Institute of Visual Arts for four years, passing only three courses, and those with a 'D,' meaning a half step above

During that wasted time, he has amassed a grade point average of 0.013, which is amazing in itself, but all the more shocking because he is in the upper third of his class, meaning most students are worse off than he is.

According to reports, his mother only recently found that he was being demoted back to ninth grade.

In one interview, Ms. Frances, who holds

three jobs to support her family, said she was under the misconception that her oldest son was doing well in school since he was promoted each school year. As an example, she noted that even though he

failed introductory Spanish, Algebra, and English, he was advanced to the next level in those

She apparently didn't know that he couldn't add, speak any Spanish besides 'taco,' and couldn't read well enough to realize he couldn't

None of this should imply I'm placing all of the blame for that tragedy on his shoulders.

The school administration (which couldn't come up with a plausible explanation for the child's failure) said Frances had been notified repeatedly over the last four years of her son's progress—or lack thereof.

She, however, rejected that claim.

It should also be noted that within a few hours of the initial news story--which later expanded to include thousands of similar failures--the school administration and teachers' union issued statements blaming the failures on the lack of resources---including higher salaries for themselves.

Apparently, the \$17,000 average allocation for each student is not enough.

In comparison, Milwaukee government school students receive slightly more than \$14,000 per student. Local non-instrumentality charters receive about \$10,000 and outperform all public schools.

It should also be noted that as a tearful and angry Frances was lambasting the school administration during one of several interviews, the Baltimore Fox45 camera crew showed her son in the background--- apparently playing video games.

Local media's efforts to elicit a comment from

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Women's **History Month** Is the Right **Time to Raise** the Minimum Wage

By Ben Jealous

It is time for a maximum push for a new minimum wage.

The federal minimum wage has not budged for more than a decade. But the cost of living keeps rising. So, low-income people fall further and further be-

Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour would lift millions of working people out of poverty.

This is especially true for families headed by women, especially Black women, who are disproportionately clustered in minimum-wage jobs.

It would make a big dent in the income



Ben Jealous

"A higher percentage of Black women are full-time minimum wage workers than any other racial group. More than one-third of **Black women have** been in frontline jobs during the pandemic, where they are still paid less than white men."

and wealth gaps that make Black Americans poorer and their families more vulnerable.

And it would help right something that is seriously wrong with our economy, which keeps pushing a greater share of the country's overall wealth to the tiny percentage of the most ridiculously rich people at the very top.

This is a moral question as well as an economic one.

If the minimum wage had kept up with the rise in workers' productivity over the years, it would now be closer to \$25 an hour. But it didn't.

In other words, as a society, we have been effectively stealing from the people who already have the least.

So this is about justice. And it is specifically about racial justice.

According to congressional testimony from the Economic Policy Institute last month, "Due to the impacts of structural racism and sexism, women and Black and Hispanic men are concentrated in lowwage jobs" and would greatly benefit from a higher minimum wage.

A higher percentage of Black women are full-time minimum wage workers than any other racial group.

More than one-third of Black women have been in frontline jobs during the pandemic, where they are still paid less than white men.

This is about the health of our children and families. About 80 percent of Black women are sole, primary, or co-breadwinners for their households. Bringing home a few thousand more dollars per year

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2:00 P.M.

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NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 21CV000694

In the matter of the name change of: E'MERA OLIVIA MARIE KIDD By (Petitioner) E'MERA OLIVIA MARIE KIDD By (Co-Petitioner) CHARLETTE **ANN HARRIS**

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: E'MERA OLIVIA-MARIE KIDD to: E'MERA OLIVIA-**MARIE HARRIS** Birth Certificate: E'MERA OLIVIA-MARIE KIDD

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY M WITKOWIAK Room 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 26, 2021 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: 2-10-2021 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 023/2-24/3-3-10-2021

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2021CV000090

In the matter of the name change of: REGENA DEFAYE KHDIJIA **NELSON** By (Petitioner) REGENA DEFAYE KHDIJIA NELSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: REGENA DEFAYE KHDI-JIA NELSON TO: ATARAH

KHDIJIA LOVE Birth Certificate: REGENA DE-FAYE KHDIJIA NELSON

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 BR 27 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Room 403 ***TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM*** Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 17, 2021 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: 2-12-2021 BY THE COURT: HON. KEVIN E MARTENS Circuit Court Judge 022/2-24/3-3-10-2021

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 20CV6972

In the matter of the name change of: SAMANTHA ANN SROK By (Petitioner) SAMANTHA ANN **SROK**

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

From: SAMANTHA ANN SROK To: SAMSON ANN SROK Birth Certificate: SAMANTHA ANN SROK

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. CARL ASH-LEY BR. 33 Room 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233

DATE: MARCH 26, 2021 TIME

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: 12-9-2020 BY THE COURT: HON. CARL ASHLEY Circuit Court Judge 024/2-24/3-3-10-2021

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY ORDER SETTING TIME TO **HEAR PETITION** FOR ADMINISTRATION AND **DEADLINE** FOR FILING CLAIMS (FORMAL ADMINISTRATION Case No. 2020PR001699

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE OF: CYNTHIA A SPREDE-MAN DOD: September 24, 2019 A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS: The decedent, with date of birth 01/29/1965 and date of death 09/24/2019 was domiciled in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 3739 South Packard Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53235.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The Petition be heard at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 North 9th St. Milwaukee Wisconsin, Room Via Zoom/teleconference, interested parties should contact petitioning attorney for more information before Circuit Court Judge /Circuit Court Commissioner on April 5, 2021 at 3:15

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

- The deadline for filing the claim against the decedent's estate is May 31, 2021.
- A claim may be filed at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 North 9th St., Milwaukee Wisconsin, Room 207.
- 4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgement.
- Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (414) 278-4444 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note the court does not provide transportation.

Date: 2-25-2021 BY: Attorney Christopher J Koppes Bar Number 1072178 138 Hospital Drive, Suite 100 Watertown, WI 53098 (920) 261-7626 025/3-3-10-17-2021

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 21CV001187

In the matter of the name change of: **BRANDON PETER OELSCHLAGER** By (Petitioner) BRIANNA ROSE **PHILLIPS** By (Co-Petitioner) COREY JAMES **OELSCHLAGER**

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: BRANDON PETER **OELSCHLAGER TO: OWEN BRANDON PETER**

OELSCHLAGER Birth Certificate: BRANDON PETER OELSCHLAGER

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 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: APRIL 15, 2021 TIME 8:45 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: 3-3-2021 BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM S POCAN Circuit Court Judge 031/3-10-17-24-2021

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 21CV001026

In the matter of the name change of: BRIANNA LYNN BAURICHTER By (Petitioner) BRIANNA LYNN **BAURICHTER**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: BRIANNA LYNN BAU-RICHTER To: BRIANNA LYNN HERNANDEZ Birth Certificate: BRIANNA LYNN **BAURICHTER**

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. CHRISTO-PHER R FOLEY BR 14 Hearing will take place by phone please call the Court at (414) 278-4582 at the date and time of hearing. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: April 27, 2021 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: 3-2-2021 BY THE COURT: HON. CHRISTOPHER R FOLEY Circuit Court Judge 029/3-2021-10-17-24-2021

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 21CV000963

In the matter of the name change of: DOMINIC JON DUBE By (Petitioner) DOMINIC JON **DUBE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: DOMINIC JON DUBE TO: DOMINIC JON JOHNSON Birth Certificate: DOMINIC JON **DUBE**

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 RM 404 VIA ZOOM PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: APRIL 23, 2021 TIME 11:15 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: 2-26-2021

BY THE COURT: HON. LAURA GRAMLING **PEREZ**

Circuit Court Judge 030/3-10-17-24-2021

> **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 21CV001251

In the matter of the name change of: JIM SANDERS JR

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JIM SANDERS JR To: JAMES SANDERS JR Birth Certificate: JIM SANDERS JR

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. LINDSEY GRADY RM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: APRIL 19, 2021 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: 3-4-2021 BY THE COURT: HON. LINDSEY GRADY Circuit Court Judge 026/3-10-17-24-2021

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2021CV000913

In the matter of the name change of: JOSEPH LEE O'BRYAN By (Petitioner) JOSEPH LEE O'BRYAN

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JOSEPH LEE O'BRYAN To: ELIZABETH ANN BELFRY Birth Certificate: JOSEPH LEE O'BRYAN

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 RM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: APRIL 9, 2021 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: 2-26-2021 BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM S POCAN Circuit Court Judge 027/3-10-17-24-2021

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Project No.: 9101-21408 Bid Due Date: March 24, 2021 See Bid Documents for details Pre-Bid Meeting: None BID DOCUMENTS FOR BID EXPRESS internet Bidding System at

www.bidexpress.com/businesses/24937/bome. For Further Information contact 414-278-4861 or

PROPOSED MILWAUKEE COUNTY DAS-FM Projects for Advertisement for Bids Name of Project: Zoo T&Ms

Contract 1: Heating and Ventilating Contract 2: Asphalt Pavement Contract 3: Asbestos and Regulated Materials Remediation Project No.: 9525-21405 Bid Due Date: March 24, 2021 Pre-Bid Meeting: None BID DOCUMENTS FOR PROJECTS ARE

CAREGIVER NEEDED ~ Job is for 5 Days a Week -

5 Hours per Day – Salary is \$20 per Hour. For more details about the position, email me (jholtty1477@gmail.com)

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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE - 40101
Case No. 21FA000308

In Re: The marriage of: RICARDO BONILLA and Respondent: MARIA DE AVILA PEREZ

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:
You are notified that the petitioner

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 RICARDO BONILLA 2515 S 9TH PL 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.

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le by 767.105 Information from Circuit 4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support

(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 ad-

dressed 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: 2-27-2021 BY: RICARDO BONILLA 2515 S 9TH PL Milwaukee WI 53215 028/3-10-17-24-2021

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could be transformative for low-income families.

When he was campaigning, President Joe Biden told voters that he supported a \$15 minimum wage. House Democrats included it in their most recent COVID relief bill. But because of an interpretation of Senate rules, the minimum wage may not be included in the final bill

That cannot be the final word. The administration must put its weight behind the Raise the Wage Act of 2021, which would get us to a \$15 minimum by 2025.

For congressional Democrats and the Biden-Harris administration, fighting for a \$15 minimum wage is a place where moral obligation and political interests intersect.

Biden and Democrats campaigned on a \$15 minimum. And they are in the White House

with a Senate majority because Black women organized and turned out the vote.

Rev. William Barber recently reminded us that Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called for a \$2 an hour minimum wage almost 60 years ago. That would be over \$15 today if it kept up with inflation

King talked about racial equality as an unfulfilled promise from the nation's Founding Fathers. Democrats cannot let a living wage remain an unfulfilled promise to Black Americans.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO SPECIAL NEEDS DENTAL CLINIC

The Gardetto Family Community Dental Clinic, one of Wisconsin's only special needs dental clinics, received a \$7,500 grant from the Catholic Community Foundation.

The clinic, located at 2450 W. North Ave., was established by St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care to exclusively serve people with physical and cognitive disabilities.

"We are most grateful to the Catholic Community Foundation for their generous support of this clinic," said St. Ann Center President Sr. Edna Lonergan.

"Our costs for treating adults and children with disabilities is very high, and we are one of the few dental clinics in the state that accepts government pay programs like

Medicare and Medicaid.

"For too long, people with disabilities have had limited access to quality dental treatment—this grant helps ensure they get the care they need."

Many special needs clients come to the clinic after suffering for years with moderate to severe dental pain, and are often unable to communicate the discomfort they are in. Because of the extreme need, the dental clinic at St. Ann Center's Bucyrus Campus attracts patients from every area of the state.

SIGNIFYIN': African American Educational Apartheid!

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a Baltimore superintendent was unsuccessful. The superintendent refused to be quoted and instead provided a two-page letter to explain what 'should' have happened.

The news station did interview one school administrator (who I assume was African American although he appeared in silhouette with his voice altered) who said he was 'frustrated'

not just at the Frances child scenario, but the general lack of empathy toward all minority students.

What was most telling about his interview was his refusal to be shown on camera. He said he was 'fearful' of ramifications if he was identified. Fearful of speaking the truth? From whom? The concerned educator went on to say the Frances child was not an isolated case.

He also noted that while various intervention programs are in place, they are rarely utilized for reasons he can't explain.

"I get angry; there's nothing but frustration," he said. "The murder and poverty rate in Baltimore... things like this add to this (paradigm).

He said if given an opportunity, "I would apologize and hug (the parent)."

Unfortunately, neither a hug nor an apology will do anything to remedy this situation or that of the thousands—millions—of Black children in urban schools across the country.

Said the boy's frustrated mother, "I tell (him) you have to be strong and keep fighting... But, where do you turn when the people who are supposed to help you aren't?"

According to reports, the mother has enrolled her son in a new school where he 'may' be able to graduate in a couple of years if he masters the failed courses.

Frances said he didn't fail; the school failed him. She's partly correct, since I believe blame should be attached to three entities

The list starts with the educracy and teacher's union, but it doesn't end there.

You have to be crippled by stupidity or poisoned by political rhetoric from our friends, the Democrats, not to see that there continues to be a system of educational apartheid in America.

In fact, look over your shoulder.

There is a reason why alumni, community activists, and a few Black elected officials like Russell Stamper want to take over North Division High School, an institution that decades ago was

the epicenter of Black success.

The Frances manchild would fit right at home there, where you can count on a couple of hands the number of students proficient

in math, reading, or science.

North is listed as the worst performing high school in the entire state! Consider this: Of the class of 2017-18, only 10 graduates were accepted into two or four-year colleges. Six attended, all of whom had to take a full year of remedial education classes, including the valedictorian and salutatorian.

I mention the North Division situation because it's the most obvious illustration of educational apartheid in this city and why the walls extend to Baltimore.

Indeed, North is not an aberration. Milwaukee hosts the lowest percentage of Black fourth and eighth grade children proficient in reading in the entire United States!

Yet our efforts to convert North into a community-controlled school—with an autonomous board consisting of educational experts and other stakeholders would run it—was met not only with

resistance, but attacks by MPS board directors and the MTEA.

Both have been emboldened by some in the civil rights community and Democratic Party which have fought to keep failing children in the system, instead of offering them educational options that could save their lives.

Making matters worse, while theses entities fight to kill educational options, they have done zero to zip to tear down the apartheid walls.

That's not to dismiss environmental, economic, and cultural

factors. They do contribute to the problem. But they aren't the reason for academic failure.

If it was solely those factors, why are so many poor children in MPS specialties, private and charter schools successful?

Why did every graduate of the Howard Fuller Academy and Hope Schools get accepted into college? Why is Milwaukee College Prep, an independent school charted by MPS, the only school listed in the state's top ten institutions?

Why is Messmer graduating doctors, educators, judges, and business leaders, while North Division has twice as many dropouts as graduates?

In truth, I admire teachers. I honor them. I think many are underpaid and worthy of accolades and community wide support. Several members of my immediate family are educators.

I have served on the boards of Harambee Community School and Messmer Catholic schools for over 30 years.

I even tried teaching when my late son, Malik, died in a car accident.

He chose to teach in private and charter schools because he felt the government school structure was too rigid and inherently dysfunctional.

Teaching is a hard, all-encompassing, and often frustrating job. But the rewards are immeasurable for good teachers.

I can still recall teachers like Ruth Thomas, who impacted my life a half century ago.

Successful teachers possess high expectations and love for the children, regardless of their ethnicity or economic status.

The MTEA and WEAC (local and state teachers unions) have been major impediments to structural change and academic reforms.

The MTEA has blocked every major reform offered in the last 50 years. And that's not going to change because the MTEA has endorsed, sponsored, and funded all current MPS board directors, several of whom are former union officials, including one who was the past president of the MTEA.

The second guilty party is the mother of the Baltimore teenager.

Yup. I hate to hang her laundry out in public, but the truth cannot be masked by emotionalism or dirty drawers.

Somebody has to explain to me how this sister didn't know her child had failed 22 courses, or was tardy or missed 272 days of school.

Did she not see his report cards? Did she not oversee his homework, or attend parent/teacher conferences?

Hell, did she not ask him why he was playing video games all

night long while she's never seen a book in his possession?

Of course, I felt her pain; I wished I could have wiped away

her tears.

And, I believe the district did little to reach out and even less

to intervene and stop the spiral of failure.

But even with that, a parent's top priority and responsibility is

the welfare of their children. Not to invest in their child's education is child abuse, in my book.

You could not help but notice during an interview that the mother was well-groomed--her weave was in place and her nails perfectly manicured. She was articulate and believable.

Yet I couldn't help but think that had she put as much effort into her child as she did her looks...

Let's face reality. There is a significant percentage of Black parent(s) who need parenting lessons.

Too many don't motivate, partner with the schools, or even at-

tempt to help their children.

I'm poor at math, but that didn't stop me from helping my chil-

I went to school regularly, set aside resources for scholarly activities and extracurriculars. I even took parenting classes when

I was a single parent.

I can't imagine anyone in my family not doing likewise be-

cause that's the way we were raised.

Even if the school, teacher, or president of the United States never contacted Ms. Frances, how could she ignore her child's

failures?

I have fought for, advocated on behalf of, and challenged the educracy my entire adult life.

Yet to be truthful, I often feel that many of those I fight for could care less. Many don't show up for conferences (much less a school board meeting), can't tell you their child's teacher's name, and in some cases, have no idea how they are doing.

Lastly, place blame for all the children in similar circumstances as the France child, and the educracy's disregard for Black

achievement in general, on your shoulders. Yeah, you. You, as in those who have remained silent as our children have been allowed to slip through the cracks while wearing weighted boots.

Ya'll who look at the walls of apartheid and change the subject? Tribal members with low expectations for Black children and thus will blame the victims.

I'm talking about the masses who falsely believe the hype, the rhetoric from politicians, the excuses from the teachers' union.

Those who complain but do nothing to change the status quo.

And I'm definitely pointing fingers at those of you who will

not vote next month.

Chances are you haven't voted for the school board or the state superintendent since the first Christian church was established

As such, you didn't know abolitionist Harriet Tubman was talking about you when she declared, that while she led hundreds of slaves to freedom, 'If I could have convinced more slaves that they were slaves, I could have freed thousands more.'

I have frequently posited that the educational arena is the last battleground of the civil rights war. We have fought and won the battle to sit at the lunch counter. But what good is that when you can't read the many?

you can't read the menu?

As the title of my book posited, we are 'Not Yet Free at Last.'

The revelations about the 17-year-old Baltimore child should be a wake-up call. His sojourn represents the other pandemic,

Let's be honest: 'Black Lives Don't Matter.' To them, and to most of us.

the one that is slowly killing our culture and future.

Hotep.

in Ethiopia.



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