Hakeem Jeffries elected to lead House Dems' next generati

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education during and after the pandemic By Mikel Holt—Second of a three-part series

country.

Math scores plummeted eight per-

cent among Milwaukee Public

School (MPS) students. That decline

was slightly less among private

schools participating in the Milwau-

kee Parental Choice Program

(MPCP) and non-instrumentality (in-

dependent) charters. But it was still

equally impactful in hindering

The COVID-19 pandemic provided a perfect storm that left in its wake a devastated educational system in Milwaukee.

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The tsunami covered the entire city, negatively impacting Black students across the educational spec-

Academically, it widened—if that seems plausible-- an achievement gap that in 2019 was the widest in the

8th graders in the United States, that dubious distinction was somewhat overshadowed as proficiency rates in all subjects and grade levels declined by the end of the 2021 school year.

Teen girl

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of window,

It was only then that the bad news caught up to parents. Up until this point, the public was basically left in the dark as the MPS board had discontinued testing.

In early November the National Association of Educational Progress (NAEP) released its annual report. It didn't contain good news for Mil-

Mental health of Black MPS students suffered during COVID induced school closings, virtual experience waukee: Black Milwaukee students program to create a universal food

were on the short end of the nation's widest academic achievement gap.

Two weeks ago, the state Department of Public Instruction confirmed that abysmal ranking. The DPI annual Report Card on student performance showed Black students at the bottom in all core subjects. The pandemic had exacerbated the city's shortcomings.

But the impact of the COVID-19 tsunami wasn't restricted to academ-

Sports, an essential inducer for many students, was discontinued for at most schools for nearly two years. MPS' non-curricular programs, tu-

toring, and food services were also adversely impacted. Recognizing over 80% of its student body qualified for free or re-

duced lunches, MPS moved expeditiously in the first year of the pandemic to address that pressing concern.

The district utilized a federal waiver to expand its food services prototype that opened the menu to all city students, regardless of income.

MPS opened district schools for breakfast, lunch, and in some cases, evening meals.

Feeding the hungry was an important component of MPS's response to the pandemic, but feeding the emotional void of students was another

Addressing the problem of the deteriorating mental health of many of the district's 60,000 student required a kitchen full of cooks and chefs. And a menu that was diverse enough to satisfy the needs of a sundry population.

Considered a microcosm of urban America, Milwaukee followed a national pattern the CDC assessed as a national crisis.

A report released in March revealed 37% of high school students reported they experienced poor mental health during the pandemic. Over 44% "stated they persistently felt sad or hopeless during the past year."

Student mental health problems ranged from feelings of isolation and depression to suicide. Sadly, by the pandemic's end, suicide was the number one reason for deaths among teens 14-17.

Socioeconomic factors greatly enhanced the mental health crisis among students.

Over 70% of Milwaukee's Black households are headed by a single parent, the overwhelming majority being low-income women.

That unique paradigm was already a catalyst for social dysfunction, as indicated by various negative socioeconomic indicators. Most high school dropouts grow up in that paradigm, as do most unemployed and 82% of Wisconsin prison inmates.

By way of context, according to UW-Milwaukee research, Milwaukee has the nation's highest Black unemployment rate for males 18-50.

And Wisconsin is home to the nation's largest Black male incarcer-

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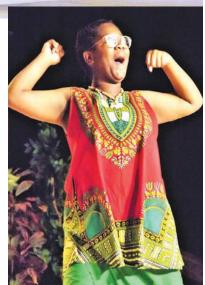
The Nefertari African **Dance Company was** among the many groups that shared their talents with dance and instrumental performanes during the recent Holiday Folk Fair International held at the State Fair Park Exposition Center. The theme of this year's festival was: "Celebrate the Culture of Living Heritage." The Nefertari Dance Company captivated attendees with its energy, dancing, and musicianship at the All Nations Theater. The Holiday Folk Fair is America's premier multicultural festival and is a program of the International Institute of Wisconsin. It celebrates the cultural heritage of the people living in southeastern Wisconsin. Groups and individuals shared their talents with dance

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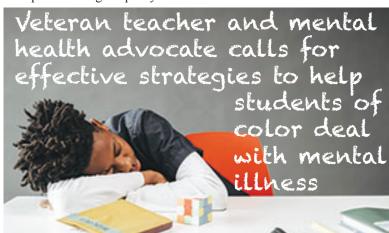
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Tamika Johnson, the chair of the NAACP- Wisconsin State Conference Education Committee, and the owner/proprietor of 'Grow Up: Empowerment Life Coaching LLC, 'has worked in public, private, and charter schools. She has integrated mental health aids in her instructional model. She is preparing for a meeting with the three largest distict representatives to encourage a comprehensive program to address the uniqueness of Black mental health con-

Since the 2020 pandemic, more parents are beginning to take their children's mental health more seriously. This has been a subject that I have advocated for for many years.

As the NAACP's Wisconsin State Conference Education Chair, a teacher for 21 years and a mental health advocate, I believe it's crucial for parents, as well as our school districts, to implement effective programs and strategies into our education sectors for students, especially for our disadvantaged students of color who can't afford proper treatment and who are at risk of



Dr. Tamika L. Johnson

being misinformed or taken advantaged of for the sake of profit. It's important for our parents, as well as our students, to be informed about mental health management to avoid some of the pitfalls associated with not maintaining one's mental health. This subject area is vital for our youth and students.

Recent statistics show that in the first few months of the pandemic there was a 24% increase in mental health emergencies for children ages five to eleven and 31% for children who were 12 to 16.

Even before the pandemic, our high school students were experiencing a very high percentage of anxiety and depression.

Statistics also show that over 90% of college students' mental health was negatively impacted. Many suffer from anxiety, depression, and suicidal thoughts. However, although statistics show anxiety and depression decreased since 2021, it still remains very high for women and people of color.

Prior to the pandemic, I hosted a 2020 Red Dress Mental Health

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Mental health of Black MPS students suffered during **COVID** induced school closings, virtual experience

(continued from front page) ation rate, even though African

Americans make up less than 10% of the population.

The seeds for those social indicators are rooted in what has been called 'educational apartheid.' The pandemic illuminated that

abysmal reality and explains why Milwaukee has become known nationally as the worst American city for African Americans.

Indeed, Milwaukee leads the nation in seven negative social indicators, including the high Black infant mortality rate and the lowest Black 4th and 8th-grade reading proficiency rates in the U.S.

Milwaukee is also the second most segregated city in the country with the lowest Black home ownership.

The pandemic not only illuminated those indicators but added to the city's woes a generation of children suffering from what can only be described as PTSD.

Nearly half of Milwaukee's low-income African American students suffered emotional turmoil, anxiety, and isolation as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions and the virtual experi-

For MPS students, the experience was worsened by the seemingly disjointed introduction of what eventually became its virtual instruction

In the early days of the pandemic, worksheets replaced textbooks and assignment notes. That is, when they could be delivered. Many families were transient, homeless or living with relatives.

Making matters worse, daily meals, counted on by most poor parents were discontinued. That was a particular hardship a many poor families relied on those meals. In some cases, it was the only meals their children could count on.

Family conflicts, driven by the emotional toil faced by confused and equally defenseless poor parent(s), resulted in volatile scenarios behind

According to the CDC, that new situational paradigm resulted in 55% of students reporting they "experienced emotional abuse by parents and adults in the home, including swearing, insulting or putting down the student."

Eleven percent "experienced physical abuse by a parent or other adult, including hitting, beating, kicking or physically hurting the student."

Some of those outcomes can be attributable to economic stresses endured by the single head of household.

According to the CDC, nearly one in three (29%) reported losing a job.

Collectively, "these data echo a cry for help," noted CDC Deputy Director Debra Houry, M.D.

"The COVID-19 pandemic," she lamented, "has related traumatic stressors that have the potential to further erode students' mental wellbeing."

CDC's study noted lesbian, gay and bisexual, and female youth reported greater levels of poor mental health, emotional abuse by a parent or caregiver, and attempted suicide than their counterparts.

For Milwaukee students, the pandemic could be said to have augmented many health socioeconomic ills long ignored by politicians and policymakers.

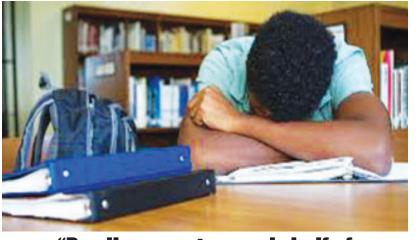
Critical among them is a lead infestation.

Milwaukee has been undergoing a lead crisis for the past two decades.

National studies have revealed the presence of lead in central city sewerage laterals in the older parts of the city, which Black and low-income families primarily occupy.

It Is assumed many, if not most poor Black children have been af-

Milwaukee is under federal orders to replace lead-based laterals and has earmarked millions to the replacement process, including stimulus funds. But for thousands of children,



"By all accounts, nearly half of Milwaukee's low-income African **American students found themselves** suffering from emotional turmoil, anxiety and feelings of isolation specifically because of COVID-19's restrictions and the virtual experience." areas was the deteriorating mental

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demic, many of whom found them-

selves on an island with no land in

At the onset of the 2020-21 school

it is too little, too late.

Research supports the concerns of parents and activists who posit lead has not only affected poor children physically but emotionally as well.

Indeed, medical research has shown lead infection can cause damage to the brain and nervous system, slow growth and development, and harmful behavior. It can also create hearing and speech problems.

A local organization that has consistently denounced the city's slow response to the lead crisis, advocates the infection is a major contributing factor behind the escalation of behavior problems in schools, which has resulted in MPS having one of the highest suspension rates for Black children in the country.

MPS is also under federal order to reduce disproportionate suspensions of Black children, another possible link to lower reading and math proficiency rates.

Overshadowing each of those

shortage of teachers, the impersonal virtual instruction mode but also a scarcity of social workers, most of whom were cast in new support roles because of the pandemic. One tenured MPS social worker,

who asked not to be identified, said during the first year of the pandemic, time and resources were earmarked primarily for wrap around services, reaching out to families needing food and housing resources.

Education was a secondary priority to survival and the well-being of families.

As such, identifying family needs took priority over the distribution of the limited number of Chromebooks, she explained, another headache, she explained, not only because there were significant shortages but because many low-income families were without basic Wi-Fi and internet services.

MPS was caught wanting, a situation made all the more disturbing because there was a much smoother transition in private and charter schools, several of which were contracted with MPS, including the city's two premiere elementary schools, Milwaukee College Prep

President Antony McHenry explained, his charter school staff took early warnings from national and local healthcare officials to heart They began preparation before the 2019 school year.

It did not hurt that the Medical College of Wisconsin is a partner of the school, and its president, Dr. John Raymond, was a key contributor to a network of health advisors who provided daily reports on the pandemic to the city.

charter and private schools utilized a consortium to purchase computers en masse and redirected resources for outreach.

Armed with that information.

It was a difficult and exhausting exercise but allowed for a smoother transition.

Messmer Catholic Schools President Jim Piatt echoed McHenry's as-

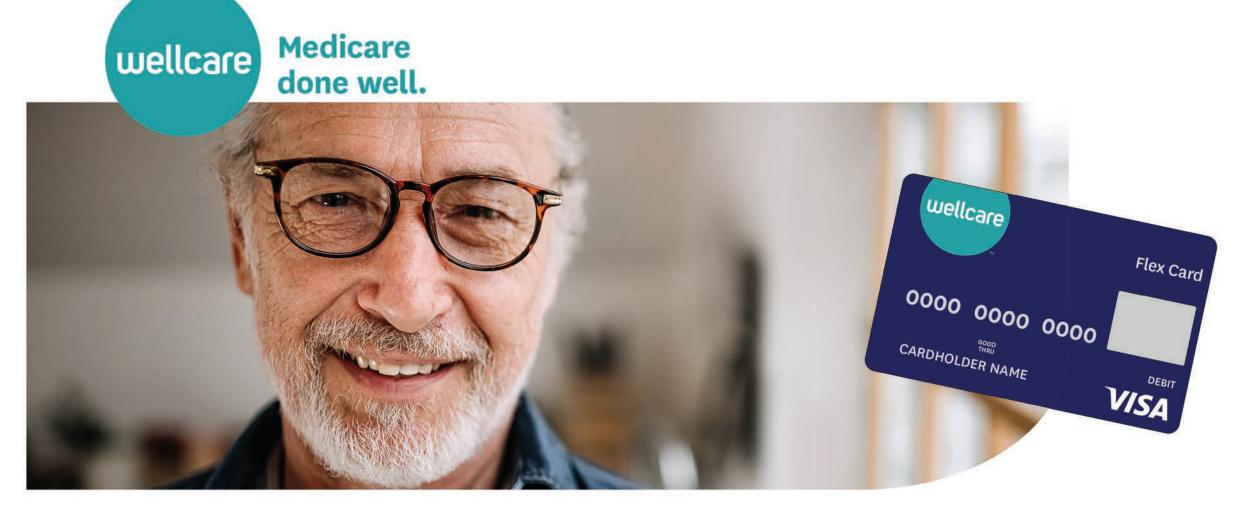
The pandemic presented unprecedented challenges for all Milwaukee students. While private and charter schools have far fewer financial resources than MPS, their smoother transition displayed their value as educational and cultural options.

By the beginning of 2021, Mess-

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Northcott Neighborhood House and Bader Philanthropies & Friends holds second bader Trunk and Treat 2022! Photos by Yvonne Kemp









Council restored library and fire

department funding to the city's

2023 budget, a consortium of com-

munity organizations and residents

participatory budgeting and divest-

Members of the African American Round-

table (AART) were critical of city leadership

choosing to adhere to a 'status quo' budget

that funds police at the expense of every other

city department, as well as at the expense of

the people of Milwaukee. The MPD received

a \$20 million increase to its budget for next

For the fourth year in a row, AART's Lib-

erateMKE campaign, along with allied part-

ners and residents, have continued to say 'no

This year, 54 testifiers—an estimated 80%

of people who spoke—asked for funding in

housing, mental health, library services, and

city workers' paychecks during public hear-

"This is pathetic and a poor excuse for a city

budget," said Markasa Tucker-Harris, ex-

ecutive director of AART. "The Common

Council did its job and acted on the stories and

testimonies of residents demanding funding

for the fire department and libraries, but there

is much more that the city could invest in to

more or less money to police.'

ripped the council for not making

ment from police a priority.

'THIS IS PATHETIC!"

African American Roundtable

rips city of Milwaukee leadership for 2023 budget, continues fight for participatory budgeting; library and fire funding restored, participatory budgeting and divestment from police still not a priority!

derson, membership and coalition manager of

"Time and time again, residents have outlined the type of city they want to live and thrive in, including the city services they want invested in, and Milwaukee's mayor will not listen. It's unacceptable."

The council restored funding in the 2023 budget for the libraries and fire department. Mayor Cavalier Johnson partially vetoed the restoration of the funding.

proposed a partial restoration of the funds to the libraries and MFD. The proposed substitute includes a temporary Martin Luther King library branch during construction of the new King library, and restoration of hours to one

In the proposed compromise, the MFD would have one apparatus cut at the end of

In a press statement released by AART after the final budget vote, the organization noted the mayor continues to prioritize Milwaukee's financial problems over resident needs and services.

AART noted Johnson failed to mention the pension report it released last year that con-

The organization also pointed to a report by the Wisconsin Policy Forum, which noted the city's 2,325 active police and firefighters accounted for 80.2% of the cost of the city's share of the overall pension contribution, even though they make up only 42.8% of the city's

"It is safe to assume that police are the majority of that fund since they account for over 1,650 of those positions," the release states.

"Also, police have not been impacted by shrinking government like other departments," the release continues. "Since 2000, the city of Milwaukee has eliminated 1,023 positions, or 12.4% of its workforce.

"However, the police department has had a five percent decrease. This means other departments have had to take deeper cuts."

On Wednesday, Mayor Johnson signed a resolution authorizing the addition of 50 MPD officers. The funding for the new officers comes from the U.S. Department of Justice's 2022 COPS Hiring Program. The added officers were previously enumerated in the 2023 budget.

As an example, AART cited the city's Department of Public Works, which has shrunk from 1,739 positions in 2000, to 1,453 in 2022, a 16.4% decrease or reduction of 286 positions. This equates to a reduction in services like pothole repair, snow plowing, and trash removal.

AART also noted that throughout the budget process, there were three to four empty aldermanic district seats, which meant that over 25% of Milwaukee residents—particularly Black residents who are the majority in districts one, two and nine—had no say during this budget cycle.

"All residents deserve decision-making power over these public funds, regardless of zip code," the release read.

Earlier this week, Common Council President Jose Perez called for three special elections to be held April 4, 2023, to fill the vacant aldermanic seats in district one, five, and nine.

If a primary election is necessary to fill any of these seats, it would be held on February 21, 2023.

Two vacancies have been filled. Earlier this month, Jonathan Brostoff and Mark Chambers of the third and second districts respectively, were sworn into office.

Both participated in the 2023 budget vote.

"Again, it is clear to AART, its partners and the community members they represent that Milwaukee's current budget process does not work for all of its residents.

"It has also become increasingly clear that equity cannot be established through a lopsided budget process. AART believes that nothing is more pressing than Milwaukee's need to adopt a participatory budgeting process to give aldermanic districts the abilities to propose, vote on, and implement local budgeting decisions.

"In 2023, AART will continue its fight for a budget that adequately funds neighborhoods, housing, mental health services and supports participatory budgeting. Milwaukee deserves it."—Sources: Press releases from city hall, AART and mayor's office



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create communities we deserve." "It's evident that police and their pensions are bankrupting Milwaukee, and that's not being talked about enough," said Devin AnBut in the spirit of compromise, Johnson

tained sensible solutions.

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Jeffries, 52, will be the first Black American to head a major political party in Congress as long-serving Speaker Nancy Pelosi steps aside next year.

Emboldened House Democrats ushered in a new generation of leaders on Wednesday with Rep. Hakeem Jeffries elected to be the first Black American to head a major political party in Congress as long-serving Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her team step aside next

Showing rare party unity after their midterm election losses, the House Democrats moved seamlessly from one history-making leader to another, choosing the 52-year-old New Yorker, who has vowed to "get things done," even after Republicans won control of the chamber. The closed-door vote was unanimous, by acclamation.

"It's a solemn responsibility that we are all inheriting," Jeffries told reporters on the eve of the party meeting. "And the best thing that we can do as a result of the seriousness and solemnity of the moment is lean in hard and do the best damn job that we can for the people."

It's rare that a party that lost the midterm elections would so easily regroup and stands in stark contrast with the upheaval among Republicans, who are struggling to unite around GOP leader Kevin McCarthy as the new House speaker as they prepare to take control when the new Congress convenes in January.

Wednesday's internal Democratic caucus votes of Jeffries and the other top leaders came without challengers.

The trio led by Jeffries, who will become the Democratic minority leader in the new Congress, includes 59-year-old Rep. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts as the Democratic whip and 43-year-old Rep. Pete Aguilar of California as caucus chairman. The new team of Democratic leaders is expected to slide into the slots held by Pelosi and her top lieutenants Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland and Democratic Whip James Clyburn of South Carolina — as the 80-something leaders make way for the next generation.

But in many ways, the trio has been transitioning in plain sight, as one aide put it — Jeffries, Clark and Aguilar working with Pelosi's nod these past several years in lowerrung leadership roles as the first woman to have the speaker's gavel prepared to step down. Pelosi, of California, has led the House Democrats for the past 20 years, and colleagues late Tuesday granted her the honorific title of "speaker emerita."

"It an important moment for the caucus that there's a new generation of leadership," said Rep. Chris Pappas, D-N.H., ahead of vot-

While Democrats will be relegated to the House minority in the new year, they will have a certain amount of leverage because the Republican majority is expected to be so slim and McCarthy's hold on his party is fragile.

The House's two new potential leaders, Jeffries and McCarthy, are of the same generation but have almost no real relationship to speak of — in fact the Democrat is known for leveling political barbs at the Republican from afar, particularly over the GOP's embrace of former President Donald Trump. Jeffries served as a House manager during Trump's first impeachment

ment, of mainstream Republicans who are not going to want to go in the MAGA direction, and Hakeem's the ideal type guy to work with them," Schumer said in an interview, referencing Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan.

Jeffries has sometimes been met with skepticism from party progressives, viewed as a more centrist figure among House Democrats.

But Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., a progressive and part of the "squad" of liberal lawmakers, said she has been heartened by the way Jeffries and his team are reaching out, even though they face no challengers.

"There's a genuine sense that he wants to develop relationships and working partnerships with many of us," she said.

Clark, in the No. 2 spot, is seen as a coalition builder on the leadership team, while Aguilar, as the third-ranking leader, is known



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"We're still working through the implications of Trumpism," Jeffries said, "and what it has meant, as a very destabilizing force for American democracy."

Jeffries said he hopes to find "common ground when possible" with Republicans but will "oppose their extremism when we must."

On the other side of the Capitol, Jeffries will have a partner in Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer as two New Yorkers are poised to helm the Democratic leadership in Congress. They live about a mile (1.6 kilometers) apart in Brooklyn.

"There are going to be a group, in my judg-

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even Republicans.

Clyburn, now the highest-ranking Black American in Congress, will seek to become the assistant democratic leader, helping the

The election for Clyburn's post and several others are expected to be held Thursday.

Jeffries' ascent comes as a milestone for Black Americans, the Capitol built with the labor of enslaved people and its dome later expanded during Abraham Lincoln's presidency as a symbol the nation would stand during the Civil War.

"The thing about Pete, Katherine and myself is that we embrace what the House represents," Jeffries said, calling it "the institution closest to the people."

While the House Democrats are often a big, diverse, "noisy family," he said, "it's a good thing." He said, "At the end of the day, we're always committed to finding the highest common denominator in order to get big things done for everyday Americans."—Article courtesy of Associated Press via thegrio.com

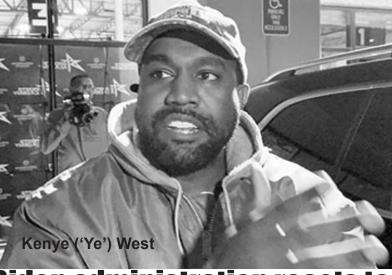
new generation to transition.

Research from Penn Nursing and Penn Medicine found that where these patients live and return post-hospitalization affects whether they'll experience symptoms of depression or PTSD as they heal.

When someone arrives at a hospital with a severe injury, the law guarantees that person will receive care. But how will recovery progress when it's time for that person to go home?

"How often, when we discharge patients, do we think about the environment they're going back into and take that into consideration?" says Therese Richmond, PhD, the Andrea B. Laporte Professor of Nursing and associate dean for research and innovation at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. "We need to start thinking beyond the hospital doors.'

For research recently published in the Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Richmond, recent Penn Ph.D. graduate Marta Bruce, and colleagues from Penn Nursing and the Perelman School of Medicine looked at how environmental factors might affect the healing process for Black men who had suffered traumatic injuries.



Biden administration reacts to Trump meeting with Kanye and white nationalist Nick Fuentes

By April Ryan, courtesy of thegrio.com

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Monday forcefully condemned former President Donald Trump's recent meeting with Kanye West and white nationalist figure Nick Fuentes.

"We should all be condemning this," the presidential spokesperson told the Grio at Monday's White House press briefing when asked about the Mara-Lago dinner during the Thanksgiving holiday.

West, who now goes by Ye, has been under fire for tweeting antisemitic views and has, in the past, spewed racist ideology against his own community. Fuentes is a known Holocaust denier and participated in the 2017 white supremacist "Unite the Right" march in Charlottesville, Virginia. Fuentes was brought to the dinner with Trump by West. When asked if the White House was concerned that Trump, a current Re-

publican candidate for president in 2024, was meeting with someone who fostered racist and antisemitic views, Jean-Pierre said, "I'm not going to respond to everything that happens with the former president, but this is something that's important ... that we speak very clear about and we speak very, very forcefully about."

The press secretary said President Joe Biden "totally rejects bigotry, racism [and] antisemitism." She added, "there is just no place for these types of vile forces in our society. And this is something that we are going to continue to deny, including Holocaust deniers." Trump has since downplayed his meeting with West and distanced him-

self from Fuentes after public backlash, saying that he did not know Fuentes was before the dinner. The twice impeached former president said he only invited West to have dinner to help the rapper and businessman amid financial ruin due to severed deals with several companies over recent antisemitic

Trump said he also advised West, who announced he too is running for president in 2024, to stay out of politics. West has since deleted a video he posted about the dinner in which he said Trump was "really impressed" by Fuentes.

Jonathan Greenblatt, the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, told the-Grio that Trump's meeting with West and Fuentes was "awful" and "appalling."

Greenblatt, who is Jewish, recalled that Trump "elevated extremists during the course of his first presidential campaign" and "credentialed white supremacists for his campaign events," despite previously claiming he did not know who David Duke was when the former Ku Klux Klan leader endorsed him in the 2016 presidential election.

Even Trump's former vice president, Mike Pence, said the former president "should apologize" and that he was "wrong" to give an audience to Fuentes. Several Republican senators also condemned Trump for the meet-

During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in Nantucket, Massachusetts. President Biden was asked by a reporter about the controversial dinner, to which the president said, "you don't want to know what I think."

However, Jean-Pierre later articulated the administration's position on Monday, saying, "we should be very clear, very clear and say it in really absolute, clear terms ... this is something that we condemn, and we will continue to speak out against."

Greenblatt also expressed his disdain for West and his antisemitic views and his comments relating to atrocities in the Black community. "Comments he made about slavery, his choice of like to push out the White Lives Matter slogan, which is a racist slogan, and, of course, his complete deep dive into public antisemitism over the last month, I think demonstrated that he is well beyond the pale," he said.

After losing favor with the broader public and his billionaire status over his actions, West apologized to Black people for some of his comments. particularly his statement about George Floyd not dying from police brutality, but of a fentanyl overdose.

"When the idea of Black Lives Matter came out, it made us come together as a people," he said. "I questioned the death of George Floyd, it hurt my people ... I want to apologize to hurting them [sic] because right now God has shown me by what Adidas is doing, and by what the media is doing."

He added, "I know how it feels to have a knee on my neck now. So I thank you, God, for humbling me and letting me know how it really felt. Because how could the richest Black man ever be humbled other than to be made to not be a billionaire in front of everyone off of a comment."

Controversial statements made by Kanye West have made their way to the White House on previous occasions, most notably when he told the world that "George Bush doesn't care about Black people" in 2005 during a national telethon in support of Hurricane Katrina victims in Louisiana. The former Republican president years later revealed that it was an "alltime low" point during his administration.

'BEYOND THE HOSPITAL' FOR BLACK MEN

RECOVERING **FROM** TRAUMATIC

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Following such individuals for up to four months postdischarge, they found that where these people lived affected how likely they were to experience depression or PTSD as they recovered. What's more, factors like a neighborhood's crime rate, disconnectedness, disadvantage, and racial and ethnic makeup influenced symptom severity.

"A lot of research has focused on finding explanations for poor health outcomes in the individual, at the genetic or molecular level," says Bruce, who, until recently, worked as an intensive care nurse at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. "We're trying to move beyond that. People live complex lives, and we think their health outcomes can be better explained by where they live and the conditions they're exposed to."

This work is the next step in a study funded by the National Institutes of Health that involved more than 600 Black men who had been seriously injured, either intentionally or accidentally. This particular study included 451 adult Black males residing in Philadelphia who were hospitalized for traumatic injury.

The Perfect Storm: COVID, virtual learning, and Black student mental health

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mer, the first sectarian school to join the MPCP, had entered phase two--a hybrid educational prototype.

Neither McHenry and Piatt would say the publicized transition was behind a new wave of enrollment applicants in 2021. But statistics suggest it played a role, as 3,000 families transferred their children out of MPS.

While local media applauded what some call Milwaukee's second school districts (charter and private schools in the choice program) for their competency, credit cannot be entirely attributable to foresight.

Individually, those schools had smaller numbers to deal with and far less bureaucracy; essential elements given they receive less than half of the state and federal funding that

On the other hand, MPS can be divided between specialty schools, many of which have entrance requirements, and neighborhood schools, which are homes to the majority of students.

Those two categories can also be described by student socioeconomic indicators. The specialty schools have specific entrance requirements and thus attract more accomplished students. Far fewer would be classified as low income. They generally had internet access before the pandemic, a crucial recipe for a successful transition to virtual instruction.

Thus, MPS social workers focused most of their attention on the neighborhood schools, at the lower end of the educational spectrum.

That's when they could find the

One of the social workers interviewed said in many cases an excessive amount of time and energy was spent locating families.

The pandemic pushed many into shelters and relatives' homes, thus creating additional problems for school officials.

And among many of those in 'permanent' homes, when truancy was not a problem and Chromebooks were provided, study habits were often connected to the ability to create environments conducive to learning. Monitoring student activities, and assessing their work (MPS shifted to a pass/fail paradigm) was a

A tenured social worker interviewed for this article, 'Pat,' had praise and criticism of MPS' acinactions—during the period in question.

On the one hand, MPS was handicapped by socioeconomic indicators worsened by the pandemic---joblessNot at all impacted (14.3%)**Extremely impacted** (32.7%)Somewhat (26.5%)Quite impacted (26.5%)

ness, housing instability, and trans-

That latter issue was of particular concern as schools opened for in-per-

The pandemic sparked massive layoffs of transportation employees, a process that spilled over throughout the transition back to in-person learning in public and private schools contracted under MPS.

Several social workers reportedly transported students back and forth to school during the early stages of inperson instruction modes.

MPS also faced severe teacher and staff shortages, some resulting from employees unwilling to return as rapidly to in-person responsibilities.

For the most part, Pat said the staff gave 110%, which was a remarkable commitment given all the challenges, inconsistencies, and overlapping re-

Social workers, she explained, found themselves assuming the role of family counselor, teacher aide, and technology consultant.

They were tasked with finding dysfunctional, evicted families who were forced to move because they lost a job or were burdened with the additional costs of food and necessities that came with having children at home instead of in school.

Moreover, because most low-income families utilize mobile telephones instead of landlines, service interruption because of overdue bills left MPS without a reliable communication option. That resulted in many social workers doing home

In a word, the first year of the pan-

demic was 'chaotic.' "I think they tried their best for some of the families to provide food

and homework packages that they

would send home (during the early stages of the pandemic)," she re-

"That was a thing they could have improved on...they probably could have been more organized with how they worked with the homework or assignments for our students."

Pat said the academic component of the ever-evolving system, its lack of consistency, and the inability of many students to get online in year one added to the stress and anxiety of students, particularly low-income pupils who were already in unstable en-

The tenured social worker said being in an isolated environment, "not being able to socialize the way they would with their peers or teachers, definitely took a toll on many of our students and their fam-

Many, particularly those who have never been in school and had to start their experiences virtually, didn't learn some of the necessary skills that students in school may have

"And those who have been in school, not having that consistent face-to-face contact, had a significant

"We have seen more of an uptick in depressive systems, particularly anxiety," the veteran social worker explained. "I think it has impacted skills and grades.

"If you're constantly feeling anxious or feeling depressed, you're not going to be in that space of learning," she continued. "You're not going to be able to do well if you're traumatized by the situation you're experi-

That trauma, she posited, "impairs your ability to use that thinking part of your brain and so that executive functioning is not functioning correctly, so you're not able to retain or take in information," she said.

Thus, it is not surprising many students gave up the first year or gave minimal effort.

Where laptops were not available, some couldn't or didn't return worksheet assignments and thus found themselves further behind in their

Dr. Tamika Johnson, a former MPS teacher who runs a counseling and life empowerment service, wrote a book about the pandemic's impact on the mental health of Black stu-

With an encompassing resume of educational experiences, including teaching at public, private, and charter schools, each of which she now consults with, Dr. Johnson has become a leading advocate for expanding mental health services to Black children, most of whom were suffering before the pandemic.

"Sixty percent of high school stu-

dents admitted to having emotional challenges before the pandemic," she revealed.

"Anxiety turns into antisocial behavior," she explained, manifesting in violence and delinquency.

"Depression (common among disadvantaged groups) is linked to academic performance, which explains why there was an unprecedented widening of the academic achievement gap, not just among African Americans and Whites, but middleclass and low-income Black families."

Dr. Johnson agreed that the pandemic provided the 'perfect storm.' If there is a rainbow to emerge, it is in exposing not only the existence of educational apartheid in Milwaukee, but an array of social ills that have undermined the cultural foundation of the Black community.

The recently named chair of the state's NAACP education committee, Dr. Johnson suggests the current state of Black education is at a crisis level that should spark a call for action.

She expressed alarm and frustration that recent national and state reports confirming Milwaukee Black students at the bottom of the academic ladder were not met with cries of alarm by state and local politicians or Black leadership.

Unsaid was that if the scenario was reversed, and White suburban children were at the bottom of the academic ladder, a national state of emergency would be declared.

For her part, Dr. Johnson has arranged a meeting with representatives of the three largest school districts later this month to discuss the problem in detail.

She agreed with Pat that an army of social workers is needed to address this new pandemic. Yet, MPS is severely understaffed, and there are backlogs at nearly every independent mental health service, including those contracted with MPS.

To their credit, the city and county have directed resources to expand mental health services. A dozen community clinics have also sprung up within the last year.

The governor and superintendent of the DPI noted the devastating impact on student's mental health and

each has included additional funds in their respective budgets to address those problems.

Specifically, the DPI's budget request included \$235 million over two years for mental health, an in-

Those funds would be used for the hiring of counselors statewide.

crease of \$119 million yearly.

(Interestingly, the DPI budget only sought \$29 million in additional funds for reading enhancement, even though Milwaukee hosts the lowest reading proficiency rates for Black students in the country. The budget does include \$20 million for 'out-ofschool' reading projects.)

Children's Hospital recently opened a walk-in facility specifically addressing youth mental health, but in three short months, the clinic already has a waiting list of over 1,000. "It also brings into question why

MPS does not contract with many Black counseling services, as many independent charter and private schools in the MPCP have done.

"The pandemic has created a new cultural paradigm where children are essentially raising themselves and are by themselves as their parents, or parent, is working to provide for them and keep a roof over their heads," she declared. Additionally, Dr. Johnson said

today's generation lacks the communal foundation—a village concept---that past generations have relied on. "We're witnessing a generation of

children raising themselves. They are growing up without the morals or values the church and other institutions provided," she said. And to top it off, "they are depressed by their conditions, stressed

out with the uncertainties of living arrangements, food and necessities." The situation was dire before the pandemic, as evidenced by academic

other negative social indicators. The "pandemic" has created a new hurdle many may be unable to over-

achievement data, rising crime and

Next week, the future. ---Deja Peavy contributed to this story

Veteran teacher and mental health advocate calls for effective strategies to help students of color deal with mental illness

(continued from front page)

Gala at the Tripoli Shrine Center, in which women were given mental health management tools on how to maintain their mental health daily, which they then taught to their children and other family members.

They all were able to utilize those strategies during the pandemic. However, I believe mental health management should be a priority in our Wisconsin education systems as well. I don't want this topic to be one of many topics that become a fad for a moment, then after awhile, the subject matter becomes obsolete.

As a teacher and mental health advocate, I've always incorporated mental health management skills daily into my classrooms. As an ELA (English Language Arts) I have my students begin each class creating a journal to write down and focus on what's going on within them-

This strategy helps students un-clutter their mental thoughts. It helps students to relieve themselves of known and unknown mental distrac-

A motto I teach students is: "think about what you are thinking

about." What you're thinking about you will eventually say, and what you say you'll eventually do. This motto also helps students to understand the connection between their mental and physical behaviors.

As we teach our students strategies on taking control of their mental health, we simultaneously teach them how to control negative behaviors and create more positive ones. This is only one of many strategies that can be implemented into our educational institutions.

Not only will implementing mental health management decrease anxiety and depression, and other mental illnesses, but it might help close the academic achievement gap between Black and White students. The more a person's mind is healthy and free of clutter, the more they can focus on learning. It's equally important to have Black mental health counselors, therapists, life coaches, as well as teachers servicing children of color.

The 'role model effect' has proven to increase academics as well as the mental and social development of not only students of color, but for all students.

MKE Cnty Supervisor Coggs-Jones Directs Residents to State Website for Proper Location for MilES (Milwaukee Enrollment Services)



Sup. Coggs-Jones

Milwaukee Enrollment Services (MilES) opened a new location at 6055 North 64th Street. The new location will serve Milwaukee County residents who participate in state benefit programs.

County Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones made the following statement.

"Milwaukee Enrollment Services has a new location that is now located at 6055 North 64th Street. I'd like to encourage residents to use the proper website to access information about their health care options," said Supervisor Coggs-Jones.

"Make sure to use the official DHS website which gives the most accurate up to date information about locations where state benefits can be accessed.

In that vein, I would also like to take the opportunity to encourage local health blogs, and major

websites such as Google to ensure that they have the most up to date information about these locations as well.

Searching for a location for care and finding outdated information leaves residents of Milwaukee County feeling defeated before they even begin the process of applying for services through MilES"."

MilES also offers walk-in services at the United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) location, 2701 South Chase Avenue.

Both locations have a "no wrong door" policy, meaning Milwaukee County residents can walk into either site to get the

help they need.

The most up to date information on ForwardHealth: Milwaukee Enrollment Services is found at https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dms/miles.htm.

In addition to the walk-in and self-service locations, members can also continue to manage their benefits or sign up for new services online via access.wisconsin.gov, or on their

smartphone, via the MyAccess Wisconsin app. Additional questions about the program can also be answered via

telephone by calling the MilES Call Center at 1-888-947-6583.



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(PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV006877

In the matter of the name change of: DIEDRE LYNN WIELEPSKI By (Petitioner) DIEDRE LYNN WIE-LEPSKI

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: DIEDRE LYNN WIELEPSKI to: DIEDRE LYNN HAPKE Birth Certificate: DIEDRE LYNN HAPKE

IT IS ORDERED

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

Judge's Name: HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY BR. 44 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 19, 2023 TIME 10:15 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 Wiscon-

Dated: 10-27-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY Circuit Court Judge 509/11-16-23-30-2022

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007203

In the matter of the name change of: EDNA MUON NGUYEN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: EDNA MUON NGUYEN TO: EDNA GONZAGA SECANKY Birth Certificate: EDNA MUON GON-

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

Judge's Name: HON. PEDRO A COLON ROOM 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022 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 Wisconsın.

Dated: 11-10-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. PEDRO A COLON Circuit Court Judge 502/11-16-23-30-2022

> **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY **DIVORCE - 40101** Case No. 22FA005629

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: ER-NESTO GONZALEZ and CONCEP-CION HABAND

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 ERNESTO GONZALEZ 2134 S 83rd St Milwau-

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

kee WI 53219

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 garnish-

ment 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 im-

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

767.105 Information from Circuit Court

(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
- 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 or-(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: 11-15-2022 BY: ERNESTO GONZALEZ 2134 S 83rd St

508/11-16-23-30-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

In the matter of the name change of: IJZHALEIZ MILIHANI LUEVANO

Case No. 22CV007238

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: IJZHALEIZ MILIHANI LUE-VANO TO: IJZHALEIZ MILIHANI BELMONTES Birth Certificate: IJZHALEIZ MILI-

HANI LUEVANO

IT IS ORDERED

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

Judge's Name: HON. THOMAS MCA-DAMS RM 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 20, 2023 TIME 9:30

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 Wiscon-

Dated: 11-11-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. THOMAS MCADAMS Circuit Court Judge 505/11-16-23-30-2022

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 22CV006838 In the matter of the name change of: JOEMARREIS SHAWN CAWN WILDER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JOEMARREIS SHAWN CAWN WILDER to: JOEMARREIS JABBAR HAPI Birth Certificate: JOEMARREIS

SHAWN CAWN WILDER

IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SO-

SNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DECEMBER 13, 2022, 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

munity Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-

Dated: 10-26-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY Circuit Court Judge 507/11-16-23-30-2022 **SUMMONS**

(PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2022CV005354

In the matter of the name change of: KAISON MCKINLEY YOUNG By (Petitioner) SIMONE MARSHAE

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

YOUNG TO: KAISON MCKINLEY

Birth Certificate: KAISON MCKIN-LEY YOUNG

IT IS ORDERED

JULIEN

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON.DAVID BO-ROWSKI RM 206 VIA ZOOM

PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2022 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 Wiscon-

Dated: 10-27-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. HANNAH DUGAN Circuit Court Judge 504/11-16-23-30-2022

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY **DIVORCE - 40101** Case No. 22FA005244

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: MA ZENAIDA NUNEZ CONTRERAS and JOSE A CARVAJAC

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 date 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 MA ZE-NAIDA NUNEZ CONTRERAS 2121A S 17TH ST Milwaukee WI 53215

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

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

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.

TRERAS 2121A S. 17TH ST Milwaukee WI 53215 503/11-16-23-30-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT**

BY: MA ZENAIDA NUNEZ CON-

Date: 10-20-2021

NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007045 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: MICAH-DEVON AN-THONY GOODALL JR

MILWAUKEE COUNTY

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: MICAH-DEVON ANTHONY GOODALL JR TO: MICAH CHAUN-CEY GOODALL Birth Certificate: MICAH-DEVON AN-THONY GOODALL JR

IT IS ORDERED

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

Judge's Name: HON. HANNAH DUGAN BR 31 RM #402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 27, 2022 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 Wiscon-

Dated: 11-14-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. HANNAH DUGAN Circuit Court Judge 510/11-16-23-30-2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT SMALL CLAIMS Case No. 2022SC024701

PLAINTIFF(S) VELA TRANSPORT LLC 5427 CRIPPEN AVE SW WYO-MING, MI 49548 vs DEFENDANT/S: SAMI RAH-MANI 5617 S BUCKHORN AVE CU-**DAHY WI 53110**

This form does not replace the need for an interpreter any collogues mandated by law, or the responsibility of court and counsel to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency fully comprehend their rights and obligations. This form must be completed in the English language.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-278-5712 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): You are being sued as described below. If you wish to dispute this matter: You must appear at the time and place stated.

If you do not appear or answer, the plaintiff(s) may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff

When to Appear /File an Answer Date: DECEMBER 13, 2022 Time: 8:30 A.M. Via Zoom Hearing Place to Appear/File and Answer: Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th Street, Room 400 Milwaukee, WI 53233 Clerk/Attorney Signature: Plaintiff's Demand: The plaintiff states

the following claim against the defen-

dant(s): CLAIM FOR MONEY 31001

1. Plaintiff demands judgment for: CLAIM FOR MONEY \$3378.37 2. Brief Statements of dates and facts: We had finished repairs on his trucks throughout March. He quit working for us on April 5th. We lost contact with him, on the day he quit, he owed us \$3378.37. We have been trying to contact him for 5 months and we have been patient with him, but his dismissal of

I am the Attorney for the plaintiff Dated: 10-25-2022 BROOKE L HOUSTON State Bar No. 1120224 N88 W16783 Main St Menomonee Falls WI 53051 brooke@mclario.com 262-251-4210 506/11-16-23-30-2022

our messages has led us to filing this

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007319 In the matter of the name change of:

By (Petitioner) ANN ELIZABETH LANE NOTICE IS GIVEN:

ANN ELIZABETH LANE

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ANN ELIZABETH LANE to: ANNIE LANE KOOP Birth Certificate: ANN ELIZABETH LANE

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

Wisconsin Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SO-SNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JANUARY 6, 2023, TIME 9:00

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 Wiscon-

Dated: 11-16-2022 BY THE COURT:

Circuit Court Judge 516/11-23-30/12-7-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR

Case No. 22CV007339 In the matter of the name change of: KRISTOFER AUSTYN PHLEGER-**SCHUMACHER**

NAME CHANGE HEARING

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change

the name of the person listed above: From: KRISTOFER AUSTYN PHLEGER-SCHUMACHER to: KRIS-TOFER AUSTYN SCHUMACHER Birth Certificate: KRISTOFER AUS-TYN PHLEGER-SCHUMACHER

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit

Court of Milwaukee County, State of Judge's Name: HON. CHRISTOPHER

R FOLEY BR 14 Hearing to take place by phone. Please call (414) 278-4582 on the date and at the time listed below. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 6, 2023, 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 Wiscon-Dated: 11-16-2022

HON. CHRISTOPHER R FOLEY Circuit Court Judge 515/11-23-30/12-7-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 2022CV006830 In the matter of the name change of: PANGKOU VANG By (Petitioner) PANGKOU VANG

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

BY THE COURT:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: PANGKOU VANG TO: ABBY Birth Certificate: PANGKOU VANG

IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. FREDERICK ROSA ROOM 500 BR 35 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2022 TIME 10:00 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: 10-26-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. FREDERICK ROSA Circuit Court Judge 517/11-16-23-30-2022

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ABOUT MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL (MCJ) WEEKEND EDITION

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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV006337

In the matter of the name change of: ALISSE MARIE GONZALEZ By (Petitioner) TERESA MARIE GON-ZALEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ALISSE MARIE KOCEJA to: ALISSE MARIE GONZALEZ Birth Certificate: ALISSE MARIE KOCEJA

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

Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. KRISTY YANG BR 47 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DE-CEMBER 22, 2022, 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 Wiscon-

Dated: 11/14/2022 BY THE COURT: HON. KRISTY YANG Circuit Court Judge 522/11-30/12-7-14-2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) **PUBLICATION SUMMONS** AND NOTICE Case No. 22SC27814

Plaintiff(s) AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC, W133 N8569 EXECUTIVE WAY MENOMONEE FALLS WI 53051 vs RONNIE MCMILLON 2929 W WIS-CONSIN AVENUE APT 201 MIL-WAUKEE WI 53208

Publication Summons and Notice of Fil-TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED

ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S) You are being sued by the person(s) as named above Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Milwaukee County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 414-278-5362 Courtroom/ Room Number 400 Address: 901 N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee State WI Zip 53233 on the following date and time: Date: JANUARY 5, 2023

Time: 8:30 A.M If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgement may be enforced as provided by law. A judgement awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment of seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Date: 11/30/2022 Plaintiff/Attorney AMY M SALBERG

Attorney's State Bar Number 1025449 SALBERG TUFFNELL, S, C 18 E. WASHINGTON ST. SUITE 101 WEST BEND, WI 53095

262-353-9556 529/11-30/12-7-14-2022 **SUMMONS**

(PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 22CV006685 In the matter of the name change of: CAMRYN JAADE SMITH

By (Petitioner) ALEXIS LATASHA SMITH

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CAMRYN JAADE SMITH to: JAHDE ALIJAH SMITH Birth Certificate: JAHDE ALIJAH SMITH

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 BR 14 Hearing to take place by Zoom. Please call (414) 278-4582 on the date and at the time listed below. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023, 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 Wiscon-

Dated: 11-11-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. CHRISTOPHER R FOLEY Circuit Court Judge 521/11-30/12-7-14-2022 **SUMMONS**

(PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 22CV007170 In the matter of the name change of: D'ANDRE MARQUEL HOGAN By (Petitioner) D'ANDRE MARQUEL

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: D'ANDRE MARQUEL HOGAN to: BENJAMIN ADELL BOOTH Birth Certificate: D'ANDRE MAR-**QUEL HOGAN**

IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Judge's Name: HON. KRISTY YANG

BR 47 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DE-CEMBER 19, 2022, TIME 2:30 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 Wiscon-Dated: 11/9/2022

BY THE COURT: HON. KRISTY YANG Circuit Court Judge 520/11-30/12-7-14-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION)

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DANIELS MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007153 In the matter of the name change of:

GRACE HONGHU DANIELS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: GRACE HONGHU DANIELS TO: GRACIE HONGHU ZHONG Birth Certificate: GRACE HONGHU **DANIELS**

IT IS ORDERED

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

Judge's Name: HON. THOMAS MCA-DAMS RM 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023 TIME 3:00

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 Wiscon-

Dated: 11-5-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. THOMAS MCADAMS Circuit Court Judge 530/11-30/12-7-14-2022

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV006935

In the matter of the name change of: JI-ANNA SIMONE SMITH CALLOWAY By (Petitioner) JIANNA SIMONE SMITH CALLOWAY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: JIANNA SIMONE SMITH CALLOWAY TO: JIANNA SIMONE **MATTHEWS** Birth Certificate: JIANNA SIMONE

MATTHEWS

IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Judge's Name: HON. FREDERICK

ROSA ROOM 500 BR 35 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022 TIME 8:30 A.M.

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(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 Wiscon-

Dated: 10-31-2022

HON. FREDERICK ROSA Circuit Court Judge 528/11-30/12-7-14-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION)

BY THE COURT:

STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007454

In the matter of the name change of: JORDAN JOHN MAYE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: JORDAN JOHN MAYE TO: JOJO JOLENE DANGER Birth Certificate: JORDAN JOHN MAYE

IT IS ORDERED

TIME 9:30 A.M.

Dated: 11-22-2022

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. FREDERICK ROSA ROOM 500 BR 35 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 53233 DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023

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 Wiscon-

BY THE COURT: HON. FREDERICK ROSA Circuit Court Judge 523/11-30/12-7-14-2022 STATE OF WISCONSIN,

CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT SMALL CLAIMS Case No. 22SC020253 PLAINTIFF(S) KINGDOM VISION

OUTREACH CENTER 4303 W VIL-LARD AVE MILWAUKEE WI 53218 vs DEFENDANT/S: JOHN FENELON 4317 W VILLARD AVE RM 1 MIL-WAUKEE WI 53218

This form does not replace the need for an interpreter any collogues mandated by law, or the responsibility of court and counsel to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency fully comprehend their rights and obligations. This form must be completed in the English

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-278-5712 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): You are being sued as described below. If you wish to dispute this matter: You must appear at the time and place

If you do not appear or answer, the plaintiff(s) may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff

When to Appear /File an Answer Date: DECEMBER 9, 2022 Time: 2:30 P.M. Place to Appear/File and Answer: Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th Street, Room 400 Milwaukee, WI

Clerk/Attorney Signature: Plaintiff's Demand: EVICTION The plaintiff states the following claim against the defendant(s): EVICTION

1. Plaintiff demands judgment for: EVICTION

at the following link:

2. Claim for Money: \$1166.00 3. EVICTION I am the Plaintiff

DATE: 8-4-2022

BY THE PLAINTIFF: KINGDOM VISION OUTREACH CENTER 4303 W VILLARD AVE Milwaukee WI 53208 414-640-8075 527/11-30-2022

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV5596

In the matter of the name change of: KORA ELIZABETH DIMMICK By (Petitioner) KORA ELIZABETH DIMMICK

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: KORA ELIZABETH DIM-MICK TO: KORA ELJZABETH GDA-Birth Certificate: KORA ELIZABETH

DIMMICK

IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. HANNAH DUGAN BR 31 RM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

TIME 2:00 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

53233 DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

the hearing in the Milwaukee Com-

munity Journal, a newspaper published

in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-Dated: 11-29-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. HANNAH DUGAN Circuit Court Judge

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 22CV007388 In the matter of the name change of: MEIRHA MAMOON MATLAB By (Petitioner) MAMOON JAMAL MATLAB By (Co-Petitioner) HANEEN AHMAD ABUALI

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: MEIRHA MAMOON MAT-LAB TO: MEERA MAMOON MAT-LAB

Birth Certificate: MEIRHA MAMOON MATLAB

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

Judge's Name: HON. FREDERICK ROSA ROOM 500 BR 35 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 23, 2022 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 Wiscon-

Dated: 11-18-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. FREDERICK ROSA Circuit Court Judge 524/11-30/12-7-14-2022

> **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

In the matter of the name change of: MISAEL HUARACHA By (Petitioner) CORINA ALCARAZ-**MEZA**

Case No. 22CV6836

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NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: MISAEL HUARACHA to: MIS-

AEL HUARACHA ALCARAZ Birth Certificate: MISAEL HUARA-

This petition will be heard in the Circuit

Court of Milwaukee County, State of Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SO-

IT IS ORDERED

Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JANUARY 26, 2023, 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 Wiscon-Dated: 11-7-2022

SNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th

BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY Circuit Court Judge 525/11-30/12-7-14-2022

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You are invited!

I-94 East-West Freeway Supplemental Draft Environmental **Impact Statement**

Public Hearing

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation invites you to Public Hearings regarding the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the I-94 East-West Freeway Corridor Study from 70th Street to 16th Street. Project information will be the same on each night; stop in to see information on the alternatives, costs and potential impacts. Opportunities will be provided for written and verbal testimony.

Formal testimony to the panel will begin after an opening presentation. The presentation will begin 30-minutes after the start times listed below.

December 12, 2022

3:00pm-7:00pm, State Fair Park, Tommy Thompson Youth Center, Gate #5, 640 S. 84th St., Milwaukee, MCTS Route 33

December 14, 2022

4:00pm-7:00pm, Marquette University High School 3401 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee (enter from Michigan Street parking lot) MCTS Routes: 35, 30, & Gold Line

For more information, call project manager Josh LeVegue at 414-750-1468 or visit the project website: wisconsindot.gov/94eastwest. Information shared at the hearing will be available on the project website.

For the hearing impaired or those requiring another language, please dial 711 prior to December 1, 2022 to request an interpreter.





INVITATION FOR BID - ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES

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The Department of City Development (DCD) of the City of Milwaukee, is seeking bids for Electrical Maintenance Services on City owned tax foreclosed properties.

Bids are due no later than January 6, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.

chasing@milwaukee.gov Refer to the Bid Checklist in the bid for the doc-

All bids are to be submitted via e-mail to DCDPur-

uments required for submission. The deadline for questions is December 20, 2022,

4:45 P.M. Copies of the Bid are available on DCD's web site

https://city.milwaukee.gov/DCD/Projects/RFPs

INVITACIÓN PARA OFERTA - SERVICIOS DE MANTENIMIENTO ELÉCTRICO

El Departamento de Desarrollo de la Ciudad de

Milwaukee (DCD, por sus siglas en inglés) está solicitando ofertas para ofrecer Servicios de Mantenimiento Eléctrico en propiedades embargadas por impuestos, pertenecientes a la Ciudad. Ofertas deben ser sometidas en o antes de enero 6, 2023, a las 11:00 a.m.

Toda oferta debe ser enviada a través de correo electrónico a DCDPurchasing@milwaukee.gov Haga referencia a la Lista de Verificación de Oferta para los documentos requeridos para someter su oferta.

Fecha límite para preguntas es diciembre 20, 2022, a las 4:45 p.m. Copias de la Oferta están disponibles en la página Web de DCD en: https://city.milwaukee.gov/DCD/Projects/RFPs



