



The odds were stacked against them, but they never gave up. Black organizers from Georgia and across the country helped bring out the 3.5 million voters who cast ballots for the runoff election between Senator Raphael Warnock and Herschel Walker, in the face of new laws that complicated the process.

After neither Warnock nor Walker hit the 50% mark in the general midterm election in November, organizers had to immediately rally people to come back to vote again, with only three weeks for early voting, compared to nine weeks last year.

"People were like, what are we voting for now?" says Hannah Gebresilassie, organizer and co-founder of Protect the Vote GA, who explained that some voters had to be educated about what a runoff even was.

The shortened early voting window was thanks to S.B. 202, a bill intro-

duced and passed by Georgia's Republican-led state governing body in March 2021, framed as an "election integrity bill." "We saw lines that were 2 hours, 3 hours long all around the state," said

Gebresilassie in an interview with theGrio. "Not only that, but in certain counties, there have been budget cuts, so they [were] assigning fewer poll workers to work the polls."

Gebresilassie said the long lines also made it harder for the disabled, parents, and working residents. As an organizer, she had to refrain from handing out water or umbrellas in the rain to comply with S.B. 202's new regulations. "What those lines represent is a flawed system that needs to be addressed

and that needs to be corrected. We've seen pregnant moms, nine months, waiting in line... parents with small little kids waiting in line. People who have to leave the line after an hour because they have to go to work. And it's really disheartening. But those lines also represent resilience, passion and dedication among voters."

After Georgia Republicans declared early voting on the Saturday after the Thanksgiving holiday violated Georgia law, the Warnock campaign sued to have the Saturday added back to the calendar and won. Even with the legal victory, activists had to help voters figure out what polling places would be open on the weekend.

Organizers rallied hard to reach as many people as possible to compensate for the extra labor. Thanks to the work of leaders like Stacey Abrams and The New Georgia Project, and Latosha Brown from Black Voters Matter, there was headway already made to register voters who were often overlooked.

The New Georgia Project Action Fund (NGPAF) is part of a coalition of voting rights groups, which managed to knock on at least 5 million doors in the shortened window of time to rally registered voters, according to organizer Elijah Grace. Grace says the group sent approximately 400-500 canvassers a day to get out the vote.

One group that was part of the coalition was the Black Male Initiative Georgia, which said Black men's concerns about jobs, health, and the cost of living, amongst other issues, led them to commit to voting in the runoff.

"It is critically important that we're clear about the fact that Black men are not lazy, are not late, are not apathetic, but we are showing up," said John Taylor, co-founder of the group.

"This is not only a win for Georgia; it is a win for democracy," said Latosha Brown and Cliff Albright of Black Voters Matter, in a joint statement. "We closed the margins throughout the state – flipping key rural counties like Baldwin blue. We pushed back against negative stereotypes of Black men in the media. We fought against Republican legal tactics to deny us early voting access," the statement continued. "Despite – or perhaps because of – new voting restrictions, like SB 202, and vigilante scare tactics, Black voters turned out in force and proved once again that we are the engine that drives progressive power in the state."



The state of MKE education during and after the pandemic

### By Mikel Holt Final installment of a three-part series

It speaks volumes that the immediate goal of the Milwaukee Public School (MPS) board is to elevate underachieving minority students 'back to the bottom.'

The bottom, in this case, is prepandemic test scores, which were, ironically, among the worst in the country for African American stu-

### "A REALITY THAT IS RESISTANT TO CHANG Could apathy by political leaders and rights groups, as well

as opposition to changes in the educational paradigm by local/state teachers' organizations, doom public education!



### **Wendell Harris**

The bottom represents the embarrassing low status of hosting the lowest reading proficiency rate in the United States and a proficiency rate of zero at the 53206's lone high school, North Division.

The COVID-19 pandemic provided the perfect storm, leaving the country's widest academic achievement gap in its wake. Black students, which according to several

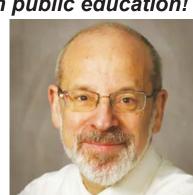


### Aisha Carr

research projects, were minimally one year behind their White peers academically, saw that gap widen by another year because of the pan-

The pandemic slowed academic achievement even more for Black students attending neighborhood (non-specialty) schools.

Adding to that abysmal paradigm, the pandemic opened the



Alan Borsuk

doors for a mental health crisis (see sidebar) that added to the emotional stress and anxiety of students, particularly at the lower end who were not privy to computers and the internet in the first year of the pandemic.

Black students from middle-class families or those in specialty schools fared better, as did Black children elsewhere around the country.

But for the most part, recent revelations by the National Association of Educational Progress (NAEP) and the state's annual 'Report Card' painted an embarrassing portrait of Milwaukee's educational community, one that does not bode well for the district, the Black community or Milwaukee's future.

Making matters worse is that no one interviewed for this three-part series offered a prediction of a better picture in the future.

And that included the school board directors, local politicians. and educators.

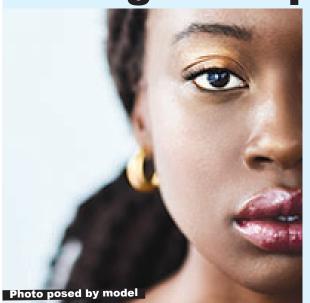
(Attempts to solicit input from the district administration were not successful. A noted journalist who has written about local education issues revealed his efforts to gain information were similarly dis-

Equally disturbing, is the fact that no politician, nor district administration, or civil rights organization held a press conference following the alarming news of Black educational failure.

A former MPS African American administrator, who was among a half dozen top officials to resign in the last couple of years, said he was not surprised no one responded publicly to acknowledge, much less

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### One student's journey through 'the perfect storm!'



Closely behind the impact the COVID-19 had on Black academic achievement was its unexpected influence on the mental health of Black students.

As detailed last week, 60% of high school students revealed increased anxiety, stress and depression from the virtual instruction replacement paradigm that was necessitated by the pandemic

That unprecedented impact ranged from simple anxiety to teen suicide which has reached previously unheralded levels.

Today, the Black teen suicide rate is higher than any time in history. According to 'Ed Source,' the Black teen suicide rate doubled since 2014, and

after trailing White and Asian students, is now averaging 12 out of every 100,000 students.

When interviewing parents about their decision to transfer their children out of the Milwaukee Public School system during the pandemic, mental health was frequently mentioned.

Two of the Black parents interviewed said they feared their children's mental health had deteriorated under the virtual paradigm to the point of attempted suicide.

As noted in last week's installment, a severe shortage of MPS counselors and social workers was a significant contributing factor.

Many of the stories overlap, and as such, we've decided to feature one that encapsulates scenarios shared by many.

The family interviewed is headed by a wellknown community activist who has been involved in efforts to end educational apartheid in Milwaukee for several years.

Her daughter is a 15-year-old sophomore who has maintained good grades while attending one of the district's better specialty schools.

Her school experience, like her home life was exemplary until two years ago, prompting her mother to transfer her to a suburban school.

In eighth grade, 'Aliah' (name changed to protect identity) was taller than most of her peers, and in the early stages of self-discovery. The pandemic opened the door for harassment—bullying---which included vulgar sexual inferences and vicious verbal attacks that ultimately manifested itself in self-(continued on page 5)

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EDING NETWORK **CELEBRATED THEIR** CELEBRATION AT PEACE CENTER WITH A **VALK DOWN THE RED** CARPET. FOOD, FUN, AND AWARDS WERE GIVEN OUT AT THE -PHOTOS BY **YONNE KEMP** 



Board of Trustees on July 28, 2020 after more than 20 years of service. Prince was first appointed to the Library Board by Common Council President Marvin Pratt. Prince's leadership and library service predated her appointment to the Board when in her youth she served as President of the Billy the Bookworm Club at the Mill Road branch library. Prince served faithfully in her tole as Trustee and as an Officer in the positions of Vice-President and President. Prince also served on the Urban Libraries Council's Executive Board from 2008 to 2014 helping to connect libraries and local government leadership and serving as ULC's first African American Board Chair in 2012. Prince was appointed in 2012 by President Barack Obama to the key administrative post of Alternative Representative to the 67th General Assembly of the United Nations, with the honorary rank of Ambassador. Dr. Prince's leadership, service ethics, courage and commitment to MPLs mission and vision



Nasier Gray (pictured above), a senior at Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School, won the Investor's Choice award at the 'Tank Pitch Night' competition sponsored by Upward Bound at Marquette University.

The competition was held several months ago at the university. It featured groups of high school students who were given the chance to team up and pitch whatever they wanted.

The event was sponsored by Upward Bound and EOP Pre-College Division. This was the first time MU has done an event in this format. In the past, students were given parameters on what to pitch.

But, according to EOP Pre-College Division, Upward Bound Counselor Andrew

## High School senior wins MU Upward Bound 'Tank Pitch Night' competition

Babb-Fowler, they wanted to give students a change to really express themselves.

There were eight teams with five to seven students in each group.

Babb-Fowler said the goal was to not only teach their students how to get a job, but how to create their own jobs as well.

Seventeen-year-old Gray is the vice president of Kingdom Prep Lutheran's student council. He plans on going to college (which school is still to be decided) majoring in zoology.

His other interests are cooking, football, rugby, fishing, playing the guitar, and wrestling.

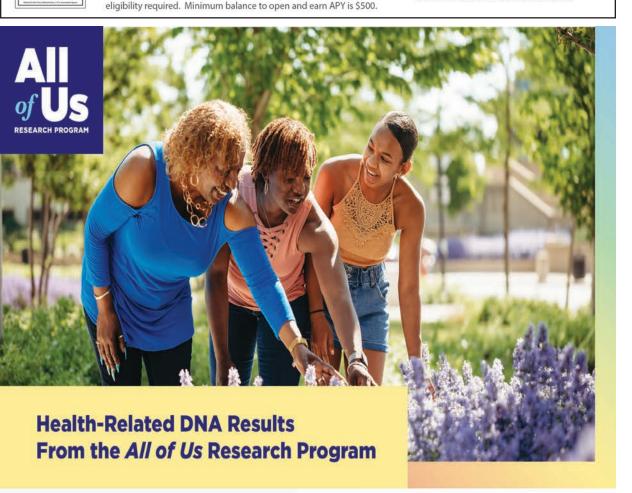
He also loves being with his family and participating in family gatherings, where he can put his love of cooking to good use. Gray also works part-time for the Running Rebels youth organization, which guides Milwaukee Youth into adulthood through mentoring, positive programming, and community connection.

The Upward Bound (UB) and Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) programs prepare high school students who are low-income and first-generation college students to enter and successfully complete college.

The programs work with students, their parent(s)/guardian(s), and their school to help develop self-confidence, self-discipline, and the responsible nature needed to build a strong foundation for high school, college, and life.

-Submitted by the Gray family





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express discernment, over the recent revelation.

"They (board directors) have seemingly been hiding their heads in the sand forever. There is no accountability. Apparently, no one really cares because these are Black children. Put some blame on parents who have accepted this (paradigm). You don't see them at meetings, and they don't vote in numbers for board members."

Echoing a refrain heard consistently during interviews for this series, the former administrator said he could not envision silence or apathy if the failure happened to White suburban children.

Such is the case in Cudahy, where a new superintendent has prioritized new reading initiatives to offset declining reading scores in that suburban

Cudahy's reading scores were better than MPS's but were nonetheless consistent with outstate districts, which are low by national standards.

And Milwaukee's status is not new. It was first brought to national attention in 2010 when it was reported Milwaukee's Black fourth-grade students had the lowest reading proficiency rates in the country.

In response to that revelation, former MPS Superintendent Howard Fuller, a nationally recognized authority on education who quit his position at MPS out of frustration with board policies, responded by bringing together a coalition of activists to spearhead a summer reading project.

Utilizing experts from local colleges, the summer reading project initially included public and private schools.

The initiative improved reading scores by one grade level in its first But the project prematurely ended after a couple of years when funding

dried up, and MPS withdrew from the coalition.

Two years later, Black eighth-grade reading proficiency dropped to the worst in the country.

### Proposals met with resistance, mislabeled, or tabled

Among the dozens of community activists to participate in the reading project was Wendell Harris, a former MPS board director and current president of the state chapter of the NAACP.

Harris said it was inconceivable that MPS did not take ownership of that successful initiative, but instead, reverted back to the failing status

Harris said his disappointment with the unwillingness of the board to undertake reforms or experiment with new initiatives was not limited to

Recently a historic reading initiative introduced by the state's Repub-

lican legislators was vetoed by Democratic Governor Tony Evers, who claimed the bill did not include financial support. "If it were talking about White children, it would have been merely a

natter of redirecting funds, Harris said, adding the state could have also used some of the stimulus money.

Financing should not be the issue," the former MPS board director said. The bill, known as the 'Reading Readiness Plan,' would have targeted lliteracy beginning in kindergarten to offset potential proficiency problems later.

It would have also required additional student testing.

Gov. Evers said he did not believe the bill's emphasis on early testing would prove a successful strategy to reverse reading deficits.

Proponents of the bill, including Democrats, said less than half of the state's public school children were reading at grade level even before the

"Our children have essentially lost two years, which they can never recover," Harris continued. Sadly, I haven't heard anything about filling that void, allowing the children to catch-up.' The former board director, initially supported by the teacher's union

until he voted to merge a failing Milwaukee public high school with a successful charter, said resistance to change is a hallmark of MPS.

That's a lesson MPS Board Director Aisha Carr learned the hard way weeks into her first term in office.

Carr said her proposals to address myriad academic failures have either been met with resistance, mislabeled, or tabled.

Such was the fate of a bold proposal she introduced earlier this year

that would have required audits of existing programs and opened the doors Carr said during a recent interview that the program was incorrectly

themed as reducing the school week to four days when it would utilize the fifth day for various life-affirming and career-oriented classes.

Her proposal also responded to teacher concerns about planning and training time.

"Right now, I can't tell my constituents what is on the table to address the myriad problems we're dealing with," she explained. "We do see what works and why. (Conversely), we need to evaluate other programs that have proven successful elsewhere."

State Senator Lakeshia Myers, who broke ranks with Democrats to vote for the state GOP legislators' reading proposal, lamented in her weekly column offered to the Black Press that she was "sorely disappointed" the MPS board had voted down Carr's proposal.

"If board members are not open to even the exploration of change, what signal are you sending to parents, students, and the community at large,"

"How can we trust that those elected to represent us on the board truly understand the wider political implications of (their) post?"

A former MPS teacher and member of the Milwaukee Teacher Education Association (MTEA), Senator Myers questioned whether the board's tendency to be "reactive versus proactive" will eventually put the district at greater risk (of being dissolved).

Myer's fiery response to what appeared to be board inactivity to the crisis (which many believe is influenced by the union) came on the heels of a state proposal to break up MPS into six to eight smaller districts.

With Republicans controlling the legislature, that bill continues to have life, although it is adamantly opposed by Gov. Evers, the former superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Little changed under his leadership at DPI. In fact, Black underachievement was cemented.

The current state superintendent of public instruction, Jill Underly, has

also expressed opposition to the proposal, which was expected given she was heavily supported in her election by the local and state teachers' A former superintendent of a small rural school district, Underly has

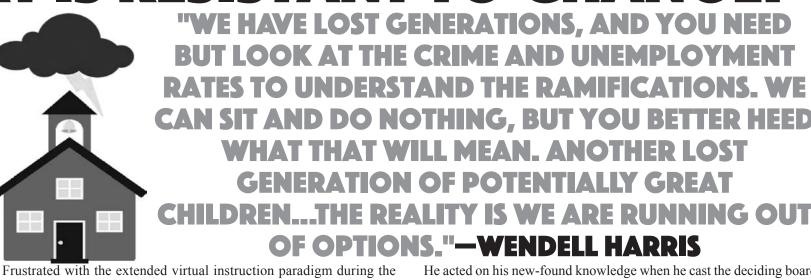
minimal empathy for the problems of the state's largest urban district. Thus she opposes radical change despite the damning reports from her department of systemic failures of Black children. In a statement following the release of the NAEP report, she merely

said: "we must try harder.' What that means is open to interpretation. And in the interim, Milwau-

kee stands at the cusp of a potential educational overhaul.

### The fifty percent solution

Long-time Journal Sentinel education reporter Alan Borsuk recalled in a Tuesday interview that a former MTEA president once mentioned that the district can only sustain itself as long as it has over 50% of Milwaukee's students.



pandemic, over 3,000 parents transferred their children out of MPS and placed them in suburban, charter, and private schools.

That exodus accelerated what has been a steady abandonment of MPS over the last 20 years.

In 2008, MPS had an enrollment of 78,000 students. Today it has less than 59,000. Conversely, the school choice program has grown to about 29,000. Another 16,000 are in charters, and 5,000 of the city's children utilize open enrollment to attend suburban and statewide virtual schools.

That puts MPS at about 53%.

"The important question is how long can the district survive given the steady exodus," Borsuk asked.

With nearly a quarter century of award-winning articles on education under his belt, Borsuk is currently a senior fellow at Marquette University's School of Law. He continues to pen a highly regarded column in the Journal Sentinel

on education. He was not reserved in his shock and frustration with the district's reticent response to the NAEP and DPI reports that place Milwaukee Black students at the bottom of nearly every academic category. Not only for the state, but the nation.

"The pandemic was a factor," Borsuk acknowledged, "but we didn't slip that far. It was bad (Black academic achievement) for 25 years. There has essentially been no change in reading scores in Milwaukee."

Recent DPI statistics show private and charter schools performed better coming out of the pandemic than MPS, but they also struggle to reach proficiency goals, particularly for low-income children.

Borsuk believes early intervention programs can have a significant im-

The problem is there continues to be few open slots in existing programs. Several youth-serving organizations, including the Next Door Foundation and COA, offer programs that prepare lower-income children for public school.

"But they are not enough," he admitted.

There are other paths to success, he posited, but each requires visionary leadership and prioritizing children's needs over adults' 'job security.'

The award-winning author cited new initiatives in the neighboring Cudahy School District as an example.

Dr. Tina Owen-Moore, former principal of a Milwaukee area alternative school created to address bullying, has introduced a comprehensive program to address reading deficits as part of a five-year plan called 'Reimagining Our Schools.' Part of that initiative includes a personalized student learning process.

This template has proven successful elsewhere, including in the highly diverse community of Brown Deer, which is the only district in the state where there is no significant academic achievement gap between Black and White students.

Anthony McHenry, president of the successful charter school, College of Sciences (COS), said that strategy and intensive reading programs have proven successful at his school. Updating his school's educational paradigm provides a template that

could be emulated.

The COS had a four-star rating by DPI three years ago, the highest rank-

The pandemic dropped the school to two stars. After implementing necessary initiatives for reading and science, the school is now back up to three stars, with a commitment to return to its vaulted four star status within a year.

McHenry said he used grants to expand counseling and tutoring programs, which are expensive but necessary to achieve the school's goal of recognition as the best charter in the city.

"We had to create an innovative program based on new data. We also focused on new ninth-grade students who came from MPS with reading (deficits)."

That latter reality is one faced by many charters and private schools in the choice program.

Howard Fuller explained that many of his school's freshmen enter high school without the benefit of an in-person middle school orientation. "Many were hurt by the pandemic because of the (virtual instruction

paradigm)," he explained. "Now they are in high school without the (tools).' And contrary to anti-school choice and charter rhetoric from opponents

of educational options for poor children, no schools can deny admission based on academic achievement or testing. That's contrary to Milwaukee specialty schools which gets the 'cream off the top' as it relates to excellent students.

Harris hopes to see a similar strategy that Cudahy used for the Milwaukee school district and other schools struggling to compete for students.

But he is not optimistic, given the history of the board which, he explained, is unduly controlled by the MTEA. While Harris advocates for unions, he admits they sometimes don't work in Black folk's best inter-

### Maintaining the status quo

There is no doubt the MPS board seems intent on maintaining a status quo that prioritizes teacher stability and benefits despite its impact on chil-

The MPS board president, Bob Peterson, is the past president of the MTEA. Eight of the nine board directors are former union members.

One former Black male teacher interviewed for an early installment of this series said he quit a promising career because he was frustrated by the reluctance of the district to institute systemic change.

He also expressed opposition to the influence of the union. As such, he refused to join the MTEA. Harris noted that the easiest path to a board seat is through a union en-

dorsement. School board elections are held in off years and historically have generated very little voter interest. That includes Black parents who have the most to gain...or lose. Harris understands from personal experience how influential the union

is. He was elected with union support partly because of his opposition to school choice.

But once on the board, his worldview expanded.

He acted on his new-found knowledge when he cast the deciding board vote to allow the merger of a failing MPS high school with a successful charter.

Within days of his vote, union members demonstrated outside the his home. One White union member reportedly carried a sign questioning his

The union found a candidate to oppose Harris in the next election and with its political connections with the state Democratic Party, was able to unseat Harris.

The state Democratic Party has long supported the union in its opposition to educational options and systemic change within the district. That latter reality was made clear when the state party violated its policy

not to engage in non-partisan elections and contributed \$150,000 to Underly's campaign.

The union had made clear it could not support her opponent, the former superintendent of the Brown Deer school district, Deborah Kerr, who ran on a campaign of educational reform and support of educational options.

Interestingly although Underly opposes Black children leaving MPS

for other educational options, she boldly declared during an interview on Ken Harris' talk show on 'The Truth' radio station a few years ago during superintendent of public instruction election campaign that she sent her children to private schools because: 'I am privileged.' The hypocrisy of that position did not sit well with Harris, who said

educational options are here to stay and families will do what's best for their children. "I knew it the second after the vote," he recalled, that he would face a

status quo, who puts children first...." Carr is in a similar position, even though she is a former MPS teacher

rebuttal from the union. "Anyone who upsets the apple cart, the failing

and union member. She is considered the lone board director who doesn't follow the dictates of the MTEA and instead puts children first.

Carr acknowledged that after a board committee shot down her proposal, a union official pointedly said had she contacted them first, she could have saved time and energy.

Nonetheless, she doesn't fault the union for its platform. "The union was created to support teachers, not children," Carr explained. "They are doing what they were created to do." That doesn't bode well for the students, however, or the community, but

it is a reality that is resistant to change. But that conflict may also have opened the door for drastic changes in

the Milwaukee educational paradigm. Harris revealed the state NAACP is organizing to upset the apple cart Unless a systemic change is on the horizon, drastic action may be needed.

That process may include, for example, a duplication of reading initiatives in Mississippi, which have served to reverse low reading proficiency rates in that state, which were previously among the worst in the nation. Harris also believes the MPS board should update its reading programs

and switch to phonics. "We've (MPS) been utilizing an unsuccessful reading model for decades," Harris said. "Research shows the benefit of phonics, yet the board

and state have remained hesitant to change,' he said, a tinge of frustration in his voice. "How many generations have we lost because of these antiquated pol-

icies? The pandemic made things worse, and now that the board is sitting on a half-billion dollars in (federal) stimulus funds, there is no excuse not to try something different. Borsuk agreed and added much more is at stake than most citizens re-

alize. He noted the local chamber of commerce, which has rescinded several

of its initiatives with MPS out of frustration over board inaction, has repeatedly said Milwaukee's economic stability is dependent on its workforce.

"As it has been said, Milwaukee is the economic engine for southeastern Wisconsin. It is the engine for the entire state," he declared, noting the unacceptable economic paradigm, enhanced by the pandemic, is being threatened from various sides.

Of immediate concern is the students' two lost years of education.

"I would be open to expanding classroom instruction at age 21. Or technical colleges offering a bridge for students planning to go to college. We must make up for the lost years. Whether the citizenry realizes it or not many recent graduates still need the necessary instruction to move on to college. We are responsible."

MPS has used some federal funds on mental health and expanded its reading tutorial programs. No one, however, believes those projects will have much effect on the status quo, given the challenges worsened by the local poverty index.

Milwaukee is home to the highest poverty rate in the country. Over 90% of the students qualify for free lunches. Over 70,000 of Milwaukee's black households are headed by a single woman, most of whom can be consid-

That fact weighed heavily on the failure of the virtual instruction paradigm offered by MPS. In the first year, most low-income students were without computers or access to the internet. MPS rushed to correct that deficit, but by the end of the first year, many, if not most, students were further behind in their studies. Few would catch up.

Harris confirmed the NAACP is meeting with district leadership with the hope that they understand the ramifications of inactivity.

He also noted the civil rights organization is paying close attention to a pending lawsuit in Baltimore, where parents have sued the district for its inadequate educational system.

"Getting back to the bottom (2019 ratings) shouldn't be that hard be-

cause it's not much of a jump from where we are anyway. And that reality should scare everybody," Harris said. "We have lost generations, and you need but look at the crime and un-

employment rates to understand the ramifications. We can sit and do nothing, but you better heed what that will mean. Another lost generation of potentially great children?"

"The reality is we are running out of options."

### One student's journey through 'the perfect storm!'

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mutilation and depression. Her mother explains:

"She started to withdraw from wanting to leave the house because she was a compromised individual because of COVID-19. She has asthma and was afraid to leave the house. Every day she would confine herself to the room because her older brother had contracted COVID-19 twice, so she was worried about her health and safety.

In the process of all of this, her spirits started to decline, and her social life with her friends was no more. She started looking like a raccoon around the eyes with dark circles. Her teenage life was obsolete; many of her friends didn't have cell phones nor were they allowed to hang out or have sleepovers because of the pandemic.

Our family pretty much kept to ourselves. We called to check on each other's welfare, but we did not visit with one another--we were trying to stay safe. Little did I know that my 13-year-old child at the time was suffering from depression from a boy ridiculing her, telling her that her (body parts smelled) and her fat jiggles when she walks.

I tried to deprogram her mind after being allowed to ponder and analyze what this young man meant when he said what he said, or the feelings that she had, but did not know how to express it to

Aliah couldn't tell the teacher what happened because there were no arrangements for that process. Nor could she talk to the school counselor about the way this boy made her feel, during the pandemic.

The juvenile assailant had been spoken to about his conduct, and as a parent,

I would try to assure her there are boys like girls, who do not know how to express themselves or communicate with the opposite sex so they say crazy things that land them in trouble.

I told her one day he will think about what he said to you when he's older and realize how wrong he was in saying those nasty things.

So now we are virtual and she doesn't want to comb her hair. She doesn't want to get dressed. She doesn't want to get out of bed. She doesn't want to do anything but shower and get back in bed. She then embarks on a strict diet because she thinks she's fat at the same time I am cooking and preparing her meals.

She doesn't want to eat even though the pandemic has been economically impactful to my

Now I'm trying to juggle the expensive list of items that my daughter needs to sustain her health and her mental well-being when we realize that this had occurred with the young man. It was too late for us to do anything as the school year was

ending. She just didn't want to talk about anything or nothing but play video games and listen to heavy-metal music.

There was this one song that she played in her room---blasted it---that was particularly disturbing: full of hate and hurtful lyrics. The name of the Artist is 1-800-Pain and it comes with a sickening destructive video. I asked her why did she like that song and she gave no explanation other than to say she just liked it.

At this time, I did not know that my daughter was actually cutting her arms. She stopped wearing short sleeve shirts. She stopped wearing dresses and shorts, anything that will reveal her skin. During the pandemic, I also had to (quit one of my part-time job) working as a Lyft and Uber driver because I could not run the risk of bringing anything home to my family.

I am asking her why didn't she wash the dishes. She still has chores but wasn't completing them.

At one point I asked my oldest daughter to check on her, which is when I learned she was cutting herself.

I was away working on an assignment, when my oldest daughter calls me ask if I had seen Aliah's arm? She has cuts all over them. My (first response) was to question how I could have missed that (self-mutilation). Her bedroom is right down the hall from my room. We're on the second floor of the home. She has no friends to come over. She doesn't have a girlfriend or a boyfriend.

I (immediately) made an appointment for her to go see our doctor.

My daughter is now 14-years-old and I am at the doctor's office and I'm curious to find out what's going on with her so that we can get her to a therapist as quickly as possible. Much to my surprise I was told that it would be six months because they were backed up but they could get her in a youth Adolescence treatment program at Children's Hos-

The doctor then dismissed me from the room because Aliah did not feel comfortable speaking in front of me. I was truly upset with that because I think at the end the of the day, I am the one at the house with her if she decides to take her anger and aggression out on any of us. So, when I'm allowed to come back into the room, the doctor wants to talk to me and explain my lack of respect for her use of pronouns---they, them, he, him, she, her, etc., and, that she's coming out of the closet.

I asked what closet as she has no boyfriend or girlfriend, she's not intimate with anyone.

Social media has played a big role in my daughter's life, everything was catching her attention including police brutality, homosexuality, rape, hate crimes, crimes against the youth, domestic violence, and race riots.

All of these things were contributing factors in my daughter's thought process. But she didn't feel comfortable coming to me for an answer because she felt my view would be obscured and one-sided

I then reached out to some mental health clinicians that I knew. I asked them to speak with her, which was troubling to me because again, Aliah gets whatever she wants; she's not on restriction, anything to further education, anything to help her be successful anything within reason that contributes to her being a productive citizen in the society that we live in.

So now I have to start looking up pronouns, and start referring to her as "Kai", which isn't her birth name, but upon the advice of her doctor, and the mental health clinician that this other form of communication and identity is a real thing.

This form of communication only came out during the pandemic. No one ever heard of it prior to being so dominant in the lives of our young

Now we will fast forward. It's time to go back to school and I reach out to the superintendent of MPS schools, Dr. Keith Posley, and give him this brief story of my daughter and suggest ways the staff can be more observant. I note sometimes kids expound on things going on with them in their lives to other adults (parent figures). (Generally, the school is the number one reporting source for any type of injuries, and violence against our children. As authority sources, the principals and guidance counselors are the liaison students go to.)

And I basically told him the social media platforms that the teenagers have today is different than the ones we have based on the algorithms. The things they search for are what pops up in front of them on the screen. There are videos out there telling our children to kill themselves, and that no one loves them or cares about them. Some advocate violence and suicide.

However, I never received a response back from Dr. Posley before school started back up, I did not like the way the middle school handled the mediation between my daughter and the young man, and I did not want her to deal with him any longer.

I made the decision to change her schools because I did not receive a response back from (MPS administration) and I needed help save my

I knew MPS could not give her what she needed. There were things that we grew up on back in the day when I graduated from North Division high school; we had everything to compete with any of the top-notch high schools in the state

We had qualified, caring educators, who were investing in us, and what we could bring to the table. We had successful individuals to emulate, alumni who graduated from North Division and became politicians, police chief, battalion chiefs, doctors, lawyers, senators, and elected officials.

I didn't see that happening with the youth of today. It was one of the very reasons why I retired early, because I wanted to get back to the youth;

Milwaukee Community Journal • December 7, 2022 • Page 5 get them involved in positive things. Little did I know my own child was suffering. I thought she was OK because of her upbringing and 'her family

What I knew I needed for her was for her to be engaged; to have support not only at home, but at

Upon my visit to Wauwatosa East high School, I was impressed with the guidance counselor, who stated that every ninth grader is assigned a counselor who will be with them until graduation.

We toured the school while it was in session, and we were told that there was no limit to what she could do if she wanted to, (such as) create a community group, anything for the positivity and well-being of the students that everything was ac-

The school had several clubs and groups that represent a diversity of concepts. One club was called GSA, the short acronym for Gay Straight Alliance. they also have a Black Student Union (BSU) for those kids to identify as well. There was equity and inclusion for my child at

the school. When we took a tour of the wood shop area, a state-of-the-art classroom newly rebuilt, she was told if she wanted to take electronics or engineering classes that she could as a freshman. She didn't have to wait to become a senior. We were told the staff wanted to teach the kids

to be self-sufficient. If we ever faced a pandemic again that they would have options to make money with their hands to provide for their fam-As I'm going through the school, I get the im-

pression that everybody seems aware, friendly, and receptive. The walls reflect diversity, of every nationality and race of people. No one was excluded. The school had an old historic look to it that my

daughter found attractive. I'm thinking if I can just get her in the school, I am sure her mindset will change once she sees other kids, thriving Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, and to see that she's no different than they are; that they all made it through the pandemic.

During the first few months of high school, she was missing her friends from middle school, and she tried to find excuses why she didn't like her new school. I suggested she get involved in some activities, volleyball, swimming team and basketball. You can do all of those things there's no limit to what you can do.

All of a sudden, she wanted new clothes that were not black. She wanted new shoes that were not black; she wanted her hair done and it was not black. Now she's ready to go shopping

She wants to go to homecoming and, she wants to look like a young lady instead of wearing baggy jeans, baggy sweatshirts, and her Doc Marten

I was convinced once she started seeing other young ladies, something would rub off on her to let her know that she was beautiful.

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### LEGALS/CLASSIFIEDS

(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: ANN ELIZABETH LANE By (Petitioner) 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

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

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 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 BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY Circuit Court Judge 516/11-23-30/12-7-2022

**SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007339

In the matter of the name change of: KRISTOFER AUSTYN PHLEGER-SCHUMACHER

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: KRISTOFER AUSTYN

TOFER AUSTYN SCHUMACHER

PHLEGER-SCHUMACHER to: KRIS-

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

Birth Certificate: KRISTOFER AUS-TYN PHLEGER-SCHUMACHER

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 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 BY THE COURT: 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. 22CV006337

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

A petition was filed asking to change

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

IT IS ORDERED

the name of the person listed above: From: ALISSE MARIE KOCEJA to: ALISSE MARIE GONZALEZ Birth Certificate: ALISSE MARIE **KOCEJA** 

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 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

munity 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

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

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV006685

MILWAUKEE COUNTY

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 Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. THOMAS MCA-DAMS RM 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th

**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.

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: 10-31-2022

BY THE COURT: HON. FREDERICK ROSA Circuit Court Judge 528/11-30/12-7-14-2022

**SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) 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

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: JANUARY 4, 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-

BY THE COURT: HON. FREDERICK ROSA Circuit Court Judge 523/11-30/12-7-14-2022 **SUMMONS** 

Dated: 11-22-2022

(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-NIEC

Birth Certificate: KORA ELIZABETH DIMMICK

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

Judge's Name: HON. HANNAH DUGAN BR 31 RM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023 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 the hearing in the Milwaukee Community 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:

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MEIRHA MAMOON MATLAB By (Petitioner) MAMOON JAMAL By (Co-Petitioner) HANEEN AHMAD **ABUALI** 

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

Birth Certificate: MEIRHA MAMOON MATLAB

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit

TIME 10:00 A.M.

BY THE COURT:

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

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

HON. FREDERICK ROSA Circuit Court Judge 524/11-30/12-7-14-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV6836 In the matter of the name change of: MISAEL HUARACHA

MILWAUKEE COUNTY

By (Petitioner) CORINA ALCARAZ-**MEZA** 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-

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

Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SO-SNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th 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 BY THE COURT:

HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY Circuit Court Judge



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525/11-30/12-7-14-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 22CV007603 In the matter of the name change of: CARTER MYKEL PEDERSEN By (Petitioner) MELYSSA ANNE PED-**ERSEN** By (Co-Petitioner) BRANDON COREY WHITE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CARTER MYKEL PEDERSEN to: CARTER MYKEL WHITE Birth Certificate: CARTER MYKEL **PEDERSEN** 

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

Judge's Name: HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY BR. 44 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE FEBUARY 24, 2023, 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: 12-1-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY Circuit Court Judge 536/12-7-14-21-2022

**SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007613

In the matter of the name change of: CHRISTE MICHELLE BURRAGE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: CHRISTE MICHELLE BUR-RAGE TO: SOFIJA INANNA BAILEY Birth Certificate: CHRISTE MI-CHELLE BURRAGE

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

R FOLEY 14 Hearing to take place via ZOOM Please call (414) 278-4582 on day of hearing to obtain zoom information. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 27, 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: 12-1-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. CHRISTOPHER R FOLEY Circuit Court Judge 531/12-7-14-21-2022

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

Case No. 22CV007267 In the matter of the name change of: CHRISTOPHER ANGEL CISNEROS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CHRISTOPHER ANGEL CIS-NEROS to: CHRISTOPHER ANGEL CARDOSO Birth Certificate: CHRISTOPHER

ANGEL CISNEROS

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 11, 2023, 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. WILLIAM SOSNAY Circuit Court Judge 538/12-7-14-21-2022 **SUMMONS** 

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(PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MILWAUKEE COUNTY

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007688 In the matter of the name change of: JEREMY PAUL REYNOLDS By (Petitioner) JEREMY PAUL REYN-

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: JEREMY PAUL REYNOLDS TO: JEREMY JAY KRAFT Birth Certificate: JEREMY PAUL REYNOLDS

IT IS ORDERED

BY THE COURT:

HON. PEDRO A COLON

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

COLON ROOM 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUUARY 17, 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: 12-5-2022

Circuit Court Judge 535/12-7-14-21-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR

Case No. 22CV007614 In the matter of the name change of: LATASHA MARIE ECHOLS

NAME CHANGE HEARING

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: LATASHA MARIE ECHOLS TO: OSHUN IMANI PARKER Birth Certificate: LATASHA MARIE VINSON

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 Hearing to take place via ZOOM Please call (414) 278-4582 on day of hearing to obtain zoom information. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 13, 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 Wisconsin. Dated: 12-1-2022 BY THE COURT:

HON. FREDERICK ROSA Circuit Court Judge 533/12-7-14-21-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION)

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007360

In the matter of the name change of: LORENZO RAYMOND PETERSON-AUSTIN By (Petitioner) LORENZO RAYMOND

TIME 3:00 P.M.

Circuit Court Judge

PETERSON-AUSTIN

YVONNE AUSTIN

By (Co-Petitioner) DY'MOND

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: LORENZO RAYMOND PE-TERSON-AUSTIN to: LORENZO RAYMOND AUSTIN Birth Certificate: LORENZO RAY-MOND PETERSON-AUSTIN

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 FEBUARY 16, 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-Dated: 11-23-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY

541/12-7-14-21-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV006949

MICHELLE MAE GREEN By (Petitioner) MICHELLE MAE **GREEN** NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change

In the matter of the name change of:

the name of the person listed above: FROM: MICHELLE MAE GREEN TO: MICHELLE MAE ROBINSON Birth Certificate: MICHELLE MAE NELSON IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit

Judge's Name: HON. THOMAS MCA-

Court of Milwaukee County, State of

DAMS RM 404 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023 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: 10-31-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. THOMAS MCADAMS Circuit Court Judge

**SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV007453 In the matter of the name change of:

537/12-7-14-21-2022

POINCIANA SPREWELL By (Petitioner) POINCIANA SPRE-WELL

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

FROM: POINCIANA SPREWELL TO: QUEEN MARIA ANTOINETTE ISA-BELLA POINCIANA ELISABETH DIANA VICTORIA SPREWELL BRIDGEMAN-MEDICI Birth Certificate: POINCIANA SPREWELL

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit

Court of Milwaukee County, State of Judge's Name: HON. CHRISTOPHER R FOLEY 14 Hearing to take place via ZOOM Please call (414) 278-4582 on day of hearing to obtain zoom information. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE:

JANUARY 17, 2023 TIME 1:30 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-Dated: 11-22-2022 BY THE COURT:

Circuit Court Judge 534/12-7-14-21-2022 **SUMMONS** (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 22CV007604

In the matter of the name change of:

REBECCA DE OLIVEIRA MAY-

HON. CHRISTOPHER R FOLEY

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

FROM: REBECCA DE OLIVEIRA MAYNARD TO: REBECCA DE OLI-VEIRA MAYNARD Birth Certificate: REBECCA GUERRA DA SILVA IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. PEDRO A COLON ROOM 412 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

53233 DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2023

TIME 9:00 A.M.

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

Dated: 12-1-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. PEDRO A COLON Circuit Court Judge 539/12-7-14-21-2022

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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

### One student's journey through 'the perfect storm!'

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Then all of the comments started flying. 'You're a pretty girl, you're a tall pretty girl, I love your hair, your clothes are really nice.' She wanted to wear graphic T-shirts from Spencer and Hot topic clothing stores. Somehow the validation from students matters more than your parent's comments.

At one point, there was a protest outside of the school where one of the students had inappropriately touched another student. The protestors felt that the school did not take their complaint seriously enough. Aliah got involved with that just by talking to some of the girls who were outside protesting. She felt vindicated, and it was a part of her healing process to let her know that is not tolerated, the disrespect of girls or women of any kind, regardless of race.

Now we're updating to her sophomore year of high school. She has grown tremendously. Allah's self-esteem has returned, along with her zest to live and she wants to be engaged and involved. She is now a part of a stage crew setting up for two plays at Tosa East. She is engaged in extra-

**SUMMONS** 

(PUBLICATION)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

**CIRCUIT COURT** 

Case No. 22CV007103

In the matter of the name change of:

SABRINA KAROLEANA CAR-

By (Petitioner) SABRINA KARO-

A petition was filed asking to change

the name of the person listed above:

FROM: SABRINA KAROLEANA

CARTAGENA TO: SABRINA KATA-

Birth Certificate: SABRINA KARO-

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: JANUARY 6, 2023

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

MILWAUKEE COUNTY

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IT IS ORDERED

TIME 9:30 A.M.

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

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curricular activities. She is focused on school and academics. She's aware of her grades, and she wants the best grades. When she has a lower grade, she wants to figure out how can she increase the value of her grade. All of those things are great because it shows that something else is going on inside of her head that's positive---being productive, that's wanting to live.

Now we are preparing for her to participate in a

Now we are preparing for her to participate in a two-week foreign exchange program in France next spring. I find myself listening more, trying to be open-minded with her discussions or whatever she comes home to talk about. I always let her know I'm ready to go to school and battle with my words to get my message across about equity, equality, and inclusion and against bullying. My daughter assures me that she is capable of taking care of measures herself.

She just wanted me to be aware.

So, for that, I'm happy that we have communication going on between us again, even when she flares up and starts throwing a temper tantrum as teenagers do on other issues. I now know she is still reachable in other types of conversation settings.

This is a brief synopsis of my 15-year-old daughter Aliah going through the pandemic and finding her way out through resources supplied by myself and her school.

the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 11-22-2022

publication as a Class 3 notice for three

(3) weeks in a row prior to the date of

BY THE COURT:
HON. FREDERICK ROSA
Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN Case No. 22FA005310 Divorce: 40101

SHIRKESHA BOOTHE 4827 W LUSCHER AVE MILWAUKEE WI 53218, Petitioner and DAMION BOOTHE 4224 N 26TH STREET MIL-WAUKEE WI 53209, Respondent

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

You are hereby notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petitioner, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in Ch. 802,

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may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statues.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government office: Clerk of Court Milwaukee County 901 N 9th St. Rm 104 Milwaukee WI 53233.

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

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

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days, the court may grant judgment against you and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 30th day of September 2022 BY: SHIRKESHA BOOTHE 532/11-7-14-21-2022

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