



SIGNIFYIN': Meeting could signal fate of North Division High School!



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LINKS HOLD ANNUAL 'DENIM AND DIAMONDS' FUNDRAISER!



The Cream City (Milwaukee) chapter of Links, Incorporated held its annual 'Denim and Diamond's' gala recently at the Good Hope Country Club. The event is the Links' premier fundraiser, with proceeds going to scholarships for student entering or returning to college. The chapter is also involved in numerous service projects. The Links have engaged in a partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools with emphasis on tutorials, STEM initiatives and family involvement. The Links are a national/ international professional women's service organization with an outstanding reputation for service to African American communities. Its major objective is to identify—in Milwaukee—families in need of resources not provided through traditional programs. For over 30 years, the Links have helped families needing food security, educational support and other resources in the community. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



Community invited to meeting to discuss the fate of North Division High

The future of North Division High School--once a linchpin for excellence, but now the worst performing high school in Wisconsin--will be discussed at a community meeting sponsored by Call to Action on Tuesday, September 26, 6 p.m., at North, located at 10th and Center Street.

The community meeting, open to the public, will be hosted by Alderman Russell Stamper, II.

According to state Department of Public Instruction data, less than 20% of North students can read at grade level, and its graduation rate is the lowest in the state.

The high school, located in the 53206 zip code, has held that abysmal status for the last decade despite outcries from stakeholders and Black leadership.

The Milwaukee School Board's response to community concerns has been a series of ineffective initiatives that have yet to move the academic achievement needle.

The latest 'reform' was to designate North a 'community' school, a status that focuses on family wrap-around services and branding, but not academic reforms.

Three years under that designation, North remains the only public school with a zero proficiency ranking in the core subjects of English, math, and science.

Tuesday's 'community conversation' is being sponsored by 'Call to Action,' an organization consisting of North Division alumni that has been advocating for instructional changes at the school for the past six years.

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Mayor Cavalier Johnson



Mayor Johnson unveils 2024 city budget, touts benefits of Act 12, vows no service cuts

Photo courtesy of Morry Gash/AP

In his 2024 Milwaukee budget speech earlier this week, Mayor Cavalier Johnson told members of the Common Council what he was not going to do.

"I'm not closing branch libraries. I'm not imposing furlough days or hiring freezes on our employees. I'm not closing firehouses. I'm not cutting police sworn strength."

"Why?" You might ask.

Because the city's recent bipartisan deal with the Wisconsin state legislature reportedly provides 'game-changing' funding to the city and municipalities across the 'dairy state.' The deal allows local governments to raise sales taxes.

The city and Milwaukee County will increase sales taxes at the start

DIAMONDS & DISCOVERIES

Profiles of Milwaukee's NEW History Makers and Pioneers



TYRONE DUMAS: Legacy of Service and Education

By Kathy Gaillard

Tyrone Dumas has a long and impressive history of being involved in the community as a professional, mentor, and an activist.

In fact, when he recounted the number of boards, commissions, and committees he has served on, he was surprised that they numbered more than 20.

Yet, with all his entrée, service, and commitment to youth, he's remained humble and hopeful for a better, more inclusive Milwaukee.

"I give back because others

gave to me. I've been paying it forward even before that term was used.

"I think about people like Wesley Scott, David Stokes, Patricia Pattillo, Beechie O. Brooks, and so many others,

"Dumas has a formula for success that was shared with him in the 70s and over the years he has refined it. It is, 'Self-control plus self-esteem squared, plus YOU understanding who you are, minus the fear of failure, equals success.'"

who invested in me, helped me, and schooled me, and it's the least that I can do.

"I only hope that the generations behind me will do the same," said Dumas.

Growing up on Milwaukee's northside, Dumas' mother was

a businesswoman who operated taverns and restaurants.

His family moved around a lot so he attended several schools before graduating from West Division High School.

He admits that he didn't initially

take his education seriously, recalling two incidents that changed the trajectory of his life. "Two things helped me understand and appreciate how life can quickly shift. One was getting caught shoplifting

when I was 12 years old.

"I thought my mother was going to kill me. And at 14, I got beat up by the police. Those encounters had a great impact on me.

"Then, in 1969, my mother got sick and was unable to work. For several months we struggled financially, living without heat and power.

"Those incidents helped me understand why I needed an education," said Dumas.

After high school, Dumas attended MATC and, later, UW-Milwaukee. During this time he became more active in politics and helping others.

"One of my cousins was killed in Birmingham during

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DIAMONDS & DISCOVERIES TYRONE DUMAS

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the civil rights movement. Her death showed me what hate could do.

“I was always concerned about politics and helping others, but this hit home. I started voting when I was 18 years old and, to this day, I do not miss an opportunity to vote,” said Dumas.

For a time Dumas pursued a dream of becoming a standup comedian but after meeting his wife, Ceciel, he got serious about earning a living to support his family and continued his education, earning two degrees in architecture.

Dumas has a formula for success that was shared with him in the 70s and over the years he has refined it.

It is, “Self-control plus self-esteem squared, plus YOU understanding who you are, minus the fear of failure, equals success.”

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Tyrone Dumas and his wife Ceciel

Calvary Baptist Church inviting past members ‘home’ for 128th anniversary/homecoming!



Calvary Baptist Church, one of the oldest Black churches in Milwaukee, will celebrate 128 years of existence Sunday, September 24, at 9:30 a.m., with a combined anniversary and homecoming. Former members who moved away, and persons who have visited in the past are welcome back to celebrate with the current church members and ministers. The guest speaker will be Rev. Kurt Boyd, associate minister at the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church. Calvary is located at 2959 N. Teutonia Ave. Rev. John R. Walton is pastor.—Photo courtesy of Calvary Baptist Church

fear of failure, equals success.”

still do) to students at every school I went to. It became my mantra. When I adopted Dr. Martin Luther King School as a school to focus on, I understood that I had to pass this on to my children and other young people I connected with,” Dumas.

Always quick to practice what he preaches, in 1997 Dumas and others started taking civil rights tours with youth. Briggs & Stratton’s president has funded these chaperoned tours for more than 20 years. Dumas, along with individuals like the late Dr. William Rodgers, toured places like the Edmund Pettus Bridge, Washington D.C., and Montgomery, AL, and other historical civil rights locations.

“We wanted the youth to experience history ‘live’ and in person. These trips gave them lifetime memories—showing and explaining to them how we got here and paying homage to our ancestors, many of whom they never heard about,” said Dumas.

Family is equally important to Dumas mostly because he was in his mid-30s when he learned who his father was and met his father’s family.

“I had a stepfather until the mid-60s, but I never met my dad. In fact, I learned that I had a whole family. My wife had a son before we married and he never met his dad. I became his father and I was honored to raise him and my daughter. My wife and I have been good role models for them, and we both have impacted the lives of so many other youth. My wife retired from teaching school in 2016,” said Dumas.

Dumas and Ceciel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. And, due to health issues, he’s not as involved in the community as he once was. Dumas is taking his rest as he continues to pour into the lives of his eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Indeed, Tyrone Dumas deserves some rest, after depositing so much into our community.

Tyrone Dumas is also the author of three books: “Food is My Orgasm” (2012), “So You Want To Be A Comedian,” (2015) and “The Life and Times of Tyrone Pierre Dumas.” (2020)

Town Hall set on future of North Division High School

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A nonprofit 501c3, ‘Call to Action’ is chaired by highly regarded community activists MacArthur Weddle and Saleem El Amin, both North graduates.

The organization has been responsible for creating and funding several initiatives at the school, including scholarships, mentoring programs, and athletic ventures.

Over the last few years, the organization’s focus morphed into creating a new academic paradigm for the school.

That process has included dozens of meetings with education experts, assessing successful models throughout the Midwest, and discussions with local policymakers.

A proposal by ‘Call to Action’

will be presented at the meeting for community input.

In a letter sent to stakeholders this week, Weddle explained, “There must be a sense of urgency, and we are sounding the alarm!”

“We cannot afford to lose

another generation of Black children due to the lack of quality education.”

For additional information, contact Saleem El-Amin at 414.520.9076, or Saleemnhc@aol.com.

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(Editor's note: Given the importance of an upcoming community meeting on North Division, we felt it appropriate to republish an abbreviated version of a column written several years ago).

Had not the endeavors of a task force created by the Milwaukee Public Schools superintendent in 2008 been derailed by saboteurs and special interests, there is a good possibility Milwaukee's North Division High School would today be among the elite public schools in the city, instead of the worst-performing educational institution in the state.

(Fifteen) years ago, a commissioned task force of educational experts and North Division alumni created by then-Superintendent William Andrekopoulos set out to forge a new educational paradigm for the failing Northside school.

As an alum, I felt a kinship to the school, which was originally located a block away from its current location--on 10th and Center Street--across the street from my grandmother's house and within a stone's throw from the old St. Boniface Catholic Church, the launching pad for the open housing marches.

North Division was once branded as 'our' (Black Milwaukeeans') premiere school, an honored institution in the African American community--a community center, church hall, and sports haven.

It was also identified as the catalyst for a series of campaigns to keep the school under 'community control,' the centerpiece of a proposal to carve out a separate --- community-controlled---school district, and indirectly, the school choice initiative.

The North Division facility I attended in 1969 was crumbling around our ears. Students were afraid to venture into the lower levels, and windows were worn to the point where invasive bugs distracted the learning process.

Ironically, a community-wide effort to force the school board to construct a new facility was not the panacea we had sought, as the board callously planned to close the new school to those who fought for it.

In a nutshell, the board earmarked the school as a specialty, with the express intent of providing a 'busing' option for White students to meet court-ordered goals.

That deceptive scheme led to the Coalition to Save North, led by community activists (and North alum) Howard Fuller and the late State Representative Polly Williams. The Coalition to Save North's sole goal was to restore North as a neighborhood school.

After a long and sometimes tumultuous fight, the board ultimately relented, but not without setting into motion a series of policy changes that eventually led North to the bottom of the academic achievement ladder.

By 1987, North had deteriorated until Williams sought legislative approval to make North the cornerstone of a new school district.

In her press conference to announce her legislation, Williams pointed to North as an example of jobs and, equally important, control over the educational monopoly.

In response to ongoing community dissension, the school board routinely made promises of forthcoming reforms. There was even a suggestion to make the school a Title 1 academy, the theory being that designation would result in additional federal and state funding to create individualized learning opportunities and tutoring.

On one or two occasions, the board did introduce several innovative projects.

But none succeeded, either because of limited support, insufficient funding, or lack of community support.

Thus, by 2008, North had become an embarrassing failure, a dumping ground for adjudicated juveniles and special needs students.

Following one meeting, Williams explained the importance of the task force goals.

"As goes North Division, so goes the education of our children. It's evident to everyone there is a system of apartheid that replaced segregation.

"Moreover, since they (board cause she witnessed hundreds of Black children slipping through the cracks, but it also represented a linchpin in the civil rights struggle.

Thus, while she was hopeful the task force could accomplish what she could not, history tempered her enthusiasm, and she was not optimistic.

The task force was entrusted with turning the school around after a half dozen 'reforms' and failed 'reinvestments' ranging from creating smaller schools within the facility to dental specialties to vocational programs.

After nearly two months of weekly meetings, testimony from a dozen experts, fact-finding, and visits to several community-controlled schools throughout the Midwest, it was apparent the only viable option for North was to convert it into a non-instrumentality charter.

We didn't get that far, however, as no sooner than a new school board director was elected, a group of union supporters and alumni forced a reorganization of the task force.

With Director Anne Woodard as their champion, the group was able to force Andrekopoulos to open up the task force for a half dozen new members---most of whom had teacher union relationships or opposed any 'reform' they could not control.

In short, that sabotage resulted in a stalemate that was applauded by the union while guaranteeing another generation of failure for the students.

Thus, (15) years and as many excuses and failed 'band-aides' (continued on page 5)

Community meeting could determine the fate of North Division High School!

the school board's ongoing agenda to undermine the education of Black children.

While Williams's bill passed the assembly, the senate version was derailed following intense union lobbying. The union opposition was grounded not in what was best for the students, but in the fear that many teachers could lose their



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When the Andrekopoulos' task force held its first meeting at the school that fall, North housed five different autonomous schools whose collective enrollment was less than half of the school's capacity of 1,500.

The medical and dental specialty offices had been closed, as was the carpentry, welding, and health clinic. North's Olympic pool, considered by some as the best in the district, had been drained for years and was most recently used for a driver's education program. Portable desks had scarred the pool

and administration) don't want to educate our children, since they want to continue to play games with our children as pawns, we must take over the process and run things ourselves."

A decade earlier, Williams' disdain for the MPS administration led her to create the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP). Her program, however, was initially for only 15,000 poor children. As such, she recognized the importance of institutional change within MPS.

North remained on her radar be-

continued growth for FlexRide Milwaukee, which has provided more than 35,000 rides to work since its inception -- more than 3,500 rides per month since MobiLiSE began operations this spring.

"Thanks to our partners, FlexRide Milwaukee has real momentum," Steele said. "The state support we received was vital and allowed us to bring this bold initiative to life. We are building a sustainable model to attract even more investment for years to come."

FlexRide for Working Parents is available across Milwaukee and is initially being piloted with state-rated daycare or early childhood education centers within one mile of FlexRide's North Neighborhood Zone. An expansion to the South Side is coming soon.

Interested parents can contact their childcare providers for more information. A list of zone maps is available on the FlexRide website. Employ Milwaukee will also connect program participants who qualify with childcare cost assistance.

The service is available through the FlexRide app, where eligible users can hail a ride to an approved daycare provider for an adult and up to four children. Following the dropoff, the worker continues to his or her job in a FlexRide Employment Zone, in the same vehicle. At the end of the work shift, the process repeats in reverse.

Several Malaika Early Learning Center families have already shown interest in the service.

"Consistent care and education of young children are dependent on parents having adequate transportation," said Tamara Johnson, executive director of Malaika, which serves more than 100 children each day from ages 6 weeks through third grade.

"FlexRide for Working Parents provides that."



Ribbon cutting that was held recently for new FlexRide for Working Parents program.

New FlexRide for Working Parents Service Connects Milwaukee Workers With Suburban Jobs -- and Makes MobiLiSE, Employ Milwaukee Launch Free Transit Service, Funded by Wisconsin Workforce Innovation Grant

uniting transportation and childcare, MobiLiSE and its partners are tackling some of the most pressing challenges for our workforce."

Said DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek: "Today we celebrate a successful collaboration that is made possible through Gov. Evers' unprecedented investment in

people, jobs, and the well-being of our communities. The Department of Workforce Development is proud to support this innovative solution, which is addressing employment barriers and expanding employment opportunities for Milwaukee working families."

FlexRide Growth The expanded service comes amid

Mayor Johnson unveils 2024 Milwaukee budget

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of next year. The city comptroller estimates the 2.4% increase will bring an additional \$184 million to the city in 2024.

"For the first time in decades," Johnson said during his speech, "we'll have an increase in state shared revenue.

"And for the first time in more than a century, we have diversified our tax revenue sources so that we're no longer only relying on the property tax."

Johnson called for significant investment to improve public safety and strengthen neighborhoods by demolishing blighted homes, im-

proving roads, revamping street lights and building out green infrastructure. City employees would see modest raises after years of stagnant pay.

The mayor also called for staffing increases in the fire and police departments, in compliance with that shared revenue deal, known as Act 12.

Act 12 introduced several provisions that Wisconsin's largest city must meet to use the sales tax funding, some of which raise costs for the city. Still, Johnson believes Milwaukee is on a path toward fiscal stability.

"One year has made a world of

difference," the mayor told the assembled council members. "One year. So, as we stay on a responsible course, we can look ahead to stability in our finances; greater confidence among city employees; and (for) our residents, growing assurance that the city services that they need, that they expect, and that they deserve, will be there."

In the coming weeks, the Common Council will hear community input and draft amendments before voting on a final budget in November. Residents can weigh in during two upcoming sessions on October 2 and 16. *Source for this article: wuzwm.com*

Discover Wellness in Alice's Garden! Community groups offer free activities that boost health and wellness this Friday, Sept. 22



Diverse groups from across Milwaukee County are inviting individuals and families to Alice's Garden on Friday, September 22, for activities and resources that can improve their health and wellness. Now in its second year, "Discover Wellness" will feature free healthy snacks, prizes, wellness activities, and a chance to win a bike and other prizes.

From 5 to 7 p.m. on September 22, "Discover Wellness" will encompass the eight dimensions of wellness--emotional, physical, occupational, intel-

lectual, financial, social, environmental, and spiritual--to provide visitors with activities and resources that can help to enhance their health and well-being.

Highlights include: healthy activities, raffles and giveaways, a book library, yoga and Reiki, tools for emotional wellness, and free healthy snacks from Neu-Life Community Development's Farmfork, an urban agriculture and culinary arts program for youth. Plus, a free screening of "Little Mermaid" at sunset!

"Discover Wellness" partners include Alice's Garden, Cudahy Health Department, Goal Chasers 2000, The House of Kings and Priests, Neu-Life Community Development, Oak Creek Health Department, The Parenting Network, RISE Drug Free MKE, Wauwatosa Health Department, and Community Advocates.

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COMING AND PAST HAPPENINGS IN AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!



Ground breaking set for new Marcia P. Coggs Health & Human Services Center

The community is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center Monday, Oct. 2, at 1220 W. Vliet St. (organizers are asked to look for purple balloons in the rear of the ground breaking location.

The new building will be located at 1260 W. Cherry St. It will be 59,876-square-foot building.

Coggs (1928-2003) was the first Black woman elected to the Wisconsin Legislature. she is quoted as saying: "You cannot legislate the heart, but you can legislate laws. My mission is to work for social change. She was married to late Isaac Coggs, who was among the first Black legislators to serve in Madison. Coggs was also the first Black person to sit on the state legislature's Joint Finance Committees.

For more information, call or text Elizabeth 'Beth' Coggs at 414-416-9526.

Grammy-nominated Patrice Rushen to perform at GMUL Black&White Ball November 4th

Legendary recording artist Patrice Rushen is the headline musical act for Greater Milwaukee Urban League's 38th Annual Black and White Ball on November 4th at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee.

Rushen is a Grammy-nominated artist whose musical talents span five decades. She has released 15 albums, including two that were Grammy nominated.

Rushen has been nominated for four Grammy Awards in total, including her 1982 hit "Forget Me Nots", which earned a nomination for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance.

The Black and White Ball sells out each year; individuals and organizations are encouraged to purchase tickets now.

More information on sponsorships, tickets, and other details can be found at tmul.org in the Black and White Ball section.



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Milwaukee mentor and former PEARLS for Teen Girls executive Gerry Howze dies



Gerry Howze, a Milwaukee mentor and former PEARLS for Teen Girls executive director, died Sept. 17 following a two-year battle with cancer. She was 56 years old.

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later, North has firmly cemented itself at the bottom of the Department of Public Instruction's report card list.

An article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on March 17, 2018, called North Division the worst school in America.

This publication made similar declarations before and since. We questioned not only the board and union's bizarre opposition to restructuring the school, but also the apathy and complicity of North alumni, parents, and Black leadership to generations of our children being forced into second-class citizenship.

Indeed, (a decade and a half) after our unsuccessful attempt to create a new educational paradigm for North, less than eight percent of its juniors were proficient in English and zero in math.

Martinez Martin, the valedictorian for the graduating class of 2017, said less than 35% of the students who started at North four years earlier walked across the stage to accept a diploma.

Only 10 were accepted into college; six enrolled in colleges throughout the state, and each had to take a year of remedial education, including Martin. "They didn't prepare me, and I was at the top of my class."

It was not surprising that so few students were accepted into college since last year; the average ACT score was an embarrassing 13.3. Only two schools in the state had a lower score.

Daily attendance at North is among the lowest in the state at 62%, including delinquent students who are under threat of being returned to detention or possibly prison if they do not attend school.

MPS data also shows that of the 300-plus students enrolled in North following Martin's graduation, only six made the school their first, second, or third choice.

If there is a silver lining to this disheartening scenario, several opponents to the task force direction have since realized they were dancing to a polka, not Rhythm and Blues.

To my surprise, they are the driving forces and foundation of the new coalition, 'Call to Action.'

The group, consisting of North alum and community activists, first emerged from ob-

Artist Eats Presents a Live Showcase Event with Browns Crew: A FUSION OF MUSIC AND CULINARY CULTURE!

Artist Eats, the ground-breaking travel and culture series, is proud to announce its inaugural in-person event, "Artist Eats featuring Browns Crew."

This dynamic event will take place on Saturday, September 23, at 2 p.m., at the iconic Walker's Point Center for the Arts located at 839 S. 5th St.

Artist Eats is renowned for its unique approach to exploring cities through their local food and music scenes.

This event will mark a significant milestone as the show transitions from the digital realm to a live, immersive experience. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with the heart and soul of Milwaukee's culture, while enjoying the captivating fusion of culinary delights and live music.

The spotlight of the event will shine on the talented Latin hip-hop duo, Browns Crew. This exclusive showcase will feature a live interview with the artists, followed by a captivating musical performance. It's an exceptional chance to witness the energy and creativity of Browns Crew in an intimate setting.

"Partnering with Walker's Point Center for the Arts and Doors Open for this live event is a thrilling step forward for Artist Eats. We are excited to bring Browns Crew to the forefront and showcase their in-



Kennita Hickman

artist management. For more information, visit www.artisteats.com.

Ald. Taylor to begin series of town halls Thursday

Alderman Larresa Taylor will begin hosing a series of standing in-district town halls starting this Thursday, September 21. The "Taylor Talkback Thursdays" will take place on the third Thursday of every month and allow district residents the chance to connect with the Alderman to share any questions, concerns, thoughts or other ideas related to the 9th Aldermanic District or city.

The Taylor Talkback Thurs-

days will take place in two parts. First, residents can join Alderman Taylor from noon – 2 p.m. at Evolve Church, 6550 N. 76th St.

For those looking to attend later in the day, Alderman Taylor will be available from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Good Hope Library, 7715 W. Good Hope Rd.

"I want to have as many opportunities as possible to meet the residents of the 9th District where they are so we

can have conversations about relevant city issues. That is why I'm starting this series of in-district meetings, and I look forward to engaging with residents regularly starting tomorrow," said Alderman Taylor.

Those unable to attend can also contact the Alderman's office at (414) 286-3767 or Larresa.Taylor@milwaukee.gov to discuss any topics of concern.

credible talent in both music and culture," said Kennita Hickman, the visionary behind Artist Eats.

The event is made possible through collaboration with Doors Open and support from the Milwaukee Artist Resource Network (MARN), serving as the anchor sponsor.

As a celebration of Milwaukee's artistic and culinary diversity, Artist Eats is a unique platform that amplifies the culture often overlooked in traditional tourism and culture spaces.

The event is open to all enthusiasts of local music and food culture. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

About Artist Eats

Artist Eats is a ground-breaking travel and culture series that showcases independent music and local restaurants.

The series elevates economic stability for Black and Brown neighborhoods, businesses, and artists by spotlighting the hidden gems of local food and music culture that are often overlooked in traditional tourism, culture, and hospitality spaces.

Artist Eats is produced by Kennita Hickman, an urban cultural micro-influencer, writer, content producer, and executive producer.

With a rich career spanning over 23 years, Hickman's work has encompassed writing, public relations, voiceover talent, event production, and

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NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
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A.M.

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NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
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VANNI YADIEL RICHARD

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A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: JOVANNI YADIEL RICHARD
to: JOVANNI YADIEL MARTINEZ
Birth Certificate: JOVANNI YADIEL
RICHARD

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, Mil-
waukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE SEP-
TEMBER 7, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8/31/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
432/8-9-16-23-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV005873**

In the matter of the name change of:
ATHENA IRENE WENSING

By (Petitioner) ATHENA IRENE WEN-
SING
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
FROM: ATHENA IRENE WENSING
TO: ATHENA IRENE LOTZ
Birth Certificate: ATHENA IRENE
LOTZ

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: SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8-8-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. PEDRO A COLON
Circuit Court Judge
477/8-9-16-23-2023

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

**NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV006438**
In the matter of the name change of:
ANGEL LUIS ROLDAN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: MALE ROLDAN to: ANGEL
LUIS ROLDAN
Birth Certificate: MALE ROLDAN

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit
Court of Milwaukee County, State of
Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YA-
MAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE SEPTEMBER 28, 2023, TIME
9:45 A.M.

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

Dated: 8/28/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
478/8-30-9-6-13-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV4704**

In the matter of the name change of:
FARHANA MOHAMMAD TALAM
By (Petitioner) GULBAR BRITI OLI-
HAMAD
By (Co-Petitioner) ROFIQ ABUL KAS-
SIM

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: FARHANA MOHAMMAD
TALAM to: FARHANA ROFIQ
Birth Certificate: FARHANA MO-
HAMMAD TALAM

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 OCTOBER 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8-18-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
483/9-6-13-20-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV4706**

In the matter of the name change of:
NUR SUHANA MOHAMMAD
TALAM
By (Petitioner) GULBAR BRITI OLI-
HAMAD
By (Co-Petitioner) ROFIQ ABUL KAS-
SIM

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: NUR SUHANA MOHAMMAD
TALAM to: SUHAIL NUR SUHANA
ROFIQ
Birth Certificate: NUR SUHANA MO-
HAMMAD TALAM

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 OCTOBER 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8-18-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
482/9-6-13-20-2023

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

**NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV4703**
In the matter of the name change of:
MOHAMMAD FAIS MOHAMMAD
TALAM

By (Petitioner) GULBAR BRITI OLI-
HAMAD
By (Co-Petitioner) ROFIQ ABUL KAS-
SIM

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: MOHAMMAD FAIS ANN MO-
HAMMAD TALAM to: FAIS ROFIQ
Birth Certificate: MOHAMMAD FAIS
MOHAMMAD TALAM

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 OCTOBER 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8-18-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
481/9-6-13-20-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV4705**

In the matter of the name change of:
MOHAMMAD SUHAIL BIN MO-
HAMMAD TALAM
By (Petitioner) GULBAR BRITI OLI-
HAMAD
By (Co-Petitioner) ROFIQ ABUL KAS-
SIM

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: MOHAMMAD SUHAIL BIN
MOHAMMAD TALAM to: SUHAIL
ROFIQ
Birth Certificate: MOHAMMAD SU-
HAIL MOHAMMAD TALAM

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 OCTOBER 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8-18-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
480/9-6-13-20-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV006505**

In the matter of the name change of:
ADIA MARIE EVANS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: ADIA MARIE EVANS to:
AUDEN GONZALO EVANS
Birth Certificate: ADIA MARIE
EVANS

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, Mil-
waukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE OC-
TOBER 19, 2023, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8/29/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
479/9-6-13-20-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV006546**

In the matter of the name change of:
TIMMEKA BRASHAE SWOBODA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
FROM: TIMMEKA BRASHAE SWO-
BODA TO: TIMMEKA BRASHAE
BERIC
Birth Certificate: TIMMEKA BRA-
SHAE BERIC

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

Judge's Name: HON. J.D. WATTS BR
15 ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 17, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8-30-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
484/9-6-13-20-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV5668**

In the matter of the name change of: LI-
LYANA EVON JACKSON-CRUZ

By (Petitioner) NAOMI MAHOGA-
NEY JACKSON
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: LILYANA EVON JACKSON-
CRUZ to: LILYANA TEWANA JACK-
SON
Birth Certificate: LILYANA EVON
JACKSON-CRUZ

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 OCTOBER 12, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8-1-2022
BY THE COURT:
HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY
Circuit Court Judge
485/9-6-13-20-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE – 40101
Case No. 23FA004392**

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: RE-
BECCA M JACKSON and MICHAEL
JACKSON

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

You must respond with a written de-
mand 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, Milwau-
kee County Courthouse 901 N 9th St
Milwaukee WI 53233 and to RE-
BECCA M JACKSON 1330 N 36th St
Milwaukee WI 53208

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

If you do not demand a copy of the Peti-
tion 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 pro-
vided 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 chil-
dren, violation of 948.31 Wis. Stats.,
(Interference with custody by parent or
others) is punishable by fines and/or im-
prisonment:

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 modifica-
tion 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 in-
formation from the Circuit Court Com-
missioner as set forth in 767.105 Wis.
Stats.

Date: 8-28-2023
BY: REBECCA M JACKSON
487/9-6-13-20-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV006550**

In the matter of the name change of:
HASSET ABEBE BEKELE
By (Petitioner) ABEBE M BEKELE
By (Co-Petitioner) MELAT M HAILE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: HASSET ABEBE BEKELE to:
HASSET MELAT ABEBE
Birth Certificate: HASSET ABEBE BE-
KELE

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

Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YA-
MAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE OCTOBER 31, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8/30/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
486/9-6-13-20-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV006451**

In the matter of the name change of:
SHYLA SHALON MARQUES EVANS
By (Petitioner) SHYLA SHALON
MARQUES EVANS
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: SHYLA SHALON MARQUES
EVANS to: SHYLA SHANIECE MO-
NIQUE EVANS
Birth Certificate: SHYLA SHALON
MARQUES EVANS

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 OCTOBER 6, 2023, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8-28-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
492/9-13-20-27-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 2023CV006738**

In the matter of the name change of:
BRIANA KATHLEEN NOBLE
By (Petitioner) BRIANA KATHLEEN
NOBLE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: BRIANA KATHLEEN NOBLE to:
BRIE KATHLEEN NOBLE
Birth Certificate: BRIANA KATH-
LEEN NOBLE

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit
Court of Milwaukee County, State of
Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. LINDSEY
GRADY ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N.
9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
53233 DATE NOVEMBER 7, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 9-7-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. LINDSEY GRADY
Circuit Court Judge
490/9-13-20-27-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV006396**

In the matter of the name change of:
ERIC DONNELL GOUDY II
By (Petitioner) ERIC DONNELL
GOUDY II

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: ERIC DONNELL GOUDY II to:
ERIC DONNELL GOUDY II
Birth Certificate: ERIC DONNELL
GOUDY II

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, Mil-
waukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE OCTOBER 17, 2023, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 8/25/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
493/9-13-20-27-2023

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV006811**

In the matter of the name change of:
AIDEN JAMES TOTH
By (Co-Petitioner) AIDEN JAMES
TOTH

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: AIDEN JAMES TOTH to: REM
MARIE LEACH
Birth Certificate: AIDEN JAMES
TOTH

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 OCTOBER 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.

Dated: 9-11-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY
Circuit Court Judge
491/9-13-20-27-2023

Armster and
Alberta of
Milwaukee,
Wisconsin,
announce
the birth of their
daughter Louise
Bates born
January 25, 1957.



Next Act Kicks Off 2023-24 Season with SPLASH HATCH

Next Act Theatre opens its 2023-24 season with the Wisconsin premiere **SPLASH HATCH ON THE E GOING DOWN** by Kia Corthron. This moving, poetic environmental play will run September 20 – Oc-

tober 15, 2023 at Next Act's artistic home at 255 S. Water Street in Milwaukee. Tickets for single patrons may be purchased by calling 414-278-0765 or visiting nextact.org. **SPLASH HATCH ON THE E GOING DOWN** follows Thyme, a

She is also married and pregnant. Her husband Erry is sincere and mysteriously, increasingly ill. As her pregnancy develops and Erry declines, Thyme must reconcile her boundless collection of facts and data with the reality of her

through the cracks. **"SPLASH HATCH ON THE E GOING DOWN** is a stark call-to-arms, written at a time when far too few of us were willing to read the toxic writing on the wall," says director Cheryl Lynn Bruce. "It doesn't tell us what to do. It simply grabs us by the heartstrings and gives us our marching orders." **SPLASH HATCH ON THE E GOING DOWN** will be Next Act's second production to feature a Black Out Night. First offered during the 2022-23 season, the Black Out Night is the purposeful creation of an environment in which an all-Black-identifying audience can gather to watch the performance in a supportive environment. The Black Out Night for **SPLASH HATCH**... will happen on Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m., and interested individuals may contact Next Act for information on discount tickets. **SPLASH HATCH ON THE E GOING DOWN** features Jada Jack-

son making her Next Act debut as Thyme. Other actors are returning to the Next Act stage: Malaina Moore, Kristin E. Ellis and James Carrington were all seen in **PIPELINE**, while Joseph Brown Jr. appeared in **KILL MOVE PARADISE**. In addition to Bruce, the production team will include Set Designer Brian Sidney Bembridge, Costume Designer Jazmin Aurora Medina (**THERE IS A HAPPINESS THAT MORNING IS**), Lighting Designer Noele Stollmack (**GOD'S SPIES**, **PIPELINE**, **9 CIRCLES**), Sound Designer Josh Schmidt (**GOD'S SPIES**, **KILL MOVE PARADISE**), Associate Sound Designer Martilia Marechal (**THE TIN WOMAN**), Properties Designer Em Allen, Fight Director Nicole Magnusso (**THERE IS A HAPPINESS THAT MORNING IS**, **THE LAST WHITE MAN**), Assistant Fight Director Tawnie Thompson and resident Production Stage Manager Jessica Connelly.

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE - 40101 Case No. 23FA002807
In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: LEON GODFREY CARTER and MAEVERNER CARTER

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 45 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 LEON CARTER N6500 Haipek Road P.O. BOX 232 Black River Falls WI 54615

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

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 45 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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

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

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

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

767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:
(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:
1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.
(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

Date: 7/26/2023
BY: LEON GODFREY CARTER
494/9-13-20-27-2023
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV005533
In the matter of the name change of: THERESA MARIE OLSON
By (Petitioner) THERESA MARIE OLSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: THERESA MARIE OLSON to: THERESA MARIE VELEZ
Birth Certificate: THERESA MARIE OLSON

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE OCTOBER 10, 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 Wisconsin.
Dated: 8/21/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
495/9-13-20-27-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV006852

In the matter of the name change of: MADELINE SIMONE LOVELL
By (Petitioner) MADELINE SIMONE LOVELL

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: MADELINE SIMONE LOVELL to: ASHANI AMARYLLIS LOVE
Birth Certificate: MADELINE SIMONE LOVELL

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 OCTOBER 20, 2023, TIME 4:00 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: 9/11/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
496/9-13-20-27-2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY AFFIDAVIT OF NON-SERVICE Case No. 23FA004444
Plaintiff: ROBIN DAVIS vs Defendant: FRANK MITCHELL

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SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV006766

In the matter of the name change of: VALERIE LYNN HARRIS
By (Petitioner) VALERIE LYNN HARRIS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: VALERIE LYNN HARRIS TO: VALERIE LYNN CARTER
Birth Certificate: VALERIE LYNN CARTER

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. DAVID BOROWSKI PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 12, 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 Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-8-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. DAVID BOROWSKI
Circuit Court Judge
502/9-20-27/10-4-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV006651

In the matter of the name change of: ANTHONY ONEIL CRAIGE-FOSTER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ANTHONY ONEIL CRAIGE-FOSTER to: ANTHONY ONEIL CRAIGE
Birth Certificate: ANTHONY ONEIL CRAIGE-FOSTER

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. LINDSEY GRADY ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE NOVEMBER 9, 2023, TIME 3:00 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-5-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. LINDSEY GRADY
Circuit Court Judge
501/9-20-27/10-4-2023
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV007039

In the matter of the name change of: PENNY ANN MATERI FELD
By (Co-Petitioner) PENNY ANN MATERI FELD

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: PENNY ANN MATERI FELD to: PENNY ANN MATERI
Birth Certificate: PENNY ANN MATERI

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 NOVEMBER 15, 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 Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-19-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY
Circuit Court Judge
500/9-20-27/10-4-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV006725

In the matter of the name change of: JENA MARIE HECK

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JENA MARIE HECK TO: JENA HECK STREET
Birth Certificate: JENA MARIE HECK

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

Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. J.D. WATTS BR 15 ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2023, TIME 10:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-7-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT SMALL CLAIMS RETURN OF PROPERTY (REPLEVIN) 31003 Case No. 23SC019146
PLAINTIFF(S) BRIGIDA SOSA 2928 N 24th St Milwaukee WI 53206
vs
DEFENDANT/S: FERNANDO NUNEZ 1748 S 16th St Milwaukee WI 53204

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When to Appear /File an Answer
Date: OCTOBER 2, 2023,

Time: 8:30 A.M.
Place to Appear/File and Answer: Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th Street, Room 400 Milwaukee, WI 53233
Plaintiff's Demand: The plaintiff states the following claim against the defendant(s):
1. Plaintiff demands judgment for: Return of property (replevin) 31003.

Dated: 7-21-2023
Clerk/Attorney Signature: ANNA MARIA HODGES
506/9-20-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV006938

In the matter of the name change of: AUSTIN DOUGLAS HAMMOND
By (Petitioner) AUSTIN DOUGLAS HAMMOND

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: AUSTIN DOUGLAS HAMMOND to: AINO KUURA KUUTAMO
Birth Certificate: AUSTIN DOUGLAS HAMMOND

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS RM 404 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE NOVEMBER 8, 2023, TIME 2:45 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: 9-14-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS
Circuit Court Judge
503/9-20-27/10-4-2023

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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher



Recently at Greenwood Park Gallery and Framing, located at 4233 W Fond du Lac Avenue, the Greater Milwaukee Urban League Guild hosted their 4th Annual Art Show with guild leader and owner of the Gallery Fredrick Robinson, Jr and his staff. This event features Greenwood Park Gallery and Framing, which has been a hidden gem in our community for many years that has supported and championed local artists. The event was free to the public and attendees brought school supplies to support GMUL partner schools. The event featured a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and a raffle for an art piece. Light refreshments were served. The GMUL's social event committee, led by Joseph Willis and Ingrid Rudolph are credited for putting on a great event.—Photos by Yvonne Kemp



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Rocket Community Fund Invests \$300,000 to Protect Homeowners Through MKE United's Anti-Displacement Fund

The Rocket Community Fund and MKE United, an initiative of the Greater Milwaukee Committee, today announced a \$300,000 investment to bolster the Anti-Displacement Fund program.

The program aims to protect homeowners in downtown-adjacent neighborhoods from displacement caused by increasing property taxes.

The Anti-Displacement Fund was established in 2019 as a five-year pilot program through MKE United, a comprehensive planning project that includes representation from the Greater Milwaukee Committee, the City of Milwaukee, the Greater Milwaukee Urban League, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, LISC Milwaukee and the Medical College of Wisconsin. The fund was created in response to urgent community feedback surrounding rising property values due to new housing developments near downtown driving up costs on residents. The program is

aligned with the City of Milwaukee's Anti-Displacement Plan.

Rocket Community Fund's investment, which is the single largest gift to the program to date, will help maintain the strength of these neighborhoods and support legacy homeowners who are committed to their communities.

"We are grateful that the Rocket Community Fund is growing the Anti-Displacement Fund and supporting thoughtful community growth," said Joel Brennan, President of the Greater Milwaukee Committee. "The generous gift moves us one step closer to our goal of offering this program for a total of 15 years. The fund keeps a promise to residents that they can remain in their homes and continue to strengthen and solidify Milwaukee neighborhoods."

The Rocket Community Fund's support for the Anti-Displacement Fund builds on its national commitment to helping Americans access and maintain stable, healthy housing. The Detroit-based organization currently makes philanthropic investments in Detroit, Cleveland, Atlanta and Milwaukee. In 2022, the Rocket Community Fund invested \$460,000 to support a comprehensive parcel survey in collaboration with the Reclaiming Our Neighborhoods Coalition and several grassroots partners to evaluate housing conditions across 15 Milwaukee neighborhoods.

"At the Rocket Community Fund, we believe that safe and stable housing is essential to building strong communities," said Laura Grannemann, Executive Director



"THE ROCKET COMMUNITY FUND'S SUPPORT FOR THE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT FUND BUILDS ON ITS NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO HELPING AMERICANS ACCESS AND MAINTAIN STABLE, HEALTHY HOUSING."

of the Rocket Community Fund.

"As part of our continued commitment to Milwaukee, we are honored to support the Anti-Displacement Fund, which is keeping longtime residents in their homes and enabling them to benefit, rather than be burdened, by the city's continued growth."

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Ilhan Omar intros bill on missing, murdered Black women and girls

“It is time for us to speak up and...take up space to make sure our lives matter in the ways in which others seem to,” Omar told theGrio. By Gerren Keith Gaynor

U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., is on a mission to address the national crisis of missing and murdered Black women and girls.

On Tuesday, the progressive lawmaker introduced new legislation to create the Office for Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls within the U.S. Department of Justice to better respond to the national occurrence of missing persons and homicide cases involving Black women and girls.

The Brittany Clardy Act, named after an 18-year-old Black woman found murdered in the trunk of her car in Omar’s state of Minnesota in 2013, would spearhead efforts to counter the racial disparities in violence.

Those efforts include conducting research and collecting data, developing policy, and providing federal grants to local organizations providing “culturally appropriate services” to victims or impacted families.

“I don’t think of this as just a piece of legislation. I think of it as a beacon of hope for Black women and girls across the nation,” Congresswoman Omar told theGrio.

“We are not only going to address this alarming disparity in violence, but we are affirming our commitment to ensuring that every Black life is valued and protected.”

According to a study published by Research in Action, more than 60,000 Black women and girls are missing in the U.S. Black women are also twice as likely to be victims of homicide.

Omar said she believes the alarming and disproportionate number of missing and murdered Black women and girls is a symptom of an “underlying dismissal of our existence.”

The congresswoman, who immigrated to the U.S. as a refugee from Somalia, said that while there is often “wall-to-wall coverage when a white woman or a white girl goes missing,” there isn’t the same nationwide attention for Black women and girls nor a “recognition of the pains that we experience as human beings.”

She told theGrio, “I think it is time for us to speak up and...take up space to make sure our lives matter in the ways in which others seem to.”

The Brittany Clardy Act is fashioned after a similar law passed earlier this year in Minnesota that established the nation’s first Office of Missing and Murdered African American Women and Girls. The state also established a task force working to understand why Black women and girls go missing, and helping families, much like a similar task force created for missing and murdered indigenous women.

Illinois and Wisconsin have followed the lead of Minnesota in implementing their own task forces to address disparities around violence against Black women and girls.

Congresswoman Omar said that while Black women make up only 7% of the population in Minnesota, they make up 40% of domestic violence victims. She believes the disparities for Black women and girls on the national level should also be a priority.

“We’re trying to do that on a federal level because we think every state should have the ability to be able to do this,” she said.

For Omar, the issue is personal. “I’m a mother of two beautiful Black girls. I’m also a daughter,” she told theGrio.

“I think when you think about what representative democracy means, we want people who are out there fighting for that representation and trying to make sure that they are addressing the things that are not addressed.”

The three-term congresswoman also raised concerns about the role of law enforcement in cases of missing or murdered Black women and girls. In the case of Clardy, police initially dismissed the concerns of her family. Her body was found two weeks later.

“There is a clear bias,” said Omar. “There’s so many other families that experienced it. We also know just anecdotally, oftentimes when you have serial killers who kill Black women, they tend to get away with it a lot longer.”

The lawmaker said she hopes that establishing the office within the DOJ and the subsequent data collection that will potentially come from its work will lead to “further training” for law enforcement agencies on how to better respond to cases.

As a mother, Omar understands

the dangers and fear for Black women and young girls, whom she urged to “utilize every precaution.” That includes her own home, where her 11-year-old daughter expressed wanting pepper spray to be able to protect herself.

“We want young girls thinking about the dangers that are out there, and we want families talking to young girls and women, particularly Black girls, about [those] dangers,” said Omar. “And to make sure that families...have the ability to advocate vigorously for themselves as well.”

—Gerren Keith Gaynor is a White House Correspondent and the Managing Editor of Politics at theGrio. He is based in Washington, D.C.

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—Rep. Omar

Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., conducts a news conference with Reps. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., and Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., on being removed from committees assignments, in the Capitol Visitor Center on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023. (Photo by Tom Williams/CQ-Roll Call, Inc via Getty Images and thegrio.com)



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In its first year after launch in 2020, the Anti-Displacement fund disbursed \$38,856 in tax assistance payments, a number that grew to \$91,941 in 2021. Of the 321 eligible homeowners up to the present day, none have been forced to sell their homes due to property tax burdens.

Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson, who is committed to empowering neighborhoods and investing in housing, expressed his support of this fund and the city’s commitment to helping residents.

“We applaud the Rocket Community Fund donation and the philanthropic community for stepping up and filling a gap where local government is expressly prohibited from intervening,” said Mayor Johnson. “Over the past four years, many homeowners have been helped by this fund, and I encourage other cities in Wisconsin and beyond to explore a similar approach.”

Denise Ward, a 62-year-old retired and disabled resident of the Bronzeville neighborhood, is one of the beneficiaries of the Anti-Displacement Fund. She’s been part of the program since its inception four years ago and has called Milwaukee her home for 23 years. Denise cherishes her community and expressed gratitude for the program’s support in her neighborhood.

“The program has been valuable in alleviating my tax burden and ensuring I can continue living in my beloved home,” she said. “Whether you’re facing financial challenges or navigating homeownership solo, they provide essential assistance. It’s a vital resource for our community.”

The Anti-Displacement Fund is available to eligible homeowners in five Milwaukee neighborhoods: Halyard Park, Brewers Hill, Harambee, Walker’s Point, and Clock Tower Acres. Other eligibility requirements include:

- Owning a home since at least Jan. 1, 2015 (or inheriting it from a family member)
- Being current on real estate tax payments
- Meeting income thresholds

The Greater Milwaukee Committee plans to extend the program’s lifespan beyond its initial five-year pilot period. Additional supporters include American Family Insurance, Bader Philanthropies, Dohmen Company Foundation, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Greater Milwaukee Urban League, Kohl Philanthropies, Medical College of Wisconsin and Milwaukee Bucks Foundation.

For further information about the Anti-Displacement Fund, including eligibility requirements and the application process, visit <https://www.mkeu-nited.com/antidisplacementfund> or contact the MKE United Anti-Displacement Fund Program Administrator, Riverworks Development Corporation, at 414-882-7420.



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