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"HEY GRANNY, IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!"

Lurella Shead, affectionally known as "Granny," was given a 80th birthday party fit for a queen! The special event took place at Northcott Neighborhood House. A retired Briggs&Stratton employee, Shead has worked as a volunteer with Head Start, and served on the fundraising committee for Northcott and Juneteenth Day. She has received the 'Volunteer of the Year' award and was one of the organization's top fundraisers. Currently, she is president of the Northcott Neighborhood House Senior Citizen Club. Shead is the proud mother of three beautiful children: Kimberly, Sherron, and Bruce. She's also a grandmother of 12, and a great grandmother of four, as well as a loving foster mother. Shead is an active member of Solomon Temple Evangelist Church, and a mother of the board at the church. She prides herself on her commitment to the Bible and the leadership of Pastor Randy Nichols. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival kicks off 25th year!



Pere Marquette Park, which rests along the banks of the Milwaukee River, was again the place Milwaukeeans kicked-off the holiday season. For the 25th year, the city illuminated Marquette Park with more than a half-million brilliant bulbs to 'make the season bright.' There was live music, dance performances, fireworks, a visit from the Clauses, free treats and more. After the show, there was a free "Jingle Bus" tour of downtown dressed in its holiday finest! —Photos by Yvonne Kemp

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Profiles of Milwaukee's NEW History Makers and Pioneers

GEE'S CLIPPERS:

A "Safe Haven" and Cultural Hub for Men

By Kathy Gaillard



Gaulien Smith, owner of one of Milwaukee's most popular barbershops—Gee's Clippers—has been cutting hair since he was 12 years old.

He started out cutting his own hair and as he got good at it, it became a 'side hustle' for him but he never gave serious thought to becoming a barber.

Growing up with five brothers and a sister, word of

his skills quickly spread.

"I had no real plan. I didn't decide to make it a career until I was about 20 years old. I attended real estate school for a time but wasn't happy with that.

neighbor, who was a barber, and decided to go to school for cosmetology," said Smith.

Apparently his mother was right. After finishing school, Smith eventually opened two barbershops, before moving

fit all 30 barbers and stylists under one roof and it's more economical," said Smith.

These days Gee's Clippers is a hub of activity and not just for styling and cutting hair.

Smith's shop has become a community treasure, stepping in and stepping up to meet the needs of the Black community, and particularly focusing on men's health—physical and mental.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Gee's Clippers became a site for vaccines and other resources.

And, post-pandemic, they've revived many of the programs and services offered to the community, including a popular 'safe space' for men called "Real Men, Real Talk," where every third Monday, as many as 150 men gather between 5-7 p.m. to break bread together and have tough conversations.

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PICTURED ABOVE: Officials from the city, health-based organizations, and community residents at the grand opening of the free Clinic on Men's Health, located inside the barbershop, located on Martin Luther King Drive.

"It wasn't until my mother told me that I should stop running from being a barber because I was so good at it that I decided to pursue it.

"I talked with my next door

to his current location on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive in 2017.

"I liked the aesthetics of the building and the location. The square footage enabled me to

GEE'S CLIPPERS

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Gee cutting the hair of Milwaukee Bucks President Peter Fegin.



Gee with 'Bernie Brewer' the mascot of the Milwaukee Brewers.

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"This is a space where guys can be themselves and talk with other men without feeling self-conscious. They encourage and empower one another," said Smith.

Wisconsin Community Services and the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative (MFI) sponsor 'Real Men, Real Talk,' which begins with a meal prepared and served by women, then the women leave, and concludes with men discussing tough issues and challenges.

The retreats have been so beneficial that plans are underway to go up north with the men on a two-day retreat in 2024.

"Real Men, Real Talk has definitely picked up a lot of traction over the past five years. We are exploring ways to curb a

lot of the violence and negative state of the community.

"There are two institutions that can change the trajectory of our community—barbershops and churches. Barbershops are one of a few places where men can go and be themselves; it's their safe haven.

"It is one of the few places where a man allows another man into his personal space.

"The barber-client relationship is one of the closest relationships a man has, even closer than his doctor.

"Over time those relationships grow. My average client has been coming here for 15 years and I've been cutting the hair of a few men for 25-30 years," said Smith.

In Smith's opinion, COVID-19 has impacted and traumatized youth in ways that most people can't comprehend.

The pandemic made the state of our youth even worse. Pre-pandemic, students were able to talk to teachers, counselors and others, but during the pandemic schools were virtual for two years, many youth were unable to see therapists, and unprepared students were passed on to the next grade level.

"There was no place for youth to go, because the YMCA and Boys & Girls' Clubs

were closed. The effects of this will be felt for years to come.

Throughout the pandemic youth were surrounded by the dysfunction within their households for a year or more, without respite.

"Individuals who know better, need to do better. Individually, we have to do more, and I actually see fragments of the community changing. As long as we understand the power we have as barbershops and everyday men to care enough to address those young men or women, this can be a better place. But we all need to get involved," said Smith.

Gee's Clippers is doing its part. That is why Gaulien Smith and his business are diamonds in our community.

were able to identify where their contributions would have the most impact and give directly to them.

Thanks to a generous gift from a private donor, five students from Journeys Lutheran School participated in the event as grant-makers, enabling them at a young age to understand the impact that philanthropy can make on a community. Five students representing Wisconsin Lutheran College also participated as grant-makers thanks to a gift from the college.

Journeys Lutheran School student Natalie G. said: "This was exciting because we are helping people and also making opportunities for people. These organizations are worthy of this support because they are dedicated to helping and making a difference in people's lives. I learned that there are so many organizations to help people and to change things in so many different ways."

"It was inspiring seeing the generosity of other donors," said donor Lori Lorenz, who participated for the second year. "The Collaborators' Event inspires you to give more, and in fact we gave more than what we had planned to when we arrived. As the event progressed, we thought 'Let's hit the mark.' I'm glad we did."

A bell rang each time a donation for a grantee reached \$12,000 to mark a goal that was set at the start of the event. In just two hours, the event raised \$282,850, including a \$100,000 matching grant from Siebert Lutheran Foundation.

Building, Stronger Healthier Communities

The 13 grantee partners who received funding will use it to build stronger and healthier communities through their collaborative efforts, impactful initiatives and innovative approaches, including Project RETURN. Project RETURN

works to help individuals who have experienced incarceration make a positive, permanent return to community, family and friends. They successfully introduced peer-led Circles of Support, with one of the most active circles serving at Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee's 53206 ZIP code, which has the highest percentage of incarcerated Black men in the country.

Other organizations who received funding were:

- ATK Ministry
- The Center for Urban Teaching
- Christian Family Solutions
- Cross Lutheran Church
- Ebenezer Stone Ministries
- Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin
- Institutional Ministries
- The International Lutheran Church of Zion
- JobsWork MKE
- Kingdom Prep
- Lutheran High School
- St. Marcus Lutheran School
- Serenity Inns

Siebert Foundation President Charlotte John-Gómez said, "The Collaborators' Event is a true testament to our mission in action and the shared belief that our community is better when we work collaboratively to invest in our neighbors so they are able to fulfill their full potential."

"It's remarkable how one day can have such a big impact, and I'm proud to be part of this organization," said Dr. Joan Prince, board chair of Siebert Lutheran Foundation. "We are recognizing organizations that are genuine change-makers and fostering a new, collaborative approach to giving that is a model for the future of philanthropy."



Black community's views on public safety (and what safety isn't) highlighted in new report

Joint report took one year with extensive collaboration by the Black Public Defender Association, BlackRoots Alliance, Cook County Public Defender, and Northwestern University

CHICAGO—Blackness exacerbates feelings of unsafety, according to a new report released by the Black Public Defender Association, BlackRoots Alliance, Cook County Public Defender, and Northwestern University. "Reimagining Public Safety: Community Listening Sessions with Black Communities and Public Defenders" is the result of a one-year project that asked over 100

Black Chicagoans to define what public safety means to them. The information was gathered through listening sessions, interviews, conversations, and role-playing.

"If we truly seek to build safer communities, the conversation about public safety must be informed by the voices of those most impacted and the resilient Black defenders who work tirelessly to champion the well-being of their communities every single day," said BPDA Executive Director Alaina Bloodworth.

"Black Defenders' experiences, insights, and solutions are not just valuable; they are critical to the path forward."

The project officially began in July 2022 with the goal to uplift the voices that are impacted and that actually have the experience with the community.

Typically, questions of public safety are centered around issues of policing and incarceration.

This report sought to hear directly from the community about what they need to feel safe and thrive.

While there are many expert voices on criminal legal system reform, this report centers the voices of defenders and directly-impacted community members.

A secondary goal of the project was to strengthen relationships between Black public defenders and Black Chicagoans. About 40 percent of those interviewed had personal experience with a public defender.

While many conveyed a negative opinion about public defenders' work and role in the criminal legal system, those with personal experience with an assigned public defender reported having some positive experience.

The most present fear across interviews was gun violence, with more than two-thirds of community members highlighting personal experience.

The findings of this project aim to help policymakers, funders, ac-

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Siebert Lutheran Foundation Implements New Approach to Philanthropy in Wisconsin

Thirty-one donors committed more than \$182,000 in funding to 13 grantee partners at Siebert Lutheran Foundation's fourth annual Collaborators' Event on Nov. 9 at the Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin Milwaukee food distribution warehouse.

Part of the Siebert Serves initiative, the Collaborators' Event is an innovative gathering designed to build a community of donors that can jointly increase their philanthropic impact by bringing greater resources to Lutheran churches, schools and nonprofit organizations.

At the event, donors — including individuals, families and foundations — had the opportunity to listen to grantee partners pitch their organizations via video interviews, making a case for why they should receive funding. Donors then

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What would you like the power to do?®



Thanksgiving. Turkey Day, Indige- nous American Day, Pumpkin Day, National Day of Mourning, 'Takes- giving.'

Depending on which cultural prisms you peer through, last Thursday's federal holiday is viewed as either a day of commemoration, the country's first example of multiculturalism---the essence of Christianity 'agape love' and harmony---or the genesis of new-world White Supremacy.

While only a minority of Americans hold on to the false narrative of Thanksgiving symbolizing friendship and fellowship, the overwhelming majority use the holiday for familial reunions, travel, or to tighten their shoelaces as they prepare to race out into the cold for 'Negro' Friday sales.

For Native Americans, Thanksgiving is a reminder of the penultimate betrayal, the beginning of their 'American holocaust.'

It is the preamble to the great American lie conceived in the bowels of Manifest Destiny.

It also represents a betrayal of the Christian tenets the Pilgrims supposedly left England to practice.

Thanksgiving is based on scripted mythology, sold to public school students for 403 years, epitomizing the merging of two cultures and the genesis of American freedom and democracy (for white men ONLY!).

In truth, American Thanksgiving was the genesis of 'American apartheid'---both for this country's original inhabitants and the Africans who shared their pain.

Contrary to the 'His-story' I was taught in government schools, the local Native Americans (the Wampanoag tribe) were not invited to celebrate the first harvest but instead con-

verged on the Pilgrim settlement when they heard gunshots.

Because they were carrying deer and other game (no turkey), they decided to join the settlement families for dinner (which they actually provided).

Local Native (Americans?) did indeed help the naïve Pilgrims survive their early occupation, teaching them how to plant corn and generic survival skills. However, the Wampanoag's primary interest was securing an alliance to ward off attacks from a neighboring tribe.

That temporary alliance quickly melted as the English expanded their turf. When the 'real Americans' objected, they massacred them in various confrontations, including what was referred to as the King Philip War.

The few Wampanoags who survived the Pilgrim's bullets were enslaved or succumbed to the diseases the Europeans brought with them from the 'old world.'

By the way, two Pilgrim-chartered ships initially sailed across the Atlantic. The first sank during a torrid storm, many of its passengers joining the ocean floor gravesites of Africans stolen from their homes to supplement the failed use of Native Americans for the Pilgrim slave system.

His-story suggests the first African slaves left Africa at about the same time the Pilgrims were traveling the ocean blue.

The truth is the Spanish brought African slaves to the southeastern coast in 1526. Those Native residents, however, knew the White men spoke with forked tongues and sent them back into the sea. However, they allowed the African slaves the Spanish brought with them sanctuary. It's too bad they didn't have cell phones to warn their northern brothers what to expect.

The decade before the arrival of the Pilgrims, European exploitation, and slavery, it was disease that caused the death of upwards of four million Native Americans in what was called

Reviewing the Thanksgiving holiday! Multicultural expression of 'agape love,' or the birth of 'white supremacy'?



the 'Great Death.'

Not by coincidence, the so-called righteous Christians justified their slaughter by asserting God had ordained their actions, 'cleansing' the land of the savage, uncivilized, and ungodly 'injuns'.

Within a few years of their arrival in Plymouth, the Pilgrims had facilitated 'God's' work, killing off three-quarters of their Wampanoag 'benefactors.'

To cement their 'conquest,' the followers of Yeshua ended resistance by killing the Wampanoag leader, Metacomet. And under the sign of the cross, they beheaded and disemboweled him as an example (makes you wonder who the real 'savages' were).

And to leave no doubt as to their 'true culture,' they impaled his head on a pole, where it remained for 25 years!

Fortunately, today, only a tiny minority of Americans celebrate the racist myth of Thanksgiving, which didn't become a national holiday for another two centuries.

Initially a 'harvest fest,' the first 'commemoration' was 'designated' in 1621, after the Pilgrims massacred more than 400 Pequot men, women, and children.

As you eat your turkey, consider the words of Governor Bradford, who decreed, "For the next 100 years, every Thanks-

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Frank James
by statue of
Massasoit, in
Plymouth,
MA on
the National
Day of
Mourning
in the
1970s.
(Photo courtesy
James himself for
an article based on
his appearance on
a Boston public
radio show.)**

giving Day ordained by a governor is in honor of the blood victory, thanking God that the battle had been won."

Armed with historical truth, most Americans use the day to celebrate family, or to give thanks to our God.

Thanksgiving is a secondary version of Kwanzaa, rooted in an African harvest festival.

Sustaining a tradition passed down by my ancestral queens, my wife spends three or four days preparing food, converting the house to a festival fall/winter sanctuary, and looking over her shoulder to make sure I'm doing my part---which can range from household chores to cleaning my guns in the event the Pilgrims and their



cousins---the slave traders---show up with plates in hand.

All guests (family) form a circle and express what they are thankful for, leading up to my bonus mother providing a prayer for our blessings.

With that ceremony, we not only display an appreciation for each other and Nyame (God), but also carry on a tradition rooted in the Motherland (that's Africa to the miseducated who should consider taking a 'Critical Race Theory'---CRT---class).

Obviously, in our case, we dropped the mythological and deceitful lie of the original Thanksgiving eons ago, along

with Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and liberal 'White Knights' who gonna civilize us.

In fact, we forged a special kinship with the Native Americans who shared our suffering---our interrelated holocaust.

Also excluded from 'His-story' is that our indigenous cousins shared our fate of servitude and lynchings, both because of the color of our respective skins. Turn to page 213 of MY history book, and you'll discover President Abe Lincoln 'emancipated' (lynched) 38 Native Americans for resisting colonization in 1862.

Given the conflicting facades around the 'holiday' and its misrepresentations of the 'Good, Bad and Ugly,' we should consider renaming the fourth Thursday to something we can more readily relate to.

How about the 'Day of Recognition'? Naw, that opens the door for different interpretations.

What about 'Turkey Day'? Nope, not only would that title give weight to the mythology around the 'holiday,' but moreover, with the price of food these days, many of us are forced to substitute wings or use mock chicken legs (processed and bread chicken) for drumsticks.

'Day of Awakening'? Hmm... Seems appropriate, albeit open to interpretation, since, for many, Thanksgiving was a nightmare.

Likewise, 'Pumpkin Day' is inappropriate because Black folks prefer sweet potato pie and dressing instead of stuffing (make that 'suffering').

Now that I think about it, maybe we should focus on creating a new 'holy day,' one that brings clarity to the African/Original 'American holocaust.'

If nothing else, we should be thankful that today, the ancestors of the turkey who escaped in 1621 were sacrificed last Thursday-- instead of us.

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Black community's views on public safety highlighted in new report

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activists and community groups build sustainable public safety reforms built on principles of sustainable reforms and responsiveness to Black community needs---in Chicago and across Black communities around the nation.

"Conversations around community safety often center on police interactions and prosecution.

"While addressing policing and prosecution is critical, it is also important to engage with community members in a different energy -- we want to focus on what we do want instead of only focusing on what we don't want," said BlackRoots Alliance Executive Director Katelyn Johnson.

"By focusing on what safety is instead of only what it isn't, we create space for new possibilities to emerge that allow for investments in the things that keep us feeling safe, like our families, homes, and general well-being.

"As the report notes, 'our Black future selves are always in community' and doing the work of the community, building relationships based on trust, will help build the bridges from harm to healing."

"Reimagining Public Safety: Community Listening Sessions with Black Communities and Public Defenders" is also supported by the

Joyce Foundation, a Chicago-based, nonpartisan, private foundation that invests in public policies and strategies to advance racial equity and economic mobility for the next generation in the Great Lakes region.

"This report is important because it uplifts and centers the voices of those most impacted by violence by asking what they need to feel

in the areas of safe and affordable housing, food security, healthcare, education and the labor market; and reforming the current policing that the Black community receives with less aggression, better trained officers and a more fair system.

Public defenders must understand and get to know the people in the communities they serve by actively engaging with the community through events and service.

"This report has been a groundbreaking collaboration between the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender, Northwestern University and the Black Roots Alliance.

"As civil servants, we often do things in the name of safety without consulting with those who are directly impacted," said Emmanuel Andre, Deputy of Policy and Strategic Litigation at the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender.

"The Community has spoken this report provides a blueprint to public safety and healing in Chicago's black community.

"It is incumbent upon us to ensure the changes are made in line with the report so we can have genuine and lasting impact."

For more information or to talk to an expert about this report, please contact Rabiah Alicia Burks at r.burks@nlada.org.

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safe in their communities," said Joyce Foundation Program Officer Quintin Williams.

"It also outlines how public defenders can better serve their clients and communities."

Responses and solutions to unsafety were collected in the areas of community engagement, social investment, and police engagement, including:

promoting more positive interactions and create more space for unity amongst neighbors; investing in the well-being of residents

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WHY ONE THIRD OF US DO NOT VOTE!

National and local elections in 2024 are most important for people of color, women and young people. Republicans are targeting these groups with voter suppression tactics. Even without these tactics large segments of each of these populations do not vote.

The Knight Foundation released an unprecedented national survey of 12,000 non-voters done in July and August 2019.

It defines “non-voters” as those who have voted only once in the past 12 years. The survey found that non-voters are less educated, poorer, more likely to be minorities, single and women.

Amazingly and tragically, these groups are the largest bloc of the electorate who chronically do not vote.

SUGGESTED WORK SHEET TO APPROACH NON-VOTERS

Compared with voters, they have less faith in the electoral system, don't feel they have enough information, and are less likely to think increased participation in elections is good for the country. They are more likely to think “the system is rigged.”

1. All politics are local. Discuss how the national and local candidates affect the lives in their neighborhood. If non-voters all turned out in 2020, they would have added 33% to Democratic and 30% to Republican candidates. 18 percent said they would vote for a third party.
2. If we vote, we can control what happens in our neighborhood by choosing the person that is most attentive to us and our needs. We can also make the person we elect aware that we can kick their asses out if they don't do their jobs. Fifty-one percent have a negative opinion of Trump, versus 40 percent positive.



- According to the survey non-voters:
1. have less faith in the electoral system
 2. consume less news and therefore don't feel they have enough information
 3. are less likely to think increased participation in elections is good for the country
 4. are more likely to think “the system is rigged”
 5. have a 51% negative opinion of Trump versus 40 percent positive
 6. skew center-left on issues like health care
- Americans aged 18 to 24 are less interested in politics and less informed. 38 percent say
- 3. We don't want the racist, incompetent criminal back, do we?*
- Non-voters skew center-left on issues like health care.*
- 4. Our target of non-voters is the most vulnerable to poor health care. They need to vote to improve health-care.*
- They consume less news, and therefore are more likely to say they don't feel informed enough to decide who to vote for.*
- 5. Inform the local community, your neighborhood, who is running, what's on the ballot, and how the election affects their neighborhood.*
- Americans aged 18 to 24 are less interested in politics and less informed. 38 percent say they don't have enough information to decide who to vote for and feel disconnected from our political process.*
- 6. This age group has the most to lose by not voting.*
- a. Climate change – it's their future at stake
 - b. Health care – it's their future at stake
 - c. War – it's their lives at stake
 - d. Child care – their future
 - e. Voting rights – Republicans have targeted this group to make it harder for them to vote.
 - f. Crime – in their neighborhood
 - g. College costs and availability – Biden tried to forgive student loans
 - h. Jobs not requiring college degrees – Biden got laws passed for infrastructure that creates jobs not requiring college degrees

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If non-voters all turned out in 2020, they would have added 33% to Democratic and 30% to Republican candidates. 18 percent said they would vote for a third party. So, the side that's more effective at getting out the vote – and turning out new voters – is likely to have the advantage in November. These are voters waiting to be activated.

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At left is a suggested worksheet volunteers can use to approach groups, organizations, individuals, church congregations, etc., to discuss the need to vote...

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'Chaotic Working' is Wisconsin Employees' Defining 2023 Work Trend, Finds Survey

From 'Rage Applying' to 'Hot Labor Summer': survey reveals 2023's defining work trends.

As 2023 draws to a close, employees nationwide have navigated a tumultuous landscape. The 'Hot Labor Summer' has been a reality for many, while some have reluctantly transitioned back to the office, facing new challenges that remote work didn't present, including 'Loud Laborers'—those more focused on discussing work than doing it.

This year has introduced a lexicon of terms defining unique work trends, such as 'Rage Applying', 'Chaotic Working', and 'Bare Minimum Mondays'. USDictionary.com ran a survey of 1,000 employees to determine which of these emergent phrases best encapsulates 2023 for the Wisconsin workforce.

#1 Chaotic Working:

"Chaotic Working" emerged as the most apt phrase for 2023 among Wisconsin employees – it is like a never-ending game of corporate whack-a-mole; as soon as you complete one task, three more pop up. Meetings spill into your lunch, 'urgent' tasks develop overnight, and the printer jams only when you're already late for a presentation. You dream of inbox zero, but the reality is more akin to playing Tetris with your schedule — and the blocks are falling way too fast. While not a new term per se, this phrase has evolved in 2023, whereby a negative or chaotic work environment leads to employees using their position to help customers or clients at the employer's expense. It may entail breaking rules but is done without fear of repercussions.

#2 Shift Shock:

In second place came "Shift Shock". One day you're buzzing with the thrill of a new badge and an untouched notepad, and the next, you're realizing that 'other duties as assigned' actually means you're the unofficial office barista. Shaun Connell of USDictionary.com describes it as “the dream job that seemed like a perfect match in the interview, but now feels like a blind date gone wrong, where the job's charming profile picture doesn't quite match its in-person reality”.

#3 Bare Minimum Mondays:

Rounding up the top 3 in the Badger State was the phrase "Bare Minimum Mondays" – it's one of the newest trends sweeping the

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MOST PARENTS RANK LIBRARIANS AS TRUSTWORTHY IN NEW PARENTAL PERCEPTIONS OF LIBRARIANS SURVEY

Second in a Three-Part Parents' Perception Series from the EveryLibrary Institute and Book Riot

The "Public Libraries and Book Bans - Parent Perception Survey" gathered insights from 1,527 parents and guardians with children under 18 in two surveys during October and November 2023.

The surveys asked parents and guardians about their perception of librarians' trustworthiness as professionals and curators of a library collection.

The results are detailed in a new report from EveryLibrary Institute and Book Riot.

Top-level findings are: An impressive 92% of parents, grandparents, and guardians trust librarians to curate appropriate books and materials.

90% of parents report being comfortable allowing their child to select their own materials and 96% feel their children are safe within the library.

83% agree that librarians know what books children would love; 77% agree that librarians are friendly and approachable; 77% agree that librarians make the library a place for fun and creativity; and 85% agree that librarians support children's learning.

91% of parents and guard-

ians say that they trust public librarians and 86% find school librarians trustworthy.

Parents are of mixed opinion on whether they think public librarians have a political agenda:

- Yes, and they should = 35%
- No, but they should = 9%
- Yes, and they should not = 12%

“THE SURVEY RESULTS DEMONSTRATE THAT LIBRARIANS IN SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE TRUSTED BY FAMILIES OF VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS AND INCOME LEVELS AND ARE VALUED IN SOCIETY. LIBRARIANS ARE VALUED IN SOCIETY AND ARE CENTRAL TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES.”

No, and they should not = 44%

85% of parents report being satisfied or very satisfied with librarians

The survey results demonstrate that librarians in schools and public libraries are trusted by families of various backgrounds and income levels and are valued in society.

Librarians are valued in society and are central to education and communities.

They foster safe, engaging environments that support learning and creativity, with

their expertise and warmth resonating deeply with parents nationwide.

"This survey shows how out-of-touch politically motivated book banning and censorship groups are," said John Chrastka, EveryLibrary Institute Executive Director. "Contrary to the narratives that so-called parent rights groups

are advancing, parents across America value librarians' roles in our communities and our children's education.

Pro-censorship groups do not represent the vast majority of parents or guardians in their beliefs about librarians, reading, education, and civil society."

"Book Riot is excited to continue collaborating with EveryLibrary Institute on this important project.

“This survey is the next step in our shared goal of championing literacy, supporting li-

braries and librarians, and learning about parental perceptions of the work that librarians do,” said Vanessa Diaz, Book Riot Managing Editor.

“It's a natural extension of Kelly and Danika's tireless efforts in spreading awareness of the state of censorship and books bans in the US, and we hope as ever that this research will both educate and be a catalyst for change."

"We are once again excited to partner with EveryLibrary on assessing and understanding parental perceptions of the public library," said Kelly Jensen from Book Riot.

"This series of surveys further our knowledge on what libraries are doing right and allows us to see where and how we can advocate for better understanding the roles libraries play in the lives of the average person.

“We continue to be thrilled to see the vast majority of parents think that the public library is a safe place for their children."



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SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV007365
In the matter of the name change of:
LIAM DANIEL TOLLIVER
By (Petitioner) SAMONE ELYCE DAVIS
By (Co-Petitioner) LARRY DANIEL TOLLIVER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: LIAM DANIEL TOLLIVER TO: LIAM DAVIS
Birth Certificate: LIAM DAVIS

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: NOVEMBER 7, 2023, TIME 10:15 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-29-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. PEDRO A COLON
Circuit Court Judge
612/11-15-22-29-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008329
In the matter of the name change of:
KARI KATHLEEN KLITZKA
By (Petitioner) KARI KATHLEEN KLITZKA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: KARI KATHLEEN KLITZKA TO: KARI KATHLEEN SKRAMSTAD
Birth Certificate: KARI KATHLEEN KERNOHAN-SKRAMSTAD

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: DECEMBER 11, 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: 11-2-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. DAVID BOROWSKI
Circuit Court Judge
616/11-15-22-29-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008328
In the matter of the name change of: JEREMIAH ALLAN KLITZKA
By (Petitioner) KARI KATHLEEN KLITZKA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JEREMIAH ALLAN KLITZKA TO: JEREMIAH ALLAN SKRAMSTAD
Birth Certificate: JEREMIAH ALLAN KLITZKA

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: DECEMBER 11, 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: 11-2-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. DAVID BOROWSKI
Circuit Court Judge
617/11-15-22-29-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV8174
In the matter of the name change of:
ASHLY CHRISTINE KRACZEK

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ASHLY CHRISTINE KRACZEK to: ASHLY CHRISTINE POLZIN
Birth Certificate: ASHLY CHRISTINE KRACZEK

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 DECEMBER 4, 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: 10-27-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS
Circuit Court Judge
618/11-15-22-29-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008487
In the matter of the name change of:
TAMERA ASHLEY WEBB
By (Petitioner) TAMERA ASHLEY WEBB

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: TAMERA ASHLEY WEBB to: PHOENIX LOVE MERAKI
Birth Certificate: TAMERA ASHLEY WEBB

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DECEMBER 20, 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: 11-8-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON
Circuit Court Judge

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008526
In the matter of the name change of:
SEMAJ LAMONTE MARTIN
By (Petitioner) ALEXANDRIA DANIELLE JACKSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: SEMAJ LAMONTE MARTIN to: SEMAJ LAMONTE HUGHES
Birth Certificate: SEMAJ LAMONTE MARTIN

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JANUARY 17, 2024, TIME 11:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 11-8-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON
Circuit Court Judge
614/11-15-22-29-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008415
In the matter of the name change of: GAMALIEL DULLEN WILLIAMS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: GAMALIEL DULLEN WILLIAMS TO: GAMALIEL JACOB ISRAEL
Birth Certificate: GAMALIEL DULLEN WILLIAMS

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: DECEMBER 20, 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 Wisconsin.
Dated: 11-6-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. PEDRO A COLON

Circuit Court Judge
619/11-15-22-29-2023
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV007572
In the matter of the name change of: KAWANNA SHANTE STARKS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: KAWANNA SHANTE STARKS to: KEYANNA SHANTE STARKS
Birth Certificate: KAWANNA SHANTE STARKS

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 JANUARY 3, 2024, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 11/9/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
615/11-15-22-29-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV8657
In the matter of the name change of:
CRISJEN SYRE SHAFFER
By (Petitioner) SABLE NATASHA SHAFFER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: CRISJEN SYRE SHAFFER to: CRISJEN SYRE REMBERT
Birth Certificate: CRISJEN SYRE SHAFFER

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DECEMBER 20, 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 Wisconsin.
Dated: 11-15-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON
Circuit Court Judge
620/11-15-22-29-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV007781
In the matter of the name change of:
KARI ANN SOKOLOSKY
By (Petitioner) KARI ANN SOKOLOSKY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: KARI ANN SOKOLOSKY to: KARI ANN GLYNN
Birth Certificate: KARI ANN SOKOLOSKY

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DECEMBER 15, 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: 10-17-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
627/11-22-29/12-6-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008361
In the matter of the name change of: MALAYIAH A'MOR TRAWICK
By (Petitioner) OCTAVIA SAMONE CLAYBORN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: MALAYIAH A'MOR TRAWICK

to: MALAYIAH A'MOR CLAYBORN
Birth Certificate: MALAYIAH A'MOR TRAWICK

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DECEMBER 14, 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: 11-3-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON
Circuit Court Judge
626/11-22-29/12-6-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008566
In the matter of the name change of:
AGUSTIN CUEVAS
By (Petitioner) AGUSTIN CUEVAS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: AGUSTIN CUEVAS to: AGUSTIN LEI HWANG SHI-WOO KKAMAGVVI
Birth Certificate: AGUSTIN CUEVAS

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 24, 2024, TIME 10:15 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 11-10-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON
Circuit Court Judge
671/11-29/12-6-13-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008829
In the matter of the name change of:
SOFIA MARLIES HELM
By (Petitioner) SOFIA MARLIES HELM

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: SOFIA MARLIES HELM TO: SOFIA MARLIES-HELM OLSZEWSKI
Birth Certificate: SOFIA MARLIES HELM

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: JANUARY 8, 2024, 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: 11-22-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. DAVID BOROWSKI
Circuit Court Judge
672/11-29/12-6-13-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008683
In the matter of the name change of: PATRICIA MARIE BAILEY
By (Petitioner) PATRICIA MARIE BAILEY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: PATRICIA MARIE BAILEY to: PATRICIA MARIE HMRELEWSKI
Birth Certificate: PATRICIA MARIE BAILEY

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JANUARY 5, 2024, TIME 11:30 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 Mil-

waukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 11-16-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
674/11-29/12-6-13-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN
DIVORCE 40101
Case No. 23FA006056
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
Petitioner: GIZELLA V JOHNSON 4472 N 72nd St Milwaukee WI 53218 and
ENOS G NELSON 4472 N 72nd St Milwaukee WI 53218

The State of Wisconsin, To the person named above as respondent.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petitioner which is attached states the nature and basis of the legal action.

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

The response must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse 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 judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Date: 10-10-2023
BY: GIZELLA V JOHNSON
Milwaukee WI 53206
675/11-29/12-6-13-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN
DIVORCE 40101
Case No. 23FA005626
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
Petitioner: SHEENA WISE 5019 N Santa Monica Blvd Whitefish WI 53217 and
JAVON WISE 7926A N 64th Ct Milwaukee WI 53223

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
Petitioner: SHEENA WISE 5019 N Santa Monica Blvd Whitefish WI 53217 and
JAVON WISE 7926A N 64th Ct Milwaukee WI 53223

The State of Wisconsin, To the person named above as respondent:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petitioner which is attached states the nature and basis of the legal action.

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

The response must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th St Rm 104 Milwaukee WI 53233. County Child Support Agency: Milwaukee County Child Support Agency 901 N 9th St Room 101, 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 judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Date: 9-19-2023
BY: SHEENA WISE
Milwaukee WI 53206
673/11-29/12-6-13-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV7079
In the matter of the name change of: REBECCA LYNN CHROMAN
By (Petitioner) REBECCA LYNN CHROMAN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: REBECCA LYNN CHROMAN to: RAYNARD LEO STORM
Birth Certificate: REBECCA LYNN

CHROMAN
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 JANUARY 3, 2024, TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 11/9/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
677/11-29/12-6-13-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008322
In the matter of the name change of:
Najwa Imani Va'Shay Mitchell
By (Petitioner) Najwa Imani Va'Shay Mitchell

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: Najwa Imani Va'Shay Mitchell TO: Naazih Mitchell
Birth Certificate: Najwa Imani Va'Shay Mitchell

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: JANUARY 16, 2024, TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 11-2-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
578/11-29/12-6-13-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 23CV008832
In the matter of the name change of:
YVETTE DOTSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: YVETTE DOTSON to: YVETTE DONELL CALLOWAY
Birth Certificate: YVETTE DONELL ROSS

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN ROOM 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DECEMBER 18, 2023, TIME 9:30 A.M.

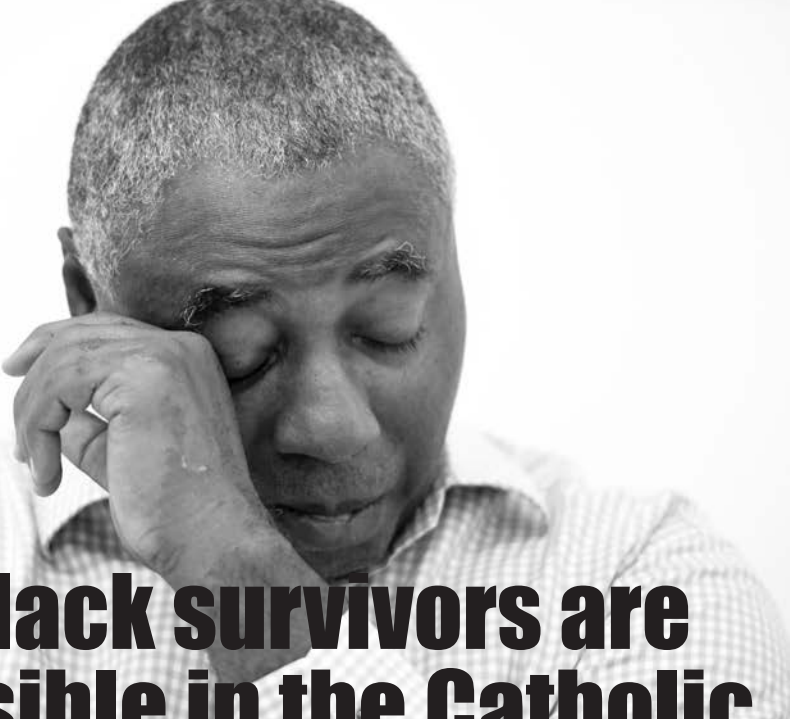
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 11-22-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
579/11-29/12-6-13-2023

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Charles Richardson, of Baltimore, wipes his eye while discussing his alleged abuse decades ago by a Catholic priest, in Baltimore on Wednesday, Sept. 20. (AP Photo/Steve Ruark)



In the US, Black survivors are nearly invisible in the Catholic clergy sexual abuse crisis

Cases are underreported, experts say.

BALTIMORE (AP) — As Charles Richardson gradually lost his eyesight to complications from diabetes, certain childhood memories haunted him even more.

The Catholic priest appeared vividly in his mind’s eye — the one who promised him a spot on a travel basketball team, took him out for burgers and helped him with homework. The one, Richardson alleges, who sexually assaulted him for more than a year.

“I’ve been seeing him a lot lately,” Richardson said.

As a Black middle schooler from Baltimore, Richardson started spending time with the Rev. Henry Zerhusen, a charismatic white cleric. It was the 1970s and Zerhusen’s parish was a fixture in a neighborhood experiencing white flight and rapidly becoming majority-Black. Zerhusen welcomed his church’s racial integration and implemented programs for struggling families, including Richardson’s.

Black survivors like Richardson

have been nearly invisible in the Catholic Church sexual abuse crisis — even in Baltimore, home to a historic Black Catholic community in the nation’s oldest archdiocese. Cases of clergy abuse among African Americans are underreported, experts say, and the U.S. Catholic Church generally does not publicly track the race or ethnicity of victims. Without that data, the full scope of the abuse and its effects is unknown.

“Persons of color have suffered a long legacy of neglect and marginalization in the Catholic Church,” said

'Chaotic Working' is Wisconsin Employees' Defining 2023 Work Trend, Finds Survey

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workplace, a cheeky nod to the all-too-familiar case of the Mondays. Imagine a day where the collective agreement is to do just enough to keep the gears turning, but not a cog more. Emails? They'll get the succinct reply of "Noted." Reports? Bullet points become the new paragraphs. As for meetings? The art of nodding thoughtfully while sipping coffee is perfected, providing just the right amount of participation to be considered "engaged." It's the day when the office buzzes with the low-energy hum of computers and the occasional yawn, as everyone mutually agrees to coast through the day on autopilot.

#4 Career Cushioning:

"Career Cushioning," is essentially the strategic hoarding of skills, contacts, and side gigs, just in case your job becomes vulnerable, or you want to consider other opportunities. Mr Connell says: “On ‘Career Cushioning’ days, LinkedIn profiles are polished, and networking is no longer just schmoozing—it's at another level”. Here, coffee breaks are spent stealthily scrolling through online courses, and lunch hours become clandestine meetings with mentors. “It’s all about layering your career comfort to survive the potential freefall from corporate grace” he adds.

#5 Boomerang Employee:

The "Boomerang Employee," voted in 5th place by Wisconsinites, is a term that conjures up images

of workers zipping back to their old jobs with the grace of a well-thrown Australian tool. These are the prodigal professionals who venture out into the wild job market, only to return to their former employers with new tricks and tales of the 'other side.' It's the workplace reunion tour – and everyone loves a comeback story. Boomerang employees embody the hope that sometimes, you can go home again—especially if there's a raise involved.

#6 Quiet Cutting:

"Quiet cutting" emerged as the 6th most apt phrase for Wisconsin workers this year. Mr Connell explains it as follows: “It’s the corporate version of musical chairs, except when the music stops, you don’t lose your seat—you just get a new one, whether you like it or not.

The result? Your old job is gone, but you have been given a new one”. As the momentum from the Great Resignation starts to wane, employees are finding that their bargaining power isn't what it used to be. About a year ago, job opportunities and rising wages were abundant, but now, those trends are reversing, with fewer openings and slower wage growth.

Summarizing the survey, Shaun Connell says that "After a year of unprecedented trends in the workforce, it's clear that 2023 has been a defining moment for American employees. Each new workplace term uniquely reflects the evolving attitudes and strategies of workers navigating this era”.

the Rev. Bryan Massingale, a Black Catholic priest and Fordham University professor whose research has focused on the issue. “We need to correct the idea that all or most of the victims of this abuse have been white and male.”

Earlier this year, the Maryland Attorney General’s Office released a scathing report on child sex abuse within the Baltimore archdiocese. The report documents more than 600 abuse cases but leaves out any context about race. There are clues, however, in the names of priests and churches listed.

Out of 27 parishes in the archdiocese that have significant Black populations, at least 19 — 70% — previously had priests on staff accused of sexual abuse, according to an Associated Press analysis. For parishes that experienced demographic shifts,

as a perpetual charity case, so to speak,” he said. “And the predators are going to go where the prey is — Black communities relying on the church for support.”

Abuse also came from within Baltimore’s Black community.

When he was ordained in 1974, Maurice Blackwell was a celebrated rarity: a homegrown Black priest. Since then, he has been accused of sexually abusing at least 10 boys under 18, most at majority-Black parishes.

Darrell Carter alleges he was one of Blackwell’s victims. Now 63, he decided to sue under the new state law.

As a teen, Carter visited two of Blackwell’s parishes looking for odd jobs. Instead, he said, Blackwell sexually abused him for four years and paid him \$25 each time. Carter said Blackwell brandished a gun and

declined to retry him.

In 1990, not long before Blackwell was first publicly accused, Gloria Webster’s daughter became suicidal and admitted she had been sexually abused by her white youth pastor, the Rev. Richard Deakin, starting when she was 13.

“It was like I was suing God,” said Webster, who pursued criminal and civil charges against Deakin. “All my friends turned against me.”

Meanwhile, Angelique Webster navigated the case between psychiatric hospitalizations. “I couldn’t hide from it because it was there all the time,” she said.

Deakin pleaded guilty to second-degree rape and child sex abuse, receiving no jailtime with a suspended sentence and probation. He later became a social worker at a Veterans Affairs facility in Pennsylvania. He



Angelique Webster, of Worcester, Mass., left, an independent filmmaker, and her mother Gloria Webster, right, who is retired and lives in Raleigh, N.C., pose, Thursday, Sept. 7, in a garden behind Angelique’s home, in Worcester. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)

these abusers were in residence in the years after Black membership increased and white membership declined.

In 2013, Zerhusen faced accusations from another victim — the grandson of a woman who had worked at St. Ambrose. The archdiocese settled with the victim for \$32,500 and added Zerhusen to their list of credibly accused priests.

Christian Kendzierski, an archdiocese spokesperson, said he was just learning of Richardson’s allegation about Zerhusen, who died in 2003, when contacted by the AP.

The last time Zerhusen abused him, Richardson said, he jumped out a stained-glass window to escape. He still bears scars that he attributes to the fall.

But the emotional scars have never healed. Until recently, he had never told his family about the assaults.

As Black men, “we have a reputation we have to carry with us, a façade,” Richardson said. “Something like this is one of the worst things — to say you have been raped or touched by another man.”

After the attorney general’s report, Maryland lawmakers voted to repeal the statute of limitations for child victims to sue. At age 58, Richardson retained a lawyer and decided to go public.

Ray Kelly, chair of the pastoral council at St. Peter Claver, a Black Baltimore parish, said the archdiocese has failed to address racial disparities. “The Americanized Catholic Church still sees the Black population

threatened to kill him if he told anyone.

Carter said he reported the abuse to the archdiocese several years later, but nothing came of it. The archdiocese said it received a report of Carter’s abuse in 2019 and reported it to law enforcement. Blackwell didn’t respond to recent messages seeking comment.

Of the abuse, Carter said, “There’s not a day that goes by that I don’t think about it.”

In 2002, another of Blackwell’s victims, Dontee Stokes, confronted and shot Blackwell after he refused to apologize. The shooting became a defining event in Baltimore’s mishandling of clergy sex abuse claims, just as the scope of the crisis was breaking open in Boston.

Blackwell survived, and Stokes was later acquitted of attempted murder. He served 18 months of home detention for gun charges.

Stokes had reported the abuse nearly a decade before the shooting, but police never filed charges. Although the archdiocese found his claims credible, its leaders returned Blackwell to ministry. Blackwell was finally removed in 1998 after another victim came forward.

But it was only after the 2002 shooting that Blackwell was formally laicized and criminally charged. Despite being convicted of three counts of child sexual abuse, he was granted a new trial because of the “improper testimony about possible other victims,” according to the attorney general’s report. Prosecutors ultimately

didn’t respond to a message seeking comment.

In 1993, the Websters settled out of court for \$2.7 million, a staggering sum for the archdiocese, where most settlements fall under \$100,000.

Survivors coming forward now will likely receive smaller settlements since the archdiocese declared bankruptcy.

But for his part, Richardson recently found solace in telling his daughter about the abuse: “A great weight has been lifted off my shoulders.”

He’s retired now, but Richardson recalled a moment that stood out during his career as a car salesman — when another clergy abuse victim walked into his dealership. That was sometime after Stokes had shot Blackwell, and Richardson recognized him from media coverage. Before selling him a car, Richardson told Stokes he was proud of him.

But he couldn’t yet say what he really wanted to share: that it happened to him too.

Now, he finally can.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
NAME:
TAHLONDA DOUGLAS
BORN: **February 13 1977**
TIME: **6:03 P.M.**
WEIGHT: **7lbs. 4 oz**
PARENTS
MOTHER:
PHYLLIS DOUGLAS
FATHER:
LAWRENCE CLAYBORN
681/11-29/12-6-13-2023

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NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: NATHANIEL DUPREE MARTINEZ-WHITE TO: AUTUMN MARIE MARTINEZ-WHITE Birth Certificate: NATHANIEL DUPREE MARTINEZ-WHITE	NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: MAJOR TYRONE TAYLOR-PAYNE to: MAJOR DEVONTE WILLIAMS Birth Certificate: MAJOR TYRONE TAYLOR-PAYNE	NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: BROOKLYN TACHAE' TAYLOR-PAYNE to: BROOKLYN LYNELLE WILLIAMS Birth Certificate: BROOKLYN TACHAE' TAYLOR-PAYNE
IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DECEMBER 27, 2023, TIME 10:15 A.M.	IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DECEMBER 14, 2023, TIME 9:30 A.M.	IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE DECEMBER 14, 2023, TIME 9:30 A.M.
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Public Meetings
Election Notices
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Other general legal and public notices

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