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MHSI gives away food for the holidays

Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. (MHSI) recently held its eighth annual holiday dinner giveaway, courtesy of iCare. The event was MHSI's way of helping Black city residents get nutritious groceries for the holiday season. The giveaway was held at the Isaac Coggins Heritage Health Center, 8200 W. Silver Spring Dr. Feeding America reports that nearly 520,000 Wisconsinites don't know where their next meal is coming from. In the state, 1 in 11 people face hunger. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



MAYOR JOHNSON HELPS DELTAS SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER TO THE COMMUNITY!

Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson helped the 'Delta D.E.A.R.S.' of the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. during the sorority's community service project: Christmas gift wrapping, recently. The event took place in the gym of Northcott Neighborhood House. The sorority had responded to a request from Northcott Executive Director Tony Kearney to help assist with the gift wrapping. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is an organization of college educated professional Black women, founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University. It is a public service organization where service is its primary mission. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



Five years ago, Kelvin Douglas answered the call to play Santa for a family, and the rest was history. (Photo courtesy of The Black Santa Houston)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BLACK SANTA

The Black Santa Houston discusses why representation matters, especially during the holiday season!

By Kay Wicker

Back in 2017, a little boy in Texas wanted to have his picture taken with Santa. However, the little boy's mother, Magan Butler-Coleman, wanted the Santa in question to look like her son.

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Douglas agreed — and the whole experience went off without a hitch

for the delighted youngster.

It was such a hit that Butler-Coleman was inspired to do more, and, as Douglas recently told theGrio, "Next thing you know, it became a business."

"We were all surprised by the level of interest," Butler-Coleman noted. "I knew we had something."

Since the Black Santa Houston launched in 2019, Douglas has gone on to re-create that experience for countless Black children throughout the country.

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City study finds disparities in Milwaukee contracts

By Colton Pemble, article courtesy of mediamilwaukee.com

The Milwaukee Common Council recently adopted the findings and recommendations of a recent disparity study, which found a significant underutilization of minority- and women-owned businesses in city contracts.

Over the past six years, 15th district Ald. Russell Stamper II has been advocating for the creation of this study.

In 2017, he sponsored an amendment to the budget, allocating \$500,000 towards the future study. An additional 2018 budget amendment allocated an additional \$500,000 towards it, bringing the total sum up to \$1 million. It passed 12-3 in the Common Council.

In 2021, after receiving numerous bids, the city chose to contract the Atlanta-based Griffin & Strong P.C. firm.

Through analyzing the allocation of \$1,113,764,154 worth of city contracts in relation to relevant estimates of business-ownership from 2015-2019, Griffin & Strong statistically identified several disparities in city contracting practices.

They listed several recommendations to remedy these disparities. Such recommendations include setting internal goals for contracting minority or women-owned businesses, and making some contracts specific to small-businesses. They also proposed stricter monitoring of contract compliance to increase the effectiveness of current bid preference programs.

The 288-page study was first introduced during a Community and Economic Development Committee special meeting on Nov. 27.

"You're not setting goals that need to be met necessarily by your prime contractors, but you're encouraging inclusion, you're encouraging participation,

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knowing what the availability is," David Maher, legal partner of Griffin & Strong, explained to the committee.

After discussing for 2.5 hours, they voted 4-0 for the findings to be considered by the Common Council, with Ald. Stamper, Rainey, Pratt and Taylor voting.

The study "shows the lopsidedness and the disparity in Milwaukee," Alderman Stamper said during Tuesday's Common Council meeting. "We have an opportunity to make it equitable and provide equal opportunity for all in the City of Milwaukee."

Aldermen Question Recommendation

Ald. Scott Spiker introduced an amendment to remove recommendation six from the motion. The recommendation addresses raising the apprenticeship requirement threshold.

Currently, companies must have an apprenticeship program to be considered for city construction contracts exceeding \$100,000. It proposes raising this threshold to \$1,000,000. The study argued this threshold had previously been a barrier for small businesses.

Spiker noted that the motion states: "the city is com-

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Photo courtesy of the U.S. Minority Contractors Association

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN

COMING AND PAST HAPPENINGS IN AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!



DYNAMIC RANGE: PHOTOGRAPHS BY BILL TENNESSEN' January 19 - May 12, 2024

Bill Tennesen was born in 1934 and grew up on North 39th Street in Milwaukee. He is a 1956 graduate of Marquette University's College of Business Administration. Tennesen is a self-taught photographer who began contributing photos to the Milwaukee Community Journal, Wisconsin's largest African American newspaper, in 1981.

He has documented the Ernest Lacy demonstrations, Juneteenth Day celebrations, activities of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee and the Ko-Thi Dance Company.

He captured many of Milwaukee's Central City storefront churches and the appearance in town of numerous important cultural and political personalities of our time. He has photographed the Milwaukee Bucks and Marquette University basketball and many other sports and community events.

Dynamic Range includes 48 photographs by Tennesen that highlight Milwaukee's Black community from the 1980s to the early 2000s.

The exhibition was curated by Lynne Shumow (Haggerty Museum Curator for Academic Engagement) in collaboration with Dr. Robert Smith (Marquette University Harry G. John Professor of History and Director of the Center for Urban Research, Teaching and Outreach—CURTO) and Mia Phifer (Education and Research Coordinator at America's Black Holocaust Museum). Additional assistance was provided by Kate Rose, Caroline Bielski, Sebastien Brown, Sophia Furman, Logan Glembin, Niktalia Jules, and Adamali De La Cruz.

Support for this exhibition is generously provided by the Marquette University Women's Council Endowment Fund.

Pick 'n Save Assists with Walgreens Closure

The Pick 'n Save and Metro Market organization is committed to the residents of Milwaukee. Following the recent announcement from Walgreens, we want share how we can assist those impacted by these closures. I'd be happy to set-up an interview with Birgitta, our Division Health Leader on either Thursday, December 21 or Friday, December 22 so she can take you through the details of the FREE delivery offer below.

Prescription Transfers (including Delivery service):

We want to make sure impacted Milwaukee residents can access their prescriptions. In addition to offering in-store consultations and pickups, eight of our nearby Milwaukee area store locations (listed below, visual map attached) will be offering FREE prescription delivery through Scrip Drop, which will be available for residents within a five-mile radius through June 2024. To transfer your prescription to Pick 'n Save, learn more about prescription eligibility and/ or enroll in delivery, patients should call their nearest pharmacy location. Phone numbers are provided below:

Walgreens North (locations at Fond du Lac & Hampton and Teutonia Avenue & Capitol Drive)

Pick 'n Save Milwaukee – Good Hope (7401 W. Good Hope Road)

Pharmacy Phone: 414-760-3273

Pick 'n Save Milwaukee – 35th & North (2355 N 35th Street)

Pharmacy Phone: 414-447-8117

Pick 'n Save Glendale at 17th and Silver Spring (1735 W. Silver Spring Drive)

Pharmacy Phone: 414-247-8581

Pick 'n Save Milwaukee – Garfield (1100 E. Garfield Ave)

Pharmacy Phone: 414-374-8769

Metro Market Shorewood (4075 N. Oakland Ave)

Pharmacy Phone: 414-962-3744

Walgreens South (locations at Forest Home & Lincoln Avenues)

Pick 'n Save West Milwaukee (2201 Miller Parkway)

Pharmacy Phone: 414-384-2474

Pick 'n Save Milwaukee – Loomis (3701 S. 27th Street)

Pharmacy Phone: 414-281-3622

Pick 'n Save Bayview – Holt (250 W. Holt Ave)

Pharmacy Phone: 414-769-8990

Grocery Delivery:

We also have grocery delivery available throughout Milwaukee, utilizing refrigerated trucks and professional drivers. When residents place their orders online at picknsave.com and choose one of the delivery options with a blue truck icon, they are receiving a Pick 'n Save order fulfilled by Kroger Delivery giving them the same full, fresh and friendly delivery experience right at their doorstep.

Shoppers can also use their SNAP benefits with delivery orders. Online shoppers have full access to in-store pricing, weekly sales and digital coupons.

The delivery fee is \$6.95, or complimentary with a \$59 annual Boost membership which provides a free trial.

Job Opportunities:

We welcome those team members displaced by the closure to begin a career on our team. Pick 'n Save and Metro Market stores are looking for friendly associates who are passionate about people and food, and who want to make a difference for customers, communities, and each other.

Hired candidates can begin their Roundy's career in as little as three days. Available benefits include next day pay, flexible scheduling, premium pay (third shift, Sundays, and holidays), Feed your Future tuition reimbursement up to \$21k, training and development, competitive wages, Health & Wellness benefits, and discounts on Kroger Brands, Android, and iOS technology streaming services and more. Interested applicants can find open positions, applications, registration, and additional details online at picknsave.com/careers.



A celebration of life will be held for Lena Jacquelyn Taylor ('Miss Jackie' pictured above at right), the mother of state Senator Lena C Taylor, Saturday, Dec. 30, at Holy Redeemer Institutional Church Of God In Christ, 3500 W. Mother Daniels Way. Viewing will be at 10 a.m. Funeral at 11 a.m.

Department of Public Works 2023 Christmas Holiday Schedules

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regulations.

- Night parking enforcement resumes on Tuesday night into Wednesday morning (December 27 from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.).
- If a Snow Emergency is declared Snow Emergency regulations take precedence. Visit milwaukee.gov/parking for more information.

Tow Lot:

- Open Friday, December 22 and Saturday, December 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25.

Milwaukee Water Works:

- The Water Works Customer Service Center at 841 N. Broadway will be closed for the holiday on Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25 for in-person and live tele-

phone assistance.

- Automated account information and bill payment will remain available by calling (414) 286-2830.
- Customers can pay their Municipal Services Bill and check account balances online anytime at milwaukee.gov/water.
- For water emergencies, customers are asked to call the 24-hour Control Center at (414) 286-3710.



Mt. Zion Assembly Healing Temple to hold Christmas program Dec. 24

Mt. Zion Assembly Healing Temple will hold a 'Christmas Eve Family and Friends Day Sunday, Dec 24, starting at 12 noon. The youth will present a Christmas drama, followed by a free fellowship brunch. Mt Zion Assembly Healing Temple is located at 4300 N. Green Bay Ave.

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(Editor's note: This week's Signifyin' contains several comments from readers about last week's column in which Mikel Holt discussed Black life in Milwaukee during the 60s and 70s. As most were submitted through social media, the names have been excluded.)...

Brother, your column on the 'good old days' (December 13, 2023) was right on target. But your glasses were smudged, cause you leaned toward positive memories, rarely mentioning the state of apartheid we lived under.

The time we grew up in also included legal segregation, inferior schools and a consensus fear of police--even after the racist city council passed a law that gave us the right to file a complaint. For us, the MKE police was the occupying army.

MKE was Johannesburg, South Africa. The factories needed our labor, so we were tolerated. But when jobs ended, everything went downhill.

The best thing 'bout the sixties was there was more unity, a positive social structure. Segregation was closer to separation. We supported more Black businesses, not just cause we had to. The church was strong too.

It was a unique time to grow up in; we had more common interests, and collective goals. As someone once said---maybe you---and then we falsely believed the civil rights war had been won.

Mikel, I noticed you have gotten more conservative as you aged. That's not an insult, as most people see the world through those lens when they gain wisdom.

You're right to seek a more Africentric/cultural foundation, but that foundation was and is to the right of moderate. Many elements of our West African culture are viewed as being 'conservative.'

Sex is not a monopoly game; and homosexuality is viewed as a major sin. On the flip side, West African culture is grounded in strong families and communalism (not to be confused with the political concept).

Number one is that our brothers and sisters in the (Motherland) stress unity---'I am because we are.' America's culture is based on individualism and materialism.

I don't think there's as many Black power/Africentric advocates out here. That means you're spitting into a strong wind brother....

'Morality' was the single thread that ran through your assessment (last

Reactions to the Signifyin' column remembering the 'good ol' days' of the '60 and '70s!



week) as you rhetorically compared the days of 'ole with the sorry state of Black progress and growth today.

It was so evident (even if not intended) that I'm considering your column as a future sermon on morality.

A friend I unsuccessfully solicited to join my church once said 'God left the Black community 40 years ago.' I responded that 'God hasn't left. Instead, we abandoned God.'

The proof is in the pudding: During the era you referenced, the Black community was strong (or at least stronger) because the church---God---was our foundation. On Sunday mornings, our churches were overflowing with children at Sunday School. Their parents joined them for services.

They lived Christian lives, and followed scriptural foundations starting with nuclear families. Black families dined together, and each meal started with prayers.

Obviously, I'm generalizing, but you cannot deny that 80% of Black families were headed by two parents, man and woman. They were married before God and committed to His tenets.

Today, it is the exact opposite.

What is the difference?

We abandoned those morality tenets that helped us overcome obstacles.

We no longer sought to please God, and follow His commandments, including fidelity, honesty and love for our neighbors.

The sexual revolution led to a redefinition of the family---excluding men-- and social dysfunction.

Back in the 60s, girls were taught to respect themselves, to view their bodies as temples. Out of wedlock births were frowned upon. Men were taught to respect and defend women, not to exploit them for personal gratification.

The tide turned when we stepped off that platform and embraced the White god of liberalism.

The church must take much of the blame for this tragedy. The Black church was once the cornerstone; today it is a business. Too many ministers are performers, entertainers; 'insurance salesmen' someone called them.

I recall you once saying we are like the ancient Hebrews who rejected God and were forced to wander in the desert for 40 years. God ordained those who disobeyed and rejected His mandates would never see the promised land. Their innocent children would benefit from their punishment.

I hope and pray that is not the case today, although I recognize it is probably too late for those who are already lost. I pray I'm wrong.

For a moment I was envious of the 1960s. But the more I thought of it, a world without the internet, cable, and employment opportunities beyond factory work is not very appealing.

Plus, y'all had openly racist police (more than today), political exclusion and segregated schools. You were taught to hate people because of their sexuality, to march in lockstep to patriotic B.S., pledge alliance to White Supremacy and to 'stay in your place.'

Naw, y'all keep that.

As usual, your column was entertaining, informative and thought provoking. Plus, it introduced scenarios and situations worthy of study.

Things may have been better back in the day vs. the dysfunctional reality of today, but was it better? A case can be made your generation led us to this mess.

....when did the transition occur? In 1976, or when King reached the mountaintop? ---Hotep

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BLACK SANTA



Kelvin Douglas

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From being featured in The New York Times to appearing on the Drew Barrymore Show, he's covered a lot of ground.

"It's a lot of love and pride that I get out of being able to be that reflection for so many kids and families," said Douglas --- and he's not alone.

Gone are the days of Santa Claus only being depicted and performed as an old white man with a big belly; Black Santas can now be found at aspirational destinations like Disney World and beyond. Santa also isn't just Black and white; these days, he is as diverse as the children who believe in him. Even Macy's iconic Santaland experience has expanded its offerings to include a Black Santa and a Spanish-speaking Santa, with more options in the works.

"At Macy's, we believe that Santa is all things to all people who find joy in his goodness and kindness," Kathleen Wright, the director of production operations for Macy's Santaland, told theGrio over email.

"We treasure the memories that families have made and shared with us over the years and enjoy being able to accommodate requests from near and far."

When you can't get to a Macy's that offers the Santaland experience, that's where performers such as Douglas come in. In addition to traditional Santa meet-and-greets, the Black Santa Houston offers a Black Santa experience for corporate and private events and holiday photo shoots.

Douglas said during the holiday season, he starts his long, jolly days at 8 a.m., setting the mood with Christmas music before greeting children and their parents.

Some of the children are bursting with excitement, some are shy, and, of course, some cry --- but he ensures that all leave with a timeless memory of a Santa who looks like them.

Douglas credits Butler-Coleman with instilling the importance of offering all families a high-quality experience.

"So years from now, when these kids look at these pictures, whether they're laughing in the picture or crying, it's going to be something that they reflect on, and it's gonna be a great memory for them for years to come," he said. "To just think that I'm a part of that is a very humbling experience."

As an educator, Douglas is also keenly aware of how the timeless holiday memories he now helps create can

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---Douglas

have a lasting impact on children's imaginations and conceptions of what they can be.

"It is crucial because it gives them that reinforcement that they can be anything that they want to be, and that's important," he said.

He explained that when children don't see themselves reflected in roles in society such as doctors, lawyers, teachers, entertainers, and so forth, they start to develop an internal narrative telling them they could never be those things.

He added, "So when they begin to see Black Santas and Black doctors and Black lawyers and Black teachers, they know that they can also become that themselves --- and even a Black president. It's important that [Black children] always see themselves reflected in society."

It's not just the children who are benefitting from the representation; Butler-Coleman said families travel from around the country to Houston for her Santa experience, and not just for their children.

"They want their children to have this experience. But what I have learned is it's actually also the parents wanting an experience they didn't have as a child. So they are all having full circle-of-life moments with the children, and it is beautiful," she explained.

Since the Black Santa Houston's launch, the company has experienced significant growth. Due to demand, the operation now includes four different Santa performers and three different Mrs. Claus performers. Last year, Butler-Coleman, whose background is in healthcare finance, secured her first commercial space for the company, officially establishing Santa's home base in Houston. The business was also awarded the Wells Fargo Open for Business Grant through The Houston Equity Fund.

Building on the success and popularity of The Black Santa Houston, Butler-Coleman recently launched a family sleepwear line. Through the WYNTRY Collection, Black families can bring the experience home with them in matching pajamas with Black and brown holiday characters, including Santa.

Butler-Coleman noted, "It's hard to capture in words this experience, because we haven't reached our full potential. We meet the most amazing families, and they're the reason we're thriving."

Douglas added, "We pinch ourselves every day thinking about how far this company has come."

OP/ED A HISTORIC YEAR IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

BY MKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE DAVID CROWLEY

The holiday season is upon us in Milwaukee County. As we look ahead to the new year, I find myself reflecting on a historic 2023 and all we have accomplished together.

From investing in affordable housing, public transit, and mental health services, to securing a positive financial outlook for Milwaukee County, there's good reason to feel optimistic about the future of our community.

I took office in 2020, and my number one priority was to put Milwaukee County on the path to financial sustainability.

Thanks to the work we've done and the partnerships we've created, we are witnessing significant progress in accomplishing this goal. Earlier this year,

we secured new revenue-generating tools for Milwaukee County, effectively avoiding a dire fiscal cliff and ensuring our residents will have access to critical services for years to come.

This action also resulted in a historic 2024 budget, projecting the first surplus in over two decades.

Rather than determining what budget cuts would have been the least harmful, we are now making the most impactful decisions to support our residents.

My 2024 budget includes the largest property tax levy reduction in Milwaukee County history, putting real money back into the pockets of homeowners.

At a time when inflation is top-of-mind for residents and families, I am proud we are tak-

ing action to provide property tax relief for folks throughout the community.

When we're making these investments, I'm reminded of our vision: By achieving racial equity, Milwaukee County will be the healthiest county in the state of Wisconsin. One way we are working toward that goal is by investing in affordable housing and homeownership opportunities.

Growing up in Milwaukee's 53206 zip code, I experienced housing insecurity firsthand, so tackling this challenge is personal for me.

That's why we are deploying millions of dollars across Milwaukee County to build more affordable housing units in

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MORTGAGE INEQUALITY AT NAVY FEDERAL: Putting the credit union's white supremacy on blast!

by
Khafre Jay

In the financial heartland of the United States, the Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) stands as a colossus.

Boasting over \$165 billion in assets and serving a vast membership of about 13 million, NFCU is not just any financial institution; it is the largest credit union in the nation, a financial giant whose reach extends across the breadth of the American landscape.

Yet, beneath this facade of financial might and inclusivity lies a stark, all too predictable, deep-seated racial disparity in mortgage approvals that cuts to the core of the systemic injustices still prevalent in our society.

At the heart of this controversy is the disturbing revelation of NFCU's lending practices, which have laid bare the unyielding grip of white supremacy in even the most trusted financial institutions.

Recent investigations have brought to light a harrowing gap in mortgage approval rates between Black and White borrowers.

This gap speaks volumes about the insidious denial of Black livelihood this company maintains while raking



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in billions.

The numbers are more than just statistics; they are a stark reminder of the ongoing struggle against a legacy of poverty and suffering.

The disparity in mortgage approvals is not just a matter of financial inequity; it is a powerful indictment of the financial system's systemic racism that continues to undermine the lives and lessen the happiness of Black Americans.

In a nation where homeownership is often synonymous with the American Dream, the denial of this opportunity to Black applicants

is a grim testament to the pervasive inequalities that remain a blight on the nation's conscience.

The Disparity in Numbers: A Stark Contrast in Mortgage Approvals

In 2022, the numbers paint a troubling picture of disparity: 77.1% of White applicants received approval for their mortgage applications.

This figure stands in glaring contrast to the 55.8% approval rate for Latino applicants and an even more dismal 48.5% for Black applicants.

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This discrepancy highlights a significant racial gap and raises serious concerns about systemic biases embedded within the lending practices of one of the nation's most prominent financial institutions.

Further intensifying this troubling scenario is the fact that NFCU rejected approximately 3,700 Black applicants for home purchase mortgages in the same year.

This high number of rejections is not just a statistic; it represents thousands of dreams deferred by thousands of individuals and families whose aspirations for homeownership were curtailed.

This is particularly poignant in a year marked by rising interest rates, which already pose a significant barrier to home buying.

For Black applicants, who historically have faced systemic hurdles in accumulating wealth and accessing financial opportunities, these rejections add another layer of emotional devastation, deepening the suffering.

Broader Implications and National Context

The disparities in mortgage approval rates at Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) are not an isolated phenomenon but rather a reflection of a more significant national issue concerning the widening homeownership gap between White and Black Americans.

This gap is a stark manifestation of the enduring racial hatred maintained by individuals and institutions in the United States, particularly in the realm of financial access and opportunities.

When looking at other significant lenders like Wells Fargo, US Bank, and Bank of America, NFCU's racial approval rate gaps provide an insightful perspective into how widespread these issues are within the financial sector.

While everyone knows disparities exist across all financial institutions, the extent and nature of these gaps can vary. NFCU's particularly stark contrast in approval rates highlights the need for a sector-wide examination and reform of lending practices to address these deeply rooted inequities.

Conclusion: A Call to Action for Equity and Justice in Mortgage Lending

In a society where white individuals predominantly hold

political power and influence, it becomes a moral imperative for those white folks in positions of authority and influence to actively work toward dismantling these systemic barriers. The responsibility to address and rectify these disparities should not rest solely on the shoulders of those who are most affected by them. Instead, it requires a concerted effort from all sectors of society, especially from those who have the means to effectuate meaningful change.

White people, particularly those in positions of power in the financial sector and government, must acknowledge the role they play in perpetuating these disparities, either through action or inaction.

Moving beyond mere acknowledgments of the problem, it is essential to implement concrete measures that ensure fair and equitable lending practices.

This includes revising policies, enhancing regulatory oversight, and actively working to eliminate biases in lending processes.

Furthermore, political leaders and policymakers must recognize the critical need for reform in regulating credit unions and financial institutions.

Extending regulations similar to the Community Reinvestment Act to credit unions and ensuring strict adherence to fair lending laws are crucial steps in this direction.

It is not enough to have policies on paper; they must be enforced rigorously and transparently to ensure they serve their intended purpose.

This is not just a matter of policy reform; it is a matter of moral urgency.

It is time to confront and dismantle the structures of white supremacy that continue to pervade our financial systems.

Only then can we hope to achieve a society where race is not a determinant of one's ability to own a home and build a future.

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communities like South Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, Oak Creek, and Brown Deer.

Residents deserve equitable access to affordable housing options throughout Milwaukee County, so we are working to deliver just that.

These investments are extending into the city of Milwaukee as well, particularly in the King Park neighborhood where construction is underway on 120 single-family houses for first-time homebuyers to purchase an affordable home and build generational wealth.

This construction is occurring near the future Marcia P. Coggs Health and Human Services Center, a project we broke ground on in October.

For the first time, Milwaukee County will have a facility specifically for delivering health and human services, eliminating physical barriers, and expanding access

to health resources and human services for families and individuals.

We accelerated our fight against the opioid epidemic in Milwaukee County by making harm reduction resources more easily and readily available. In August, I announced the placement of 11 Harm Reduction Vending Machines that provide free access to harm reduction and prevention supplies, including fentanyl test strips, nasal naloxone, gun locks, and more.

Milwaukee County will be increasing these efforts in 2024, placing even more Harm Reduction Vending Machines throughout the county.

We remain committed to helping folks experiencing mental health challenges receive the resources and services they need. In 2023, the Mental Health Emergency Center completed its first year of operations, serving more than 7,000 individuals experiencing a mental

health or substance use disorder related crisis.

In April, I signed legislation allocating federal funding for community mental health services, utilizing an equity-focused approach to address disparities in mental health outcomes, particularly in communities of color. Together, with excellent partners like Walker's Point Youth and Family Center and City on a Hill, we are creating safer, healthier outcomes for people throughout Milwaukee County.

Reliable and safe transit options are paramount in addressing the health disparities we face.

That's why we allocated an additional \$16 million for the Milwaukee County Transit System to help sustain current transportation services, enhance transit security, and prevent further fiscal challenges.

I am also encouraged by the successful launch of Milwaukee

County's first Bus Rapid Transit route, CONNECT 1, in fostering better connectivity between neighboring communities and delivering impressive ridership numbers for 2023.

Maintaining and enhancing the quality of our parks continues to be a priority.

I am proud our Milwaukee County Parks team completed several important projects this year, from tree plantings to necessary capital improvements. In 2024, we're looking forward to facilitating more enhancements to our parks and outdoor assets, including \$23 million in new investments.

The past year was truly historic, and I am proud of these successes, but this is just the beginning.

I know we can continue improving our neighborhoods and the lives of our residents, and I'm excited for the work ahead in moving Milwaukee County forward, together.

LEGALS/CLASSIFIEDS

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV008865
In the matter of the name change of: CALLAHAN THOMAS JACOBSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: CALLAHAN THOMAS JACOBSON TO: CALLAHAN THOMAS KOMECZNY
Birth Certificate: CALLAHAN THOMAS JACOBSON

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 11, 2024, 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: 11-27-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. DAVID BOROWSKI
Circuit Court Judge
685/12-6-13-20-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV9023

In the matter of the name change of: O'SHEYNA MONYE-MARIE BRUCE
By (Petitioner) O'SHEYNA MONYE-MARIE BRUCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: O'SHEYNA MONYE-MARIE BRUCE TO: O'SHEYNA MARIE VAN BIRN
Birth Certificate: O'SHEYNA MARIE VAN BIRN

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 25, 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: 12-4-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
684/12-6-13-20-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV8959

In the matter of the name change of: STEPHANIE ANN MARKS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: STEPHANIE ANN MARKS TO: KATIE ANN PINK
Birth Certificate: STEPHANIE ANN REICHMAN

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 8, 2024, 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: 11-30-2023
BY THE COURT:

HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON
Circuit Court Judge
683/12-6-13-20-2023
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV008421

In the matter of the name change of: EMMA ROSE FLIESS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: EMMA ROSE FLIESS to: EMMA ROSE
Birth Certificate: EMMA ROSE FLIESS

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 JANUARY 4, 2024, TIME 1:45 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: 11-6-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS
Circuit Court Judge
687/12-6-13-20-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009061

In the matter of the name change of: KIN ANDREW GUIRAL MOHILLO
By (Petitioner) KIN ANDREW GUIRAL MOHILLO

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: KIN ANDREW GUIRAL MOHILLO to: KIN ANDRAO GUARDO GUIRAL
Birth Certificate: KIN ANDREW GUIRAL MOHILLO

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY BR. 44 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JANUARY 25, 2024, 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: 9-29-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY
Circuit Court Judge
688/12-6-13-20-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY Case No. 23FA006263

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
Petitioner: LILIA RODRIGUEZ ALVAREZ and EDWIN N AVILES

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

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first day of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th St RM 512 Milwaukee WI 53233 and to LILIA RODRIGUEZ ALVAREZ 2535 W Lincoln Ave. Milwaukee WI 53215

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

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

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

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

If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under

49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under 767.511 (1m). Wis Stats. are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.

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

Date: 12-5-2023
BY: LILIA RODRIGUEZ ALVAREZ
686/12-6-13-20-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV9104

In the matter of the name change of: ASHLEY MARIE GERWIG

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ASHLEY MARIE GERWIG to: VESPER TRISTAN GERWIG
Birth Certificate: ASHLEY MARIE GERWIG

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 9, 2024, 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: 12-6-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
690/12-6-13-20-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV008907

In the matter of the name change of: TONYA JEAN HALE
By (Petitioner) TONYA JEAN HALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: TONYA JEAN HALE to: TONYA JEAN GORST
Birth Certificate: TONYA JEAN HALE

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 JANUARY 9, 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: 11-28-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
689/12-6-13-20-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV9106

In the matter of the name change of: REBECCA LYNN LEONARD

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

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 10, 2024, 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: 12-6-2023

BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
691/12-13-20-27-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009179

In the matter of the name change of: HALEY REBECCA SEXTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: HALEY REBECCA SEXTON to: RYLEE ADDAMS
Birth Certificate: HALEY REBECCA SEXTON

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 JANUARY 30, 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: 12-11-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
692/12-13-20-27-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009171

In the matter of the name change of: JULIAN MONTEZ POOLE
By (Petitioner) JULIAN MONTEZ POOLE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: JULIAN MONTEZ POOLE to: UMAR MUHAMMAD
Birth Certificate: JULIAN MONTEZ POOLE

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 26, 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: 12-11-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
693/12-13-20-27-2023

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV008421

In the matter of the name change of: EMMA ROSE FLIESS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Carmen LaDalle Benford to: Carmen LaDalle
Birth Certificate: Carmen LaDalle Benford

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 JANUARY 4, 2024, TIME 1:45P.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. THOMAS J MCADAMS
Circuit Court Judge
606/11-8-15-22-2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 22SC5388

Plaintiff(s) AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC, W133 N8569 EXECUTIVE WAY MENOMONEE FALLS WI 53051 vs DJUAN O STATEN 1750 S 61ST STREET WEST ALLIS WI 53214
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S)
You are being sued by the person(s) as named above Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Milwaukee County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 414-278-5362 Courtroom/ Room Number 400 Address: 901 N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee State WI Zip 53233 on the following date and time: Date: JANUARY 31, 2024, Time: 8:30 A.M.

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

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
Date: 12/18/2023
Plaintiff/Attorney
AMY M SALBERG
Attorney's State Bar Number
1025449

SALBERG TUFFNELL, S, C
18 E. WASHINGTON ST. SUITE 101
WEST BEND, WI 53095
262-353-9556
695/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009120

In the matter of the name change of: GIANNI ALEXANDER WOOD
By (Petitioner) GIANNI ALEXANDER WOOD

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: GIANNI ALEXANDER WOOD to: GIANNI ALEXANDER GIARRALANO
Birth Certificate: GIANNI ALEXANDER WOOD

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 10, 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: 12/7/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
700/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

TRUST REQUEST!

The Frances Baines Living Trust requests all creditors come forward or forever hold your Peace. Contact Mr. Keith Baines—in writing—at 6661 W. Locust Street, Milwaukee Wi 53218 Phone (414) 871-4688 12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Welcoming the lives of Davina Douglas, daughter born 9/7/2019 to Dinasia Douglas weighing 7 lbs 12ozs at 7:45pm and Jahzara Douglas on 11/18/2021 weighing 6 lbs 12oz at 3:05am

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
We welcome the arrival and life of... son Lawrence Douglas Sr. 18th of March 1980, son Lawrence Douglas Jr., 8 lbs 3 oz born on April 12, 2006; daughter Asia D. Douglas on April 19, 2005 7 lbs 15Oz; son Dejohtay Douglas April 23, 2003. The new addition to the family Jream Mitchell, 14th of February, 2022. All alive, well and healthy

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT THE MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES

The Milwaukee Community Journal, Inc. expanded its services to the greater Milwaukee community with the publishing of legal notices in the "WEEKEND EDITION". As a qualified provider of the publication of legal notices, MCJ will serve City, County and State offices for publishing community notifications. Such notifications include:
Public Hearings
Public Meetings
Election Notices
Divorce Proceedings
Name Changes
Publication of Summons when personal services cannot be made to defendants
Notice of Auction of unclaimed storage or property
Probate Notices
Foreclosure Sheriff's sales notice of creditor listing of property for sale.
Other general legal and public notices

ABOUT MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL (MCJ) WEEKEND EDITION

The Milwaukee Community Journal Weekend Edition is published weekly. Each week, MCJ Weekend focuses on different subjects, HEALTH, PERSONAL, FINANCE, FAMILY, MEN, AND WOMEN. THE WEEKEND EDITION now includes the publishing of records designated by the Milwaukee County Circuit Court for publication of legal notices, with added value in the Wednesday Edition. The Weekend Edition is a public newspaper of general circulation that complies with the laws of Wisconsin relating to publication of legal notices. MCJ Weekend Edition has published weekly over ten years, in the State of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County. We have a paid circulation of approximately 89% of our circulation, weekly. And our actual paid subscribers are over the 1000 required by State Statute.

ABOUT THE MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL (MCJ)

The Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ) is a quality news organization published throughout Milwaukee and the surrounding suburbs. Established in 1976, the Milwaukee Community Journal has advanced the plight, struggles and victories of minorities in Wisconsin, with a passion for building community. The MCJ accentuates the positive, analyzes the negatives and advocates to seed success. The Milwaukee Community Journal stockholders are Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo (90%); Mikel Holt (5%); and Todd Thomas (5%) respectively, and is current in filing by the State of Wisconsin, effective October 10, 2018.

Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

National Football League and its fans can blur true colors, but anti-Blackness shines through

OPINION: The NFL binds like nothing else, putting us shoulder-to-shoulder with fans who despise the very Blackness they root for.
By Deron Snyder

Editor’s note: The following article is an op-ed, and the views expressed are the author’s own. *“And I’ve been tired so long, now I am sick and tired of being sick and tired, and we want a change.” – Fannie Lou Hamer, 1964*

If visitors from outer space used an NFL fan base to gauge America’s togetherness, they’d consider us one nation under the groove.

They’d look at the supporters and see unity among wildly diverse groups: Blacks and whites, rich and poor, college grads and dropouts, believers and atheists, city slickers and country bumpkins. The left-right divide that carves the country like a scalpel doesn’t leave a mark as our offense marches downfield and our defense stuffs the opposition.

Based on three hours of an NFL Sunday, intergalactic observers would believe that all

Americans belong to one clan.

But sooner or later, space travelers would find evidence of a different Klan, like the racist terrorists who rampaged in the Red Summer of 1919, two years after Hamer, a civil rights and voting rights activist from Mississippi, was born.

She was sickened and exhausted by such mofos, and we abhor their offspring, many of whom still carry the torch in following Donald Trump under the

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2023CV008756
In Re: the NAME CHANGE of: MOSES SAMUEL SHROCK

MOSES SAMUEL SHROCK
1226 W GLEN RIVER ROAD
MILWAUKEE WI 53217

This case is scheduled for: Name Change hearing.
Date: 01-22-2024 Time: 2:00 PM
Circuit Court Judge Circuit Court Commissioner – KRISTY YANG-47
Location: Courthouse, Room 413 901 N 9th Street Milwaukee Wi 53233
Re: Name Change

This matter will not be adjourned by the court except upon formal motion for good cause or with the specific approval of the court upon stipulation by all parties.

This matter will be HEARD-IN-PERSON please plan accordingly.
If you have questions or concerns, please call court at (414) 278-4486
AT LEAST (3) THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH:
PHOTOCOPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE
PROOF OF PUBLICATION
HAVE A PHOTO ID AVAILABLE TO DISPLAY AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING
DOCUMENTS CAN BE MAILED TO ATTN: THE HONORABLE KRISTY YANG,901 N 9TH STREET, ROOM 413 MILWAUKEE WI 53233 or DROPPED OFF IMN ROOM 104 (CLERK OF COURTS) MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 901 N 9TH STREET MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-985-5757 prior to the scheduled court date.
Milwaukee County Circuit Court
Date: November 27, 2023
697/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2023CV008754
In Re: the NAME CHANGE of: GABRIELLE SHROCK

ABIGAIL ELISABETH SHROCK
1226 W GLEN RIVER ROAD
MILWAUKEE WI 53217

This case is scheduled for: Name Change Hearing.
Date: 01-22-2024 Time: 2:00 PM
Circuit Court Judge Circuit Court Commissioner – KRISTY YANG-47
Location: Courthouse, Room 413 901 N 9th Street Milwaukee Wi 53233
Re: Name Change

This matter will not be adjourned by the court except upon formal motion for good cause or with the specific approval of the court upon stipulation by all parties.

This matter will be HEARD-IN-PERSON please plan accordingly.
If you have questions or concerns, please call court at (414) 278-4486
AT LEAST (3) THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH:
PHOTOCOPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE
PROOF OF PUBLICATION
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DOCUMENTS CAN BE MAILED TO ATTN: THE HONORABLE KRISTY YANG,901 N 9TH STREET, ROOM 413 MILWAUKEE WI 53233 or DROPPED OFF IMN ROOM 104 (CLERK OF COURTS) MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 901 N 9TH STREET MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-985-5757 prior to the scheduled court date.
Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Milwaukee County Circuit Court
Date: November 27, 2023
698/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2023CV008754
In Re: the NAME CHANGE of: GABRIELLE SHROCK

GABRIELLE SHROCK
1226 W GLEN RIVER ROAD
MILWAUKEE WI 53217

This case is scheduled for: Name change Hearing.
Date: 01-22-2024 Time: 2:00 PM
Circuit Court Judge Circuit Court Commissioner – KRISTY YANG-47
Location: Courthouse, Room 413 901 N 9th Street Milwaukee Wi 53233
Re: Name Change

This matter will not be adjourned by the court except upon formal motion for good cause or with the specific approval of the court upon stipulation by all parties.

This matter will be HEARD-IN-PERSON please plan accordingly.
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AT LEAST (3) THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING YOU MUST PROVIDE THE COURT WITH:
PHOTOCOPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE
PROOF OF PUBLICATION
HAVE A PHOTO ID AVAILABLE TO DISPLAY AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING
DOCUMENTS CAN BE MAILED TO ATTN: THE HONORABLE KRISTY YANG,901 N 9TH STREET, ROOM 413 MILWAUKEE WI 53233 or

DROPPED OFF IMN ROOM 104 (CLERK OF COURTS) MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 901 N 9TH STREET MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-985-5757 prior to the scheduled court date.
Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Milwaukee County Circuit Court
Date: November 27, 2023
699/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009323
In the matter of the name change of: AMY CHRISTIE SELIKOFF
By (Petitioner) AMY CHRISTIE SELIKOFF
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: AMY CHRISTIE SELIKOFF to: AMY REBECCA CHRISTIE
Birth Certificate: AMY REBECCA CHRISTIE

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
ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE JANUARY 30, 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: 12-15-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D.WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
701/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009404
In the matter of the name change of: ALEXANDER CANO
By (Petitioner) ALEXANDER CANO
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ALEXANDER CANO to: ALEXANDER MARTINEZ CANO
Birth Certificate: ALEXANDER CANO

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 FEBRUARY 16, 2024, TIME 11:00 A.M.

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009290
In the matter of the name change of: RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ JR
By (Petitioner) RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ JR
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ JR to: RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ-MULHOLLAND
Birth Certificate: RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ JR

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 22, 2024, 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: 12-19-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
702/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2023CV009355
In the matter of the name change of: KEILY YATZIRI GONZALEZ
By (Petitioner) XOCHITL YADIRA GONZALEZ
By (Co-Petitioner) GABRIEL GONZALEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: KEILY YATZIRI GONZALEZ to: K-LOVE YATZIRI GONZALEZ
Birth Certificate: KEILY YATZIRI GONZALEZ

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. MICHAEL HANRAHAN
ROOM 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE FEBRUARY 19, 2024, 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: 12-18-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
696/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009290
In the matter of the name change of: RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ JR
By (Petitioner) RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ JR

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ JR to: RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ-MULHOLLAND
Birth Certificate: RICHARD ALLAN BARTZ JR

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 22, 2024, 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: 12/18/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
706/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009384
In the matter of the name change of: KATHERINE GRACE RYBAR
By (Petitioner) KATHERINE GRACE RYBAR

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: KATHERINE GRACE RYBAR to: KATHERINE GRACE RICHTER
Birth Certificate: KATHERINE GRACE MERRISON

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 25, 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: 12/20/2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. KRISTY YANG
Circuit Court Judge
703/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN Case No. 23FA005526 Divorce: 40101
GIAVANNI LEE 2038 S 15th Street Milwaukee WI 53204, **Petitioner** and PIERRE ORLANDO LEE 3371 N 27th Street MILWAUKEE WI 53216, **Respondent**

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

You are hereby notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The **Petitioner**, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within 20 days of receiving this **Summons**, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in Ch. 802, 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 following government office:
Clerk of Court Milwaukee County 901 N 9th St. Rm 104 Milwaukee WI 53233.

The response must also be mailed or delivered within 20 days to the petitioner at the address above.
It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

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

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

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 14th day of September 2023
BY: GIAVANNI LEE
705/12-20-27-2023/1-3-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV009384
In the matter of the name change of: KATHERINE GRACE RYBAR

