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U.S. REP. GWEN MOORE HEADLINES NEWSMAKER LUNCHEON

Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) was the featured guest at the recent Newsmaker Luncheon hosted by the Milwaukee Press Club and WisPolitics.com. Moore, who is nearing two decades in Congress, represents Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District. Moore took questions from a panel of journalists and from the audience at the luncheon.—Photos by Yvonne Kemp



FIRST PERSON



Mayor Johnson responds to Posley resignation, the state of Milwaukee Public Schools



Mayor Cavalier Johnson

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Milwaukee Public Schools Board of Directors accepted the resignation of MPS Superintendent Keith Posley after a raucous open board meeting in which parents, teachers, and concerned residents blasted Posley and the board. Those who spoke during the meeting expressed their loss of faith and confidence in Posley (who has been superintendent since 2018), with one speaker saying he should resign. Speakers also said the board lacked transparency and accountability. The meeting and Posley's resignation (effective June 30) came on the heels of a report revealing MPS was at least eight months behind on providing critical financial reports to the state Dept. of Public Instruction. At the same time the reports were missing, MPS was publicly asking the community to vote for a \$252 million referendum to support the school district and its programs. The MPS superintendent is responsible for overseeing the district's administration, including financial management and ensuring the safety and well-being of students. The following is a statement by Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson commenting on Posley's resignation and the state of the board, and future of the district. Source: WISN Channel 12 (wisn.com):

"I am committed to improving educational outcomes in Milwaukee.

"I've worked to build stronger relationships between the City and Milwaukee Public Schools, and the City and the Department of Public Instruction. "Although not privy to every detail and decision point, I established monthly meetings with the MPS Superintendent. In addition, over the past few weeks my office has communicated regularly with DPI. I was as alarmed, as was the MPS Board of Directors, to learn of this looming crisis. "My top concern is for the kids who attend Milwaukee Public Schools, including my three kids. I want to make sure that they are afforded every resource and every opportunity - and that they are not denied the resources other Wisconsin students will receive this coming school year. "Over the past week, my staff and I have had multiple conversations with both the MPS administration and representatives from the Department of Public Instruction. "Regardless of how the District got to this point, what our students need - and our community deserves - is accountability, stability, and solutions. I have discussed with both DPI and MPS the plan in place to resolve the reporting and accounting mismanagement that landed MPS in this situation. We will secure the needed resources for our community's children and educators.

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DR. CAMELIA AND MARCEL CLARKE: Helping Families Navigate a Healthy Grief Journey!



Dr. Camelia and Marcel Clarke



By Kathy Gaillard

Since she was 14 years old, Dr. Camelia Clarke knew she wanted to be a mortician. Her mother planted that seed when she shared that it was a career she had once considered.

After attending a career fair, Camelia's career aspirations were solidified. Marcel Clarke initially thought he would follow his father and uncle's legacy by pursuing a career in law enforcement. Somehow, after the two married, they found a way to merge their talents and dreams into a singular focus. They are now the co-owners of Paradise Memorial Funeral and Cremation Services, Williamson Funeral Home, and Wisconsin Casket Supply. "My high school classmates still recall how, during a peer group meeting, I blurted out that I wanted to be a mortician. And, the next day, they announced it over the school's

public address system," she laughed. "My uncles—Lafayette Coko, who was Captain of the Chicago Fire Department, and Hansel Seton, who was a Captain in the Chicago Police Department—were first responders, so I thought I would follow in their footsteps, but that didn't happen," said Marcel Clarke. The couple both have Chicago roots, but Camelia and her mother moved to Milwaukee when she was young. She grew up in Milwaukee surrounded by a blended, multigenerational family, including her grandmother, who helped raise her. When Marcel and Camelia first met in 2005, she was al-

ready in the funeral business, while Marcel worked in higher education. In 2016, after extensive succession planning, Camelia and Marcel, both Worsham College of Mortuary Science graduates, completed the partnership buyout of Paradise Memorial Funeral Home. "Our goal is to help people during some of life's most challenging times. When people pass away, we are there to support them. "We have the opportunity to craft meaningful ceremonies that help people on a healthy grief journey, assist them with memorializing their loved ones, and put them on a path to healing," said Camelia.

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2024 Greater Milwaukee Urban League Black and White Ball Date Announced Annual events celebrates 105 years of legacy and impact

DR. CAMELIA & MARCEL CLARKE

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Family-oriented, Marcel and Camelia credit relatives and friends with modeling high standards, success, and demonstrating unwavering faith.

“My grandfather, Albert George Clarke, Sr. and father, Albert George Clarke, Jr., were great role models for me. I also have to credit my mother, who reared me and my siblings to care about others. I moved into this profession because of her,” Marcel said.

“My grandmother was a praying woman. She gave us spiritual and moral guidance. She helped me understand what is expected of me as a young lady and a mother and set the foundation for everything I aspired to become.

I stand on her shoulders, and those of Ava N. Carter, who started me in this profession. She was like a second mom to me. I also appreciate the mentoring I received from William R. Starks and John O. Bell.

They were extraordinary individuals who had one heck of a work ethic and did a phenomenal job to help get me where I am now,” said Camelia.



Dr. Hall

While the Clarkes focus on aftercare and loved ones left behind, they have sage advice for the living.

“We need to start teaching our children how to have healthier lifestyles. Even if you live in urban areas, you can grow food.

“Over the past few decades, too many families have been eating processed and fast foods. Our family is embarking on a healthy nutrition journey because we see a lot of preventable deaths within our community. Health is wealth. If our health is compromised, we can’t get to wealth,” said Camelia.

As Marcel and Camelia realize the fruits of their labor, they appreciate advice that carries them through triumphant and challenging times.

“First, I was told that if my dreams don’t scare me, they are not big enough.

“Secondly, someone told me that the responsibility of leaders is to make other leaders. I personally want to be remembered as someone who cared about everyone I came into contact with and that I put others before myself,” said Marcel.

“To be or not to be—is powerful advice to me. It says so much. If you do the right thing and I believe, if you embrace the Golden Rule, you’ll be okay.

“I want to be remembered for everything I did between birth and death. I want others to know that I was able to give back and make a difference. I want to be remembered for my resiliency and that we were able to make it through,” said Camelia.

The 39th Annual Greater Milwaukee Urban League Black and White Ball will take place Saturday, November 2, at the newly expanded Baird Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave.

This year the Black and White Ball also celebrates the 105th anniversary of the founding of the Greater Milwaukee Urban League with the theme Celebrating 105: Legacy and Impact.

“Just as we have every year since our doors first opened in 1919, Greater Milwaukee Urban League continues to be at the forefront for economic and social justice,” explained

GMUL President and CEO Dr. Eve M. Hall.

“The Black and White Ball is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it helps support our programs in advocacy, education, and employment that impact the lives of Milwaukeeans everyday.

“Together with the GMUL Board of Directors, I am asking companies and individuals to join us for this special event that supports Milwaukeeans who need it the most.”

Information on tickets and details on how companies can help sponsor the event are available on the Greater Mil-

waukee Urban League website at this link: Black and White Ball, Powered By GiveSmart. The Black and White Ball is historically a sell out event, so individuals and corporations are encouraged to act soon.

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FIRST PERSON Johnson on Posley resignation, state of city's school district

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"The Board of School Directors and Dr. Keith Posley have made a decision regarding the future of MPS leadership. I thank the Superintendent for his service to education in Milwaukee and wish him well in his future endeavors."

"I remain committed to using my position in the community to ensure swift resolution to these issues."

"I look forward to working closely with the MPS Board, MPS Office of Accountability and Efficiency, and DPI to monitor their progress in bringing this matter to a close."

"Families and businesses make decisions about moving into and out of a community - and where to invest and grow - based in great part on the education system. If we want our children and our entire city to succeed, we must ensure they have a great education from early childhood through high school and college, or whatever post-secondary education and training they choose."

"As a graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools and as an MPS parent, I know there are some remarkable public schools in our city. But, there are also schools that need greater assistance and support to best serve our kids. This is not an MPS issue alone; the same can be said about many of our city's private and charter schools that receive public funding."

"My administration will continue to work to bring people together around education in our community. I hope the resolution of the financial reporting issues and the appointment of new leadership at MPS will serve as an impetus for leaders and community members alike to work more closely together to benefit all children, and not be used as an opportunity to further divide us."

"Together, we can improve education in Milwaukee and make sure that our kids are best positioned for success."

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—Johnson



Front Row: (L to R) Awardee, Shalicia Jackson, Camorra Forrest, Spann Foundation Founder & CEO: Dr. Wilma Spann, Brackish Evans and Scholarship Director, Kimberly Johnson Back Row: (L to R) CFO, Kelby Spann; Awardees, Godeon Omoruyi, Samuel Cahn-Blackman, Taylor Ivy, MeArah Cornelius, Keaton Grady and Keynote Speaker, Derrick Rose.



Mistress of Ceremony Ms. Aleah Johnson, COO Spann Foundation

It was a "All White" scholarship affair, compliments of the Spann Foundation!

The Spann Foundation recently held its 21st Annual Scholarship Brunch at the Four Points by Sheraton-Northshore, 8900 North Kildeer Court, in Brown Deer. This year's event was a "All White Affair" that saw eight deserving students being awarded with a \$1,000 dollar scholarship. The featured keynote speaker was Derrick Rose (pictured at immediate right), WISN 12 News Anchor/ Investigative Reporter. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



Keynote Speaker Derrick Rose, WISN 12 News Anchor



Spann Family Left to Right: Rev. Peter J. Spann Esq., Pastor, Carron Baptist Church – Washington DC; Kimberly Johnson, Scholarship Director, Dr. Wilma Spann, CEO Spann Foundation, Karen Spann Turner, Spann Foundation, Kelby Spann, CFO Spann Foundation

Same Game Different Smokers

exhibition explores the troubled history between the tobacco industry and Black America, shines light on menthol

SAME GAME DIFFERENT SMOKERS

NATIONAL EXHIBIT VISITS MILWAUKEE



Left: Illustration of "Jim Crow," the immensely popular blackface minstrel character after whom the system of segregation was named. Right: 2007 ad for Newport Menthol Cigarettes. From the Newport Pleasure series.



Explore the **troubling relationship** the tobacco industry has had with the Black Community over the last 400+ years.

In recent years, there's been a strong push by health advocates, civil rights groups, elected officials, and residents, including thousands from Wisconsin, urging federal officials to finalize the proposed rule by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to remove menthol cigarettes from the market.

In truth, the tobacco industry's troubled relationship with Black America is much deeper than menthol. It began hundreds of years ago. It's the Same Game, just Different Smokers. And it's here in Milwaukee.

Curated by California artist and activist, Tracy Brown, Same Game, Different Smokers is a national exhibition that explores the troubled 400+ year relationship between Black America and tobacco.

The free exhibit is being featured at Milwaukee's Washington Park Branch Library, 2121 N. Sherman Blvd., through June 29.

Tracy Brown, curator of Same Game Different Smokers, says the exhibit takes visitors on a trip through the history of tobacco and Black America, exploring topics such as tobacco's intimate link to slavery.

The slave trade brought tobacco to North American colonies, mainly Virginia, to supply the English market. Slaves in North America cultivated tobacco, the product that enslaved them.

Tragically, the multibillion tobacco industry of today has been built on the backs of slaves and their lineage.

This targeted abuse continues today using new products and time-tested tactics.

Visitors can learn more about the troubled history between Black America and tobacco by visiting the Washington Park Branch Library to experience Same Game Different Smokers. To learn more visit SameGameWi.com.



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Tracy Brown

Independent Curator, Artist (Artist Activist)
Curator of Same Game Different Smokers.

This national exhibit explores the troubled relationship the tobacco industry has had with the Black community for 400+ years. Specials guests include California-based artist Tracy Brown, curator of the exhibit.

Carol McGruder

African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council (AATCLC)

Carol McGruder is a national leader in tobacco prevention efforts and co-founder of the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council, which co-sponsored the exhibit. McGruder's organization led two efforts to sue the FDA for not taking action on Menthol.



FELLOWSHIP OPEN TO CELEBRATE WITH BREWERS AND BUCKS CITY-WIDE, ALL SUMMER!

Brewers Rickie Weeks and Bucks Vin Baker Announced as 2024 Legends Honorees



The Fellowship Open, one of the nation's premiere corporate and community charity golf events for 24 consecutive years, recently announced its 2024 Legends Honorees, Milwaukee Brewers Associate Manager Rickie Weeks, and Milwaukee Bucks Assistant Coach Vin Baker.



“As we salute the accomplishments of Rickie Weeks (at left) and Vin Baker (at right), we also joyously celebrate our three decade-long relationship with Major League Baseball and the National Basketball Association...”

—Fellowship Open Director Billy Young.

Coach Weeks will be honored during the Brewers homestand at American Family Fields on Monday, June 24th, and at the Fellowship Open annual meeting, Tuesday, June 25th, at RW Baird corporate offices. Coach Baker will be present at the Fellowship Open golf tournament, August 23rd to receive his recognition at Kettle Hills Golf Course in Richfield, Wisconsin.

The popular and talented Rickie Darnell Weeks, Jr. starred for the Milwaukee Brewers from 2003-2014, earning All-Star status and a spot in the Home Run Derby in 2011.

This season, in his emotional return to Milwaukee, he joins new manager Pat Murphy and the Brewers franchise in a leadership role which owner Mark Attanasio calls, “Exactly what we were looking for - a history of leadership by example!”

Rickie’s return is truly exciting. “It really is a dream come true,” said the passionate and grateful Weeks, a Southern University legend and HBCU Baseball Player of the Year in 1996. “Basically, I was raised on the baseball field and now, being able to be back here, I get emotional.

I genuinely want to help, on and off the field, and coming back to the city where I basically grew up, means a lot to me.”

Two-time All-NBA and four-time NBA All-Star Vin Baker was a standout performer in his time with the Milwaukee Bucks.

Alongside “Big Dog” Glenn Robinson, Baker and the Bucks were a formable presence in the Eastern Conference.

Post-playing career, Baker’s personal journey to recovery is poignant and inspirational, leading to the establishment of the Vin Baker Recovery Center, formally opened on Milwaukee’s northside on April 4, 2024.

“We are really excited about what we can do together to posi-

tively impact community health and wellness,” remarked Fellowship Open Founder and Chair, Attorney John W. Daniels, Jr. “Vin’s determination to guide others to recovery has resulted in a critically-needed community health resource.

Through athletics, the Bucks, and the relationships we’ve formed in Milwaukee, we have a tremendous opportunity to share his story and help those struggling with addiction. We applaud Coach Baker’s efforts as a committed community steward.”

“How do you describe the emotion of saluting hometown heroes and legends who mean so much to our city and our young people,” said Fellowship Open President John W. Daniels, III.

“This is our 24th year of supporting Milwaukee youth by connecting high-achievers, role models and genuinely committed business organizations and corporate partners - like the Brewers, Bucks, MLB, and the NBA - to these new, eager, prepared young leaders of tomorrow. The impact special role models like Rickie and Vin have on these young minds is immediate and indelible.”

“As we salute the accomplishments of Rickie Weeks and Vin Baker, we also joyously celebrate our three decade-long relationship with Major League Baseball and the National Basketball Association,” noted Fellowship Open Director Billy Young.

“Senator Kohl, Commissioner

nostudios.com/dance-fest-2024.

In addition to the evening combined performance, a festival experience is planned throughout the day that is free and open to the public. Attendees are welcome to enjoy food for purchase, live music, and youth dance performances while witnessing the tech rehearsal throughout the afternoon.

Danni Gee, director of programming for The Joyce Theater in New York City, will emcee the event. One of the only theaters built by dancers for dance, The Joyce Theater has garnered a well-deserved international reputation for cultivating and honoring emerging and established dance artists whose work represents a wide range of aesthetic interests.

“I am excited to return and support this year’s Dance Fest on behalf of The Joyce,” said Gee. “It is wonderful to see the growth in the festival

WHEDA Foundation opens 2024 housing grant cycle

\$2 million available for emergency and extremely low-income housing



MADISON, Wis. – Organizations throughout Wisconsin that provide emergency shelter, transitional residences, and extremely low-income housing are encouraged to apply for grants from the WHEDA Foundation.

Administered by the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, the WHEDA Foundation Housing Grant Program aims to improve housing for community members with complex needs, such as individuals who have developmental or intellectual disabilities, people who are experiencing intimate partner violence, individuals with incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income, youth experiencing homelessness, and people with mental and behavioral health conditions. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available in two categories--emergency/transitional housing and permanent housing.

“Many amazing organizations around the state are doing great work to fulfill the housing needs of their communities, and we are excited to see what they have planned,” said Elmer Moore, Jr., WHEDA CEO. “We want to help these organizations create better lives for individuals and families who need a place to call home.”

The WHEDA Foundation will award \$2 million for the 2024 cycle, with awards to be announced in December 2024. The grants are for physical improvements such as rehabilitation, accessibility features, and new construction. There is no minimum grant size.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations or cooperatives organized under Chapters 181, 185, or 187 of the Wisconsin Statutes; community development, redevelopment, and housing authorities; and local government, including Native American tribal authorities. Applications are due on Monday, August 12, by 11:59 p.m.

Complete program details and application

materials are available here. For program inquiries, contact WHEDA.Foundation@wheda.com.

The annual housing grant program competition is funded entirely by WHEDA operations and uses no state tax dollars. Organizations receiving the grants include nonprofit agencies, local governments, and tribal authorities serving low-income or disadvantaged populations, including people and youth experiencing homelessness, people with substance use disorder, individuals in need of protective services, aging and older adults, and people living with HIV, among others.

During the 2023 grant cycle, 53 organizations received \$2 million to create or improve 1,674 beds or units. A list of the 2023 grant award recipients is available on WHEDA’s website.

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—Elmer Moore, Jr., WHEDA CEO

Ald. Westmoreland to host 5th District Town Hall Meeting June 10

Alderman Lamont Westmoreland will be hosting a 5th District town hall meeting on Monday, June 10 at 8901 W. Capitol Dr., in the Wellpoint Care Network Center, from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Attendees should enter the main lobby entrance at the north parking lot, and because of ongoing building renovations, an accessible entrance is available at the south employee entrance.



Representatives from several city departments will be on hand to listen to residents’ concerns and answer questions. “Your time is valuable, and your input and your feedback is extremely important to me, so ‘Thank You’ in advance and please make plans to attend on Monday,” Alderman Westmore-



NŌ STUDIOS DANCE FEST RETURNS AUGUST 3RD

Nō Studios, a hub for the creative arts in downtown Milwaukee, today announced the return of Dance Fest on Saturday, August 3rd. Now in its third year, Dance Fest has expanded to include five premier dance companies from across the Midwest along with four Wisconsin-based

programs. Featuring a diverse array of genres including contemporary, ballet, African-inspired, salsa, and hip-hop, this celebrated dance experience brings together exceptional local and national talent. In addition to the combined performance, this all-ages event offers food and live music.

“Nō Studios is thrilled to bring Dance Fest back to Milwaukee,” said Nō Studios founder, John Ridley. “This all-ages, family friendly event celebrates not only the art of dance, but the rich mix of cultures and styles that make Milwaukee a great place to live and work.”

The event will take place at the Marcus Performing Arts Center’s outdoor Peck Pavilion along the Milwaukee River. The combined performance starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25 and go on sale June 10th. Event details are available at

and to see Nō Studios’ continued commitment to dance and showcasing some of the best talent this city and her neighbors have to offer.”

Dance Fest is curated by Morgan Williams, founder of Water Street Dance Milwaukee, whose company was named one of Dance Magazine’s “25 to Watch” this year.

Regional dance companies participating in Dance Fest include:

Chicago Dance Crash: Crash has emerged as the leading physical theater dance company in the Midwest, blending street dance, storytelling, tricking, acro, and contemporary dance.

Danceworks Performance MKE: Danceworks is an ensemble of performing artists with dynamically different movement training and experiences that uses its diverse breadth of techniques to strengthen the virtuosity of art making through

dance performance.

Ko-Thi Dance Company: Ko-Thi Dance Company is comprised of artists trained in the histories, mythologies, and techniques of performance art within the African Diaspora using a myriad of traditional instruments, authentic costumes, infectious music, and extraordinary dance to educate and bridge the gap amongst various cultures.

Madison Ballet: Madison Ballet is a premier Wisconsin ballet company under the direction of Ja’Malik focused on building a better community through art.

Salsabrositas: Milwaukee’s award-winning Latin dance team established in 2012.

Visceral Dance Chicago: Celebrating its 10th anniversary, Visceral Dance is a nationally and internationally recognized driving force in contemporary dance founded and

led by artistic director Nick Pupillo.

Water Street Dance Milwaukee: Recently named one of Dance Magazine’s “25 to Watch,” Water Street Dance Milwaukee is Milwaukee’s premier repertory dance company.

Founded by Oscar winner and Milwaukee native, John Ridley, Nō Studios is a collaborative workspace, hybrid experience platform and social community that offers an environment for artists and activists to come together. Dance Fest is part of Nō Studios’ larger combined performance program series including the Filmmaker Showcase, Visual Arts Gallery and Live Music. The series is aimed at exploring, honoring and elevating the regional Midwest creative landscape.

Dance Fest is sponsored by the Marcus Performing Arts Center and media partner WISN 12 News.

Gov. Tony Evers, a former state Superintendent of Public Instruction, has a unique opportunity given his skill set to take charge of the Milwaukee Public Schools, a former MPS superintendent said.

Bill Andrekopoulos, MPS superintendent for eight years until his retirement in 2010, and an educator in the district for 38 years, said that unless the school district was willing to yield completely to outside reform, nothing — not the financial bungling or low student performance — would change.

The governor, Andrekopoulos said, ought to appoint a Special Master, who would create an advisory panel of, maybe, seven members to run MPS for three to five years. The panel would then decide on a new structure for the district, perhaps giving responsibility to the mayor of Milwaukee. The mayor could then appoint community stakeholder board members.

“One of the things that has never been disrupted in at least 40 years is the governance of MPS, and it’s time to be disrupted for the benefit of the kids and the community,” Andrekopoulos told the Badger Institute in a wide-ranging interview. “The governor, the legislative leaders, the mayor, the Common Council president and the MMAC have an opportunity to make significant changes to the governance structure of MPS. It’s time for a higher authority to intervene.”

Now that MPS Superintendent Keith Posley had resigned, set to give up his \$300,000 annual salary at the end of June and take with him a \$160,000 severance, Andrekopoulos wondered if anyone would finally listen to those angry speakers at the Milwaukee Public Schools Board hearing Monday night.

Nearly everyone who called for Posley to be fired also said it was time to clean house. Like the angry crowd Monday night at MPS Central Services voicing their disgust, Andrekopoulos said the public has been given far too few answers to far too many questions.

His plan for reform is audacious. It’s never been tried in Wisconsin. There will almost certainly be political resistance from the most powerful, controlling player in local education, the Milwaukee Teachers’ Education Association, he said.

District leadership, elected and administrative, and the DPI, have a lot to answer for the events leading up to Posley’s resignation under pressure, Andrekopoulos said.

Chief among them is why or how district administrators could be so slow to respond to problems with some of its most basic funding sources. While it wasn’t until mid-May that the public became aware that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services was suspending MPS’ Head Start program, a check of board meeting minutes by the Badger Institute found references to “deficiencies” in the program going back more than a year.

The federal Administration for Children and Families in an April 26 letter to the board cited physically and verbally abused, maltreated, and unsupervised children. Without some remediation, Head Start might withhold an estimated \$10.5 million in funding for next year.

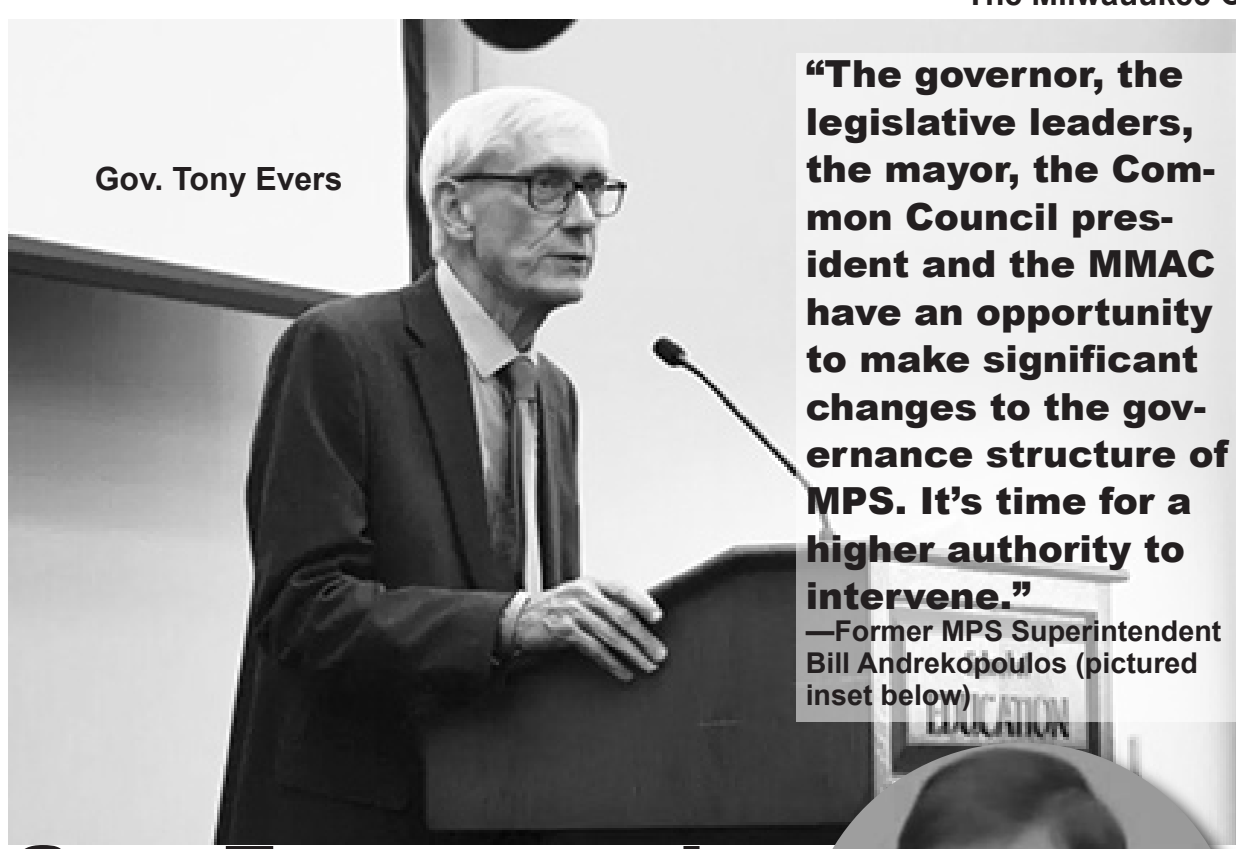
Unlike some federal programs that are little more than slush funds for school districts, Head Start provides very specific guidelines and benchmarks for spending and performance, Andrekopoulos said.

“As superintendent, I went through an (Head Start) audit,” he said. “It’s shocking to me when Head Start provides a template for remediation that it could be ignored.”

Approximately a week later, Posley made public a letter from John Johnson, deputy state superintendent for DPI, asking for six audits and reports for the years 2023 through 2025, several of them overdue by more than eight months.

The language of the letter is brutal.

The letter refers to a “pattern of submitting incomplete data” and



Gov. Tony Evers

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—Former MPS Superintendent Bill Andrekopoulos (pictured inset below)



Gov. Evers needs to intervene in MPS, says former MPS superintendent

Says governor should appoint Special Master, step toward new governance

BY MARK LISHERON, article courtesy of badgerinstitute.org

warns the district that without swift compliance DPI would withhold a special education services payment for June that could be at least \$15 million.

State general aid payments in the “tens of millions” of dollars to the district were at risk, a DPI spokesperson told a local paper. The failure of by far the largest school district in the state to provide required revenue estimates could potentially rob other districts of revenue, the spokesperson said.

Those few board members who responded claimed to be blindsided by the revelations in the letter. Requests for interviews with key board members and Posley by the Badger Institute were ignored.

MPS board member Darryl Jackson has said he has been “in the dark about quite a bit.”

While it is possible Jackson, a member of the MPS’ Committee on Accountability, Finance and Personnel, and other committee members didn’t know the financial records debacle was coming to a head, he and a quorum were in attendance for a board meeting back on Dec. 21 when district chief financial officer Martha Kreitzman responded to an audit critical of her office’s financial reporting.

Auditor Baker Tilly, a contractor with the district for a decade, had provided the district with a report based on its audit for the 2021-22 school year.

Auditors “identified control deficiencies that are considered material weakness surrounding the preparation of financial statements” not in “conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards that is in conformance with the applicable federal or state requirements.”

“In addition, material misstatements in the general ledger were identified during the financial audit and subsequently corrected upon being questioned as part of the audit process.”

Kreitzman presented the board with the administration’s response, a 10-page outline for correcting the problems.

In response to a loss of lots of institutional knowledge in the department during the pandemic, Kreitzman said she’d hired contractors for permanent roles as comptroller, reporting manager, budget director, manager and coordinator.

She said she hired two contractors, Robert Half and Protiviti, to reorganize the Department of Finance. In addition to making financial reporting a separate entity, a financial reporting checklist had been created, she told the board.

“Have you ever been faced with a challenge and didn’t know what direction to go?” she told the board. “The challenge seemed impossible.”

progress on filing statutorily required fiscal reports, the DPI was forced to inform MPS on Friday that further aid payments are at risk, immediately including both a special education aid payment and a general aid payment in June,” the statement read.

The next day, when asked by a CBS 58 reporter why this action didn’t precede the referendum, he backpedaled, saying that although letters had been sent to the district in September and December 2023, “I don’t think in March as you were leading up to the referendum that it was clear that that they were as behind as they were.

“It’s not fair to suggest DPI knew the scale of the problem is what it is two months ago.”

To which state Rep. Mark Born, R-Beaver Dam, co-chair of the Assembly Finance Committee replied on Twitter:

“Convenient how DPI didn’t release info about MPS’ failure to report financial data before a \$252M referendum went to voters, despite the district missing deadlines months earlier. DPI was well aware of it, considering their frequent meetings with the district about the reports.”

Born told the Badger Institute that while it probably cannot be proven that DPI dragged its feet, Gov. Evers and state Superintendent Jill Underly were vocal supporters of the referendum that was always expected to be close.

“DPI has been enabling MPS for a long time. This has been years in the making and finally it’s coming to a head,” Born said.

Evers and several DPI officials, including Chheda, declined to respond to emails asking for answers to many of these questions.

Andreopoulos said that the way DPI has handled the MPS problem is out of character from the usual vigilance and adherence to deadlines.

Andrekopoulos said, however, that rather than covering something up, he thinks DPI might have thought any disclosures would have been interference in a referendum that rightfully should have been decided locally.

When asked about Andrekopoulos’ proposal to have Evers head a reform effort going forward, his frequent political sparring partner, Born, said he agreed that the change had to come from somewhere outside of the school district.

“I think people should know that this is a big deal and that something like this just doesn’t happen in the course of daily governance,” Born said. “Wherever it comes from, the mayor, the county executive, wherever. It’s time for leadership.”

Mark Lisheran is the Managing Editor of the Badger Institute. Permission to reprint is granted as long as the author and Badger Institute are properly cited.

“Run for Something” endorses LaKeshia Myers Changing The Face of Local Politics in Wisconsin

Rep. LaKeshia Myers (D-Milwaukee) recently received the endorsement of “Run for Something” (RFS), a groundbreaking organization that recruits and supports strong voices in the next generation of progressive leadership.

Myers said, “Earning this endorsement is an acknowledgement of my work on behalf of the community. I use my platform to elevate the causes of my constituents and if elected to the state

senate, I vow to continue giving a higher degree of leadership to the people of the 4th district.”

“Republican extremists are running for office and pushing their far-right agendas up and down the ballot in 2024, so we’re excited to endorse so many candidates that have stepped up to stop them,” RFS co-founder and co-executive director Amanda Litman



State Rep. Myers

said. “Progressives can’t just focus on battleground states if we want to have an impact, which is why we’re supporting candidates running for everything from school board in Nebraska to state house in Massachusetts.”

“Run for Something’s latest endorsement class will be instrumental in building a robust Democratic foundation for the future, and the excitement they’ll bring to the campaign trail will boost local turnout and help other candidates up and down the ballot win this November,” RFS co-founder and co-executive director Ross Morales Rocketto said. Of the organization’s May class of 83 candidates:

- 53% identify as people of color
- 34% identify as LGBTQIA
- 53% identify as women
- Our class of candidates represent 31 states

As the organization continues to build the progressive bench from the bottom-up, its excited to support and amplify more talented, young progressives already making a difference at the state and local level.

The endorsement process includes an extensive internal review with background check, staff interview and insight from local state experts.

Amanda Litman and Ross Morales Rocketto launched RFS on Jan. 20, 2017 with a simple premise: help young diverse progressives to run for down-ballot races in order to build a bench for the future.

RFS aims to lower the barriers to entry for these candidates by helping them with organization building, a robust community, and access to the trainings needed to be successful.



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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV3744

In the matter of the name change of:
 VINCENT THOMAS DRUSCHKE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: VINCENT THOMAS DRUSCHKE to: VIVIAN TAYLOR DRUSCHKE
 Birth Certificate: VINCENT THOMAS DRUSCHKE

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 JUNE 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: 5-6-2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. J.D.WATTS
 Circuit Court Judge
 372/5-22-29/6-5-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV003972

In the matter of the name change of:
 ASHTON MICHAEL KECK
 By (Petitioner) ASHTON MICHAEL KECK

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: ASHTON MICHAEL KECK to: ASHTON THEODORE DOLHUN
 Birth Certificate: ASHTON MICHAEL KECK

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JUNE 18, 2024, TIME 9:45 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 5/16/2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO
 Circuit Court Judge
 373/5-22-29/6-5-2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
SUMMONS WITHOUT
MINOR CHILDREN
Case No. 24FA001607
Divorce: 40101

CAROLYN JACKSON 3141 S 77th St Apt 309 Milwaukee WI 53219, Petitioner and WILLIAM JACKSON JR 4538 N Hopkins St Milwaukee WI 53209, Respondent

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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 21st day of March 2024
 BY: CAROLYN JACKSON
 370/5-22-29/6-5-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV004132

In the matter of the name change of:
 JAIME ROSE STRAWMIER
 By (Petitioner) JAIME ROSE STRAWMIER

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

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SO-SNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JULY 26, 2024, TIME 11:15 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: 5-22-2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
 Circuit Court Judge
 374/5-22-29/6-5-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV3150

In the matter of the name change of:
 FELICIA LATASHA CURETON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: FELICIA LATASHA-ALICE CURETON to: FAITH LATASHA-ALICE CURETON
 Birth Certificate: FAITH LATASHA-ALICE CURETON

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY RM 415 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JUNE 12, 2024, TIME 2:30 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 4-17-2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY
 Circuit Court Judge
 371/5-22-29/6-5-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV004120

In the matter of the name change of:
 DARWIN PRANEE TURNER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: DARWIN PRANEE TURNER to: FAME SOLARIS TURNER
 Birth Certificate: DARWIN PRANEE TURNER

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 JUNE 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: 5-21-2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS

Circuit Court Judge
 375/5-22-29/6-5-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV003737

In the matter of the name change of:
 MONIQUE LATRICIA THOMAS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: MONIQUE LATRICIA THOMAS to: MONIQUE LATRICIA HARDRICK
 Birth Certificate: MONIQUE LATRICIA WILLIAMS

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 JUNE 26, 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: 5-21-2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS
 Circuit Court Judge
 376/5-22-29/6-5-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV004186

In the matter of the name change of:
 AMMY TASHADA SAENGSAVANG
 By (Petitioner) AMMY TASHADA SAENGSAVANG

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: AMMY TASHADA SAENGSAVANG to: ASHER TASHADA SAENGSAVANG
 Birth Certificate: AMMY TASHADA SAENGSAVANG

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 AUGUST 6, 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: 5-28-2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS
 Circuit Court Judge
 379/5-29/6-5-12-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV004183

In the matter of the name change of:
 NHIA YANG
 By (Petitioner) NHIA YANG

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: NHIA YANG to: TINA NHIA YANG
 Birth Certificate: NHIA YANG

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SO-SNAY ROOM 401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JULY 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: 5-23-2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
 Circuit Court Judge
 377/5-29/6-5-12-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV004222

In the matter of the name change of:
 UNIQUE MONTRECE BRIGGS

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV003979

In the matter of the name change of:
 RAVEN KENYA KATHERINE

CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV003979

In the matter of the name change of:
 RAVEN KENYA KATHERINE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: RAVEN KENYA KATHERINE to: RAY'QUAN TAVONNI KATHERINE
 Birth Certificate: RAVEN KENYA KATHERINE

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY RM 415 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JULY 2, 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: 3-8-2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. GWENDOLYN CONNOLLY
 Circuit Court Judge
 322/5-29/6-5-12-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV003906

In the matter of the name change of:
 JAQUEL LOUISE JONES
 By (Petitioner) JAQUEL LOUISE JONES

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 FROM: JAQUEL LOUISE JONES TO: JAQUEL LOUISE HODGE
 Birth Certificate: JAQUEL LOUISE JONES

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: JULY 8, 2024, TIME 11:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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 Dated: 5-28-2024
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. DAVID BOROWSKI
 Circuit Court Judge
 378/5-29/6-5-12-2024

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CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV004222

In the matter of the name change of:
 UNIQUE MONTRECE BRIGGS

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

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT
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 Public Meetings
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 Divorce Proceedings
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 Publication of Summons when personal services cannot be made to defendants
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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

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 From: UNIQUE MONTRECE BRIGGS to: UNIQUE MONTRECE HANDFORD
 Birth Certificate: UNIQUE MONTRECE HANDFORD

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 JUNE 25, 2024, TIME 11:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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 BY THE COURT:
 HON. J.D.WATTS
 Circuit Court Judge
 382/5-29/6-5-12-2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
SUMMONS WITHOUT
MINOR CHILDREN
Case No. 24FA001644
Divorce: 40101

DIANA P GUTIERREZ 1807 S 92nd St Apt 102 Milwaukee WI 53214, Petitioner and RAUL CEPEDA VARGAS 2116 S 6th St Milwaukee WI 53215, Respondent

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Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 22nd day of March 2024
 BY: DIANA P GUTIERREZ
 381/5-29/6-5-12-2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
SUMMONS AND NOTICE
SMALL CLAIMS

Case No. 24SC002450
 PLAINTIFF(S) TAMMY JEMISON, 2800 W WRIGHT ST # 233 Milwaukee WI 53208
 vs DEFENDANT/S: DR WESLEY SCOTT ESSENTIAL HOUSING LLC C/O JAMES BOTTONI 537 N HAWLEY RD. Milwaukee WI 53213

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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.
 Claim for money (\$10,000 or less) 31001

TO THE DEFENDANT(S):
 You are being sued as described below. If you wish to dispute this matter: You must appear at the time and place stated.
 If you do not appear or answer, the plaintiff(s) may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff is asking.

When to Appear /File an Answer Date: JULY 8, 2024, Time: 8:30 A.M.
 Place to Appear/File and Answer: Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th Street, Room 400 Milwaukee, WI 53233

Clerk/Attorney Signature:
 Plaintiff's Demand: The plaintiff states the following claim against the defendant(s):
 1. Plaintiff demands judgment for: Claim for Money
 Brief Statement: Car needs to go to body shop, car rental, property damage, retaliation, management, negligence, medical bills, storage reimbursement for stolen property add to expenses.

Dated: 5-28-2024
 BY THE PLAINTIFF:
 TAMMY JEMISON,
 380/5-29-2024

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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

Biden, Harris Invited to NNPA Convention as Black Press Celebrates 197 Years, Addresses Voter Turnout and Empowering Black Communities

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent
@StacyBrownMedida



President Biden and Vice President Harris

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NN-PA) will host its annual national convention from June 19 to 22 at the Four Seasons Hotel Baltimore.

The NNPA is the trade association of the more than 250 African American-owned newspapers and media companies that comprise the Black Press of America.

This year's event, themed "Empowering Black Press, Com-

munities, Families, and Voter Turnout," marks the Black Press's 197th anniversary, just three years shy of its bicentennial.

The Black Press was founded in 1827, before slavery ended in America, with the publication of Freedom's Journal in New York,

published by John B. Russwurm and Samuel Cornish.

The conglomerate has long championed the cause of African Americans and have been counted on for decades to rally the Black community around specific political candidates.

"We wish to plead our own cause, for too long others have spoken for us," declared Russwurm and Cornish in their inaugural issue.

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have re-

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UpGrade Media Arts Board Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled monthly board meeting of the UpGrade Media Arts Schools, Inc. Governance Board will be held virtually (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/*****604?pwd=SEFkNWpJT0FVMU5yamp2aU1FS0MwUT09) on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 5:00pm for the following purposes:

1. Call to Order
2. Review of Vision Statement
3. Approval of June 19, 2024 Agenda
4. Approval of May 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes
5. Chief Executive Officer Report
6. Financial Report and Budget Updates - Steve Goetsch - Treasurer
7. Board Member Items - Jameelah Shareef, Board Chairperson
8. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved,...

Respectfully submitted by:

Tina Cox
Tina Cox
Board Secretary

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT SMALL CLAIMS CLAIM FOR MONEY 31008 Case No. 24SC007326

PLAINTIFF(S) ERICA SANCHEZ 408 WEST HAMSON AVE MILWAUKEE WI 53207

VS DEFENDANT/S: SALCEDA VIANEY RAMIREZ 8229 WILDFIRE LANE SACRAMENTO CA 95828

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

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-985-5757 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Return of earnest money 31008

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

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

When to Appear /File an Answer Date: JUNE 10, 2024, Time: 8:30 A.M. Place to Appear/File and Answer: Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th Street, Room 400 Milwaukee, WI 53233

Clerk/Attorney Signature: I am the plaintiff: Dated: 5-6-2024 BY THE PLAINTIFF: ERICA SANCHEZ 383/5-29-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV3091

In the matter of the name change of: TEARI TIMESIHA WILLIAMS By (Petitioner) TEARI TIMESIHA WILLIAMS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: TEARI TIMESIHA WILLIAMS to: TEA WILLTON Birth Certificate: TEARI TIMESIHA WILLIAMS

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 JULY 2, 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: 5-23-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN Circuit Court Judge 392/6-5-12-19-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV004269

In the matter of the name change of: YESENIA MARIE MALAVE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

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

From: YESENIA MARIE MALAVE to: YESENIA MARIE MERINO Birth Certificate: YESENIA MARIE MALAVE

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

Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JULY 2, 2024, TIME 2:30 P.M.

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

Dated: 5/28/2024 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 387/6-5-12-19-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV004346

In the matter of the name change of: SOPHIE RANI PERSAUD SHAPIRO

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: SOPHIE RANI PERSAUD SHAPIRO to: SOPHIE RANI PERSAUD Birth Certificate: SOPHIE RANI PERSAUD SHAPIRO

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 JUNE 27, 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: 5-31-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN Circuit Court Judge 389/6-5-12-19-2024

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OR POSTING FAMILY LAW JENNY HUANG, ESQ. (SBN: 336299) JH LEGALHELPER 1201 W Hunting Drive, Suite 208 Arcadia, CA 91007 626-396-3676 info@jhlegalhelper.com Attorney For: JINQIU HU

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA 91766 Pomona Courthouse South

PETITIONER: JINQIU HU RESPONDENT: TIANRAN LIU CASE NO. 24PSFL00546

Publication Granted: the court finds that the respondent cannot be served in any other manner specified in the California Code of Civil Procedures. The court orders that the documents listed in item 6 be served by publication at least once per week for four successive weeks in the following newspaper: MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL

Documents to be served by publication or posting: a Summons (Family Law) (form FL-110) b. c. Other (specify): Family Law Case

Cover Sheet, FL-100 (Petition) FL-160 (Property Decl.)

If doing the 28 days of publication or posting, you locate the respondent's address, you must have someone 18 years of age or older, mail the documents listed in item 6 to the respondent along with this order. The server must complete and file with this court a Proof of Service by Mail (form FL-335)

Date: 5-17-2024 BY: GEANENE YRIARTE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 385/6-5-12-19-26-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV005079

In the matter of the name change of: GINA MARIE LUBONOVIC

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: GINA MARIE LUBONOVIC to: GINA MARIE MICHNA Birth Certificate: GINA MARIE LUBONOVIC

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 JULY 26, 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: 5-21-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY Circuit Court Judge 391/6-5-12-19-2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN Case No. 24FA002165 Divorce: 40101

CHANDA LOVETTE WHEELER 3059 N 60th St Milwaukee WI 53210, Petitioner and ROMEO CLAYTON WHEELER 5317 N 51st Blvd Milwaukee WI 53218, 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 18th day of April 2024 BY: CHANDA LOVETTE WHEELER 393/6-5-12-19-2024

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

NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV003322

In the matter of the name change of: AN DUC THIEN NGUYEN By (Petitioner) TRANG TNI BICIN DANG

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: AN DUC THIEN NGUYEN to: ALAN DONALD NGUYEN Birth Certificate: AN DUC THIEN NGUYEN

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

Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JUNE 27, 2024, TIME 9:15 A.M.

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

Dated: 5/30/2024 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 388/6-5-12-19-2024

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—Henry Ford

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WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN COMING AND PAST HAPPENINGS IN AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

Biden, Harris Invited to NNPA Convention as Black Press Celebrates 197 Years, Addresses Voter Turnout and Empowering Black Communities

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ceived formal invitations to attend the convention, and their participation is highly anticipated by the over 250 Black-owned newspaper and media company owners and their team of editors and journalists who are expected in Baltimore. With the 2024 election looming, Biden's engagement with the Black Press is critical to his bid for re-election, underscoring the importance of the Black vote. Reflecting on a pivotal moment from the 1992 NNPA convention in Baltimore, Bob Bogle of the Philadelphia Tribune and Sonny Messiah Jiles of the Houston Defender recalled the fallout when Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton backed out of his scheduled appearance. Black publishers were furious with Clinton's decision. Bogle, at the time, called it "an affront to the Black Press, and it's an affront to African Americans everywhere."

Clinton later realized the gravity of his mistake and made amends by addressing the Black Press collectively. This historical context adds weight to the expectations placed on Biden, as Bogle and Jiles have expressed a similar resolve this year.

NNPA Chair Bobby Henry emphasized the significance of this year's theme: "Our theme, 'Empowering the Black Press, Communities, Families, and Voter Turnout,' is of paramount importance. This conference is a critical platform for addressing the unique challenges and opportunities for political parties to share their messages with the media that serves the population and can make or break elections."

The convention will feature several high-profile presentations and panels, including a keynote address by Damon Todd Hewitt, President & Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, titled "What is at Stake for African Americans: the 2024 Vote." Rev. Mark Thompson of NNPA Global will moderate the "Generation Z Voter Issues" panel, featuring current and former HBCU students.

A panel discussion on "From NNPA Intern to Full-Time: How the Chevrolet Discover the Unexpected Program is Fueling the Workforce of the Future," hosted by General Mo-



tors, and a Pfizer-sponsored breakfast on "Using AI Technology to Extend Audience Reach and Ensure Inclusive Voices" are two additional highlights. The Google News Initiative will present "News Consumer Insights" with Chrissey Towle, Google's Director of News Partnerships.

Rahn Bailey, MD, of LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine, Elliott T. Boyce, Sr., retired Director of the New York State Police, and Major Neil Franklin, former Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, will be on a panel Reynolds will host to discuss "The Importance of the 2024 Black Vote and Public Policy." NNPA Partners and sponsors Reynolds, Pfizer Rare Disease, Google News Initiative, General Motors, American Petroleum Institute, Comcast NBC Universal, Nissan, and AARP.

The NNPA Fund's annual Merit Awards and gala will occur on Thursday, June 20. On Friday, June 21, the NNPA's annual black-tie gala will include a tribute to Frankie Beverly. Congressman Kweisi Mfume, U.S. Cabinet Secretary Michael Regan, and Maryland Governor Wesley Moore are scheduled to participate. NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. highlighted the critical nature of this year's convention. "The NNPA

welcomes the upcoming opportunity to convene our 2024 annual national convention in the great city of Baltimore," Chavis declared.

"This marks the 197th anniversary of the Black Press of America. Baltimore is one of the historic cities where the Black Press continues to triumph in transformational ways. Because democracy and freedom are on the ballot this year, we will also issue a national call to action to get out the vote across America."

As the Black Press nears its bicentennial, the NNPA is celebrating its rich legacy and charting a course for its future impact on civic engagement and social justice. "Strengthening voter turnout, supporting families, and enhancing the financial stability of Black businesses are essential steps toward fostering a more inclusive and equitable society," Henry added. "This conference underscores the vital role of informing, educating, and mobilizing communities."

The NNPA has continued to call for increased advertising support from businesses and governmental agencies to ensure fair and equitable spending with Black-owned media, emphasizing the ongoing economic and social contributions of the Black Press to American society.

Milwaukee to celebrate Independence Day in 2024

Tradition of City celebrations to include fireworks, family activities, and community events

The City of Milwaukee's Fourth of July festivities are scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2024. Milwaukee has long celebrated the Fourth of July with community events throughout the city, a tradition dating back to 1911. This year, Milwaukee will celebrate the great American holiday with parades, picnics, games, talent contests, fireworks and more.

"Independence Day marks a special celebration of America in Milwaukee," said Mayor Cavalier Johnson. "This beloved tradition across all our parks is one that families and friends mark as a highlight each summer. The City of Milwaukee is excited and thanks the community and our partners for their continued support."

This year's theme is "Working Together for a Better U.S.A." Fourth of July celebrations will be held at Milwaukee County Parks throughout the city, including: Alcott Park, Enderis Playfield, Gordon Park, Humboldt Park, Jackson Park, King Center, Lake Park, Lincoln Park, Mitchell Park, Noyes Park, Washington Park, and Wilson Park.

More information about Independence Day celebrations throughout the City of Milwaukee is available on the City's website.

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