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U.S. Senate



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1,672,550
Votes
(49.4%)

U.S. Rep.



Gwen Moore (Inc.)
249,919
Votes
(74.9%)

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State Senate



Dora Drake (4th Dist.)
Was
Unopposed

State Senate



LaTonya Johnson (6th Dist.)
Was
Unopposed

St. Assembly



Sequanna Taylor (11th Dist.)
Was
Unopposed

St. Assembly



Kalan Haywood (16th Dist.)
Was
Unopposed

St. Assembly



Darrin Madison, Jr. (10th Dist.)
Was
Unopposed

St. Assembly



Russell Goodwin (12 Dist.)
18,391
Votes
(80.9%)

St. Assembly



Inc.- Supreme Moore Omokunde (17th Dist.)
Was
Unopposed

St. Assembly



Margaret Arney (18th Dist.)
20,8000
Votes
(82.4%)

St. Assembly



LaToya Bates (37th Dist.)
Lost
9,608
Votes
(31.4%)

St. Assembly



Shelia Stubbs (78th Dist.)
Was
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“While I concede this election, I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign...”

—Vice President Kamala Harris during a concession speech at Howard University.

Democratic presidential nominee, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris speaks on stage as she concedes the election, at Howard University on November 06, 2024 in Washington, DC. (Photo by Andrew Harnik/Getty Images)

Vice President and Democratic Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris vows to keep fighting, urges supporters to ‘roll up our sleeves’ after ‘incredibly gutting’ election loss

By Gerren Keith Gaynor

Vice President Kamala Harris took to the stage on Wednesday at Howard University to concede her loss in the 2024 presidential election.

“The outcome of this election is not what we wanted, not what we fought for, not what we voted for,” declared Harris to a packed audience of supporters. “My heart is full today, full of gratitude for the trust you have placed in me, full of love for our country, and full of resolve.”

Harris continued, “But hear me when I say ... the light of America’s promise will always burn as long as we never give up and as long as we keep fighting.”

The defeated 2024 Democratic presidential nominee congratulated Republican President-elect Donald Trump earlier on Wednesday. She was all smiles as she addressed thousands of mostly young people on the campus of her alma mater, a historically Black college, where tears were ever-



THERE IS NO JOY THIS MORNING!

OPINION: Like many, I hoped to wake up to the news that Kamala Harris had pulled out the improbable. Like many, I, again, woke up disappointed.

By Panama Jackson
Editor’s note: The following article is an op-ed, and the views expressed are the author’s own.
As a professional writer—an

opinion writer at that—my job is to provide perspective on things that are happening all around us. In that role, some days are easier than others. And then there are days when that task feels insur-

mountable.

Today is one of those days. Like a great many people, I was up until about 3 a.m. on election night, nauseously waiting for confirmation of dread I began to feel much, much earlier in the night—America had once again elected Donald Trump to the presidency of the United States of America. When I went to sleep, that fact wasn’t certain, but by the time I woke up at 6 a.m. to get my kids ready for school and share the results, all of the news outlets ensured today was not going to be a good day.

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, started out so promising. My wife, an alumna of Howard University, took three of my children to vote with her, full of pride and confidence. My sons got to watch their mother cast her presidential ballot for a woman who walked the same campus yard she did.

They saw the possibility. They saw promise. They saw the future. My wife voted for Kamala Harris not just because she went to Howard University, but because she’s a woman and a mother and because the future of this nation, as always, depends

on women and mothers to ensure its survival. Especially, Black women.

And also, because the other guy is a racist, misogynistic, xenophobic felon who shouldn’t even be allowed to run for the highest office in the land. But

present in the crowd – including from her husband, Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff, and running mate Gov. Tim Walz.

Harris, who said she was “proud” of the race she and her campaign ran, vowed to keep fighting for the issues she ran on, including protecting American democracy and freedoms for all Americans.

“While I concede this election, I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign,” said Harris passionately. “That is a fight I will never give up.”

She added, “We will continue to wage this fight in the voting booth, in the courts, and in the public square.”

Invoking her signature message of “joy,” the vice president proclaimed, “We will also wage it in quieter ways, in how we live our lives, by treating one another with kindness and respect.”

“She gave a magnanimous speech that’s incredibly difficult, incredibly gutting,” said Democratic strategist Joel Payne, who worked on the 2016 presidential campaign of another history-making woman who lost to Trump: Hillary Clinton.

“There’s a history of Black leaders being forced to... rise above,” Payne told theGrio. “She did that, and the country should be grateful that Kamala Harris was on the wrong side of this and not Donald Trump because it would not have been handled with the grace that it was.”

Trump, who refused to commit to accepting the results of the 2024 election if he lost, infamously pushed falsehoods that his 2020 election loss to President Joe Biden was the result of mass voter fraud.

here we are today, having to explain to our children this hurtful reality of Trump’s return, trying to mask as much of the pain as possible so as to not kill their joy and innocence.

We told our kids matter-of-factly that Trump had been

As Harris walks away empty-handed in her quest to become America’s first female, first Black woman, and first South Asian president, many have praised the vice president for running what they saw as a masterful campaign.

“She has run not only a flawless campaign, but she personally has been everywhere and done everything,” U.S. Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett, Democrat of Virginia Islands, told theGrio.

“As an American, as a sister, I want to tell her that she’s enough and that she has done more than enough,” said Plaskett.

As for Harris’ future as the Democratic Party’s leader, Plaskett said Harris has already demonstrated she can lead both the party and the country, adding, “I think that she needs to take the time that she needs to evaluate, to breathe and replenish herself.”

During her remarks on Wednesday at Howard, Harris made a direct appeal to “the young people” who strongly supported her campaign.

“Please know it’s gonna be OK. Sometimes, the fight takes a while. That doesn’t mean we won’t win,” said the vice president. “Don’t ever stop trying to make the world a better place. You have power.”

She added, “This is not a time to throw up our hands. This is a time to roll up our sleeves.”

Vice President Harris concluded her speech by quoting a historian who once said, “Only when it is dark enough can you see the stars.”

She declared, “Let us fill the sky with the light of a brilliant... billion of stars. The light of optimism, of faith, of truth and service.” —Article courtesy of thegrio.com

elected president, but honestly I wanted to yell and scream about what kind of country we live in that would so overwhelmingly vote for Trump—again—with all of the information we have about him. I couldn’t do that to my kids

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CORRECTION!

Though it wasn’t mentioned in the long-form caption accompanying photos of actress Kerry Washington visiting Anna Mae Robertson (pictured at right), who was a member of the famed 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion during World War II, she (Robertson) **DID NOT** receive the Congressional Medal of Honor as the headline stated.

The unit—as a whole—received the **Congressional Gold Medal** in 2022.

The postal unit of 855 Black women were members of the Women’s Army Corps.

It was the first and only unit of color to be stationed in Europe during World War II. In Milwaukee a week ago



to rally canvassers working on the campaign of Vice President Kamala Harris, Washington visited Robertson at her home. The actress stars in the

movie about the unit called, “The Six Triple Eight,” which will premiere December 6 in theatres, and on Netflix on December 20.—Photo by Darrell Williams

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HYFIN Announces Third Annual Blackity Black Holiday Market, Strengthening Milwaukee's Black Business Community

HYFIN, Milwaukee's premier digital-first Black music and culture platform, announces its highly anticipated 3rd Annual Blackity Black Holiday Market, showcasing over 40 Black-owned businesses on Saturday, November 30, 2024.

The event will transform Turner Hall Ballroom (1040 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave) into a vibrant marketplace from 10 AM to 3 PM, offering unique holiday shopping opportunities while strengthening Milwaukee's Black entrepreneurial ecosystem. The event is free to the public.

Building on the remarkable success of previous years, which drew over 1,000 attendees and featured 60 local Black-owned businesses, this year's market arrives at a crucial time for Milwaukee's Black business community.

In a city where only 1.8% of 28,668 businesses are Black-owned—below the national average of 2.4%—the Blackity Black Holiday Market is a vital platform for economic empowerment and community connection.

"The Blackity Black Holiday Market has become more than



just a shopping event—it's a movement celebrating Black entrepreneurship and creativity in Milwaukee," said Tarik Moody, HYFIN's Creative Director. "Connecting consumers directly with local Black-owned businesses creates sustainable economic opportunities and strengthens our community's fabric."

This year's market coincides with Small Business Saturday, offering shoppers a meaningful way to support local entrepreneurs while finding distinctive holiday gifts.

Vendors will showcase a wide range of products, from handcrafted items to specialty goods, reflecting the diversity and talent within Milwaukee's Black business community.

The market builds upon

HYFIN's comprehensive support for Black entrepreneurs, including their recently launched Black Small Business Initiative (BSBI). This scholarship valued at a total of \$100,000 program provides five area businesses with extensive marketing support, including:

- 500 on-air underwriting messages
- Digital marketing resources
- Access to the 2025 HYFIN E-Commerce Summit
- Executive coaching opportunities
- Technology support through United Way's Techquity program

For more information about the market and participating vendors, visit [website] or follow HYFIN on social media (@hyfinmke on Facebook and @hyfin.mke on Instagram).

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though. I couldn't take away their belief that the country they live in values them, despite the many times I've had to acknowledge there are bad people here who don't want to see them thrive, much less live.

I have a daughter this country failed back in 2016 when somehow, someway, Hillary Clinton lost the election to Trump. I vividly remember that feeling of telling her she couldn't let anyone take away her belief that a woman could run this country, and should have the opportunity to do so. Kamala's loss feels so much more personal now because the woman who lost to such a horrible human being looks like my daughter.

It's a painful morning in African America. I'm a Black man. While I think the narrative that Black men refused to vote for a Black woman is overblown (I and all the Black men I know did vote for Kamala), more Black men voted for Trump this election than the last one, and it requires interrogation and acknowledgement that some Black men just can't vote for a woman, much less a Black woman.

I'm sure the dissection of what the gender voting gap means will happen in the days and months ahead.

But whatever smoke comes, Black men have to own it because I simply cannot imagine what it must feel like to be a Black woman today.

Black women showed up and showed out for Kamala, but not just for Kamala, but for the possibility. For the potential.

For the dream. I hurt for the Black women I know, love, and consider to be family and friends, who get constant reminders that America is not in-

terested in their strength and might, unless it is saving this country from itself.

Election night was another reminder in a consistent thread of reminders. America, and specifically the white people in it, might try to say this wasn't about race—Obama was elected twice, after all. But I cannot be convinced all of the white men and women who smile in the faces of Black women who run cities, companies, and everything in between could truly stomach the fact that a Black woman could be the face of this nation. White America does not love Black women, even if the best interest of the country is at stake. America, as they say, gon' America.

I hope all of the Black women I know are able to find some solace today, tomorrow and in the coming months. From where? I don't know. Probably just from one another.

For all of the women I know, I will do the best I can to be present and check in. I was excited for my wife, my daughter, my boys and for the country to live out the dream of a nation where anybody could truly ascend to the highest office, even the most disrespected person in America.

America is more than ready for a woman to lead. America is more than ready for a Black woman to lead. But being ready for it and being able to make it a possibility are two entirely different things.

If she allows it, check in on the Black women in your lives—the polls indicate that if she voted, it's highly likely she voted for Kamala; for a vision that included her existence.

I can't imagine the pain Black women are feeling today but then again, I'm not sure I ever could anyway.

Psalms 30:5 says that "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." We all have to believe this ideal in order for the ever-evolving (and at times, devolving), experiment called America to work. I just wish we had an idea of when that morning was coming.

Thank you Kamala Harris and Tim Walz for a race well run and for giving us a new form of belief in what could be. For now, we'll all be waiting for morning.



Raynell Jackson (C) listens to polling results during an election night event for Democratic presidential nominee, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris at Howard University on November 05, 2024 in Washington, DC. (Photo by Brandon Bell/Getty Images)

Howard election party for Harris turned somber as it became clear Trump would win White House

As voters grappled with the election outcome, pundits and experts opined on what went wrong for Harris and the implications of her loss.

By Gerren Keith Gaynor

The mood at Howard University on election night was somber, to say the least, as thousands gathered on the HBCU campus hoping to witness Kamala Harris become the 47th president of the United States.

Earlier in the evening, the campaign event was expected to be a victory party for Harris. Thousands gathered on "The Yard" at Howard, many breaking out in dance to the tunes of

a DJ as the early vote count began to trickle in. But by the night's end, it became clear Harris' chances of becoming the first female, Black woman and South Asian president

were over.

Instead, Donald Trump reclaimed the White House in a stunning comeback after running a divisive, racist and sexist campaign with several criminal cases looming over him.

At around 2:30 a.m., Trump took to the podium at his campaign headquarters in Florida to give an acceptance speech, though the race had not yet been called.

The 45th president had just won Pennsylvania, nearly cementing the 270 electoral votes needed to become America's 47th president.

During his 25-minute speech, Trump surprisingly struck a lighter tone than usual. "We're going to help our country heal," he declared to his supporters. "We have a

country that needs help, and it needs help very badly.

"I will govern by a simple motto: promises made, promises kept," said Trump, who said his incoming administration would "fix our borders" and "fix everything about our country."

Two hours earlier, disappointed Harris supporters began leaving Howard's campus in droves as campaign co-

chair Cedric Richmond took to the podium at approximately 12:43 a.m. to announce that the vice president would not take the stage to give remarks. Richmond said Harris — who was at her Washington, D.C. residence — would return to the campus on Wednesday to give remarks and address her supporters and the nation.

Though Trump had not yet been declared the winner at the time, Democrats and Harris campaign surrogates who spoke with theGrio off the record expressed dismay and disgust over what appeared to be the inevitable just after midnight on Wednesday morning.

As voters grappled with the election outcome, pundits and experts opined on what went wrong for Harris and the implications of her loss.

"There are vulnerable populations all over this country that feel at risk and believe that their place in this democracy is in question," Democratic strategist Joel Payne told theGrio.

Most notably, political experts expressed frustration over the clear racial and gender elements of the presidential election.

"It's bitter in the mouth, the racial and gender dimensions of this," said Van Jones on CNN, alluding to Harris' inability to clinch the White House because she is a woman and person of Indian and Jamaican descent.

"Can you imagine a woman of color acting like Donald Trump acted, even for one day,

the kinds of stuff that he said, the kinds of things that he did, the way that he would insult people?" said Jones.

Noting Harris' resume as a former local and state prosecutor, former U.S. senator and now vice president, Jones said, "She should have been qualified enough to be able to not have this sort of outcome."

CNN commentator Ashley Allison urged voters who supported Harris to "hold their head up high."

"Despair is not the time to lose hope. It is the time to dig down, to do some soul searching and fight for a better day," she declared.

Allison noted that many vulnerable communities who have been on the receiving end of Donald Trump's rhetoric and the Republican Party's policies — Black and brown communities, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ Americans — are "really afraid right now."

"Even if there's polling on outcomes that are showing that some people of color voted for Donald Trump, you're worthy, you're visible, you're not alone," said Allison.

"You can feel what you feel right now, but we have to do the work to protect the most vulnerable."

Payne told theGrio that the biggest reality and takeaway from the 2024 election is that the "Trump movement hasn't receded." He added, "If anything, it's grown a bit, and it's more diverse and more durable."

—Source: Thegrio.com

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Race, gender, and white male misogyny (and the Black/Brown kind) the reasons VP Harris lost to now president-elect Trump!

Was it the economy or the national embrace of conservatism?

Or was it race? Gender? Or was it both?

Any of these reasons can be strongly supported now that Donald Trump defeated Vice President Kamala Harris for the presidency of the United States of America.

Or could it have been the fear expressed by many that a 'Trumpster' loss would signal a second civil war.

Under the shadow of chaos and violence that followed Trump's loss four years ago, many felt the 'Racist Right' (aka, 'Racist Roaches') would respond with savagery if he lost again.

Indeed, on Sherwin Hugh's radio show last week, I expressed fear of a violent civil war if Trump lost. I went so far as to note I would be cleaning my guns in anticipation. White callers to the show confirmed my fears.

There is a larger contingency that would assess that the devastating impact of inflation—a 20% increase in the cost of living—and Kamala's inability to distance herself from President Joe Biden's policies doomed her candidacy.

From the economy, to immigration, to the war in the Middle East, the majority found fault with Biden and, therefore, Harris on a myriad of issues.

The fact that she could not find fault with her boss' policies in GOP commercials spoke volumes.

We may ask in the coming weeks what impact Harris' ultra-liberalism had on the election. Surveys showed that most older African Americans cling to Christian tenets, particularly on homosexuality. And commercials revealing Harris' support for government subsidized sex changes for prison inmates and immigrants turned off many moderate Black voters.

Another factor that may have long-lasting ramifications was the Black and Latino male votes.

According to Politico, Trump may have won up to 24% of the Black male vote, a stunning revelation, and an even higher percentage of the Latino male vote.

I don't know yet if that signals a depreciation of Democratic Party policies or support for misogyny (or Latino 'machismo' given the increase in the number of Latino/Hispanic voters who voted for Trump). But it did have an impact.

Not all Black folks fell for the okey doke. In 'Chocolate City' (Washington, D.C.), 94% of Black residents voted for Kamala. Of the four percent who voted for Trump, 81.3% were addicted to coffee, or weed, or that stuff former Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Berry sold to a culpable community.

Hours after the confirmation of Trump's victory, I'm still having a hard time wrapping my Afri-centric mind around the logic of brothers, and sisters to a lesser degree, voting against our self-



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VP Kamala Harris

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interests. I venture to guess 99.2% of the sistas who voted Republican are wig wearers, and 91.2% of the brothers don't sport hair on their face.

But I'm not totally convinced we have jumped off the freedom train, or lost our minds.

Stevie Wonder can see Trump is a racist (and write a song about it). Two hundred years ago, he would have been a slaveholder or, at the very least, a Confederate general.

The evidence is overwhelming. This is not to say that those brothers who voted for Trump, compared to those who didn't vote, surrendered themselves to the whip.

Many, maybe most, stood under the shadow of chauvinism.

I'm not a psychologist, but there is an innate rejection by many Black men of their status in the Black household.

If 70% of Black households are headed by women, an expectation can be made that most Black men reject their status as disconnected pawns in the nuclear family concept.

One way to assert our manliness is through misogyny. And just as many White women voted against their own interests, swaying votes in crucial battleground states—including Wisconsin.

These White women—before they marked their

ballot Tuesday—probably did what a White woman over 30-plus years ago admitted to a reporter she did after voting in the 1988 presidential primary election when Rev. Jesse Jackson ran for the highest office in the land.

She said she was prepared to do it (vote for the Rev.) until she got into that both and thought about it ("A Black man for president?")...and marked her ballot for then eventual Democratic nominee, Massachusetts Gov. Mike Dukakis.

Yes, I know. White voters—men and women—voted for President Barack Obama (twice!) But millions of White women on Tuesday November 5, 2024 'coped-out' just like the White female voter in 1988. They couldn't 'pull the trigger' for Harris...a WOMAN!...a BLACK/SOUTH ASIAN WOMAN!

Let's face it. The vice president's loss showed me and other politically 'woke' Black folks that the Democratic Party is losing its appeal---its rhetorical control, especially among Black Americans.

The Democratic Party has tried to convince minority voters that we are on an upbeat track when voters of color can't afford groceries, can't pay rent, or we see immigrants living in hotels as we see Black and Latino brothers and sisters living under expressway bridges.

IN MEMORIAM



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QUINCY JONES

MUSIC TITAN AND TRAILBLAZER DIES AT 91

By Nsenga K. Burton, Ph.D., NNPA Newswire Culture and Entertainment Editor

Legendary musician, producer and entertainment giant Quincy Jones has died.

Arnold Robinson, Jones' publicist, said he died on Sunday night at his home in the Bel Air

section of Los Angeles, surrounded by his family.

"Tonight, with full but broken hearts, we must share the news of our father and brother Quincy Jones' passing," the family said in a statement.

"And although this is an incredible loss for our family, we

celebrate the great life that he lived and know there will never be another like him."

Jones excelled as a musician and producer, working with greats like Count Basie, Elvis Presley, Charlie Parker, Charlie Mingus, Michael Jackson, Aretha Franklin and Frank Sinatra to

name a few.

He scored many films and produced iconic films like *The Wiz*, *The Italian Job*, *In Cold Blood*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *E.T. the Extra Terrestrial* and *The Color Purple*.

He also had a film and television production company, which famously produced *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, launching rapper Will Smith's acting career.

Jones was born in Chicago, to parents who descended from slaves. After his parents divorced, he moved to Seattle at age 14 with his father where he learned to play multiple musical instruments.

He studied music at Seattle University, eventually moving to Boston and then NYC to play with legendary bandleader Lionel Hampton. The rest is history.

Jones has been nominated for seven Academy Awards. In 1968, Jones became the first African American to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Song for "The Eyes of Love" from the film, "Banning."

Jones was also nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Score for his work on the 1967 film, "In Cold Blood," making him the first African

American to be nominated twice in the same year.

In 1971, the trailblazer became the first African American to be the musical director and conductor of the Academy Awards.

In 1986, he was nominated for Best Picture for the *Color Purple*, which he scored and produced.

Over the course of his 75-year career, Jones won 28 Grammys, including three Producer of the Year awards, two Song of the Year awards, and two Album of the Year awards.

The multi-hyphenate produced three of the most successful albums by music superstar Michael Jackson: *Off the Wall* (1979), *Thriller* (1982), and *Bad* (1987). He also won the Grammy Living Legend Award (1991).

In 2001, Jones received a Kennedy Center honor and in 2010, he received a National Medal of Arts medal from President Barack Obama.

The iconic bandleader was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2013.

In 1995, Jones gathered 45 music legends and pop stars to produce the single, "We are the World," for the USA for Africa charity.

The single sold 800,000 copies

in three days and raised more than \$60 million for African famine relief and inspired other musician-driven charitable efforts.

Jones won the Academy's Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award that same year.

Jones was recently had a 90th birthday celebration at the Hollywood Bowl featuring iconic performers like Steve Wonder, Angélique Kidjo, Patti Austin, Aloe Blacc, John Legend, Jennifer Hudson and rising stars Samara Joy and BJ the Chicago Kid.

Jones was married three times and has seven children. He was married to Jeri Caldwell (1957-1966), Swedish actress Ulla Andersson (1967-1974) and actress Peggy Lipton (1984-1989), who is the mother of actress Rashida Jones and designer Kidada Jones.

He is survived by his children Jolie, Rachel, Martina, Quincy III, Kidada, Rashida, and Kenya and six grandchildren. He was 91.

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OP-ED: 'CRYPTO BLACK'

Opportunity Agenda for Black America

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.,
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We salute Vice President Kamala Harris for her leadership and innovative Economic Opportunity Agenda for America's future economic development progress. In particular, for underserved communities of color this is good news.

Especially for Black Americans striving to gain economic sustainability, all opportunities to achieve financial freedom and equity

should be given priority attention and engagement.

The Harris Agenda emphasizes the need to provide people, "With the tools to achieve financial freedom, lower costs to better provide for themselves and their families and protect their rights." I believe that increasing financial literacy on all the new and evolving financial assets including cryptocurrencies is also strategically important.

Too often, marginalized communities are consigned to the sidelines to witness the economic innovation and progress of others. Yet today, I believe that Black America should take a deeper and a more informed look at the emerging marketplace for cryptocurrency. I am not an expert on crypto, but I know that in

the communities that I have worked for civil rights over the past 60 years deserve to have greater access to information and knowledge that is factual and honest about the specific benefits that may come from attaining crypto digital assets.

I coined the term "Crypto Black" as timely call to action to Black Americans — and actually to all Americans — to take seriously the need to do personal and collective research, study and appropriate responses to the opportunities to gain greater financial literacy about the tools and potential benefits of acquiring cryptocurrency.

There are multiple collaborative roles that the government, the private sector, and civil society must all do together to advance the opportunity agenda in the crypto space.

First, we need to foster better financial literacy education about digital assets inside the Black Community. Too many Black Americans have fallen prey to major scammers inside this space — and too few have been able to access the windfall of opportunities from innovation in cryptocurrency. How do we close this gap? Education. We need community workshops on cryptocurrency literacy, just like we have had in the past on financial literacy. Black Americans can — and should — be leaders in adopting this revolutionary technology, but we need to understand how it works, and how to access its benefits.

In his recent book, "Hijacking Bitcoin," Roger Ver — one of the founding fathers of cryptocurrency — shares how he and others sought to spread this technology to unlock financial freedom for people around the world

but have had to grapple with scammers and self-interested individuals who flooded into the space. Ver bears many scars from this decade-plus fight. He and others who are advancing cryptocurrencies for the right reasons should find ways and means to work with Black business leaders in the United States Black Chamber (USBC), the National Urban League and with many others.

Second, we need to ensure that the growing number Black crypto CEOs and entrepreneurs have a seat at the most important industry tables. While there are a few in the Black community that have been early adopters of cryptocurrency, we have not seen enough Black founders and CEOs at the head of the most important digital asset companies. There are many areas where a future President Harris could help promote Black leaders in this field. One idea for the next Administration is to host regular conversations on crypto and ensure that Black crypto entrepreneurs have a leadership role.

Third, digital assets if properly researched and attained can help to unlock innovative wealth advancement for millions of Black Americans. I am hopeful personally that our next President of the United States, Kamala Harris, will seize this moment with a bold vision and a series of forward-looking public policies. "Crypto Black" will be good for Black America.

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DOJ Targets Elder Fraud and Nursing Home Abuse in Sweeping Nationwide Actions

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The Department of Justice (DOJ) has released its annual report to Congress on efforts to combat elder fraud, abuse, and neglect. The report details over 300 enforcement actions against more

than 700 defendants accused of targeting older adults.

The department recovered nearly \$700 million, disrupted major transnational schemes, and prosecuted cases involving substandard care at nursing homes and serious rights violations in veterans' facilities.

One high-profile case included the convictions of two Pittsburgh-

area nursing homes, Brighton Rehabilitation and Wellness Center and Mount Lebanon Rehabilitation and Wellness Center. A federal jury found both facilities guilty of falsifying records submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to avoid penalties for inadequate care.

Evidence presented at trial revealed that both facilities manipulated staffing records to appear compliant with Medicare and Medicaid standards.

Sentencing is scheduled for December following a comprehensive investigation by the FBI, Health and Human Services, IRS, and the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office.

In its report, the DOJ noted an investigation into New Jersey Veterans Memorial Homes at Menlo Park and Paramus found conditions that violated residents' constitutional rights under the 14th Amendment.

According to DOJ findings, inadequate infection control and medical care at these facilities exposed veterans to life-threatening conditions.

The report noted that poor management compounded these deficiencies, contributing to high death rates among residents.

The DOJ's report highlighted a broad initiative against elder fraud schemes affecting over 225,000 seniors.

Fraud cases ranged from romance scams to government impersonation schemes, with DOJ efforts stopping \$27 million in fraudulent transfers before they reached perpetrators.

With assistance from financial institutions, the DOJ returned millions of dollars to victims and provided resources through its National Elder Fraud Hotline,

which handled more than 50,000 calls from older adults seeking support and guidance.

Beyond prosecution, the DOJ emphasized prevention and awareness, hosting nearly 1,000 elder justice events, including the first Elder Justice Law Enforcement Summit.

The summit gathered law enforcement from all 50 states to share best practices in addressing elder abuse and fraud. Public campaigns also raised awareness of common scams, providing seniors with valuable tools to protect themselves from fraud.

"By working together with federal, Tribal, state, and local law enforcement, we can make mean-

ingful progress toward curbing and preventing elder abuse," Attorney General Merrick Garland stated.

"Because millions of older Americans suffer some form of elder mistreatment each year—and because many more abuses go unreported or unseen—everyone has a role to play in this work."

The report additionally covered DOJ's enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Four Texas counties agreed to improve the accessibility of their election websites, addressing barriers faced by older adults with disabilities.

Officials said the commitment to accessibility was part of the

DOJ's broader mission to ensure that elderly Americans can fully participate in their communities.

"The Office for Victims of Crime recently funded the first National Center for State and Tribal Elder Justice Coalitions, promoting statewide coordination to address and prevent elder abuse more effectively," Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General Benjamin Mizer remarked.

Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco added, "Given the financial, emotional, and physical toll suffered by older victims regardless of how they are victimized, the Department aggressively pursues all forms of fraud and abuse wherever they may arise."



Brentwood to hold Turkey Giveaway!

Brentwood Church of Christ will hold its annual Turkey Giveaway Friday, Nov. 22, starting at 2 p.m. while supplies last. Brentwood is located at 6425 N. 60th St. Side food items will also be distributed. There will only be one turkey and side items per car. For more information, call 414-353-6757.

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SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008400

In the matter of the name change of: NUR SHAHIRA BINTI SHUKUR By (Petitioner) NUR SHAHIRA BINTI SHUKUR

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: NUR SHAHIRA BINTI SHUKUR to: NUR SHAHIRA SHUKUR Birth Certificate: NUR SHAHIRA BINTI SHUKUR

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 NOVEMBER 22, 2024, TIME 10:30A.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: 9-21-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY Circuit Court Judge 676/10-23-30/11-6-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008169

In the matter of the name change of: SEQUOYA K THOMAS By (Petitioner) SEQUOYA K THOMAS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: SEQUOYA KIERA, KIMBERLY THOMAS to: SEQUOYA KIERA, KIMBERLY ALLEN Birth Certificate: SEQUOYA KIERA, KIMBERLY ALLEN

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 NOVEMBER 12, 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: 10-14-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY Circuit Court Judge 672/10-23-30/11-6-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 23CV008396

In the matter of the name change of: JONNAH VELISA FELTON By (Petitioner) JONNAH VELISA FELTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JONNAH VELISA FELTON to: JONAH VELISA EZELL Birth Certificate: JONNAH VELISA FELTON

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: DECEMBER 3, 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: 10-21-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. J.D. WATTS Circuit Court Judge

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT

MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2024CV007973

In the matter of the name change of: IZZAK PAYNE HANSON By (Petitioner) IZZAK PAYNE HANSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: IZZAK PAYNE HANSON to: EILEEN LILY-VICTORIA HANSON-ADAMS Birth Certificate: IZZAK PAYNE HANSON

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK RM 415 Hearing to take place by Zoom. Please call (414) 278-4582 on the date and at the time listed below. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 18, 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: 10-4-2023 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 676/10-23-30/11-6-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008327

In the matter of the name change of: BETHANY MAE URICK By (Petitioner) BRIAN SCOTT SIMMONS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: BETHANY MAE URICK TO: BETHANY MAE SIMMONS Birth Certificate: BETHANY MAE URICK

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. JEAN M KIES RM 413 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 4, 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: 10-17-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. JEAN M KIES Circuit Court Judge 670/10-23-30/11-6-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2024CV008424

In the matter of the name change of: JUAN ANTONIO CANALES By (Petitioner) JUAN ANTONIO GONZALEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JUAN ANTONIO CANALES to: JUAN ANTONIO GONZALEZ Birth Certificate: JUAN ANTONIO CANALES

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK RM 415 Hearing to take place by Zoom. Please call (414) 278-4582 on the date and at the time listed below. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 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: 10-22-2023 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 675/10-23-30/11-6-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008477

In the matter of the name change of: RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE By (Petitioner) RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE to: RAQUEL KEHLANI ALI Birth Certificate: RAQUEL MONTEALEGRE

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 NOVEMBER 22, 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: 10-23-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 677/10-23-30/11-6-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008341

In the matter of the name change of: TYLER RYAN KRAWCZYK By (Petitioner) TYLER RYAN KRAWCZYK

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: TYLER RYAN KRAWCZYK TO: TYLER RYAN GAETH Birth Certificate: TYLER RYAN KRAWCZYK

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. DAVID BOROWSKI PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 6, 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: 10-28-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. DAVID BOROWSKI Circuit Court Judge 680/10-30/11-6-13-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV007254

In the matter of the name change of: TARRIUS TARRICE CHESSER-SHORTER By (Petitioner) TARRIUS TARRICE CHESSER-SHORTER

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: TARRIUS TARRICE CHESSER-SHORTER to: TARRIUS SHORTER Birth Certificate: TARRIUS TARRICE CHESSER-SHORTER

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 NOVEMBER 13, 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: 9/18/2024 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 579/9-11-18-25-2024

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(PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008876

In the matter of the name change of: ONTARIO ANTWAN DAVIS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: ONTARIO ANTWAN DAVIS TO: DAVIS-AKILI Birth Certificate: ONTARIO ANTWAN DAVIS

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. JEAN M KIES RM 413 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2024, TIME 10:30 A.M.

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

Dated: 11-6-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. JEAN M KIES Circuit Court Judge 698/11-6-13-20-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008860

In the matter of the name change of: ADDALYSSA ISABELLA SIMONIS By (Petitioner) HANNAH ELIZABETH DAVIS By (Co-Petitioner) JESSE JAMES SIMONIS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ADDALYSSA ISABELLA SIMONIS to: ADDALYSSA ISABELLA DAVIS Birth Certificate: ADDALYSSA ISABELLA SIMONIS

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK RM 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 17, 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: 11-6-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 697/11-6-13-20-2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 24SC3926

Plaintiff(s) AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC, W133 N8569 EXECUTIVE WAY MENOMONEE FALLS WI 53051 vs KEONDRAT SPENCE 3453 N 67th Street MILWAUKEE WI 53218 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: Waukesha County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 262-896-8410 Courtroom/ Room Number C167 Address: 515 W Moreland Blvd. City: Waukesha State WI Zip 53188 on the following date and time: Date: NOVEMBER 25, 2024, Time: 1:00 P.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 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: 10-31-2024 Plaintiff/Attorney AMY M BENTLEY Attorney's State Bar Number 1025449 SALBERG TUFFNELL LAW, S C 933 N MAYFAIR ROAD. SUITE 325B MILWAUKEE, WI 53226 262-353-9556 682/11-6-13-20-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008671

In the matter of the name change of: JOSEPH JOHN TROJAN By (Petitioner) JOSEPH JOHN TROJAN

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JOSEPH JOHN TROJAN to: JO JO TROJAN Birth Certificate: JOSEPH JOHN TROJAN

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK RM 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 18, 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: 10-30-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 684/11-6-13-20-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008787

In the matter of the name change of: GAVIN THOMAS HOBBS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: GAVIN THOMAS HOBBS to: GAVIN THOMAS HUMPHRIES Birth Certificate: GAVIN THOMAS HOBBS

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 DECEMBER 13, 2024, TIME 11:00 A.M.

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

Dated: 11-4-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 683/11-6-13-20-2024

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 24CV008689

In the matter of the name change of: JACK DARIEL RODRIGUEZ CALDERON By (Petitioner) ERIKA MARYERI RODRIGUEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JACK DARIEL RODRIGUEZ CALDERON to: JACK DARIEL RODRIGUEZ CASTELLON Birth Certificate: JACK DARIEL RODRIGUEZ CALDERON

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 DECEMBER 6, 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: 10-30-2024 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 685/11-6-13-20-2024

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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

**(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV008633**

In the matter of the name change of:
ELLENA AFRA DOLNEY
By (Petitioner) ELLENA AFRA DOLNEY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: ELLENA AFRA DOLNEY TO: EULALIA AFRA ELLENA PEREIRA
Birth Certificate: EULALIA AFRA ELLENA PEREIRA

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

Judge's Name: HON. JEAN M KIES
RM 413 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 19, 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: 10-29-2024
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES
Circuit Court Judge
681/11-6-13-20-2024

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV008716**

In the matter of the name change of:
GUSTAVO SR GUIZAR ESCAMILLA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: GUSTAVO SR GUIZAR ESCAMILLA TO: J GUSTAVO GUIZAR ESCAMILLA
Birth Certificate: J. GUSTAVO GUIZAR ESCAMILLA

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

Judge's Name: HON. JEAN M KIES
RM 413 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2024, TIME 11:30 A.M.

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

Dated: 10-31-2024
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES
Circuit Court Judge
688/11-6-13-20-2024

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV008647**

In the matter of the name change of:
JESUS GUADALUPE SIMENTAL RESENDIZ
By (Petitioner) JESUS GUADALUPE SIMENTAL RESENDIZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JESUS GUADALUPE SIMENTAL RESENDIZ TO: JESUS GUADALUPE SIXTECO-SIMENTAL
Birth Certificate: JESUS GUADALUPE SIMENTAL RESENDIZ

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

Judge's Name: HON. JEAN M KIES
RM 413 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2024, TIME 4:00 P.M.

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

Dated: 10-29-2024
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES
Circuit Court Judge
689/11-6-13-20-2024

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

Case No. 2024CV008759
In the matter of the name change of:
MAXWELL MATTHEW FAGERT
By (Petitioner) MELISSA ASHLEY WINGATE
By (Co-Petitioner) MATTHEW ROSS FAGERT

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: MAXWELL MATTHEW FAGERT TO: MAXWELL MATTHEW WINGATE
Birth Certificate: MAXWELL MATTHEW FAGERT

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

Judge's Name: HON. J.D. WATTS BR 15 ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 16, 2025, TIME 3:30 P.M.

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

Dated: 11-1-2024
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
697/11-6-13-20-2024

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 2024CV008478**

In the matter of the name change of:
HECTOR JOSEPH SLAWSON
By (Petitioner) HECTOR JOSEPH SLAWSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: HECTOR JOSEPH SLAWSON TO: HECTOR JOSEPH VICENCIO
Birth Certificate: HECTOR JOSEPH SLAWSON

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: DECEMBER 20, 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: 10-23-2024
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
695/11-6-13-20-2024

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV008394**

In the matter of the name change of:
ANDREW LARNELL MATTHEWS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ANDREW LARNELL MATTHEWS to: SIMBA SOTO
Birth Certificate: ANDREW LARNELL MATTHEWS

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

Judge's Name: HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 20, 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: 10-21-2024
BY THE COURT:
HON. BRITTANY GRAYSON
Circuit Court Judge
693/11-6-13-20-2024

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 2024CV008826**

In the matter of the name change of:
PATRICIA DIAZ ORTEGA
By (Petitioner) PATRICIA DIAZ ORTEGA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: PATRICIA DIAZ ORTEGA to: PATRICIA GARCIA DIAZ
Birth Certificate: PATRICIA ANN DIAZ

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 RM 500 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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: 11-5-2024
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
692/11-6-13-20-2024

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT
SMALL CLAIMS
MONEY 31001
Case No. 24SC027189**

PLAINTIFF(S): FERNANDO CERVANTES 2509 W Scott Milwaukee WI 53204
vs
DEFENDANT/S: MIDWEST BOOK-KEEPING & TAX SOLUTIONS c/o PRISCILLA PRADO 711 W Layton Ave Ste B Milwaukee WI 53221

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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: NOVEMBER 25, 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 \$2000

2. Brief statement of dates and facts: The parties entered a contract regarding creating domain, email service, and call assistance. The contract was incomplete, and the work was not performed to the standards of the contract. Furthermore, the contract was in English, and I did not understand all the terms and conditions within it. I am requesting the return of my retainer fee in the amount of \$2000. Due to the incomplete work done by Defendant, I also lost out on multiple business opportunities. Therefore, I am requesting that the court grant me damages in addition to the \$2000 retainer fee in amount that the Court deem fair.

I am the plaintiff:
Dated: 10-9-2024
BY THE PLAINTIFF:
FERNANDO CERVANTES
686/11-6-2024

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV008282**

In the matter of the name change of:
SKYE ADRIANA BROADNAX
By (Petitioner) STORM NICKCOLE GREY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: SKYE ADRIANA BROADNAX TO: SKYE ADRIANA GREY
Birth Certificate: SKYE ADRIANA BROADNAX

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

RM 413 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 4, 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: 10-16-2024
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES
Circuit Court Judge
687/11-6-13-20-2024

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV008709**

In the matter of the name change of:
NOBUNAGA EMMETT TWU
By (Petitioner) HEIDI CHIHRO TWU
By (Co-Petitioner) VINCENT CHUNG TWU

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: NOBUNAGA EMMETT TWU to: NOBUNAGA SIMON TWU
Birth Certificate: NOBUNAGA EMMETT TWU

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 RM 500 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 13, 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: 10-31-2024
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
690/11-6-13-20-2024

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



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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 24CV008439**

In the matter of the name change of:
SANDRA ANN SHARKEY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: SANDRA ANN SHARKEY to: SANDRA ANN CORONA
Birth Certificate: SANDRA ANN CORONA

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

Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK RM 415 Hearing to take place by Zoom. Please call (414) 278-4582 on the date and at the time listed below: PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2024, TIME 9:30 A.M.

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

Dated: 10-30-2023
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
694/11-6-13-23-2024

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

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Ezekiel Hope awarded grant to help reduce electrical fires

Pilot Program Will Offer Free Safety Assessments and Electrical Repairs

Recently, EZEKIEL HOPE unveiled a pilot program aimed at reducing the number of electrical fires in homes, especially during winter months.

The pilot program is being funded by a \$100,000 grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

The program will officially kick off during a press conference that will be held at Fire Station 30, located at 2903 North Teutonia Avenue.

Joining Ezekiel HOPE for the announcement was Milwaukee Fire Department Fire Chief Aaron Lipski, representatives from two

foundations that are funding the Ezekiel HOPE electrical safety program, and residents who have received electrical repairs.

In 2021, a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel investigative report revealed that electrical systems in rental properties in the city's most impoverished ZIP code, 53206, have the highest rate of suspected electrical fires in Milwaukee.

Homes in this ZIP code—which is 95 percent Black—occur at five times the rate of the rest of the city.

“By combining skilled workforce training with access to critical household safety measures, Ezekiel HOPE is demonstrating how creative collaboration can

make Milwaukee a safer, thriving city,” said Theresa Scott, Greater Milwaukee Foundation program officer.

“The Foundation is proud **“By combining skilled workforce training with access to critical household safety measures, Ezekiel HOPE is demonstrating how creative collaboration can make Milwaukee a safer, thriving city,”**

—Theresa Scott, Greater Milwaukee Foundation program officer

to offer its partnership and support to this program so homeowners most at risk for electrical fires don't have to choose between their physical well-being and their financial well-being.”

The program is FREE to resident homeowners.

Ezekiel HOPE will use its electrical pre-apprentice trainees to do the electrical

assessments and some of the repair work. Jim Gaillard, Ezekiel Vice President/Master Electrician and trainer, will oversee, inspect and approve the work. Referrals for electrical as-

sessments and repairs will come from community organizations and the Milwaukee Fire Department.

“This grant will enable Ezekiel to perform safety assessments of electrical hazards and, where appropriate, repair work in up to 20 homes throughout Milwaukee.

It's a great start, and a win-win for our community—our trainees gain valuable work experience and residents receive safety assessment and repairs that could save lives,” said Gaillard.

“In Milwaukee's hardest-hit neighborhoods, which coincide with its oldest housing stock (thus, the most antiquated electrical wiring), very few solid op-

tions have arisen to assess and upgrade these systems.

What Ezekiel HOPE brings to bear is very real promise.

All Milwaukee residents have the right to live in safe housing – this brings us one step closer to that ideal,” said Fire Chief Aaron Lipski.

For the past two years, Ezekiel has received grants from Zilber Family Foundation to conduct a similar program in the Lindsay Heights neighborhood.

To date, more than 30 homes in that area have received electrical safety assessments and more than 24 homes have received extensive electrical repairs.



Pastor Gabby Cudjoe-Wilkes is one of many authorities who say that joyful activities can help people through difficult circumstances!

Even Amidst the Stresses of Racism, Joy is Among the Best Medicines for Brain Health

By Hazel Trice Edney

Joy. The Oxford Dictionary describes it as “a feeling of great pleasure and happiness.” Merriam-Webster says it is “the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune.”

Thesaurus.com gives a string of synonyms for joy, including elation, humor, bliss, and cheer.

How ever one chooses to describe or define, “joy”, medical doctors, psychologists, counsellors and preachers say it can be the world's best medicine – especially for brain health.

“Growing up in the Black church, we used to say, ‘This joy I have; the world didn't give it, and the world can't take it away,’” writes New York pastor, author and educator Gabby Cudjoe-Wilkes.

“What we were saying was that the conditions of this world didn't produce joy for us; rather, something

within us created the joy that the world continually tried to steal. Time and time again, systems of this world tried to steal our joy, our dignity, our hope and our future.”

In America's Black community, the “conditions of this world” that Pastor Cudjoe-Wilkes writes about often comes as a result of systemic racism and societal attitudes of White supremacy.

These historic racial attitudes toward African-Americans simply because of the color of their skin often cause traumatic assaults to their emotions and their psyche.

Those assaults - whether emotional or physical - can result from a number of activities, including race discrimination, racial profiling, and even racial violence.

These deeply personal experiences are often compounded by news accounts of such horrific incidents also

happening to other people. Spiritual reinforcement and a lifestyle of faith can heal these mentally stressful and sometimes depressing reactions, authorities say, because lifestyles of faith can inspire joy.

“Joy is unspoken hope that floods your being. It's that ‘It is well with my soul’ that resonates deeply within your spirit,” writes Cudjoe-Wilkes, who is co-lead pastor of The Double Love Experience Church in Brooklyn.

Medical doctors agree. A Harvard School of Medicine article reports that joyful laughter can actually stimulate brain chemicals that gives a feeling of happiness and well-being.

“A good belly laugh can do wonders for your state of mind,” as it releases levels of dopamine, a chemical released by the hypothalamus of the brain, which provides an “intense feeling of reward,” the article states.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic as George Floyd was publicly asphyxiated by now imprisoned Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin in 2020 and mass protests spread throughout the nation, psychologists began looking closer at brain health and the impact of racial trauma on those who observe it or experience it.

“Living While Black: Using Joy, Beauty, and Connection to Heal Racial Trauma” is a book written by veteran psychologist Guilaine Kinouani during the height of that season. Kinouani highly recommends self-care that increases levels of joy.

“Based on her findings, Kinouani has devised tried-and-tested strategies to help protect Black people from the harmful effects of verbal, physical, and structural racism.

She empowers Black readers to adopt self-care mechanisms to improve their day-to-day wellness to help them thrive, not just survive, and to find hope and beauty—or even joy—in the face of racial adversity,” states a review of the book by Beacon Press.

“With the rise of far-right ideologies and the increase of racist hate crimes, Living While Black is both timely and instrumental in moving conversations from defining racism for non-Black majorities to focusing on healing and nurturing the mental health of those facing prejudice, discrimination, and the lasting effects of the violence of white supremacy.”

An article published by AARP, also during the COVID-19 pandemic, gave a list of ways to bring joy to the mind.

The article, titled, “9 Simple Habits to Make You Happier: Easy ways to spark joy today”, in a nut-

shell, includes the following suggestions:

Watch the dawn, the sunset, enjoy nature or just listen to some birds; Get some ice cream with a friend or treat yourself to a dessert, a delicious meal or your favorite beverage; Play a game with other people during

which you can let your guard down; Engage in a hobby like art, dancing or other fun activities; or spend time gazing at a baby, a puppy or something else that causes you to feel happy.

There are hundreds of ways to invoke joy in one's life, depending on

the individual. Even amidst civil rights battles, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “The surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others.”

—This article is part of a series published by AARP for the purpose of brain health education.

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