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C.H. Mason & Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield hold Christmas Toy Giveaway!



C.H. Mason & Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield recently held a Christmas Toy Giveaway. Area residents and their children received door prizes, COVID & Flu vaccinations and groceries. A number of local community partners participated in the event. Also Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were present to take photos with the children and ask them what special gift they wanted from Ol' Saint Nick! —Photos by Yvonne Kemp

A Christmas Message to our Readers...

We thank our readers, advertisers, sponsors, Honorees and scholars for one of the most spectacular journalistic, community advocacy and educational achievement acknowledgement years in our nearly 50 year history. We are because you are... your lives, dreams, matters of importance, propel our thoughts, our actions, and deeds. That shall always be the impetus for our strategic planning and daily execution. We thank you! We are you! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. from: The MCJ team and management 2025.



The Most Common Holiday Scams—And How To Avoid Them!

Unfortunately, scams surge during this time of year. We're here to help you stay away from getting got by frauds.

Article by Davonta Herring, courtesy of newsone.com

Every year, we hear that "scam season" starts earlier and ends later—and if you think crooks only work 9-to-5, think again. People fall victim to fraud year-round, but there's a real spike during the holiday season.

That's because during this time folks are stressed, in a rush, spending more money, and opening themselves up to deals, travel plans, gifts, and charity requests.

Scammers know this, and they deploy every trick in the book—from AI-generated fake offers to phony delivery texts—to separate you from your hard-earned cash and personal information.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and consumer protection groups have repeatedly warned that holiday-related fraud exploits emotions like generosity and urgency, often leaving victims embarrassed to speak up after the fact.

Scammers aim for the holidays because there's money moving everywhere—shopping, travel, gift exchanges, donations, shipping, and more. When people are distracted by family, deadlines, or travel logistics, they're less likely to slow down and double-check a text message or look twice at a deal that seems "too good to be true."

That's why fake shopping sites, bogus travel deals, delivery notification texts, and impersonated charities flourish at this time of year. Newer technologies like AI and deepfake tools only make these holiday scams more convincing, mimicking real companies, ads, and even voices to lower your guard.

Trending Conversations

Even though scams surge during the holidays, the good news is you can protect yourself with awareness and a few simple habits. Start by slowing down before clicking links, especially in texts or emails about deliveries, deals, or urgent problems. Verify online sellers through reviews and official

website domains, and favor credit cards over peer-to-peer payment apps since you can dispute charges more easily. When giving to charity, take extra time to confirm that the organization is legitimate through recognized watchdogs before donating. And remember: if a deal, request, or alert makes your heart skip a beat, take a breath and double check before you act — that pause can save you a lot of trouble.

Here's a list of the most common holiday scams right now and how to avoid them:

Fake Online Shopping & Phantom Deals

Scammers create professional-looking storefronts or ads with steep "holiday discounts" but deliver nothing after payment.

How to avoid: Go directly to trusted retailer sites instead of clicking ads or links; pay with a credit card so you can dispute fraud.

Phishing & Smishing (Email/Text Scams)

You get a message claiming to be a delivery update, a shipping problem, or an order confirmation, designed to steal your login or financial info.

How to avoid: Don't click links in unexpected messages — type the real company's site into your browser and check the status yourself.

Gift Card Scams

Criminals tamper with gift cards to drain balances after activation or ask you to pay with them instead of a standard payment method.

How to avoid: Buy cards from behind the counter or di-

rectly from the seller's official site and keep receipts; never pay someone with gift cards unless you initiated the transaction.

Non-Delivery & Non-Payment Scams

You pay for goods or services you never receive, or you ship items and never get paid.

How to avoid: Use platforms that offer buyer and seller protections; avoid paying or shipping outside trusted channels.

Bogus Charities & Donation Requests

Fake charities pop up asking for holiday donations to tug at your heartstrings.

How to avoid: Verify organizations using reliable sources such as Charity Navigator or official nonprofit registries before giving.

Travel Scams

Fraudsters impersonate airlines, hotels, or rental services with fake confirmations or deals to collect your money or information.

How to avoid: Book travel directly with known companies and confirm reservations through their official apps or customer service lines.

Imposter Scams

Scammers pose as customer service reps on social media to extract personal or payment info.

How to avoid: Only communicate with verified business accounts, and never share sensitive details over direct message.



Source: designer491 / Getty via newsone.com

EEOC head wants white men to report DEI discrimination

Since becoming chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Andrea Lucas has shifted the agency's focus to ending workplace DEI initiatives.

By Joe Jurado, article courtesy of newsone.com

Boy, I tell ya, the ongoing self-victimization of white people is starting to get pathetic. I should say more pathetic.

As part of their ongoing effort to embrace a victim mentality, the Trump-appointed head of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is urging white men to report if they've been discriminated against through diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

According to AP, on Wednesday evening, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Chair An-

drea Lucas wrote on X, "Are you a white male who has experienced discrimination at work based on your race or sex? You may have a claim to recover money under federal civil rights laws," on a video of herself.

She referred people to a "DEI-related discrimination" fact sheet posted by the agency and urged affected workers to contact the agency "as soon as possible."

Black women are disproportionately affected by rising unemployment rates, but this is what the EEOC chooses to focus on. Call me Jaden Smith, the way I hate it here.

Only a few hours before Lucas posted, Vice President JD Vance

posted an article he said "describes the evil of DEI and its consequences." Lucas cosigned the post, writing, "Absolutely right @JDVance. And precisely because this widespread, systemic, unlawful discrimination primarily harmed white men, elites didn't just turn a blind eye; they celebrated it. Absolutely unacceptable; unlawful; immoral."

White supremacy is such weak-ass behavior. How are you the superior race, but constantly being victimized by the races you deem lesser? Make it make sense, y'all.

Lucas was named as the EEOC chair in November, and under her direction, the agency has shifted

focus to "rooting out unlawful DEI-motivated race and sex discrimination."

David Glasgow, executive director of the Meltzer Center for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging at the NYU School of Law, told AP that Lucas' post reveals a "fundamental misunderstanding of what DEI is."

"It's really much more about creating a culture in which you get the most out of everyone who you're bringing on board, where everyone experiences fairness and equal opportunity, including white men and members of other groups," Glasgow added.

The Meltzer Center tracks lawsuits that could affect DEI initiatives, and it's found that while it has been used to discriminate in several isolated incidents, there hasn't been "any kind of systematic evidence that white men are being discriminated against."

Glasgow pointed out that CEOs of Fortune 500 companies are overwhelmingly white men, with white men still making up the majority of corporate leadership, state and federal legislators, and other notable fields.

"If DEI has been this engine of discrimination against white men, I have to say it hasn't really been doing a very good job at achieving that," Glasgow said.

Jenny Yang, a former EEOC chair, told AP that it was "unusual" and "problematic" that the agency is now prioritizing the civil rights of one group.

"It suggests some sort of priority treatment," Yang said. "That's not something that sounds to me like equal opportunity for all."

She noted how, under Lucas, the agency has completely deprioritized workplace discrimination cases filed by transgender workers.

"It worries me that a message is being sent that the EEOC only cares about some workers and not others," Yang told AP.

It's genuinely disheartening how much progress the Trump administration has managed to roll back in only a year.

America has become far worse for Black, brown, and LGBTQ citizens, and the white folks who voted for this are still broke. So much winning.



Source: JEWEL SAMAD / Getty via newsone.com

'Meet The Moment': Barack Obama Lays Out Strategy For Democrats To Fight Back Against Trump

At a Dec. 14 DCCC fundraiser in Los Angeles, Barack Obama urged Democrats to unite and "meet the moment," saying regaining control of Congress must come first.

By Shannon Dawson, article courtesy of newsone.com

Former President Barack Obama delivered a message to Democrats on Dec. 14, speaking at a Los Angeles fundraiser hosted by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) alongside House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, urging the party to unify and "meet the moment" as it looks ahead to upcoming elections.

During his remarks, Obama stressed that Democrats must first focus on regaining power in Congress before they work on a plan to regain strength and unity in opposition over the upcoming Affordable Care Act subsidy deadline.

"The short-term strategy is, win the House of Representatives," Obama said, drawing applause from the crowd, according to CBS News. "Because that's going to be the circuit breaker that will give us control of one major component of the federal government. With that as a bulwark, we're now able to block some of the worst impulses that are coming out of this White House."

The former president outlined a two-part plan for Democrats: reclaiming the House majority next year and refining the party's broader message to voters over time.

"Long term, let's tell a story, a better story about who we are as Americans and what we share," Obama continued. "We have to tell the story that makes people who feel outside that process, we've got to bring them back in."

What Is Causing The Division Amongst Democrats?

Obama's message comes as Democrats remain divided over government funding decisions and the looming expiration of Affordable Care Act subsidies. In November, eight senators who caucus with Democrats voted to end a government shutdown without extending the subsidies, drawing criticism

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A ballot is temporarily stuck in a tabulation machine during Election Day on Nov. 5, 2024, at Milwaukee's central count facility at the Baird Center in Milwaukee. (Joe Timmerman/Wisconsin Watch)

Here's why Milwaukee elections are always viewed with suspicion

By Alexander Shur, article courtesy of Vote-beat

For nearly two weeks following Election Day in 2024, former U.S. Senate candidate Eric Hovde, a Republican, refused to concede, blasting "last-minute absentee ballots that were dropped in Milwaukee at 4 a.m., flipping the outcome."

But, just as when Donald Trump blamed Milwaukee for his 2020 loss, Hovde's accusations and insinuations about the city's election practices coincided with a surge of conspiratorial posts about the city.

Popular social media users speculated about "sabotage" and "fraudulently high" turnout.

Hovde earlier this year told Vote-beat that he believes there are issues at Milwaukee's facility for counting absentee ballots, but he added that he doesn't blame his loss on that. He didn't respond to a request for comment in December for this article.

In Wisconsin's polarized political landscape, Milwaukee has become a flashpoint for election suspicion, much like Philadelphia and Detroit — diverse, Democratic urban centers that draw outsized criticism.

The scrutiny reflects the state's deep rural-urban divide and a handful of election errors in Milwaukee that conspiracy theorists have seized on, leaving the city's voters and officials under constant political pressure.

That treatment, Milwaukee historian John Gurda says, reflects "the general pattern where you have big cities governed by Democrats" automatically perceived by the right "as centers of depravity (and) insane, radical leftists."

Charlie Sykes — a longtime conservative commentator no longer aligned with much of GOP politics — said there's "nothing tremendously mysterious" about Republicans singling out Milwaukee: As long as election conspiracy theories dominate the right, the heavily Democratic city will remain a target.

Milwaukee voters and election officials under constant watch

Milwaukee's emergence as a target

in voter fraud narratives accelerated in 2010, when dozens of billboards in the city's predominantly Black and Latino neighborhoods showed three people, including two Black people, behind bars with the warning: "VOTER FRAUD is a FELONY — 3 YRS & \$10,000 FINE."

Community groups condemned them as racist and misleading, especially for people who had regained their voting rights after felony convictions.

Similar billboards returned in 2012, swapping the jail bars for a gavel.

All of the advertisements were funded by the Einhorn Family Foundation, associated with GOP donor Stephen Einhorn, who didn't respond to Votebeat's email requesting comment.

Criticism of Milwaukee extends well beyond its elections. As Wisconsin's largest city, it is often cast as an outlier in a largely rural state, making it easier for some to believe the worst about its institutions — including its elections.

"One of the undercurrents of Wisconsin political history is ... rural parts versus urban parts," said University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee political scientist and former Democratic legislator Mordecai Lee.

As the state's biggest city by far, "it becomes the punching bag for outstate legislators" on almost any issue.

"People stay at home and watch the evening news and they think if you come to Milwaukee, you're going to get shot ... or you're going to get run over by a reckless driver," said Claire Woodall, who ran the city's elections from 2020 to 2024.

Election officials acknowledge Milwaukee has made avoidable mistakes in high-stakes elections but describe them as quickly remedied and the kinds of errors any large city can experience when processing tens of thousands of ballots.

What sets Milwaukee apart is the scrutiny: Whether it was a briefly forgotten USB stick in 2020 or tabulator doors left open in 2024, each lapse is treated as something more ominous.

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COMING AND PAST HAPPENINGS IN AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!



Milwaukee Community Unites to Remember Residents at Homicide Candlelight Vigil 2025

Milwaukee residents are invited to join several community and faith-based organizations in remembering the city's homicide victims during a candlelight vigil, Sunday, Dec. 28, at Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church, 2412 N. 6th St., starting at 4 p.m.

Known as the "Forever In Our Hearts" Homicide Candlelight Vigil, this annual gathering offers a sacred space for healing, remembrance, and solidarity with families and friends who have lost loved ones to homicide in Milwaukee.

The event will be attended by representatives of Northcott Neighborhood House, MICAHA, Pastors United, Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church, Health Connections Incorporated, and the MKE Black Grassroots Network for Health Equity.

"Every year, we lift up the names and memories of those taken too soon by violence in our city," said Tony A. Kearney, Sr., Executive Director of Northcott Neighborhood House.

"This vigil gives families a moment to be seen, heard, and supported by their community. Together, we honor their lives and recommit ourselves to peace, justice, and collective healing."

Ericka M. Sinclair, founder and CEO of Health

Connections Inc., and co-founder of MKE Black Grassroots Network for Health Equity said the vigil "reflects the power of cultural healing and community solidarity and represents both remembrance and renewal."

"It affirms that Milwaukee remembers, Milwaukee cares, and Milwaukee stands with families carrying unimaginable loss."

"As we honor every life, we are intentional about supporting healing by having licensed therapists and grief counselors on-site to provide compassionate mental health support for families affected by homicide."

The Milwaukee Homicide Candlelight Vigil will feature prayers from interfaith clergy, songs and expressions of remembrance, and a candle lighting ceremony to honor each life lost.

Financial donation opportunities are available to help support this program and the families in their healing process. Those interested in contributing may contact Health Connections Inc. at (414) 999-1099 or email info@hcmke.org for more information.

For those unable to attend in person, the vigil will also be live-streamed on:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/embcmilwaukee>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTg-krh0prsg5it-fUuzXh3g>

For more details, contact Vanessa Johnson at Northcott Neighborhood House at (414) 372-3770.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI TO HOST FOUNDERS DAY JANUARY 31 Tickets on Sale Now

The Milwaukee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi will host the 2026 Founders' Day celebration, complete with a reception, dinner, and keynote speaker Kevin P. Scott, the organization's grand historian.

Kevin Scott, the fraternity's 15th grand historian since 2013, has led a range of projects to preserve and celebrate Kappa Alpha Psi's history.

His initiatives include the Kappa Archive Recovery Initiative, a centennial history of the Chicago Alumni Chapter, video interviews with seven immediate past Grand Polemarchs, the donation of original fraternity artifacts to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, and a scholarship honoring founder Elder W. Diggs at Indiana University Bloomington. Scott recently completed writing the sixth edition of *The Story of Kappa Alpha Psi*.

The Milwaukee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on September 9, 1948, and is committed to community service through volunteerism and youth empowerment through the Kappa League Program that provides annual scholarships to support all levels of higher education. Recently, the fraternity presented laptops to the recipients of the Dare to Dream program.

For over 50 years, the Kappa League has provided both challenging and rewarding experiences to enhance the lives of young men in grades 6th through 12th.

"Our primary purpose is to help young men achieve worthy goals for themselves," said Milwaukee Alumni Chapter president George Akpan Jr.

"We want youth to make contributions to their community when they assume leadership roles," said Kappa League coordinator and historian Kim A. Robinson.

Since 2001, the Kappa Alpha Psi Dare to Dream scholarship has provided more than \$ 300,000 to area youth and community service in the city of Milwaukee.

The black-tie affair will take place at the Renaissance Hotel, 2300 N. Mayfair Rd, in Wauwatosa on Saturday, January 31. Tickets are \$110; after January 5, tickets are \$125. For more information, scan the QR code.

Carthage to present MLK Legacy Awards with prominent artist, guest speaker Derek Mosley

KENOSHA, Wis. – The public is invited to attend a culturally immersive celebration at Carthage College honoring the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The free event will run from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, in the Todd Wehr Center on the college's campus, 2001 Alford Park Drive.

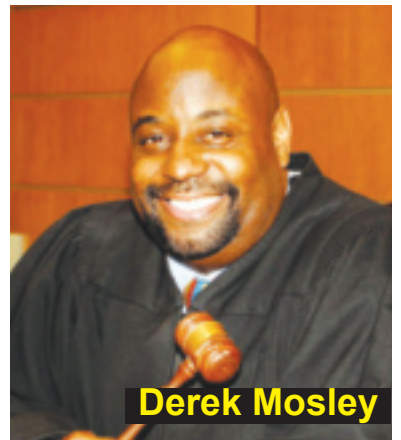
The event begins with a pop-up historical museum from 5 to 6 p.m. featuring a variety of interactive exhibitions. Attendees can engage with artist Kevin Bullard (also known by the pseudonym Heru), dialogue with Wisconsin trailblazers, and discover little-known facts in a gallery walk.

That will be followed by Carthage's third annual Legacy Awards ceremony from 6 to 7 p.m. The awards recognize those who carry on Rev. King's legacy through their service to the campus and the community.

Guest speaker, former Milwaukee Municipal Judge Derek Mosley, will frame the discussion around this year's theme, "Brave Enough to Care: The Courage to Remember, The Power to Act." Mosley directs the Lubar Center for Public Policy Research and Civic Education at Marquette University.

The celebration will also include an appearance by Miss Wisconsin Willow Newell. The 2025 Carthage graduate became the first Black woman to win the crown and represent the state at the Miss America competition. Her community service initiative focuses on inclusive opportunities in the arts.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and desserts will be served at the event, which is sponsored by Carthage's Office of Engagement and Inclusion. Please register at www.carthage.edu/mlk by Friday, Jan. 2.



Derek Mosley



The Green Bay Packers lost to the Chicago Bears 22 to 16 at Soldier's Field in overtime last weekend.

The Pack led for most of the game and was in full control despite losing Quarterback Jordan Love early because of a concussion.

Back-up Packer Quarterback Malik Willis moved the ball down the field running and passing.

He was nine for 11 passing for 121 yards, one touch down, and zero interceptions.

He also had 10 carries for 44 rushing yards. The Bears are now in first place in the NFC North with a record of 11-4 to the Packers 9-5-1 record with two games still to play.

The Bears have to face the San Francisco 49ers and the Detroit Lions.

The Packers will play the Ravens and the Vikings. We can only hope to play the Bears for the NFC championship.—Photos by Kim Robinson

Packers blow lead, lose in over-time to arch-rival Chicago Bears, 22 to 16!



Join us in Celebrating Dr. King and Our History!



As we approach the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month—founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson (pictured at right)—YOUR Milwaukee Community Journal is proud to continue uplifting stories, voices, and achievements that have shaped generations of Black Milwaukeeans.

This season provides a meaningful opportunity to highlight contributions, share impactful messages, and honor the legacy of leaders who have inspired progress, unity, and hope.

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Thank you for being part of a community that continues to honor history, celebrate culture, and inspire the next generation.

Contact MCJ Sales Representative Mike Mullis at: advertising@milwaukeecommunityjournal.com

When Tough Times Come to Main Street, Love Matters Even More



By Ben Jealous
This week's column was supposed to be a celebration. A celebration of a wonderful little toy store in a joyful Midwestern town. A store that, heartbreakingly, is scheduled to close the week after Christmas. But circumstances intervened.

Yellow Springs, Ohio, is the kind of place that makes you smile the moment you step onto its main street. The kind of Main Street Generation X—and every generation before us—assumed would always exist. The kind that, to my children's generation, now feels less like a living place and more like a memory: something America once built everywhere, and now struggles to protect anywhere.

For decades, Yellow Springs resisted the fate that hollowed out so many towns like it. Its downtown endured in large part because of Antioch College, the pathbreaking liberal arts school founded by 19th-century education reformer Horace Mann. Mann believed deeply in education. He did not believe in endowments. The result is a college that still stands for bold ideas, even as it has struggled financially in recent years.

The town itself has fared better. Not by accident. In no small part because Dave Chappelle invested in it—not just money, but belief. Belief that culture matters. That joy

matters. That small towns are worth loving. Even as he mourns the loss of a beloved local store, he continues to pour his presence, his resources, and his faith into keeping the town alive. Recently, I was back in town to see Dave perform at his new club. My parents helped recruit his father to teach at Antioch in the late 1960s. So this place has always felt personal. Rooted. Shared.

We were talking in a local coffee shop when Jamie Sharp walked in. She owns the Yellow Springs Toy Company—the store that has probably generated more smiles than any other place on the block. The kind of store that feels like childhood made visible.

Wooden toys. Books. Games. Objects chosen with care. A place that invites wonder instead of noise.

Jamie told us she was closing the store. I asked why. I thought of the last time I took my son there. He loved it.

Everyone did. You could feel it in the room. The quiet joy that comes from a place built not to extract, but to give.

Jamie did not speak in abstractions. She spoke plainly. Tariffs had raised costs. Online giants had tightened margins. And then she said the thing that mattered most. People just do not seem to have as much money this year.

But what stayed with me was what she did not say. This was not surrender. This was not bitterness. Dave told her to stay in touch. And it was clear she is an entrepreneur who loves her town—someone closing one chapter, not abandoning the

story. Home still matters. And this is almost certainly not her last act.

That understanding traveled with me.

After I returned home, I spoke with a friend who owns a paddleboard factory in Florida. Orders still come in for his most expensive models—the ones bought by people with yachts. But the middle is gone. The heart of his business has vanished.

He named the paddleboard and kayak companies that have failed as middle-class families quietly pull back from anything that feels optional.

The NAACP and the National Urban League have warned that Black unemployment has surged this year, now topping 8 percent. That matters.

It always does. But it does not, by itself, explain what is happening on Main Streets—or at a factory in Florida.

Something broader is moving beneath the surface.

For generations, Black Americans have said that when white America gets a cold, we get pneumonia. What is striking now is how widely the symptoms are spreading.

Economic fragility has moved beyond the places segregation and redlining engineered it into. It is showing up on Main Streets. In small businesses. In kitchen-table conversations across this country.

Look closely at the numbers and you see what economists call nuanced joblessness.

The unemployment rate looks manageable. But beneath it are families working fewer hours than they

need. Earning less than they used to. Falling behind as costs rise. Quietly losing ground.

Taken together, it is hard not to feel we are standing near the edge of a recession. Families feel it first. Small businesses feel it next. Wall Street always feels it last.

This was not the story I planned to tell when I set out to write this column. It was supposed to be an interview with Ms. Sharp. A celebration of a store and all the smiles it created over the years.

But when I reached out, she told me she could not do the interview. Not mine. Not anyone's. Ending this chapter was painful. The messages she sent were gracious. And heavy.

As I read them, and reflected on my conversations with her—and my friend who owns the factory—I felt something else settle in. We may be entering a season of deeper economic pain. For families. For workers. For shop owners. For towns like these. For all of us.

Still, what endures is what people choose to build. Thank you, Jamie Sharp.

Thank you to your store—for all the smiles, the joy, and the childhoods it helped shape. And thank you to those who choose to stay. To invest. To keep faith. People like Dave Chappelle, Jamie Sharp, and so many others who believe that small towns—and the people who love them—are worth fighting for.

There are always better days ahead for the America we build with love.

Ben Jealous is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania and former national president of the NAACP.

Obama lays out strategy for Dems to fight Trump

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from within the party. Initially, Senate Democrats refused to approve a short-term spending bill unless it extended the ACA subsidies, triggering the shutdown.

According to ABC News, since then, House Democrats have largely aligned behind a discharge petition led by Jeffries that would force a vote to extend the subsidies for three years before they expire at the end of December.

Meanwhile, nearly a dozen Republicans—many representing swing districts—have signed bipartisan discharge petitions to extend and reform the subsidies, seeking to bypass party leadership and bring the issue to the House floor. A total of 218 signatures would be required to trigger a vote, though it remains unclear whether that threshold will be reached. If no decision is made by the end of this month, healthcare premiums for millions of Americans could skyrocket.

Democrats Have Ideological Differences That Need To Be Put Aside, Explained Barack Obama

Speaking directly to Democratic lawmakers, Obama urged his party to stay focused on retaking the Republican-controlled House in the 2026 midterm elections, arguing that ideological “differences” could be addressed afterward.

At present, the Democratic Party is made up of several clearly defined political ideologies, including the Progressive Caucus, led by figures such as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Greg Casar, which advocates for bold, systemic reforms; the Blue Dog Coalition, a smaller and more moderate bloc focused on fiscal restraint and “commonsense” policymaking; and the New Democrats, a pro-growth, centrist faction that often clashes with the progressive wing, particularly on economic policy. Their goal is to bring innovation, inclusivity, and forward-thinking policies to the White House.

Obama said that, despite the current division disrupting the party, Democrats shared similar goals across the Democratic spectrum.

“The truth is that AOC and Chuck Schumer and Bernie Sanders and Blue Dog, they actually agree in making sure that people have a living wage, they can support a family,” Obama said, adding that most Americans are not focused on the party’s “nerdy,” “college seminar”-style internal debates. “Of course, there are going to be some tactical differences, but that shouldn’t be our primary concern because we’re fighting a bigger fight.”

Jeffries echoed Obama’s message, telling CBS News, “The most important thing that we need to do is to win back control of the House of Representatives, as President Obama indicated, as part of the path to ending this national nightmare in the United States of America and moving toward a more perfect union.”

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Case No. 25CV010204

In the matter of the name change of: KELLY PATRICIA SCANLIN
By (Petitioner) KELLY PATRICIA SCANLIN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: KELLY PATRICIA SCANLIN
TO: KELLY SCANLIN SAFFOLD BOARINI
Birth Certificate: KELLY PATRICIA SCANLIN

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 8, 2026, 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: 11-25-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
596/12-10-17-24-2025

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Case No. 25SC3742
Plaintiff(s) AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC, W133 N8569 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY, MENOMONEE FALLS WI 53051 vs Defendant(s) JOSEPH BRANDON KARLS 3415 S 113th STREET UNIT 5 MILWAUKEE WI 53227
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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: JANUARY 5, 2026, 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 may be enforced as provided by law. A judgement awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment of seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
Date: 12-8-2025
Plaintiff/Attorney
AMY M BENTLEY
Attorney's State Bar Number
1025449
BENTLEY TUFFNELL LAW, S C
933 N MAYFAIR ROAD. SUITE 325B
MILWAUKEE, WI 53226
262-353-9556
597/12-10-17-24-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV010075
In the matter of the name change of: JOSEPH WOODLAND JR
By (Petitioner) JOSEPH WOODLAND JR
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JOSEPH WOODLAND JR to: JOSEPH WOODLAND JR
Birth Certificate: JOSEPH MALLEY JR
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: JANUARY 13, 2026, 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: 11-21-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES
Circuit Court Judge
598/12-10-17-24-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV009730

In the matter of the name change of: ARTIST RUBY FAYE HARRIS
By (Petitioner) AMBER IMANI STOKES

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: ARTIST RUBY FAYE HARRIS to: ARTIST RUBY FAYE STOKES
Birth Certificate: ARTIST RUBY FAYE HARRIS

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. REYNA MORALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 7, 2026, TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 11-12-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. REYNA MORALES
Circuit Court Judge
600/12-10-17-24-2025

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CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV010203

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: EMMA GRACE HENRY
By (Petitioner) EMMA GRACE HENRY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: EMMA GRACE HENRY TO: SPENCER GRACE HENRY
Birth Certificate: EMMA GRACE HENRY

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM POCAN RM #401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 12, 2026, 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: 11-25-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM POCAN
Circuit Court Judge
601/12-10-17-24-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV009976

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: BRANDAN JAMES SAYRE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: BRANDAN JAMES SAYRE TO: BRANDAN JAMES COOK
Birth Certificate: BRANDAN JAMES SAYRE

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

POCAN RM #401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 14, 2026, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 12-5-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM POCAN
Circuit Court Judge
599/12-10-17-24-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 2025CV009751

In the matter of the name change of: HUBEEBAH J MUHAMMAD

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: HUBEEBAD X MUHAMMAD to: BEVERLY JEAN DIXON
Birth Certificate: HUBEEBAH MUHAMMAD

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. REYNA MORALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 7, 2026, 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: 11-12-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. REYNA MORALES
Circuit Court Judge
595/12-10-17-24-2025

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

Case No. 25CV008242
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: ROBERTICO ANTONIO RODRIQUEZ JR
By (Petitioner) JESSICA LEANDRA WISE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: ROBERTICO ANTONIO RODRIQUEZ JR TO: TICO ANTONIO WISE
Birth Certificate: ROBERTICO ANTONIO RODRIQUEZ JR

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM POCAN RM #401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 12, 2025, TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 11-4-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM POCAN
Circuit Court Judge
602/12-10-17-24-2025

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 616/12-24-2025

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 Other general legal and public notices

ABOUT MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL (MCJ) WEEKEND EDITION

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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

Birth Certificate: CALEB EMANUEL ROMAN

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 FEBRUARY 18, 2026, TIME 2:00 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 12-5-2025
BY THE COURT:
 HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS
 Circuit Court Judge
 611/12-17-24-31-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV010297

In the matter of the name change of: **LYRIK JANE E OWTEN**
 By (Petitioner) **MARLO LARON GILLIAM SR**
 By (Co-Petitioner) **KELIA MACAFEE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: **FROM: LYRIK JANE E OWTEN to: LYRIK JANE E GILLIAM**
 Birth Certificate: **LYRIK JANE E OWTEN**

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. REYNA MORALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 16, 2026, 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: 12-2-2025
BY THE COURT:
 HON. REYNA MORALES
 Circuit Court Judge
 610/12-17-24-31-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV010298

In the matter of the name change of: **CAMIAH MYLOVE GILLIAM-COTTON**
 By (Petitioner) **CAMIAH MYLOVE GILLIAM-COTTON**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: **FROM: CAMIAH MYLOVE GILLIAM-COTTON to: CAMIAH MYLOVE GILLIAM**
 Birth Certificate: **CAMIAH MYLOVE GILLIAM-COTTON**

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. REYNA MORALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 16, 2025, TIME 10:45 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: 12-2-2025
BY THE COURT:
 HON. REYNA MORALES
 Circuit Court Judge
 614/12-17-24-31-2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS)

the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 12-12-2025
BY THE COURT:
 HON. JEAN M KIES
 Circuit Court Judge
 609/12-17-24-31-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV10318

In the matter of the name change of: **DAVID CORWIN LARSON SMITH JR**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: **From: DAVID CORWIN LARON SMITH JR to: JULIEUX MAURICE FRANKLIN**
 Birth Certificate: **DAVID CORWIN LARON SMITH JR**

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS RM 208 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE JANUARY 6, 2026 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: 12-2-2025
BY THE COURT:
 HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS
 Circuit Court Judge
 608/12-17-24-31-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV009230

In the matter of the name change of: **MARISOL ELIZABETH MENCHACA**
 By (Petitioner) **MARISOL E MENCHACA**
 By (Co-Petitioner) **ENRIQUE HERRERA DASAMO**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: **From: MARISOL ELIZABETH MENCHACA-RODRIGUEZ to: MARISOL ELIZABETH HERRERA-RODRIGUEZ**
 Birth Certificate: **MARISOL ELIZABETH HERRERA-RODRIGUEZ**

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 JANUARY 14, 2026, TIME 10:15 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Dated: 11-25-2025
BY THE COURT:
 HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO
 Circuit Court Judge
 607/12-17-24-31-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV010414

In the matter of the name change of: **CALEB E BARRETO-ALBARRAN**
 By (PETITIONRE) **JOSHUA L ROMAN**
 By (Co-Petitioner) **JUMARY ROMAN**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: **From: CALEB EMANUEL BARRETO-ALBARRAN to: CALEB EMANUEL ROMAN**

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV01022

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: **SAVA MASTILOVIC**
 By (Petitioner) **ILIJANA MASTILOVIC**
 By (Co-Petitioner) **MILAN JELOVAC**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: **FROM: SAVA MASTILOVIC TO: SAVA JELOVAC**
 Birth Certificate: **SAVA MASTILOVIC**

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM POCAN RM #401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 31, 2026, 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: 11-26-2025
BY THE COURT:
 HON. WILLIAM POCAN
 Circuit Court Judge
 602/12-10-17-24-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV008860

In the matter of the name change of: **KEYANNA S STARKS**
 By (Petitioner) **KEYANNA S STARKS**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: **FROM: KEYANNA S STARKS to: KANASHLY S STARKS**
 Birth Certificate: **KEYANA S STARKS**

IT IS ORDERED
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: HON. REYNA MORALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: JANUARY 16, 2026, 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: 12-4-2025
BY THE COURT:
 HON. REYNA MORALES
 Circuit Court Judge
 603/12-10-17-24-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 2025CV009759

In the matter of the name change of: **RAVEN MAHOGANEY COOPER**
 By (Petitioner) **RAVEN MAHOGANEY COOPER**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: **FROM: RAVEN MAHOGANEY COOPER to: RAYLIN MAHOGANEY LONG**
 Birth Certificate: **RAVEN MAHOGANEY COOPER**

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: JANUARY 14, 2026, TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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Protesters gather on the Capitol steps to oppose lame-duck bills that would restrict early voting and limit the powers of Attorney General-elect Josh Kaul and Governor-elect Tony Evers. During the Dec. 3, 2018, protest, the Joint Committee on Finance heard public testimony against the bills in a hearing inside the Capitol. (Emily Hamer / Wisconsin Watch)

Wisconsin Democrats say they won't act like Republicans if they win a legislative majority in 2026

By Brittany Carloni, article courtesy of Wisconsin Watch

When Republicans swept into power in 2011, they passed laws to cripple Democrats. As the pendulum swings the other way, what might happen in 2027?

If Democrats win a majority in one or both chambers of the Legislature in 2026, the party will have more power to govern than any time in more than 15 years.

Senate Minority Leader Dianne Hesselbein, D-Middleton, said she saw a sign of what that future

could look like during the state budget-writing process earlier this year.

With just a three-seat advantage in the Senate, Republicans needed to work across the aisle to advance the budget, and Senate Democrats had a seat at the negotiating table, Hesselbein said.

For the past 15 years of Republican majorities in the Senate and the Assembly, GOP lawmakers have been able to operate largely without input from legislative Democrats.

In 2011, following the Republican midterm surge during President Barack Obama's presidency, a GOP trifecta in the Legislature and the governor's office advanced legislation aimed at cementing a permanent majority.

They passed laws such as Act 10, which dismantled Democratic-supporting public sector unions; strict voter ID, which made it harder for students and low-income people to vote; and partisan redistricting, which kept legislative Republicans in power with near super-majorities even after Democrats won all statewide offices in 2018.

After years of being shut out of the legislative process, Senate Democrats won't operate that

way if the party wins control of the chamber next year, Hesselbein said.

"We have an open door policy as Democrats in the state Senate. We will work with anybody with

a good idea," she said.

"So we will try to continue to work with Republicans when we can and seek common values to really help people in the state of Wisconsin."

Wishing You and Yours a very Merry Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year! From the staff and management of the Milwaukee Community Journal!

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Case No. 25SC029294

Plaintiff(s): MERCY EBERE EMEREO-
NYE 4357 N 68th Street Milwaukee
WI 53216 vs Defendant(s): LUIS EN-
RIQUE CHARRIEZ RIVERA 1549A S
8th Street Milwaukee WI 53216

A.M

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

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 #3at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Milwaukee County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 414-278-5362 OR

414-278-5100 Courtroom/ Room Number 400 Address: 901 N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee State WI Zip 53233 on the following date and time: Date: JANUARY 5 2026, Time: 8:30

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Date: 12/22/2025

Plaintiff/Attorney

MERCY EBERE EMEREO NYE

618/12-24-2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Case No. ????????

Plaintiff(s) GOLDEN CHILD PROP-
ERTIES N85W16110 Appleton Ave
#1014 Menomonee Falls WI 53052 vs
Defendant(s) ANGELICA C BOSTON
8428 W Lisbon Ave Milwaukee WI
53222

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 #3at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Milwaukee County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 414-278-5362 Courtroom/ Room Number 409 Address: 901 N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee State WI Zip 53233 on the following date and time: Date: JANUARY 5, 2026, Time: 9:30 A.M

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you

in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgement may be enforced as provided by law. A judgement awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment of seizure of property.

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Date: 12/18/2025

Plaintiff/Attorney

GOLDEN CHILD PROPERTIES

617/12-24-2025

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

CLAIM FOR MONEY 31001 Case No. 25SC000625

PLAINTIFF(S) KOR MOUA 969 N
37th St Milwaukee WI 53208

vs

DEFENDANT/S: GABRIEL A PE-
NALVER RODRIGUEZ 2024 W Atkin-
son St Milwaukee WI 53209

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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: FEBRUARY 3, 2026 Time:
9:30 A.M.

Place to Appear/File and Answer: Mil-
waukee 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 defend-
ant(s):

1. Plaintiff demands judgment for:
Claim for Money

I am the plaintiff:

Dated: 12-22-2025

BY THE PLAINTIFF:

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619/12-24-2025

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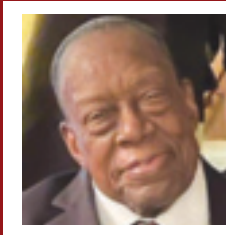
As the weeks move quickly to Thanksgiving and soon after to Christmas, we pause to thank every reader, advertiser, sponsor, anniversary honoree and our brilliant Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholars for their patronage and support in 2025.

We wish each of you the best of the holiday season and invite you to send us a holiday remembrance of a deceased family member or friend that will be placed on our MCJ website.

How it works:

1. Each reader **MUST** submit their full name, phone number or email.
2. The name of the deceased loved one.
3. Your holiday message (200 words max) containing a memory of that person and why they are important to you.
4. A photo of the deceased person to whom the Christmas wish is intended **MUST** accompany the written expression.
5. Submit your message and photo entry to:
legacy@milwaukeecommunityjournal.com

Here's an Example:



Newspapers have experienced a very difficult 2025. The economy, changing news gathering options, reduced outlets available for minority news, funding! Determining new strategies for reaching our readership has been a daily, nightly focus. An example is our daily digital news, today. We've moved with the demands. We remember the savvy, tenacity and vigilance of Mr Robert Thomas this Thanksgiving. Circulation was his heart. He loved meeting the readers and teaching young boys and girls how to work clean, honest jobs, that taught responsibility, integrity and punctuality. Two years from his post as Associate Publisher, we celebrate his wisdom, his knowledge of Milwaukee families and his insistence on best ways to meet your customer where they are and help them see new possibility through MCJ. In this season of thanks, hope and light, we remember Mr. T and the many youngsters who helped us saturate the inner city with the Milwaukee Community Journal. —Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo.

Christmas Memorial Message – Terms & Conditions

By submitting a Holiday Memorial Message, you agree that your message will honor only someone who has passed away. Messages may not mention or refer to any living person for any reason. This protects community members and avoids legal issues involving privacy or defamation under Wisconsin law.

Your message must be positive, respectful, and appropriate for all ages. It cannot include private details about anyone living, personal disputes, sarcasm, or anything that could cause embarrassment or harm. You certify that the person you are honoring is deceased and that the information you submit is accurate and appropriate to share.

The newspaper has full discretion to edit, decline, or remove any message. Submitting a message does not guarantee publication. You understand that you are responsible for the content you provide and agree not to hold the newspaper or its staff liable for how your message is handled.

You may be contacted if we need to verify details. Your contact information will not be published.

Confirmation:

I confirm the person I'm honoring is deceased and my message does not reference any living individual.

Yes

Agreement:

I agree to the [Christmas Wishes/Message] Terms & Conditions.

I Agree

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