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Frontiers International Milwaukee Chapter steps and swings into a New Year!

Frontiers International-Milwaukee Chapter hosted a gala New Year's Eve party. Attendees rang in the New Year with a bang! It was an unforgettable night of music, dancing, and celebration, with a live DJ, delicious food and drinks, and a countdown to midnight.

The event was held as a fundraiser for the different community activities Frontier International-Milwaukee Chapter puts on throughout the year to make a positive difference. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



David Crowley

David Crowley raises \$800K in first fundraising period

The Crowley campaign has \$601,000 cash on hand County Executive David Crowley's campaign announced recently that he will report \$800,500 in contributions on the January Continuing Report, signaling his strong momentum in the wide-open Democratic primary field. In addition, the Crowley campaign has \$601,000 cash on hand.

"Wisconsin families are feeling squeezed, and they deserve a governor who's focused on results — not just talk," said David Crowley. "I'm grateful to everyone across our state who chipped in, hosted, volunteered, and believed in our campaign early.

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Crowley's momentum is also reflected in a growing coalition of endorsements from elected officials, labor organizations, and community leaders across Wisconsin — including Milwaukee Professional Firefighters Local 215, Racine Professional Firefighters Local 321, Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson, La Crosse Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey, and State Assembly Assistant Minority Leader Kalan Hayward II, along with many other local and state leaders.

Crowley is the only Democrat in the race with experience actually running a government — balancing billion-dollar budgets, delivering essential services, and building bipartisan support to secure Act 12, the most significant shared-revenue reform in decades.

As County Executive, Crowley has expanded affordable housing, in-

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Health insurance premiums are already climbing, insurers have locked in higher 2026 rates, and the enhanced Affordable Care Act subsidies that have kept coverage affordable for millions expired on January 1.

The increases are no longer hypothetical. They are visible now, baked into open enrollment, and poised to accelerate in the coming year. For many workers, this won't just show up as a higher monthly bill. It will show up directly in their paychecks, as employers shift rising health care costs onto employees through higher premium contributions, reduced benefits, and slower wage growth.

Policymakers and insurers insist this will affect "everyone." Middle-class families of all races are struggling. And that is true. But it is also incomplete because the early evidence shows the burden will fall hardest on Black families and businesses.

The American health care system likes to present itself as colorblind, clinical, and mathematical. It is largely driven by data, risk pools, utilization rates, and actuarial tables that supposedly strip emotion and politics out of life-and-death decisions. We are told that rising premiums are unfortunate but inevitable, that the healthcare system is strained, and that nobody is being unfairly targeted.

The math is supposedly mathing

But this is America, where numbers don't float above history or erase bias. What recent reporting on rising health care costs reveals, often without fully

naming, is that the healthcare system is engineered to convert racialized harm into predictable revenue that disproportionately falls on Black folks.

A JAMA report has shown that overall costs are higher for Black and Latino households, with Black families often paying more out-of-pocket for care and insurance even as they face systemic barriers to access.

Another analysis from the Economic Policy Institute argues that proposals to end Affordable Care Act tax credits will hit Black Americans especially hard.

In 10 major metropolitan areas, such changes could leave over 170,000 people without insurance, drive up annual premiums by roughly \$740 million, and increase preventable deaths.

Healthcare Finance has noted that premium increases are outpacing wage growth, with Black and Hispanic workers feeling those pressures acutely.

These reports describe outcomes such as higher costs, lost coverage, sticker shock, and preventable deaths, but they stop short of naming who benefits and why the system keeps producing the same racialized harm on schedule.

Readers are left with the sense that this is unfortunate, cyclical, or merely a matter of policy negligence, rather than the predictable result of an industry engineered to extract wealth from people least able to absorb it.

What's happening with healthcare in our current moment did not emerge from recent policy shifts, but rather a century-long continuum of racialized medical extraction, exclusion, and pricing.

It's connected to redlining's impact on hospital access, employer-based insurance as a Jim Crow labor workaround, and desegregation, which triggered white flight from public health infrastructure.

Without that context, Black folks appear as perpetual victims of "rising costs," rather than communities that have been systematically positioned to subsidize everybody else's care through higher premiums, worse coverage, and delayed treatment.

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Why Black Paychecks Are About To Shrink As Health Care Costs Surge

For Black workers, increased premiums will show up directly in their paychecks as higher premium contributions, reduced benefits, and slower wage growth.

Written by Dr. Stacey Patton, article courtesy of Newsone.com

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New employment hub on North Side supports people leaving nearby correctional facilities

by Devin Blake, article courtesy of Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service

Wylbur Holloway, manager of reentry services for Employ Milwaukee, describes services provided by the agency for people who have been incarcerated. (Photo by Jonathan Aguilar / Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service / Catch-Light Local)

To streamline support for people leaving incarceration, Employ Milwaukee in November moved reentry staff into the City of Milwaukee's Office of African American Affairs.

The move created a single North Side location where people referred by nearby correctional institutions can access job assistance and other city resources.

Employ Milwaukee provides job-readiness training and one-on-one coaching to those referred through its reentry programs – among other services – while the Office of African American Affairs provides mentoring, financial counseling and other community resources to residents.

By more closely aligning with the city, Employ Milwaukee wants to streamline various steps involved in rebuilding life after incarceration, said Wylbur Holloway, reentry serv-

ices manager for the agency.

"It's a location where those that are returning from incarceration can access needed services in a coordinated and comprehensive fashion," Holloway said.

What Employ Milwaukee does

Employ Milwaukee is a nonprofit workforce development agency that helps both youths and adults gain the skills needed to get and keep good jobs.

"It's a good organization and some great people," said Doyle Sprewer, who helps people with felonies understand and navigate the state's pardon process. "I believe they have a care and concern for the community as well as those coming home from the prison system."

Employ Milwaukee offers pre-release and post-release assistance through programs such as Windows to Work, including job readiness training, career planning and supportive service referrals for employment, housing, and medical and psychological needs.

These programs accept referrals from selected correctional institutions.

At the North Side office, people referred in can receive resources for work-skill development, employment support, financial literacy and guidance on applying the cognitive-based approaches.

Coaches can work with individuals before release – beginning months ahead at times – to build a release and employment plan.

After release, participants receive case management, follow-up support and additional resources.

"I always say it doesn't matter how long you've been locked up, you're coming back to a foreign land that

you don't know of," Sprewer said.

Employ Milwaukee has staff working inside three correctional facilities: the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility, the Milwaukee County Community Reintegration Center and the Racine Correctional Institution.

The agency also works to build up the number of employers who hire people with criminal records.

"What's encouraging – we're actually having a lot more employers willing to engage in the conversation," Holloway said. "Ten years ago, that conversation in terms of hiring someone with a background was a little closed off. I think, since COVID, the market has changed."

Employ Milwaukee doesn't ask for special favors for people who are incarcerated, he said, but urges employers to recognize that Employ Milwaukee can help connect them to "viable candidates who can check all the boxes."

The city

The Office of African American Affairs provides mentoring, financial counseling and other community resources to city residents.

Melissa Buford, director of the Office of African American Affairs, said the office focuses on filling gaps and

connecting people with the services they cannot get elsewhere.

"If we don't provide those services, we definitely will connect them with the organization or a partner that does," she said.

Buford said the collaboration with Employ Milwaukee directly strengthens the office's youth- and family-related services, which she is working to build out.

"If these individuals are coming back and they're transitioning back into society, they more than likely have a family that they need to support, that they need to be in the moment for," she said. "So this was perfect ... and it's a good location as well. We're on the bus line. We're right in the heart of the city."

How to access services

People who are interested in learning more about Employ Milwaukee's services and who are not referred by a correctional institution can call 414-270-1700.

People with questions about the Office of African American Affairs can visit the website, call 414-286-0222 or email aaaamke@milwaukee.gov.

Holloway and Buford said their teams will do their best to get people connected to resources – no matter the need.

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And there's corporate culpability. Insurers, pharmaceutical companies, hospital conglomerates, private equity firms, and consulting giants appear as abstractions in these reports.

There's no sustained interrogation of pricing algorithms, risk scoring, provider consolidation, or shareholder expectations. These are mechanisms that quietly convert Black illness into revenue.

And they are the result of deliberate choices by specific lawmakers responding to donors and industry pressure.

These stories also don't fully explore how constant cost anxiety reshapes medical decision-making in Black households. People skip care, delay prescriptions, ration insulin, avoid emergency rooms, and choose debt over diagnosis.

That stress is a health condition in itself, one that compounds hypertension, heart disease, pregnancy outcomes, and mortality. The body is paying interest on policy.

At the end of the day, Black people are not just a disproportionately affected group, but they are the financial backbone of the healthcare system. Black families aren't just harmed by rising costs. They are overpaying into a system that routinely underserves them.

That inversion matters. Without it, these stories document injustice but don't fully expose exploitation.

Black illness, stress, exposure, deprivation, and Black survival itself are not aberrations to the model. They are inputs. They are priced in. And as health care costs rise, Black people will be disproportionately extracted from, disciplined by, and charged for injuries they did not choose and cannot escape.

The key mechanism is risk. Health insurers and employer-sponsored plans calculate premiums using formulas that rely heavily on past utilization: how often people seek care, what diagnoses they carry, what medications they take, how frequently they are hospitalized, and how expensive their treatment histories appear on paper. In theory, this is efficient. In practice, it quietly transforms structural violence into individual liability.

Black Americans have higher rates of chronic illnesses like diabetes, hypertension, asthma, heart disease, autoimmune disorders, and pregnancy-related complications. That fact is endlessly cited, rarely contextualized, and almost never treated as an indictment of the racist system that produced it. Instead, those outcomes are fed into algorithms that conclude Black people are "higher risk," and therefore more expensive to insure.

The system does not ask why those conditions are concentrated where they are. It does not account for food apartheid, in which fresh food is scarce and ultraprocessed calories are abundant.

It does not code for neighborhoods built next to highways, refineries, waste sites, and industrial corridors where asthma and cancer rates soar.

It does not adjust for generations of redlining that stripped wealth, limited housing options, and destabilized community infrastructure.

It does not quantify the physiological toll of racism itself, the daily stress, hypervigilance, discrimination, and trauma that drive inflammation, cardiovascular strain, immune dysfunction, and premature aging.

Those harms are invisible to the spreadsheet. Their biological consequences are not

Epigenetics makes this even harder to deny. Chronic stress, malnutrition, environmental toxins, and violence do not just shape individual health outcomes. They also alter gene expression across generations. The bodies of Black Americans are carrying the biological residue of centuries of slavery, of Jim Crow terror, and policies and conditions imposed long before any individual health plan was selected.

Yet insurers treat those embodied histories as present-day risk factors rather than as inherited evidence of harm. And so racialized intergenerational trauma becomes an actuarial justification, and racism becomes a surcharge.

This is where people often interject: rising health care costs affect everyone. Premiums are going up across the board

What distinguishes Black Americans is not merely that costs are rising, but how those costs are calculated, absorbed, and compounded. Black workers are more likely to earn less, hold less wealth, and have fewer financial buffers to absorb premium hikes, deductibles, and out-of-pocket expenses.

Paying more for health care means sacrificing something else like rent, food, utilities, and debt payments in ways that accelerate harm rather than simply inconvenience.

Black Americans are also more likely to be insured through jobs that offer fewer plan options, higher employee contributions, narrower networks, and less employer subsidization.

When premiums rise, employers often pass those costs on to employees. Insurers point to utilization. Employers point to insurers. Policymakers point to market forces. Responsibility dissolves at every handoff, while Black workers pay more to remain insured.

And then there is how Black people must use health care once they have it. Delayed care is common not because of ignorance, but because of cost, access barriers, and mistrust born of lived experience. When care is delayed, conditions worsen.

When conditions worsen, treatment becomes more expensive. When treatment becomes more expensive, utilization rises. When utilization rises, premiums increase. This is not a coincidence. It is a feedback loop.

The system punishes Black people for surviving within conditions it refuses to change

Meanwhile, Black patients are still more likely to be undertreated, disbelieved, misdiagnosed, or dismissed by medical professionals. Pain is minimized. Symptoms are attributed to lifestyle or attitude. Preventive care is harder to access, and specialty care often requires navigating referral systems that were not designed with Black patients in mind. So Black Americans are paying more into a system that delivers less, later, and often with worse outcomes.

This is what makes the claims of universality misleading. Yes, rising costs affect everyone. But not everyone is being charged for injuries inflicted by the same system that collects the premiums. Not everyone's illness is treated as both inevitable and profitable. Not everyone is positioned as a permanent high-risk category with no meaningful pathway out.

For white Americans, increased health care costs are often experienced as economic pressure layered onto otherwise protected status. For Black Americans, they are experienced as a continuation of historical extraction, and are another mechanism through which harm is monetized and normalized.

And as policy decisions loom, such as the expiration of ACA tax credits, the consequences will not fall evenly. Losing subsidies does not simply mean paying more. It means losing coverage altogether for people already operating at the margins.

It means preventable deaths framed as unfortunate trade-offs. It means the quiet resegregation of health care access under the language of fiscal responsibility.

Systems do not drift into these outcomes accidentally. They are designed through policy choices, market incentives, corporate consolidation, and regulatory frameworks that prioritize profitability over repair.

Insurers are not simply reacting to Black illness; they are profiting from its predictability. Pharmaceutical pricing strategies, hospital mergers, private equity ownership of clinics, and data-driven risk scoring all depend on stable patterns of chronic disease.

Black communities, made vulnerable through deliberate neglect, provide that stability. A system that ignores race while feeding on racialized outcomes is extractive. It takes what racism has produced and converts it into revenue streams, shareholder value, and balance-sheet logic.

And this is why incremental reforms feel so inadequate. Lowering premiums slightly does not dismantle the algorithm. Expanding access without changing pricing logic simply widens the pool of people being charged for harm. Diversity statements do nothing to alter risk models. Cultural competence training does not rewrite actuarial tables.

To confront this honestly requires naming what the system is doing, which is charging Black folks for surviving racism, then using their survival as proof that higher costs are justified.

Black Skater to go for gold at Winter Olympics

This past weekend, the U.S. Olympic Speed Skating Trials were held at the Pettit National Ice Center located in West Allis Wisconsin. After four days of tough competition, 13 athletes will head to Milano Cortina to represent the United States at the Winter Olympic Games in speed skating. One of those skaters will be Erin Jackson (pictured immediately at the right, next to Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Chair Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell) the only African American woman speed skater who will represent the USA. Jackson will compete in the 500m, and 1000m races. Jackson is the first Black woman to win an Olympic gold medal in an individual sport in a Winter Olympics. She won the medal at the 2022 games in Wroclaw, Poland. —Photo by Kim Robinson



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Archdiocese and local Black Catholic organization to hold annual memorial service honoring Dr. King

The 35th annual memorial prayer service honoring the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held Saturday, January 17 at All Saints Catholic Church, 4051 N. 25th St. The service will start at 1:30 p.m. The theme of this year's service is: 'Facing the Challenges of a New Age.'

The guest speaker will be Vevette Hill Ngwagbarocha. Archbishop Jeffrey Grob will preside over the event, which is being sponsored by the Archdiocese and the Black Catholic Ministry Commission of the Archdiocese.

For more information, contact Shandrea Johnson at 414-758-2215 (johnsons@archmil.org).

KAPPA ALPHA PSI to host Founders Day event Jan. 31

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 (pictured at right), 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.

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.

The black-tie affair will take place at the Renaissance Hotel, 2300 N. Mayfair Rd, in Wauwatosa on Saturday, January 31.



GRAMMY-NOMINATED, MILWAUKEE-BASED CELLIST MALIK JOHNSON TO RETURN AS THE 2026 BETTY BRINN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

The Betty Brinn Children's Museum is excited to welcome back Milwaukee-born musician and music educator Malik Johnson as its 2026 Artist-in-Residence. Johnson will provide three types of in-Museum programming during his 2026 residency:

Performances: Sit back and listen or get up and dance along during one of Malik Johnson's 30-minute cello performances.

Toddler Talkbacks: These community conversations for parents and kids are designed to explore social-emotional learning areas like positive self-expression and dreaming big dreams. Led by Malik Johnson in partnership with other community leaders.

Making Music Series: You don't need fancy instruments to make music as a family. Join Malik Johnson for hands-on programs to learn how to use common home materials to create unique DIY instruments.

Johnson's first performance will take place on Wednesday, January 7 at 10 a.m., and programs will take place throughout all of 2026. Dates and times for upcoming artist-in-residence programs can be found at <https://bbcmkids.org/artist-in-residence/>.

The 2026 Betty Brinn Children's Museum Artist-in-Residence is sponsored by Dr. Michael & Susan Goldstone. Thanks to their investment, the Artist-in-Residence programs are included in general Museum admission, so there is no additional cost to Museum visitors to participate.



The Power of Starting Slow This New Year

With a new year underway, we may feel motivated to make big changes — but when it comes to weight loss, starting slow is often the smartest move.

Rather than chasing quick results that are hard to maintain, TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly SM), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, with a "Real People. Real Weight Loss.®" philosophy, suggests a gradual approach that focuses on building realistic habits that fit into everyday life. In the long run, slow and consistent effort is far more effective than an all-or-nothing start that often fades quickly.

The following are key reasons why starting slow is most effective when it comes to long-term weight loss:

It supports sustainable habits and improves long-term maintenance.

We are constantly juggling work, family, and stress. Slow, healthy changes — like watching your portions, taking a walk a few days a week, or cooking at home more often — fit into real routines.

We can regain weight after fast loss because the methods we used weren't sustainable. Slow weight loss is tied to routines, gradual habit building, and lifestyle changes, which makes maintaining weight loss progress far more realistic.

It helps protect your metabolism.

When you lose weight quickly, your body reacts to it as a signal that energy is scarce, so it automatically adapts by conserving

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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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I learned the hard way to be leery of liberal missionaries.

I take liberals with a grain of salt. And missionaries...Whew, I suspect, and keep at arm's length, as they are generally closet connivers, thinking they know what's best for Black folks, believing we are culturally immature and incapable of thinking for ourselves. Through a half-century of observations, it is obvious they believe we must be guided and controlled, used as political pawns. Seventy-five percent are 'step off the edge of the earth Democrats.' The remaining are Bernie Sanders supporters. Against that backdrop, I was taken aback to learn of the sale of the Courier Communications media 'empire' to the Missionary vehicle Civic Media, a couple of weeks ago. Courier communications include the Milwaukee Courier newspaper and radio station WNOV. WNOV was the only Black owned radio station in the state. The Courier was the state's oldest Black owned newspaper. Civic Media brands itself as a 'public benefit corporation,' whatever that means.

It owns a barnyard of radio stations around the state. In a press release, Civic Media describes itself as 'rooted in radio, operating a growing network of broadcast, digital, streaming and community platforms that connect people on the issues, events and voices 'shaping (or reshaping) their daily lives. 'It believes informed communities are essential to a healthy democracy and is committed to providing accessible, 'accurate' information that encourages civic understanding and engagement.' In other words, Civic Media's agenda is to influence the public (us) from its perspective---which you can interpret as being from a left-leaning perspective ---now in Black face. Black is not to mean white ownership translates to a turn-of-the-century platform. But even recent history provides examples of a hidden agenda. When the missionaries engaged and took over the George Floyd protests, for example, they turned the demonstrations into a political campaign for Joe Biden; the essence of the movement was smothered in quicksand. If you're old enough, you might remember the (daily) Journal tried to run an inner city version of its newspaper.

Ready for far left-leaning, missionary talk radio?



It died a painful death. And let's not forsake the penultimate mission newspaper, the Shepherd Express, which has for decades led and continues to dictate the Black agenda and African American leadership. Prior to joining the Truth, Sherwin Hughes — my favorite local talk show host—dipped his big toe into an upstart missionary radio station. He and Earl Ingram were the Black faces. Sherwin refused to be a black pawn and soon

quit. On the positive side, the discontinuation of the Courier as a Black-owned newspaper means the Milwaukee Community Journal will become not only the most influential Black-owned press, but, as of January 1, the most tenured Black newspaper, entering our 50th year in 2026. I can only speculate on the platform of the new 'NOV.' I expect the future philosophy of the station and newspaper. For the record, while I occasionally listen to Michelle Bryant, firebrand and former chief of staff of state senator now Milwaukee County Judge Lena Taylor, my radio dial is set to 101.7 the Truth. Sherwin Hughes is my favorite local talk show host, but his show

conflicts with Michelle's. Indeed, the Truth lineup keeps me engaged with the station all day. From (the now defunct) 'Jammin with Juice,' Sherwin, and Kyle 'left hook' Wallace, activist and trump supporter Tory Lowe, and finally Dr. Ken Harris, moderate intellectual, the day is as refreshing as a Thanksgiving meal in July. Despite his employment and training within Democratic circles, Sherwin is the most astute and politically savvy journalist in southeastern Wisconsin. I can only speculate on the platform of the new 'NOV.' I expect the future philosophy of the station and newspaper to make a sharp left turn on I-94. White ownership does not mean it cannot relate. If that were the case, we would starve. Black students in government schools would be shortchanged (maybe that's a bad example). Conversely, I can't have my hair cut by a white barber, and I use a Black doctor and dentist, and I prefer my chef to be brought up in a soulful house. Dr. Robert Baker, a professor at UWM, who describes himself as a 'technologist and cultural guru, has been announced as the new general manager of WNOV. His resume suggests he will be in tune with Africentric concerns. But the new face of the station will be Earl Ingram, who was rejected as a host for NOV several years ago due to philosophical differences. I've known Earl for years. He

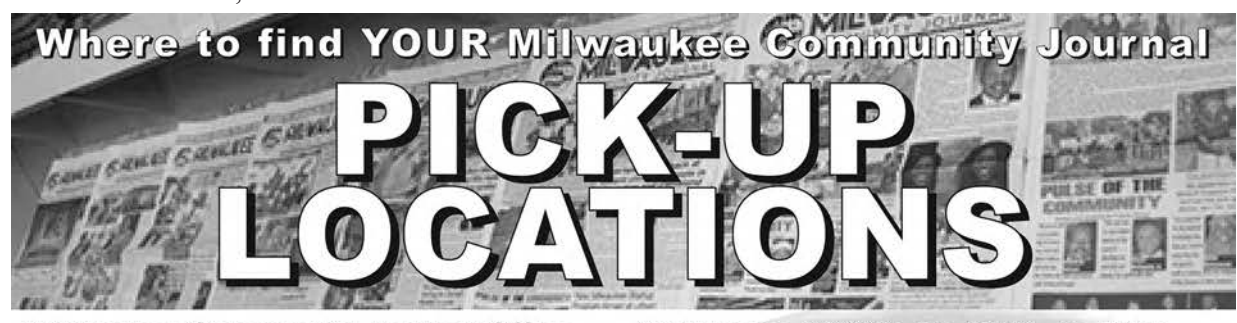
has earned his stripes through community activism, though his blind allegiance to Democratic politics as the cure-all for Black concerns has been at odds with my Black nationalist philosophy. He is a perfect match for the station. My concern for the future's philosophical direction of NOV was addressed by Byrant, who said in a news article that the trust and independence of the station may be undermined by white (liberal) ownership. "I understand the significance of having Black voices that are not controlled," she said, "and not scripted, a reference to biased interviews and commentaries intended to sway a political agenda. "Not bought and paid for... not under pressure to conform or make other people (whites) comfortable. We have to get value for our own entities. We have got to stop relying on White folks to come and see what Black folks built." I took her comments to mean she is not long for a station grounded in 'missionary politics.' Expect more national and international guests, chosen by management. Sometimes you have to read between the lines. I anticipate an infusion of cash to offset philosophical concerns. I guess I'm guardedly optimistic. As of yesterday, Michelle started the day at NOV. When I opened her YouTube page, she was interviewing white guests talking about Venezuela instead of shootings on Vliet Street. **Hotep**

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energy. This means that your body burns fewer calories at rest, it learns to do tasks using less energy, which reduces overall calorie burn, and the hormones that regulate your appetite may shift, making you feel more focused on food. Even with continued effort, weight loss may slow or stall because your body is trying to hold onto energy. Starting slow allows weight loss to happen without triggering strong metabolic slowdowns, making it easier to continue losing and maintaining weight over time. **It reduces burnout and frustration.** Extreme plans to lose weight demand high effort and willpower, which often leads to exhaustion or quitting. A slower pace feels manageable, helping you stay consistent and motivated instead of swinging between "all in" and "giving up." **It preserves muscle and strength.** Gradual weight loss — especially when paired with regular movement — helps maintain muscle mass. When weight changes are slow, the body is more likely to use stored fat for fuel instead of breaking down muscle, and the hormones that protect the muscles stay more balanced. This is important because muscle supports metabolism, daily function, and long-term health. **It encourages a healthier relationship with food.** Starting weight loss slowly moves the focus away from strict restriction and toward awareness and flexibility. Instead of labeling foods as "good" or "bad," we can choose to eat in a way that supports energy, enjoyment, and health, making weight loss feel less stressful. **It prioritizes overall health — not just the scale.** Healthy habits tied to weight loss also often improve sleep, energy levels, mood, and stress management. These benefits make it easier to continue healthy behaviors long after the initial goal weight is reached. Weight loss isn't about speed — it's about consistency, balance, and sustainability. Starting slow builds a foundation that supports lasting results, better health, and a lifestyle you can maintain for years.

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- Milwaukee Public Library/Central Branch-814. W. Wisconsin Ave.
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Trump's Distractions From the Real Issues



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Prior to the invasion of Venezuela, the top media issues were the expiration of funding for the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Epstein papers being withheld from the Congress, and the harm and possible deaths of Ameri-

cans because of the reversal of policies on vaccines.

Once again, Trump used the oldest page in the playbook: Have a national crisis, i.e., the invasion of Venezuela and the

capture of its President and First Lady; the transporting of them to the United States where they were indicted and charged with drug trafficking, and the announcement by President Trump that America would take over control and governing of Venezuela.

These plays successfully replaced all discussions that were on the table before Saturday night's invasion.

Once again, the only domestic policy related items coming from the White House are: (1) more ICE agents for Minnesota (with its Democratic Governor), and cuts to Child Care dollars in Democratic states.

We, the American people, must redirect conversations and priorities to the domestic

issues of food, shelter, health-care and survival.

Here in California, we have a new Congressional District to which we need to elect Democrats so that we can regain control of the House of

“We, the American people, must redirect conversations and priorities to the domestic issues of food, shelter, healthcare and survival.”

Representatives and put an end to the Republican doing nothing attitude against Trump's trampling on the Constitution.

Let's keep our eyes on our issues and not be distracted

by global plans. We must survive and live beyond Donald Trump, and fight his immigration tactics wherever possible

Meanwhile, we have issues of ongoing police brutality right here in San Diego. There

are no apologies or statements from the police chief.

He should be reminded that silence gives consent. How many more large settlements of civil cases against the police do we really need?

Uncle Nearest Founders File Civil Lawsuit Against Company's Former CFO

By Samantha Dorisca, article courtesy of AfroTech.com

Uncle Nearest's founders have filed a civil lawsuit against the company's former chief financial officer, according to The Lynchburg Times.

The whiskey brand has been under a receivership as a result of a July 2025 lawsuit filed by Uncle Nearest's lender, Farm Credit Mid-America, as AFROTECH previously reported. The lender claims the company had defaulted on loans of more than \$108 million.

U.S. District Judge Charles E. Atchley Jr. appointed Tennessee attorney Phillip G. Young Jr. as receiver, so Young now manages assets such as Uncle Nearest's distillery in Shelbyville, TN, and "real estate holdings, intellectual property, affiliated ventures, and related entities," according to Moore County Observer.



“Since the July lawsuit, Uncle Nearest's founders have accused former CFO Mike Senszaki of financial misconduct that, among other things, inflated whiskey barrel inventory, resulting in an unnecessary \$24 million credit increase from Farm Credit Mid-America.”

Uncle Nearest, which was the fastest-growing in America, according to Forbes' 2024 estimates, was launched in 2017 by Fawn Weaver and her husband, Keith, and upholds the legacy of Nathan "Nearest" Green, a formerly enslaved man credited with teaching Jack Daniel how to make whiskey.

Since the July lawsuit, Uncle Nearest's founders have accused former CFO Mike Senszaki of financial misconduct that, among other things, inflated whiskey barrel in-

ventory, resulting in an unnecessary \$24 million credit increase from Farm Credit Mid-America. The Weavers and other executives claim Senszaki acted independently, and they were not aware of his actions. They say his conduct was discovered through the company's 2024 inventory reports.

Civil Lawsuit Explained

In the latest, Uncle Nearest has filed a civil lawsuit in Tennessee's Bedford County Chancery Court against Senszaki. The plaintiffs are Fawn Weaver, Keith Weaver, and Grant Sidney Inc., which is a privately held investment company owned by Fawn and is the largest shareholder of Uncle Nearest.

The Lynchburg Times reports that the lawsuit accuses Senszaki and his company, ZMS Strategies Inc., of fraud, forgery, breach of fiduciary duty, misconduct, defamation, conversion, and breach of loyalty that occurred over several years.

It claims Senszaki was given authority and control over Uncle Nearest's financial systems, and that he hid millions of dollars in vendor liabilities. In the midst of this, which occurred during a significant period of the company's growth, he allegedly presented the company's financial status as being in good standing.

The lawsuit also states that Senszaki altered invoices in the company's payment software, redirecting funds to entities he controlled, and made it appear that vendor invoices had been paid. Furthermore, it alleges he faked

stock transfer certificates and documents to use Fawn Weaver's equity in the company as collateral, valued at tens of millions of dollars, the outlet notes.

According to the lawsuit, Fawn took little to no cash salary and did not sell equity for personal gain. Equity sales had only been made to support the brand and had been fully loaned back to the company. The lawsuit alleges Senszaki used her equity interests for personal gain without consent.

The lawsuit also claims that Senszaki and others painted the picture that the Weavers were to blame for Uncle Nearest's debt. However, the lawsuit claims the Weavers had not personally guaranteed loans with Farm Credit Mid-America, although Senszaki and others have allegedly led others to believe so. The couple claim this has resulted in losses of more than \$1 million in canceled speaking engagements for Fawn and \$9.75 million in frozen funding for businesses owned by Keith, not tied to Uncle Nearest.

What Plaintiffs Are Seeking

They are seeking compensatory and punitive damages, as well as injunctive relief to prevent defendants from transferring or hiding assets that could support claims of misconduct.

As of this writing, there has been no response filed by the defendants, and the case is ongoing.

—*The post Uncle Nearest Founders File Civil Lawsuit Against Company's Former CFO appeared first on AfroTech.*

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
WAUKESHA COUNTY
(SMALL CLAIMS)
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
AND NOTICE
Case No. 25SC3898

Plaintiff(s) AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC, W133 N8569 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY, MENOMONEE FALLS WI 53051 vs DACARI MARQUIS BROWN 5615 W ROOSEVELT DR. MILWAUKEE WI 53216

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: JANUARY 12, 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: 12-19-2025
 Plaintiff/Attorney
 AMY M BENTLEY
 Attorney's State Bar Number
 1025449
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(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV011001

In the matter of the name change of: JOSHUA ROYCE REDLIN
 By (Petitioner) JOSHUA ROYCE REDLIN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 FROM: JOSHUA ROYCE REDLIN
 TO: Joshua Royce Redlin
 Birth Certificate: JOSHUA ROYCE REDLIN

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 28 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: 12-26-2025
 BY THE COURT:
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 Circuit Court Judge
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV011002

In the matter of the name change of: ANGELA ANN REDLIN
 By (Petitioner) ANGELA ANN REDLIN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 FROM: ANGELA ANN REDLIN TO: Angela Ann Redlin
 Birth Certificate: ANGELA ANN WARTICK

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

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV0101535

In the matter of the name change of: CORNELIUS ARTEZ MATTHEWS
 By (Petitioner) JOSEPH ALEXANDER HICKS
 By (Co-Petitioner) SAMANTHA JANE VANETTA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 FROM: CORNELIUS ARTEZ MATTHEWS to: CJ. ALEXANDER HICKS
 Birth Certificate: CORNELIUS ARTEZ MATTHEWS

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 29, 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: 12-9-2025
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. REYNA MORALES
 Circuit Court Judge
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SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV11029

In the matter of the name change of: ROSALINDA RIVERA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: ROSALINDA RIVERA to: ROSALINDA JOHNSON
 Birth Certificate: ROSALINDA RIVERA

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: FEBRUARY 9, 2026, TIME 1:03 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: 12-29-2025
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
 Circuit Court Judge
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SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV010823

In the matter of the name change of: RACHEL LEE STOKES

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: RACHEL LEE STOKES to: WYLEY RAE STOKES
 Birth Certificate: RACHEL LEE STOKES

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: FEBRUARY 3, 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: 12-12-2025
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
 Circuit Court Judge

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(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 25CV010420

In the matter of the name change of: IDRIS AMON BURTON
 By (Petitioner) ANVEON GAREL SMITH
 By (Co-Petitioner) TREVON LADEU LIGGINS JR

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: IDRIS AMON BURTON to: TREMON NICOLAS LIGGINS
 Birth Certificate: IDRIS AMON BURTON

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: JANUARY 12, 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: 12-12-2025
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
 Circuit Court Judge
 625/12-31-2025/1-7-14-2026

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

NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 25CV010130
 In the matter of the name change of: GIADA MANE BAROS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 FROM: GIADA MANE BAROS to: ASLAN SCOTT BAROS
 Birth Certificate: GIADA MANE BAROS

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 1:45 P.M.

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

Dated: 11-24-2025
 BY THE COURT:
 HON. REYNA MORALES
 Circuit Court Judge
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CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
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Case No. 2025CV009927
In the matter of the name change of:
KHOLOUD AHMAD BAYD
By (Petitioner) KHOLOUD AHMAD BAYD

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: KHOLOUD AHMAD BAYD to: KHOLOUD AHMAD NAKCHBNDI
Birth Certificate: KHOLOUD AHMAD NAKCHBNDI

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 29, 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: 12-17-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS
Circuit Court Judge
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**SUMMONS
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING**

Case No. 25CV010915
In the matter of the name change of:
NICOLE RENEE BULANDA
By (Petitioner) NICOLE RENEE BULANDA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: NICOLE RENEE BULANDA to: NICOLE RENEE DECAMP
Birth Certificate: NICOLE RENEE DE-

**Our son, Kymier Anthony Diallo, born on July 23, 2025, is formally accepted and recognized as a beneficial heir to my estate. All my assets, properties, and belongings will pass to him upon my passing. He should not be taken from me, as that would harm my estate, and if that happens, I will be seeking Equitable damages. This notice affirms my rightful claim as a private American /guardian, parent of my son. Roy Gene, Dunbar and Erica Young are pleased to announce the birth of our son. We now ingress within the nation Wisconsin republic [Union] country at Milwaukee of the United States of North America, I am the living grantor to the office of "Roy Gene Dunbar Living Estate Trust." Dated this 19th day of December 2025
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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: FEBRUARY 10, 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: 12-22-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES
Circuit Court Judge
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**SUMMONS
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING**

Case No. 25CV010982
In the matter of the name change of:
ABIGAIL YVONNE LADOUA
By (Petitioner) ABIGAIL YVONNE LADOUA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: ABIGAIL YVONNE LADOUA to: NENA YVONNE LAWRENCE
Birth Certificate: ABIGAIL YVONNE LADOUA

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: FEBRUARY 11, 2026, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 12-24-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES
Circuit Court Judge
009/1-7-14-21-2026

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

Case No. 25CV009130
In the matter of the name change of:
HAILEY GRACE BOONE
By (Petitioner) HAILEY GRACE BOONE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: HAILEY GRACE BOONE to: HAILEY GRACE COREY
Birth Certificate: HAILEY GRACE BOONE

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 FEBRUARY 11, 2026, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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Dated: 1-7-2026
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Circuit Court Judge
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**OP-ED: I Use to Love Her:
An Open Letter to Mayor Karen
Bass and the Black Political Class**

By Melina Abdullah
Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass broke my heart. Like my divorce, I knew it was coming but clung to the notion that no one would actually do that to someone who loved them.
And I mean love them. Karen Bass used to be progressive. I've known her since 1996, when the Community Coalition that she founded was the cutting edge and she was unabashed about the resources that were needed for South Los Angeles.
Karen was among the first to help me understand that when communities are flooded with resources, when sources of harm, like police, are kept out and afterschool programs and mutual aid are brought in, we build long-term solutions. Nineteen years her junior, I looked up to her.
We shared more meals than I can count, planned travel together, laughed about children, whispered about partners. I was part of the small group pulled together when Karen considered a City Council run and one of those who consoled her when her father died.
My heart still breaks over the tragic loss of her daughter, Emilia. She graced my classrooms at West LA College and Cal State LA and helped develop the curriculum for the Black women's leadership institute at USC that emerged out of my dissertation.
With Regina Freer, I wrote the first scholarly articles on Karen Bass as a womanist leader and served on both her Legislative and Congressional Advisory Councils. I love Karen from a place that is not theoretical, but nurtured and built.
I didn't always agree with every position that she took, but we engaged in principled struggle to address disagreements. Congresswoman Bass invited me to serve on the keynote panel for the Congressional Black Caucus in 2016. (I'm sure she was disappointed when I made the point: "If the Democrats want our vote, they should run better candidates.")
Together, we drafted "Wakiesha's Law," (named for #WakieshaWilson) which would have required jails, prisons, and detention centers to notify families if someone died in custody (which was authored by Assemblyman Isaac Bryan at the state level and became California law just weeks ago).
In 2020, the Congresswoman went on national news to call #DefundThePolice "one of the worst slogans ever." She phoned me immediately to apologize, an offering that I - like a love-starved partner - quickly accepted.
Cracks in the progressive veneer continued to emerge - through the fake "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act," which would have given more federal dollars to police (and was blocked by Republicans anyway).
In her 2022 bid for Los Angeles Mayor, the betrayals poured in fast and furious as she pledged to increase LAPD funding presumably in an effort to stave off at-

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Ron McPherson enjoys a round of golf at Langston Golf Course in Northeast. National Links Trust, which has operated Langston and other local golf courses, is pushing back after the Trump administration terminated the nonprofit's 50-year lease, accusing them of defaulting on its obligations. (WI photo)



TRUMP'S ERASURE CAMPAIGN REACHES LANGSTON GOLF COURSE

BY STACY BROWN, WASHINGTON INFORMER

Under President Donald Trump, policies and places rooted in African American history, autonomy, or self-determination have been stripped for parts or brought under his personal control.

Now, that campaign has landed on sacred ground in Washington: Langston Golf Course.

In one of his first major moves targeting Washington's civic infrastructure, Trump's administration terminated the 50-year lease of the National Links Trust (NLT), the nonprofit that has operated Langston, Rock Creek Park Golf Course, and East Potomac Golf Links since 2020. The Interior Department accused the nonprofit of defaulting on its obligations.

The group flatly denies it, saying it invested more than \$8.5 million in capital improvements and followed the terms of its agreement. The termination immediately halted renovation projects and opened the door for federal takeover.

"We are fundamentally in disagreement with the administration's characterization of NLT as being in

default under the lease," National Links Trust wrote in a statement.

"We have always had a productive and cooperative working relationship with the National Park Service and have worked hand in hand on all aspects of our golf course operations and development projects."

Langston is not simply a public golf course tucked along the Anacostia River. It was built in 1939 because Black golfers were barred, harassed, and humiliated at whites-only courses across the country.

It exists because exclusion demands resistance and survives because the Black community refused to let it disappear.

"They are taxpayers, they are citizens, and they have a right to play golf on public courses on the same basis as whites," Interior Secretary Harold Ickes said in 1941. "The cold fact is that we have not kept it up."

Trump has been explicit about his desire to put his stamp on Washington — The Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian, the White House grounds, and now, public golf.

Since returning to the presidency, Trump has reportedly spent more than \$30 million in taxpayer money on golf trips, many of them to prop-

erties he owns or profits from. While he lectures about efficiency and accountability, public dollars have flowed freely to his leisure, his resorts, and his brand. Langston, by contrast, has survived decades of neglect and underinvestment while serving generations of Black golfers shut out elsewhere.

Further, Tiger Woods has agreed to assist in the redesign and renovation of Langston as part of a Trump-backed public golf project, according to a White House adviser.

"I'm responsible for redesigning it and making it better than it ever was," adviser Ed Russo said. "And I'm proud to say that Tiger Woods has agreed to help me do that."

Woods built his legacy on the shoulders of Black pioneers like Lee Elder, who broke barriers in a sport that never wanted Black faces on its fairways. Yet now, he has aligned himself with a president whose record toward Black history is one of hostility and erasure.

After having witnessed the president's trends when touching public spaces — costs rising, access shrinking and the community being pushed aside — local golfers fear for the future of Langston.

"My hope is that the historic Langston golf course continues to offer opportunities for people to come and play," Craig Kirby said.

Others see the move as naked power.

"National Links Trust has invested a lot of money in modernizing and redoing Langston," golfer Lou Manzo said. "To have all that taken away on a whim is very frustrating."

Trump has claimed that if he takes control, District residents would pay lower rates. Coming from a man who owns 16 golf properties worldwide and has built his brand on exclusivity, the promise rings hollow.

Langston Golf Course was born because Black Americans were denied space, enduring segregation, hostility and neglect because the community refused to surrender it. Now, under the banner of improvement, Trump is attempting to absorb it.

"While this termination is a major setback, we remain stubbornly hopeful that a path forward can be found that preserves affordable and accessible public golf in the nation's capital for generations to come," NLT said.

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tacks from the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) and the right wing.

Her non-endorsement in the re-election of progressive prosecutor George Gascon was loud and undoubtedly played a role in his loss. Most personally hurtful was when campus police descended on me as I waited for a mayoral debate to begin at Cal State LA, where I have taught for more than twenty years, and Karen — my longtime friend — watched me be brutally removed from the near-empty theater, ignoring my cries for her to help.

Later, she'd say she didn't know that was me...as if it should serve as consolation that she would have allowed such heinous treatment of some other Black woman.

We were hopeful that these harms were tactical tradeoffs. Sentinel publisher and civil rights veteran Danny Bakewell, Sr. hosted as the newly elected Mayor Bass met with BLMLA and our "justice families" almost immediately after taking office.

The mayor made good on her promise to hear our People's Budget presentation, in which more than 60,000 Angelenos continue to say they want to shift resources away from police, prosecutions, and parking enforcement, and invest in community resources.

She continued to attend the annual presentations. We complied when she suggested that we change our timeline to better align with her budgeting process. Not a single one of our recommendations was incorporated into the Mayor's budget proposal in any of the three years that we presented.

She appointed Jim McDonnell as chief over our petitions, gave raises to cops during times of budget crisis, and appointed and reappointed two avowed Zionists to the Los Angeles Police Commission.

The mayor kowtowed to the LAPPL and the system of policing so much so that they went from spending \$3.4 million to oppose her in 2022, to endorsing her early this go round.

We remained conciliatory. There was never a BLM-led protest at the Mayor's mansion, a daily occurrence during the latter years of the Garcetti administration. Never have we directly targeted her...only loving "call ins."

Sadly, it seems that Mayor Bass has resigned herself to the position of so many former progressives...that maintaining their own position is the priority. Here's the truth...we don't need her, or any of them, in the position if they are going to do the bidding of the police that continue to kill and harm communities in record numbers. In fact, it's worse in some ways when the oppression and abuse of our community comes with a smiling face. To be clear, I am staunchly opposed to a Caruso or even a Beutner mayoralty. I am appreciative that Bass gives rhetorical support to those who are most targeted by ICE.

However, there is a reason that a small group of young Black Angelenos went to her house in recent weeks. She called them a threat when they said they might not vote for her if she doesn't support calls for meaningful public safety reform. I call them courageous. This is a call for Mayor Bass to match that courage and return to the progressive values that she once advanced. For voters, we must also be courageous.

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