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Alzheimer's Association Health Equity Coalition Celebrates Black History Month!



Milwaukee demonstrated strong community commitment at this year's Black History Month program, 'Creating Connections 2026: Partners in Hope... Moments to Cherish.'

The setting reinforced the program's dual purpose: to educate while fostering community fellowship. A central highlight of the event was the Culturally Relevant Awareness discussion by Gina Green-Harris, PhD, MBA of UW-Madison.

Trump claims there's almost no crime in DC, but numbers were dropping long before national guard deployment

The President used his State of the Union address to tout strength on crime, immigration and the use of the National Guard in Democrat-led cities.

By Brandon Caldwell, article courtesy of thegrio.com



During his State of the Union address on Tuesday (Feb. 24), President Donald Trump claimed that, thanks to his administration's deployment of the National Guard, crime had decreased in cities such as New Orleans, Memphis, and Washington, D.C.

In regard to D.C., Trump claimed there was almost no crime. However, current figures from the Metropolitan Police Department contradict Trump's claims that crime has been completely eliminated.

this year compared to 105 incidents around the same period last year. D.C. had a 21-day stretch earlier this year without a recorded homicide, the longest streak without a murder in more than a decade. According to a January 29 report by the Washington Post, only one person had been murdered in the month of January. Trump associates and others who supported his use of the National Guard in the nation's capital claimed the Guard's presence on the ground was one of the primary reasons for the drop in crime, but crime figures were already falling long before the Guard was deployed.

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Black Balloon Day event to honor lives lost to overdose and the launching of Midwest Regional Black and Brown Harm Reduction Alliance

MKE Fire Chief Aaron Lipski to join elected, civic community, and faith leaders attending event

Remembering the lives lost to drug overdose will be the focus of Samad's House's Black Balloon Day at No Studios March 6 starting at 10 a.m. No Studios is located at 1037 W. McKinney Ave. The event will also mark the official launch of the Midwest Regional Black and Brown Harm Reduction Alliance, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at addressing the overdose crisis in Black and Brown communities across the Midwest.



Tahira Malik to prevent future tragedies. Among the dignitaries attending will be Milwaukee Fire Chief Aaron D. Lipski, a champion of harm-reduction approaches. "Each year, we commemorate the lives lost unnecessarily to overdose deaths," said Tahira Malik, Founder and CEO of Samad's House.

"These deaths were preventable. Black Balloon Day is a time to mourn and to issue an urgent call to action. We have the tools—naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and harm reduction education—to save lives. Our mission is to en-

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The SAVE Act Threatens ALL Voters!

A breakdown of the TRUE THREAT of legislation that threatens our democracy!



The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act (H.R.22/S.128) is harmful to our democracy and a threat to the freedom to vote for all Americans.

While the SAVE Act has been characterized as a narrow bill mandating proof of citizenship for voter registration, its extreme documentation requirements would actually amount to one of the harshest voter suppression laws nationwide. This bill would also upend mail and online voter registration systems, mandate error-ridden voter purges, and could subject election workers to harsh criminal penalties simply for doing their job.

ship requirements are unnecessary. In the United States, every eligible voter is already required to verify their citizenship status when registering to vote, including both natural-born citizens and those who have immigrated here. Strict laws and safeguards exist to ensure only U.S. citizens participate in federal elections. In reality, this bill imposes significant new burdens on American citizens, making it harder for all eligible voters to register and cast their ballots. DENY MILLIONS OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS ACCESS TO THE BALLOT The SAVE Act would exclude millions of eligible Americans from registering and voting simply because they lack the necessary paperwork to satisfy its extreme documentation requirements.

Under this bill, most Americans would not be able to register to vote using their driver's license alone, because even licenses that meet Real ID requirements generally do not indicate citizenship. Similarly, most Tribal citizens would be unable to register using their Tribal ID alone. The SAVE Act would require Tribal ID to show the holder's place of birth as the U.S., but most Tribal IDs do not list a place of birth. Even if the ID listed this information, any Tribal citizen born outside the U.S. could not use their Tribal ID. The SAVE Act would further burden citizens born in U.S. territories. It would allow applicants to use a photo ID that does not indicate citizenship if they also provide a certified birth certificate issued by a Tribal, state, or local government.

However, the bill excludes birth certificates from American territories. Members of the U.S. military could not even use their military ID to register to vote, unless it is accompanied by their military service record and that record shows they were born in the U.S. Members of the military born overseas, including while their parents were serving abroad, could not use this type of ID. According to a recent study, over 99% of voting age citizens (21.3 million people) cannot readily access documentary proof of citizenship. Supporters of the SAVE Act may argue that voters can use a passport to register, but this is an insufficient option. Only about half of all U.S. citizens have a passport, and obtaining one to satisfy the SAVE Act could be costly.

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and time-consuming.

## ELIMINATE MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION AND UPEND ONLINE REGISTRATION

The SAVE Act would effectively eliminate mail voter registration by requiring all mail applicants to present documentary proof of citizenship in person, defeating the purpose of this more accessible approach.

This would impact a huge number of U.S. citizens. The most recent data from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission shows that more than 9% of all Americans (over 7 million voters) who registered to vote during the 2022 election cycle did so by mail.

The SAVE Act would also require states to rebuild their online voter registration systems to meet the bill's onerous requirements, significantly disrupting a method used by 14% of registrants (almost 11 million voters) during the same period.

## MANDATE HARMFUL VOTER PURGES

The SAVE Act is not just about requiring registrants to prove citizenship. It would also demand that states actively conduct ongoing voter purges, including purges based on data sets that are known to be faulty.

For example, in a recent voter purge in Alabama that relied on data from the state's Department of Labor, 93.8% of the voters removed were U.S. cit-

izens. Federal courts have also acknowledged that other databases identified in the legislation, such as state DMV databases and the federal Systematic Alien

Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) database, can have "a high rate of inaccuracy."

In fact, an audit of these databases by the North Carolina State Board of Elections found that 97.6% of individuals identified by the DMV as noncitizens were actually U.S. citizens, and 75% of voter registrants who were naturalized citizens and had provided proof of citizenship continued to be identified as noncitizens in the SAVE database.

All of this means that thousands of eligible voters would inevitably and wrongfully be purged under this bill.

## REPLICATE PROVEN FAILURES

Documentary proof of citizenship laws in Arizona and Kansas have disenfranchised broad swaths of eligible voters. In Arizona, about 35,000 voters have attested to citizenship but are barred from voting in state elections because of that state's documentary proof of citizenship requirement.

Those voters are more likely to live on Tribal land or college campuses. Arizona's system is also riddled with errors. About 100,000 voters almost lost their right to vote in the state's 2024 elections because of a documentary proof of citizenship database error.

State officials later discovered that over 200,000 voters were affected.

In Kansas, a similar law that was in effect between 2013 and 2016 ended up blocking the voter registrations of more than 31,000 U.S. citizens who were otherwise eligible to vote.

This is the equivalent of 12% of those seeking to register in Kansas for the first time during that period. The impact was felt most keenly by young and politically unaffiliated voters. If the SAVE Act becomes law, these failed policies and harms could be mirrored nationwide.

## UNDERMINE NONPARTISAN ELECTION WORKERS

Under the SAVE Act, nonpartisan election officials could face up to five years of imprisonment if they register a voter without documentary proof of citizenship, even if the voter turned out to be an eligible citizen. It would also allow private individuals to sue election officials for a single instance of failing to obtain documentary proof of citizenship.

These severe penalties will only exacerbate growing harassment of election officials, whose work is vital for helping voters participate in our democracy.

**Campaign Legal Center strongly opposes the SAVE Act and urges every member of Congress to vote against this dangerous legislation.** For more information, please contact Eric Kashdan (ekashdan@campaignlegalcenter.org) and Nicole Hansen (nhansen@campaignlegalcenter.org)

# Trump 'State Of The Union' address

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In 2025, Trump claimed that D.C. was under a "crime emergency," prompting a federal takeover of the MPD.

Even before that, the Justice Department released figures in 2025 stating that crime in D.C. had hit a 30-year low in 2024 under the Biden Administration.

According to the Council of Criminal Justice, crime rates fell nationwide in 2025. Homicides were down 21 percent from 2024 and 44 percent since a recent peak in 2021.

The State of the Union featured several protests, including Rep. Al Green (D-TX), who held a sign that said "Black People Are Not Apes."

He was escorted out, but not before being confronted by soon-to-be retiring Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX) and two other Republicans.

# 2026 State Of The Union Data Shows Trump At Odds With Reality

By Anoa Changa-Peck, article courtesy of newsone.com

**Editor's Note: This article has been edited because of space limitations.**

With the 2026 State of the Union now concluded, recent data reveals President Donald Trump is wildly out of step with the people and reality. A National Public Radio reports shows 60% of those recently polled think the country is worse than last year.

The same poll indicated the "majority think the state of the union is not strong."

By many accounts, it doesn't matter what the Donald said or claimed at this year's address. His version of reality and priorities remain out of step with the lived experiences of the majority of Americans. New data shows that nearly 75% of adults view the economy as fair to poor.

According to Pew, views on the current state of affairs vary by party. But overall, the people ain't having it with Trump's foolishness.

The Supreme Court rejected his Tariff policies. DHS funding is hanging by a thread amid a partial shutdown, a sharp rebuke of the disastrous immigration policy. And Trump is trying to influence, if not outright steal, the 2026 election.

There's no telling how long the president will ramble about how great he is and how he's definitely making America great despite the clear evidence before us. Last year was reportedly the longest response in at least 60 years.

A lot is going on in the union with massive cuts and closures threatening every aspect of our lives, including housing, healthcare, and education. Here are a few areas likely to appear in Trump's remarks.

Amid the calls to boycott this year's State of the Union, House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries urged his colleagues to attend as a silent protest instead. In many ways, Jeffries has led his caucus with a deep regard for traditional rules of decorum and adherence to respect for institutions and authority.

Virginia Gov. Abigail Spanberger, elected in a decisive race last year, and California Sen. Alex Padilla will delivered the official Democratic Party response. Their response reported claimed the mantle of the sensible party amid Republican chaos.

The choice shows the Democrats are still struggling as an opposition party, opting for safe moderation rather than the fighting spirit that guides many communities under attack.

To watch or boycott is something everyone must consider. But ask yourself if bearing witness to outlandish claims, fake news, and disinformation is worth your time and energy on a Tuesday night.

But if you do choose to tune in, consider watching through a source like C-SPAN or NPR to avoid giving Trump ratings and shine.

Instead of listening to President Trump blabber about his version of the State of the Union, you might try tuning into the "People's State of the Union" organized by MoveOn, MeidasTouch, and several progressive organizations.

Political commentators Joy Reid and Katie Phang hosted an event aimed at providing an alternative to the official State of the Union. The event countered "President Trump's night full of lies and misplaced priorities for the American people."

The stream also featured several members of Congress who are boycotting Trump's address. Reps. Bonnie Watson Coleman, Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Summer Lee, and Ayanna Pressley were slated to speak.

Lee also delivered the Working Families Party's response, which streamed on their official accounts.



Gov. Tony Evers

## Gov. Evers Urges President Trump to Sidestep Secretary and Restore Funding to Prevent Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in Wisconsin's Unemployment Insurance System

*Governor appeals to Trump to restore funding Wisconsin needs to complete unemployment modernization efforts designed to help detect and prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, and improve efficiency*

MADISON — After repeated letters to Trump Administration U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRomer resulted in inaction, Gov. Tony Evers is appealing directly to President Donald J. Trump, urging the president to restore approximately \$29 million in federal grant funding Wisconsin needs to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse and complete the Evers Administration's years-long efforts to modernize the state's unemployment insurance (UI) system.

"I write to call your attention to my administration's unemployment insurance fraud prevention effort in Wisconsin, which was a national success story for detecting and preventing fraud when your administration last year terminated modernization grants, which were for the congressionally mandated purpose of detecting and preventing unemployment insurance fraud, among other goals," Gov. Evers wrote in a letter to President Trump.

"After repeated attempts to urge the U.S. Department of Labor to reconsider this decision have largely gone ignored, Mr. President, I write to you with an urgent request to direct the U.S. DOL to restore the funding Wisconsin needs to continue our important work preventing fraud, waste, and abuse in our unemployment insurance system."

After the coronavirus pandemic exploited Wisconsin's antiquated unemployment system infrastructure, Wisconsin under Gov. Evers and the Evers Administration began undertaking sweeping unemployment system modernization efforts.

In addition to significantly improving the system interface, the modernization effort included deploying cutting-edge technology in Wisconsin's UI system to bolster efforts to detect and crack down on fraud, prevent benefit overpayments, and significantly improve efficiency and timeliness.

Since the modernization effort began, for example, Gov. Evers noted in the letter to President Trump that Wisconsin's unemployment insurance program had been audited nine times over the course of three years and had zero identified instances of previously undiscovered fraud.

Under the Evers Administration, Wisconsin had positioned itself to be one of the strongest-performing unemployment insurance programs in the nation.

The Evers Administration was previously awarded federal investments from the U.S. DOL to complete modernization projects of its UI systems to help reduce fraud, reduce overpayments, and improve efficiency in processing benefits.

However, last year—inexplicably and with no notice—the Trump Administration chose to terminate \$29 million for Wisconsin's modernization efforts, part of the Trump Administration terminating \$675 million in grants awarded by the U.S. DOL to UI programs across over 30 states and territories.

Apparently, according to the Trump Administration, the U.S. DOL terminated the investments Wisconsin was using for modernization efforts to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse because it "does not effectuate agency priorities."

The governor's letter today notes the U.S. DOL's apparent refusal to release investments for states to fight fraud, waste, and abuse appears to be incongruous with the Trump Administration's and Republicans' own

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purported goals of addressing fraud nationwide.

Gov. Evers and the Evers Administration have repeatedly appealed to the Trump Administration, asking them to reconsider their decision, but to date, those attempts have been met with inaction.

The governor today took his appeal directly to President Trump, urging the president to sidestep his secretary and release the federal investments Wisconsin was promised to fight fraud, waste, and abuse.

Gov. Evers notes in his letter that the Evers Administration has repeatedly informed the

Trump Administration that terminating funding for Wisconsin's modernization effort will "seriously hurt efforts to identify and combat fraud in Wisconsin."

"If fighting fraud is truly and earnestly a meaningful commitment of you and your administration, funding for states' unemployment modernization projects must be restored," Gov. Evers concluded.

"I ask you to please reverse the Secretary of Labor's decision and restore the funding Wisconsin desperately needs to continue doing our important work preventing fraud, waste, and abuse in our unemployment system."

Wisconsin's unemployment insurance system programming was developed in the early 1970s.

The Evers Administration's efforts to modernize Wisconsin's UI system began during the COVID-19 pandemic after decades of inaction by previous administrations and lawmakers were brought to bear during the worst economic crisis in over a decade.

The early stages of the pandemic saw state unemployment rates rise from 3.5 percent in February 2020 to 14.8 percent just two months later.

Over the course of four years from 2016 through 2019, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) handled 7.2 million claims.

In just the first nine months of 2020, DWD processed nearly 8.8 million claims. This massive influx of claims overwhelmed and backlogged Wisconsin's aging UI processing systems, which, as noted, relied on legacy infrastructure dating to the 1970s.

To help respond to these challenges and finally fix Wisconsin's unemployment system after decades of inaction, Gov. Evers called a special session of the Wisconsin State Legislature and, in February 2021, signed 2021 Act 4, which began the process of modernizing these critical systems to prevent a future emergency from causing a similar crisis.

Since then, DWD has advanced swiftly and successfully toward this goal, protecting the integrity of the claims processing system with cutting-edge technology designed to help crack down on fraud and abuse in benefit claims while increasing virtual customer service options.

Importantly, for example, since undertaking modernization efforts under the leadership of Gov. Evers, Wisconsin's UI program at DWD has been audited nine times between the years of 2020 and 2023. All told, the Legislative Audit Bureau was unable to identify any previously undiscovered fraud within the program.

However, the U.S. DOL decision to terminate funding halts work on some of the most critical unemployment insurance modernization and anti-fraud prevention projects.

The \$29 million in terminated funds included:

- \$11.25 million to create a state-of-the-art web-based and mobile employer portal, including a secure communications infrastructure to reduce improper payments and fraud;
- \$6.3 million to prevent and detect fraud, ensure program integrity, and improve cybersecurity and overpayment collections;
- \$6.8 million to modernize written communication with all UI customers through an agile and efficient systems interface, reducing costs and staff resources; and
- Nearly \$4.5 million to implement identity authentication and identity proofing tools, modernize the application process, enhance automation for case scheduling, and centrally document all interactions on a given claim.

In both his letter to the president and previous letter to the U.S. DOL secretary, the governor reiterated the critical need to continue Wisconsin's work to modernize its UI systems and protect the integrity of the state's claims process.

# WHO, WHAT WHERE, WHEN

COMING AND PAST HAPPENINGS IN AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

## 20 Years of Mad Hot Rhythm: Milwaukee Students Take the Stage — Community Invited to Celebrate, Support, and Dance Along

*Danceworks Mad Hot Rhythm Program Celebrates 20 Years*

More than 1,000 fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students from 35 Milwaukee-area classrooms are lacing up their dance shoes and stepping into the spotlight as Danceworks, Inc. celebrates the 20th anniversary of Mad Hot Rhythm, its beloved in-school dance education program in partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools and area schools.

What began in 2006 as a pilot in just three schools has grown into a citywide movement, serving over 40,000 students and introducing young dancers to an array of styles including African Jazz, Tango, Tap, Salsa, Waltz, Hip Hop, Swing, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Bollywood, and more.

Each participating classroom receives 30 hours of professional instruction, tap shoes, and transportation to the culminating competition event - ensuring attendance and access regardless of financial barriers.

### Anniversary Competition — Free and Open to the Public

This year's milestone competition will be held Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at the UWM Panther Arena, generously hosted by the Wisconsin Center District.

The event is free and open to all, inviting families, alumni, arts supporters, and the broader Milwaukee community to cheer on this year's dancers and celebrate two decades of creativity, confidence, and community impact.

Community Education Director Jessica Fastabend shares, "The competition is my favorite event of the year. It is truly special to see the students enter the arena and experience a day just for them." This year, the students are learning and performing African Jazz, Tango and Tap dance styles.

### Alumni & Teachers Invited Back to Dance

In honor of the 20-year celebration, former students, classroom teachers, and past Danceworks staff are invited to return to the stage and participate in a special Alumni Tap or Swing Performance.

### Free Alumni Rehearsals

Location: Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (325 W. Walnut St.)

Dates: Saturdays, March 7 & March 21



Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

No registration required. Practice videos will also be shared on Danceworks' social media channels for those unable to attend in person. Danceworks is also inviting alumni to reconnect by sharing their "Mad Hot Memories" and stories from years past. Fill out this form or reach out to [jkook@danceworksmke.org](mailto:jkook@danceworksmke.org) with your memories.

### Sponsors & Supporters Welcome

Danceworks wants to make the celebration as joyful as possible and is actively seeking audience members, alumni, and sponsors who want to invest in the next generation of dancers. Sponsorship opportunities include:

**\$10,000 – Boogie Bus:** Provides transportation for participating students

**\$5,000 – Shuffle Off to Buffalo:** Funds tap shoes and shoe repairs

**\$1,000 – Support in Style:** Supplies commemorative student T-shirts

**\$500 – Spotlight Sponsor:** Covers trophies and awards

**\$150 – Road to Rhythm:** Supports individual student dance scholarships

For more information, please reach out to Julieane Cook, Executive Director of Danceworks [jkook@danceworksmke.org](mailto:jkook@danceworksmke.org). From classrooms to the big stage, Mad Hot Rhythm continues to spark joy, discipline, teamwork, and artistic expression across Milwaukee. The community is invited to attend, applaud, and help carry the rhythm into the next 20 years.

Danceworks, Inc. enhances the joy, health and creativity of our community through performances, classes and outreach activities integrating dance and other art forms.

For more information about Danceworks Mad Hot, visit the Danceworks website at [www.danceworksmke.org](http://www.danceworksmke.org).



## 'The D-9 Representin'

Recently, photographer and MCJ contributor Kim Robinson participated in a Black History event held at Albert Story School. He was one of several representatives of various Black sororities and fraternities, known as "The Divine Nine" to talk about the importance of higher education and opportunities of service in the community. Pictured with Robinson (pictured above, third from left are (left to right): Gail Gray, Vice Principal (AKA); Teddy Wroten, Robinson, Chareese Morris, Principal (AKA); The Hon. Judge Phillips, Alex Miller, and Andre Hardy, who was the moderator of the event. Not Pictured: David Sinclair (Delta Psi Chi). Photo provided by Kim Robinson.

## SPYRO GYRA RETURNS TO MILWAUKEE FOR THE FRESH COAST JAZZ FESTIVAL

*Music Festival that Gives Back to the Community, Announces 2026 Artists, Dates*

The Fresh Coast Jazz Festival; Milwaukee's only multi-day jazz festival featuring the world's best contemporary jazz artists; has announced it will be returning to the Pabst Theatre in 2026 and will feature eight concerts and two "Night Caps" over a 3-day period from Thursday, August 20 - Saturday, August 22. The "Night Caps" are the festival's versions of the after-party, are free, and take place each night featuring a live jazz act and surprise appearances from festival artists along with food and bar service. Tickets are on sale now.

The festival is fast building a reputation for curating some of the best talent line-ups in the jazz festival industry. The 2026 festival will feature performances by:

Thirteen-time Grammy-nominated Spyro Gyra helped pioneer smooth jazz fusion and always brings timeless grooves to the stage. They have released more than 30 albums and have wowed crowds around the globe. Spyro Gyra headlines Friday night of the Festival.

Grammy-nominated South African-born guitarist/vocalist Jonathan Butler is a global smooth-jazz icon whose hits have landed on the jazz, pop, R&B, and Gospel charts.

He has approximately 25 albums to his credit, and his shows are passion-filled and electric. Jonathan and his band, The Believers, headline Saturday night at the festival.

Jarrold Lawson's dynamic keyboard and vocal talents channel the likes of Stevie Wonder and Donny Hathaway. His creative work and live performance reputation highlight him as a distinctive rising star in smooth jazz.

Pianist and vocalist Kandace Springs' soulful style is fast becoming a defining force in contemporary jazz. Her emotive vocal style has made her a force to be reckoned with on the jazz scene, appealing to longtime jazz lovers and newer audiences.

After recording and touring with the likes of Brian Culbertson and Rick Braun for several years, Marqueal Jordan has stepped out on his own and he is one of smooth jazz's brightest saxophonists and vocalists, bringing bold melody and fresh energy to the genre. He has rightfully earned attention for his strong, smooth jazz radio presence and live energy.

Eric Essix is a guitar virtuoso who effortlessly blends jazz and blues into smooth jazz grooves that captivate audiences. Although he doesn't tour

in the Midwest often, he is performing at the festival.

Recognized for his showmanship and ability to connect jazz guitar with accessible, melodic grooves, Eric is sure to be a huge crowd pleaser.

In addition to bringing the best contemporary jazz to Milwaukee, the festival has had a significant philanthropic impact on the city. Since its inception in 2019, the festival has:

Provided more than 400 backpacks full of school supplies to Milwaukee area schools.

Produced three Concerts for The Kids at Children's Wisconsin featuring some of the world-renowned artists playing the Fresh Coast Jazz Festival and provided more than 300 "gift bags of comfort" to kids and families receiving treatment at Children's Wisconsin.

Sent approximately 100 children to music camps.

Created a "Career Day" program that has provided approximately 50 local students real-world exposure to potential career opportunities at some Fresh Coast Jazz Festival sponsor companies.

Supported college scholarships for 12 deserving area youth.

Provided 12 grants to support music programs at area schools.

The Fresh Coast Jazz Festival continues to partner with several small, diverse and woman-owned vendors to power the festival.

"At the Fresh Coast Jazz Festival, we have always believed that great music can be a catalyst for lasting change in our community," said Carl Brown, chief executive officer of the Fresh Coast Jazz Festival. "We are incredibly proud of what we have been able to accomplish together — from putting hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies in the hands of Milwaukee children, to sending approximately 100 kids to music camps, and through our Concerts for The Kids at Children's Wisconsin, we have brought the healing power of world-class music to hundreds of families during some of their most difficult moments, along with more than 300 gifts of comfort to kids and families in treatment.

None of this happens without our community, our sponsors, and the spirit of Milwaukee. This is so much more than a jazz festival — it is a movement, and we are just getting started."

The 2026 Fresh Coast Jazz Festival also includes unique events such as "The Fresh Coast Cruise," a two-hour, lunch cruise with live jazz on Saturday, August 22 at 1 p.m. that allows attendees to explore Milwaukee's beautiful "fresh" coast while enjoying great food, cash bar and live jazz. "The Paring," a wine tasting and concert event on Thursday, August 20 pairs four exquisite wine tastings with the timeless hits of George Benson, performed live by Christopher's Project.

The Pairing will also include a glass of sparkling wine upon arrival, complimentary charcuterie and a commemorative wine glass.

The festival also includes Q&A sessions (by invite only) with some of the jazz artists, held the Friday and Saturday mornings of the festival. These Q&A events give area music students, music teachers and VIP patrons an opportunity to get up close and personal and ask questions of some of the world's top contemporary jazz artists.



## PUBLIC INVITED TO MPS BUDGET MEETINGS

**First of Four Meetings Will Be on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. James Madison Academic Campus**

Milwaukee Public Schools is holding informational budget meetings for the public around the city and virtually in February and March, as the district prepares for the 2026-27 budget and addresses a gap identified in the audit of the 2024-25 budget. Families, staff, and the com-

munity at large can get information, ask questions, and provide feedback at the meetings.

The first meeting was on Tuesday, February 24, at James Madison Academic Campus.

The district is prioritizing protecting and preserving classrooms, keeping schools safe, investing in academic achievement, and restoring the fiscal health of the district.

That means capping class sizes and maintaining teaching positions, except where lower enrollment means fewer staff members are needed.

At the meetings, MPS leaders will be providing information, taking questions, and listening to concerns.

The district will outline plans for savings in the 2026-27 school year, including cuts to Central

Services staffing and redeployment of resources to schools.

In addition, leaders will address the \$46 million gap identified in the audit of the 2024-25 budget and the urgent steps being taken to address it, including freezing all non-essential new hiring (classroom hiring is essential); increasing participation in meal programs, which will provide greater federal reimbursement; identifying savings in transportation costs; reviewing all contracts; increasing Summer Academy participation for greater reimbursement; and more.

Three sessions will be in person, and free childcare will be provided at each location:

**Tuesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m.** — James Madison Academic Campus, 8135 W. Florist Ave.

**Saturday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m.** — Casimir Pulaski High School, 2500 W. Oklahoma Ave.

**Tuesday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m.** — Riverside University High School, 1615 E. Locust St.

A virtual session will conclude this series of meetings:

**Wednesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.** — Register for the meeting at [mpsmke.com/budgetvirtual](https://mpsmke.com/budgetvirtual)

The community is invited to attend any session to learn more about budget priorities, processes, and timeline, and to offer feedback.

## MILWAUKEE MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF FLIGHT IN 2026

Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE) will officially reach its 100th anniversary on October 5, 2026, and ahead of this milestone, MKE Airport invites the community to celebrate all year long. Since 1926, MKE has served Milwaukee with nonstop flights, nonstop innovation, nonstop employment, and nonstop adventures. Through the decades, our commitment to our travelers and our team has helped us go further than anyone would have imagined.

"Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport is a cornerstone of our community, and a driver of economic vitality for Milwaukee County. For 100 years, MKE has connected our residents to opportunities across the globe while welcoming visitors who contribute to the cultural and economic fabric of our region.

The Airport supports thousands of jobs, strengthens local businesses, and serves as a gateway that showcases the best of Mil-

waukee to the world," said Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley. "As we celebrate this historic milestone, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring MKE continues to thrive as a source of pride and progress for generations to come."

With 100 years and over 300 million passengers, there are countless stories to tell and many moments that have helped shape MKE's history. As we look to the future, MKE remains dedicated to providing best-in-class service, up-to-date facilities, and an easy travel experience.

"Reaching our 100th anniversary is more than a milestone. It's a celebration of our community's vision, innovation, and tenacity. From humble grass runways in 1926 to becoming the gateway connecting millions of travelers today, MKE has always embodied Wisconsin's pioneering spirit. We're incredibly proud to celebrate a century of tourism, economic opportunity, and global connection," said Airport Director Brian Dranzik.

In honor of this milestone, MKE Airport will be represented at several community events throughout 2026 leading up to a public centennial celebration in October when we reach our official 100th anniversary. MKE has launched our official centennial website, which details the airport's history and highlights key facts and events.



Photo courtesy of omimilwaukee.com



# Six BLACK HISTORICAL FACTS you most definitely won't learn anywhere else but here!

Those who are regular readers of my column know that every Black History Month, I dispel the lies, misconceptions, and misdirection of our sojourner (history) in America. I continue this week with a half dozen this year.

**Number one:** Rosa Parks, the beloved queen mother of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, was not the first Black woman to refuse to sit at the back of the bus in 1955. In fact, there were a half-dozen sisters who laid claim to that refusal to accept second-class citizenship.

Immediately before her, including Claudett Colbin (who was rejected by the NAACP because she was pregnant), Susie McDonald, Mary Louise Smith, and Aurelia Brower.

I met the Queen Mother (Parks) in the 1980s in Milwaukee. She was soft-spoken, and I rejected the application that she was a 'leader'.

The NAACP (then at the forefront of the civil rights movement) sued the mayor of Montgomery, the bus drivers, the bus company, and the chief of police.

Most impressively, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, in which the Black citizens of that city found alternative transportation, effectively killing the bus company, was one of the most successful Black civil rights movement boycotts of the 20th century.

2. The first African slaves to arrive on these shores took place in 1526 and NOT in 1619.

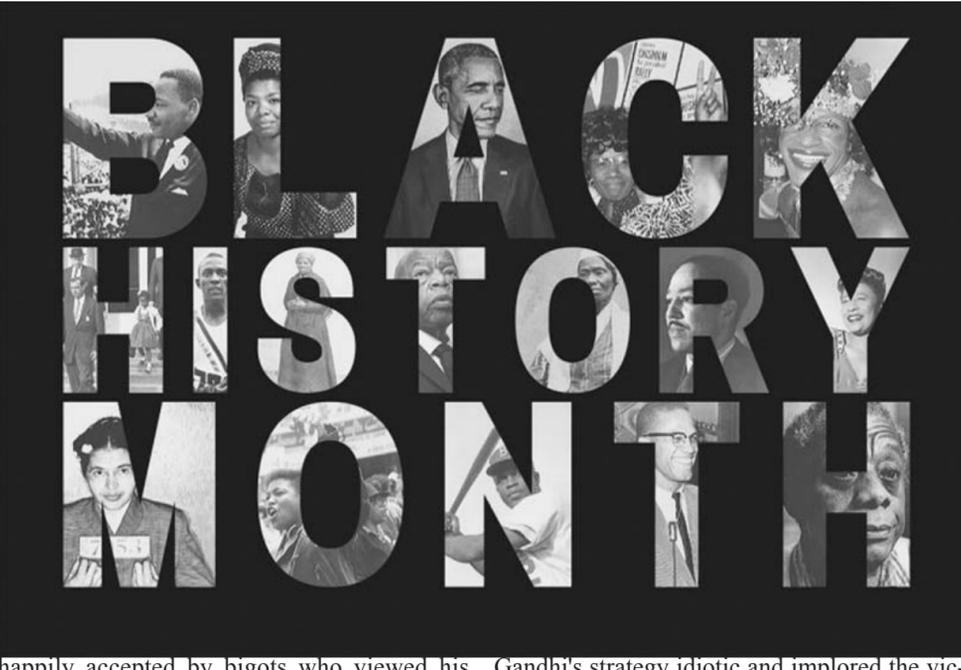
In fact, the Africans who were brought to Jamestown in 1619 were not slaves, but instead captured Africans. They did not become slaves until they were sold by racist traders, most of whom were misguided Christians, using Old Testament biblical verses to justify their enslavement agenda.

The Spanish brought African slaves to the southeastern seaboard a century earlier.

Like the pilgrims of Virginia, the bigoted Europeans spoke with forked tongues to the Native Americans, who saw through their trickery and 'displaced' them with weapons of that era.

Interestingly, they spared the Black slaves. Some members of their tribes allowed them to found a settlement; others went to the uninhabited south.

3. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was not the sole 'leader' of the mid-century civil rights movement, and his strategy of nonviolent protest was



happily accepted by bigots who viewed his stratagem as a safe, genocidal test of white morality.

Nonviolent protest ensured white control, and allowed bigoted armies of police to beat the oppressed into acceptance of their second-class citizenship.

King's plan was to showcase America's double standard and race hatred before a world audience. The lie of democracy and equal rights undermined its position as a world leader.

But back to my original premise: There were hundreds of leaders before and after Dr. King. The White media put a spotlight on King because he was safe and profound.

Malcolm X, Roy Wilkins, James Farmer, Fred Hampton, Hughie P. Newton, Angela Davis, Fanny Lou Hamer, and Bayard Rustin (who actually organized the March on Washington).

I could fill this paper up with hundreds of 'real' leaders (as opposed to those given legitimacy by the shapers of the books and videos we are 'given.')

Every city had a Black leader, including Milwaukee. If you research local history, or better yet, use the Freedom of Information Act to research the police department's 'Red Squad' list, you'll get an accurate accounting of those considered a 'threat' to the racist status quo.

4. Not all 'leaders' advocated nonviolence. Many Black groups prepared for a violent confrontation. Many leaders carried weapons and advocated self-defense or violent confrontation to shake up the system.

Malcolm X and other Black leaders called

Gandhi's strategy idiotic and implored the victims of racial hatred to arm themselves. The only reason they dismissed an armed revolt was our limited numbers and weaponry. They awaited the perfect time — when America was in chaos, and its army was fighting abroad.

Nonetheless, hundreds of thousands carried concealed weapons in preparation and for self-defense. Let's not forget that Medgar Evers carried a revolver inside his jacket when he went to vote. He advocated violence to meet violence.

Militant organizations kept their intentions secret (most were destroyed by the government) Many Black veterans trained underground groups. Vietnam veterans prepared for a revolution. I personally know of Black military men who smuggled weapons into the U.S. Early rappers and poets spoke of impending revolutions. Unfortunately, it never came to pass.

5. Our school children were taught that the

Civil Rights Movement didn't start until the 1950s. But the actual 'human/civil rights movement started shortly after 'slaves' learned the lay of the land. Rebellions, mostly unorganized, started shortly after the first whip tore the skin of an 'disobedient' captured African. In fact, captured Africans (they were not slaves until they got here).

Dozens of Africans revolted during the transatlantic slave journey. We learned only recently of the Amistad revolt. That was but a publicized revolt because an eventual president worked with white and Black abolitionists to free potential African slaves who revolted against Spanish slave traders in the Caribbean.

6. Race hatred and bigotry ended with the election of the nation's first Black president.

Wrong, wrong, wrong. I would suggest it be escalated. Some assess the moral/religious campaign of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others (he was actually the most poetic speaker, but rarely organized campaigns) didn't change the mindset of racism among the oppressors.

Today, segregation is rampant (Milwaukee is the second most segregated city in the United States).

The election of Donald Trump is a prime example of how covert racism continues to be in America. In fact, some will suggest it is now overt. Remember those who rebelled on January 6 in the nation's capital following Trump's losing campaign, carried Confederate flags and yelled 'take back America', were seeking to overthrow the government.

Final note, it is not by accident that African Americans are disproportionately in prison, killed by police, and are on the short end of sub-standard education, poor health care, and disproportionately poor.

We moved a mile from slavery, and the civil rights movement, but it is important to realize the journey is far from over.

Hotep.

## Black Balloon Day event to honor lives lost to overdose and the launching of Midwest Regional Black and Brown Harm Reduction Alliance

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ensure that every community, especially Black and Brown communities, has access to these life-saving resources."

The launch of the Midwest Regional Black and Brown Harm Reduction Alliance represents a transformative step in addressing the overdose crisis through a culturally responsive, community-driven approach.

This alliance will unite Black- and Brown-led organizations, advocates, and community members across the Midwest to share resources, elevate lived experiences, and advance racial equity in harm reduction.

"Our vision is a Midwest where Black and Brown communities are resourced, respected, and self-determining in harm reduction," Malik explained.

"This alliance is about replacing punishment with care, ensuring that people who use drugs can survive and thrive."

The Alliance's mission is rooted in core values, including racial justice, leadership by people who use drugs (PWUD), mutual aid, and non-carrier care.

It will focus on five key pillars: resource sharing, policy advocacy, narrative change, data sovereignty, and caregiver support.

By fostering collaboration and amplifying community leadership, the Alliance aims to reduce overdose deaths, strengthen grassroots organizations, and create sustainable sys-

tems of care.

The overdose epidemic continues to devastate Milwaukee and the broader Midwest, with Black and Brown communities bearing a disproportionate burden. In 2024 alone, Milwaukee County lost 450 lives to overdoses, with Black residents accounting for 42% of these deaths despite making up only 27% of the population.

The fatal overdose rate for Black residents was nearly double that of White residents, even though their drug use remains about the same for both demographics. The data underscores the urgent need for targeted, equitable interventions.

Samad's House has been at the forefront of this fight since its founding in 2020.

What began as a single sober living home has grown into a network of three homes and a behavioral health clinic, providing comprehensive services to help women and families maintain sobriety.

Over the years, Samad's House has transformed the lives of more than 75 women and nearly a dozen families, while distributing over 2,300 naloxone kits and fentanyl test strips since 2024.

Central to Samad's House is its Ambassador Program, which empowers women with lived experience of substance disorders to become trusted advocates in their communities.

"Our ambassadors use their street smarts and lived experiences to edu-

cate others about harm reduction," said Malik. "They are saving lives and tackling the overdose crisis head-on."

Black Balloon Day 2026 will feature a powerful program of remembrance, education, and action. Black balloons will be displayed throughout the community as a symbol of lives lost to overdose.

At No Studios, prominent speakers will discuss the progress and challenges in preventing overdose deaths, while attendees will have the opportunity to review and contribute to the Alliance's framework.

The event will also serve as a platform to strengthen local overdose prevention efforts and build momentum for the Alliance's first-year implementation roadmap, which includes convening founding members, launching working committees, and developing shared resources and policy agendas.

Samad's House invites community members, service providers, and allies to attend the event and participate in discussions, review the Alliance framework, and provide feedback.

Malik said the Alliance wants to collaborate on solutions to reduce overdose deaths and support healing in Black and Brown communities.

"This is a collaborative effort," Malik emphasized. "We need your expertise, your voice, and your commitment to build a future where harm reduction is not just a strategy but a commitment to humanity."



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**WE HAVE BLACK MILWAUKEE'S ATTENTION!**



Congressman Al Green (D-Texas) was escorted out of the State of the Union after holding up a sign criticizing Pres. Trump's racist depiction of the Obamas. (Screenshot)

# Congressman Al Green Has Always Fought for the Dignity of the People

By N.C. Greene

Last night, as headlines flashed and commentators rushed to label him “out of line,” Congressman Al Green was escorted out of the State of the Union address after speaking out against President Donald Trump. By morning, the narrative was already formed: attention-seeking. Disruptive. Political theater. But I know a different Al

Green. The first time I met him was not in Washington. It was not at a fundraiser or a policy roundtable. It was at a church Fall Festival in southwest Houston. My son was dressed as Superman. My daughter was Wonder Woman. And there he was — walking through the crowd, shaking hands with parents, bending slightly to greet children, smiling like someone’s grandfather who had nowhere else he’d rather be.

We rushed for a photo. I told my children, “He’s a congressman. He fights for people like us.” That moment felt natural. Familiar. Grounded. And that is the man I see today. **A Record, Not a Reaction** According to his bio, Congressman Green has spent nearly five decades in public service. He served as a Harris County Justice of the Peace from 1977 to 2004. Since 2005, he has

represented Texas’s 9th Congressional District — a district now reshaped through redistricting in ways many Houstonians believe dilute the political strength of the Black and Brown communities that built it. His career has never been defined by silence. In Congress, he has advocated for fair housing protections and anti-discrimination policy on the House Financial Services Committee. He supported reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. He fought for disaster relief funding for Houston families after Hurricane Harvey. He has pushed for affordable housing access and protections against predatory lending. He has also continued to push the nation to confront its history. Alongside U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, Green reintroduced a resolution to establish a Slavery Remembrance Day — a formal recognition of the millions of lives stolen and exploited through chattel slavery and its lasting impact on American society. The measure calls for national reflection, education, and acknowledgment of the federal government’s role in sustaining the institution of slavery. In 2012, he was arrested and handcuffed alongside actor

and <https://www.istock-photo.com/illustrations/black-history-monthactivist> George Clooney while protesting human rights abuses in Sudan. He has introduced articles of impeachment when others hesitated and has been unafraid to take unpopular positions. Green remains consistent even when that consistency carries a cost. **Demanding Dignity** Houston is grieving. With the passing of Sheila Jackson Lee and Sylvester Turner, two towering figures of Black political leadership are no longer here to occupy the national stage. Their absence is felt in churches, community centers, and city halls across this region. Al Green remains. When he held the sign that read, “Black People Aren’t Apes,” in response to a racist social media video depicting President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama as primates, he was confronting a long and painful history of dehumanization directed at Black Americans. It was also his second time being escorted from a presidential address. In the earlier incident, he was speaking out against cuts to Medicaid, raising his cane in protest, gathering national headlines.

Some critics question his decorum, but the manner in which they do it leaves others questioning theirs. They mocked Green’s gold cane — a racialized stereotype long used to caricature Black men. That comparison was not harmless commentary. It was loaded. Reducing a longtime public servant to a stereotype reveals how quickly dignity is challenged when a Black leader refuses to stay quiet. **Consistent Leadership** This moment raises larger questions about who is permitted to express moral outrage on the national stage — and who is expected to absorb insult in silence. Al Green did not begin fighting for justice yesterday. He has been doing it since before many of us were old enough to vote. What happened at the State of the Union was not a departure from his character. It was an extension of it. For those of us who have seen him in church parking lots, in flood-ravaged neighborhoods, and in policy battles that rarely make headlines, his voice last night was not shocking. It was steady. It was deliberate. It was consistent. And consistency, especially



L-R Rev. Dr. Fred Korankye-Mensah, Dr. David Whitaker, Nana Kyere Agyemang, Claudette Perry, Rabbi Kohain, Ambassador Dr. Erieka Bennett, Kofi Okyere Darko, Dr. Toni Luck, Brian Gray, Nia Weeks, Esq., Sgan Atur Manashe

# Ghana Mourns a Son of the African World

BY CLAUDETTE PERRY, CO-FOUNDER AND BOARD MEMBER, DIASPORA AFRICAN FORUM DIPLOMATIC MISSION

matic Mission (DAF), the only diaspora diplomatic mission of its kind in the world. DAF was founded in 2007 by Ambassador Erieka Bennett, with Reverend Jesse Jackson among the co-founders. Jackson was a frequent visitor to Accra and had met every Ghanaian president since Jerry John Rawlings (president, 1979–2001). His ties to the continent deepened in 2007, when the DAF mission opened in conjunction with the African Union’s annual summit, a landmark gathering at which African diaspora representatives were invited for the very first time to sit on the summit floor to observe the proceedings with continental African regional representatives. Reverend Jackson was then invited into a private session with the Heads of State, an honor without precedent in the history of the African Union. The delegation that accompanied him included Dr. Ambassador Erieka Bennett, Head of Mission, DAF cofounder and board member Claudette Perry, Ambassador Andrew Young, Rabbi Nathaniel Kohain, jazz musician Herbie Hancock, Minister Akbar Muhammad, London fashion designer Ozwald Boa-

teng, the late Dr. Al Munsour, and former Chairman of the People’s Democratic Party Dr. Bamanga Tukur of Nigeria. In Reverend Jackson’s own words, the Black American struggle and the African struggle were one and the same. It was a conviction he lived by. Central to his mission (and to that of the DAF) was the work of building bridges between Africans on the continent and those of the diaspora. That work was never abstract. Reverend Jackson was a major force in the international campaign to end apartheid in South Africa, garnering support from the presidents of eight neighboring nations that had won their own independence from colonial rule. He pressed the Reagan administration to impose economic sanctions on the South African government and stood before South African crowds in the wake of Stephen Biko’s murder. From Russia to the Middle East, there were moments when Reverend Jackson appeared to be the only figure capable of opening a door, including negotiating the release of Americans held captive abroad. News of his passing reverber-

ated around the world. In keeping with Ghanaian custom, the Head of the DAF Mission assembled a delegation to formally call on the Diaspora Affairs Office of the President and announce the death of Reverend Jackson, a man Ghana had long claimed as one of its own. The delegation was received by Deputy Director Nana Kyere Agyemang and Director Darko. Remarks were offered, photographs taken, and the ceremonial condolence book was signed by both officials. Once the President and Vice President have added their signatures and written their condolences, the book will be delivered to Mrs. Jackson, with whom the DAF remains in direct contact—a final, formal expression of a bond that stretched across decades and oceans. By the end of the day, everyone’s heart was full. Ambassador Erieka Bennett, Head of Mission, reflected on what had been lost and what endures: “Reverend Jackson’s civil and human rights contributions to the world were endless. “His name will always be associated with Hope, and Hope is still alive.” Long live the voice of hope.

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## WMLW ‘The M’ Announces “Basketball Day” on March 7

All Day Programming Celebrates the Game of Basketball

Milwaukee’s WMLW ‘The M’ honors the game of basketball on March 7 with “Basketball Day: Celebrating the Game” — a full day of basketball games and basketball-themed programming. In addition to specials, ‘The M’ will feature two live basketball games airing exclusively on local television. At 1:00 p.m., the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Girls Sectional showcases two outstanding high school teams vying for the state championship. Then at 6:30 p.m., coverage shifts to the pros as Bucks Live leads into the Milwaukee Bucks’ matchup against the Utah Jazz. “Basketball Day” special programming includes: Too Short, Too Slow: America’s Most Unlikely Basketball Dynasty (a documentary on Bo

1:00 WIAA GIRLS SECTIONAL	5:00 58 NEWS AT 5
3:00 TOO SHORT, TOO SLOW	5:30 58 SPORTS SPECIAL
4:00 COLLECTOR’S CALL	6:30 BUCKS LIVE
4:30 DEER WISCONSIN	7:00 BUCKS vs JAZZ

Ryan’s successful run as coach of the UW-Platteville men’s basketball team); Collector’s Call: Host Lisa Whelchel shares some of the most expansive and expensive basketball collections in the country; Deer Wisconsin: This new episode features an exclusive one-on-one with new Bucks President Josh Glessing; CBS 58 Sports Special: Hear from hometown stars Kon Kneuppel, John McGlocklin and more. “Milwaukee has a loyal basketball fanbase, and we’re celebrating the game like no one else,” said Anne Brown, Vice President and General Manager of WMLW. “As a proud partner of the Milwaukee Bucks, we’re excited to dedicate the entire day of March 7th to the game we love.” CBS 58 (WDJT), WMLW ‘The M,’ and Tele-mundo Wisconsin (WYTU) are the Milwaukee

Bucks over-the-air broadcast partners for the 2025-26 NBA season. The complete schedule of games can be viewed at [wmlw.com](http://wmlw.com). Free over-the-air television provides fans an easy and affordable way to watch the Milwaukee Bucks. Broadcast antennas to watch over-the-air television are widely available for purchase. WMLW “The M” is seen over-the-air on channels 49.1 & 58.3, Spectrum channels 1007 & 608, DirecTV channel 49, Dish Network channel 49, and AT&T U-Verse channel 1007. CBS 58 (WDJT) Viewers can watch CBS 58 over-the-air on channel 58.1, Spectrum channels 5/9/605/1005, DIRECTV channel 58, DISH Network channel 58, AT&T U-Verse channels 5 & 1005, TDS channel 5, Packerland channels 13 & 5.1, YouTube TV, CBS All Access, Hulu + Live TV, Fubo, and DIRECTV Stream.

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In the matter of the name change of: JOANNA MARIE GATES By (Petitioner) JOANNA MARIE GATES

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: JOANNA MARIE GATES to: JOANNA MARIE LOVE Birth Certificate: JOANNA MARIE GATES

IT IS ORDERED This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN ROOM 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 5, 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: 2-9-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN Circuit Court Judge 040/2-11-18-25-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV000819**

In the matter of the name change of: MARIA CONCEPCIÓN RIOS-JEROMINSKI By (Petitioner) MARIA CONCEPCIÓN RIOS-JEROMINSKI

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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. REYNA MORALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 20, 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.

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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. REYNA MORALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 20, 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: 2-4-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. REYNA MORALES Circuit Court Judge 043/2-11-18-25-2026

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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV000922**

In the matter of the name change of: JOHNIE EDWARD KINCADE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: JOHNIE EDWARD KINCADE to: JOHN EDWARD KINCAID Birth Certificate: JOHNIE EDWARD KINCADE

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: MARCH 11, 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: 2-4-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. JEAN M KIES Circuit Court Judge 042/2-11-18-25-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV1083**

In the matter of the name change of: LUCINDA GAYLA IZZO

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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. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN RM 206 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 24, 2026, TIME 8:30 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: 2-9-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN Circuit Court Judge 044/2-18-25/3-4-2026

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IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: CHRYSLER ULISER CIFUENTES CALDERON By (Petitioner) KAREN NAVELI CALDERON VILLAGRAN

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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. WILLIAM POCAN RM #401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 31, 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: 2-13-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM POCAN Circuit Court Judge 051/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV1376**

In the matter of the name change of:

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A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: ROSE JESSIE-LEIGH NEWHAUSER to: JAMES DEAN MAD-DEN Birth Certificate: ROSE JESSIE-LEIGH NEWHAUSER

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: APRIL 3, 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: 2-17-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. JEAN M KIES Circuit Court Judge 050/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001353**

In the matter of the name change of: SHAUNTE RENEE FERGUSON

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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. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN ROOM 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: APRIL 1, 2026, TIME 3:00 P.M.

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

Dated: 2-18-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN Circuit Court Judge 049/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001309**

In the matter of the name change of: JARED CHAD SMITH

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JARED CHAD SMITH to: JARED CHAD RINKSMITH Birth Certificate: JARED CHAD SMITH

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: MARCH 25, 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: 2-16-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 045/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV000546**

In the matter of the name change of: ELLA JOSEPHINE MOTT By (Petitioner) ELLA JOSEPHINE MOTT

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ELLA JOSEPHINE MOTT to:

**TIER JOSEPH WODUSHEK-MOTT Birth Certificate: ELLA JOSEPHINE MOTT**

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 APRIL 8, 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: 2-3-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS Circuit Court Judge 046/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV000526**

In the matter of the name change of: AMANDA MARIE LOWE By (Petitioner) AMANDA MARIE LOWE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: Amanda Marie Lowe TO: Amanda Marie Akili Birth Certificate: Amanda Marie Lowe

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: MARCH 17, 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: 1-22-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. J.D. WATTS Circuit Court Judge 047/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN Case No. 25FA00699 Divorce: 40101**

ANTONIA LOPEZ DIAZ 3424 W Hayes Ave Milwaukee WI 53215 Petitioner and JAVIER BERNAL SANCHEZ 3424 W Hayes Ave Milwaukee WI 53215 Respondent

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

You are hereby notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petitioner, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in Ch. 802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The Court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government office: Milwaukee County RM 104 Milwaukee County 901 N 9th St. Milwaukee WI 53233.

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

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

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

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 5th day of December 2025 BY: ANTONIA LOPEZ DIAZ 048/2-18-25/3-4-2026

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**Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church - Opening for Senior Pastor Role**  
Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Milwaukee, WI is currently seeking a Senior Pastor called by God to lead and serve our congregation. For complete details on qualifications and the application process, please visit our website at [www.mmbcmke.org](http://www.mmbcmke.org). Application deadline: December 31, 2025

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV000726**

In the matter of the name change of: GIANNA GISELLE RILEY-CHARBONNEAU

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: GIANNA GISELLE RILEY-CHARBONNEAU to: AUNDI CHANEL ISLA RIFAURENTEVALENTIN Birth Certificate: GIANNA GISELLE RILEY-CHARBONNEAU

**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: MARCH 5, 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: 2-4-2026  
BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 029/2-4-11-18-2026

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Public Hearings  
Public Meetings  
Election Notices  
Divorce Proceedings  
Name Changes  
Publication of Summons when personal services cannot be made to defendants  
Notice of Auction of unclaimed storage property  
Probate Notices  
Foreclosure Sheriff's sales notice of creditor listing of property for sale.  
Other general legal and public notices

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

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

Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

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

**Case No. 26CV1134**

In the matter of the name change of: PARIS PHILLIP-DARNELL MURRAY  
By (Petitioner) PARIS PHILLIP-DARNELL MURRAY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: PARIS PHILLIP-DARNELL MURRAY TO: SALVADOR AL-EXANDER BROWN JR  
Birth Certificate: PARIS PHILLIP-DARNELL MURRAY

IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN RM 206 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE MARCH 24, 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: 2-10-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN  
Circuit Court Judge  
052/2-18-25/3-4-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV001299**

In the matter of the name change of: WILLIAM KIMBERLY CRUMBLE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: WILLIAM KIMBERLY CRUMBLE TO: MYRON ALLEN WILBURN  
Birth Certificate: WILLIAM KIMBERLY CRUMBLE

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: APRIL 10, 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: 2-16-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. J.D. WATTS  
Circuit Court Judge  
053/2-18-25/3-4-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV001215**

In the matter of the name change of: ALICIA ROSE STAMPFLI

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: ALICIA ROSE STAMPFLI TO: ROSE ALICIA STAMPFLI  
Birth Certificate: ALICIA ROSE BRZESKI

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: MARCH 26, 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: 2-12-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. REYNA MORALES  
Circuit Court Judge  
054/2-18-25/3-4-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV069**

In the matter of the name change of: LILIANA NATALIE MANRIQUEZ  
By (Petitioner) ALEJANDRIA CARO-LANN LASCANO  
By (petitioner) ANTHONY ROBERT MANRIQUEZ  
NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: LILIANA NATALIE MANRIQUEZ TO: JUSTIN KAI MANRIQUEZ  
Birth Certificate: LILIANA NATALIE MANRIQUEZ

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 MARCH 17, 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: 1-23-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO  
Circuit Court Judge  
055/2-18-25/3-4-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV1324**

In the matter of the name change of: AMIR KAREEM TRABELSI

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: AMIR KAREEM TRABELSI TO: AMIR TRABELSI AREVALO  
Birth Certificate: AMIR KAREEM TRABELSI

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: MARCH 27, 2026, 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: 2-19-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. J.D. WATTS  
Circuit Court Judge  
057/2-25/3-4-11-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV001176**

In the matter of the name change of: CHERYL STOKES MOORE  
By (Petitioner) CHERYL STOKES MOORE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: CHERYL STOKES MOORE TO: CHERYL ANN MOORE  
Birth Certificate: CHERYL ANN 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: MARCH 24, 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: 2-11-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK  
Circuit Court Judge  
058/2-25/3-4-11-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV001583**

In the matter of the name change of: CHERISH KAMIYA OSEI  
By (Petitioner) CHERISH KAMIYA OSEI

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change

the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: CHERISH KAMIYA OSEI TO: CHERISH KAMIYA SMITH  
Birth Certificate: CHERISH KAMIYA OSEI

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: APRIL 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: 2-23-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. JEAN M KIES  
Circuit Court Judge  
059/2-25/3-4-11-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV1569**

In the matter of the name change of: ANDRE LAMAR LOTT

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: ANDRE LAMAR LOTT TO: ANDRE LAMAR GREEN  
Birth Certificate: ANDRE LAMAR LOTT

IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN RM 206 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE APRIL 2, 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.

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

**Case No. 26CV001513**

In the matter of the name change of: PAYTON SHEA FOJUT  
By (Petitioner) PAYTON SHEA FOJUT

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: PAYTON SHEA FOJUT TO: WILLOW NIAMH SHEA FOJUT  
Birth Certificate: PAYTON SHEA FOJUT

IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN RM 206 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE APRIL 8, 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: 2-20-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN  
Circuit Court Judge  
061/2-25/3-4-11-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV001516**

In the matter of the name change of: ZANKARI EDWARD MCKENZIE JR  
By (Petitioner) TORIANNA TAHANI BURTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: ZANKARI EDWARD MCKENZIE TO: JASIAH TORRIEN BURTON  
Birth Certificate: ZANKARI EDWARD MCKENZIE JR

IT IS ORDERED

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN RM 206 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE APRIL 10, 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: 2-20-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN  
Circuit Court Judge  
062/2-25/3-4-11-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV001644**

In the matter of the name change of: TAMIJA ALAN HARROP-HAYWOOD

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: TAMIJA ALAN HARROP-HAYWOOD TO: TAMIJA AL-SIMA OHM  
Birth Certificate: TAMIJA ALAN HARROP-HAYWOOD

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: APRIL 10, 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: 2-24-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. REYNA MORALES  
Circuit Court Judge  
063/2-25/3-4-11-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV001643**

In the matter of the name change of: NYOMII DANAE SHIPMAN SPEARS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: NYOMII DANAE SHIPMAN SPEARS TO: DAEN EME OMANI OHM  
Birth Certificate: NYOMII DANAE SHIPMAN SPEARS

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: APRIL 10, 2026, TIME 9:45A.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: 2-24-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. REYNA MORALES  
Circuit Court Judge  
064/2-25/3-4-11-2026

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

**Case No. 25CV010853**

In the matter of the name change of: RUBEN SALINAS  
By (Petitioner) RUBEN SALINAS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: RUBEN SALINAS TO: RUBEN ALEJANDRO SALINAS  
Birth Certificate: RUBEN SALINAS

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 MARCH 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: 12-19-2025  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS  
Circuit Court Judge  
056/2-25/3-4-11-2026

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

**Case No. 26CV001672**

In the matter of the name change of: VALERIA NALANI CHAVEZ  
By (Petitioner) VERONICA CHAVEZ  
By Co-Petitioner) VENTURA GONZALO MORA-ACOSTA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: VALERIA NALANI CHAVEZ to: VALERIA NALANI MORA-CHAVEZ  
Birth Certificate: VALERIA NALANI CHAVEZ

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: APRIL 1, 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: 2-25-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK  
Circuit Court Judge  
065/2-25/3-4-11-2026

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**—Henry Ford**

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**NOTICE**  
Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is requesting proposals for **RECYCLING and TRASH DISPOSAL at Various**, 1124 N. 11th Street, Milwaukee, WI. Project scope, proposal requirements and guidelines may be obtained online at: <https://mps.aegraphics.com/>. **THEN:**

1. Click on "All Public Jobs".
2. Search for the project listed above.
3. **OR** paper copies may be obtains from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781-4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of proposal documents.

The **HUB** requirements for this contract is 4%  
The minimum **Student Participation** requirements for this contract are:  
**Paid Employment: 800 Hours**  
**Educational Activities: 10 Hours**

**A virtual pre-proposal conference will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 3, 2026** as outlined in the RFP

**All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 to [DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).** No questions will be answered after that date and time. No questions will be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their response to the RFP. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.

**Submit all proposals, as stated within the proposal document instructions, no later than 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.**

Dr. Brenda Cassellius  
Superintendent of Schools

02-24-26

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**  
**PKWARE, Inc. is looking for an Associate Software Engineer (IBM Systems) to Design and implement application logic and workflows on the z/OS platform, ensuring robust and scalable solutions. Remote position based out of Milwaukee, WI, with multiple openings.**

**Required: Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science or Computer and Information Sciences and 3 months of experience with Software Development in z/OS operating systems. In addition, through coursework and/or experience, applicant must also possess each of the following skills:**

- ◆ Agile development tools such as JIRA or Git;
- ◆ TSO, ISPF, and Unix System Services IBM utilities;
- ◆ C/C++ or Java;
- ◆ Software support tools, including JCL and Compilers and VS Code OR ISPF;
- ◆ Able to work remotely anywhere in the United States.

**Please send cover letter and resume, including job history to: PKWARE, Attn: Kathy Myhand, Vice President of People, at 201 East Pittsburgh Avenue, Suite 400, Milwaukee, WI 53204 or via email at [Kathy.Myhand@pkware.com](mailto:Kathy.Myhand@pkware.com).**

I'm a Milwaukee native. I walk along our rivers. As a Black woman living and working in Milwaukee, I feel water as memory, movement, resistance, and renewal along with loss, danger, and unfinished struggle. I have always known that water carries more than sustenance. It carries history. It carries warning. It carries hope.

During Black History Month, I reflect on water not as a neutral resource, but as a powerful force that has shaped Black survival and continues to shape justice, health, and opportunity today.

When standing near the water, I think about how, historically, rivers were both refuge and threat: enslaved Black people used waterways as pathways to freedom following rivers northward.

People trusted water to carry them toward possibility when land routes were heavily surveilled. Rivers concealed their tracks and provided protection.

Rivers like the Mississippi and Ohio became lifelines. But these pathways were carved through courage. Rivers were far from being romantic or symbolic. They were strategic and terrifying.

People followed them at night, trusting the current to guide them away from those determined to capture them.

Water offered cover, direction, and possibility. It also carried the risk of drowning, violence, and death that reminds us freedom was never freely given.

This history still lives here with me in Milwaukee. I see it in how water continues to reflect inequity across my city. Black neighborhoods flood more often, aging infrastructure fails us first, homes with lead pipes are slow to be replaced, and as climate change intensifies, environmental harm lands hardest where investment has been withheld the longest. This is inherited from decisions that have long treated Black communities as disposable.

For me, water justice means naming the truth and



A group picture of 16 people at Down by the River with the snowy Milwaukee River behind them.

# Water as a Pathway to Freedom: Honoring Black History

By Felice Green

refusing to look away. Injustice shows up in our basements, in our streets, and in our bodies.

It shows up when we're told to be patient, to wait for repairs, to accept conditions we didn't create. It is also personal because it affects how safe I feel, how healthy my family can be, and whether my community is allowed to thrive.

Last year, I hosted the inaugural Milwaukee Water

Commons' "Down by the River" gatherings—a new space along the river for reflection, joy, and collective presence. We honored the river, as both witness and participant in Black history, through singing, storytelling, and coming together.



About the author (pictured at left)

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Photo from a White House event that was filmed during the administration of former President Jimmy Carter in the 1970s. Pictured are (left to right): Carter, Coretta Scott King, the widow of Civil Rights icon Dr. Martin Luther King, and Kings father, Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. —Photo courtesy of Civil Rights TV

## Civil Rights TV Launches in Selma as the World's First 24/7 Civil Rights Television Network

SELMA, Ala. — Civil Rights TV, the world's first 24-hour television network dedicated exclusively to civil rights history, education, and future equity, has officially launched on the Connect To Your City OTT platform powered by Connect2OTT.

The network debuts from Selma, Alabama — one of the most historically significant cities in the American civil rights movement — marking a new chapter in how civil rights stories are preserved, amplified, and carried forward for future generations.

Civil Rights TV operates continuously on the Connect To Your City OTT platform powered by Connect2OTT, offering documentaries, news analysis, live discussions, educational programming, global civil rights coverage, and cultural storytelling.

The channel functions as both a historical archive and a living platform addressing contemporary civil rights challenges.

### Civil Rights, Technology, and the AI Era

As technology and artificial intelligence increasingly shape access to information, media, and opportunity, Civil Rights TV launches at a moment when access to digital infrastructure itself is emerging as a civil rights issue.

Media fragmentation, misinformation, and uneven access to technology

continue to reshape public discourse.

While on-demand platforms have expanded individual content access, large-scale live broadcasting still faces challenges related to congestion, latency, and energy consumption.

Civil Rights TV leverages broadcast-efficient OTT architecture designed to reduce bandwidth usage and energy requirements, enabling continuous global distribution without placing added strain on network infrastructure.

### Why Civil Rights TV Matters Now

Civil Rights TV is not only a media launch—it is a signal. The network underscores the importance of preserving civil rights history using the most accurate and comprehensive sources available.

For generations, the Black press has maintained some of the deepest and most reliable documentation of the civil rights movement, currents events, news and critical Black history, much of which remains underrepresented in modern digital media archives and inaccessible to artificial intelligence (AI) systems.

As a result, Civil Rights TV will rely heavily on national Black press for news, historical archives and independent voices. Prominent digital news platforms, podcasts, and broadcasters—will play an instrumental role in shaping continuous coverage, historical interpretation, and public discourse.

### About Connect2OTT

Connect2OTT currently manages more than 250 live 24/7 television and radio channels streaming to audiences in more than 190 countries. Civil Rights TV joins this ecosystem as a flagship channel, designed to foster global conversation while demonstrating how media distribution, energy efficiency, and AI readiness can coexist responsibly.



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