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Pete's Fruit Market Has Arrived!

Ald. Milele Coggs and Pete Tsitiridis, the founder and owner of the Pete's Fruit Market chain, prepare to cut the ribbon officially opening the highly anticipated food store at the corner of Martin Luther King Drive and North Avenue recently. The food store will help eliminate a food desert in the city's Black community by providing healthy food options and produce. Pete's Fruit Market is approximately 13,700 sq. feet and is located at the site of the former Walgreen's. The store is located in the heart of the Historic King Drive Business Improvement District in the heart of the Bronzeville District. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp.



PULSE OF THE COMMUNITY

Photos and question by Yvonne Kemp

"I think the ability to shop right in the community for quantity and quality. Most of all, reasonable prices. (It's) a win-win for everyone."



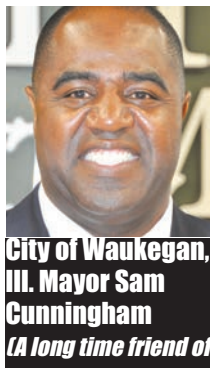
Wanda Montgomery

"I like the hospitality of the workers. I am glad that this is in our community. The prices are a bonus."



Sabrina Brown

"What I like about Pete is he believes in giving his customers the very best service and a high quality product."



City of Waukegan, Ill. Mayor Sam Cunningham
(A long time friend of the owner and his family who worked at Pete's as a 12-year-old.)

"Our community (the inner city) needs a good fruit market in our neighborhood within walking distance. This helps our senior citizens. I'm here to help my sister and we will be shopping here regularly."



Layman McDonald



Busy and successful weekend for Brewers as they continue chase for playoffs

It was a busy, exciting, and successful weekend for the Milwaukee Brewers. They took two of three games from the Miami Marlins, who were the "home team" due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey on the entire state of Florida. At immediate left, Brewers' Orlando Arcia and Keyon Broxton do their "victory dap" after one of the team's two wins. Before the game, Arcia autographed a ball for Xavier Pinales, who was recognized before the game as "Athlete of the Month" for the local Major League Baseball "RBI" program (top left photo). Pinales is a student at Riverside University High School. World War II veteran Vernon C. Townsend (pictured above) was recognized as the "Hero of the Game" by a trades organization. —Photos by Kemp

Rodney Ferguson named CEO/General Manager at Potawatomi Hotel&Casino

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino has named Rodney Ferguson as Chief Executive Officer and General Manager. In his new role, he will be responsible for the successful overall direction, administration and coordination of the property.

He will continue to oversee day-to-day operations of the casino and hotel while serving as a direct liaison to the Forest County Potawatomi Executive Council.

Since 2016, Ferguson has served as the property's Chief Operating Officer. Additionally, from 2013 to 2015, he served as Potawatomi Hotel & Casino's Chief Financial Officer, where he helped lead the planning and opening of the property's 381-room hotel. He will now help steer the hotel's expansion with the construction of a second tower, expected for completion in 2019.

"On behalf of the Tribe's Executive Council, this is a pivotal moment of (continued on page 2)



Rodney Ferguson



The Watkins sisters: Jayla and Jayda. They are, unofficially, the first set of identical female twins to be accepted into MCW's MD program. —Photo courtesy of MCW

Jayla and Jayda Watkins

Twin Medical College of Wisconsin students took unique paths to medical school
Exclusive article courtesy of the Medical College of Wisconsin

First-year MCW medical students Jayda and Jayla have each earned a spot in the class on their own, which is no small feat in and of itself.

What makes their story doubly impressive is that Jayda and Jayla, with the last name Watkins, are identical twins born just 13 minutes apart. Unofficially, they are the first set of identical female twins to be accepted into MCW's MD program.

While the paths they each took to medical school were unique, as with all siblings, they had similar experiences earlier in life that shaped their views and goals. And these experiences led them to similar conclusions about what they wished to do professionally.

These experiences include watching science shows on the Discovery Channel instead of cartoons when they were children, and, as teenagers, witnessing their aunt have a complicated pregnancy that led to the baby having a stroke in the womb.

Another experience that had an impact on both was noticing that their father, who is African American and a pharmacist, did not look like many other people in healthcare.

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Journalist weds!

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporter James Causey (wearing dreads) and the former Damia Towns (next to him in white wedding dress) joined in holy matrimony recently at the Milwaukee Municipal Court building. Municipal Court Judge, the Honorable Derick Mosely officiated. The happy couple is pictured above with respective families and friends. Their wedding reception was held at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum. --Photo by MCJ Editor Thomas Mitchell, Jr.

Ferguson named CEO/General Manager at Potawatomi

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growth at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino and we're so pleased Rodney will be leading these efforts," said Harold "Gus" Frank, Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Executive Council.

"Rodney not only brings a wealth of experience in tribal gaming to this leadership role, but has an intimate knowledge of the operations in Milwaukee, which will serve the property very well."

Ferguson has more than 30 years of experience in a variety of leadership positions both in and out of the gaming industry.

In addition to his leadership roles at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, Ferguson served as CEO of Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde, Ore. Prior to that, he served as General Manager at the Isleta Casino & Resort in Albuquerque, N.M. In addition, Ferguson is a certified public accountant with a bachelor of science in accounting from Virginia State University.

BloodCenter of Wisconsin hosts October blood drives in Milwaukee County

This year, BloodCenter of Wisconsin is celebrating its 70th anniversary of saving lives, serving communities and seeking cures. We are able to advance our life-saving mission thanks to the loyal support of blood donors in Milwaukee County.

Heading into fall, blood supplies have reached critically low levels, particularly for O negative blood. Levels have hovered at or below one day supply, when a three day supply is preferred in order to help patients in traumas and emergency situations. While 37% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10% donate every year. Patients in need of blood tomorrow rely on the life-saving generosity of blood donors today.

Milwaukee County blood donors can help patients in need at BloodCenter of Wisconsin's upcoming blood drives:

Monday, Oct. 2 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lois & Tom Dolan Community Center, 4355 W. Bradley Rd., Brown Deer.

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary School, 2535 N. 73rd St., Wauwatosa

Friday, Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Summit Place, 6737 Washington St., Milwaukee

Saturday, Oct. 21 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Alexian Brothers Pavilion, 9225 N. 76th St., Milwaukee

Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lois & Tom Dolan Community Center, 4355 W. Bradley Rd., Brown Deer

Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Luke's Medical Center, 2901 Kinnickinnic Pkwy., Milwaukee

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Life insurance may also protect one's spouse against sharp reductions in future pension and Social Security payments by replacing assets cut short by premature death. Careful preparation and reviewing of all your accounts with a financial professional can help you know about all your pension coverage and whether you are prepared for the future.

And it's not just at home where life insurance can help. Life insurance can help business owners and others with significant assets to pass those assets to their loved ones in a tax-efficient manner. It also serves as an efficient tool enabling people to support nonprofit organizations through charitable gifts.

Life insurance may not be a popular topic, but the security it offers brings a level of comfort that many people can't do without. In addition, many people will find that life insurance coverage can be a key component of a retirement program as they plan for their long-term financial goals. None of us can control whether we will have tomorrow, but protecting the people in our lives is something we can take control of today.

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- Confused Citizen

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Michael Hupy

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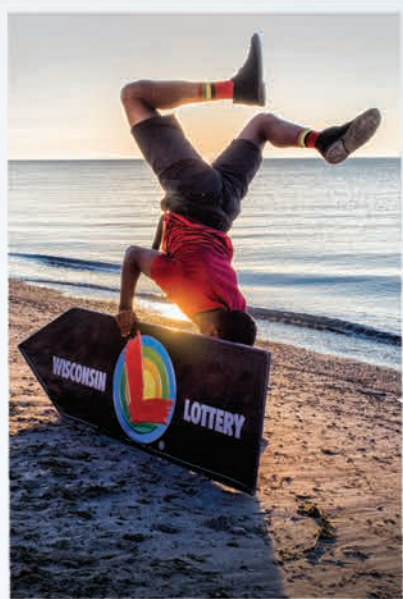


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RELIGION

Rebuilding a Marriage Culture in 21st-Century Black and Latino America

Article by Peter Wehner, From the February 29, 2016, issue of National Review Magazine



In 2000, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D., N.Y.) was asked to identify the biggest change he had seen in his 40-year political career. Moynihan, a man of unusual wisdom, experience, and perspective, responded this way: “The biggest change, in my judgment, is that family structure has come apart all over the North Atlantic world.”

This change has occurred in “an historical instant,” Moynihan said. “Something that was not imaginable 40 years ago has happened.” In order to help us better understand what has happened and why, two authors with different life experiences and worldviews — W. Bradford Wilcox of the University of Virginia (conservative, Catholic, and a married father) and Nicholas Wolfinger of the University of Utah (an unmarried, childless liberal, and a nonbeliever) — have written *Soul Mates: Religion, Sex, and Marriage among African Americans and Latinos*.

As the subtitle implies, Professors Wilcox and Wolfinger discuss the influence exercised by churches on relationships and marriage among blacks and Latinos. The authors begin the book by discussing the family revolution that has swept across the United States over the last half century, a revolution characterized by unprecedented levels of nonmarital childbearing, divorce, single parenthood, and multiple-partner fertility. “Marriage,” Wilcox and Wolfinger write, “has been deinstitutionalized as the anchor of the adult life course and of family life itself.”

This has disproportionately affected Latinos and especially African Americans, the nation’s two largest minority groups, who today make up a quarter of the American population and are projected to constitute more than 40 percent of the population in 2050. In 1970, 57 percent of blacks were married; today, the figure is 25 percent. For Latinos, the corresponding figures are 72 percent and 47 percent.

From 1980 to 2011, the percentage of children born outside wedlock rose for blacks from 56 to 72 percent and for Latinos from 24 to 53 percent. (For whites, the figure rose from 9 to 29 percent over the same period.) In 2011, 67 percent of black children, 40 percent of

Latino children, and 25 percent of white children lived outside a two-parent, married family.

Wilcox and Wolfinger point out that most African Americans and Latinos will marry at some point in their lives, most of them are married or in a live-in relationship when they have children, and most black and Latino couples are happy and monogamous.

Family life for these two groups, they argue, is more positive than some contemporary accounts convey. Yet there’s no denying that the retreat from marriage in modern life has disproportionately affected them — and as a result, tremendous hardships have been inflicted on their children in particular.

(Children raised in single-parent homes are much more likely to suffer from psychological problems such as depression, get in trouble with the law, live in poverty, and drop out of high school.

Their chances of succeeding in life are a lot lower, the challenges they face a lot greater.) Soul Mates argues that a “confluence of economic, policy, and cultural currents came together with sufficient force in the late 1960s and 1970s to generate a tidal wave of family change” — and African Americans and Latinos were most susceptible to its effects.

The explanations, the authors argue, have to do with history, most especially the poisonous effects of slavery, segregation, and other forms of discrimination; with culture, since Latinos and African Americans are more likely to be consumers of popular culture and therefore its messages of hedonism and radical individualism; and with structural issues such as deindustrialization, poverty, incarceration, and poor education.

William J. Bennett once pointed out that an earthquake that struck Mexico City in the mid 1980s was less powerful than the one that would hit San Francisco only a few years later. But in Mexico City, the casualties were many times higher and the overall damage much worse. The reason? The amount of devastation often depends less on the magnitude of a quake than on the stability of the structures it affects.

This is essentially what Wilcox and Wolfinger argue as to why African-American and Latino families have suffered disproportionately from the aftershocks of the family and sexual revolutions. Analyzing the crack-up of the American family, including families among minority groups, is not a ground-breaking effort; scholars have been doing it for decades, and Wilcox and Wolfinger rely on many of them in their book. But what is a genuinely new contribution is the book’s examination of the role faith plays in shaping relationships, marriage, and family life.

According to Soul Mates, religion is an important bulwark against marital and family decomposition. The data and findings the authors amass are impressive: Religious participation decreases infidelity and out-of-wedlock births and profoundly increases the likelihood that people will marry.

Churchgoing Latinos and African Americans are significantly more likely to be gainfully employed, to steer clear of criminal activity or substance abuse, and to be happy compared with their peers who don’t attend church or attend only infrequently. According to Wilcox and Wolfinger, religious faith “serves as an important source of personal, familial, and communal strength for many Latinos and especially many African Americans.”

Addressing those who claim that what is going on here is self-selection — that family-oriented people seek out religious institutions to reinforce their preexisting orientation toward marriage and family life — the authors argue that the evidence indicates that “the effects of religion are largely causal, and not representative of selection.” (The basis for this finding is, in part, controlling

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ReDonna Rodgers impact on the community exemplified by her mission to make youth CEO’s of business and life

Below are the late ReDonna Rodgers own words that were printed in the program mourners received at her homegoing service held recently at Community Baptist Church of Greater Milwaukee, located at 4311 W. North Ave.

Rodgers final words sum up her life, her mission to mold young people into the CEO’s of their own business...and life, as the executive director of the Center for Teaching Entrepreneurship (CTE), and her impact on Milwaukee’s Black community.

The impact she had could be seen by the overflow of mourners who came to pay their respects during her services two weeks ago.

That impact was heard from the many individuals in attendance who reminisced about Rodgers and how she their lives; recollections that displayed her ever ready smile, laughter, and manner of making people who met her for the first time feel as if she was a long-time friend.

“Twenty-five years ago, when Paulette Bangura and I were stopping in very store as we were leaving the Bahamas, she saw a sweat shirt that read: ‘I don’t do mornings.’

“She said, ‘I should buy that sweat shirt for you.’ I told her, ‘don’t buy that sweatshirt because when we get home things are going to be different.’

“I did not know an invitation from the late great Franklin M. Buchta to attend a 7:30 a.m. breakfast awaited me.

“The invitation was for a breakfast to learn about a young entrepreneur program! Sherry Hill and Paulette Bangura attended the breakfast and immediately encouraged me to tell Franklin my ideas to create similar programs for young people.

“Twenty-five years ago, I completed the UWM Minority Entrepreneur Program started by Shelia Payton. This experience gave me the initial courage to start CTE, a nonprofit business.

As I talked to numerous individuals, they understood my vision. The idea was to create an entity that would expose young people to entrepreneurship, provide them an arena to discuss and learn how to become a positively engaged citizen, and provide them with the attitude, tools and experience to achieve per-



FIRST PERSON

By ReDonna Rodgers

“On my wall in my office is a plaque that reads: ‘Welcome to the department sunshine and rainbows were hopes and spirits are lifted.’”

sonal success.

“To live a full life, we must have relationships that give us access to new thoughts and experiences. CTE provides a vehicle for young people to explore, be challenged, and to not only find their way but to make their way.

“The Center for Teaching Entrepreneurship was started in 1991 with myself and Buchta as co-founders.

“I am the oldest of six children who was inspired by my self-employed father, Harold Burks, who believes if you can’t get a job, make a job.

“Before starting CTE, I worked at New Concept Self Development Center under the leadership of June Perry and Geri McFadden.

“I have incorporated numerous principles that have been the foundation of the organization, such as: ‘Your life is your business and your business can be your life,’ ‘You can’t expect a forty-dollar job with a four-dollar education and a two-dollar attitude; it just does not add up,’ ‘Invest in the best and the best in you,’ ‘Be a maker, not a taker,’ and ‘The more you learn, the more you earn.’

“Over the past 25 years, CTE has touched over 20,000 young people under my leadership, with programs like WAGE (We Are Girl Entrepreneurs), I Can Be My Own Boss, My Biz, Camp Goals, and We Are the Future.

“Over the years, I have received numerous awards: Wisconsin Small Business Administration Directors Regional Award, Manhattan Institute Social Entrepreneurs Award, National Black Child Development Institute, YMCA, Business Journal “Women of Influence” Mentor Award and the Young Professionals Intergeneration Award.

“I have also been featured in Black Enterprise Magazine, PBS ‘Reclaiming Our Neighbors’ and

Time Magazine.

“Over the years, I have given my time, talent and treasure to the Fellowship Open, Milwaukee Urban League, Professional Dimension, Market Place and the African American Leadership Project. Last but not least, I have been a long-time member of Community Baptist Church.

“On my wall in my office is a plaque that reads: ‘Welcome to the department sunshine and rainbows were hopes and spirits are lifted.’” —ReDonna S. Rodgers



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PERSPECTIVES

More quotes from the Motherland

(Editor's Note: Last week, columnist Mikel Holt presents more African sayings. These saying, Holt said in his introduction last week, are shows he wisdom and truth of African peoples.)

- A happy man marries the girl he loves, but a happier man loves the girl he marries.
- If you marry a monkey for his wealth, the money goes and the monkey remains as is. ~ Egyptian
- Love never gets lost it's only kept.
- Never marry a woman who has bigger feet than you. ~ Mozambique
- One thread for the needle, one love for the heart. ~ Sudanese
- Love has to be shown by deeds not words. ~ Swahili
- Love is a despot who spares no one. ~ Namibian
- Marriage is like a groundnut; you have to crack it to see what is inside. ~ Ghanaian
- Hurry, hurry has no blessings. ~ Swahili
- Patience is the mother of a beautiful child. ~ Bantu
- To run is not necessarily to arrive. ~ Swahili
- Patience can cook a stone.
- A patient man will eat ripe fruit.
- At the bottom of patience one finds heaven.
- A patient person never misses a thing. ~ Swahili
- Patience puts a crown on the head. ~ Ugandan
- Patience attracts happiness; it brings near that which is far. ~ Swahili
- Always being in a hurry does not prevent death, neither does going slowly prevent living. ~ Ibo
- However long the night, the dawn will break.
- As porridge benefits those who heat and eat it, so does a child benefit those that rear it. ~ Amharic
- The forest not only hides man's enemies but its full of man's medicine, healing power and food.
- One person is a thin porridge; two or three people are a lump of ugali. ~ Kuria
- The man who counts the bits of food he swallows is never satisfied.
- The food that is in the mouth is not yet in the belly. ~ Kikuyu
- You cannot work for food



SIGNIFYIN'

By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt

- when there is no food for work
- The chicken that digs for food will not sleep hungry. ~ Bay-ombe
 - He who eats another man's food will have his own food eaten by others. ~ Swahili
 - Food gained by fraud tastes sweet to a man, but he ends up with gravel in his mouth.
 - No partridge scratches the ground in search of food for another. ~ Xhosa
 - The grasshopper which is always near its mother eats the best food. ~ Ghanaian
 - Don't take another mouthful before you have swallowed what is in your mouth. ~ Malagasy
 - Rich people sometimes eat bad food. ~ Kikuyu
 - The impotent man does not eat spicy foods. ~ Congolese
 - You should know what's being cooked in the kitchen otherwise you might eat a forbidden food.
 - When the leg does not walk, the stomach does not eat. ~ Mongo (Congolese)
 - A healthy person who begs for food is an insult to a generous farmer. ~ Ghanaian
 - One spoon of soup in need has more value than a pot of soup when we have an abundance of food. ~ Angolan
 - Cooked food is not sold for goats. ~ Kikuyu
 - The mouth is stupid after eating it forgets who gave it the food.
 - A dog knows the places he is thrown food. ~ Acholi
 - One who eats alone cannot discuss the taste of the food with others.
 - Words are sweet, but they never take the place of food. ~ Ibo
 - The man who has bread to eat does not appreciate the severity of a famine. ~ Yoruba
 - He who doesn't clean his mouth before breakfast always complains that the food is sour.
 - The hyena with a cub does not consume all the available food. ~ Akamba
 - When the food is cooked there is no need to wait before eating it. ~ Kikuyu
 - What one won't eat by itself, one will eat when mixed with other food. ~ Bantu & Lamba
 - Man is like a pepper, till you have chewed it you do not know how hot it is. ~ Hausa
 - No one gets a mouthful of food by picking between another person's teeth. ~ Igbo
 - It is not the cook's fault when the cassava turns out to be hard and tasteless. ~ Ewe
 - A housewife who complains that there is not enough food-stuff in the market should remember that if her husband adds to what is already available, there would be more for everyone. ~ Nigerian
 - A spider's cobweb isn't only its sleeping spring but also its food trap.
 - If you watch your pot, your food will not burn. ~ Mauritanian, Nigerian, and Niger
 - Those who are at one regarding food are at one in life. ~ Malawian
 - Fine words do not produce food. ~ Nigerian
 - Even the best cooking pot will not produce food
 - If I could see your face, I would not need food. ~ Amharic
 - If you find no fish, you have to eat bread. ~ Ghanaian
 - War is not porridge. ~ Gikuyu
 - The best of mankind is a farmer; the best food is fruit. ~ Ethiopian
 - Slowly, slowly, porridge goes into the gourd. ~ Kuria People of Kenyan & Tanzania
 - One shares food not words. ~ Somali
 - If you are looking for a fly in your food it means that you are full. ~ South African
 - Nature gave us two cheeks instead of one to make it easier to eat hot food. ~ Ghanaian
 - A patient that can swallow food makes the nurse doubtful. ~ Malagasy
 - If you give bad food to your stomach, it drums for you to dance
 - A bad cook also has his/her share of the bad food.
 - The forest provides food to the hunter after he is utterly exhausted. ~ Zimbabwean
 - Things are to be tried, an old lady cooked stones and they produced soup. ~ Zimbabwean
 - You cannot tell a hungry child that you gave him food yesterday. ~ Zimbabwean
 - Good music goes with good food.
 - Rich people cook their food in a potsherd. ~ Kikuyu
 - However little food we have, we'll share it even if it's only one locust. ~ Malagasy
 - Water is colorless and tasteless but you can live on it longer than eating food.
 - Eat when the food is ready; speak when the time is right. ~ Ethiopian
 - The food eaten first lasts longest in the stomach. ~ Kikuyu
 - When your luck deserts you, even cold food burns. ~ Zambian
 - Good words are food, bad words poison. ~ Malagasy
 - The goat says: "Where there is blood, there is plenty of food." ~ Ghanaian
 - If you see a man in a gown eating with a man in rags, the food belongs to the latter. ~ Fulani
 - They ate our food, and forgot our names. ~ Tunisian Proverb
 - An abundance of food at your neighbor's will not satisfy your hunger. ~ Bayaka



"The media is the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent look guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that's power. Because they control the minds of the masses."
--Malcolm X (Cartoon by the late James Lester Kern)

Do Black Lives Really Matter to You?

Today, many of us stand on the motto that black lives matter but daily, another brother kills another. It's either over pettiness, jealousy or pure ignorance.

Senselessly, our people continue killing our men women and children without the same outcry as when an officer kills a brother.

I am always told how three hundred years ago, we are smart enough to know the sources of our anger and our problems, but we are not able to successfully solve or eliminate them.

If we are truly supposed to be our brother's keeper how can we allow this to continue? How can we remain so separate when it comes to attacking many of these negative issues affecting our communities? I know that some of us may still be confused as to how we decipher between right and wrong because of the trauma that has been experienced throughout our lives.

What about the scholars and those that were somehow able to break through? What about those that were able to shake the curse? Why aren't they able to effectively prevent these murders from happening?

We must attack every situation from all angles, not just one by one. Poverty is one of many issues that we should line up and sign up to help eliminate. We must simultaneously come together as a team to achieve our goal of self-freedom. I often wonder, if some of us are as committed as we speak and preach we are. I also wonder if the change for better will happen in my lifetime.

I haven't given up, but I need to keep it real. The homicide rate is not declining and poverty is not even close to being erased. Everyday, we face another issue and some of the same concerns. We know that love is the only cure. We have to ban the practice of hate. Love is how we will break this horrible cycle as well as doing just a little more. Peace.--Torre Johnson/ President XMEN UNITED LLC.

For the Love of Convenience and Self Improvement: Millennials and Money

Everyone wants to know what millennials are eating, what kind of music we listen to and most importantly, what we wish to see change in our communities and environments. What many people don't fully understand is how much we are in love with spending money and what exactly do we spend it on.

Almost the entire world knows how much we've disrupted many businesses and market places by creating new ways to do things. If you ask a millennial what few things they cannot live without, I'm almost positive it would be Wi-Fi and a smartphone. With a connection and a device, the world of shopping apps and accounts is right at our fingertips.

Millennials shop for convenience and self-improvement. Disrupting businesses like clothing stores and even restaurants, we've taken the high road and now more than 70% of Americans shop using their smart devices. Whether its Uber Eats, Amazon, Ebay or a favorite store, millennials have it covered.

In an article from BDG Media there was a statement that made everything I'm trying to say so much easier.

"It's no surprise that internet access and smartphones rank at the top, each with the highest score of the lot," a Thermosoft survey cited. "Nearly all basic needs, as well as convenience needs, can be researched or accessed through the internet. As a bonus, the internet also provides entertainment and communication, thanks to devices like smartphones."

Can you believe that? I can! The new generation is the now generation. We have created a chain reaction that will probably never end. I mean, come on. Who doesn't like convenience or self-improvement? Who doesn't like the fact that you can shop for a car, house, food and clothing right in the comfort of your own home. You call it being lazy. We call it working smarter and not harder. We call it Millennial Magic!

--Paishance Welch-Millennial Magic!

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YOUTH & EDUCATION



Homegrown R&B sensation Cincere to kick-off annual event with unveiling of his “Adopt Our Neighborhoods” project

In 2005 Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett made a proclamation naming September 24th as Cincere Day in our beautiful city of Milwaukee. So for this year's annual event Cincere will be giving back by starting his New Project “Adopt Our Neighborhoods” the project is about embracing & being accountable for the revitalizing of “Our” neighborhoods! We all play a Major part in the Progression & Growth of “Our” neighborhoods.

The 1st neighborhood will be the Villard Ave area (between 34th & 35th St), we've teamed up w surrounding business owners that already embrace & are accountable for there neighborhood.

A few are Colliers Training Institute a 501c-3, Carters Christian Academy & The Nisha Group LLC. The Kick-Off on Saturday September 23, 2017, from 10:00AM-2:00PM. “Adopt Our Neighborhoods”

His name say's it all! Emerging as one of the top R&B Urban artist in the country, Cincere was born in Chicago and raised in Milwaukee.

He struggled in his early years living with his mom and siblings in shelters for the abused and disenfranchised.



Study Suggests Today's US Students Are Less Efficient Readers

Article courtesy of New-USA- Do today's students perform better than their peers in 1960? Given the advances in education and technology, it would be natural to assume that the answer is a resounding "yes."

But, when it comes to reading efficiency, new research suggests that that's not the case.

The research, published by the International Literacy Association, compares the comprehension-based silent reading efficiency of US students (grades 2-12) in 2011 with data collected in 1960.

A key finding was that students fall further behind as they advance through the grades, wrote Alexandra Spichtig, Ph.D., Chief Research Officer of Reading Plus, and first author of the study.

The study showed that today's second-grade students are comparable to their peers of 50 years ago, but that by the end of high school, students' comprehension-based silent reading rates average 19 percent slower than the rates of their 1960 peers.

"What we know -- and the data underscore this -- is that for many students, the progression to efficient silent reading does not develop naturally.

"Many students need structured silent reading instruction," explains

Which is why this is a Passion of his, to embraces our communities to help bring Positive change & Progress for the future.

Cincere's devotion to support and promote positive change in the community drives his passion to make a difference. As we all know Milwaukee has seen a dramatic change in the past several years. The decision to “Adopt” a portion of Villard Avenue is the first installment in his journey along with the support of the community to “Adopt Our Neighborhoods”.

Cincere continues to make frequent visits to inner city schools, shelters, and community organizations to perform & inform about his mission & solutions to “Bridge the Gap for A Better Quality of Life”...connecting and sharing his positive message of hope and promise through his Music & Mission. His character faith and ability to connect with people of all ages thru wisdom and surrounding himself around capable and trustworthy people enables him to grow as an artist, a father, and an individual.

This event is FREE to the community and vendors(but he asking for 5% donations from vendors which will be allocated to the community that's adopted)

Some of the sponsors include:

- Colliers Training Institute
- Team Teal 365
- Carters Christian Academy
- The Nisha Group LLC
- Gruber Law Offices
- The Running Rebels
- The Office of Mayor Tom Barrett
- Clicks
- Paks Jewelry (i may have more sponsors but this will do it for now)

Cincere Day Project: “Adopt Our Neighborhoods”, is a FREE event for all ages, families, and vendors. There will be:

- Face painting
- School supply give-away
- Bounce house
- Dunk tank
- Dj Lboogie
- FREE Haircuts (children up to 10years) who's the sponsor for haircuts? They should be listed as a sponsor.
- Food Vendors (food is for purchase per vendor)
- Special Celebrity Appearances and Performances
- There are still sponsorship and vendor opportunities available. Contact Yolanda Collier, 414-640-2158 yrcollier44@gmail.com
- Team Loyalty Entertainment, Colliers Training Institute , Dwights House

- Improved writing skills

Experts agree that without extensive silent reading practice in the classroom or at home, students will continue to struggle and literacy rates will continue to fall short or fall behind.

"Effective reading instruction must integrate fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension practice tailored to meet each student's unique needs.

"This study demonstrates that as long as structured silent reading practice is neglected in this country, the literacy problem is likely to continue," Taylor adds.

While researchers can't pinpoint reasons for the decline in silent reading efficiency from that of 50 years ago, it stands to reason that those students who engage in structured silent reading practice become more efficient readers and take with them a love of books that lasts far past their high school graduation.

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Two students from James Madison Academic Campus, located at 8135 W. Florist Avenue. --Photo courtesy of MPS

More MPS graduates prepared for college-level work

District scores improve on important ACT exam

Milwaukee Public Schools 2017 graduates recorded higher ACT test scores than their predecessors according to results released Thursday, September 7.

Over the past five years, the district has seen scores climb in English, mathematics, reading and science.

The ACT is a nationwide test of proficiency in English, mathematics, reading, and science designed to measure the skills needed for success in first-year college coursework.

"Our efforts to provide more stu-

dents with college-level coursework while they are still in high school, adding more rigor to the curriculum, and strengthening graduation requirements are paying dividends for our students," said MPS Superintendent Darianne Driver.

"While our students do lag behind the rest of the state, our students showed growth in key areas while scores for the remainder of the state were flat."

Five-year trends show continued progress for those who graduated in 2013 compared to 2017 graduates. For example, the composite reading score climbed from an average of 15.9 in 2013 to 16.7 in 2017.

Average ACT scores in science improved from 16.4 to 17.2 over five years.

The district's composite score increased from 15.8 to 16.5. The state composite score fell from 22.1 to 20.5 in the same time frame, but it must be noted that the number of students taking the ACT increased dramatically when ACT became the state accountability test.

The percentage of students who met college readiness benchmarks increased from year to year as well as over the five-year period in English, reading and science.

In the important writing component of the ACT exam, average writing scores for white and Hispanic students were higher than the state average for those same ethnic groups. MPS students who are white earned an average score of 6.6 compared to 6.3 for white students across the state. MPS Hispanic students outpaced their statewide peers with scores of 5.9 compared to 5.7.

Milwaukee Public Schools is engaged in several initiatives to rethink secondary schools and improve student outcomes.

The number of MPS students taking college-level classes grew by nearly 40 percent in four years, with the district using telepresence to offer more Advanced Placement courses to more students in more schools.

The district also increased the number of schools in the International Baccalaureate Programme, and more schools are participating in the rigorous AP Capstone Program.

Free “Safety Net” Book Bag Giveaway Sept. 23

Approximately 150 book bags with supplies will be distributed to children up to age 12 who are now back in school but still without the necessary educational materials to learn effectively.

Organizers stressed the giveaway will be one book bag per child, and the child must be present with an adult.

The book bag giveaway will be Saturday, Sept. 23, from 12noon to 4 p.m., along the entire block at 642 W. Garfield Ave. This event serves as a “Safety Net” for children still in need and will include free food, beverages, live entertainment, games, three bounce houses, two face painters, clown, Gospel singers, praise dancers, rappers, and resource tables. Noted community and political leaders will also be there: Mayor Tom Barrett, Senator Lena Taylor, Bianca Williams, founder, Cry For Help Foundation; Dana World-Patterson, Andre Lee Ellis of Men4Men and special guest D.J., Reggie Smooth Az Butta Brown of radio station V100. For more information, call (414) 514-1500.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV011239**

In the matter of the name change of:
KAMERIANA MONET MARIE NOBLES
By (Petitioner) SHAQUITA BRADY
NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: KAMERIANA MONET MARIE NOBLES To: KAMERIANA MONET MARIE STEWART
Birth Certificate: KAMERIANA MONET MARIE NOBLES
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
ROOM 414, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2017 TIME: 10:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-19-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
017-259/9-22-29/10-6-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV011165**

In the matter of the name change of:
LAURA GAIL ROLL
By (Petitioner) LAURA GAIL ROLL
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: LAURA GAIL ROLL To: LAURA GAIL ARNETT
Birth Certificate: LAURA GAIL ARNETT
IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. REBECCA F. DALLET
ROOM 403, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2017 TIME: 11:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-15-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. REBECCA F. DALLET
Circuit Court Judge
017-258/9-22-29/10-6-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV005184**

In the matter of the name change of:
TIYANAH AALIYAH JACKSON
By (Petitioner) ANITAARRIA LOVING
NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: TIYANAH AALIYAH JACKSON To: TIYANAH AALIYAH LOVING
Birth Certificate: TIYANAH AALIYAH JACKSON
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. DAVID A. HANSHER
ROOM 412, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2017 TIME: 11:00 AM

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: 6-20-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. DAVID A. HANSHER
Circuit Court Judge
017-257/9-22-29/10-6-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV005183**

In the matter of the name change of:
TIMYRAH AALAYAH WALTERS
By (Petitioner) ANITAARRIA LOVING
NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: TIMYRAH AALAYAH WALTERS To: TIMYRAH AALAYAH LOVING
Birth Certificate: TIMYRAH AALAYAH WALTERS
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. DAVID A. HANSHER
ROOM 412, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2017 TIME: 11:00 AM

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: 6-21-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. DAVID A. HANSHER
Circuit Court Judge
017-256/9-22-29/10-6-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE-40101
Case No. 17FA005230**

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: LASH G. HENNING and Respondent: KATHY J. HENNING
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:
You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at:

Clerk of Court Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. ROOM 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and LASH G. HENNING 1525 W HIGHLAND AVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53233.

It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 45 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money 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.

You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment:

If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.
You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105, Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:
(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:
1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modify-

ing, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.
(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call at least (ten) 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE: 9-7-2017
By: LASH HENNING
017-255/9-22-29/10-6-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV011162**

In the matter of the name change of:
BENJAMIN THOMAS SCHMIEDECK
By (Petitioner) BENJAMIN THOMAS SCHMIEDECK
NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: BENJAMIN THOMAS SCHMIEDECK To: BENJAMIN THOMAS YOUNG
Birth Certificate: BENJAMIN THOMAS SCHMIEDECK
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
ROOM 415, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2017 TIME: 8:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-15-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
017-254/9-22-29/10-6-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV7153**

In the matter of the name change of:
TYLER JACKSYN WHITT WOYAK
By (Petitioner) TYLER JACKSYN WHITT WOYAK
NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: TYLER JACKSYN WHITT WOYAK To: TYLER JACKSYN WHITT
Birth Certificate: TYLER JACKSYN WHITT-WOYAK
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
ROOM 402, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2017 TIME: 3:00 PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-5-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN H. YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
017-253/9-22-29/10-6-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT:
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV10969**

In the matter of the name change of:
ALEXIS DARIEL MERCED RODRIGUEZ
By (Petitioner) YARITZA RODRIGUEZ
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ALEXIS DARIEL MERCED RODRIGUEZ To: ALEXIS DARIEL REYES-RODRIGUEZ
Birth Certificate: ALEXIS DARIEL MERCED RODRIGUEZ

IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: REBECCA F DALLET
ROOM 403, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: October 25, 2017 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 9-8-17
BY THE COURT:
REBECCA F DALLET
017-252/9-15-22-29-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT:
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV10969**

In the matter of the name change of:
YARISANGELYS MARIE MERCED RODRIGUEZ
By (Petitioner) YARITZA RODRIGUEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: YARISANGELYS MARIE MERCED RODRIGUEZ To: YARISANGELYS MARIE REYES-RODRIGUEZ
Birth Certificate: YARISANGELYS MARIE MERCED RODRIGUEZ

IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: REBECCA F DALLET
ROOM 403, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: October 25, 2017 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 9-8-17
BY THE COURT:
REBECCA F DALLET
017-251/9-15-22-29-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT:
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME
CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV010980**

In the matter of the name change of:
VERNEL RAY COOPER
By (Petitioner) VERNEL RAY COOPER
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: VERNEL RAY COOPER To: VERNEL RAY COOPER-EL
Birth Certificate: VERNEL RAY ROGERS

IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. STEPHANIE ROTHSTEIN
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street RM 404, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: October 19, 2017, TIME: 10:45 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated 9-8-17
BY THE COURT:
TIMOTHY M. WITKOWIAK FOR HON. STEPHANIE ROTHSTEIN
017-250/9-15-22-29-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT:
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME
CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV010976**

In the matter of the name change of:
TONI TERRELL COOPER
By (Petitioner) TONI TERRELL COOPER
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: TONI TERRELL COOPER To: TONY TERRELL COOPER-EL
Birth Certificate: TONI TERRELL

COOPER
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY M. WITKOWIAK
ROOM 415, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: October 19, 2017, 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 9-8-17
BY THE COURT:
TIMOTHY M. WITKOWIAK BR 22
017-249/9-15-22-29-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV007024**

In the matter of the name change of:
COURTNEY SHEMOANE LAWSON
By (Petitioner) COURTNEY SHEMOANE LAWSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: COURTNEY SHEMOANE LAWSON To: COURTNEY SHEMOANE FRANCOIS
Birth Certificate: COURTNEY SHEMOANE FRANCOIS

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
Room 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: October 5, 2017 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: 8-22-2017
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN H. YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
017-248/9-15-22-29-2017

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV006539**

In the matter of the name change of:
DEANDREW DEMETRIUS SMITH
By (Petitioner) DEANDREW DEMETRIUS SMITH
NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: DEANDREW DEMETRIUS SMITH To: DEANDREW DEMETRIUS SMITH YOUNG
Birth Certificate: DEANDREW DEMETRIUS SMITH
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
ROOM 414, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 TIME: 9:00 AM

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: 8-8-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY
Circuit Court Judge
017-247/9-15-22-29-2017



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- Name changes
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- Foreclosure Sheriff's sale notice of creditor listing of property for sale
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SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV007203

In the matter of the name change of:
DOMINIC VINCENT PITZEN-LOYD
By (Petitioner) DOMINIC VINCENT
PITZEN-LOYD
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: DOMINIC VINCENT PITZEN-
LOYD To: DOMINIC VINCENT
PITZEN
Birth Certificate: DOMINIC VINCENT
PITZEN-LOYD
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. STEPHANIE
G. ROTHSTEIN
ROOM 404, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2017 TIME:
3:00 PM

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: 8-29-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN
Circuit Court Judge
017-246/9-8-15-22-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE-40101
Case No. 17FA003810

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner:
BRITTNEY LOKER and Respondent:
TAMEKA ANDERSON
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO
THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS
RESPONDENT:
You are notified that the petitioner
named above has filed a Petition for
divorce or legal separation against
you.

You must respond with a written de-
mand for a copy of the Petition within
40 days from the day after the first
date of publication.

The demand must be sent or deliv-
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Clerk of Court Milwaukee County
Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. ROOM
104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and BRIT-
TNEY LOKER 3973A N 30TH ST
MILWAUKEE, WI 53216.

It is recommended, but not required,
that you have an attorney help or rep-
resent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the
Petition within 45 days, the court may
grant judgment against you for the
award of money or other legal action
requested in the Petition, and you
may lose your right to object to any-
thing that is or may be incorrect in the
Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as pro-
vided by law. A judgment awarding
money 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.

You are further notified that if the par-
ties to this action have minor children,
violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (In-
terference with custody by parent or
others) is punishable by fines and/or
imprisonment:

If you and the petitioner have minor
children, documents setting forth the
percentage standard for child support
established by the department under
§49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the fac-
tors that a court may consider for
modification of that standard under
§767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are avail-
able upon your request from the
Clerk of Court.
You are notified of the availability of
information from the Circuit Court
Commissioner as set forth in
§767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105, Information from Circuit
Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an
action affecting the family, including a
revision of judgment or order under
sec. 767.59 or 767.451:
(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner

shall, with or without charge, provide
the party with written information on
the following, as appropriate to the
action commenced:
1. The procedure for obtaining a judg-
ment or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually ad-
dressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family
court counseling services available to
assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modify-
ing, and enforcing child support
awards, or modifying and enforcing
legal custody or physical placement
judgments or orders.
(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner
shall provide a party, for inspection or
purchase, with a copy of the statutory
provisions in this chapter generally
pertinent to the action.

If you require reasonable accommo-
dations due to a disability to partici-
pate in the court process, please call
at least 10 working days prior to the
scheduled court date. Please note
that the court does not provide trans-
portation.

DATE: 7-28-2017
By: BRITTNEY LOKER
017-245/9-8-15-22-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV010869

In the matter of the name change of:
JASON MAXWELL GEERS
By (Petitioner) JASON MAXWELL
GEERS
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: JASON MAXWELL GEERS
To: MAXWELL JASON GEERS
Birth Certificate: JASON MAXWELL
GEERS
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. MARY E.
TRIGGIANO
ROOM 412, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2017 TIME:
8:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given
by publication as a Class 3 notice for
three (3) weeks in a row prior to the
date of the hearing in the Milwaukee
Community Journal, a newspaper
published in Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Dated: 9-15-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO
Circuit Court Judge
017-244/9-8-15-22-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV006948

In the matter of the name change of:
JUAN CARLOS KONTNY-SANTI-
AGO
By (Petitioner) JUAN CARLOS
KONTNY-SANTIAGO
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: JUAN CARLOS KONTNY-
SANTIAGO To: JUAN CARLOS
KONTNY
Birth Certificate: JUAN CARLOS
KONTNY-SANTIAGO
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY
WITKOWIAK
ROOM 415, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 TIME:
9:00 AM

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: 8-18-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
017-243/9-8-15-22-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT

MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV006265

In the matter of the name change of:
BENJAMIN MARKUS ALEMAN JR.
By (Petitioner) BENJAMIN MARKUS
ALEMAN JR.
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: BENJAMIN MARKUS ALE-
MAN JR To: MARKUS FRANK
MENDEZ
Birth Certificate: BENJAMIN
MARKUS ALEMAN JR.
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. ELLEN
BROSTROM
ROOM 413, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 TIME:
9:00 AM

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: 8-3-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. ELLEN BROSTROM
Circuit Court Judge
017-242/9-8-15-22-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV007143

In the matter of the name change of:
PETRA RODRIGUEZ
By (Petitioner) PETRA RODRIGUEZ
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: PETRA RODRIGUEZ To:
KATHY PETRA RODRIGUEZ
Birth Certificate: PETRA RO-
DRIGUEZ
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. REBECCA F.
DALLET
ROOM 403, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2017 TIME:
9:00 AM

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: 8-28-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. REBECCA F. DALLET
Circuit Court Judge
017-241/9-8-15-22-2017

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 17CV006722

In the matter of the name change of:
GERRY MARRISON CLAYTON JR.
By (Petitioner) GERRY MARRISON
CLAYTON JR.
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: GERRY MARRISON CLAY-
TON JR To: KING GERRY MARRI-
SON CLAYTON
Birth Certificate: GERRY MARRISON
CLAYTON
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cir-
cuit Court of Milwaukee County, State
of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY
WITKOWIAK
ROOM 415, PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2017 TIME:
10:30 AM
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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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: 8-17-17
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
017-240/9-8-15-22-2017

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Project No.: Z150-14455-10
Bid Due Date: October 4, 2017
See Bid Documents for details
Pre-Bid Meeting: September 20, 2017
BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT ARE
AVAILABLE AT:
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
633 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE, SUITE 1000
Milwaukee, WI 53203
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BIDS DUE: Friday, September 29, 2017, at 2:00pm
PRE-BID MEETING will be held at 10:00am on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at
Northcott Neighborhood House, 2460 N. 6th St, Milwaukee.
PLANS: Hard Copies of plans available upon request and at subcontractor's expense
from BPI Milwaukee, www.bpicolor.com OR for a link contact Linda at
lstache@gormanusa.com.
Contact Info: Linda Stache, Gorman & Company, e-mail: lstache@gormanusa.com, Fax: 608-835-3667.
CERTIFICATIONS: SBE and Workforce Development

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Name of Project:
MCTS KINNICKINNIC MAINTENANCE GARAGE
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Project No.: T076-17415
Bid Due Date: October 11, 2017
See Bid Documents for details
Pre-Bid Meeting: September 27, 2017
BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT ARE
AVAILABLE AT:
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
633 WEST WISCONSIN AVE., SUITE 1000
Milwaukee, WI 53203
For Further Information contact 414-278-4861 or
www.county.milwaukee.gov

PROPOSED MILWAUKEE COUNTY DAS-FM
Projects for Advertisement for Bids
Name of Project:
OAK LEAF TRAIL EASTSIDE RECONSTRUCTION
Project No.: P491-16617 & P561-17634
Bid Due Date: October 4, 2017
See Bid Documents for details
Pre-Bid Meeting: September 27, 2017
BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT
ARE AVAILABLE AT:
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
633 WEST WISCONSIN AVE., SUITE 1000
Milwaukee, WI 53203
For Further Information contact 414-278-4861 or
www.county.milwaukee.gov

PROPOSED MILWAUKEE COUNTY DAS-FM
Projects for Advertisement for Bids
Name of Project:
BROWN DEER PARK GOLF CLUBHOUSE
HVAC REPLACEMENT
Project No.: P601-15656
Bid Due Date: October 18, 2017
See Bid Documents for details
Pre-Bid Meeting: October 4, 2017
BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE ABOVE
PROJECT ARE AVAILABLE AT:
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
633 WEST WISCONSIN AVE., SUITE 1000
Milwaukee, WI 53203
For Further Information contact 414-278-4861 or
www.county.milwaukee.gov

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Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone
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The HUB & COIN requirements for this contract are 0%
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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 request for quotation. Only questions submitted in writing
prior to 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 05, 2017 will be answered. No
questions will be answered after that date and time. These responses will
be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.
Submit all quotations to Mr. Mark Bethel, Project Specialist of Design
and Construction of Facilities and Maintenance Services, 1124 North 11th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233 no later than **1:30 PM on Thursday,**
October 12, 2017.
The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.
Darienne B. Driver, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
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Jayla and Jayda Watkins

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“Growing up, we didn’t see many minorities practicing medicine,” Jayla said.

“We didn’t see a lot of African American representation in science,” Jayda added.

“I saw my dad doing something that not many people who looked like me did, and I really wanted to change that.”

This last point drives both of them. Jayda said she is really excited about getting involved in MCW’s diversity efforts, and Jayla, who participated in MCW’s Diversity Summer Health-Related Research Education Program

(DSHREP), said she wants to serve as a student mentor to help those who grew up with fewer academic opportunities.

“I hope to have a lasting impact on impoverished communities,” Jayla said.

MCW’s DSHREP program helps undergraduate students develop an understanding of critical issues in basic science and clinical research. While in the program, Jayla worked in the lab of Balaraman Kalyanaraman, PhD, Harry R. & Angeline E. Quadracci Professor in Parkinson’s Research and chairman of biophysics, studying compounds that

impact neurodegeneration.

Despite leaving Milwaukee for their undergraduate studies, Jayla and Jayda both wanted to go to MCW for medical school.

“The resources we have available to us as MCW students makes it feel like the school was built just for us,” Jayda said.

“How MCW faculty interact with the students is very nurturing,” Jayla added. “People are very welcoming.”

Being a twin definitely has its benefits, as both Jayla and Jayda will admit, but there are drawbacks as well.

At least there was during the med-

ical school interviewing process. Jayla received her letter for an interview a full week before Jayda did, which made for a VERY long week for Jayda.

“It was a long seven days,” Jayda said. “It would have been much easier if I didn’t know the letters had gone out, but I did. I thought my dream of going to med school was over.”

Luckily for Jayda, who is the older of the two, it worked out well. She and her younger sister are able to continue pursuing their professional dreams together.

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Rebuilding a Marriage Culture in 21st-Century Black and Latino America

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for numerous social, demographic, and psychological differences between survey respondents.)

Professors Wilcox and Wolfinger repeatedly remind us that religion is no silver bullet. For instance, religion does not seem to have any impact on marital stability for blacks and Latinos (religious attendance does not reduce the divorce rate for either group, even as it substantially reduces divorce among whites). But overall there’s no denying that religion is a force for good in African-American and Latino family life. Religion, for example, “helps sustain Latinos and Blacks in their efforts to be hardworking, temperate, law-abiding members of their communities who steer clear of the temptations of the street.”

“Churches foster an ethic of care and reinforce a code of decency among their members,” according to Soul Mates. (All of this explodes the silly claim by the late Christopher Hitchens that religion “poisons everything.”)

One of the many virtues of this textured, balanced, and sober book is that it interjects compelling human stories to illustrate the authors’ empirical findings. For example, we’re introduced to Eduardo and Graciela Valdez, a Mexican-American couple from Spanish Harlem who were children of divorce and had experienced fractious family or lives.

But their faith led them toward marriage. “This commitment came from that faith in God,” Eduardo told the authors. He had faith in marriage “despite all my brokenness, despite all my flaws,” he added. Graciela was “the only person that I believe, that I know, that loves . . . not just the good Eduardo, but also the broken Eduardo. And I felt called also to do the same thing for her.”

Loving another person in his or her brokenness is a beautiful description of what it means to be committed to

another person for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do them part.

This has never been easy, and in our age — in which relational commitments are increasingly attenuated, contingent, and impermanent; in which what the sociologist Daniel Bell called an ethic of self-expression and self-gratification now dominates — it might be harder than ever. There is a reason scholars refer to our “post-marriage” society. To restore marriage in 21st-century America will require many things, including public policies that can help on the margins. Soul Mates briefly makes some recommendations, including eliminating marriage penalties and disincentives for the poor and for unwed mothers, expanding the earned-income tax credit, and increasing the child tax credit and funding for proven vocational-education and apprentice programs.

But what is most required to revivify marriage is what is most beyond the power of government to do: reconfigure the order of our loves. A marriage culture will be rebuilt one person at a time, through finding greater fulfillment in self-giving, elevating our affections and desires, and loving others as we love ourselves. None of us does this very well, and all of us could do it much better than we do. Yet for all the moral failures that can be laid at the feet of religion and those acting on its behalf, there is nothing in human history that has helped people improve their character and refine their loves more than faith.

Faith, it has been said, is an anvil that has worn out many hammers. We need it now more than ever, as the hammer of modernity has fractured our most precious human institutions, marriage and family, leaving much human wreckage behind. Fortunately for those of us who are believers — in my case, a follower of Jesus — there is some comfort in knowing that our faith teaches us that what has been wrecked can also be redeemed.

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