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serves honorable mention is Vitamin

D, also hailed as the Sunshine vita-

Vitamin D is naturally found in

breastmilk in small amounts and is needed to help build strong bones.

It is highly recommended to sup-

plement with Vitamin D beginning in

Infant formula also lacks vitamin

D and is added during processing,

the amount necessary to meet daily

requirements. Talk with your doctor

about getting the right dosage for

it is important to recognize the real

signs of hunger or feeling full to

avoid a fussy baby or simply over-

As babies get older they will begin

to sleep longer naturally, however, it

is not uncommon to hear about

adding cereal to a bottle to help an

If a baby seems hungrier and is

less than 6 months of age, it is better

to offer breastmilk or an additional

ounce of properly mixed formula.

Early introduction of solids before 6

months can add extra unnecessary

calories and contribute to higher

A baby's small digestive tract is

under construction and can only able

to hold so much. Overfeeding can

lead to excessive spit up, stomach

Just as adults should pace them-

selves with eating and place their

discomfort and fussiness.

"infant sleep longer".

weight gain.

Whether breast or bottle feeding,

the first few days of life.

your baby.

2018: The Year of the Child The Milwaukee Community Journal's year-long focus on Children and Education

Nutrition matters from birth to six months.... and beyond

Article by Angie Wilks-Tate, Nutritionist, Milwaukee Health Services; and Dalvery Blackwell, Executive Director, African American Breastfeeding Network

The birth of a beautiful baby brings excitement and amazing moments.

Our precious little bundles of joy come into this big world relying upon someone special to meet their nutritional demands from day one and beyond. Good nutrition, when packaged just right, helps to promote growth and proper development.

Mothers milk, also known as pure liquid gold, initially holds the special key which unlocks a treasure chest of natural gifts and opens the door to a power house of nutrition that empowers a tiny little body to grow and thrive in a very short period.

Imagine having the super power of producing a 100% all-natural food that is free of hormones, additives or preservatives.

Mother's milk hold's the unique distinction of being recognized as nature's original fast food but with a very healthy twist.

It is safe, clean and gentle on the environment. The cost to produce liquid gold is priceless and comes with a long laundry list of benefits for both mom and baby.

Breastmilk is divinely designed to meet the nutritional needs of a baby for the first 6 months of life which is why the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that babies receive breastmilk exclusively during this time. It offers a variety of nutrients and changes to meet an infant's growing





forks down between bites of food, young bottle-fed babies require the same type of pacing to avoid overfeeding.

It is ok to slow the feeding down and allow your baby to rest during a feeding. Talk to your health care provider or a nutritionist about paced bottle

AABN's mission is to promote breastfeeding as the natural and the best way to provide optimal nourishment for babies and

Through Mrs. Blackwell's leadership and vision, AABN has been recognized and highlighted in local, state, and national media and reports, most notably the April 2015 Essence Magazine Ten Things People Are Talking About, January 2015 Associated Press, 2014 CDC Breastfeeding Report Card and the 2014 Black Child Development Institute-Milwaukee report Being Black is Not a Risk Factor: Statistics and Strengths-Based

She has been instrumental in creating and building AABN's core program, Community

Breastfeeding Gatherings, which has reached over 2,000 families.

Prior to working in lactation support, Mrs. Blackwell worked for the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin for 10 years as a Program Coordinator.

In this capacity she worked in Tobacco Control and was instrumental in helping to pass the state-wide law to ban smoking in public places.

In 2015, she was among 15 national leaders selected to participate in a 2 year cohort studying racial equity at the Center for Social Inclusion.

She received the 2017 Woman of Commitment Award from the Wisconsin Alliance for Women Health.

Interim city health commissioner McManus clarifies her position on childhood vaccinations

Compiled by MCJ Editorial Staff

Dr. Patricia McManus, the newly appointed interim Milwaukee Health Department commissioner, clarified her position recently on childhood vaccinations, stressing she believes children should be immunized.

"My daughter received all of her immunizations as a child, and all of my grandchildren continue to do so as well," McManus said in a state-

"I do not question the science. I, as most public health professionals and doctors, believe the best thing to do is to get immunized."

McManus, the president and CEO of the Wisconsin Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, sparked controversy last week with statements she made on a local Black radio talkshow regarding childhood immunization.

On the show, McManus answered a caller's question as to whether the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine could cause autism in chil-

McManus said she didn't think the answer "is yet there," that there are still people who believe there is a link between MMR vaccine and

"...So I don't know. I think the science is still out. I think that's a decision that these families are going to have to make on their own at this Dr. Patricia McManus "My daughter received all of her immunizations as a child, and all of my grandchildren continue to do so as well... I do not question the science. I, as most public health pro-

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However experts in the field were critical of McManus' comments, and pointed to research by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The health experts stated the science is clear and reviewed over and over by the CDC, NIH, and numerous studies: There is no link between measles, mumps and rubella vaccine and autism.

But many in the community came to McManus' defense, especially on Facebook, where numerous posts charged the interim commissioner's comments were being used to discredit her and the council's decision to appoint her to lead the troubled health agency.

McManus met with Mayor Tom Barrett Tuesday. The mayor himself was critical of her statements, noting it proved her appointment to the post was rushed and needed more deliberation by the council before a vote.

The mayor has until Thursday of this week to approve or veto the council's vote. Community leaders, grassroots organizations, and individuals on social media have called on Barrett to approve the decision, believing McManus is the best choice to lead the agency and mend the chiasm that exists between the agency and the community it claims to help.

Corrections on last week's

article and editorial on

About AABN's Dalvery Blackwell



Dalvery Blackwell is Executive Director and a co-founder of the African American Breastfeeding

Network (AABN) She is an International Board **Certified Lactation Consultant** (IBCLC) and holds a bachelor in Journalism/Communications.

Celebrating 10 years of service to the community, the African American Breastfeeding Network (AABN) was established in 2008 to address breastfeeding disparities by increasing awareness of the benefits and value of mother's milk, building community allies, and de-normalizing formula use.

young children.

Milwaukee AKA chapter holds second annual "Pink Goes Red" health and fitness fest Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA)



Upsilon Mu Omega Chapter Sorority, Inc. recently held its second annual health and fitness fair. Also participating as partners were Marquette Dental School, the American Heart Association, and Spectrim Fitness and Nutrition. Juice samples for the intrepid exercisers was provided by The Juice Kitchen.

-Photo by Yvonne Kemp

Dr. Patricia McManus In last week's front page article and editorial (February 7, 2017

MCJ edition) on the appointment by the Common Council of Dr. Patricia McManus, president and CEO of the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, to be interim commissioner of the Milwaukee Department of Health, we printed two incorrect pieces of information we want to

First, the 15-member common council's vote last Tuesday was not unanimous as noted in the editorial on the Perspectives page.

McManus was appointed by a 13-1 council vote. The lone no vote was Ald. Terry Witkowski. Ald. Michael Murphy abstained (chose not

The other correction is in the front page article. We wrote Mc-Manus would leave the interim position if, after an extended period of time, no permanent health commissioner was found, and return to running the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin. Actually, McManus, when asked if she would be willing to serve for an extended period of time, said after the council meeting that she's "open to thinking

"I'm not going to leave it. I don't do that," she reportedly said to reporters after the council meeting. "I wouldn't just walk away if they don't have anybody. That's even worse. I couldn't do that."



Sending out an SOS for healthier living!

Participants in an Saving Ourselves (SOS) Healthy Living Workshop gather for a special photo during the event held recently at 1720 W. Florist Ave. The program was presented by Dorothy Williams, founder and CEO of SOS, a community service organization which plans and coordinates interactive health workshops, family programs, classes and youth awareness and prevention programs designed to teach and inspire a more healthy and productive way of living and to help anyone lacking resources to realize their full potential. Williams has more than 25 years of experience facilitating workshops on healthy living. Williams (seated center) is pictured with (also seated left to right): Carmilla Caradine, Rhonda Johnson-Harden; (standing backrow, left to right): Lavonica Love, Mary Roby, Ardela Mace, Doris Gant, and Beatrice Hennings.—Photo by Yvonne Kemp



MPS and MUL hold community resource fair at Oliver Wendell Holmes School

A representative with Milwaukee Public Schools enters Oliver Wendell Holmes School to the cheers of the school's cheerleaders before the start of the recent "Arms Around Oliver Wendell Holmes" Community Resource Fair. The school is located at 2463 N. Buffum St. The event was co-sponsored by the Milwaukee Urban League, which has adopted the school. Families attending were exposed to various business and social service entities that shared information about their respective services.—Photo by Yvonne Kemp





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Fixing Milwaukee's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

By City of Milwaukee Health Department
Lead poisoning is a public health crisis. Milwaukee has been tackling this with much success. Although we've made great progress – lead poisoning rates in Milwaukee have gone down by nearly 70% since 2003 – we have more work to do.

The news that our Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program failed families is a setback for our entire community.

There are many questions: What happened? What is the Health Department doing about it? What should parents do to protect their children?

We are working tirelessly to answer these questions – and they will be shared as we continue to investigate what happened.

Here's what we know: Lead in the body is serious. It is especially serious for young children. It can permanently damage a child's brain. No level of lead in the body is safe for children.

But lead is found both inside and outside of our homes. Old lead-based paint, contaminated soil, and water that sits in lead pipes or plumbing are the most common sources of lead exposure for children.

The only way to prevent a child from becoming lead poisoned is to prevent their exposure to sources of lead. And the only way to know if a child has been exposed to lead is to get a blood lead test.

Every child in Milwaukee should be tested at least three times before the age of 3, and doctors and clinics should also test children up to age 6 if they are at risk. If you are pregnant, thinking about becoming pregnant, or have children under age 6, talk to your doctor about lead testing.

Most lead testing is done by doctors and clinics, not by the City of Milwaukee Health Department. Those doctors and clinics are responsible for telling parents the results of their child's blood lead test.

However, the Department also has a responsibility. Doctors and clinics also tell us every blood lead test result, and our responsibility is to follow-up with fami-



"We are also working to help families prevent lead poisoning by sharing information and resources with families citywide – and by restructuring our program to better respond, partner, and support families who live in homes that may pose a risk to children."

lies

At the lowest levels of lead testing, we send information to families reminding them to get their child additional testing and providing resources on how to identify and protect children from lead in a home. At higher levels of testing, we reach out to families to

make home visits so that we can investigate and help control lead hazards.

This is where we found the problem. It was discovered that our records are not clear if we met those responsibilities. Even one failure or one uncertainty is too many. So we are responding.

We have mailed information to families where our records are unclear if their children returned to their doctor for additional testing. We are also calling families who may be eligible for additional services.

We have added free blood lead testing for children to our clinics, and we have opened a Lead Information Hotline to answer questions about lead exposure and testing.

We are also fixing our program. We have sent 12 pages of recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council that will help us strengthen our program, partnerships, and the support we can provide to families. We are working with federal and local officials to carry out those recommendations.

This will take time. Our immediate focus is on the children who have been exposed to lead. We must make sure they get all the services they deserve.

We are also working to help families prevent lead poisoning by sharing information and resources with families citywide – and by restructuring our program to better respond, partner, and support families who live in homes that may pose a risk to children.

What's next?

We will continue to improve our program. We will continue to work with doctors and clinics to reach more children for blood lead tests. We will continue to urge parents to get their child tested for lead exposure.

And we will continue to share information with you – parents and caregivers in our city – so that we can all work together to prevent lead poisoning and assure that when a child is exposed, it is detected early.

Lead poisoning prevention is a community issue. It will take all of us working together to build a lead-safe Milwaukee.

For more information on lead poisoning prevention visit LeadSafeMKE.com or call the Lead Information Hotline at (414) 286-8800.

Parents: Protect Your Kids Get Lead Safe in 3!



☑ Look for Lead

Check your home for chipping, cracking or peeling paint, lead pipes and plumbing, or other possible lead sources like painted toys and ceramics.

If you are pregnant or have a child under age 6, you may need to be tested. All children should be tested three times before age 3, and some children should continue to be tested up to age 6.



Find information and resources to take action at LeadSafeMKE.com

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St. Thomas More High School to **Honor Father** Tom Wittliff, the "Bishop of Bay View"

St. Thomas More High School will honor Father Thomas F. Wittliff, affectionally known as "The Bishop of Bay View," on March 24, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. At this event, St. Thomas More will present Father Tom with the school's Chancellor Award, which commemorates exceptional, continuous support of Catholic education in Milwaukee.

St. Thomas More welcomes members of the community who have been influenced by Father Tom to join us for this special celebration of his legacy as a pastor, mentor, and friend. Bringing back memories of Father Tom's own days in high school and early adulthood, the event's theme – "Cavalier Supper Club" – will transform St. Thomas More into a classic, 1950s-style Wisconsin

Father Tom graduated from St. Francis Minor Seminary, a predecessor school of St. Thomas More, in 1955 and was ordained into the priesthood in

After serving at different parishes and schools across Wisconsin, including Cathedral High School and St. Margaret Mary, Father Tom spent 18 years as pastor at St. Augustine of Hippo in Bay View before retiring in 2006. During his time at St. Augustine, Father Tom earned the nickname "the Bishop of Bay View" for his ubiquitous presence in the south side community.

While serving at St. Augustine and continuing into his retirement, Father Tom visited regularly with St. Thomas More students.

Even after students graduated high school, Father Tom remained an important figure for many alumni, presiding over countless weddings and baptisms for members of the St. Thomas More family.

"Father Tom has been the spiritual presence of St. Thomas More for so long and we have been blessed to have him as part of our community," physical ed-

ucation teacher and 2006 alumnus James Litscher said.

"Whether it's through joking with them during lunch, giving speeches before athletic events or practices, or his extremely memorable homilies during Mass, Father Tom has a unique way of bringing the message of Christ to our students.

He simply knows how to relate to the students, and the students appreciate and love that about

All proceeds from Cavalier Supper Club, held at 2601 E. Morgan Avenue on Milwaukee's southeast side, will benefit St. Thomas More High School, a nonprofit, Catholic college preparatory school.

The fundraiser will feature live and silent auction items, supper club-themed mini-games, and afterdinner dancing. All attendees will receive a threecourse dinner, and an open bar will be available throughout the night.

To purchase tickets, sponsor the event, and view items available for bidding, please visit tmore.org/2018auction.

Faith and the NFL

by Dr. Gary S. Smith

After the Philadelphia Eagles' thrilling victory over the New England Patriots in the 2018 Super Bowl, faith was front and center. In response to being awarded the Lombardi Trophy at the post-game ceremony, Eagles

head coach Doug Pederson thanked "my Lord and savior Jesus Christ." Tight end Zach Ertz, who scored the winning touchdown, and quarterback Nick Foles, who was named the game's MVP, both gave glory to God.

The Eagles were major underdogs, and the primary architects of their surprising victory were unlikely heroes—nine years ago Peterson was coaching a high school team in Shreveport, Louisiana, and Foles was the Eagles' backup quarterback until the last three games

of the regular season. Prior to the game, Pederson, Foles—who plans to be-

come a minister when his playing days are over-and several other Eagles, used the spotlight of the world's single biggest sports event to highlight their faith. Faith has long played a major role in the NFL. About

one-third of the players in America's three major professional team sports—football, baseball, and basketball are born-again Christians, with the NFL having the highest percentage.

Athletes in Action estimates that 35 to 40 percent of NFL players are evangelicals, compared to about 25 percent of Americans. Post-game interviews of players, postgame prayer huddles, testimonies in print publications and online, and Hall of Fame acceptance speeches demonstrate that Christian faith is very significant in the culture of pro football. While the faith of Tim Tebow has garnered the most

media attention in recent years, many leading coaches, including Tom Landry, Joe Gibbs, Tony Dungy, Lovie Smith, and Mike Tomlin, were or are known for their Christian commitment.

So have been numerous star players, such as Roger Staubach, Steve Largent, Kurt Warner, Reggie White, Mike Singletary, Aaron Rodgers, Drew Brees, Cam Newton, Russell Wilson, Jared Allen, Troy Polamalu, Darrell Green, Prince Amukamara, Dallas Clark, Shaun Alexander, LaDainian Tomlinson, and Emmitt Thomas.

The NFL has been ambivalent about Christians testifying to their faith. Some Christian coaches and players

say that they feel free to talk about their faith, and even evangelize, if they do so discerningly, while others declare that the league prefers players to act like Christians but not explicitly say that they are Christians. The NFL has no rules prohibiting personnel from discussing their faith or evangelizing, but it has forbidden players from displaying religious symbols or messages on their apparel during games or post-game inter-

Many owners, coaches, and league executives are delighted by the large numbers of Christians in the NFL

marriages, are a positive influence on their teammates, are more active in community service, and help the league deal with the negative impact of some players? deleterious off-the-field behaviors. Chapel services, Bible studies, and religious instruction

ranks because they generally act morally, have strong

Nick Foles

are "an inexpensive social service," maintains Curtis Eichelberger, author of "Men of Sunday: How Faith Guides the Players, Coaches, and Wives of the NFL," that provide "counseling and therapy to keep players mentally and emotionally at the top of their game."

Many coaches see faith as a steadying influence in a profession where careers, friendships, marriages, and self-identity can be destroyed by injury or poor performance, which is one reason why every NFL team has a

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The Salvation Army's Divisional HQ Named One Of Milwaukee Area's Best And Brightest Companies To Work For



The Salvation Army's Divisional Headquarters (DHQ) has been named one of the Milwaukee area's Best and Brightest Companies to Work for in 2018 by the National Association for Business Resources (NABR).

The office is based in Wauwatosa, Wis. Its employees oversee 26 Worship and Community Centers (Corps) and 67 service extension units across Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Service extension units are branches of The Salvation Army in communities where Corps are not located but service is provided by committees of volun-

The award recognizes companies that deliver exceptional human resource practices and an impressive commitment to their employees. DHQ was chosen for this award based on their communication practices, work-life balance, employee education, diversity recognition, retention, and more.

"At The Salvation Army we live by our motto, 'Doing the Most Good," said Major Steve Merritt, Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. "It is a great honor to be among so many companies selected for this award."



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MCJ EDITORIAL

UW's bold free tuition for low-icome students an idea worth trying!

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has introduced a laudable initiaive that should be adopted by the Milwaukee campus of the UW system: free tuition for low-income students.

UW's plan would provide free tuition for students whose families earn less than \$56,000 a year. The program is supposedly aimed at minorities who have historically been blocked out of educational opportunities and thus trapped in generational poverty.

UW is not the only state school to open its doors to the poor. Other states have offered similar programs, led by New York, which provides free tuitions to families earning up to \$100,000.

The New York program is restricted to state financed colleges, and like JW's program does not include books or room and board.

New York's program is also restricted to full-time students only, a provision that has drawn criticism because it excludes working students who would like to attend college part-time.

New York's program also carries a provision that graduates of the program must work in the state for a number of years equal to the years they attended college.

New York's program is funded by the state and could cost as much as \$170 million. UW's program will cost about \$3 million, mostly from dona-

Tennessee, Oregon and the city of San Francisco also offer free tuition at junior colleges. MATC has a scholarship program through which a number of poor students can attend free.

In many respects, UW's new program is limited in scope and application. It is capped at 800 students a year, and will cover about half of the general costs. Additionally, is it being called a "gap filler" program because it is based on a student's financial needs beyond scholarships and Not everyone is applauding the program. There are those who believe

the program should be ethnically sensitive. Last year, UW's Black student Association "demanded" the university provide free tuition to all Black students, including prison inmates.

Some would suggest the Black students' "mandate" was akin to reparations for centuries of systemic bias in educational opportunities.

Ironically, UW has been determined to be the state's most racially divided university. Several incidents last year have propelled UW to a sta-

But is the Black students' "demand" so far out of kilter? Is free tuition, not just for Black students, but all students so far-fetched?

Actually, many European countries already provide free tuition, including Germany and France. They obviously realize that a well-educated citizenry is a boon to their societies. Equally important, they prioritize education over war.

Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders made free college a cornerstone of his platform, an inclusion that drew millions of millennials to his

campaign. Later, an embarrassed Hillary Clinton added it to her platform. Obviously, there are those who would question the ability of the state, or the nation to offer free tuition to low-income students. To that we note the words of the late, great philosopher and artist Tupac Shakur who questioned in one of his songs, why "we can find money for war, but not for the poor?'

If there is any hope for a national tuition free college program, it won't happen anytime soon, particularly since Republicans control the Congress and the White House. In fact, don't hold your breath waiting on the state to do much of anything in that regard as well, even though we spend more on prisons than education.

The state spends \$1.3 billion on prisons, housing 23,000 inmates. Conversely, we spend \$993 million on the entire UW system.

Or, maybe there is a crack in the veneer of the GOP wall.

Last week, the Republican controlled Assembly approved a program that would provide free tuition to foster children, and a \$400,000 allocation for educational programs aimed at encouraging foster children to attend secondary education.

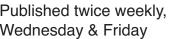
That's a small crack, but who knows, the tsunami of millennial activism may provide enough pressure on the wall that the crack could grow.

Common sense may prevail as lawmakers see the logic of putting more nto education than the prison industrial complex.

And if not, they need but read a recent Georgetown University study that estimates that by the end of this year, 63% of jobs will require some postsecondary education.

UW is off to a good start with their bold idea. Hopefully, they will expand it to be inclusive of more students and cover more costs than it proposes to do. If they do these two things alone, Bernie Sander's dream would become a reality for low-income students in the Badger state.

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Would you vote for Oprah Winfrey for presi-

I posted that hypothetical question on my various social media accounts recently.

The response was predictable, with the overwhelming majority of family members (that's us, y'all) saying they would—enthusiastically and without

On Saturday, I amended the question to read, "would you vote for Oprah Winfrey if she ran as an independent?"

The responses are still coming in, but they are mixed, and frequently cul-

From my perspective, as someone who has always put people before partisan politics and as a Griot, the hesitancy to support Winfrey as an independent presidential hopeful is either myopic, or disingenuous.

And for someone who is a true student of history, it is disappointing.

The negative responses (about 40%) imply that many of us remain politically myopic, and/or fearful of real systemic change and Black empower-

Reading between the lines, one could assume we are afraid to take the reins of our own destiny; terrified to set out of the shadow of psychological bondage and into the sunshine of self-determination. To their credit, most of those who refused to commit to an independent

Oprah candidacy theorized that paradigm could split the Black vote and result in another term for Donald Trump—aka "45IQ." That's assuming Colt 45 can sustain the vote he had last year and that his

"pawns" will remain blind to the damage he has done to this country, and their own well-being. Of course, the Trumpster will continue to receive support from the racists,

misogynists and homophobes. To them, 45IQ represents a political messiah, a catalyst to return America to the "good ole days" when people of color cast their eyes downward and didn't step out of their places, when gays were seen but not heard, and when women were forced to either wear an apron or a g-string (providing easy ac-

cess so the Trump wanna-bes can grab their "cats," as he advocated). Of course, there is the remote possibility that their votes would be moot, as the real possibility exists that the GOP may implode by then, or 45IQ will resign amid the scandals.

Colt 45's ratings are the lowest of any president in history, and that's not

The few Republicans who publicly express support for his idiotic policies spend most of their time making excuses, and there are reports of Republicans meeting in secret to discuss forming another "conservative" party—one financed by big bucks, including hundreds of millions from the Koch broth-

Either way, you can assume Vice President Mike Pence would either as-



By Mikel Kwaku Oshi Holt

sume office or be the favorite for 2020. And that maybe worse for Black America because he's not necessarily the lesser of two weevils (pun intended).

Assuming my personal favorite, Senator Cory Booker, doesn't run, Oprah would be the most viable Democratic Party candidate. She has the name recognition, the influence, and the financial resources. Equally important, she is loved by a majority of White women, including many of the 54% who voted for Trump in 2016.

To many of them—who buy the books she recommends, subscribe to "O' magazine or glue themselves to her network—Oprah is a guru, a sage and a self-love doctor.

A President Oprah administration would replace war with peace, racism with sisterhood, and segregation with miscegenation.

Men would have to adapt to this new world order, but that's a small transition. For Black men we have grown accustomed to a status as the weaker sex. sperm donor and jester to the (welfare) queen. With our pants down by our ankles and our brains warped by self-hatred and a slave mentality, we should be easily assimilated.

Oprah would restructure the Democratic Party, make it viable and set it on a path that would benefit the masses instead of just special interests with resources. She would make it accountable and operate smoothly as a servant of the people instead of an unaccountable, self-serving, for-profit corpora-

An independent candidacy would accomplish much of the same, but more importantly free Black Americans from our dependencies, fears and blind-

would send shock waves through the political status quo. The Dems would start scurrying about to legitimize itself. Bold promises would materialize out of the blue, and they would quickly

Announcing an independent Black political party with Oprah as its head

find a token Negro or two to head the "corporation" along with a Hueman candidate to run for the nomination. Eliminating poverty would lead the platform, along with educational

vouchers, free college, guaranteed jobs and a commitment to support repara-

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Today I Salute the dark skin man, the dark skin man that built this

country on his strong back and with his bare hands I salute the dark skin man who lost his name, tongue and land

I salute the millions that never made the trip

I salute those who refused to be took

I salute them all ...the men, woman, and children that became enslaved

I salute the little boy who worked before he ate I salute the little girl who knew not why she was being raped

I salute their sweat, blood, dignity and love I salute their strength, struggle and art of survival

I salute the underground railroads, the dreams that reached unto the mountain tops and the back to Africa movements

I salute all black historical moments

I salute. I salute

The administrators, architects, athletes, doctors, educator's entertainers, inventors, ministers, poets, servants, soldiers and warriors

I salute the Malcolm's, Martins, Farrakhan's and Nat Tuner's

I salute; I salute the people not often remembered I salute the black victims of political systems who have been or will be

placed in prison for whatever arbitrary reasons I salute the generation of yesterday that refused to be erased from human existence and the generation of today lost in search of direc-

tion being crushed by violence, ignorance and substances of destruc-

I salute them all every day, every month, every year, to assure that they will not be forgotten

I salute our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and children, who have

Children: They are What We Teach

Today's society will always be a concern of mine, when it comes to raising children. We've become so accustomed to convenience and less work, that it seems our children are being raised conveniently and with less work. I don't have children but I've worked in multiple childcare facilities, and the learning and attention children get from schools and daycares alone is merely a portion of what a child needs to be an intelligent and confident young adult.

Learning at home has turned into a computer, with no emotion, teaching children ABC's and 123's. Affection has turned into rewarding children with YouTube videos and their favorite cartoon character on the screen. Family time consists of a television filled night, with little to no conversation about how your little one's day went. There is not much conversation about what is going on in the life of

Love and affection is not material; therefore, it cannot be substituted with material things; clothes, shoes, IPads, Gameboys, tablets and cellphones. Love and affection for your child is more important than the next pair of Jordan's that are scheduled to come out. Children tend to go astray when not humans, but computerized devices are raising our children.

A crying baby doesn't need to be distracted with a motion screen picture on a hand-held device. A teen doesn't need headphones, that will soon be the only way





By Torre "ToeJoe" Johnson

crawled, cried and suffered

Who have gave their lives to comfort ours

I salute the boycott and marches; I salute the black churches and black mosques

I salute the black homes and all black positive institutions

I salute the mother land and those still in searches of the promise land

I salute those who fight today for freedom I salute those who understand the struggle

I salute those who look forward into tomorrow

I salute those who footsteps we now need to follow I salute the black man and woman who strive today to first end our

self-inflicting sorrows then the sorrows caused by others I salute the inner city pupils, the project people, the homeless and all

black underachievers Who remain dreamers and seekers of times to come that are much

My salute should be heard as an echo, so that it can be remembered that I ,a ghetto poet ,saluted all those alive and deceased for their courageous deeds ,contribution to earth ,their love ,faith, and hope, I salute them for their need to be and for becoming free, as well as

becoming and remaining Americas' most beautiful I salute complete freedom and a path to redemption

By Paishance Welch

to disconnect himself from the real world with catchy tunes and senseless lyrics Convenience and less work with raising children, is a recipe for disaster. Chil dren need conversation with people like them, not SIRI or ALEXA. These man made devices are the very things that are disconnecting our youth from the world as well as other human beings. Dinners are less appreciated because everyone i so tied into the virtual world.

This year, is the year of the child. This year will demonstrate the love and at fection that is needed for our children to be successful boys and girls, and men and women. We cannot conveniently raise our children. We cannot take the east route to get the results we want as care givers, big sisters and brothers and as par

While it is true that we are what we eat, it is also true that our children are what we teach. —Paishance Welch

Notice of Spring Primary and Sample Ballots February 20, 2018

OFFICE OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE:

Notice is hereby given of a spring primary election to be held in the City of Milwaukee on February 20, 2018, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote, and fill in the oval next to the write-in line.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("Automark") to mark an **optical scan** ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the keypad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in casting his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

If the voter spoils an **optical scan** ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After Marking the Ballot

After an official **optical scan** ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter

A sample of the official ballot is included with this notice.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Penn Tim Pos

Tim Posnanski

Rick Baas

George Christenson Milwaukee County Clerk Official Primary Ballot Nonpartisan Office February 20, 2018 Papeleta Oficial Primaria Oficina no Partidista 20 de febrero 2018

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

Aviso a los Votantes: Esta papeleta podría ser inválida a menos que contenga las iniciales de 2 inspectores electorales. Si usted vota en ausencia, la papeleta debe contener las iniciales del secretario municipal o del secretario suplente. (Vea al otro lado para las iniciales.)

Instructions / Instrucciónes

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this:

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this:

Si comete un error en su papeleta o si tiene alguna pregunta, pide a un inspector electoral en busca de ayuda. (Votantes Ausentes: Comuníquese con el secretario municipal)

Para votar por un nombre en la papeleta, llene el óvalo junto al nombre, de esta manera:

Para votar por un nombre que no está en la papeieta, escriba el nombre en la linea "por escrito" y llene el o valo junto al nombre, de esta manera:

Judicia!/Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court Juez de la Corte Suprema Vote for 1 / Vote por 1

Rebecca DalletMichael Screnock

○ Tim Burns

o write-in: / por escrito:

Official Primary Ballot Papeleta Oficial Primaria Nonpartisan Office Oficina no Partidista

> February 20, 2018 20 de febrero 2018 for / por

City of Milwaukee la ciudad de Milwaukee A.D. 9 Ward 1

Ballot Issued by / Papeleta de votación e nitida por

Initials of election inspectors /

Iniciales de inspectores electorales

Absentee ballot issued by /

Papeleta de voto ausente emitida por

Initials of municipal clerk or deputy

clerk (If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.)
Iniciales del secretario municipal o secretario suplente (Si es emetida por SVDs, ambos SVDs deben firmar.)

Certification of Voter Assistance / Certificación de Asistencia Elector

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Certifico que marqué o lei en voz alta esta papeleta bajo la petición y dirección de un elector quien bajo la ley de Wis. Stat. §6.82 tiene la autorización de recibir asistencia.

Signature of assistor / Firma de la persona quien le ayudó

For Official Use Only

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade.

Reason for remaking ballot:

□ Overvoted

DamagedOther

Original Ballot No. or Duplicate Ballot No.

Initials of inenactors who remade ballet

Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court

Vote for 1

Rebecca Dallet

Rebecca Dallet
Michael Screnock
Tim Burns
Write-in:

"My vote is my voice...and the voice of all who struggled, so that I may have my voice."

-Lyida C. Obasi

Make your voice heard February 20 and VOTE!



The Legals/Classifieds/Public Notices

Public Notice

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV001189

In the matter of the name change of: DARREN PATRICK GIESE By (Petitioner) DARREN PATRICK GIESE and By (Co-Petitioner) NICOLE **ROSE GIESE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: DARREN PATRICK GIESE To: DARREN PATRICK ESPIL Birth Certificate: DARREN PATRICK **GIESE**

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: MARCH 22, 2018 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: 2-9-18

HON. REBECCA F. DALLET Circuit Court Judge 018-043/2-16-23/3-2-2018

BY THE COURT:

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV001277

In the matter of the name change of: MARCUS D. LEE By (Petitioner) CRYSTAL Y. PERRY

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: MARCUS LEE To: ISRAEL AR-MONI PERRY

Birth Certificate: ISRAEL ARMONI

IT IS ORDERED:

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARSHALL B.

MURRAY ROOM 208, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 26, 2018 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 Commu- 018-039/2-16-23/3-2-2018 nity Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 2-13-18 BY THE COURT: HON. MARSHALL B. MURRAY

Circuit Court Judge 018-042/2-16-23/3-2-2018 SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV446

In the matter of the name change of: AVA ROSE HAMPTON By (Petitioner) DESERAE BRANNIN NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: AVA ROSE HAMPTON To: AVA **ROSE BRANNIN**

Birth Certificate: AVA ROSE HAMPTON

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

Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E. TRIG-**GIANO**

ROOM 412, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE:

APRIL 13, 2018 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: 2-6-18 BY THE COURT:

HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge 018-041/2-16-23/3-2-2018

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

NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV001187

In the matter of the name change of: JOYCE ELLEN APPLEWHITE By (Petitioner) JOYCE ELLEN APPLE-WHITE NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JOYCE ELLEN APPLEWHITE To: ABAYGAL JOY LOWE-BEY Birth Certificate: JOYCE ELLEN LOWE IT IS ORDERED:

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

BROSTROM ROOM 413, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE:

MARCH 14, 2018 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: 2-9-18

BY THE COURT: HON. ELLEN BROSTROM Circuit Court Judge 018-040/2-16-23/3-2-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000786

In the matter of the name change of: JANNA YVETTE EPPERSON By (Petitioner) JANNA YVETTE EP-**PERSON** NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JANNA YVETTE EPPERSON To: JANNA YVETTE SMALL Birth Certificate: JANNA YVETTE EP-

PERSON IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit 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: MARCH 5, 2018 TIME: 2:00 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: 1-29-18

BY THE COURT: HON. STEPHANIE G. ROTHSTEIN Circuit Court Judge

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000550

In the matter of the name change of: **APRIL JO POTTER** By (Petitioner) APRIL JO POTTER

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: APRIL JO POTTER To: KAM-

BER JO POTTER Birth Certificate: APRIL JO POTTER 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: MARCH 1, 2018 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: 1-19-18 BY THE COURT: HON. REBECCA F. DALLET Circuit Court Judge 018-038/2-16-23/3-2-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV013767

In the matter of the name change of: **ERIANA NEWELL** By (Petitioner) DEQUANA MONTOI BOSTICK

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ERIANA LASHAY NEWELL To: ERIANA LASHAY NEWELL BOSTICK Birth Certificate: ERIANA LASHAY NEWELL

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: MARCH 6, 2018 TIME: 10:00 AM

Judge's Name: HON. ELLEN IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Circuit Court Judge

018-037/2-9-16-23-2018

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: 1-24-18 BY THE COURT: HON. REBECCA F. DALLET

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV013765

In the matter of the name change of: CHAKARIANA HOPSON By (Petitioner) DEQUANA MONTOI **BOSTICK** NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CHAKARIANA DEAJANISE ZA'KIYYA HOPSON To: CHAKARIANA DEAJANISE ZAKIYYA JONES Birth Certificate: CHAKARIANA DEA-JANISE ZA'KIYYA HOPSON

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: MARCH 6, 2018 TIME: 10:00 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: 1-24-18 BY THE COURT:

HON. REBECCA F. DALLET Circuit Court Judge 018-036/2-9-16-23-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 17CV013766

In the matter of the name change of: NYI'FIZZA CRAIG

By (Petitioner) DEQUANA MONTOI BOSTICK

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

From: NYI'FIZZA HASSANA ENAII-JAUEL CRAIG To: NYI'FIZZA ENAII-JAUEL BOSTICK Birth Certificate: NYI'FIZZA HASSANA

ENAIIJAUEL CRAIG 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:

MARCH 6, 2018 TIME: 10:00 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 Commu-

nity Journal, a newspaper published in

Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Dated: 1-24-18 BY THE COURT: HON. REBECCA F. DALLET Circuit Court Judge 018-035/2-9-16-23-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000434

In the matter of the name change of: JAZLYN PA DER YANG By (Petitioner) JENO YANG and By (Co-Petitioner) AMANDA **JEAN** SCHULTZ NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JAZLYN PA DER YANG To: JA-ZLYN PA DER XIONG Birth Certificate: JAZLYN PA DER YANG

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

Judge's Name: HON. CLARE L. **FIORENZA** ROOM 500, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE:

MARCH 15, 2018 TIME: 10:00 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: 1-17-18 BY THE COURT: HON. CLARE L. FIORENZA

Circuit Court Judge

018-034/2-9-16-23-2018

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

NAME CHANGE HEARING

Case No. 18CV000433

In the matter of the name change of: ANONYA GAO SHOUA YANG By (Petitioner) JENO YANG and By (Co-Petitioner) AMANDA SCHULZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ANONYA GAO SHOUA YANG To: ANONYA GAO SHOUA XIONG Birth Certificate: ANONYA GAO SHOUA YANG

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

Judge's Name: HON. ELLEN R. **BROSTROM** ROOM 413, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 15, 2018 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: 1-19-18

BY THE COURT: HON. ELLEN R. BROSTROM Circuit Court Judge 018-033/2-9-16-23-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000432

In the matter of the name change of: JENO YANG

By (Petitioner) JENO YANG NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: JENO YANG To: JENO BOUA YENG XIONG

Birth Certificate: JENO YANG 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:

MARCH 15, 2018 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: 1-17-18 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 018-032/2-9-16-23-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY** DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 18FA008387

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: DANIELLE R. MEYER and Respondent: MICAH G. MEYER THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RE-SPONDENT:

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 delivered to the court at:

Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St., Room 104, Milwaukee WI 53233 and to DANIELLE R. MEYER 423 MARION AVE #2 SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WI 53172.

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 40 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 You are notified of the availability of in-

missioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. §767.105, Information from Circuit

Court Commissioner.

formation from the Circuit Court Com-

(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, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or or

ders. (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 414-278-5362 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE: 2-6-2018 By: DANIELLE MEYER 018-031/2-9-16-23-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000978

In the matter of the name change of: AMIR LARNZELL RUCKER By (Petitioner) TATYANA WHITE NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: AMIR LARNZELL RUCKER To: AMIR LARNZELL WHITE Birth Certificate: AMIR LARNZELL RUCKER IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit

Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM SOS-NAY

ROOM 414, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 16, 2018 TIME: 11:00 AM

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: 2-2-18

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

BY THE COURT: HON. WILLIAM SOSNAY Circuit Court Judge 018-029/2-9-16-23-2018

> SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000811

In the matter of the name change of: MARY DIETRICH STROSIN By (Petitioner) MARY DIETRICH STROSIN NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change

the name of the person listed above:

From: MARY E. DIETRICH STROSIN To: MARY E. STROSIN Birth Certificate: MARY ELLEN BACH-

IT IS ORDERED:

MAN

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON, MARSHALL B.

MURRAY ROOM 208, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 5, 2018 TIME: 9:30 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: 2-3-18 BY THE COURT: HON. MARSHALL B. MURRAY

Circuit Court Judge

018-028/2-9-16-23-2018

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000850

In the matter of the name change of: LATOYA MARQUETTE GARNER By (Petitioner) LATOYA MARQUETTE **GARNER**

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: LATOYA MARQUETTE GAR-NER To: LATOYA MARQUETTE

Birth Certificate: LATOYA MAR-QUETTE GARNER IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of

JONES

Wisconsin Judge's Name: HON. CLARE L **FIORENZA** ROOM 500, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

Dated: 1-30-18

BY THE COURT:

Circuit Court Judge

HON. CLARE L. FIORENZA

MARCH 14, 2018 TIME: 2:30 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.

018-027/2-2-9-16-2018 SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

In the matter of the name change of: STEPHANIE MARIE SCHOLZ By (Petitioner) STEPHANIE MARIE SCHOLZ

Case No. 18CV000594

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: STEPHANIE MARIE SCHOLZ To: AUGUST AVERY SCHOLZ Birth Certificate: STEPHANIE MARIE SCHOLZ IT IS ORDERED:

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

Judge's Name: HON. JOHN DIMOTTO ROOM 401, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 7, 2018 TIME: 1:30 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: 1-22-18 BY THE COURT: HON. JOHN DIMOTTO

Circuit Court Judge

018-026/2-2-9-16-2018



The Legals/Classifieds/Public Notices



SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE-40101 Case No. 17FA005208

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: MONIQUE J. DAVIS 5324 N 48TH STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53218 and Respondent: MICHAEL JUDGE MILLS 2314 N 44TH STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53210

PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RE-SPONDENT: You are notified that your spouse has

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE

filed a lawsuit or other action against you. The Petition, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal

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 Clerk of Courts 821 W State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233 Room 14.

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.

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NOTICE

Milwaukee Public Schools is requesting proposals for Fire Alarm System Testing and Electric/Magnetic Release Fire Door Testing and Inspection Services. Project scope, proposal requirements and guidelines may be obtained 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 0%

The minimum Student Participation requirements for this contract are: Paid Employment: 0 Hours

Educational Activities: 10 Hours

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the office of Division of Facilities and Maintenance Services at 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, WI at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 23, 2018. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference is strongly encouraged. A written response of the questions asked at this conference will be issued by way of an addendum to all firms registered as receiving a copy of this RFP. All other questions should be submitted in writing to Mark Bethel of Milwaukee Public Schools' Facilities and Maintenance Services to DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or fax number (414) 283-4682. 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. Only questions submitted in writing prior to 4:00 PM on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 will be answered. No questions will be answered after that date and time. These responses will be documented by way or addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.

Submit all proposals to Mr. Mark Bethel, Project Specialist of Design and Construction, Facilities and Maintenance Services, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233 no later than 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 07, 2018.

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Darienne B. Driver, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING TECHNICIAN

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has a summer position for an engineering, natural resources, environmental science, or biology student with an interest in watershed restoration and planning. The Commission conducts watershed planning activities for the seven-county Southeastern Wisconsin Region. Work efforts will predominantly entail field work related to the regional chloride impact study.

Responsibilities will include monitoring equipment installation, onsite field data collection, data acquisition, and data entry and analysis. Experience and/or class work in environmental sciences, natural resources planning, or aquatic or terrestrial biology is preferred. The ability to work outdoors in all types of weather and traverse rugged terrain through fields and along streambanks is required. Knowledge of Microsoft Office products, ArcMap GIS software, and using a handheld GPS unit is preferable.

The position will begin at the end of the 2018 school year and run through August 2018.

Please submit cover letter and resume by March 30, 2018 to:

Ms. Elizabeth A. Larsen, Assistant Director - Administration Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

P.O. Box 1607

W239N1812 Rockwood Drive Waukesha, WI 53187-1607 Phone: (262) 547-6721 Fax: (262) 547-1107

E-mail: elarsen@sewrpc.org www.sewrpc.org

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> DATE: 8-22-2017 By: MONIQUE J. DAVIS 018-025/2-2-9-16-2018

> > SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 18CV000720

court date. Please not that the court

does not provide transportation.

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

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CHRISTINE SMITH To: QUEEN CHRISTINE JACKSON Birth Certificate: CHRISTINE JACK-

SON IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. MARY E. TRIG-

GIANO ROOM 412, PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: APRIL 9, 2018 TIME: 9:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

018-024 /2-9-16-23-2018

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: 1-25-18 BY THE COURT: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO Circuit Court Judge

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Walk-Through Date: (Not Mandatory) Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 8:00AM

Bid Date: Friday, March 2, 2018 at 2:00PM

Catalyst Construction ATTN: Kathryn Sullivan 833 E Michigan St #1000 Milwaukee, WI 53202 Email:

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SPECIALIST - BIOLOGIST

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), the regional planning agency for the seven county greater Milwaukee area, is seeking a Specialist-Biologist in water and natural resources management. The successful candidate's primary responsibilities will include field work, water quality evaluations, technical and statistical analyses, technical writing, and project management. Field duties may include leading field crews, field work logistics and planning, gathering water quality and lake ecology field data, fisheries and stream habitat surveys, and fish passage investigations.

Experience or familiarity with PC software for database development and analysis (R statistical software or equivalent), ArcGIS for resource mapping, and all Microsoft products is highly desirable. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are critical to success in this position. A Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, Aquatic Sciences, Natural or Water Resources or a closely related field with three (3) years of related work experience is preferred. An advanced degree with course work in limnology, stream ecology, hydrology, statistics, chemistry or fisheries with at least one year supervisory experience is desirable.

SEWRPC is an equal opportunity employer/affirmative action employer. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Please send resume by March 2, 2018, to:

Ms. Elizabeth A. Larsen SEWRPC Business Manager

P.O. Box 1607 Waukesha, WI 53187-1607

Phone: (262) 547-6721 Fax: (262) 547-1103 e-mail: elarsen@sewrpc.org

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT THE MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

The Milwaukee Community Journal, Inc. has expanded its services to the greater Milwaukee community with the publishing of legal notices in the Weekend Edition. As a qualified provider of the publication of legal notices, MCJ will serve city, county and state offices for publishing community notifications. Such notifications include:

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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. Our 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 is over the 1000 required by State Statute.

About the Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ)

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's stockholders are Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo (95%) and Mikel Holt (5%) respectively; and is current in filing by the State of Wisconsin, effective 9/2016.

Oprah for President?

Either way we would win, even if the Democratic Party loses the 2020 election, since we would spark a restructuring of the party, which would finally have to realize our importance, and address some of our

But the true value of the independent party would extend far beyond a political shake up of the status quo. It would be a major step in freeing Black America from the shackles of a two-party system and a dependency that has kept us in political bondage.

As most of the great Black leaders—from Malcolm to Martin to the other Martin—have said to deaf ears over the decades, we will never reach the promised land of equality, justice and empowerment as long as someone else is steering the boat, or conducting the freedom train.

I think most of us understand that fact, but we are afraid to step out of the shadows.

We have remained blind to reality for so long, we have become comfortable simply waiting for the unfulfilled promises for justice, equality and economic parity.

We're even so naïve that we believe the Democratic Party is going to end racism, even though my adoescent grandchildren know you can't legislate attitudes. Nor will those who benefit from privilege be willing to give up the perks, despite all of their rhetoric to the contrary.

I understand the rationale of most Black Democratic Party voters (few of us are actually members of the party) that they are the only "game" in town, and the most defined and established alternative to the GOP. I also understand the party's championship of programs for the poor and well-meaning rhetoric of missionaries who present themselves as our friends and benefactors.

But all is not as it seems.

This is all a mirage, a game orchestrated by the 1% who controls the 90%. There is little doubt in my nind that these are different wings on the same bird.

In fact, it was Thomas Jefferson—the slave owner who talked about one nation under God and the equality of mankind—who helped form the Democratic-Republican Party.

Since it is Black History Month, recall that the "first black" (small b) president, Bill Clinton, championed issues usually linked to Republicans. He ended welfare (throwing those lazy Negras off the public dole), ended affirmative action and created a criminal justice paradigm that has filled up the prisons while de-

And now, look at Governor Scott Walker, the conservative, who has engineered a half-billion dollar increase in public education, is pushing a child care credit and restructuring the youth incarceration para-

A Dem acting like a Republican and a Republican acting like a Dem? Why is it so easy and acceptable to make the transition?

Bottom line: Barack Obama was the greatest president of all time, yet Milwaukee's Black male unemployment rate was 56.8% when he was elected, and the poverty rate was the highest in the country. About half of our children graduated from high school, and many of them couldn't read. Eight years later, the poverty rate is actually higher, the jobless rate is about the same and many Black folks don't vote because

A Black independent political party would either allow us to dictate our agenda, or force the existing parties to succumb to our demands. We could seriously address wealth distribution, reparations, and an educational system that is accountable to our needs.

We could force new foreign policies, and treat Africa as an equal instead of an illegitimate stepchild to be exploited and raped.

We could use the party to support other political initiatives like Karen Hunter's Party of Lincoln, and some of the Green Party initiatives.

Of course, this is a pipe dream. Oprah probably won't run, and not because Quincy Jones said she's not

And Black folks—at least the older generation—are afraid to escape the plantation, fearful of the unknown and the free meals and job security (albeit slavery).

Apparently, many of us believe the hype that our children are inferior and therefore can't learn, and that he only way to survive is to accept a housing and food voucher; to move the father out and allow his

I'm not a doctor, and haven't played one on television, but I have diagnosed that Black America is polit-

cally impotent, and the cure for our ED is not Viagra, which merely perpetuates the condition, but some African herbal remedies. And they are currently being sold on the Oprah mall.

Shem Hotep.

Faith and the NFL

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chaplain. "Pro sports," argues Shirl Hoffman, a professor of sports science, gain much from ministries that "keep athletes on the right track" and stop them from using drugs and "living lives that would diminish their competitiveness." Professional sports need to promote their wholesome character, and "nothing does that like religion."

Others counter that Christianity's impact on the NFL is largely negative. In "The Slave Side of Sunday," Anthony Prior contends that their faith makes players submissive to their coaches, desensitizes them to the game's injustices, and encourages to accept the status quo. He argues further that Bible studies and chapels divide teams into two camps—participants and nonparticipants—a charge refuted by many chaplains, including two I interviewed recently, and Christian players. Prior also insists that some players attend religious services to help them make the roster, but if they do, they pack their Bibles away and pull them out again only if they are injured.

Many others, especially evangelicals, are thrilled about the large numbers of vocal Christians playing in professional sports. K-Love, a nationwide Christian radio network, is playing clips of Pederson's and Foles' interviews. Many Christians contend that God uses these sports stars to evangelize the unsaved, explains James Mathisen, co-author of "Muscular Christianity: Evangelical Protestants and the Development of American Sport."

Most Christian coaches, players, and chaplains concur that God does not care which team wins or loses and that praying for victory is inappropriate. Athletes who pray to win, former Steeler chaplain Jay Wilson argues, are immature Christians. Instead, they should ask God to help them do their best, compete according to biblical moral standards, and develop better character. Chaplain often pray that athletes play with integrity and to do their best, honor God by how they play, and avoid injury.

Concerns about concussions, drug usage, and acts of domestic violence and sexual assault committed by players plague both the NFL and major college football programs, leading many to demand reform and some to advocate abolishing the sport all together. Nevertheless, the NFL is America's most popular sports league, and almost 43 percent of Americans say that either college or professional football is their favorite sport. The religious commitment of many coaches and players, on prominent display at this year's Super Bowl pre-game activities and post-game cerebration, will undoubtedly continue to strongly impact the NFL in years to come. —Dr. Gary Scott Smith is the retired chair of the history department at Grove City College and is a fellow for faith and politics with The Center for

Vision & Values.



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