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Newspapers

[Wisconsin Weekly Blade](#) (1916 - 1922)

Continued by [Wisconsin Enterprise-Blade](#) (1925 - 1943)

[Milwaukee Globe](#) (1948 - 1949)

[Milwaukee Sepian](#) (1951 - 1951)

[Beacon](#) (1953)

Continued by [Rocket](#) (1953 - 1953)

[Milwaukee Defender](#) (1957 - 1958)

[Milwaukee Star](#) [founded 1961] (1963 - 1968)

Continued by [Greater Milwaukee Star](#) (1968 - 1972)

Continued by [Your Greater Milwaukee Star](#) (1971)

Continued by [Milwaukee Star-Times](#) (1971 - 1976)

Continued by [Milwaukee Star](#) (1976 - 2005)

[Soul City Times](#) (1968 - 1971) [Absorbed by *Milwaukee Star* to form *Milwaukee Star-Times* in 1971]

* [Milwaukee Courier](#) (1964 - present)

Website: <http://milwaukeecourieronline.com/>

[Echo](#) (1966 - 1986)

Index available: *Index to Echo, 1966-1986*, [016.305896 W727](#), at Periodicals Reference Desk

[Harambee Community Shopper](#) (1973 - 1976), published by the Parent Board at Harambee Community School

* [Milwaukee Community Journal](#) (1976 - present)

Website: <http://www.communityjournal.net/>

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* [*Milwaukee Times*](#) (1985 - present)
Website: <http://milwaukeetimesnews.com/>
Continues [*Christian Times*](#) (1984 - 1985)

[*Pambana*](#) (1991 - 1992)

Magazines

[*Harambee Speaks: News from the Harambee Ombudsman Project*](#) (1977 –1993)

[*Black Excellence*](#) (1977 - 1979)
Continued by [*Excellence*](#) (1979 - 1990)

[*Midwest Sports Page*](#) (1984 - 1985)

[*African-American Voice*](#) (1995 - 1997)

Background and History

For more information on the history of African American newspapers in Milwaukee and Wisconsin, see:

McBride, Genevieve G. and Stephen R. Byers. "The First Mayor of Black Milwaukee: J. Anthony Josey." [*Wisconsin Magazine of History*](#), 91:2 (Winter 2007-2008). p. 2-15.
[[article online at Wisconsin Historical Society website](#)]

Suggs, Henry Lewis, ed. *The Black Press in the Middle West, 1865-1985*. Greenwood Press, 1996. [071.7 B627](#)

See also:

Byers, Stephen R. "Diverse Community, Diverse Newspapers: How Milwaukee's Black Press Reflected Its Diversity, 1968-2002." PhD diss., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2004.
[Details at UWM Libraries website](#)