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Parents share 'recipe for success' in raising collegiate sons, high achieving daughter



John C. Dove Jr. and his wife Rhonda Caldwell Dove of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, are proud to share their recipe to success while raising three black boys to the ranks of successful, young college men and their youngest child, Riley, 12. Riley, who is the "baby sister" in the family and like her older siblings is also an academic high-achiever. The Doves stress the importance of a two-parent home and a faith-based environment. Photo from left: Father, John C. Dove Jr.; sons Jordan Dove, 20; Julian Dove, 22; Jared Dove, 1; daughter Riley Dove, 12 and mother, Rhonda Caldwell Dove on far right. (See article on page 10) Courtesy Photo

Broadway and singing sensation Cynthia Erivo headlines BSO Gala

By Stacy M. Brown

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) will present a dazzling program of Broadway hits and orchestral favorites for its 2018 Gala Concert.

The Orchestra will perform Strauss's "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks" and selections from Gershwin's "An American in Paris." But perhaps just as exciting, the gala will feature a performance by Cynthia Erivo, who has gained global acclaim for her role in the hit Broadway revival of "The Color Purple."

Among the numbers the Tony and Grammy award winner will perform are popular hits like "Don't Rain on My Parade," and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

"I've never performed in Baltimore before," Erivo said. "[However], the audiences can expect to enjoy themselves and I've picked a couple of different numbers that you probably wouldn't expect me to do. I hope they can connect with me and have some fun and I think

they will have a lot of fun and I want them to not just feel good but I want to sound good."

Currently, Erivo is playing the female lead in the Fox television feature film, "Bad Times at The El Royale," starring opposite of Jeff Bridges and Chris Hemsworth.

She recently wrapped up filming the Lionsgate feature, "Chaos Walking," with a cast featuring Mads Mikkelsen, Tom Holland, Daisy Ridley and David Oyelowo.

In 2017, she filmed her feature debut in Steve McQueen's "Widows," with Oscar winner Viola Davis.

"It's been busy. Many things are happening that are surprising and wonderfully exciting, and it's been kind of crazy in between, because I have had different performances in Los Angeles and at the Kennedy Center," Erivo said.

When asked where she draws her inspiration, she answered from her mother.

"My mom inspires me the way she raised me and the way that she's one of those women who works really hard and



Cynthia Erivo performing in the Broadway revival of "The Color Purple"
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seems to be able to achieve whatever she wants," Erivo said. "She has the kindest heart and always makes me feel that I'm doing work that I'm meant to be."

Erivo says she also uses Viola Davis and superstar Barbra Streisand as "templates of what she wants to achieve in life."

She is looking forward to the gala and performing with BSO, which is internationally recognized as having achieved a preeminent place among the world's most important orchestras.

Acclaimed for its enduring pursuit of artistic excellence, the BSO has attracted

a devoted national and international following while maintaining deep bonds throughout Maryland with innovative education and community outreach initiatives.

The BSO made musical history in September 2007, when Maestra Marin Alsop led her inaugural concerts as the Orchestra's 12th music director, making her the first woman to head a major American orchestra.

"It'll be lots of fun!" she said.

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Guest Editorials/Letters

"Environmentalism" shouldn't be a dirty word for Republicans

By Loras Holmberg

Is there a more despised word among Republicans than "environmentalist?" For many GOP voters, the term conjures up a mental image of tree-hugging socialists hell-bent on regulating our country back to the Stone Age.

That's a shame. The GOP actually boasts a proud history of environmental activism, one grounded in the fundamentally conservative notion that natural resources ought to be preserved.

It's time for Republicans to reclaim that heritage.

Democrats might be the face of modern environmentalism but Republicans started the movement. Teddy Roosevelt was the driving force behind the national park and forest system. Richard Nixon created both the EPA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Republican senators voted in favor of the Clean Air Act, the landmark bill to curb air pollution.

Ronald Reagan once exclaimed, "What is a conservative after all but one who conserves, one who is committed to protecting . . . our rivers and mountains, our plains and meadows and forests . . . this is what we leave to our children."

One threat to our environment is urban sprawl driven by population growth. The United States houses 326 million residents. By 2060, that number will grow to 404 million people.

Cities and suburbs are ballooning, compelling developers to bulldoze lands and habitats. Every three minutes, human activity claims a football-field-sized patch of natural land in the American West.

Texas adds half a million new residents each year and consequently loses about 185 square miles of open space.

In Florida, experts warn that if current trends continue, more than a third of the state's land will be developed by 2070. This threatens Americans.

Consider food prices. In 1982, America had an average of two acres of cropland per resident. That figure is on pace to drop to near one acre by 2050. As food demand rises and supply falls, food prices could skyrocket for millions of families. Farmers will have to increase their use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides to boost crop yields.

Urban sprawl also destroys the unique identity of communities. At its current rate, by 2060 there could be a 400-mile "seamless corridor of urban development" from Raleigh, North Carolina to Atlanta, Georgia.

The Southeast could become one endless series of subdivisions and strip malls.

It's possible to prevent such a future. Local zoning boards could declare certain areas off-limits to development. State governments could redesign tax credits to incentivize sustainable development.

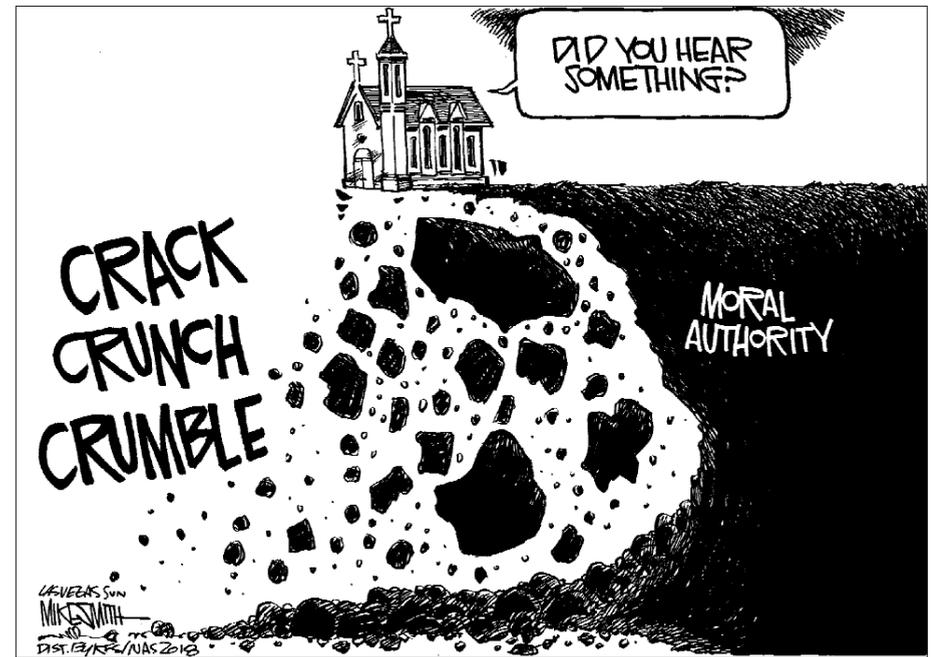
At the national level, conservatives could limit future immigration, which will account for nearly 90 percent of U.S. population growth over the coming half-century.

Scaling back "chain migration," which allows legal immigrants to sponsor an endless chain of non-nuclear family members for green-cards, would drastically slow down growth. Seven in ten immigrants come to America via chain migration.

Trump has already proposed ending chain migration. Congressional Republicans should see this effort through.

"Environmentalism" doesn't have to be a dirty word. By preserving open spaces and implementing common-sense immigration reforms, conservatives can return to their roots and preserve open spaces for future generations.

Loras Holmberg works as an accountant. He spends his free time as a conservation activist, specifically on issues of human population growth.



Letters to the Editor:

Editor

Re: Ron Dellums

He was a Marine, a mayor and a member of Congress for 13 terms, but to animals and their advocates, Ron Dellums was a hero. He was fearless in fighting injustice, from apartheid to the Vietnam War, and he was way ahead of nearly everyone else in Congress when, in 1992, he called for a halt to animal experimentation in the military.

We remembered him last year when the U.S. Coast Guard switched from animals to simulators and declared an end to shooting, stabbing and killing goats and pigs in training exercises.

While chair of the House Armed Services Committee, Dellums directed the Government Accounting Office to conduct a review of every military experiment involving animals. Prompted by "disturbing questions about the necessity, ethical propriety, oversight and

quality of the military's experiments on animals," Dellums pushed the military to promote non-animal testing.

During one hearing in 1992, Dellums commented, "I was just sitting here listening, and I was trying to take out the term 'animal rights movement' and put in 'civil rights movement' or 'peace movement.' . . . I was part of the peace movement and part of the civil rights movement. You know what we heard? 'The majority of people don't support you.' . . . I would imagine that at one point . . . the majority of people would have said, 'We agree [the world] is flat.' That did not make it right."

Dellums was a person of integrity, honor and vision. He will be missed.

Ingrid E. Newkirk

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I fought for our country, now NFL players are kneeling for me

By Samuel Innocent

I'm a veteran of the U.S. Army. So it may come as a surprise that the day I read about NFL players kneeling during the national anthem, I could not have been prouder. I was proud because after serving my country for seven years, it felt like someone was finally looking out for me.

As someone who served as a sergeant in Afghanistan, only to take a civilian job helping veterans upon returning home, I fully understand patriotism. I work hard to embody it every day. That's precisely why I think it's so important to stop mischaracterizing Colin Kaepernick's movement as unpatriotic. Players are not kneeling to protest the national anthem, as they've explained time and time again. They are kneeling to say that the ways in which police officers and the criminal justice system treat African-Americans—people like me and my family—constitutes a national crisis.

I'm grateful for the players' decision to take a knee. Because when many people set eyes on me, the first thing they see isn't someone who may have missed his

sister's wedding, lost his father, and buried several friends during his tour of duty. They don't see a former combat medic who'd risked his life for their country or a man whose seven years of honorable service didn't include a moment to grieve. Instead of a veteran, they see a Black man first and foremost. And in 2014, police saw a potential criminal.

The awakening came only a few years

ago. I remember the day I was identified that they saw my veteran status at the top of it. Finally, the degrading and unwarranted search came to an end. They told me to have a nice day.

A part of me wanted to dismiss what had just happened to me as an isolated incident. But I knew that this practice disproportionately occurred in poorer neighborhoods and overwhelmingly targeted young black men.

A report by the New York Civil Liber-

ties Union showed that innocent New Yorkers were subjected to stop-and-frisk tactics more than 5 million times since 2002, with people of color comprising the vast majority. These racially discriminatory NYPD stops were ruled unconstitutional in 2013, but this year officials revealed that Black New Yorkers were still 8 times more likely than white residents to be arrested for low-level marijuana charges, despite the groups using it as similar rates.

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after leaving the Army and returning home to my beloved New York. I'd enrolled in college, one of the major steps for reintegrating back into society after service. My new dream was to work on local policy.

I commuted daily from the Bronx to Manhattan to attend my classes at City College of New York. One night, during the two-block stroll from the subway to my apartment, New York Police Department officers stopped me in my path. I fit the description of someone who'd just committed a crime, they said.

"What was the crime?" I asked. They said they couldn't tell me. When I asked if the description was for someone who looked like me—someone wearing a shirt and tie—they said I would have to call the station to find out. I was then put against a wall and searched. I felt humiliated and helpless.

It was only when they asked for my

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“Last year, a journalistic investigation found that black people were shot more often than white people by police, although black people were less likely to be found with a weapon.”

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Words have power!

By Nikki Abraham, Nucleus Team Member, Positively Caviar, Inc.

“I said what I said,” is a quote made famous by Nene Leakes on a Real Housewives of Atlanta reunion special. While this statement was made in an explosive moment, it has taught me one thing—always be unapologetic. Say what you mean and mean what you say. It’s so important that your thoughts align with your words. Many times people will encourage you to take back what was said or put words in your mouth. It’s very important to stand up for yourself. Never backtrack, own your stance with pride and confidence.

Speak your truth. In 2006, Tarana Burke founded the “me too” movement to help survivors of sexual violence, particularly young women of color from low-income communities find pathways to healing. The #MeToo hashtag spread virally on social media in an attempt to demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, especially in the workplace. This movement

is so important in today’s day and age simply because a voice was given to women who were previously afraid to speak out about traumatizing situations. With the power of words, abusers were forced to take accountability for their actions and an over abundance of victims were encouraged to move forward with their healing process.

Be unapologetic. About four years ago, Pantene came out with an ad, “Sorry Not Sorry.” The company stated in the videos description, “Sure, it’s polite to say ‘sorry’ sometimes, but for everything? No way. Be confident and #ShineStrong.” They also added, “As women, we weaken our own strength (in ways men never do) at work, at home, and during moments in between. Sorry is more than just one, little, reflex word.”

Prior to seeing this ad and implementing it in my own life, I was the exact same way. I would literally apologize for everything in an attempt to make other people more comfortable instead of “shining strong” and being confident in my words. “Sorry not sorry” encouraged



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me to change this habit and taught me the importance of standing firm in my own words and beliefs.

Words have meaning. The powerful Netflix series, “13 Reasons Why,” touches on several topics shining a much-needed light on teen bullying. In 2016, more than one out of every five students reported being bullied, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Unfortunately, the rise in popularity of social media has created cyberbullying, a heinous form of bully-

ing which makes it easier for people to hide behind a screen, remaining anonymous while sending out damaging comments. People must start to understand and realize the power of their words and the toll that their words may have on other human beings and start to use their voice for something that matters.

I can’t express enough the importance of using your words wisely. Your words have the power to either create positive change or to be extremely damaging. Think before you speak and if you have nothing of substance to say it’s probably better to keep your thoughts to yourself.” How will you use your words?

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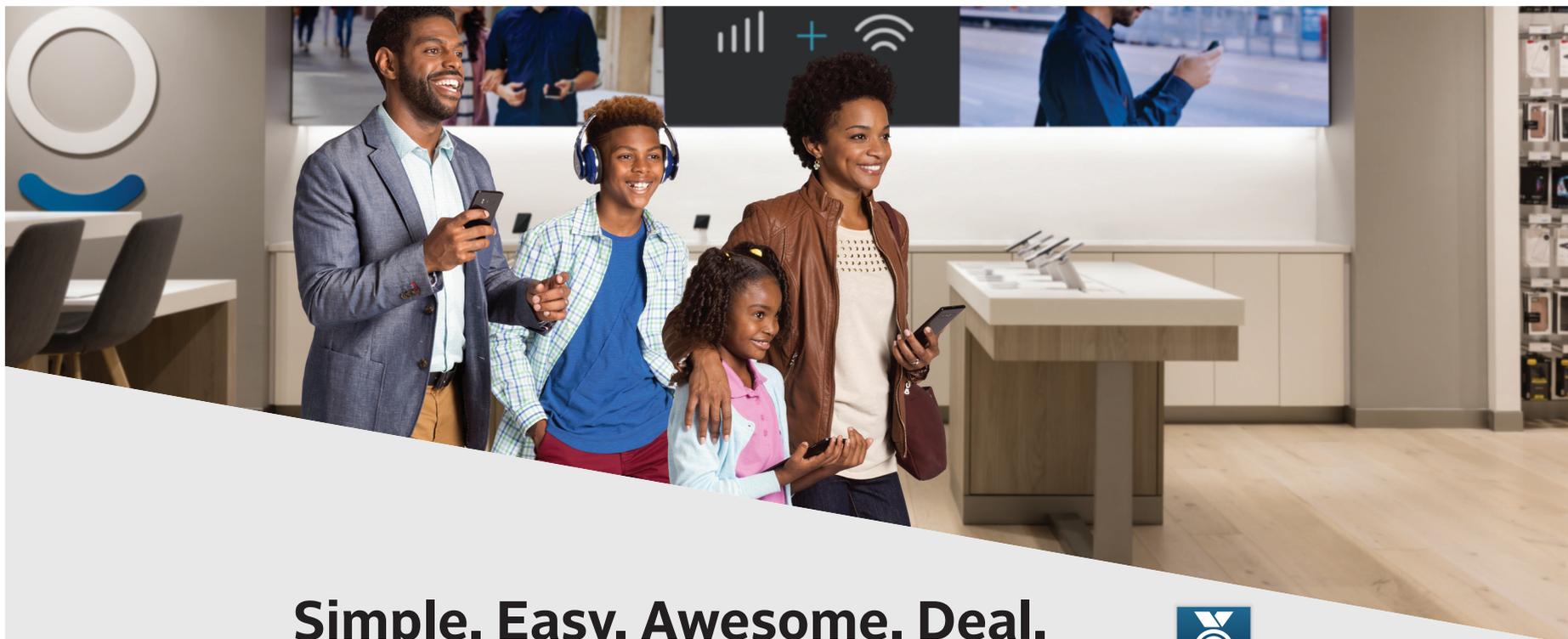
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Love is Respect:

Tips for spotting and avoiding dating abuse

Annapolis— On your way to college or already getting settled in? In addition to Ramen noodles, towels and textbooks, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) wants college students to be prepared with something else— information about how to spot dating abuse or violence and what to look for in a healthy relationship.

"The line between love and abuse can sometimes get blurred," said GOCCP Executive Director V. Glenn Fueston, Jr. "We want to help students sort out which is which so that they will know the difference and have information needed to spot a questionable relationship."

Dating abuse, as defined by the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and their project "loveisrespect," is a pattern of destructive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner. That pattern usually involves a series of abusive behaviors over a course of time.

The hotline has been on the front lines answering more than four million calls from people affected by dating abuse and domestic violence since 1996.

These are some of the warning signs of dating abuse:

- Checking your cell phone or email without permission
- Constantly putting you down
- Extreme jealousy or insecurity
- Explosive temper
- Isolating you from family or friends
- Making false accusations
- Mood swings
- Physically hurting you in any way
- Possessiveness
- Telling you what to do
- Pressuring or forcing you to have sex



"College students are going through such a transitional stage of life and for some, they are also experiencing intimate relationships for the first time," said Katie Ray-Jones, CEO, National Domestic Violence Hotline and loveisrespect. "Studies show one in three of these relationships contain some form of dating abuse. When something isn't feeling right, we hope college students will contact loveisrespect, where a trained advocate is available, night or day. We are just one call, text or chat away and available as a confidential resource for help 24/7."

"Loveisrespect" provides information and support through online chat at: loveisrespect.org, text (send loveis to 22522*) or by phone 1-866-331-9474.

"We applaud the Governor's Office of Crime and Control and Prevention

as they raise awareness on college campuses about dating abuse and healthy relationships. Loveisrespect is here to help all who are affected by dating abuse," Ray-Jones said.

What is a Healthy Relationship?

Open, honest and safe communication is a fundamental part of a healthy relationship. The first step to building a relationship is making sure you both understand each other's needs and expectations. Being on the same page is very important. That means you have to talk to each other! The following tips can help you and your partner create and maintain a healthy relationship:

- Speak Up— In a healthy relationship, if something is bothering you, it's best to talk about it instead of holding it in.
- Respect Each Other— Your partner's wishes and feelings have value, and so

do yours. Let your significant other know you are making an effort to keep their ideas in mind. Mutual respect is essential in maintaining healthy relationships.

- Compromise— Disagreements are a natural part of healthy relationships, but it's important that you find a way to compromise if you disagree on something. Try to solve conflicts in a fair and rational way.

- Be Supportive— Offer reassurance and encouragement to each other. Also, let your partner know when you need their support. Healthy relationships are about building each other up, not putting each other down.

- Respect Each Other's Privacy— Just because you're in a relationship doesn't mean you have to share everything and constantly be together. Healthy relationships require space.

- Healthy Boundaries— Creating boundaries is a good way to keep your relationship healthy and secure. By setting boundaries together, you can both have a deeper understanding of the type of relationship that you and your partner want. Boundaries are not meant to make you feel trapped or like you're "walking on eggshells."

Creating boundaries is not a sign of secrecy or distrust— it's an expression of what makes you feel comfortable and what you would like or not like to happen within the relationship. Remember, healthy boundaries shouldn't restrict your ability to: go out with your friends without your partner; participate in activities and hobbies you like; not have to share passwords to your email, social media accounts or phone; and respect each other's individual likes and needs.



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The Dove Family:

Parents share 'recipe for success' in raising collegiate sons, high achieving daughter

By Timothy Cox

John C. Dove Jr. and his wife Rhonda Caldwell Dove of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, are proud to share their recipe to success while raising three black boys to the ranks of successful, young college men. The Dove family resides in the Baltimore bedroom community of Gambrills.

Oldest son, Julian Dove, 22, is a recent Penn State graduate, majoring in cyber security and information science technology; Jordan Dove, 20, is a junior soccer player at University Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), studying finance and information science technology. Youngest son, Jared Dove, 18, graduated this year from Severn High School and is currently a first-year basic cadet at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is also on the Academy's soccer team.

Youngest child, Riley Dove, 12, is the "baby sister" in the family and like her older siblings she is also an academic high-achiever. She is currently a 7th grader at Annapolis Area Christian School.

In preparing for her sons' achievement, Mrs. Dove says acknowledgement of family legacy and staying spiritually grounded, has developed a familial competitive aura of high-esteem amongst her young men.

"Kids tend to model what they see and what they hear," said Mrs. Dove, adding that she and her husband of 27 years, John C. Dove Jr., "have always shared stories with our kids about our experiences in school and college— our mistakes, what we learned from those mistakes and our successes. I stress to my kids how their grandmother, Patricia B. Caldwell had to endure as a new teacher when schools were first integrated in Anne Arundel County; how she was bused to high school, attended Bowie Normal School (for blacks) because at the time she was not allowed to attend any college of her choice; and how her brothers and sisters sacrificed and provided her with financial means to attend and complete college.



From left: Father, John C. Dove Jr., Riley Dove, Julian Dove, Jordan Dove, Jared Dove and mother, Rhonda Caldwell Dove. Courtesy Photo

"I've told them about the importance of their education, and never take it for granted, and to remember their grandmother's journey and how she and others paved the way for them to have an equal education despite their ethnic race. I told them that they were just a generation from the out-house."

Mrs. Dove attended Anne Arundel Community College and Towson University and was a committed "stay-at-home mom, until recently. She currently works as an office manager for Infant and Child Loss for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The Doves stress the importance of a two-parent home and faith-based environment.

"We believe that having a strong father figure for both boys and girls makes a significant difference in how they deal with issues during their childhood," said Mr. Dove, a graduate of both the U.S. Naval Academy and the Sellinger School of Business and Management at Baltimore's Loyola University, Maryland. "I believe my children have always watched how I deal with everything that comes along in life— from handling pressures during work life, to tragedies such as death in our extended family. How I've been able to handle life provides a powerful message for our boys to reflect on when it comes to handling and reacting to their own issues."

The ex-Marine currently works as a district medical sales manager for Minnesota-based Medtronic Corporation.

Reverend Herbert Watson, the pastor at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Hanover, Md. has nothing but appreciative words for the Dove family who are longtime parishioners

"It has been one of my great blessings as pastor of St. Mark for 20 years to

have John and Rhonda Caldwell Dove and their family, as members. Their oldest son Julian was the first child I baptized upon my new appointment," he said.

"On that same Sunday, John became a member of St. Mark. They and their family continue to be good and faithful members of our congregation," Pastor Watson continued. "And, it's obvious they have raised their children on a foundation of faith, family and friends."

In addition to her mother, Mrs. Dove also credits her father George Caldwell for laying a solid foundation for his grandchildren to emulate.

"I'm very proud of our grandchildren and of the committed work of my daughter and son-in-law," said Mr. Caldwell, 81, and a retiree of General Motors Baltimore division. His wife is a retired Anne Arundel County schoolteacher.

Mr. Dove's parents have also been influential on their grandchildren. John C. Dove Sr. is a retired U.S. Army Warrant Officer and his wife, Barbara Dove, is a retired nurse. The older Doves live in Huntsville, Alabama.

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Students at Furley Elementary School receive donated backpacks with back-to-school essentials

Comcast Spotlight teamed up Kids In Need Foundation to provide more than 2,600 children across the nation with school supplies to start school year

Baltimore— This back-to-school season, Comcast Spotlight, the advertising sales division of Comcast Cable, joined the Kids In Need Foundation (KINF), a nonprofit that provides free school supplies, to support local communities and donate classroom essentials to more than 2,600 children across the country.

As part of this effort, Comcast Spotlight and KINF donated supplies to more than 500 students from Furley Elementary School in Baltimore. Comcast Spotlight recently visited the school to handout backpacks with notebooks, folders, glue sticks, pencils, crayons, scissors and more.

“Comcast Spotlight’s nationwide effort with the Kids In Need Foundation is one example of how we are committed to improving our communities,” said Erin Pinckney, Comcast Spotlight Senior Marketing Director. “Every child deserves a chance at a bright future. Now 2,600 children will be able to start the school year with resources to help them achieve.”

Comcast Spotlight is also donating backpacks with school supplies to students in Boston; Denver; East Orange, New Jersey and Stockton, California.

“It is important for every child to have access to school supplies, as these resources are a vital part of learning and succeeding now and in the future,” said Michael Miller, Comcast Spotlight Regional Vice President. “Comcast Spotlight is committed to making a positive impact in the markets we serve, including Baltimore, and we are excited to work with the Kids In Need Foundation to equip more than 500 students from Furley Elementary School with the tools to start school prepared.”

“When students have the school supplies they need, our surveys show that class participation, self-esteem and interest in learning increases,” said Renay Dossman, executive director, Kids In Need Foundation. “We want to say thank you to Comcast Spotlight for providing backpacks filled with supplies to so many kids this back-to-school season. Because of Comcast Spotlight, more students will walk into a more equitable learning environment this year.”



(Top, left to right) Comcast Spotlight Senior Marketing Director Erin Pinckney and Regional Vice President Michael Miller along with Furley Elementary School students Ayanna Washington, Destiney Washington, Saniya Washington, Trystan Washington and Madyson Green and Furley Elementary School Assistant Principal Noraida Ankobia. (Above left) A student receives a backpack with school supplies from Comcast Spotlight Regional Vice President Michael Miller. (Above right) Student proudly shows off her backpack filled with school supplies. Comcast Spotlight teamed up with the Kids In Need Foundation to donate backpacks with school supplies to students nationwide including here in Baltimore. Courtesy Photos/Comcast Spotlight

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Campaign launched to encourage African Americans to participate in clinical trials

By Ursula V. Battle

Due to stigmas such as being treated as “experimental guinea pigs,” few African-American patients are willing to look at clinical trials as an option for care. Dr. Adam Metwalli, Chief of the Division of Urology, Department of Surgery at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. says that currently less than five percent of cancer patients overall participate in clinical trials, primarily because they lack awareness.

In August, Advancing Cancer Treatment (ACT) launched an effort, which seeks to change this disparaging statistic. ACT is raising awareness among newly-diagnosed African American cancer patients that clinical trials may be the first-line option, and not the last resort.

ACT is a philanthropic initiative that supports patients’ access to the best in modern cancer treatments. With ACT Leadership Awards, the organization recognizes doctors and other medical professionals who help patients access the best treatment options in modern cancer care through their support of clinical trials and their knowledge and effectiveness in serving their patients.

“Clinical trials are helping more patients survive and experience improved quality of life for many types of cancer,” said Dr. Metwalli, a recipient of the ACT Leadership Award. “Most people erroneously believe that clinical trials are only for patients who have exhausted all other remedies, while the truth is that clinical trials may be the best options for patients with new cancer diagnoses.”

Dr. Metwalli recently completed a term as president of GUMDROP, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization formed to enhance patient outcomes through greater cancer clinical trial awareness.

“GUMDROP promotes local academic institutions in their efforts to accrue to clinical trials,” said Dr. Metwalli. “It was our brainchild to get the institutions together and inform one another as to what we were up to. It was a collegial way for us to help one another. One of the goals of GUMDROP is to educate patients about clinical trials, and why they are so important.”

He added, “At Howard University, it’s



(Left) Dr. Adam Metwalli, Chief of the Division of Urology, Department of Surgery at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. (Right) Cynthia Heath was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer in 2007 at the age of 45. Heath credits her participation in clinical trials with vastly improving her health outcome.

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important because of historical abuses when it comes to African Americans and their disapproval of clinical trials. If they disapprove, they are less likely to participate. There is a pressing need to educate patients about what clinical trials are, why we do clinical trials, and rebuild trust to find the best therapies for patients.”

Clinical trials are research studies that explore whether a medical strategy, treatment or device is safe and effective for humans. These studies also may show which medical approaches work best for certain illnesses or groups of people.

According to ACT, a significant body of evidence shows that clinical trials can improve the patient experience as well as prolong lives, though patients report being reluctant to enroll without a recommendation from their physician. ACT says patients who enroll in clinical trials have more access to medical treatments than patients who enroll in standard therapies alone.

“We have broken down silos, and the work of GUMDROP has helped,” said Dr. Metwalli. “However, we have a ways to go when it comes to clinical trials in the area of oncology. African-Americans are affected by prostate cancer multifold higher than what we are seeing in Caucasians. Why that exists is why we need to have patients participate in clinical trials and help us to answer the question. Some drugs are more favorable in the African-American community. We need to have more participation to find out why they are responding differently, whether better or worse.”

Cynthia Heath, 56, of Bowie, Maryland, was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer in 2007 at the age of 45. She was told her cancer was inoperable and was given one year to live. She is currently participating in an Immunotherapy Clinical Trial utilizing Avelumab PDL-1 antibody at the National Institutes for Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland.

“Being African-American and hearing the horror stories about The Tuskegee Experiment, many blacks don’t participate in clinical trials because of the negative connotations,” Heath said.

“However, if we are not at the table, we aren’t aware of the new drugs coming out. My fear was overcome by the fact that if I was not at the table, I was not helping the community.”

Heath shared this advice.

“I encourage other cancer patients to trust God,” she said. “He is the reason why I am still here. You also have to be your own health advocate. Ask questions, and seek second and third opinions. Clinical trials are not negative, they are positive. It gives us a seat at the table and puts us in a place to get the best possible care.”

For more information about clinical trials, visit <http://www.brownperformance.com/grants/act> and gumpdroptrials.org.



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Former AmeriCorps volunteer new special education teacher at Sudbrook Magnet School

By Stacy M. Brown

Donte Wylie, who worked as a volunteer with an AmeriCorps development initiative in Waverly, is the newest Special Education Math Teacher at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School in Pikesville. He has been assigned to work with the school's special needs students in 6th through 8th grade.

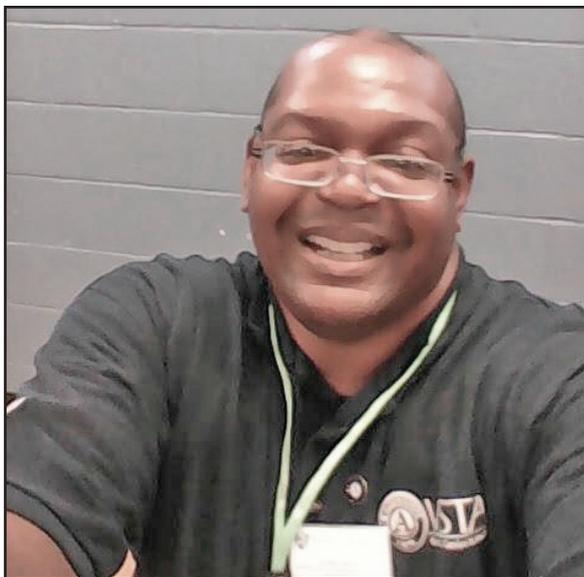
"I teach students in a variety of special needs categories, including developmental disabilities, ADHD, autism spectrum disorder, emotional behavioral disorder, and traumatic brain injury," Wylie said in an email.

A 1992 graduate of Baltimore City College Senior High School who earned a bachelor's of science degree in History in 1999 and a master's in Criminal Justice in 2007 from Coppin State, Wylie earned his teaching license in Special Education in 2016.

"Whatever their challenges, I believe that all of them can embrace the fun and beauty of mathematics, and I'm happy to facilitate that understanding," he said.

In 2016, Wylie earned a MEd in Special Education at Loyola University's School of Education.

After graduating from Loyola, he taught reading and math intervention, social studies and general science, art, and life skills/vocation components at the Chimes School in Northwest Baltimore, which serves students who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, and



Former AmeriCorps volunteer Donte Wylie is the newest special education teacher at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School in Pikesville, Baltimore County.

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co-occurring disabilities.

Later, he signed up for an anti-poverty and youth enhancement initiative with AmeriCorps that was run in tandem with the Johns Hopkins University Center for

Social Concern and the Waverly Improvement Association. In August, Wylie was hired by Sudbrook Middle School.

In addition to his new full time job, Wylie recently joined the newly launched Sylvan In-Home, which provides personalized one-on-one instruction for kindergarten through high school students.

He tutors math, reading, and robotics to 3rd through 12th grade students who live in East Baltimore (including Edison and Belair) and Southeast Baltimore County (including Nottingham and Essex).

"Sylvan In-Home provides a specific, strategic, and custom tailored solution to learning," Wylie said. "What sets the program apart is the mental and emotional confidence and happiness that students develop when they begin to improve and excel. The SylvanSync digital adaptive learning platform, which I use in my sessions, plays a big role in attaining these positive outcomes."

As in all of his work with youngsters, Wylie says he enjoys when his students begin to see results from their hard work.

"Not only is it rewarding to see the children understand the subjects that I'm tutoring, it's also cathartic," Wylie said. "When the techniques that I've learned over the years provide them with the necessary skills and reassurance to help them master what had previously been really difficult for them, we all feel great and we all win."

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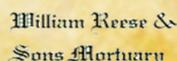
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“Marylanders should always be on guard for the flood of con artists who try to take advantage of consumers after a big storm,” said Attorney General Brian E. Frosh. “Be careful with door-to-door salesmen using high pressure tactics to get your hard-earned money. I urge all Marylanders to get informed about the possibility of scams related to storm recovery, and to take steps to avoid falling victim to these deceptive tactics.”

Some of the most common scams that occur before and after natural disasters involve charities, insurance and clean-up/repair services. Charity scams take advantage of your generosity by asking for donations that will never reach those actually in need. Insurance scams play on homeowners’ fears, usually by calling and warning that flood insurance premiums are due just prior to a storm hitting the area. Clean-up/debris re-

moval and home repair scams tend to offer quick and cheap service, but may not deliver on those promises or are unable or unlicensed to perform the service they are offering.

Be especially careful of the “storm-chaser” scam, not to be confused with storm-chasers who pursue severe weather events for curiosity or scientific reasons. Storm-chaser scammers are contractors who descend on storm-ravaged areas and have homeowners sign extremely vague contracts while they are overwhelmed by the damage to their homes. These contracts do not have a scope of work or price, and usually commit the homeowner to use that contractor for whatever work and price their insurance company determines. If the consumer does not use them, they have to pay a large buyout fee. Some of these contractors may not complete the work or may use cheap materials and shabby craftsmanship. To avoid falling victim, you should get repair quotes from multiple sources, check the contractor’s references, and confirm that they are licensed and registered to work in your area.

Protect yourself with information about the dangers of scams related to natural disasters. The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General offers several publications online, including Home Repair Scams and Donating to Charities, that can help you identify legitimate organizations and businesses and keep you safe from scams and swindlers. If you feel that you have been victimized by a scam, you can file a complaint online at www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov or call the Consumer Protection Division at 410-528-8662.

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The daughter, of the late Ida L. Curtis and Charles R. Curtis, Sr., she spent winter months in Washington, D.C. living with her grand aunt, Augustus Bennett, aka "Aunt Guss" and Uncle Henry Bennett, aka "Uncle Bennett." She attended Dunbar

High School in Washington, D.C., Centera tradition carried over from her mother, Ida, who as a young girl attended a private boarding school while living with her aunt and uncle after the death of her mother in Sumpter, South Carolina.

Upon graduating from Dunbar H.S in D.C., Doris attended Morgan State University where she met Earl Cidel Arvin, Sr. aka "Big CT," a student at Howard University Law school at a school function in Baltimore. They fell in love and married, disrupting their education briefly to rear a family of three children: Gail A. Kromah; the late Myra Jo Arvin; and Earl Hamam Musheer, formerly, Earl Cidel Jr., aka "Little CT."

While rearing her family during the 1950s to 1959, in the Cherry Hill Community in South Baltimore, she was very involved with the education of her children as a substitute teacher for the BCPSS and was encouraged to pursue a teaching career, that commenced with part-time college courses at Coppin State University, formerly Coppin State Teacher's College, until she and the family moved to KoKo Lane, in the now Panway-Braddish Ave Community. Shortly afterwards she enrolled full-time in Coppin State University, where she matriculated in 1964 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education.

She was able to do this with the support of her immediate family, especially her two teenage daughters who were trained to do what was needed to run the household, relieving their mother of her motherly responsibilities, for time to focus on studying at home with former colleagues or at other destinations. She also continued working her seasonal job during the Christmas holiday for the U.S. Postal Service, from the 1950s until she was hired as an elementary school teacher in Westport and one other location for close to 20 years. She was recognized as a model teacher for first graders. She believed strongly in developing a strong foundation and was known to nourish and guide children from various ethnic groups, as her own.

During her 20-year teaching career, she also acquired a Master of Arts degree in Reading, to better understand learning disabilities of the students that she taught. At the age of 70, she came out of retirement to work at the former John Eager Howard Elementary School in Reservoir Hill, as a kindergarten teacher's aid. Shortly afterwards, she was promoted to office assistant, due to her "kind and loving spirit," according to her principal, Sandra Ashe, who was transferred to Rosemont Elementary/Middle School. Throughout her final retirement life, she was a private nanny until she was no longer able. "The Epitome of Unconditional Love! "

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