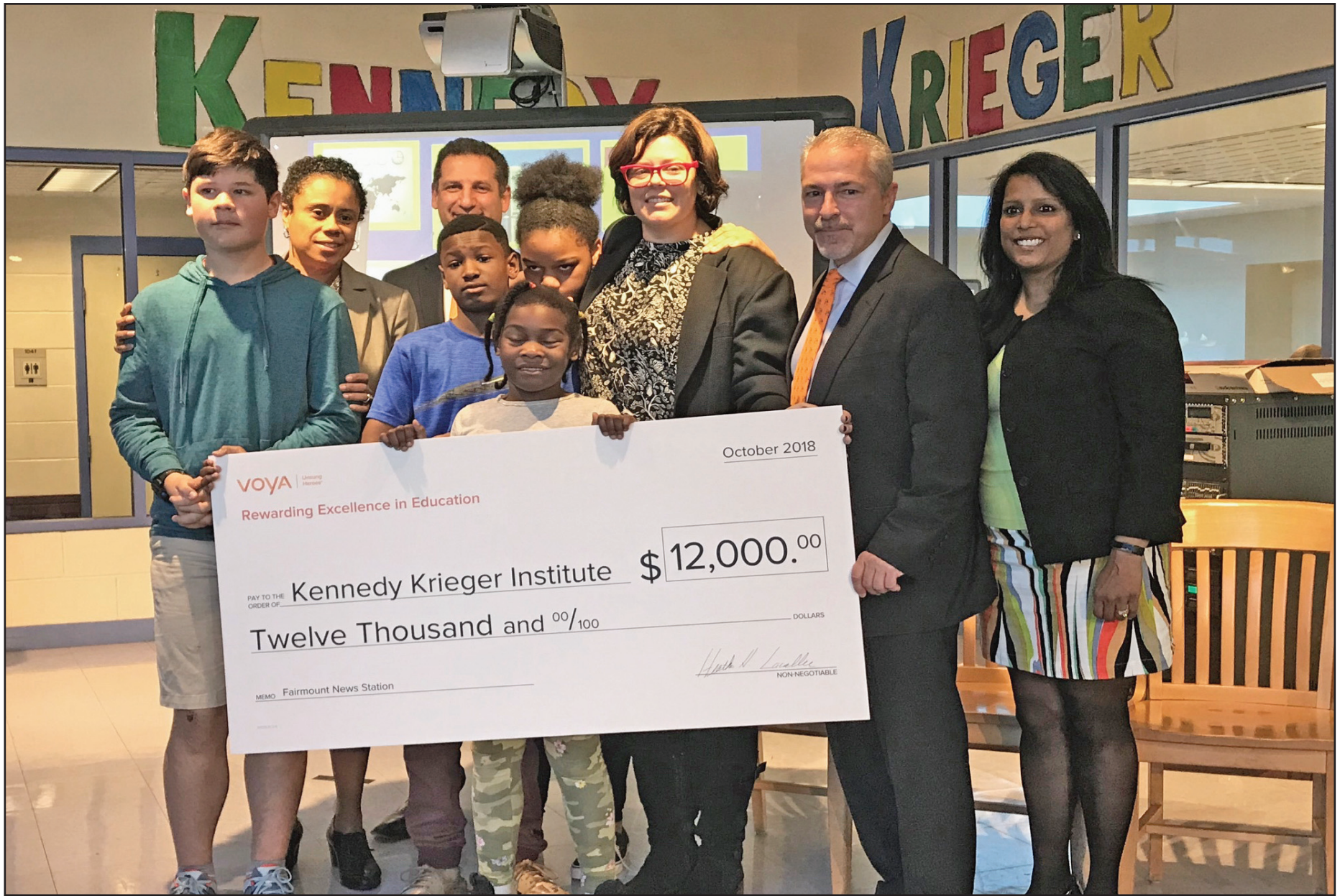


Baltimore educator wins second-place Voya Unsung Heroes award



Students from the Kennedy Krieger School: Fairmont Campus stand proudly with assistant principal, Deidre Rabuck, a 2018 Voya Unsung Heroes grant award recipient after a school celebration on Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Adults include (left to right) advisor Alicia Kong, Voya's Mark Jackowitz, Deidre Rabuck (center), Voya's 2018 Unsung Heroes program second-place \$12,000 grant award winner, along with Doug Peters and Sarala Katta of Voya Financial. Through the Unsung Heroes program, Voya awards grants to 100 K-12 educators across the country each year to support their innovative and creative teaching ideas. (Story on page 8)

Courtesy Photo/Voya Financial

Ackneil M. Muldrow, II Passes Away at 80

By Ursula V. Battle

Prominent businessman and former president of the Development Credit Fund

The Baltimore Times is saddened to announce the passing of Ackneil M. Muldrow, II. A Memorial Service for Muldrow, who was 80, will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018 at the March Life Tribute Center located at 5616 Old Court Rd, in Windsor Mill, MD. The Family Hour will begin at 9 a.m., with a Memorial Service to follow at 11 a.m.

At the time of his passing, Muldrow was employed with The Baltimore Times. His long and storied business career included serving as the president of the Development Credit Fund, Inc. Muldrow served as chief administrator of a \$7.5 million loan pool formulated to provide low cost financial assistance to minority-owned businesses operating in the State of Maryland.

Muldrow had served or was serving on numerous boards, which included the University of Maryland Medical System, the James Lawrence Kernan Hospital, the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, the Baltimore Marketing Association, and the University of Maryland Chancellor's Advisory Board.

Muldrow was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The prominent businessman was a 1960 graduate of North Carolina A & T.

"In 1960, Mr. Muldrow was one of the first persons to participate in the Civil Rights sit-ins at Woolworth," said longtime friend Harold D. Young, Esquire. "At the time, he was in his senior year at North Carolina A&T. His legacy grow-



Ackneil M. Muldrow, II
1937 — 2018

ing out of that was his mentorship. He was beyond measure and had a lot of connections. Through his board affiliations—and he had hundreds of them, he was a relationship manager."

Young added, "He could hook anyone up with opportunity. His bread and butter was helping youth."

The pioneering businessman also held board of trustee positions with the Walters Art Gallery, Arena Players, Inc., and the Reginald F. Lewis Maryland Museum of African American History and Culture.

"Mr. Muldrow was an excellent manager," said Ken Oliver, who worked for Muldrow at the Development Credit Fund. "He was a very good guy. His legacy is putting African Americans in business and watching their businesses grow."

Muldrow is survived by his wife Ruth, two children and a host of other relatives and friends.

Concert at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen to benefit education programs

Baltimore—Music lovers from the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan Area are invited to fill the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 4 p.m. for the ninth annual fall concert of the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore, Inc. (CCCB) Comprised of nearly 150 singers, the choir will feature a full concert of sacred music to culminate the church's 59th Homecoming celebration. Sponsored by the Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the program supports educational activities programs for students in Baltimore area schools.

"I'm honored as both a member of Delta Lambda Chapter and director of the choir to celebrate the rich music of the African American Church tradition and to raise funds to uplift students across the Baltimore community," said Dr. Marco K. Merrick, founding director of the CCCB. "It's an honor also to have our signature concert in this magnificent cathedral. We continue musical excellence as these concerts attract massive audiences who love good music and value enabling positive opportunities for our children."

During the free concert, one of Baltimore's noted classically trained organists W. Patrick Alston, and pianist/music educator at Baltimore City College High School Marcus D. Smith will accompany the ecumenical choral aggregation. The concert entitled "His Truth is Marching On" includes selections from classical composers of anthems, Negro spirituals, hymns and traditional gospel songs. Also the Cardinal Shehan School Choir, a 50-voice chorus of boys and girls, will be featured during the program and will highlight the finale with the CCCB.

Founded in 2010, the CCCB has grown to nearly 200 members and has been called upon for performances around the state and in Washington, D.C. The choir crosses age, race, denomination and cultural barriers to embrace all who love to sing sacred music.

The concert is free and open to the public. Cathedral of Mary Our Queen is located at 5200 N. Charles (near Northern Parkway) Baltimore, MD 21210. A freewill offering will be received during the concert and a reception will be held for all following the concert.

For further information about the concert or to make a contribution, contact Delta Lambda Chapter at: www.DeltaLambda.org or call Marco K. Merrick at 410-294-2991 or email: marcomerrick@aol.com or visit the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore, Inc. website: www.cccbmore.org



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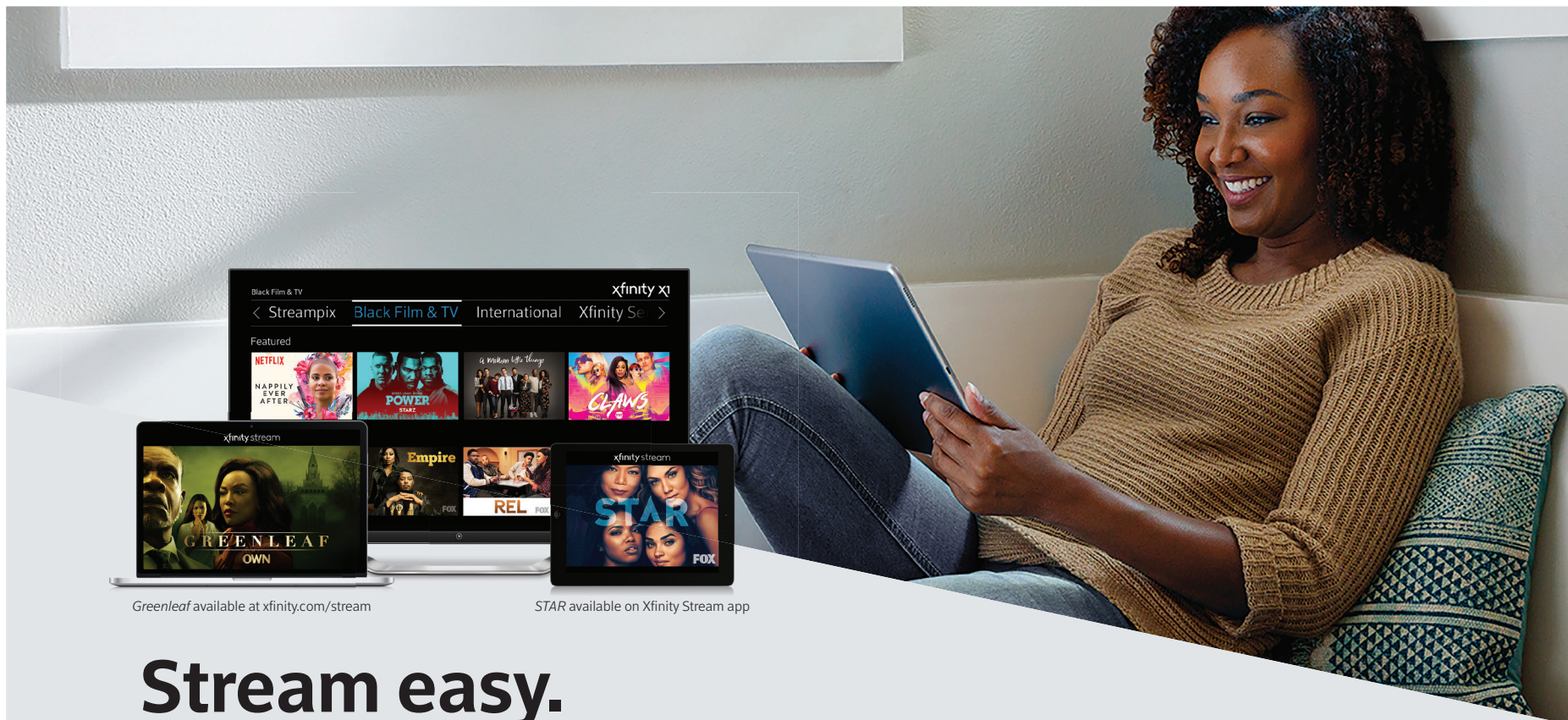
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Guest Editorials/Commentary

Racism and the black vote, then and now!

By Antoine M. Thompson



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America has a long history of working to disenfranchise or denying black people the right to vote. From its beginning to the present, the U.S. government, both Local, State and Federal, has consistently implemented laws and policies to make it difficult for black men and women, free, enslaved or incarcerated to vote.

In the 1800s, many governments in the North and South, Local and State had a Poll Tax, which was a levy on all adults. Black people, especially cash strapped ones, were prohibited from voting because they could not afford to pay the Poll Tax. Literacy Test was another strategy used during the height of segregation by government leaders to keep black people from voting. Black voters would need to answer questions at the polling

site, if they got one of the questions wrong, they would not be able to vote in a particular election. The Civil Rights Act of 1965 (Voting Rights Act) eliminated the use of literacy test in all elections.

The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave all adult men the right to vote. However, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution eliminated slavery "except" when a person was incarcerated for conviction of a crime. So while black people have been considered free persons since the 1860s, the words "except" and "conviction" in the 15th amendment disproportionately impacts black American's right to vote. Unfortunately, from the ending of the Civil War to the present, the incarceration of black men and women continues to be a reliable tool for denying voting rights. According to a previous report published by the U.S. Justice Department's Statistics, "one in three black men will go to jail in their lifetime." As result of the mass incarceration of black men and women, there are fewer black people able to vote for critical positions like judges, prosecutors, governors, presidents and other local, state and federal lawmakers.

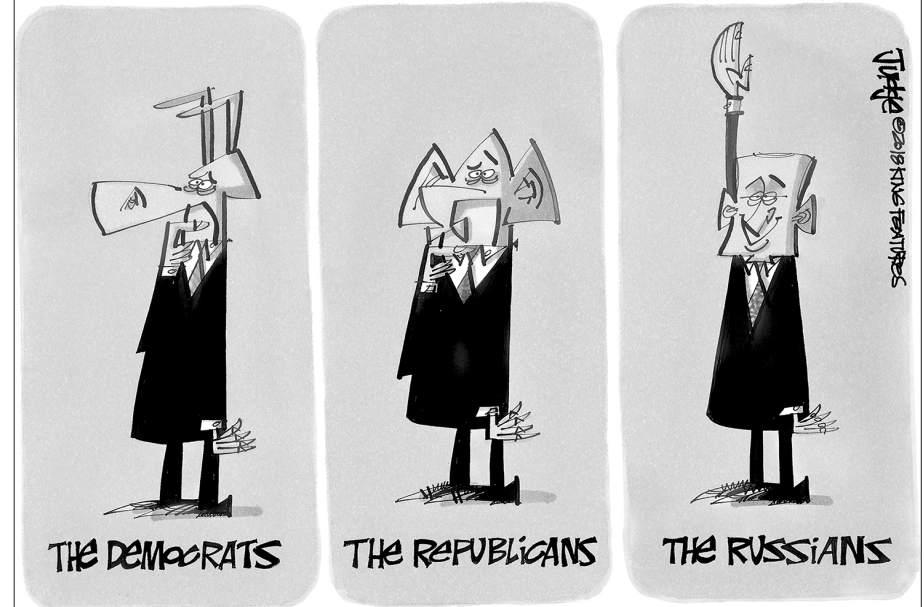
Voter ID (identification) laws and the purging of voter rolls are some of the new tactics used to discourage and prohibit black people from voting. After the election of President Barack Obama, a few dozen states enacted laws and implemented voting policies that require persons to present valid government identification such as a driver's license. These Voter ID laws can become very technical and are viewed by many Civil Rights advocates as a social, economic and racial barrier with the goal to lower black voter participation.

In many communities and states, black people are being removed from the voting rolls for many questionable practices such as mail coming back to the Board of Elections, persons not voting in a recent election, senior citizens becoming ill or permanently confined to an institution. Most studies conclude, that voter purging from the rolls is a sure bet to reduce the black Vote.

One thing is certain about racism and the black vote, "If voting wasn't important, people wouldn't work so hard to stop black people from voting!"

Antoine M. Thompson is political strategist, former New York State Senator and former Buffalo Common/City Council Member.

GUESS WHO'S READY FOR THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS...



Community Affairs

The Modell Lyric asks Baltimore City students to "Dream BIG"

"The moral arc of the universe bends at the elbow of justice." —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Baltimore— The Modell Lyric proudly announces the second annual Dream BIG Essay Contest, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech that took place on August 28, 1963 during the historic March on Washington.

The 300-word essay contest is open to all Baltimore City students in grades fifth through twelfth. Dr. King had an incredible vision built on principles of justice, equity and love. In honor of his memory, the Modell Lyric is asking students to write about the important dreams they have for their lives, communities and families.

Ten finalists will have an opportunity to read their essays at the Modell Lyric and will receive a \$100 honorarium.

Submissions will be accepted until Friday, December 7, 2018 through the online portal at <https://modell-lyric.com/dream-big-essay-contest-application/>.

Students may also mail their essays to The Modell Lyric c/o the Education Department, The Modell Lyric, 110 W. Mt. Royal Avenue, Baltimore 21201.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

The 10 finalists will be announced on January 8, 2019.

The Dream BIG Essay contest encompasses new Executive Director Jonathan Schwartz' vision to transform the Modell Lyric into the "People's House."

"Education and community programs are at the heart of what we do," said Schwartz, "and our work throughout the region supports the imagination, voice, and artistic agency of young people and adults. Our in-school and summer programs in dance, theater, music, and creative writing are underpinned by the belief every person has a unique and important story to share."

The awards ceremony and essay reading is scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2019 at 6 p.m. at The Modell Lyric.

The real white man's burden

By *Matthew Johnson*

It's unfortunate that in the 21st century we are still subjected to the kind of propaganda that, positions white people and men in particular, as the chosen ones of history and, indeed, the future.

It's no secret that white nationalism is resurgent under Trump, who recently identified himself as a "nationalist" as opposed to someone who cares about all the world's citizens.

It is far from a stretch to assume that this was a signal to his base and that the only reason he left out the word "white" is because even he is not prepared to go that far— at least not yet.

His far-right supporters likely got the message, and some don't even bother with coded language— e.g. the Rise Above Movement or the Proud Boy — while others hide behind a pseudo-intellectual veneer. Racist views have become so mainstream that even a black teenager shamelessly disparaged her own race on a recent episode of Dr. Phil.

I recently came across a disturbing yet

significant example of white nationalist ideology and was shocked to recognize its author from an old social circle. (I omit his name because my goal is not to single out an individual but an ideology). His "White Man's Burden" is not an example of a lonely, voice shouting through the wilderness or I would not bother to comment.

As a white man, I fear that his is a view shared by many white men— and the women who rely on them— from all

proponents fail to see that it is an indictment on a race if that race succeeds by riding the backs of others — not a source of pride.

I propose another burden that is far more, noble: the burden of justice. White men and women have an opportunity to (finally) break their own chains of oppressor status in an increasingly interdependent world. They have access to information that can lift them out of ignorance and toward a new enlighten-

genes that make up an individual, it would make just as much sense for a white man to identify with Genghis Kahn, Cleopatra or some primordial super-ape as it would be to identify with Julius Caesar.

Human accomplishments and failures belong to humanity because nothing happens in perfect genetic isolation. (Don't take my word for it; read the acclaimed writer Ta-Nehisi Coates's *Between the World and Me*.) However, this is not to say that all cultures or peoples are identical— it's the concept of interdependence that white nationalists fail to grasp.

Unlike the extremes on both sides of the spectrum, I am not one who believes that any skin color represents good or evil— or that the answer to history's inequities and inequalities is to condemn the ancestors of those who came out on top. There is more rage than logic behind these views. However, justice must be done for the benefit of humanity: white, black, brown, red and yellow. It is the lack of justice that not only stokes the rage at the bottom, but also buttresses the fear at the top. The rise of Trump was predicated on this fear. But rage alone will not defeat him.

True justice will not only usher in a new world community that includes everyone while respecting differences— but will also ensure that burdensome white men will never again have to justify their privilege.

Matt Johnson, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is co-author of Trumpism.

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social strata. The Trump administration and its supporters would doubtless approve.

The so-called 'white man's burden' is a dark remnant from a past that lurks at the highest levels of government in the United States and currently threatens much of the world.

Brazilian President-Elect Jair Bolsonaro, advised by ex-Trump handler Steve Bannon, is the latest political triumph of white nationalism. This is an ideology that promotes imperialism as a Social Darwinian imperative and confuses civilization with barbarism: its

ment that goes beyond reformation within Western societies and emphasizes how the privileged center can relate more peacefully and justly to those on the margins. Moreover, in the information age the very concept of whiteness (or race, for that matter) is evolving into one that is far more dependent on ideology or self-identification than physical appearance or genetics. This is a positive development in the sense that many people— myself included— no longer feel the need to identify with an exclusive club based on pseudo-science and primitive tribalism. Given the complexity of

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Increased role could be in store for Ravens QB Lamar Jackson

By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens suffered another loss, this time it was the Carolina Panthers that beat them 36 - 21. The Ravens got a glimpse of how devastating a dual-threat quarterback can be, as Cam Newton was responsible for three of Carolina's four touchdowns.

Newton completed 21 of his 29 pass attempts, two of which were touchdowns. He also rushed for 51 yards and a score.

The Baltimore Ravens have a dual-threat quarterback of their own in Lamar Jackson. Jackson made the most of the snaps he played on Sunday. He completed four of his five pass attempts, including a 26-yard strike to fellow rookie Hayden Hurst.

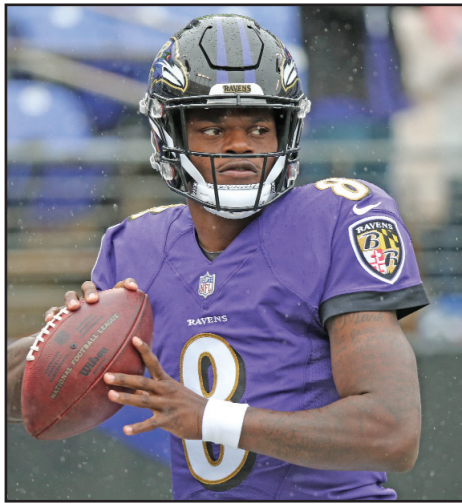
The throw was the kind of anticipatory pass that shows that Jackson is getting comfortable on the football field. He released the ball before Hurst made his break inside on the post route. It was delivered with near perfect placement, making it easy for Hurst to make the catch.

"I'm trying to progress each and every week," Jackson said after the game.

Hurst is a 2018 first-round pick along with Jackson. The two were paired together to make many plays like their 26-yard touchdown in the future.

Their touchdown last week was the first of their career. Hurst hopes it's the first of many and was quick to compliment Jackson for seizing an opportunity to make a play.

"They vacated the area. Lamar saw it earlier in the drive and found me again



Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson warms up before a game against the Denver Broncos at M&T Bank Stadium.

Courtesy Photo/NFL.com

this time in the end zone," Hurst said.

Jackson also chipped in with 26 yards on three carries. His 17-yard run was the longest run of the game for the Ravens. Jackson's 129 rushing yards are the second most on the team through eight games.

For the most part, Joe Flacco has been a solid player this season. However, after being intercepted twice by the Panthers and having a declining completion percentage over the last three weeks, Jackson may begin to see more opportunities to actually play quarterback rather than be on the field in a gimmick package.

The rookie's performance last week is certainly encouraging. Despite losing two games in a row, all is not lost. Baltimore is 4 - 4 and only one game out of first place in the AFC North.

They'll have a chance to right the ship against the Pittsburgh Steelers this week. Giving a dynamic player like Jackson more chances to make plays would add a jolt to the offense.

The Baltimore Station holds Chili Cookoff



The Baltimore Station's 4th annual Stars, Stripes & Chow: Chili Edition," presented by the Baltimore Orioles, will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at South Point at West Covington Park. The event will feature face-painting and other activities for the entire family.

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By Ursula V. Battle

Some of the best chili cooks around will be vying for bragging rights during "The Baltimore Station's 4th annual Stars, Stripes & Chow: Chili Edition" on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at South Point at West Covington Park in Port Covington. Proceeds raised from the event supports The Baltimore Station's programming for homeless veterans.

The Baltimore Station is a therapeutic residential treatment program that helps homeless men— primarily veterans— bound by drug and alcohol addiction break the cycle and become self-sufficient members of society.

The event is being presented by the Baltimore Orioles, and will feature an opportunity for attendees to sample chili dishes prepared by local teams. Event highlights also feature food from Mission BBQ, Pizza di Joey food truck, activities and entertainment.

"We have six teams competing for the best chili," said Kim Callari, Director of Development and Communication for The Baltimore Station. "A panel of celebrity judges will taste the chili. Attendees will also have an opportunity to taste the chili. We also are judging contestants on who has the best, decorated booth. The contestants are encour-

aged to pull out all the stops. They really get dressed up for the occasion.

"It is a stiff competition because most compete year after year, and they are a pretty competitive bunch."

According to Callari, celebrity judges include Baltimore Ravens cornerback Maurice Canady and FOX 45 News meteorologist Jonathan Myers. Other celebrity judges include Scott Stevens, Honorary Chair of The Baltimore Station, and former board president Doug Kurviller.

"We are expecting about 450 people to come out on Saturday," said Callari. "All of the funds raised will directly support the men in our program. The men can stay with us up to two years. During that time, they get job training, life skills, and other services that they need to graduate and live a life of recovery. The funds raised from this event support those services."

Callari says the event raised \$60,000 last year, but organizers hope to surpass that amount this year.

"Our goal is to raise \$100,000 this year," she said. "This is a fun event for families and individuals to attend. It is a great, inexpensive way to spend the afternoon and support a worthwhile cause."

For tickets and information visit <https://baltimorestation.org/event/stars-stripes-chow>.

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SBLC receives 'Lighting the Way' award and \$75,000 grant

Baltimore— Recognized for its philanthropic contributions to Baltimore, the South Baltimore Learning Center (SBLC) was awarded a 2018 "Lighting the Way" award and \$75,000 grant by the SunTrust Foundation.

The SunTrust Foundation's Lighting the Way Awards recognizes select non-profit organizations that strengthen their local communities through programs that help people better their circumstances and gain financial confidence.

"We're committed to building stronger communities, and our nonprofit partners are addressing community needs in innovative and very meaningful ways," said Stan Little, president of the SunTrust Foundation. "SBLC is improving the lives of many people, and we applaud their mission, long-term service and the impact they are making where it's most needed."

SBLC is a community-based nonprofit, which provides functional literacy, workforce development, life-skills training and career preparation services to adults in the Baltimore area. For nearly



(Left to right) Gerrod A.M. Williamson, SBLC strategic initiatives coordinator; and Tanya Terrell, SBLC executive director; receive the SunTrust Foundation's 2018 Lighting the Way Award from Dan O'Neill, SunTrust Bank Mid-Atlantic division president at a celebration in Atlanta, Georgia on October 17, 2018

Courtesy Photo/SunTrust Foundation

three decades, SBLC has provided a

supportive, rigorous and transformative

education to adults of all ages and demographics who are eager to learn, who are motivated to succeed and who are committed to making a difference in their lives and in those of others.

"We are so honored to be a recipient of the SunTrust Foundation's 2018 Lighting the Way Award and a \$75,000 grant," said Tanya Terrell, executive director of SBLC. "The work we do in adult education transforms the lives of Baltimoreans every day. The grant from the SunTrust Foundation will help us to continue our mission of educating adult learners but also empowering them to succeed by securing better jobs, enhancing their life skills and personal lives, and contributing to their community."

Established in 2008, the SunTrust Foundation is committed to supporting a wide range of financial well-being efforts through grants and partnerships with local philanthropic organizations. To date, the SunTrust Foundation has awarded more than \$140 million in grants to organizations across the United States.



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Baltimore educator wins second-place Voya Unsung Heroes award

“Fairmount News Station” provides interactive vehicle for students with disabilities to master new skills and gain proficiencies in news broadcasting

Deidre Rabuck, an assistant principal at the Kennedy Krieger School: Fairmount Campus in Baltimore won the second-place grant award in the annual Voya Unsung Heroes program. Voya Financial is the leading provider of retirement plans for educators.

Through the Unsung Heroes program, Voya awards \$2,000 grants to 100 K–12 educators across the country each year to support their innovative and creative teaching ideas. Voya also selects three top winners to receive additional funds. In its 20-plus years, the program has awarded over \$5 million in grants to roughly 2,000 educators across the United States.

As the second-place winner, Rabuck will receive \$10,000 in addition to the \$2,000 grant—bringing her total financial award to \$12,000. This money will be used to help bring “Fairmount News Station” to life at the Kennedy Krieger School: Fairmount Campus.

“At Voya, we are focused on making a difference as we serve our clients and customers, and we’re thrilled to recognize our nation’s teachers who go above and beyond to inspire today’s students,” said Heather Lavallee, president of Tax-Exempt Markets at Voya Financial. “For more than 20 years, our Unsung Heroes program has empowered educators like Deidre to bring their innovative ideas to life, and we are honored to recognize her as our 2018 second-place winner.”

Rabuck’s innovative teaching idea, “Fairmount News Station,” focuses on giving the students at the Kennedy Krieger School: Fairmount Campus who



(Left to right) Voya's Doug Peters and advisor Alicia Kong, along with Mark Jackowitz and Sarala Katta, both of Voya Financial, surround Deidre Rabuck (center), Voya's 2018 Unsung Heroes program second-place \$12,000 grant award winner. Rabuck is an assistant principal at the Kennedy Krieger School: Fairmount Campus in Baltimore and she plans to use the grant award to help bring “Fairmount News Station” to life at her school. Courtesy Photo/Voya Financial

have learning, behavioral and physical disabilities the opportunity to write, produce and star in the school’s morning announcement “news series.” With a goal of mirroring an authentic local news broadcast, students will create content, prepare written scripts, design background scenes, record the broadcast and deliver the finished newscasts to the school’s classrooms.

“The Kennedy Krieger School Fairmount Campus is thankful for Voya’s support and recognition of Deidre Rabuck’s vision for a student run broadcast studio,” said Sandi Jenkins, principal of the Kennedy Krieger School: Fairmount Campus. “The studio will allow our stu-

dents to work on writing, public speaking, executive functioning and many other important skills. With Voya’s support and Deidre’s drive, energy and expertise, our students will have the opportunity to actively participate in broadcasts throughout the school year.”

With the Voya grant, Rabuck plans to purchase the necessary equipment to accommodate the various disabilities and diverse learning styles of the students as each broadcast will involve varying complexities. This will provide students with opportunities to move outside of their comfort zones and work cooperatively and master a variety of new skills—all proficiencies that are especially important

among students with disabilities to gain confidence and life experience.

To learn more about this year’s winning projects, as well as those from previous years, visit the Unsung Heroes website: Voya.com/UnsungHeroes. Applications for the 2019 Voya Unsung Heroes awards are currently being accepted through the website until April 30, 2019.

Unsung Heroes is part of Voya’s broader efforts to empower teachers to become leaders by promoting their careers, recognizing high-achieving accomplishments, providing training opportunities and offering financial support to achieve their goals.

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Anne Arundel County teen jewelry maker showcases products at Biz Kidz event

By Andrea Blackstone

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, Biz Kidz Academy will hold a Market Day, Shark Tank Competition and Award Ceremony for business-minded girls and boys, ages five-18 at Long Reach High School, located at 6101 Old Dobbin Lane in Columbia, Md. from noon to 5 p.m.

Various items will be showcased by kidpreneurs during the event, including: paintings; self-published books; baked goods; slime; coloring books, hair products; soaps; scrubs; handmade clothes; jewelry and more. Business resources, workshops, games, entertainment and exhibits will also be available for attendees to enjoy.

Makayla Martin, age 14, will be among a group of youth competing for prizes and selling their products to the public.

The Anne Arundel County resident's love of jewelry making and entrepreneurship began by chance. After discovering the bead section at Michaels Craft Store, she took the initiative to experiment with combining various bead designs and colors, and the motivation to start a business sprouted. After all the pieces to a bigger plan aligned, Golden Hands Jewelry was established in 2017.

Although Makayla's primary costumers are women, she also creates products for men and children of all ages.

"At the competition, I will be selling my handmade bracelets. They are unique and one of a kind. I hope each bracelet will be a blessing to each customer's life," Makayla said, explaining why she is pursuing entrepreneurship. "I originally started my business because I wanted to make money. However, I did not think about all the opportunities I would receive with it. Now that I'm getting older and will be eligible to work for other businesses, I realized that if I keep going with my own thing I won't have to work for anyone else but myself."

The ambitious teenager juggles attending Annapolis Area Christian school, homework, playing volleyball, and having a business, all while attempting to maintain a social life. A planner helps her to visualize what each week looks like, since time is her biggest challenge. She embraces the priceless lessons that



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she is learning throughout her journey.

"I have learned how much I love the thought of independence and taking care of myself. If I had my own money, I wouldn't have to rely on anyone else,"

Makayla said. "On top of that, this (entrepreneurship) has taught me the value of money. I never want to waste it since I worked so hard to earn it."

Makayla's mother, Nicole King-Mar-

tin, serves as her daughter's marketing manager. She noted that Makayla has been a Girl Scout for ten years. She also participates in high school sports, drumming, church, speaking engagements and the Biz Kidz Academy.

"We are extremely proud of how she balances all of her extracurricular activities, and maintains a 3.8 GPA," King-Martin said.

While reflecting upon her daughter's climb to achieve the next level of success, King-Martin would like to see Makayla's handmade unique bracelets in one of her favorite department stores and/or specialty boutique. She added that Makayla can continue to encourage other young girl entrepreneurs to "turn their passion into action," as speaking engagements increase.

Makayla says that Dr. Marlene Jackson has helped her develop the right tools to continue pursuing more of her business-oriented hopes and dreams. Dr. Jackson is the co-founder of Biz Kidz Academy, a Christian-focused non-profit 501 (c) organization developed to empower kidpreneurs, ages five to 18.

"Dr. Jackson has shown me that I have potential to be something great, and she believes in each and every one of the kids that she has helped," Makayla said. "I am so grateful for her support. If I had not started Dr. Jackson's workshop, I don't think I would've taken my business as seriously as I do today. She taught us everything about owning a business, from a 30 second pitch down to writing your business plan."

Jackson further explained how much the program designed for young entrepreneurs has grown since it started—a Biz \$tartetup Kidz is a Public Access Comcast TV Series was created for and by savvy young entrepreneurs; a Biz Kidz workshop series is offered to kidpreneurs (ages eight to 18) in Atlanta, Georgia; and Biz Kidz will sponsor a one-day event in May next year in partnership with The Niagara Falls Public Library in Canada,

For more information about Makayla's business, visit: www.goldenhandsjewelry.com and to learn more about the upcoming Biz Kidz event, visit: www.bizkidz.us.

Rambling Rose

*Rosa Pryor Music Scholarship Fund Recipient
inducted into Music Honor Society*



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Hello everyone! I am excited this week because of some great news I received. I founded the "Rosa Pryor Music Scholarship Fund, Inc." in 1990 and dissolved it in 2015 due to my ongoing health issues. However during that time, almost 200 scholarships were given to underprivileged children between the ages of five and 17. Many of recipients have kept in touch with my former scholarship director, Dr. Donna Hollie. Recently, we received a note from Tiffany Byrd letting us know that her son, Jared Byrd, a 2012 scholarship recipient who is now 17 years old and a senior in high school was inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society, an international program for exceptional students in grades six to 12 who meet the society's music, leadership and character criteria.

Nominated by the band director at St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. where he is a student, Jared currently plays the piano in the Competition Jazz Band, Swing Band and the Jazz Combo groups that perform at the school and compete in other states. He also plays several percussion instruments and is in the regimental band where he plays the snare drums, bass drum, xylophone, timpani cymbals, triangle, marimba and bells.

He is on the national honor society for his academic performance, as well. I along with the former members of my Scholarship Fund, are extremely proud of the achievements of these kids and proud that we helped to make a difference in their lives. Two other scholarship recipients and well-known siblings Ebban and Ephraim Dorsey, who are well on their way to making a name for themselves on the national scene. God bless you my children!

Okay, moving along, good news! William "Tank" Hill is in Westgate Hills Rehab. 10 N. Rock Glen Road, room



Hassan Rasheed and Co. hosts the 2nd Annual Royal Theatre Reunion Black & White Ball celebrating Baltimore and Beyond on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Patapsco Arena located at 3301 Annapolis Road in Baltimore. Yours Truly "Rambling Rose" and others will be honored at the event.

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Jared Byrd, a 2012 Rosa Pryor Music Scholarship recipient being inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Jared is now 17 years old and a senior at St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. Courtesy Photos



Pianist Roderick C. Demmings Jr. will be featured at Jazz Night on Friday, November 2, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall at First Baptist Church of Baltimore in the Social Hall located 4200 Liberty Heights Avenue in Baltimore City.

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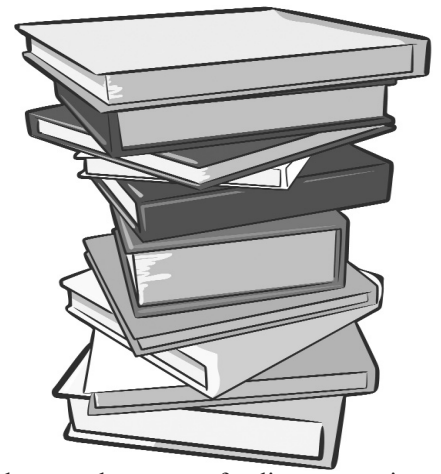
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TALON CENTER LOBBY

SHOPPERS: Shop Small! Find that unique holiday gift for your loved one!

VENDORS: Sell your unique products to the public!

Vendor spots are \$50 and includes a 6 foot table, 2 chairs and available WiFi

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