

‘No Dead Beat’s Club’ provides school uniforms for elementary, middle school students



The “No Dead Beats Club Back To School Bash” was held at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center on August 25, 2019. Haircuts, fun, and games were enjoyed by approximately 70 elementary and middle school students who all received two new uniforms per person. Cory McGhee founded the “No Dead Beats Club.” The father assembled a team of volunteers in Annapolis who will continue to help local youth and families. Uniform donations are still being accepted. Photo: Alderman DaJuan Gay, Ashley Trusty, Kennedy Trusty, Michael Kelly, Dashawn Thomas volunteered to participate in the NoDeadBeatsClub, which was created by Cory McGhee (lower, middle). The team received citations from the City of Annapolis, for their efforts. (See article on page 11) Photo: Cory McGhee

Black Americans urged not to defer their dream of homeownership

Washington, D.C.— According to the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) wealth building usually begins with that first investment in owning your own home.

Whether you purchase a first-time “starter” home or inherit a property or residence, you start down the road to building wealth. But something has changed in the black community. The U.S. Census Bureau’s latest statistics indicate that the black homeownership rate has dropped once again.

Now at 40.6 percent the rate starkly signals a continual loss of wealth for black Americans.

By comparison, the non-Hispanic white homeownership rate for the same period was reported to be 73.1 percent, a nearly 30 percent difference. There is a problem and NAREB is on point to stop the loss and return black Americans to wealth building through homeownership of real estate investment.

NAREB is aware that the black community, particularly its local and

national leaders, may need a clear, strong wake-up call to reverse this daunting downward trend.

What are the causes? But more importantly, what are the solutions? What can the community of concern do to prompt home purchase and therefore, wealth building?

These and other questions were addressed at NAREB’s annual “State of Black America” forum to be convened at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s 2019 Annual Legislative Conference held on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Expert panelists, steeped in the issues, the disparities and likely solutions to raising black homeownership are committed to working with NAREB on its mission to restore confidence in the real estate market, identify critical systemic blockages, and outline the concerted advocacy strategies that lawmakers at every level of government need to keep in mind to improve black homeownership outcomes.



Donnell Williams
NAREB President
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During the forum, Donnell Williams, the newly installed NAREB president

announced an aggressive program to reach out and encourage black millennials to consider, or re-consider, homeownership as a wealth building tool.

“Statistics show that there are 1.7 million black millennials making \$100,000 or more and could improve their financial futures with homeownership or participation in real estate investment opportunities. NAREB is determined to reach them with messages that rebut, yet improve, some of their current lifestyle choices,” Williams said, adding that homeownership is critical. “One clear message to millennials: Think about a house before you buy the car.”

As he explains, wealth building is all about smart choices. Dreams need not be deferred. Homeownership is possible and still desirable as a wealth building tool. NAREB, with its nationwide network of predominantly black American real estate professionals are here to help find the wealth building pathways that best suit lifestyles and incomes.

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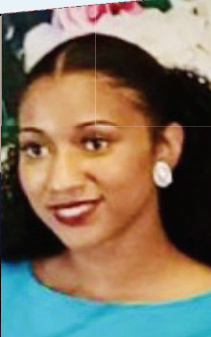
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Oliver, who returned to Baltimore to lead WYPR as general manager in July, previously served on the NPR Board of Directors while president and general manager for WMFE in Orlando, Florida, a position he held from 2013 to 2019. Prior to that, he served as general manager of WEEA at Morgan State University from 2007 until 2013.

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Guest Editorials/Commentary

The time is now to help prevent gun violence in urban neighborhoods

By Russell Simmons

Exclusive to NNPA Newswire

At the beginning of this summer, I wrote an Op-Ed for the National Newspaper Publishers Association. I asked for support for the anti-violence programs around the country and many of you responded. For that, I am grateful.

One of the things that I have done over the last 10 years— with the exception of 2018— is host a dinner for the mothers of deceased children in my old hood in Queens, New York. The deceased children all died because of senseless gun violence.

The recent dinners have had mostly the same mothers because Life Camp, the program that I support, and the residents have held the violence to a minimum.

This year was very, very different.

Instead of going directly to the dinner, I was asked to stop at a church for a wake. My brother who I grew up with, Marcellus, lost his son, Marcellus, Jr., who was on his way to college in just two days.

Marcellus Jr. was one of the 13 that were shot, and of the nine who were murdered, in last 10 days. I went to the church and saw Marcellus Sr. and I thought of images of him in our childhood.

We hugged the same way I hugged the brothers, the sisters, and the mother of his son.

Only with him, I started to cry. I was home. It was my Hollis family and we were hurting.

They, especially the father and the uncle, helped the whole thing to hit home harder. The way it should.

It reminded me that this wake was not business as usual, but instead it was critical for my own spiritual survival and growth.

We had planned the dinner over a month ago, but the murders and the funerals we couldn't have predicted.

At the dinner, we recommitted to work on lifting our community. We reaffirmed our love for each other and our work.

Today, I am asking for all my Queens Congress members, City Council members, rappers, and hip-hop success stories to join me in helping Life Camp expand their good work.

I promise to donate more and support more than I have in the past. The time is now what will you do? With great love, all things are possible.



Russell Simmons
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Community Affairs

Pratt Central Library celebrates official reopening

Library reopens after three-year \$115 million restoration

Baltimore— The Enoch Pratt Free Library celebrated the reopening of the historic Central Library/State Library Resource Center on Saturday, September 14, 2019 with a Open House and Block Party for the community.

“This is truly a celebration for the whole city,” said Pratt Library President and CEO Heidi Daniel. “I believe this building is a convener of people and a place filled with possibilities and opportunities. This restoration ensures it will remain that for generations to come.”

The \$115 million restoration has preserved the past while positioning the

Enoch Pratt Free Library to serve all Marylanders into the future. The renovation includes a new Job and Career Center, the Best & Next Department, Creative Arts Center, and expanded Teen Learning and Leadership Center with a state-of-the-art audio and video recording studio. Iconic Central Hall has been restored, as well as the Children's Library, and Wheeler Auditorium.

“The Pratt Library system is an integral part of the fabric of Baltimore City,” said Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young. “I’m beyond thrilled this beautiful part of our city’s history is restored and returned to the public. For nearly a century, the Pratt Central Library has stood as a testament to our commitment to public education and I’m proud that the tradition will continue for another century.”

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“Every Kid Outdoors” program provides fourth grade students with free entrance to public lands

Authorized for the next seven years, the new program replaces Every Kid in a Park

Washington, D.C.— Fourth grade students can get a free annual pass to visit more than 2,000 federal recreation areas with their families, classmates and friends. The Every Kid Outdoors Program is an interagency collaboration between the Department of the Interior, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Forest Service that provides fourth graders with free access to explore, learn, and recreate in spectacular settings, including national parks, wildlife refuges, marine sanctuaries, and forests.

“Introducing fourth grade students to America’s public lands provides them with limitless opportunities to have fun, be active, improve fitness, and learn critical skills,” said U.S. Secretary of the

Interior David Bernhardt. “Visits on class trips or family vacations to the rich variety of astonishing landscapes and historic treasures located on public lands will result in unforgettable experiences and, hopefully, forge lifelong connections to the outdoors.”

The bipartisan John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act, which was signed into law by President Trump on March 12, 2019, authorized funding for Every Kid Outdoors for the next seven years.

To obtain the free pass, fourth grade students visit the Every Kid Outdoors website, participate in a short educational activity, and download a voucher. The voucher is valid for multiple uses between Sept. 1, 2019 and Aug. 31, 2020 to correspond to the traditional school year. The voucher may be exchanged for a keepsake pass at participating federal lands.

The voucher or pass grants free entry for fourth graders, all children under 16 in the group and up to three accompanying adults (or an entire car for drive-in parks) to most federally managed lands and waters. The pass does not cover expanded amenity fees such as camping or boat rides.

The great outdoors make a great classroom. Fourth grade educators are encouraged to take advantage of the wide range of educational programs and tools associated with the Every Kid Outdoors Program. Educational activities, field trip options, information and tools in



The “Every Kid Outdoors” program provides fourth grade students with free entrance to public lands. Secretary Bernhardt announced \$170.6 million to support state parks and outdoor recreation through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. (Above) A group of elementary school children at Joshua Tree National Park in Southern California. Photo Credit: Renata Harrison/NPS

English and Spanish, and the ability to print vouchers for passes for students are all available on the website.

The Every Kid Outdoors Program replaces the Every Kid in a Park Program that was established in 2015.

The program focuses on children 10 years of age—the age of most fourth graders—based on research that indicates children ages 9–11 are at a unique developmental stage in their learning where they begin to understand how the

world around them works in more concrete ways and they are more receptive to engaging with nature and the environment. By focusing on this age group year after year, the program aims to ensure every child in the United States has the opportunity to visit their Federal lands and waters by the time he or she is 11 years old, thereby establishing a lifelong connection to enjoy and protect our American outdoor heritage.

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Report says most U.S. adults with mental health issues don't receive care

By Stacy M. Brown

More than 90 percent of people who died by suicide showed symptoms of mental health conditions, according to a new QuoteWizard report, released in September, which is Suicide Prevention Month.

The report notes that 59 percent of U.S. adults with a mental health condition did not receive care over the past year.

The report also found that Maryland ranks 38th for the prevalence of mental illness and has the 14th-highest access to mental health care in the country, ranking it with a composite score of 2nd-best overall for its lower mental illness rate and higher access to care.

Also, among the key findings:

- States with higher access to mental health care tend to have a lower prevalence of mental health illness (North Dakota, Maryland, and New Jersey, among others).
- Only 41 percent of adults with a mental health condition received mental health services in the past year.
- The low rate of access leaves over 24 million people with mental health conditions untreated.
- 12.2 percent (over 5.3 million) of adults with mental illness remain uninsured, which can be a roadblock for those looking for care.

• Over 9.8 million adults seriously thought about suicide – an increase of 200,000 people from last year's data set.

"There are many programs and campaigns that utilize social media as a tool to reach more people in an effort to help those in need to seek help," said QuoteWizard Analyst Adam Johnson. "Social media is also being used in ways to destigmatize mental illness and bring awareness to Suicide Prevention Month. In addition to the traditional call-in prevention hotline, they have set up texting options as well."

With the stigma that is often attached to mental illness prevalent in minority communities, Johnson says individuals from racial and ethnic minority groups still are less likely to receive mental health care.

For example, in 2015, among adults with any mental illness, 48 percent of whites received mental health services, compared with 31 percent of blacks and Hispanics, and 22 percent of Asians," Johnson said, quoting mental health statistics.

When asked whether there was anything specific to Baltimore that could be shared about mental illness and overall mental health, Johnson said that approximately 175,000 people in Baltimore City currently live with a mental health condition, he responded, "About one-



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third of Baltimore households earn less than \$25,000; these households are more likely to be uninsured and have unmet medical needs."

While the focus of the study was on mental health care access across the nation, some states are better than others when it comes to the number of care facilities and programs for its residents, according to Johnson.

"What we learned is overall most states are lacking," he said.

Some staggering numbers researchers found include: One in five adults experience a mental illness in a given year. With so many Americans affected by mental illness, lack of access to health care can often be a more substantial source of the problem.

"The consequences for the lack of treatment have economic impacts, but more seriously, it can cause harm to individuals with mental illness," Johnson said.



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From The Young and the Restless to The Rich and the Ruthless

By Ursula V. Battle

Victoria Rowell Continues Soap Success While Opening Doors of Opportunity

Bringing more meltdowns, mischief and masterful manipulation, Victoria Rowell's Daytime Emmy nominated soap opera comedy series "The Rich and the Ruthless" returned for a third season on UMC (Urban Movie Channel). Season Three of the series followed the cast as they prepared for their "Destination: Nowhere" cruise to thank their loyal soap fans with some exclusive, over-the-top entertainment.

But with Rowell, who portrays "Kitty Barringer" and her husband "Augustus Barringer," played by Richard Brooks at the helm, and their crew of eccentric cast members, the claws were back, and calamity on the high seas was inevitable.

The series stars Rowell— best known for her role as "Drucilla Winters" on The Young and The Restless. Rowell also executive produced Season Three along with Sarah Snow in association with Days Ferry Productions, LLC.

"The Rich and the Ruthless" is a behind-the-scenes soap opera that follows the fictional story of the first run daytime drama in the industry.

"Everyone knows me as Drucilla, and I never took that footprint for granted," said Rowell. "The legacy of soap opera is incredible, and our fans are loyal. No matter what I did, that character was strong. However, in my role as an executive director, I have been able to collaborate with black writers who I knew and had not been given parody in daytime drama.

"I have been ready for this moment for a long time. Writing rooms are still 60 percent white males. Robert L. Johnson has given me creative license. In my role, I have been able to hire department heads to do hair and makeup. This is also part of being a producer. I am also able to hire qualified people who have been denied an opportunity for decades. I am able to bring forth talent and original content that deserves to be seen and heard."

Rowell was referring to Robert L.



Victoria Rowell's Daytime Emmy nominated soap opera comedy series, "The Rich and the Ruthless," has returned for a third season on the Urban Movie Channel. Rowell (right) who portrays "Kitty Barringer" is pictured with actor Richard Brooks (left) who portrays her husband "Augustus Barringer" on the show.

Courtesy Photo

Johnson, founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET). Johnson owns RLJ Entertainment Inc., who launched UMC, the first and largest subscription streaming service dedicated to Black film and television.

Just before the release of its second season in 2018, "The Rich and the Ruthless" received a Daytime Emmy nomination for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Digital Daytime Drama Series for Brooks' performance, along with seven Indie Series Award (ISA) nominations, taking home the win for Best Ensemble cast in a comedy series. Earlier this year at the 2019 ISAs, the series won the award for Best Ensemble Cast in a Comedy Series for the second year in a row, and the show's Alesha Renee won Best Lead Actress in a Comedy Series. "I always knew there was an African-American female audience out there, and I wanted to cater to that audience," said Rowell.

Rowell played "Drucilla Winters" on "The Young and The Restless" for 14 years and won a Daytime Emmy for her

performance on the show, but spoke candidly about what she felt was the lack of opportunities being offered to minorities.

"There are zero African American producers and zero executive producers on the Young and the Restless in decades of existence," said Rowell. "When you look at those numbers it's unconscionable. I spoke broadly about it, and went to court about it."

Rowell was referencing a lawsuit she filed against Sony Entertainment and CBS Corporation in 2015 for harassment and discrimination. The case was settled out of court.

"It was a good fight and a necessary fight," said Rowell. "All of those things inspired me to create The Rich and the Ruthless. I saw the disparity. I also saw the loss of careers and revenues of people who lost their careers. We forced Sony to hire the first black writer in the show's 37-year mark."

Rowell is the author of a New York Times bestseller The Woman Who Raised Me.

"I also star in Lifetime's Pride and Prejudice Atlanta," said Rowell. "I'm involved in quite a few projects, and my plate has been very full. I am very grateful. With all of that comes responsibility, and is a part of my legacy."

The cast of "The Rich and the Ruthless" also includes Dawnn Lewis (A Different World), Robert Ri'chard (Coach Carter), Michael Colyar (The Princess and the Frog), and Valencia Algarin (Black Jesus).

"We have such a wonderful cast," said Rowell. "It's thrilling to have a hit show on a black-founded, streaming company. How fitting that Robert Johnson would give me the opportunity to present original content like The Rich and the Ruthless."

She added, "The Rich and the Ruthless is his first original series and most watched. I am very proud. This is a great time for black females."

For more information about the show, visit: www.therichandtheruthless.com

Fun-filled STEM Day Extravaganza encourages kids to pursue careers in science, math, engineering and technology

By Demetrius Dillard

More than half of American adults say the primary reason young people don't pursue degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) is because they think these subjects are too hard, according to recent research conducted by the Pew Research Center.

However, Morgan State University's Science Engineering Mathematics and Aerospace Academy (SEEMA) has found a way to proactively address the need for minority youth involvement in STEM subjects by developing an annual event which provides students with a fun, interactive, hands-on, 'minds-on' alternative to learning disciplines traditionally known as either difficult or boring.

MSU's eighth annual STEM Day Extravaganza was held on September 14, 2019 at the university's Hill Field House, and once again showcased a variety of fun STEM-related activities for school-aged children including astronomy, model airplane building and flying, life science activities, engineering design and construction, math and science games, rocketry, robotics and various NASA and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) educational activities.

"STEM is our life. It's what we live and breathe," said Jonathan Wilson, the STEM Day Extravaganza coordinator.

Wilson, project director for Morgan State's MUREP Aerospace Academy, was elated to host the STEM Day Extravaganza for the eighth year. Due to enrollment limitations on the Saturday Science Academy, the STEM Day allows students in the community and throughout the state of Maryland to engage in some similar hands-on activities, he said.

"Science, technology, engineering and math is important for every aspect of our lives, and we do not have enough professionals in the STEM fields in the U.S.," Wilson added.

"Many old people like myself are retiring in all aspects— local, national, and federal agencies and we don't have enough young people to take our places.



Daequan Rail, a student in Baltimore MUREP Aerospace Academy's Saturday Academy, participates in the Exelon exhibit which as facilitated by Emmanuel Kalesanwo, an engineer with BGE. Photos: Demetrius Dillard, Jr.



This year's STEM Day Extravaganza at Morgan State University garnered hundreds of students from Baltimore and surrounding areas for a day of fun-filled, interactive, STEM-related educational activities.

So we continue to get this type of program going so that we can get [students] excited and motivate them to think of STEM and remove the fear of doing STEM."

Most of the exhibits present additionally provided parents with educational techniques and materials to keep their children interested in academics, specifically in the STEM field.

"It's an eye-opener for the kids and the parents as well," said Vercera Brisbon, who came along with her grandson Daequan Railey, a student in BMAA Saturday Academy and third grader at

Baltimore International Academy. Brisbon said she found out about the annual extravaganza through the Saturday Academy and was delighted to have been involved in the 2019 event.

"I hope that he's learned a little science, a little more math, and he's learning about engineering so I hope he takes interest in one of those three subjects. But there's still a lot to go around and find out about, so when he leaves I'm hoping he picks up a little more than what he left with."

Though a few vendors from last year's event weren't able to participate this

year, Wilson was glad to have had one new vendor join the exhibits: the Space Telescope Science Institute.

The other vendors in attendance, all of whom participated in previous years, were American Nuclear Society; American Society for Biology; Army Research Lab; Baltimore MAA Instructors; Benjamin Banneker Museum; Carnegie Institute for Science: Bio Eyes; Exelon; Maryland Science Center; Maryland Space Grant Consortium; NASA Goddard Space Flight Center; and several others.

"As you can see, they don't want to leave. They love it. They said this is fun, this is exciting," Wilson said. The extravaganza also holds the potential of added recruitment for the Saturday Academy program. Wilson expounded upon his and his colleague's efforts to deliver a fun alternative for STEM involvement.

"In the STEM area subjects, some people think 'oh, it's not for me.' They're too scared. No, science, technology, engineering and math is all fun.

"That's why we teach by [children] playing and then learning. And we need more of them to go into these fields when they come to college."

Billie Partlow, a former BMAA instructor for high school students, has been a vendor since the extravaganza's inception in 2012. Her exhibit, named "heart and mind," focused on the effects of space travel on the body systems. The objective of the Partlow's exhibit is for participants to understand how the nervous and cardiovascular system functions. She went on to explain why STEM is so critically important for black youth.

"Minorities or African-American children have been denied these privileges. It's like our children don't have the ability to learn technology and they're not math wizards— yes they are. They're just like any other child," said Partlow who was also a former physics teacher with Baltimore City Public Schools. "I'm glad that whoever thought of this STEM thing note that our children need this for tomorrow as well as today... the STEM program is the best thing that could've happened."

‘No Dead Beats Club’ provides school uniforms for elementary, middle school students

By Andrea Blackstone

School supplies are not the only back-to-school expense that can impact a family’s budget. Mandatory school uniforms used in an effort to promote uniformity, lessen bullying, encourage equality and emphasize academic achievement instead of fashion can be costly. For families with several school-aged children, the mandatory dress codes can be especially burdensome.

Cory McGhee, founder of the “No Dead Beats Club,” assembled a team of volunteers in Annapolis who also strive to help underprivileged youth and families. McGhee founded the club in July this year, after using the #nodeadbeats hashtag on social media for a long time. When he decided that he wanted to do uplifting things for the youth in the community, he opted to stick with his familiar hashtag.

“We are aware that support, guidance and a sense of security plays a huge role in the growth and success in our youth,” McGhee said, explaining that these things are not available to many young people. “The team sat around trying to figure out what kids need for school. As we were brainstorming the usual school supplies came up, but we wanted to think deeper, and we came up with uniforms. Many on the team remembered being in school and having only one uniform to wear every day to school.”

The “No Dead Beats Club Back To School Bash” was held at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center in Annapolis, on August 25, 2019 to help ease the burden of buying school uniforms for the new school year. Approximately 70 elementary and middle school students received two new school uniforms each. The children participated in games and other fun activities plus many received haircuts.

McGhee added that he chooses to give back to the community because he was once an underprivileged child living in Annapolis. He also understands how hard it is for some parents, especially single ones, to provide for their families and be in a financial position to participate in fun activities.



The “No Dead Beats Club Back To School Bash” was held at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center on August 25, 2019. Photo: Cory McGhee.



Men from the “No Dead Beats Club” pose in solidarity.

Photo: Dee Ward

The Annapolis father of three wants to help as many people as he can by being a mentor to youth and helping their families, even beyond the first event. Team members of the “No Dead Beats Club,” are like-minded volunteers, who responded to McGhee’s social media post about wanting to start a club with these goals in mind. The team recognized that the majority of elementary and middle school students in Annapolis are required to wear uniforms daily but realized that some of them may be in need of uniforms.

In the beginning, team members purchased uniforms with their own money. Later, they received donations from the public through Pay Pal and the Nodeadbeats Club Cash App to enabled them to shop for uniform shorts and pants in a variety of sizes. In a little less than a month, approximately 150 uniforms were purchased.

Deonte Ward, who is a member of the “No Dead Beats Club,” says that he has been volunteering in the community for 14 years. He is a full-time carpenter by day, and at night he works as a full-time

youth program director for a non-profit.

“I’m giving back to the community because those that gave when I was a child helped provide a path for me to succeed despite the odds and adversity,” Ward said. “This is the beginning of a collaborative effort to helping families directly without governmental assistant. This helps bring more awareness to the communities in a unique way.”

Ward, also a parent, further explained that the volunteer group wants to be viewed as “big cousins” to youth. He says that the team can help bring more awareness to the communities in a unique way. He feels that individuals who are a part of the community can also make an impact on those who need help in it.

Both McGhee and Ward mentioned that more events are forthcoming.

“Our goal is to be that additional support in the concept of “It takes a village (to raise a child),” Ward said. “Well, we are the village.”

Requests for uniforms are still being made by local families. If you would like to donate to the uniform drive, funds are being accepted through CashApp via \$NoDeadBeatsClub, or PayPal via corymcghee@gmail.com.

Rambling Rose

*Hoppy Adams Foundation announces
2019 Essay Contest Winners*



Rosa Pryor Trusty

Hello everyone, I hope everything is well with you. I have been a little under the weather but I am “Rambling Rose,” so I have to keep going. I spent a day and a night in St. Agnes Emergency Room. They gave me medication to keep the stomach spasms to a minimum until I am able to see my gastroenterologist (you know the stomach specialist) next week for a procedure to let me know what in the hell is going on with my stomach. Now friends don’t worry, I believe whatever they find during the procedure they will be able to fix it. All the bad, bad, bad stuff has already been ruled out, such as cancer, tumor, ulcer, and most of all pregnancy!

Okay, enough about me—prayers and faith will get me through this with my husband “Shorty” as a back-up!

Now, I want to talk about this fantastic foundation called the “Hoppy Adams Foundation.” I have supported this foundation since the beginning in November 2006. Founded by C.W. “Hoppy Adams” III, the son of the late “Hoppy Adams from Annapolis. Charles W. “Hoppy” Adams, Jr. was a very popular distinguished radio personality and executive vice president with radio station WANN in Annapolis for over 40 years. I remember hanging out with him back in the mid- and late 70s at the station and I got him to volunteer to be the Master of Ceremony at my shows in the Eastern Shore area. We became good friends and business partners. He was more than a radio personality, he was an active community activist and a behind the scenes, philanthropist. Thanks to his son “Hoppy Adams III,” (his namesake) had a vision Along with his partners, Gordenia Henson, Ciara Anguay and Monique Fisher, they continued his father’s legacy by forming the foundation to help children’s

education; programs to promote and provide mentoring and counseling services to youth and adults; and facilitate sports and recreational activities for youth and adults.

This year the foundation awarded three deserving student scholarships as they do each year. This year students participated in an essay contest. The presentation took place at a luncheon at the Red Lobster restaurant in Annapolis. The scholarships honored the memory of Hoppy Adams, the legendary DJ of WANN Radio and Carr’s Beach. Thanks “Hoppy Adams, III for your love of giving. For more information about this foundation, call 410-266-6996.

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Last but definitely not least, I want to thank all of our friends and fans for your support for the Jazz Expressways Foundation Breakfast last week in our new venue “the New All Saints Roman Catholic Church on Liberty Heights Avenue. We appreciate you.

Well, my dear friends, I got to go, I believe that pain is coming back again. But remember, if you need me, call me at 410-833-9474 or email me at rosapryor@aol.com. UNTIL THE NEXT TIME, I’M MUSICALLY YOURS.



Dr. Larry Blum presented the awards to Hoppy Adams Foundation 2019 Essay Contest winners. (Left to right) First place winner, Jibreel Ali of South River High School; second place winner, Mikayla Simms of Annapolis High School; and Charles Adams III the son of the late renowned radio personality, Hoppy Adams. Third place winner Alexis Seidel was unable to attend the event.



Kelly Carter, owner of Grind & Wine Restaurant located 3627 Offutt Road in Randallstown, Maryland in the middle of the shopping center and her friends.



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Ravens quarterback is proving doubters wrong

By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens committed themselves to having a balanced attack on offense. New offensive coordinator Greg Roman went back to the drawing board and devised ways to feature Lamar Jackson as a passer. There were doubts about Jackson's passing ability entering the 2019 season, but none of the people inside the Ravens' facility questioned their quarterback.

Head coach John Harbaugh proclaimed the Ravens would have a new offense and that Jackson's passing ability will show-cased. So far the results have showed.

Jackson opened the season with an amazing performance against the Miami Dolphins. He finished the game with a ridiculous 85-completion percentage for 324 yards and five touchdowns. Jackson's quarterback rating was 158.3.

The home opener in Week 2 against the Arizona Cardinals showed Jackson's dual-threat ability as a passer and a runner. Jackson finished the day with 272 passing yards and two touchdowns. He added 120 rushing yards as well. Harbaugh was impressed by Jackson's performance.

"I thought he was just tremendous," Harbaugh said after the game. "Both getting to the sticks by throwing the ball, and then when they had people covered and the offensive line did a good job sustaining the protection, by getting out and running to the sticks. He did it both ways. That's all you can ever ask for from a quarterback to do that. Keeps a lot of pressure on the defense."

Through two games, Jackson's seven passing touchdowns ties him with Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott and Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Pat Mahomes for the most in the NFL.



Quarterback Lamar Jackson Jackson finished the home opener with 272 passing yards and two touchdowns. He added 120 rushing yards as well.

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The Ravens travel to Kansas City to face the Chiefs this weekend.

Jackson's primary target has been tight end Mark Andrews. The second-year tight end has caught 16 passes for 220 yards and two touchdowns. However, when Jackson wants a big play, he goes to rookie wideout Marquise 'Hollywood' Brown.

Brown is averaging 19.4 yards per catch. He has posted touchdowns of 83 and 47 yards so far this season.

Baltimore invested in their quarterback by adding Brown and Miles Boykin in this year's draft. They selected tight end Hayden Hurst and Jackson in the first round of the 2018 draft. The Ravens also added Andrews in the third round that year.

The pieces are in place for a potent offensive attack. Jackson is always going to be a threat running the ball, but this year he is more than just a runner and is taking delight in proving those who underestimated him during the draft process.

"Not bad for a running back," Jackson said when asked about his five-touchdown performance in the season opener.

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In 2015, Hayes, along with Michaela Brown and Tre Murphy, co-founded Black Leaders Organizing for Change (BLOC). This trio of visionaries believes that the path to black liberation and a just, fair, equitable democracy can exist only if we begin the hard work of redefining the systems that give way to oppression and racism. Then, with news of the death of Freddie Gray, the nation became perplexed.

BLOC's co-founders have experience in local, state, national and international campaigns. Collectively and in community, they began cultivating a social justice movement based on relationships and co-development of leadership at the intersections of social justice. This empowered community shares in processes, decisions and leadership of the institutional fabric that governs the city. This type of organizing and activism is in their DNA. BLOC leadership has participated in the school-to-prison-pipeline movement, the Alliance for Educational Justice, Baltimore United for Change, the Movement for Black Lives and more. The team uses the framework of the Poor People's Campaign to ground the work of organizing against oppressive structures that contribute to the root causes of generational poverty.

BLOC members believe that what they do – and how they do it – is, as Malcolm X stated, “a threat to injustice everywhere,” because they inject new life in systems that have historically exploited communities. In the spirit of Ella Baker, they seek to implement participatory governance processes that give power back to the constituency in Baltimore.

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Anne Arundel Medical Center Names First Chair of Oncology

Annapolis— Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) has announced Adam Riker, MD, as its first chair of Oncology.

Dr. Riker comes to AAMC from Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Medicine, where he served as chief of Surgical Oncology and medical director of the cancer service line. Prior to LSU, he led cancer service lines at Ochsner Health System in New Orleans and Advocate Cancer Institute at Christ Medical Center in Chicago.

Along with Cathy Copertino, vice president of Cancer Services, Dr. Riker will lead the Geaton and JoAnn DeCesaris Cancer Institute at AAMC. He will oversee the continued development and creation of clinical programs, research and academic endeavors. Dr. Riker will provide leadership in all aspects of the cancer service line with regard to strategic, operational, resource management and education efforts.

“We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Riker to Anne Arundel Medical Center,” said Mitchell Schwartz, MD, chief medical officer and president of Physician Enterprise at AAMC. “We believe that Dr. Riker will bring leadership skills to Anne Arundel Medical Center that will enable us to broaden the scope and depth of our cancer program. He has the skills to facilitate the vision of the Geaton and JoAnn DeCesaris Cancer Institute, which is to provide high value cancer care that is scientifically based and designed to exceed patient and family expectations.”

“I am thrilled to join Anne Arundel Medical Center,” said Dr. Riker. “The Geaton and JoAnn DeCesaris Cancer Institute, holds an incredible reputation for high quality cancer care. I look forward to building on that reputation and further advancing the institute’s cancer care delivery system for our patients and their families.”

Dr. Riker completed his clinical fellowship in surgical oncology at the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

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The Red Cross urges everyone to take three important action steps to get prepared:

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2. Make a plan—Talk with members of your household about what to do during emergencies. Plan what to do in case everyone is separated and choose two places to meet—one near your home in case of a sudden emergency such as a fire, and another outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.

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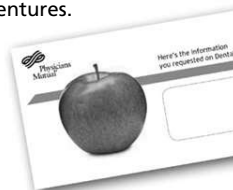
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