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Meet Morgan State University's New Director of Bands



Dr. Jorim E. Reid Sr. was named Morgan State University's (MSU) Director of Bands. He succeeded Melvin N. Miles Jr. after the icon retired with 49 years of service at MSU. Reid will continue Miles' musical legacy. He is now the principal conductor who oversees MSU's Symphonic Winds, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo and "Magnificent Marching Machine" Marching Band. Reid possesses over 27 years of striving to teach and nurture young people musically.

Photo Credit: Morgan State University (See more page 9)

Back to School Event in Annapolis Gives Parents a Hand with Free Hair Styling

By Andrea Blackstone

A well-groomed child may become more confident and eager to walk through the doors of a school on the first day, but adults who feel the economic sting of inflation may struggle to budget for a student's haircuts and hairstyles. Covering the expense may be even more challenging, especially for low-income families.

Diesha Contee is an Annapolitan who understands that hair styling may not appear on a class supply list, but it is a school-related cost that often sparks budgetary concerns for parents. Contee is an active community volunteer who is helping fellow Annapolitans worry a little less about issues like these during the pandemic.

"I was thinking of ways that I can help with what would be beneficial to the children, so I thought of a braidathon because a lot of people weren't able to send their kids back with their hair done, so that's what really made me go that route. Now I added the barbers in for the little boys," Contee said. "Last year we were able to service 85 children."

This year, braiders are volunteering to braid hair for youth at the event, or at another scheduled time in a home setting. Most braiders hail from Annapolis. A few barbers will be traveling from Baltimore to lend a hand.

"I have 27 braiders, two locticians, and I should have two or three barbers," Contee said, referring to the next braidathon event.

Contee even thought of approaching businesses she patronizes to thank volunteer braiders with gifts of gratitude last year, such as a free massage or facial. Boys and girls who were waiting for their hair braiding appointment could also engage in activities, or eat, in addition to adults who provided their generous gifts of talent, time, and desire to give back by helping children prepare for school.



A stylist puts finishing touches on a braided hairstyle.

Photos courtesy of Nyia Curtis

The idea of bringing the hair grooming resource to Annapolis arose because Contee noticed that some individuals in Baltimore hosted braiding events at any time. She felt that hosting a back-to-school braidathon event would be beneficial, so she implemented her idea with a twist.

On August 28, 2022, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., a second Braid-A-Thon will be held at the American Legion, located 1707 Forest Dr., in Annapolis, Md., for first to twelfth graders. Participating children must arrive with washed and blow-dried hair, upon arrival. Braiders will provide free cornrow and feed-in styles. Barbers will assist boys with grooming needs by providing their haircuts. All students who want their hair braided or cut must be signed up in advance. Attendees must wear masks at the event.

Contee has a passion to help other families and individuals during holidays and throughout the year. She cooks, provides holiday baskets, hosts Easter egg events, and has provided other school-related events in the past.

"I'm from Annapolis, so I really care about [people] here," Contee said. "It's so many people have children, but they don't have the capacity to really pour into the kids to nurture them, and just be there or do things with them on a physical level."

Contee, who is a mother herself, stays busy working multiple jobs for

several organizations as a community navigator and caring for son. It does not deter her from giving back and mobilizing others to get things done.

Curtis Jones, Post Commander of the American Legion Cook-Pinkney Post 141, has supported Contee by providing event space there. Contee credits him with "welcoming her with open arms" and "never asking for a dollar from her."

Jemia Jamison is a fellow parent who has been assisting Contee with on-site event set up and donations. The mother also began helping Contee. She mentioned that some braiders attempt to accommodate the kind of preferred style a child likes. As a result, youth often leave the event feeling satisfied.

"I thought it [the braidathon] was a very good idea because a lot of people in the Black community struggle as far as getting their kid's hair done on time because of financial issues," Jamison said.

Donated supplies such as hair mousse; rattail combs; large hair clips; beads; rubber bands; pre-stretched braiding hair; sandwiches; and other items are being accepted. Volunteers are needed to help separate braiding hair. Contact Contee by sending a message on Facebook via <https://www.facebook.com/public/Diesha-Contee> or via alwayswifey01@yahoo.com. Parents who would like to sign children up for a free

braiding or barbering service should promptly contact Contee by using the information provided above.



A volunteer braids a child's hair.



A free Braid-A-Thon spearheaded by Diesha Contee will return to the American Legion, located 1707 Forest Dr., in Annapolis, Md., on August 28, 2022, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Parents who are interested in bringing children to receive free braided styles or haircuts should promptly register by contacting Contee. Appointment slots will be limited based on space, availability of volunteers, and allocated time for helping youth prepare for returning to school.

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Guest Editorials/Commentary

Bill Russell: A black man

By Dr. Ken Morgan

William Fenton Russell passed away peacefully Sunday, July 31, 2022, in Seattle. Mark off 88 years old for the brother. They called him Bill Russell. As a child, Uncle Walker took his son George and me to see Philadelphia's legend, Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors, play the vaunted Boston Celtics, starring Bob Cousy and Bill Russell in that order, at Philly's Convention Hall.

Uncle Walker, a mailman by trade, a renaissance man by life (painter-artist, sign painter, book reader, black historian, activist), who barely finished 8th grade, loved Bill Russell but hated the Celtics.

How odd to love Bill and hate the team for which he played, George and I whispered to ourselves as a youth.

Racism filled Boston off of the basketball floor but not on the court. The Celtics reigned supreme. Most of the time, Boston beat the stew out of the Warriors and Wilt. Philadelphia and Boston were in the same division. I learned why Malcolm X underlined up South and down South in his speeches. All of it is South of the Canadian border. He emphasized the U.S.—but Canada has its racism issues as well. They lynched us in the South, and we suffered in the North—under the racism and complex low wage, paying dirty work too. My aunt Elizabeth, a union person, was a great comforter, especially when the Warriors lost to Bill Russell and Boston.

Russell exuded blackness through his dignified, respectful manner and “I am a man mentality” that demanded that respect. He did not sign autographs for Boston fans mainly because, at the time, too many whites in the Boston area did not want Bill and his family living next to them. His father and family moved from West Monroe, Louisiana, to Oakland, California, as part of the Great Migration. In Louisiana, his family was subjected to savage racism, imprinting Russell's attitude towards racism. He was a black man, not negro, in the United States of America who played professional basketball. Russell's blackness meant something to him. You know the difference.

He won 11 straight and 12 out of 13 NBA championships and served as the first black NBA coach. Russell, known for his tenacious defense and shot blocking, changed the NBA forever. As an unlikely recruit to the University of San Francisco, Russell helped win two collegiate championships and a gold medal in the summer Olympics of 1956. He commented for several years.

Former President Barak Obama presented Mr. Russell with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011 for his accomplishments in the Civil Rights Movement, both on and off the court. Among other things, he stood up with Mohammad Ali and worked with Dr. King. Most of all, Bill Russell was a black man in the USA when most of us were called negros.



Letter to the Editor

Editor:

Western Drought Causing Water Shortage

The drought in the Western U.S. has been accelerating for 20 years and the water supplied by the Colorado River to two major reservoirs has decreased to near record low levels. Lake Mead is at 28% capacity and Lake Powell is at 27% capacity.

About 40 million people in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, California and Nevada rely on this water supply. Next year significant cuts will have to be made to the water supplied to these states.

Climate change has worsened drought conditions in the Western U.S. Average temperatures have increased 2 to 3 degrees Fahrenheit in recent years. In

Phoenix, the hottest city in the U.S., the average Summer temperature has increased 3.8 degrees since 1970. Phoenix is trying to lessen the heat impact by planting tree canopies, expanding the light-rail system and painting roadways white.

A combination of actions is necessary to lessen the impact of the drought, including a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, increased use of renewable energy sources and conservation and rationing of water. Studies should be conducted to evaluate the feasibility of transporting water from the oceans and major rivers by pipeline and constructing more desalination plants.

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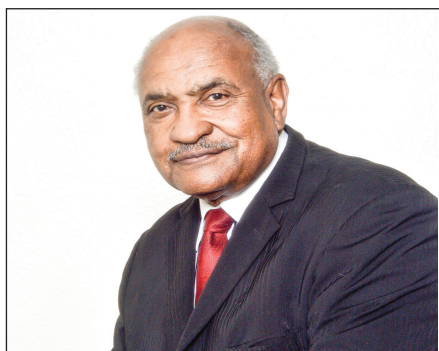
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EDITORIAL: The Social Crisis, Black Folks and the Economy

By John E. Warren, Publisher, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint

It appears that we continue to live in Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities." He wrote these words: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."

Where you fit in between "the best of times" and "the worst of times" really depends on who you are today in America. For African Americans, too many of us are still experiencing the worst of times, and things will not get better unless we decide to make them so. While America is excited about abortions and gun violence, we have been victims of the latter, with civil rights violations and voter suppression being more important than abortions to most of us. The speed with which the President moved with an Executive



John E. Warren, Publisher, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint

Order to assist the abortion issue and his mentioning of overturning the Filibuster Rule were both absent on the Voting Rights and Civil Rights issues.

Nevertheless, it is now our turn to correct all this. Just as our votes made Joe Biden president and sent two U.S. senators to the Senate from the State of Georgia, it is now our turn to rally in every state that the Trump people are trying to

"Steal" in the coming elections. We must vote out their supporters.

This means that no matter what the social issues that emerge, we must stay focused on who is seeking to get elected and whether they will commit to overturning the Filibuster Rule in the Senate.

While some say we need two more U.S. Senators so that we can break the chokehold of Senator Manchin and Senator Sinema, who vote with the Republicans on all issues, we must examine all the Senate races and throw our support into every state race where we find a candidate who will commit to our agenda. Remember, only one third of the Senate is up for election each election cycle. Just as in Georgia, we can make a difference.

Trump and the Conservative Right are counting on a low voter turnout in November, just four months away. From the voter turnout in most primaries so far, they have been right.

Let's remember that we, as Black people, are responsible for the Voting Rights

Act, and the Civil Rights Act. We elected Obama twice and Biden once.

We are not apathetic. We are just tired. But we cannot stop to rest. As Robert Frost wrote, "The woods are dark and deep, but I have miles to go before I sleep."

Voter Registration and Voter Turnout in all 50 states must become our Number One Priority, at all costs. More important than abortions, homelessness, high gas prices and bad Supreme Court Decisions. Let registration begin and let's track the numbers week by week. As Rev. Ben Chavis, President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association has said, "We want 10 million new registered voters by November 2022. Let's make this the "Best of Times" in spite of what appears to be the "Worst of Times."

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Landis buys homes and rents it to clients until they qualify for a mortgage.

By Stacy M. Brown

Landis Technologies, a Pennsylvania-based company that has provides consulting, implementation, and ongoing support services for Microsoft technologies, announced they are raising \$165 million from a group of investors that includes superstars Jay-Z and Will Smith.

The funds will help renters build credit until they can purchase homes. Landis buys homes and rents it to clients until they qualify for a mortgage. At that point, the client can buy the property back at a predetermined price up to two years after the initial acquisition.

According to Ebuzztt.com, the model counts as a new spin on a rent-to-own strategy that's been employed by other companies including Home Partners of America, which Blackstone Group Inc. agreed to purchase for \$6 billion.

"As part of its service, Landis provides coaching for clients on how to manage their finances to improve their credit and



Will Smith and Jay-Z

payment," the tech site reported.

The company's typical client is a first-time homebuyer with a budget between \$110,000 and \$400,000, Ebuzztt noted.

Jay-Z's philanthropic efforts helping renters isn't new.

The hip hop icon and business guru recently teamed with Twitter Founder Jack Dorsey to announce a new "Bitcoin

Academy" for underserved residents – particularly those in Brooklyn, New York's Marcy Houses, where the rap pioneer grew up.

The duo announced that the academy would offer one year of in-person and online classes through September 7, only for Marcy residents.

They plan to add other locations for the program designed in collaboration with Crypto Blockchain Plug and Black Bitcoin Billionaire.

Jay-Z and Dorsey said their mission includes providing education and empowering the community with knowledge.

Program participants would receive MiFi devices, a one-year limited data plan, and smartphones if needed. Residents may keep the devices.

Medicare Gap Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans

By La-Villa Brooks

When you purchase a car, gap insurance is one of the coverages that you want to make sure that you have as a part of your finance package. This insurance provides coverage for the difference between your auto loan and the depreciated value of the vehicle if your car is in an accident or stolen. I cannot stress enough the importance of having this in place just as you should with ensuring that your physical wellbeing would be taken care of through having complete



La-Villa Brooks
Courtesy Photo

Medicare health insurance coverage. This would be needed to financially address any medical occurrence, including emergency travel and care.

A Medigap Plan, also known as a Medicare Supplemental Plan (MSP), gives you the difference or makes up the gap in coverage that you may need. It is not covered under Original Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. It helps with out-of-pocket expenses including a Medicare Part B deductible, Medicare Part A coinsurance, doctor's office visit co-payments, and skilled nursing facility care.

What are the differences between the two plans? While Medicare is a federally funded program, Medigap and Medicare Advantage are insurances sold by private companies. A Medigap Plan and a Medicare Advantage Plan are both ways to obtain Medicare benefits. A Medigap Plan only supplements your original Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B benefits. On the other hand, a Medicare Advantage plan provides coverage within Part C of Medicare. Most of your Part's A and B will be

covered by the Medicare Advantage plan, not by Original Medicare. The difference between Original Medicare and a Medicare Advantage plan can also be in how much you pay out-of-pocket, can lower co-payments, coinsurance, and have smaller deductibles.

The plan that you enroll in should be based on your budget and healthcare needs. To qualify for a Medigap plan, you must have enrolled in Original Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, you would still have Original Medicare in place. This includes hospice care and hospice benefits.

There are several types of Medicare Advantage plans that offer different kinds of coverage. To start, below are three of 12 different plans that are most popular based on the type of coverage that is offered.

An excess charge occurs when you have Original Medicare, and the amount the health care provider is allowed to charge (based on Medicare-approved amounts) is greater. The difference is called an excess charge. Plan F takes care of the excess charge. However, with Plan C it becomes the beneficiary's responsibility when you receive health services.

As you can see, Medicare Supplement Plan F has the best coverage. To be eligible for Plan F, you must have enrolled into Original Medicare before 2020. Plan F completely covers your out-of-pocket costs for both Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. I recommend speaking with a plan provider

to see if you qualify. This plan is considered to have the highest monthly premiums. Medicare Supplement Plan G is an option if Plan F is not, but be aware, if you join the Medicare Supplement Plan G, you will be responsible for the Medicare Part B annual deductible. However, once the deductible has been met, like Plan F, it will completely take care of out-of-pocket costs.

When should you sign up for Medicare Part B? You'll want to sign up as soon as you are eligible during the initial enrollment period. This would be three months prior to the date that you turn 65, including your birthday month, and no later than three months following your birthday month. This gives you a seven-month period to enroll. For example, if your 65th birthday is October 7, then your period of enrollment begins July 1 (three months prior to your birthday month), your birthday month, and January 30 (three months after your birthday month).

Did You Know?

To control the rising costs of Medicare, and as part of The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization of



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2015, anyone who becomes eligible for Medicare on January 1, 2020 or later won't be eligible to purchase Plan F, high deductible Plan F, or Plan C. If you had these plans prior to 2020, you can still keep them. Congress believes that the more people who must pay for the Part B deductible before seeing a doctor, it will limit unnecessary visits and help lower costs.

In my next article, I will discuss more about the 12 different Medigap plans. Stay tuned.

If you have questions or would like to read about a specific healthcare topic, please email your questions to LrTBrooks@gmail.com. I look forward to your engagement.

Benefits	Plan C	Plan F	Plan G	Plan N
Medicare Part A Deductible (annual)	•	•	•	•
Medicare Part B Deductible (annual)	•	•	•	•
Medicare Part A Coinsurance	•	•	•	•
Medicare Part B Coinsurance or Co-pays	•	•	•	•
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Meet Morgan State University's New Director of Bands

By Andrea Blackstone

Dr. Jorim E. Reid Sr. was named Morgan State University's (MSU) Director of Bands. He will also serve as assistant professor and the coordinator of instrumental music, according to a press release. Reid's role entails working as the principal conductor who will oversee MSU's Symphonic Winds, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo and "Magnificent Marching Machine."

"Dr. Reid comes to the National Treasure after a nationwide search and an exacting selection process to name the successor to longtime MSU Director of Bands Melvin N. Miles Jr., who recently retired after 49 years of dedicated service to Morgan," according to the announcement. "An accomplished and highly regarded composer and musician, Dr. Reid has an extensive background, leadership expertise and a creative approach to instruction, education, recruitment and marching band ensemble conducting that left a profound impression on the five-person search committee and ultimately proved to be key factors in his selection."

Reid told The Baltimore Times that his musical journey officially began at MSU on July 25, 2022. Before joining the MSU community, Reid led the Marching Bronco 'Xpress as director of bands at Fayetteville State University. While working as professor of music, he taught wind symphony, "symphonic band, elementary and advanced instrumental conducting, music literature and arranging," according to a press release.

Reid's path to teach music at the collegiate level dates to his college years. The piano major did not initially aspire to become a band director. While attending Florida A&M University to complete his undergraduate studies, then continue



Dr. Jorim E. Reid Sr. is Morgan State University's Director of Bands.

Photos courtesy of Morgan State University

his higher education pursuit at Florida State University during graduate school, Reid studied to become a film composer. Even before he began writing music for the band in undergraduate school, Reid composed music in high school and as a church musician. He initially believed that his work would entail playing at churches and writing music for commercials. While Reid was attending graduate school, a few professors observed performances from one of his compositions. The professors knew an individual who was seeking an arranger, composer, and assistant director at one of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Their observation of Reid changed his career path.

"I interviewed and was offered the job there at North Carolina Central University where I was for 15 years," Reid said.

Reid has worked on small films. He also has written, recorded, and mixed music for local commercials. Additionally, writing music for other universities, professional organizations, and productions outside of classical music have been other facets of experience he gained.

Despite Reid's eclectic musical background, his musical specialty is conducting and arranging music. While continuing Melvin Miles' legacy at MSU, Reid strives to lobby for Miles to be recognized as Director of Bands Emeritus. This would enable Miles to receive the highest recognition.

Reid wants to keep relationships intact that Miles had and create some new ones. As MSU's new Director of Bands settles into his new position, Reid is diving into the musical work at hand. One thing on Reid's to-do list is preparing band students for preseason drills. And while Reid works hands on with students, he mentioned that alumni and the community can support the band by donating for scholarships and operating costs, showing up at MSU games dressed in signature

blue and orange university colors, and sharing any positive university news, including MSU president David Wilson's tweets on Twitter.

Reid pointed out that bands are important at HBCUs beyond their roles playing music at football games and parades.

"Most of the time, over 95% of the band, they're not music majors. The band program at any university, not just an HBCU, will represent pretty much every single major on campus," Reid said.

He added that if students have a great experience in band while traveling to away games, across the country, or overseas to perform, these students will remember the undertaking for the rest of their lives. Giving back to the institution when they become professionals may be the result. Today's band members are future lawyers, doctors, teachers, researchers or even the next producer, Reid reminded. While MSU's band plays a role in entertaining the crowd in social environments, membership entails becoming a more well-rounded person. Achieving milestones as a group can be memorable and impactful.

"Band is big, but the outcome is bigger if the student experience is right, and the payback is immeasurable," Reid also said.



Morgan State University's Marching Band performs at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2019.

Rambling Rose

RAMBLING ROSE VISITS THE LANCASTER ROOTS & BLUES FESTIVAL



Rosa Pryor Trusty



Tracy Allison, left, invited Rosa Pryor, right, to attend the Lancaster Festival in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She is the Operations Director.



The Family will perform at the Ruth Kirk Festival on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at the Franklin Square Park.



Serenity, a gospel group, will perform onstage at the Ruth Kirk Festival on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at the Franklin Square Park.



Anita Catcart offers a fantastic movie night for her community every month.

Hello Everyone,

July has been a very busy month full of parties, shows, and festivals. My husband, Shorty and I, tried to attend as many of them as we could depending on the weather and our health. There's been a lot of downright fun to have here, there, and everywhere. There will be more excursions to come since the month of August offers just as much fun. I will let you know about some of what we did, and what is scheduled to happen, so just keep reading.

One of our summer highlights was receiving an invitation from the Lancaster Roots & Blues Festival's Operations Director, Tracy Allison. She extended an invitation to attend the event in Pennsylvania that was held on Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, 2022. Activities were spread out throughout the little town, during the unique festival. Live entertainment was offered. Local artists also displayed their work. Both elements of festivities were available at the Lancaster Convention Center's main stage and front porch at the Marriott Hotel; The Holiday Inn's grand ballroom and Imperial Blue Ballroom; the Southern Market; The Elks Lodge; The Village; and Tellus 360 and Freedom Hall, just to name a few of the places where musical talent and shows could be enjoyed.

Local entertainment consisting of diverse music was offered on more than 10 stages as a part of the festival of music and art. While attending the festival, someone told me about an initiative called Keys for the City. It involves placing pianos throughout the town for the public to play on. I thought that Lancaster's street piano program was different and unique.

The festival's main entertainment was held at the Belvedere Hotel. That is where Shorty and I stayed. Live jazz shows took place in the main ballroom both nights when we were in town. Our hostess, Tracy Allison, was very accommodating and supportive. She had a beautiful personality, too. Thanks for the invitation, Ms. Allison. Keep in mind that the Reading Blues Fest is coming to Reading, Pennsylvania from November 17-20, 2022, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Reading. Find out more about it by visiting www.readingbluesfest.com.

Now, I'm going to tell you about what is going on in our hometown of Baltimore. The 27th Annual Ruth M. Kirk Family Fun Festival is coming to town on Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7, 2022, from noon until 8 p.m. at Franklin Square Park, located 1300 W. Fayette Street between Fayette and Lexington Streets. The festival will include a variety of vendors who will sell food, drinks, and arts and crafts. You can come enjoy music played by a DJ, plus live entertainment, too. Come check out Serenity Gospel Group. That's not all though. My group, Greg Hatza ORGANization, will perform there, too. MC Booze Band, The Spindles, and The Family, just to name a few, will all perform. We hope to see you there.

Another upcoming weekend festival is the Charles "Rudy" Faison Dip Nip. This event was cancelled a few weeks ago because of rain. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 7, 2022, at the Pearlstone Resort Center, located 5425 Mt. Gilead Rd., Reisterstown, Maryland. For more information about buying tickets, call Rudy at 443-801-1100.

The Royal Theater & Community

Heritage Corporation will present Matinee' @ the Royal. If you want to attend performances, take a trip to the Avenue Bakery Courtyard, located 2229 Pennsylvania Avenue on Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. Rosa Pryor Productions will present it and provide live entertainment with Jim Bennett Unique Creations Band. The band is based in the District of Columbia, but you can see them in Baltimore. Vendors will be there, too. Food and drinks can be purchased but go ahead and bring your own lawn chairs to enjoy some music in comfort. The mistress of ceremony is yours truly, "Rambling Rose." For more information, call 410-833-9474. This event is free and open to the public.

Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts has added to the Baltimore Farmers' Market lineup. The good news is that more entertainment will occur the first Sunday of the month, from now through October. It is a special monthly extension of the Baltimore Farmer's Market called the "B-Side." It will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the same space as the Market, underneath the Jones Falls Expressway at Holliday & Saratoga Streets. After the regular market ends, you can enjoy an afternoon filled with a free performance showcase

featuring local artists, musicians, doers, and performers. Food and drink vendors will be there if you are interested in patronizing them.

Shirley Duncan will present an "Afternoon Dance Party" on Sunday, August 7, 2022, from 5-9 p.m. at the Café 12, located 5627 Reisterstown Road. For more information, call 410-370-8489.

Wilson Lambert's Blue Philly Magic will be performing at the West Goshen TWP Park on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 6 p.m. That is when you can find their show being held at the intersection of N. Five Points Road and Fern Hill Road in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Ralph Magwood, Baltimore's own recording artists and the Vintage Band, will be performing at the Rev. Keith Bailey Appreciation Concert on Saturday, August 6 from 12 noon to 4 p.m., located at the 1900 block of McKean Avenue in Baltimore. Bring your lawn chairs and wear a mask. Food and vendors will be available. For more information, call 410-669-1999.

Okay my friends, I'm now out of space. Remember to call me at 410-833-9474, if you need me. You can also reach me by sending an email to rosa-pryor@aol.com. UNTIL THE NEXT TIME, I'M MUSICALLY YOURS.

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Ravens Patrick Queen Wants to Put It All Together in Year Three

By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens have had a number of premier inside linebackers over their history. Ray Lewis started the legacy as he patrolled the middle of the Ravens defense for 17 years. Baltimore selected CJ Mosley with the 17th overall pick in 2014. The Ravens got five good seasons out of him.

Mosley signed a free-agent deal with the New York Jets in 2019, opening the door for the next inside linebacker to take over. Current Ravens inside linebacker Patrick Queen became the next man up when the team selected him as the 28th pick in the 2020 draft.

Queen's impact was felt right away. He was named to the Pro Football Writers Association All-Rookie team after he posted 106 tackles, seven

run stuffs, three sacks, two forced fumbles and an interception. That success came under the leadership of current defensive coordinator Mike McDonald as Queen's position coach. All of his numbers except for run stuffs (14) dropped in his second season, despite having played one additional game. Now McDonald is back as the defensive play caller.

"I love it," Queen said. "We've got Mike [Macdonald] at 'DC' [defensive coordinator] – he was my coach my rookie year – then you've got 'ZO' [inside linebackers coach Zach Orr] in the room with us now. So, we've got two football guys, two guys that love football, who bring energy every single day, who love to communicate with us and get feedback from us, so now we're able to talk to our coach and tell

them what we think. And everything is working together. Like I said, 'ZO' is an All-Pro, so he knows what he's talking about, he knows what he's doing. So, it's everything I need."

McDonald agrees.

"He's definitely more comfortable in the scheme, he's confident, he's poised, communicates well. He's doing all of the things that we're asking him to do, and this is kind of the vision that he has for himself. So, like we said, he's on a great trajectory right now, and we're counting on him. So, he should have a great year."

The confidence comes from understanding how everything goes together from the playbook to conditioning and everything in between. He will be asked to wear the green dot helmet, meaning that he is the player on the

field who gets the call from the coaches, then relays it to the defense in the huddle.

Queen noted that he has made plenty of progress over the last two seasons. Now that he is in his third year, he plans to put it all together and be a consistent playmaker for the Ravens.

The way last season ended serves as motivation for Queen. Now it's time to let it all out on the field.

"It makes you hungry," Queen said. "I don't like having a bad taste in my mouth. And I know, the last game of the season, it didn't end how we wanted it to, and we didn't make the playoffs, so the only thing on our minds right now is just getting ready for these preseason games – to go in there and just get off on the right foot – and just be better than what we were last year."



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The Jordan McNair Foundation Partners with Morgan State University to Host a Baltimore City-Wide Football Clinic

BALTIMORE, MD (August 2, 2022) The Jordan McNair Foundation is excited to announce its partnership with the new Morgan State University head football coach, Damon Wilson. The joint partnership will host a free Baltimore City-Wide Football Clinic on Saturday, August 6, 2022 (8 am – 11:30 am) at the Morgan State University Football Field, 1700 East Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21251. Registration is required for all student athletes.

The student athletes attending the City-Wide Football Clinic will: 1) Learn drills from Morgan State Bears football players and meet the new Head Football Coach Damon Wilson; 2) Learn how to listen to their bodies and 3) Learn the signs and symptoms of heat related injuries.

Parents of student athletes are also strongly encouraged to attend and learn about: 1) Heat related illness and injuries; 2) Emergency Action Plans and 3) The questions you should ask about your student athlete's safety.

The Jordan McNair Foundation was created to honor the life of the late Jordan McNair, a University of Maryland football player who died at the age of 19 in June 2018 after he suffered exertional heatstroke during a team workout. One of the main points the Foundation fights for is to educate and assure the safety of student-athletes when playing any sport.

The Foundation's Founder and father of Jordan McNair said, "Unfortunately, we're continuing to lose student athletes because of this 100 percent preventable injury. We've lost many student athletes from all sports. These preventable deaths must stop. I ask supporters to continue to help us put the education, research, and prevention in place to diminish these occurrences."

The Jordan McNair Foundation's mission is to diminish the number of heat-related deaths that occur in student-athletes and improve student athlete safety.

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