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Maddox family named 2015 Gordon Johnson 'Siblings of the Year'



The Maddox siblings of Time Printers, Inc. (L-r) Al, Brenda, Daniel, Wayne, Gregory and Lisa Maddox-Jordan with their mother, Letitia S. Maddox have been named the 2015 Gordon Johnson "Siblings of the Year" by Baltimore's Neighbor to Family, Inc. They will be honored during a dinner on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at The Forum Caterers on Primrose Avenue in Baltimore. The Maddox siblings recently celebrated their mother's 90th birthday. Although Mrs. Letitia S. Maddox has never been employed in the family business she has always been considered to be the "silent partner" in the enterprise with her ever-present loving encouragement.

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SHOP MARYLAND

tax-free week

Maryland Shoppers get break during "Shop Maryland" tax-free week

Sales tax waived for qualifying clothing and footwear between August 9 and August 15, 2015

Annapolis, Md.— Shoppers are encouraged to take advantage of Maryland's tax-free week, which begins Sunday, August 9, and runs through Saturday, August 15, 2015.

During tax-free week, any single, qualifying article of clothing or footwear priced \$100 or less— regardless of how many purchased— will be exempt from the state's six percent sales tax.

"Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week is a great opportunity to get deals on back-to-school clothes or to refresh a tired wardrobe," Comptroller Franchot said. "During these tough economic times, having a break from the six percent sales tax on shoes and clothing can make a real difference for families, enabling them to save more of their hard-earned money. Retailers also benefit with a boost in revenue. The savings

can really add up for families, putting more money in their pockets."

"Back-to-school shopping is the second biggest shopping season for retailers," said Maryland Retailers Association spokesperson Tom Saquella. "Tax-Free Week has become a welcomed opportunity for consumers to save on clothing and footwear as they prepare for the new school year, and also for adults looking to buy something from the new fall clothing lines. Tax-Free Week is a wonderful gift provided every year to Maryland taxpayers and you can count on Maryland retailers to do their part with great sales and promotions."

Businesses selling items that are not eligible for inclusion in the tax-free week can still participate in "Shop Maryland." Under "Sellers Privilege," other unqualified merchandise can be sold tax-free but the retailer is responsible for paying the sales tax owed to the state.

For more information on qualifying items, visit the Comptroller of Maryland's website: www.marylandtaxes.com, e-mail taxhelp@comp.state.md.us or call 410-260-7980 in Central Maryland or toll-free at 1-800-MD-TAXES.

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Baltimore County Restaurant Week Underway



Towson, Md.— At Kooper's Jacksonville, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz was joined by promotion partner Keith Scott, president/CEO of Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce to kick off the tenth Baltimore County Restaurant Week. Fifty-nine Baltimore County restaurants are participants in the summer promotion.

The participating restaurants from across the county feature special menus at discounted, fixed prices, offering one to three course brunch, lunch and dinner specials ranging from \$15.15 to \$35.15 until August 15, 2015.

"Foodies and patrons alike look forward to Restaurant Week— it's a

great time for them to experience places they've been meaning to try at a big savings," said Kamenetz. "I encourage everyone to experience the many diverse cuisines in the County and support the local restaurant industry."

"Baltimore County's restaurants provide not only enjoyment for its patrons, but employment to nearly 25,500 workers in its 1,567 establishments," said Scott. "The restaurant industry is big business in Baltimore County, bringing in \$1.4 billion in sales yearly."

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Trumping the Donald on Immigration

By Bill Fletcher, Jr.
NNPA Columnist

Watching Donald Trump being interviewed this past week was— for the few moments that I could take it— quite fascinating. What quickly became clear was that Trump will not let the facts get in the way of his opinion. Actually, he will dispense with the actual facts and create his own.

Such was the case when it was pointed out that the number of murders committed by undocumented immigrants were less, as a proportion, than those committed by the general public. Trump simply said that the interviewer had her facts wrong; did not state counter-facts; and moved on.

We have to remember that this is the same person who played to the worst, racist sentiments in the United States with his support for the Birthers, i.e., those who suggested that President Obama had not been born in the U.S. and was, therefore, not a citizen and not eligible to be president of the United States. The facts, including the provision of Obama's birth certificate, were never enough to stop his gab. Again, the facts are as he sees it.

Trump's anti-immigrant rant, while ridiculous, is quite dangerous. He is playing to right-wing, xenophobic forces in the U.S.A. who wish to portray immigrants as the source of the problems of this country.

His blatant, anti-Mexican rhetoric, suggesting, for example, that Mexican immigrants bring with them crime, leads one to ask a simple question: What does Trump think about the people who migrated from Sicily? How about from Ireland? In both cases, notorious criminal organizations were either brought with the immigrants or were formed by the immigrants once they arrived.

Does this mean that Sicilians and Irish were overwhelmingly criminals? Of course not, but that small fact is completely absent from Trump's analysis. If he is not suggesting— and actually cannot suggest— that Sicilians and Irish were a bunch of criminals, then on what basis can he go after Mexicans?

Trump's opportunism is aimed at winning the Republican nomination or, at least, influencing the outcome of the primary process. More importantly, he is— regardless of intent— working, to not only stoke the coals of xenophobia but to make more coherent and legitimate, the right-wing, racial attack on immigrants of color. He may say that he has Mexican friends, but where have we heard that language before?

Trump's racist opportunism must be blunted and this means a combination of speaking out every time we hear his irrational words, as well as working to isolate him as one would a dangerous plague. Movements such as #BlackLivesMatter as well as organized labor need to join hands with immigrant rights forces in pointing out the hypocrisy and blatant racism contained in Trump's efforts. These movements must also join hands in the fight for genuine immigration reform that recognizes the humanity of immigrants of color as well as recognizes that many, if not most, of these immigrants find themselves on our shores as a direct result of policies by the U.S. government and corporations, policies such as military interventions and free trade acts.

In fact, many of these policies originate in boardrooms such as those occupied by the Donald.

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Community Affairs

Call for Entry: Light City Baltimore

Deadline for proposals is August 31, 2015

Baltimore— The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts seeks participants for Light City Baltimore, a festival of light and ideas.

Premiering March 28 to April 3, 2016, the inaugural Light City Baltimore will be the first large-scale light festival in the United States featuring art, music and innovation programming and will be a platform to shine a light on Baltimore's innovation and creative communities.

Installed in the Inner Harbor area, Light City Baltimore seeks illuminated visual artworks, live performances with a light component, and musical performances and concerts that enhance and complement the light displays and sculptures.

Light City Baltimore also features an innovation conference called Light City University, a dynamic learning campus dedicated to exploring the technology of

social change. Calls for entry are open to artists and artist collaborative groups working in all media and genres of both the visual and performing arts.

Artists are strongly encouraged to consider one or more of the following festival goals as they conceive their artwork proposal: Collaboration, Innovation, Sustainability, Audience Engagement and Transformation.

Jury panels will be commenced for each of the three application types made up of professionals working in the corresponding field.

As part of Light City's commitment to community engagement, the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts is offering the Call for Entry in Spanish, braille, large print and an audio transcript. For Artists, musicians and performers needing to access the braille, or large print versions are asked to contact Festival Coordinator Ashley Molese at 410-752-8632 to make arrangements for mailing out the Call for Entry.

To apply, visit <http://www.lightcity.org/call-for-entry/>. The deadline for proposals is Monday, August 31, 2015.

The change we've been waiting for

By James Clingman
NNPA Columnist

In light of the conversations about police abuse, unwarranted stops and arrests, and homicide cases involving black people and police officers, many black people get angry, maybe have a march, and then go home to await the next incident. Some of our organizations do their usual thing by making loud threatening statements and then get back in line until the next crisis hits.

Amos Wilson said, "Until our behavior changes, the behavior of those who oppress and abuse us will not change." In other words, the onus for change is on us.

Many of you may not know about the Uniform Reporting Law Enforcement Improvement Act (URLEIA), which is proposed legislation that calls for the creation of a National Office of Civilian Oversight that hosts meetings across the nation to garner citizen input. Law enforcement agents, their spouses and unions are not permitted to attend or participate in the Civilian Oversight

Conferences. These conferences are essentially designed to create policy that governs policing. Police unions and associations are largely responsible for developing the policing approaches we see in effect today; URLEIA will change that practice.

This legislative proposal is provided by ONUS, Inc., and Black Communities United for Progress (BCUP) for presentation to members of the United States Congress and the president of the United States. Now that's what I call proactive work that will have a direct and positive effect on black people. This is not just rhetorical bombast; this is attacking the problem of police brutality from a practical, logical, and legal perspective.

Immediately after a white woman was shot and killed by an illegal immigrant in San Francisco, Bill O'Reilly called for what he titled "Kate's Law" to be passed by Congress. Within days 600,000 signatures were collected and members of Congress went to work to get the proposed law passed. They held hearings and brought the family of Kathryn Steinle to Washington to testify. They got swift action.

So where is the Tamir Rice law against cops shooting 12-year-olds in less than two seconds? Where is the Eric Garner Law against police officers choking a man to death? Where is John Crawford's Law that punishes department store employees for lying to 911 and cops from killing a person for holding a BB gun that is on the shelf of that store? Where is Sandra Bland's Law that would send a cop to jail for falsely arresting a young lady who questioned

why she had to put her cigarette out while seated in her own car?

Why hasn't O'Reilly's TV news counterpart, Al Sharpton, gone to his good friend, Barack Obama, and all his friends in the Black Caucus and gotten them to hold hearings and write Sandra's Law?

Instead of real action, we see our vaunted politicians genuflecting before the powers-that-be and our "black" organizations—the NAACP and Urban League—walking 860 miles and issuing an annual report that tells us how bad our situation is.

This is exactly why we need and must support ONUS, Inc. and its URLEIA legislation.

Instead of symbolic gestures, "ONUS is calling upon Congressional leaders to sponsor, endorse and enact the provisions contained in URLEIA in order to stop law enforcement agents from wreaking havoc on black Americans..." said Jerroll Sanders, ONUS, Inc. president and CEO.

Sanders states: "The contents of the URLEIA legislative proposal stand in stark contrast to H.R. 2875 — a bill titled the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2015 that is currently making its way through Congress. While H.R. 2875 provides additional funding for grants and U.S. Department of Justice policing oversight activities and promotes the creation of national training, accreditation and operating standards, it provides few real solutions to adequately address America's racist policing problem."

I would add that H.R. 2875 creates a

National Task Force on law enforcement oversight composed of individuals appointed by the attorney general from various DOJ bureaus. The AG's task force will consult with professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations and "community-based organizations."

Along with a few other loosely worded recommendations, of course, the usual suspects, to and through which funds would be channeled are named outright, i.e. NAACP and National Urban League.

"URLEIA, on the other hand, addresses the root cause of police brutality in black communities by holding law enforcement agents accountable for the actions and sealing loopholes that currently allow perpetrators of police brutality to walk free," Sanders said. "URLEIA is the type of tough legislation black Americans have been demanding in order to bring a permanent end to centuries of police brutality and abuse."

Please go to www.changeisonus.org and read the URLEIA legislation for yourself, and then support it by supporting ONUS. If all we do is say we need change, we will never obtain it. It takes work, and ONUS is doing that work. Get involved!

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Boys and Girls Club of Baltimore honors students for academic excellence

By Ruth Young Tyler

To highlight the academic and social accomplishments of local graduates, the Boys and Girls Clubs (BGC) of Metropolitan Baltimore hosted an event to honor nearly two-dozen teenagers. The event was held in the historic Engineers Club at the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion on Mount West Vernon Place in Baltimore City.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) offers year-round academic success initiatives and has 4,100 clubs across the country to help teens graduate and pursue academic and career endeavors. BGCA provides education-focused programming and resources that aim to help 1.4 million teens graduate high school on time by 2018.

Bria Brown, who was honored at the event, graduated eighth grade from the Knowledge and Success Academy (KASA) in Baltimore City. She initially heard about BGC from classmates. She researched the organization and explained to her mother the reasons why her participation would be important. As a first year participant of BGC of Metropolitan Baltimore, Bria visited her local BGC three days a week and received homework assistance in math. She plans to study marine biology when she graduates college.

Baltimore Orioles outfielder #23 Travis Snider served as the keynote speaker and addressed the teenagers about leadership, commitment and taking initiative.

"These are the most important four years as you enter into your adult life. Luckily, you have these folks [Boys and Girls Club of Baltimore] to lean on," said Snider. He encouraged them to ask for assistance when they need it. He also shared with them that their level of success depends upon their individual commitment and determination. "There are



Baltimore area students were celebrated at a local event hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Metropolitan Baltimore for their academic success. (Left to right) Honoree Bria Brown, Baltimore Orioles Outfielder Travis Snider, Westport Academy Salutatorian Kenneth Bonner, Kenneth R. Darden, president/CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Metro Baltimore and student leader Tre' Madison.

Photo Credit: Matt Hazlett/Baltimore Orioles

two things we can control in life, our attitude and our efforts," said Snider.

Snider is an alumni of the Boys and Girls Club and joined the organization when he was seven years old. He attributes his success to opportunities and being surrounded by coaches and mentors.

"The more opportunities we give these kids and positively influence them, the better they will become. We have a responsibility to take care of the kids and help them to achieve their dreams," said Snider.

Tre Madison, a senior at Carver Vocational Technical School, appreciates the people who supported him.

"The Boys and Girls Club allowed me to do some constructive and positive things," said Madison, who plans to attend Stratford University and study culinary arts. "They look to me as a leader to help with the younger kids. Just like people helped me, I want to help them too."

Kenneth Brown started participating with BGC when he was in the fifth grade. He recently graduated from eighth grade at Westport Academy where he delivered the salutatorian address and highlighted the importance of overcoming challenges and succeeding academically and socially. Brown said he worked hard and received help from his mentor and the applied physics laboratory to enhance his overall grade point average.

"I was really proud of myself for working hard on my math scores," said Brown, who plans to study software engineering at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in the fall. "My greatest accomplishment is seeing my mother proud of me. She showed it by her love, affection and just being there for me."

The program was sponsored by a \$30 million grant from the Taco Bell® Foundation and is dedicated to preparing students for college and the workforce. The

students were part of the Graduate for Más, which is a program track offered to Club members in partnership with Taco Bell Foundation, as an extension of its national initiative that provides resources to teenagers while tracking their progress toward graduation and life goals.

Through the partnership, the BGC of Metropolitan Baltimore work to prepare local students for a successful transition into high school, higher education and career opportunities.

Melody Locke, principal of Westport Academy, celebrated her 20th year in academia and attended the event to support her former student Kenneth Bonner. She was extremely pleased with the students' accomplishments.

"Despite the odds they have to overcome, they are hard-working students and I'm really proud of all of them," said Locke.

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Ravens WR Trent Steelman pursues dream of being in NFL

By Turrón Davenport

“The NFL is my dream. It’s my life-long goal.” Those are the words former Army quarterback turned wide receiver Trent Steelman utters when asked about being in the league. It has taken an extra year to get to this point and Steelman is now a member of the Baltimore Ravens competing for a spot on the roster. He is making a position change to improve his chances of being in the NFL.

New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman successfully made the same switch, which serves as motivation for Steelman. Coincidentally, Steelman worked out for the Patriots before signing with the Ravens.

Steelman got the opportunity to practice at M&T Bank Stadium in front of 22,111 fans including many military veterans in attendance recently. It was Steelman’s third practice as a Raven and he made the best play of his young training camp.

“It’s humbling to be in this position. It’s a true privilege,” Steelman said. “It’s something that I carried with me in my days as an officer. To see them out there, I know what they have been through.”

The Ravens were interested in signing Steelman after the 2014 NFL Draft but it was not possible because he was required to maintain his five-year commitment to the military. The Ravens and the military were unable to work out a deal that would allow him to play. His dream was right there in his hands but was snatched away. Instead of being in Owings Mills catching passes from Joe Flacco, Steelman was stationed in Savannah, Georgia serving his military obligation. The missed opportunity was something that Steelman said kept him up at night.

The opportunity presented itself when Steelman received a call from an officer at the Pentagon. It was no secret that Steelman wanted to play in the NFL and had



Ravens wide receiver Trent Steelman catches a pass in a drill during Ravens training camp at the Under Armour Training Facility in Owings Mills, Maryland. Courtesy Photo/www.baltimore Ravens.com

the talent to make it. The officer asked Steelman if he still wanted to pursue his dream and without any hesitation, Steelman answered, “Yes sir!” The next day he got a call and was told that his wish was granted—he was good to go.

Steelman excelled at the wide receiver position at in the International Federation of American Football World Championship. He was named the tournament’s MVP where he posted 18 catches for 258 yards and two touchdowns in four games. He also rushed for 66 rushing yards and had a fumble recovery for a touchdown.

Steelman participated in the first ever NFL Veterans Combine at the Arizona Cardinals practice facility in Glendale, Arizona.

The switch to wide receiver and path to the NFL hasn’t been an easy one for Steelman.

“There have been a lot of times when

I wanted to call it quits, it was tough,” Steelman said. “I wouldn’t quit. I had to pursue my dream.”

The former quarterback gets better with each practice. He wants to become more familiar with the playbook, which will allow him to better utilize his athleticism on the field. He wants to get so familiar with the playbook that he gets to the point where he doesn’t have to think about it out on the field. Things will get better for him as he continues to take reps.

Each day is an uphill battle for Steelman because he is making a position change at a level of football that is second to none. He knows what he needs to improve upon and it’s a daily operation.

“Technique-wise, I am learning the little things as a receiver. I am working on getting off the ball, not selling my cuts too early, getting in and out of my routes,” Steelman said. “I like my growth and I will continue to work and continue to make it work.”



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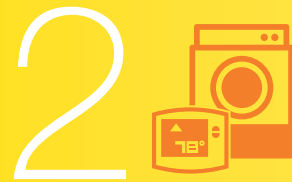
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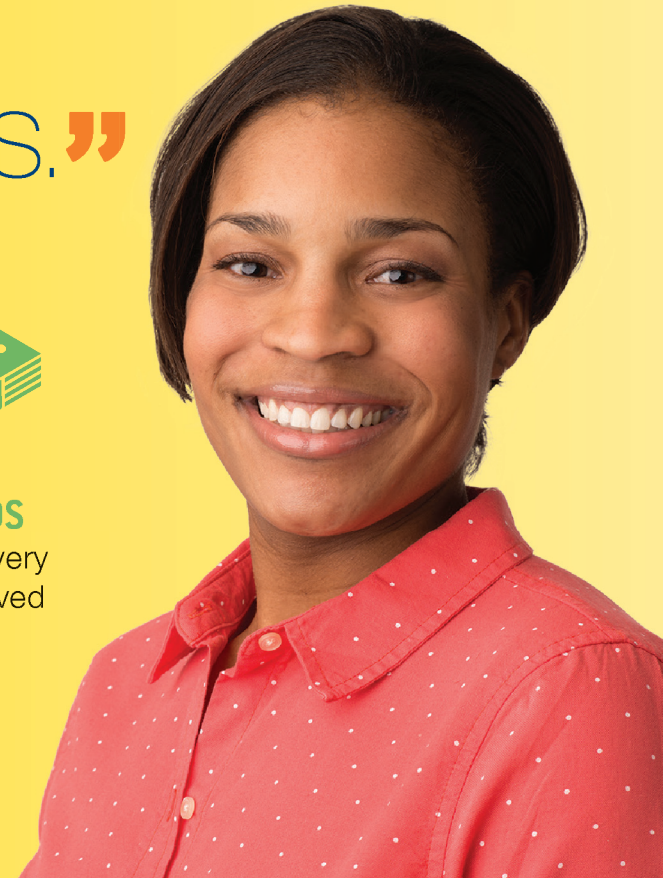
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Kristin L. Mitchell addresses mental health awareness

By Andrea Blackstone

National Health Interview Survey data from 2007 to 2010 revealed that nearly eight percent of people over the age of 12 reported experiencing depression.

While six percent of males and 10 percent of females reported current depression in the survey, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) produced a fact sheet about African American Women and depression. According to NAMI, misdiagnosis and under-treatment is common, and African American women seek help less since depression is often viewed as a personal weakness, instead of a health problem.

Women like Kristin L. Mitchell, a 28-year-old entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker, are playing a role in increasing dialogue about topic. Mitchell says that she is in a good place and feels fine today, but she reminds us that anyone can be touched by depression for a variety of reasons.


Mitchell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Spellman College, graduating summa cum laude. After continuing her studies, she earned a Master of Education in special education from George Mason University with a 4.0 GPA. Mitchell also established a career as a special education teacher in Washington, D.C.

However, the unresolved issue of “fatherlessness” partially led to living through abusive relationships, having low self-esteem, attempting suicide and hospitalization in mental wards.

“It wasn’t until that fourth hospital visit that I realized that I had daddy issues that I needed to address. I didn’t realize that because I was so caught up in my relationship with my ex [boyfriend] at the time. I just thought I had a really deep love for him, which I did, but I didn’t realize that that love stemmed from a place of not having that love from anyone else, so I latched on so tight to it because it was a feeling that I longed for. I didn’t realize that I had been void of it for so many years,” Mitchell said. “My father [Keith Mitchell] was incarcerated during the earlier part of my life. He was released from prison when I was about 14— it must have been about 10 years that he was away— so when he did come back home, we still didn’t have a close relationship.”

Kristin recalls certain fun times in her childhood, from birth to around four years old, when she lived with Keith and mother, Erica Dortch-Jones. After Keith returned from prison, Kristin explained that he married and later fathered another daughter with his wife.

“I’d gotten so used to him [my father] not being there, that when he got home [from prison] it wasn’t a big deal for me, because I’d been without him for so long,” Kristin said. “I didn’t realize that I missed his presence, because I hadn’t had it. I lived my life as if I was comfortable without having a father figure because that was my norm.”



"Pain is an inevitable part of our healing process. Once we learn how to sit in our realities and allow the pain to run its course, we will be able to get to our healing a lot faster."

--Kristin L. Mitchell

www.HeWasntMyDaddy.com

Kristin L. Mitchell, CEO of K. Restoration, LLC is a courageous voice for women who struggle with the aftermath of absentee fathers who have or have not returned into their lives. In her memoir, “He Wasn’t My Daddy: My Road to Restoration and Redemption,” she speaks candidly about mental illness, while promoting compassion and understanding. Mitchell’s book also explores depression, “fatherlessness,” promiscuity and suicide.

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After being discharged from a psychiatric ward of a hospital, for the fourth time in 2014, Kristin remarked that she aspired to heal from psychological pain. She wanted to restore balance in her personal life, so she decided to write a memoir called, “He Wasn’t My Daddy: My Road to Restoration and Redemption.”

Her website states that her relationship with her ex-boyfriend was her inspiration for writing the book that helped her to build a platform to tell the story of restoring her inner self through workshops, speaking engagements and book signings. Although Kristin hopes to promote healing for other fatherless daughters and help them to feel unashamed, men read her book, too. Some reportedly regard her journey as an example of how parental absence can affect children.

Kristin added that if daughters who need to resolve issues with their fathers can express how they feel to their fathers, even if interacting does not lead to a close relationship, taking that step may prove valuable.

Through her journey, Kristin illustrated how anger, hurt and resentment can be put aside to move forward. Her personal healing entailed recognizing that Keith’s absence early in her life was an issue, and that their relationship was important.

“We were able to mend our relationship. We wound up going to therapy and we sat down and had lengthy conversations about our relationship, and how we were going to mend for our relationship to build a stronger bond,” Kristin said.



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Maddox family named 2015 Gordon Johnson 'Siblings of the Year'

By Stacy M. Brown

Al Maddox describes the printing business as being in his family's blood. His grandfather, Gabriel B. Maddox Sr., under the guidance of Booker T. Washington, was the first instructor in printing and established the first printing shop in Tuskegee, Alabama before coming to Baltimore and opening a small family owned print shop in 1907.

"We have a rich history of being involved in the industry. Each and every project we're involved in is very special to us and it represents what we do as it relates to quality and the time put into it," said Maddox, who along with five of his relatives have been named "Siblings of the Year," by Baltimore's Neighbor to Family, Inc, an organization whose goal is to revolutionize foster care by keeping siblings together while building healthier families and stronger communities.

Neighbor to Family's signature service provides evidence-based, specialized foster care to sibling groups. Special emphasis is given to achieving permanency goals for children within 12 months of placement.

The organization notes there are nearly 500,000 children in foster care in the United States and between 65 percent and 85 percent enter care with at least one sibling. It is also estimated that only 25 percent of these children are placed with all their siblings.

Neighbor to Family places siblings in a single home and hold birth parents accountable for the long-term well-being of their children while planning for permanency is a consistent effort.

"My sister and I had the opportunity recently to tour the Neighbor to Family facility and it was amazing," Maddox said. "Nothing can have more priority than taking care of kids."

Brenda Maddox says Neighbor to Family possesses similar values that have been instilled in her family members.

"People are amazed that the six of us can work together in harmony. So many people ask how you can work with your family all day long without running in to problems," Brenda Maddox said. "We were reared to be close friends and we

all bring different areas of expertise to the family business and we're so glad that we have this opportunity to express our gratitude to our clients."

The Maddox siblings which include Al, Brenda, Daniel, Wayne, Gregory and Lisa Maddox-Jordan, will be honored during a dinner on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at The Forum Caterers on Primrose Avenue in Baltimore.

A Neighbor to Family spokesperson says the Maddox siblings display outstanding examples of family values and their printing business has won four print quality awards from the Printing and Graphics Association of the Mid-Atlantic, most recently in 2010.

"We have so much to be proud of, but most of all, we exist to serve our customers by bringing heart and soul to the job every single day," Lisa Maddox said.

"When we found out that we were nominated, then selected as the siblings of the year, I immediately looked forward to [the dinner] as an excellent opportunity to express our gratitude to our Mother Letitia and Uncle Frank as well as to honor the memory of our Father Al," said Brenda Maddox.

Just six years ago, Al Maddox became the first African-American to serve as the chairman of the board of any print trade association in the United States when he assumed the position in the Printing and Graphics Association of the Mid Atlantic.

Today, Time Printers—the family business—is constantly challenging itself to stay on the cutting edge of the industry's standards without giving up their personal touch, the siblings said, noting that they offer their clients the newest technology while at the same time adhering to their extensive history and timeless traditions.

"That's our daily vision and objective," Al Maddox said. "We're so fortunate and it's the effort we put into our clients that leads to repeat business. We love the work we do."

Siblings of the Year Award Dinner Honoring the Maddox Siblings

Celebrate the Maddox Siblings as they receive the honor of the 2015 Gordon Johnson, Siblings of the Year Award. Join Neighbor to Family, Inc. National President Gordon Johnson, city and state dignitaries, and the NTF Baltimore Staff and Committee, as we celebrate the Maddox's commitment to family, community, and professional excellence.

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Victoria Christopher Murray returns to Baltimore to discuss, sign “Stand Your Ground”

By Andrea Blackstone

Although Victoria Christopher Murray has successfully worked with mainstream publishers for 15 years, the full-time writer decided to take a creative risk while penning her twenty-fifth book, “Stand Your Ground.” She omitted high drama, opting to craft a serious, character-driven novel about a 17-year-old black male who was fatally shot by a white man. The book weaves a tale of tragedy, the stand your ground law, motherhood, marriage, race and justice. Murray’s books usually receive great reviews, but for the first time in the award-winning author’s literary career, “Stand Your Ground” is garnering starred reviews from professional reviewers.

“This is the book that put the most lumps in my throat, and the most tears in my eyes, no matter how many times I read it,” Murray said. “It was emotionally draining, but I was so glad I wrote it. I was very concerned; I never wanted anyone to think that I was taking advantage of situations that had happened. But whenever I write, I write to kind of explore things as I’m writing. And I wanted to know what it was like for these mothers to live all of their pain in public. How do you do that? Do you really want your child to become a cause? He’s your baby he’s not a cause. But then I wanted to explore, how would a father feel? His feelings would be totally different. His feelings would be like, ‘It’s on. I’m about to make sure that somebody pays for my son’s death.’ And so it was great for me to explore all of that. That’s what I wanted to do.”

Considering how Murray presented the riveting story that required legal research, “Stand Your Ground” could easily become a must-read book of the summer. Told from the perspective of the victim’s mother, and the wife of the

shooter, over 60 five-star Amazon reviews indicate that something substantial is resonating with Murray’s readers, especially since the book was released just a few weeks ago. The stand your ground law is at the heart of Murray’s book, which incorporates details like jury instructions that were given by the judge in the George Zimmerman trial in Florida.

“I wanted to educate people. I was praying that by educating people [about the stand your ground law], they would want to have a call to action,” Murray said. “And then I wanted people to truly, truly find out a little bit more about this. We’ve got to do something about it. We cannot keep going from one case to the next, being all upset every single time. We’ve got to repeal it. And it’s a difficult thing to repeal, because it is a state law, rather than a national law.”

As Murray travels to various cities around the country during her book tour, discussions leave readers with some-

thing meaningful to ponder. How can the safety of black males be improved? The author explained that she wants black males to read “Stand Your Ground” and note the effects of what can happen when they do not back down from a situation and walk away. Murray also wants them to observe how a family can be impacted, if they are killed.

“The stand your ground law tells adults that you can start a fight. You have

no duty to retreat, if you feel your life was in danger, or there is great bodily harm that could come to you,” Murray said. “What I want young men to read this book and...(to) realize is that they can’t stand their ground, because when they stand their ground, somebody’s going to kill them.”

Murray makes an important point about the value of walking away from potentially fatal situations, while also entertaining readers. The experienced



Author Victoria Christopher Murray will return to Baltimore for the 6th Annual African American Author's and Empowerment Expo, on August 15, 2015 at the Radisson North Baltimore Hotel in Timonium, Maryland from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. She will discuss and sign her latest book, *Stand Your Ground*. Courtesy Photo

writer managed to pen a thought-provoking book that is arguably the most important of her career.

“While I will never forget that I am an entertainer, I always want to write books now that are important,” Murray said.

Murray discussed “Stand Your Ground” at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Central Branch on July 1, 2015. She will return to Baltimore to discuss and sign

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To learn more about 6th Annual African American Author's and Empowerment Expo, visit: <http://www.aaa-expo.net>.

Will Terrance West answer his critics?

By Brittany Little

Terrance West was drafted in the third round—the 94th overall pick by the Cleveland Browns in 2014. The Dawg Pound was excited to get a big physical running back to fit their ground and pound offense.

Not only did West put up dynamic numbers and break school records at Towson, he was also a big physical back standing at 5 feet 10 inches and weighing in at 225 pounds. The dynamic running back is a native of Baltimore who grew up in a single parent home on the west side of town.

West has overcome many struggles in life, even after graduating from Northwestern as a two-time All-Baltimore City selection, who amassed 4,700 total yards, and was an honorable mention All-Metro selection. West went on to attend a prep school in Virginia but the distance between him and his family was too much so he left after a year.

The following year he looked for schools that would accept him as a transfer student while sitting out due to NCAA rules. Due to low SAT scores, he was unable to attend Clemson, a school he wanted to play for. He was also recruited by the University of Maryland but after a change in coaching staff their interest in him faded. When we was about to play for Morgan State University a paperwork error made him miss another chance at playing on the collegiate level. Finally after losing many opportunities, he was put in contact with Rob Ambrose, the coach of Towson University who was interested in him and the rest is history.

West came to Cleveland after a star-studded career at Towson University. In just three years he amassed 4,854 yards, averaging 132.1 yards per game and 6.1 yards per attempt with a whopping 84 rushing touchdowns. West also caught 36 balls for 385 yards and two touchdowns.

Cleveland was looking for any way to reenergize the fans who have been waiting on a post season appearance since its last appearance, a 2002 wildcard loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers. With much anticipation to start his rookie year in

Cleveland alongside fellow rookie quarterback Johnny Manziel, West hoped the two would bring a dual offense attack, which the Browns clearly lacked in previous years.

In his first NFL game against the Steelers, West showed what every fan wanted to see, he rushed for 100 yards on 16 carries and the Browns nearly upset the Steelers in week one of the 2014 NFL season. The Browns fans thought this would be the beginning of an exciting year and up to about midseason they were right in the thick of things tied for the AFC North division.

After the exciting performance in game one, West never had another 100-yard performance. The only other dynamic performances were in Week 10 against the Cincinnati Bengals and Week 17 against the Baltimore Ravens where he rushed for 94 yards and one touchdown in both games.

The Browns lost five of their next eight games continuing their streak of missing the postseason. However, West finished the season as the leading rusher accumulating 673 yards rushing on 171 carries with four touchdowns. He had some highs and many lows such as weeks 7, 8 and 11 when he carried the



Baltimore native Terrence West was selected in the third round in the 2014 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.

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ball a combined 17 times and only produced 31 yards. Even so, his rookie season wasn't too bad but there were questions surrounding his maturity level. He was benched during the Jacksonville game and in another game he didn't even see the field!

Brown's coach Mike Pettine spoke to the media about West saying, "He's real good when he has the ball, but just in some of the other areas of the game, he needs to improve. It also comes back, when we have the type of depth and competition, it comes down to practice. We'll be men of our words when we say 'whoever practices best will be up for the game.'"

West wasn't the only rookie running back on the team. Isaiah Crowell (undrafted) when given the opportunity showed the Browns he too could be a dynamic back. He finished the season second best on the team in yards (603) and doubling West's four touchdowns with eight of his own.

Even after the productivity of both rookie running backs, the Browns again selected a running back with the third round pick in the 2015 NFL draft. A sign that the Browns are still searching for continuity at the position.

I'm looking forward to a productive year from West, a local product who knows what it means to work hard. Keep an eye open for him. He is coming with no sophomore slump in sight.

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'Cooley High' remembered on the 40th Anniversary of release

By Stacy M. Brown

Gary Susman of moviefone.com called it the most influential movie you've never seen and NPR's Derek John referred to it as a classic of black cinema. The accolades and remembrances of the hit 1975 film, "Cooley High," continue to pour in during the 40th anniversary of its release.

"Cooley High ought to be remembered as a cinema milestone, and its writer and director remembered as pioneers," Susman said in paying homage to the film that starred Glynn Turman as "Preach," Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs as "Cochise," and Garrett Morris as "Mr. Mason."

To help mark the anniversary, a private V.I.P. reception and re-screening of the iconic film took place in Chicago where the film was shot. Many of the cast members, including Hilton-Jacobs and Robert Townsend, attended the highly-anticipated event.

"What a great reunion for 'Cooley High.' Everybody who attended was very pleased, enjoyed themselves and they thought that it was well-done and put together nicely," Colostine Boatwright, who had a small role in the film, told Soultrain.com.

"There was joy, love and togetherness in the room. It was a job well-done. Even though 'Preach' wasn't there, we still had Townsend who stepped right in," Boatwright said. "You see what we can do when put egos aside? I'm really hoping that out of this, something comes. We are all still here. We haven't given up."

Susman said the movie should be celebrated for its vast influence on movies, TV, and music. As a young-men-coming-of-age movie, it deserves to be mentioned alongside Fellini's "I Vitelloni," George Lucas's "American Graffiti," Barry Levinson's "Diner," and John Singleton's Boyz N the Hood," Susman said.

The story behind "Cooley High" is even more dramatic than the comedy-drama that unspooled on the screen. It's the story of Kenneth Williams, who, like protagonist Preach, left Chicago's Cabrini-Green projects with dreams of becoming a Hollywood screenwriter.

Having dropped out of high school, he hitchhiked from the Windy City to Hollywood with \$5 in his pocket and no connections, and for a while he supported himself selling drugs. However, the aspiring writer,

who renamed himself Eric Monte, also befriended actor Mike Evans, who had been cast as neighbor Lionel Jefferson on the groundbreaking sitcom "All in the Family."

Through Evans, Monte pitched the show's producer, Norman Lear, a script introducing the characters of Lionel's parents, George and Louise Jefferson. Lear bought the script and eventually spun off George, Weezy, and Lionel into their own hit sitcom, "The Jeffersons." Evans and Monte co-created another sitcom for Lear, the hit "Good Times," about a family struggling in a Chicago project much like the one where Monte grew up.

Susman said Monte still hungered to tell a story of black life in the Chicago projects that resembled his own experience, which he characterized as fun and not just gritty. The result was the screenplay for "Cooley High," which he sold to American International Pictures, an independent studio then known for drive-in fare and exploitation pictures. "But, 'Cooley High' was no exploitation film. Unlike the other black stories being told on screen in the early '70s, this one wasn't about crime, racism, drugs, vengeance, or black-power



The movie "Cooley High," was considered to be the anthem for black youth during the 70's, this tear-jerker provided the blueprint for Boyz N the Hood and the television comedy "What's Happening." Courtesy Photo/hellobeautiful.com

heroes and heroines who stuck it to the Man," Susman said.

It was just about teens doing what teens do— hanging out, going to school, going to parties, hooking up, cruising the streets, and dreaming of the future. "Yes, there was petty crime and some tragic violence, but they weren't the main focus of the story," he said. "It was just a slice of life, both specific and universal.

As a result, 'Cooley High' marked the beginning of the shift in African-American cinema away from blaxploitation toward more diverse stories of black life, although it would take another 20 years for that transition to be fully realized."

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PROJECT # 1243**

**PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANT
SERVICES**

**Energy (Power, Steam & Cooling) Supply
and Purchase Economic Assessments**

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards and Commissions has been requested by the Department of Public Works (DPW) to advertise for services of an Energy Financial Analysis consulting firm. The City of Baltimore Office of Sustainable Energy (OSE) is seeking a consulting firm to provide financial analysis of the sources and systems of energy used by Baltimore City (primarily power and steam) and purchasing options, as well as the pricing of power that can be purchased through the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee.

The Firms interested in providing these services must demonstrate and document:

- Experience in the development, construction, and ownership of solar projects in Maryland and in the BGE service area. Thus having the practical experience in siting and financing and obtain regulatory and BGE approvals necessary to implement solar projects.
- Experience in the development of Combined Heat and Power projects, financing, obtaining Empower and BGE approvals, and developing the interconnections with BGE to enable operation when the BGE supply is not operating.
- Experience in the development, siting, and economic feasibility of small- to mid-range energy systems (electric, heat cooling, other) for improved reliability and financial performance of energy supply for the City Government facilities.
- Experience with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requirements related to the development and operation of small energy generation facilities.
- Experience with the methods of financing including taxable and non-taxable, partnership and other structures for financing energy ventures.
- Experience and knowledge of obtaining the BGE approvals necessary to implement solar, CHP and other energy projects and obtaining the interconnection agreements. Experience in obtaining Public Service Commission approvals (e.g. Certificate for Convenience of Operation) and PJM approvals (grid operator).

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- Experience in power purchasing wholesale and retail, contract structures and development of portfolio model for purchasing, identifying means of reducing power cost through restructuring accounts and usage.
- Knowledge of the power pricing structure of the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee to determine options for fair methods of pricing the members and reducing the cost of power to the City of Baltimore.
- Experience with marketing Tier 1 and solar renewable credits in Maryland.

The scope of the work for the contract should include but not limited to:

- Review the Baltimore City accounts to determine the priority of accounts to include in virtual net metering program for solar projects.
- Assist with the development of solicitation for solar and CHP and other energy supply projects.
- Create financial models for evaluation of energy systems and purchasing options for energy.
- Evaluate the Baltimore region purchasing cooperative pricing structure and determine if equitable to the City and make recommendations as to how to restructure.
- Evaluate the economics of grid connected power suppliers for gas and renewable energy.
- Assist in providing preliminary feasibility (financial and technical) and potential locations that will meet interconnect requirements for energy facilities.
- Evaluate financial feasibility for opportunities that will supply energy and/or energy related products for Tier I applications
- Evaluate financial feasibility of energy storage technologies for City facilities.
- Assist in determining of financial benefit and impacts of new technologies.
- Assist the City during project implementation phase to insure project is remaining consistent with projected financial performance.
- Evaluate micro-grid opportunities for City government facilities and review privately developed micro – grid applications in the City.
- Evaluate appropriate financial structures for the above opportunities.
- Assist in evaluating the City Government (boilers, diesel generators etc) energy assets for replacement/right sizing and the economics of alternatives.
- Advise the City in selling renewable energy credits for Tier 1 and solar.

DPW reserves the right to hold a second interview with eligible consulting firms. The city intends to select the services of one (1) or more firms for a three (3)-year period

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with the option of two (2) one-year extensions. The initial budget for the contract is \$400,000 of which the profit and overhead shall not exceed 10% of total direct costs.

Should you have any questions regarding the scope of the Project, please contact Mr. Bill Merritt of the Office of Sustainable Energy @ (410) 396-1221.

Firms interested in submitting a proposal as a prime consultant for this project should submit a "Letter of Interest" to the Office of Boards and Commissions, 3000 Druid Park Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21215 (EMAIL: OBC.Consultants@baltimorecity.gov). Since these letters are utilized to assist small, minority and women business enterprises in identifying potential teaming partners, the letters should be submitted within five (5) days of the date of the project's advertisement. The letter should contain a contact person. Failure to submit a "Letter of Interest" will not disqualify a firm submitting a proposal for the project.

Each prime consultant applying for this Project will be required to complete and submit an original Federal Form 255, along with five (5) copies, to the Office of Boards and Commissions. The Federal Form 255 and the five copies must be submitted on or before 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on September 4, 2015. Submittals may not be accepted after this deadline.

Prequalification Requirement

If an architectural, engineering, and surveying is listed in the proposal for the Project, that organization must be pre-qualified by the Office of Boards and Commissions for each discipline at the time of submittal for this Project. Information regarding the pre-qualification process can be obtained by calling the Office of Boards and Commissions at (410) 396-6883. If not an architectural and engineering (A&E) firm, then no prequalification is required.

Insurance Requirements

The consultant selected for the award of this project shall provide professional liability, auto liability and worker's compensation insurances as required by the City of Baltimore.

MBE/WBE Requirements

It is the policy of the City of Baltimore to promote equal business opportunity in the City's contracting process. Pursuant to

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Article 5, Subtitle 28 of the Baltimore City Code (2000 Edition) – Minority and Women's Business Program, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to this contract.

The MBE goal is 9% of contracted price. The WBE goal is 1% of contracted price.

Both the proposed Minority and Women's Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as an MBE or WBE within Item 6 of the Standard Form (SF) 255 in the spaces provided for identifying outside key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project.

Any submittals that do not include the proper MBW/WBE (in some instances DBE) participation will be disapproved for further consideration for this project.

Verifying Certification

Each firm submitting an SF 255 for consideration for a project is responsible for verifying that all MBEs and WBEs to be utilized on the project are certified by the Baltimore City Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) prior to submitting the proposal. A directory of certified MBEs and WBEs is available from MWBOO. Since changes to the directory occur daily, firms submitting SF 255s should call the MWBOO at (410) 396-4355 to verify certification, expiration dates and services that the MBEs and WBEs is certified to provide.

Non-Affiliation

A firm submitting a proposal may not use an MBE or WBE to meet a contract goal if:

- 1.The firm has a financial interest in the MBE or WBE.
- 2.The firm has an interest in the ownership or control of the MBE or WBE.
3. The firm is significantly involved in the operation of the MBE or WBE (Article 5 subtitle 28-41).

A firm submitting as a prime consultant that fails to comply with the requirements of Article 5, Subtitle 28 of the Baltimore City Code when executing a contract is subject to the following penalties: suspension of a contract; withholding of funds; revision of a contract based on a material breach; dis-

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qualification as a consultant from eligibility to provide services to the City for a period not to exceed two (2) years; and, payment for damages incurred by the City.

Local Hiring Law

Article 5, Subtitle 27 of the Baltimore City Code, as amended (the "Local Hiring Law") and its rules and regulations apply to contracts and agreements executed by the City on or after the Local Hiring Law's effective date of December 23, 2013, which is applicable to all vendors. The Local Hiring Law applies to every contract for more than \$300,000 made by the City, or on its behalf, with any person. It also applies to every agreement authorizing assistance valued at more than \$5,000,000 to a City-subsidized project. Please visit www.oedworks.com for details on the requirements of the law.

Additional Requirements

Documentation describing the proposing firm's experience related to that being sought for this solicitation. A resume for each person listed as key personnel and/or specialist, including those from the MBE and WBE must be provided.

Your firm's brief suggested approach for implementing this statement of work.

Please provide a schedule of the rates for the different positions on the team that maybe participating in the work.

Please be advised that for the purpose of reviewing price proposals and invoices, the City of Baltimore defines a principal of a firm as follows:

A "Principal" is any individual owner, partner of a partnership, shareholder of a Sub-Chapter "S" Corporation, or an officer/director of any Corporation.

Firms will not be considered for a specific project if they apply as both a sub-consultant and prime consultant.

Firms must be in good standing with Baltimore City & State Department of Taxation. The applications for this Project (SF 255) cannot be supplemented with any additional information such as graphs, photographs, organizational charts, etc. Applications should simply be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Cover sheets should not be in-

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cluded. Inclusion and/or submittal of additional material may result in the applicant being disqualified from consideration for this Project.

A firm hired through this solicitation may not participate in the design and/or construction of a project resulting from an analysis conducted under this contract. The firm may be asked to perform as the City representative to continually evaluate the financial performance of the project.

DPW Office of Sustainable Energy may choose to invite proposing firm(s) to participate in a Q&A interview meeting.

Failure to follow directions of this advertisement or the application may cause disqualification of the submittal.

Michael L. Augins
Acting Chief

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

CITY OF BALTIMORE OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PUBLIC NOTICE

PROJECT NO. 1244 – PLANNING AND DESIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR HANOVER STREET BRIDGE MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards and Commissions has been requested by the Transportation planning Division, Department of Transportation, to certify the qualifications of firms to provide planning and design consultant services for the federally funded project TIGER VI 2014 Hanover Street Bridge Multimodal Corridor Plan.

The scope of the planning and design services will identify feasible methods of rehabilitating or replacing the Hanover Street Bridge, improve multimodal corridor accessibility and freight access as well as highlight ways to enhance access to economic opportunities. The services will include evaluation of the existing Hanover Street Bridge, preliminary engineering to determine future cross sections of a rehabilitated bridge or a new structure, identifying traffic operation, recreational amenities, quality of life enhancements, and safety throughout the corridor. The planning study will result in a corridor plan for the area designated to encourage development and private investment in the Middle Branch Waterfront and surrounding area. It will identify bridge,

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multimodal, and roadway typical sections that can best meet the needs of residents, businesses and commuters. The comprehensive corridor plan for the Hanover Street Bridge Corridor will include both a design master plan for the Hanover Street Bridge Corridor and an investment implementation plan for local transportation connections and community integration. Collectively, these documents will be the culmination of a comprehensive planning study that evaluates a variety of alternatives to the existing structure and adjacent roadway network.

The design consultant must have experience in bridge structures and foundation design as well as in replacement and rehabilitation of bridge structures in accordance with all Federal and Maryland State Highway Administration standards. This includes experience with Rall-type bascule span and open spandrel Beaux Arts arch structures. Consultant must also demonstrate experience with multimodal transportation corridor planning and assessment of safety, accessibility, and connectivity. Established depth of experience in comprehensive and robust public outreach strategies. Experience in economic market analysis that identifies future growth potential of transportation improvements are made to the Hanover Street corridor. Demonstrate experience in identifying design opportunities and constraints that address project goals and constraints that could impact constructability. The design consultant must have experience with grant management and reporting with FHWA, FTA, MDOT or other relevant transportation agency.

Experience designing traffic control devices including signals, vehicle detection equipment, signs, pavement markings, and traffic calming installation. Signal and traffic engineering studies including warrant, accident investigation analysis, travel time and delay, speed studies, parking studies, and intersection capacity. Experience performing feasibility analysis and alternatives development for highway, bridge, and transit including identification of planning, engineering, and operational safety. Traffic and signal timing analysis, modeling, optimization and knowledge of computerized signal systems.

Consultants must be familiar with AASHTO Highway guidelines and LRFD Bridge guidelines as well as Baltimore City, Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) design criteria. Specifications for

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Federal Aid Projects will follow the latest version of the SHA Standard Specification for Construction and Materials.

Project Design Fees have been estimated up to \$1,800,000. The duration of the professional services contract is estimated to be four (4) years. One (1) consultant will be awarded the contract.

Should you have any questions in this matter, please contact Ms. Valorie LaCour, Chief Transportation Planning via email at valorie.lacour@baltimorecity.gov.

Each prime consultant applying for the Project will be required to complete and submit an original Architecture-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Project (SF255) along with five (5) copies, to the Office of Boards and Commissions. The FS255 and the five copies must be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on **August 28, 2015**.

All architectural, engineering and surveying firms listed in the proposal for the project must be prequalified by the Office of Boards and Commissions for each applicable discipline at the time of submittal for the Project. Vendors/consultant firm pre-qualifications are required to meet FHWA requirements of being performed in the last three years.

The project is subject to the Local Hiring Law in accordance with City Council Bill 12-0159.

It is the policy of the City of Baltimore to promote equal business opportunity in the City's contracting process. Pursuant to Article 5, subtitle 28 of the Baltimore City Code (2000 Edition) – Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) participation goals apply to this contract. DBE's will be afforded full opportunity to submit in response to this notice and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability in consideration of an award (23 CFR 200, 49 CFR 21 and 26)

The DBE goal is 25%.

The proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as a DBE within Item 6 of the Architecture-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Project (SF255) in the spaces provided for identifying out-

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side key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project. Firms will not be considered for specific project if they apply as both a sub consultant and prime consultant.

The application for this project Architecture-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Project (FS255) cannot be supplemented with any additional information such as graphs, photographs, organization charts, etc. All such information should be incorporated into the appropriate pages. Applications should not be bound. Applications should simply be stapled in the upper left-hand-corner. Cover Sheets should not be included. Inclusion and/or submittal of additional material will result in the applicant being disqualified from consideration for this Project.

Failure to follow directions of this advertisement of the application may cause disqualification of the submittal.

Michael Augins
Acting Executive Secretary

Eighty Years of Social Security

*By Fontaine Joynes
Social Security District Manager
Baltimore, MD*

Social Security has provided critical financial help to people of all ages for the last 80 years, and despite our age, we're far from retiring! As the Social Security program celebrates its historic birthday this August, we're reflecting on our diverse history, our current strengths, and ways we can continue to improve our services to you.

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law. In doing so, he promised the law would protect "the average citizen and his family against the loss of a job and against poverty-ridden old age." Today, we continue to provide financial security for our country's most vulnerable citizens. In fact, Social Security provides world-class service to millions of people every day — online, on the phone, and in our network of field offices across the country.

As we celebrate 80 years, we're proud to present our "Celebrating the Past and



Building the Future" anniversary website. There, you can read 80 interesting facts about an agency that touches everyone's life at some point or another! For example, did you know the original name of the Social Security Act was the Economic Security Act?

The anniversary website also includes a timeline of our history. It begins with the signing of the Act in 1935 and ends with this year's announcement of Vision 2025, our bold vision that will guide the agency as we work to meet the future

customer service needs of the public. A memorable spot on the timeline is November 2, 2000, the date when we started taking retirement claims online.

Since our agency's beginning, we've relied on our passionate and hard-working employees to face challenges and provide exceptional service. Throughout the 80 days leading up to our anniversary, we've been posting employee testimonials that answer the question, "Why do you serve?" We also invited you to share your story with us. You can tell us how Social Security has made a difference in your life and/or the lives of your family and friends. We would love to hear from you, the people we serve every day.

When the Social Security program started 80 years ago, the goal was to provide an economic lifeline for people in need. Today, Social Security continues to protect millions of people. Join us in commemorating this significant milestone! Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/80thanniversary.

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Reginald Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture needs volunteers

The museum is dedicated to serving the community by providing multifaceted support through meaningful interactions with history and material culture of Maryland African Americans. Volunteers are needed to assist at the Information Desk, as docents for special events and more. There are ongoing opportunities on Saturdays and Sundays for assistance with greeting guests and patrons at the main entrance and to work with children's activities during public hours. The minimum age for volunteers is 14. Volunteering is open to adults, seniors, college and high school students. Service-learning credit hours can be earned by high school students. We are accepting applications for the following volunteer positions: Special Event Volunteer, Administrative Assistant, Curatorial Assistant, and Visitor Services. Volunteer orientations are held at 7 p.m. on the last Monday of each month. For more information, contact Erica Holmes at 443-263-1800 or email: holmes@maamc.org or visit the museum's website: www.AfricanAmericanCulture.org.

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