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## ‘Speak Life Tour’ showcases youth talent at Music Arts Festival



On Saturday, July 11, 2015 Catherine Trotter, founder of New Beginnings Youth Development & Coaching Program (far right) will hold the Speak Life Tour Music Arts Festival at Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello Community Corporation, located at 3220 The Alameda on the campus of City College High School in Baltimore. The youth development program provides transitional housing assistance to transitioning foster care youth and wraparound services that include mentoring, career and life coaching, leadership and character development and community youth engagement projects. The Speak Life Tour was added to the program in 2013. Young performers are taken on the road to perform in places such as Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia and New York. (Photo): Front row (kneeling): Brian Hernandez and Weyden Wedderburn; (Second row, l-r): Nakesha Moore; Epiphany; Star; Asia Star; Lil Key; The Back Pack Poet; Brandon Gatewood; and Catherine Trotter. (Back row): Luther Wright. (See article on page 9) Photo: The Umbrella Syndicate



# Family, Friends and Colleagues Remember Washington Informer Editor

By Stacy M. Brown

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 6 for Denise W. Barnes, a veteran journalist who served as managing editor of the Washington Informer for six years until she was hospitalized in December.

Barnes, 58, died on June 18.

She was born in Tucson, Arizona, on Dec. 14, 1956, to parents Sadie and Harold and grew up in Washington, D.C., where she lived most of her life.

Barnes' aunt and uncle, Fannie and Frank Spencer, raised her and she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in journalism at Howard University before starting a more than 20 year career as a journalist, beginning with the old Washington Star which closed in 1981.

Later Barnes handled writing and other duties at National Public Radio before joining the Washington Times where she started as an editorial assistant before being promoted to reporter.

She served as a general assignment reporter on the Metro desk and later wrote feature stories for the paper's Life Times.

Barnes covered community events, Washington society, arts and entertainment and she also profiled local personalities and was a beat reporter for the Weekend section, informing readership of family activities held locally with an educational or historic flair.

Prior to joining The Washington Informer, Barnes held the position of public affairs specialist at the D.C. Department of Human Services.

Those who knew her best, including her co-workers, shared their memories of Barnes.

"This has been a very difficult month for me as pub-



**Denise W. Barnes**  
**Dec. 14, 1956 - June 18, 2015**

lisher of The Washington Informer," said publisher Denise Rolark Barnes. "Earlier this month, I received the news that former Washington Informer Editor Alvin Peabody passed away following complications related to diabetes. Last week, I received the sad news that our editor Denise W. Barnes also passed away. I have had the pleasure of knowing Denise for more than 30 years. We often joked about the calls and cards of congratulations

she received in 1985 when I married and took on the last name Barnes. My father, the late Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, called me one day in a rage after reading a Washington Times feature story about former Mayor Marion Barry written by Denise Barnes. He could not believe that his managing editor would write a story for a competitor newspaper but quickly calmed down once he realized it wasn't me.

"The meek walked away but those who survived her muster admired her for her tenacity. She will be sorely missed. Her entire life was dedicated to telling untold stories and increasing literacy of those who read them," Rolark Barnes said.

"I met Denise at the Washington Times in 1996 and we became fast friends," said senior Washington Informer staff writer Barrington Salmon. "I enjoyed her wide-ranging knowledge, her intellectual curiosity and her deep, unerring precision to detail. She could be tough as an editor and we had our disagreements but it was only because we both wanted the best, cleanest copy to get in the paper. I treasured her friendship. We shared a lot of laughter and tears and were inseparable to the end. I will miss her."

D. Kevin McNeir, who filled in for Barnes as managing editor, said she taught him more about writing than anyone.

"She was my friend and mentor. I have always loved being a journalist but with her guidance I discovered a new sense of joy and pride in my craft. We were kindred spirits and shared many good times," he said. "While our time together was shorter than I would have liked, I will cherish each and every moment. My beloved friend is gone too soon."

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## They're Off and Running

By Lee H. Hamilton

The presidential election is 16 months away, but already we're smack in the middle of the usual media scrum of campaign coverage, prognostication, and strategizing by many of us who have nothing much to do with the real campaigns. I've been following the rhetoric of both parties, and there are a few points that stand out enough to tell us something about what we have to look forward to.

To begin, the country is not in a sunny mood. There is a sense that America is adrift, that we don't quite know how to deal with the forces of globalization, technological change, economic uncertainty, or terrorism. Americans are looking for a leader who can restore confidence.

The economy in particular weighs on ordinary Americans' minds. There's widespread agreement that the growing economy has done very little to help people of ordinary income — not just in recent years, but really for the past generation. Still, the improving economy may be responsible for one interesting aspect of the campaign: Republicans thus far have made national security a centerpiece issue, though this could change with world events. They are also focusing on the budget deficit, cutting taxes, and, as always, pulling back on the reach of government. They want to eliminate Obamacare as well as cut Medicaid, move Medicare to a voucher system, repeal the estate tax, cut domestic programs, roll back financial reform and efforts to limit greenhouse gas emissions, and eliminate further consumer protections.

Still, the improving economy may be responsible for one interesting aspect of the campaign: Republicans thus far have made national security a centerpiece issue — perhaps responding to polling that shows that Republican voters consider it a key factor in deciding among the plethora of GOP candidates. This emphasis could change with world events, but right now candidates are pressing the argument that President Obama is not tough enough when it comes to foreign policy; they don't think highly of his leadership in the world, and in particular want to see more of a military buildup. It's a little less clear what they want to do with that military power.

Of course, national security and terrorism aren't the only issues that figure prominently in the Republicans' array of issues. So do the budget deficit, cutting taxes, and, as always, pulling back on the reach of government. They want to eliminate Obamacare as well as to cut Medicaid, move Medicare to a voucher system, repeal the estate tax, cut domestic programs, roll back financial reform and efforts to limit greenhouse gas emissions, and eliminate further consumer protections.

For the Democrats, meanwhile, addressing income inequality, maintaining social security and other entitlements, improving the country's decaying infrastructure, job creation, college costs, immigration and energy reform, and climate change all loom large. They want to preserve Obamacare, move forward on climate change, retain taxes on high-income earners, and preserve the financial reforms of the last decade. With no incumbent president, many candidates, no clear favorite, and major differences in outlook on which issues to address and how to address them, this will be in the grand American political tradition a lively, contentious, long, expensive, maybe even pivotal election. Who gets to answer the biggest questions we face — the appropriate U.S. role in the world, what the reach and purpose of government should be, which path will best secure Americans' prosperity and world peace — is up for grabs. We've got an interesting election ahead as a nation. I'm looking forward to it. I hope you are, too.

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## Community Affairs

### 'First Lady of the Black Press' is Subject of Book Discussion

#### *Ethel Payne was important figure in Civil Rights Era*

Many people do not recognize the name Ethel Payne among the most important people in the civil rights movement. In his new biography, James McGrath Morris aims to change that.

Morris will discuss and sign "Eye on the Struggle: Ethel Payne, the First Lady of the Black Press" (Harper-Collins, 2015) at noon on Tuesday, July 21, in the Mumford Room, located on the sixth floor of the James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. This Books & Beyond event is co-sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and the Library's Manuscript Division. It is free and open to the public; no tickets are required.

Payne was a journalist as a reporter for the Chicago Defender. In those pages, she continually urged President Dwight D. Eisenhower to support desegregation. She continued throughout her career to report on the struggles of

the civil rights era, and her work is credited with persuading many African Americans to take up the cause.

President Lyndon B. Johnson acknowledged her contributions by presenting her with one of the pens he used to sign the Civil Rights Act. When she went to work for CBS in 1972, she became the first African American woman to be a commentator for a national network.

James McGrath Morris is an author, columnist and radio show host. He writes primarily biographies and works of narrative nonfiction. He is working on a new book, "The Ambulance Drivers: Hemingway and Dos Passos — Literary Lives in War and Peace," that will be published by Da Capo Press in 2017. His other books include "Pulitzer: A Life in Politics, Print and Power," "Jailhouse Journalism: The Fourth Estate Behind Bars" and (with Kevin Stillwell) "Revolution by Murder: Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and the Plot to Kill Henry Clay Frick."



## Local Residents Join Petition for Bree Newsome

By Stacy M. Brown

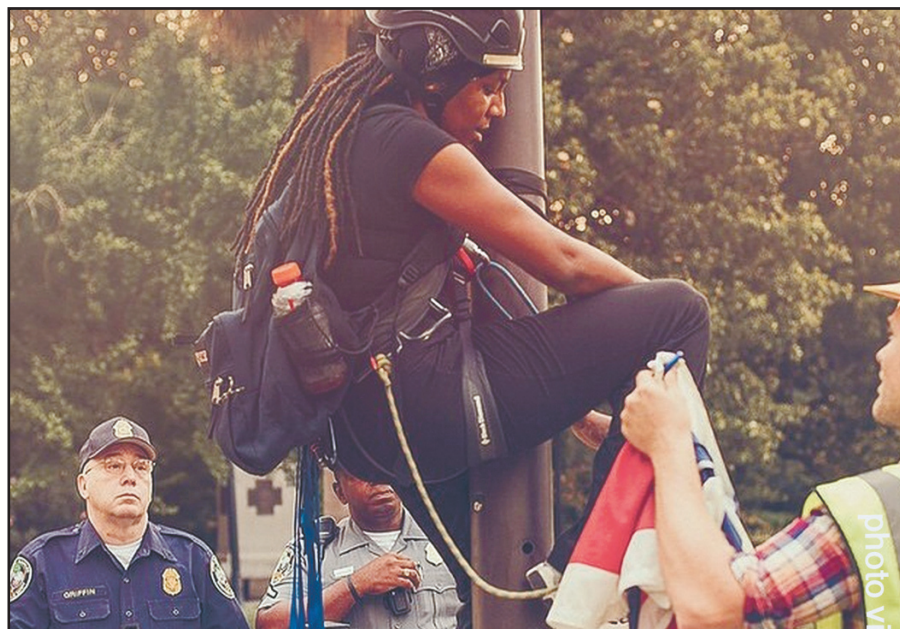
The online petitions are as direct as Bree Newsome proved to be strong. Donations have been pouring in from across the country and around the world for Newsome who last month made headlines when she scaled a 30-foot pole in Columbia, South Carolina and removed the Confederate flag in the wake of hate-filled shooting at a historic black church left nine African Americans dead.

“We could not sit by and watch the victims of the Charleston Massacre be laid to rest while the inspiration for their deaths continues to fly above their caskets,” Newsome said.

She and a white man, James Tyson, were arrested after the incident on June 27, 2015.

They were both charged with defacing monuments on state capitol grounds and each face up to three years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

But, several online petitions, one that’s already raised approximately \$100,000 for Newsome and Tyson’s defense, have called on charges to be dismissed



Activist Bree Newsome scaled a 30-foot pole in Columbia, South Carolina to remove the Confederate flag. Photo courtesy of bluenationreview.com

against the pair.

The petitions have been signed by individuals as far away as Japan. Residents in the Baltimore area have also signed petitions, including at [act.colorchange.org](http://act.colorchange.org).

“What Bree Newsome did was as heroic and courageous as anything we’ve seen in years, probably decades,” said Leslie Hudnell.

“She doesn’t deserve jail; she should get a medal and a parade.”

Tina Knight, another Baltimore area resident, said Newsome did what many others probably wanted to do but were too afraid.

“Big [congratulations] to her, a lot of folks probably wanted to do the same but she’s the one who showed she had the guts to do it,” Knight said.

As noted on the petition, Newsome’s

actions follow “a growing trend of prosecutors from Oakland to Baltimore and across the country overcharging people who take non-violent direct action in defense of black lives.”

Newsome, an activist and filmmaker from Charleston, North Carolina, and Tyson were part of a multiracial group of Carolinians led by teachers and activists determined to take down the Confederate flag from the capitol grounds in South Carolina.

The petition noted that within an hour state workers had raised the hateful banner once again in time for an 11 a.m. white supremacist rally.

“The Confederate flag was born out of a government defending the enslavement of black people and resurrected as an emblem for whites violently opposing racial integration. Any government that

recognizes the flag is declaring that it cherishes a history of racial terror,” petitioners noted.

“It’s time for a new chapter where we are sincere about dismantling white supremacy and building toward true racial justice and equality,” Newsome told reporters following her release on bail.

When asked about a recent poll that suggested most people see the Confederate flag as a symbol of Southern pride, Newsome told CNN that the mentality shows that people need to be better educated about the history of the Civil War. She hoped her actions and those of the state, which had a black worker put the flag back up about half an hour later, draw attention to a moral dilemma.

“It’s a moment for society to do a gut check of our values,” Newsome said.

On her Facebook page, Newsome noted that she is a western North Carolina field organizer for Ignite NC, which protests voter laws it sees as discriminatory.

After she finishes doing her round of media interviews, she told CNN, she’ll go back to the same thing she was doing before her time on the flagpole and in the spotlight.

“The work continues until we are no longer in a place of being dependent on institutions and systems that don’t value our lives,” Newsome said.

**Editor’s Note:** South Carolina’s state Senate passed a bill to remove the Civil War Confederate flag from the state Capitol grounds on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 by 36-3 vote. The bill will now go to the South Carolina House of Representatives. The flag has flown on the Capitol grounds for over 50 years.

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# NRPA, Walmart Foundation Provide Free Summer Meals, Recreation

By Stacy M. Brown

Healthy lunches are tough to come by for children once school ends and the summer months begin.

Parents and caretakers are primarily busy at work and the fruit, vegetable, carton of milk and otherwise healthy noon time meal that children receive at school can too often turn into, well, something less healthy when school's out.

However, for eight weeks, children in Baltimore can benefit from a summer meal and nutrition program sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) through a \$2.3 million grant from the Walmart Foundation.

"Food is one of the most important things we do together," said Karrie Denniston, the director of hunger relief and nutrition at the Walmart Foundation.

"These programs represent one really important way that allows us to help these communities in being able to give people access to that really important feeling of sharing a meal," Denniston said.

The summer feeding programs take place at more than 7,700 communities across the country and serve more than 1 million low-income children, according to a report in USA Today.

Beginning in mid-June when school usually ends, the program extends until the end of August — and for some sites, throughout the rest of the year.

The Walmart Foundation is a part of the Walmart business that focuses on hunger relief, sustainability, women's economic empowerment and career enhancement.

Seven non-profits are participating in this summer feeding and nutrition program endeavor, including the YMCA and



*The summer meal program is available at 41 Camp Baltimore sites and the city has been awarded a \$30,000 cash grant to increase the number of healthy meals served to low-income youth. Courtesy Photo*

the NRPA, which have \$5.3 million and \$2.3 million focused on the efforts, respectively.

Last year, the Food Research and Action Center found only one in six children from low-income backgrounds had access to these meals over the summer, officials at the Walmart Foundation said. Locally, the program is available at 41 Camp Baltimore sites and the city has been awarded a \$30,000 cash grant to increase the number of healthy meals served to low-income youth.

Additionally, the NRPA provided \$10,500 of in-kind nutrition literacy program donations to help educate children on nutrition, the human body, and the

importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Baltimore was one of 80 grant recipients for the 2015 out-of-school time program grants supported by the Walmart Foundation.

Denniston said the organization aimed to find gaps in how families can access affordable food during the summer, when school programs aren't as apparent.

"That's really where this comes in because we see that there's a huge opportunity for families who may not have the means to access them," Denniston said, adding that education is at the forefront of the program since it would allow families to learn about where they can access these affordable meals and how to cook them.

Baltimore families can take advantage of the program by signing up their child for Camp Baltimore, which is free for residents.

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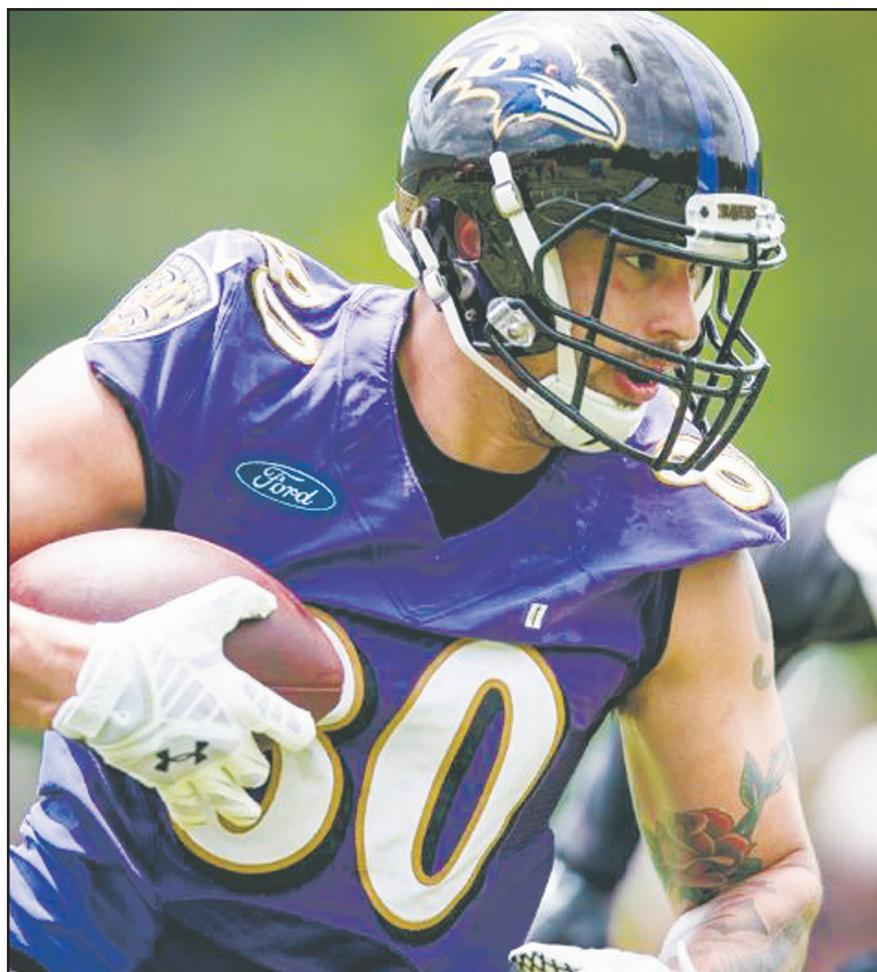


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# Ravens TE Crockett Gillmore embraces bigger role in 2015



Ravens tight end Crockett Gillmore executes a drill during OTAs in June, 2015. Photo is courtesy of [www.baltimore Ravens.com](http://www.baltimore Ravens.com)

The 2015 NFL season will bring about an increased role for second-year tight end Crockett Gillmore. He was selected in the third round of the 2015 NFL Draft and came on later in the season as a contributor. A lingering hip injury to fellow tight end Dennis Pitta and the departure of Owen Daniels (last year's starter) has opened the door for Gillmore.

Gillmore approached the offseason as a chance to get ready to take advantage of a huge opportunity. It was very clear that he put in a lot of hard work during the offseason. Gillmore reported to OTAs with a noticeably more muscular frame. Ravens head coach John Harbaugh was quick to point out that he was impressed with Gillmore. "What I've noticed mostly about Crockett is the change physically. He was a big guy before, but now he's really [big]." Harbaugh continued; "He's packing a lot of

muscle on that [frame] – 275 pounds. He looks the part."

Last year was a chance for Gillmore to really get involved by blocking in the run game. It was something that he felt that he had to make himself into in order to compete last season. He worked to further develop those skills by attending an offensive line coach this offseason. Playing in the trenches requires a great deal of strength which was something that Gillmore focused on increasing.

The 15 pounds of muscle that he gained is very evident when seeing him in uniform. In Gillmore's opinion, it was absolutely necessary. "I just went back to training. Really, it was a long season, so you get some recovery, but then it's back to the weight room." Gillmore said; "That's the biggest thing for me. To me, I felt like I needed to work on my routes and catching the ball, so that's what I

did. Fundamentally, from the weight room standpoint, I kind of put on some weight and got a little bit stronger."

As a result of the muscle gain, Gillmore feels faster and feels like he has more power to get in and out of his breaks. The results showed during mini-camp as Gillmore was constantly getting open in the middle of the field and making catches. Steve Smith Sr. put it best when he said that Gillmore has the ability to not only get open, "he has a knack for being wide open with no one around him."

There weren't too many players that made more catches than Gillmore during OTAs and mini-camp. The Ravens did draft two tight ends in the 2015 NFL Draft. It is no secret that the tight end position is one that the organization wanted to address.

Maxx Williams was someone that the team had a first round grade on and got him in the second round. He is someone that they expect to have a large role in the passing game.

The other tight end that they drafted

was Nick Boyle in the fifth round. He was brought in because of his blocking skills. The addition of these two players is something that Gillmore has no problem with. "Welcome to the Ravens. That's their job to come in here and help the team just like it was my job last year. We're going to continue to do that, and we're going to continue to do whatever we can to really push that position to be one of the best groups in the league." Gillmore said.

The upcoming season will be one where Gillmore can progress as a player. He isn't a one-trick pony. In fact, he is a blend of the two tight ends that the team selected this year. Gillmore will surprise some with his soft hands and ability to get more yardage after the catch. He is also a reliable blocker.

The year 2015 could also call for an increased role in life. Gillmore recently proposed to his girlfriend Hayley Thompson on July 4th and she said yes.

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# 'Speak Life Tour' showcases youth talent at Music Arts Festival

By Stacy M. Brown

The ink on the degree Catherine Trotter received from Morgan State University likely wasn't dry when the then ambitious and motivated 22-year-old started the nonprofit New Beginnings Youth Development & Coaching Program.

Trotter's goal was to provide a platform for young individuals to showcase their talents and to make a difference in the lives of others.

"We wanted our young people to use language in a positive light and we wanted to provide a platform for youth and young adults to showcase their talents and use language in a positive way because a lot of what you see on television and hear on the radio isn't positive at all," said Trotter, whose House of New Beginnings organization stemmed from the implementation of a mentoring program.

In 2006, the organization expanded its services to offer transitional housing



**Keon Myers, inspirational rapper**

assistance to transitioning foster care youth. In 2009, the program expanded into NB Youth Academy.

Today, its development program provides wraparound services that include mentoring, career and life coaching, leadership and character development and community youth engagement projects.

The program is open to youth and young adults between the ages of 10 and 25.



**Catherine Trotter family supporters: (Left to right): Yolanda Trotter, sister-in-law; Catherine Trotter, founder, New Beginnings Youth Development & Coaching Program (center); Mia Trotter, toddler (center); and Catherine's brother Andrew Trotter. Photos: The Umbrella Syndicate**

Two years ago in 2013, Trotter added even more to the organization, initiating the Speak Life Tour where young performers are taken on the road to perform in places such as Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia and New York. She said she also has designs on taking the tour as far south as Atlanta.

However, before that, Trotter has some major local plans.

On Saturday, July 11, 2015 Trotter will hold the first Speak Life Tour Music Arts Festival at Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello Community Corporation, located at 3220 The Alameda on the campus of City College High School in Baltimore. The noon festival will feature live performances and visual arts. It will include boutique pop-up shops, a host of



**Luther Wright, visual artist**

food, hair and other vendors, community information and 30 hair cut vouchers will be provided to young males between five and 12 years old.

"This coming Saturday is an opportunity for young people to be a part of the Speak Life Tour," Trotter

said. "The festival is a culmination of a lot local people coming together."

Trotter said she's hoping that 300 or more residents will attend Saturday's event and a team of young volunteers have been busy at work handing out and posting fliers about the event, which is scheduled to run until 6 p.m. The event is free to attend.

Trotter said the performances at the event are specifically tailored toward motivating young individuals and to



**Star sings R&B and gospel**

help strengthen their resolve to become leaders in their communities.

"The response has been very well for Speak Life overall," Trotter said. "We average about 150 people coming to our regular shows so, at the festival; we are looking to double that."



# Maryland student remembered through growing scholarship and 5K Run

By Andrea Blackstone

Maurice C. Harris, 18, was awarded a scholarship to help with expenses while attending his first year at Prince George's Community College, in memory of 17-year-old Tekau Rasayon. The announcement was made during the second annual Tekau's Heart Memorial 5K Run/Walk on May 30, 2015 at Surrattsville High School (SHS) in Clinton, Maryland. Harris will receive a \$1,100 check from money raised at this year's event.

The Rasayon family started Tekau's Heart Memorial Foundation to preserve the memory of the cadet colonel in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC Unit MD-942) who was destined to do great things in life.

Tekau was a well-rounded 4.0 GPA student who had been accepted to numerous universities, but she wanted to remain in Maryland. The high school senior with interests in pre-law and public relations looked forward to attending Towson State University (TSU) after graduating from high school. Her plans were interrupted in 2012.

After Tekau Rasayon collapsed on the track at SHS, she was transported to Southern Maryland Hospital where she passed away. It was later determined that Tekau's death was a result of an unknown heart condition called anomalous coronary artery (ACA). The congenital condition usually does not show up until the late teens or early adulthood. It is reportedly documented as the second leading sudden cause of death in young athletes. It rarely has symptoms, yet 50 percent of first incidences are usually fatal.

Dr. Niyana Rasayon described his daughter as "an incredible, phenomenal spirit." He recalls Tekau's playful personality and qualities that brought out the best in others. Along with Tekau's mother, Judith Rasayon, he raises awareness about ACAs and created a scholarship for college-bound seniors who attended Surrattsville High School. Harris is the second scholarship recipient who wrote a winning essay that was selected by Tekau's family.



**Judith Rasayon, (far left) and her husband, Dr. Niyana Rasayon (front and center) remember their daughter, the late Tekau Rasayon, along with family members, alumni of Surrattsville High School (SHS), friends and supporters. During the second annual Tekau's Heart Memorial 5K Run/Walk, \$1,100 was raised for a scholarship that will be awarded to the second college-bound recipient, Maurice C. Harris.**

Photos: Andrea Blackstone

"She (Tekau) passed away on a Wednesday, March 28, 2012 and that Friday we had an appointment scheduled to tour the university (TSU)," Judith said. "With this particular scholarship, we wanted to have one that would be accessible to students that were going to college (and) graduating from SHS. We wanted this to be for students that work really hard, but who may not be at the top of the class."

Tekau was known as a high achiever with a big heart, giving spirit and cheerful attitude. Her attributes continue to manifest through the manner in which family and friends have managed to bless others despite their difficult loss. Tynisha Payton, her volleyball coach and gym teacher, mentioned that she will always remember Tekau's outgoing spirit.

"She never met an enemy," Payton said.

SMSGt. Phyllis Dickerson, a JROTC instructor at SHS, was like a second mother to Tekau. Dickerson reminded JROTC students who attended the second annual Tekau's Heart Memorial 5K Run/Walk how special Tekau was to all who knew her.

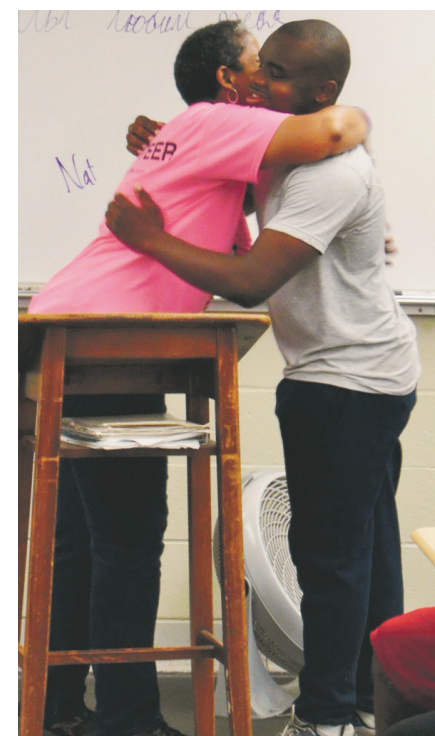
"Even those of you who didn't know Tekau, I think you probably have a sense of who she really was by just being in our presence," Dickerson said.

Sponsorship and support of the Tekau's Heart Memorial 5K Run/Walk has evolved into a movement to give back to youth and unite the community beyond SHS. Miss American Jr. Teen Eastern Shore, 15-year-old Amber Glenn, attended the event and offered supportive words to Tekau's family and friends. Effective Chiropractic Health and Wellness Center was a sponsor this year. Dr. Levy Riley III supported the event in-person with his wife, Jinean Riley.

"We are in the business of doing chiropracting, and dealing with the spine, but we also are in the business of giving back to the community as well," Riley said.

The late teen's mother, Judith expressed that she would like the sponsorship to grow. A long-term goal is to continue offering the scholarship and raising awareness for ACAs on a larger scale.

For more information or to make a donation, visit <http://www.tekausheart5k.com>.



**Judith Rasayon and this year's scholarship winner, Maurice C. Harris, share a happy moment at the second annual Tekau's Heart Memorial 5K Run/Walk. Harris will receive a \$1,100 check on July 12, 2015 at Surrattsville High School in Clinton**



# Free, Reduced Cost Sexual Health Services in Baltimore

By Stacy M. Brown

The National Coalition for Sexual Health, which consists of more than 50 of the nation's top health and medical organizations, has issued a call-to-action in an effort to encourage African-Americans to take advantage of what they call historic levels of insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act and to access recommended preventive sexual services.

The coalition, which includes Planned Parenthood, the Center for Sexual Health at Morehouse School of Medicine and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, has recommended services that include the HPV vaccine, female contraceptives, pap smears and screenings for sexually transmitted diseases like HIV.

"Individuals may be able to access services directly from their regular health care provider if they have one and, if an individual does not have a regular health care provider, there are many clinics in Baltimore that provide free or low cost services," said Dr. Arik Marcell, an asso-

ciate professor at the Johns Hopkins University divisions of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine Departments of Pediatrics and Population, Family & Reproductive Health.

"Individuals should learn about what types of sexual and reproductive health services they should get and talk to their primary care provider about it since some of the services may vary depending on the individual's gender and age," Dr. Marcell said.

In a news release, coalition officials noted that many African-Americans are not currently benefiting from important services, which are vital to the overall health and well-being of the community. As an example, in 2013, only 34 percent of African-American girls and 16 percent of African-American boys received all three doses of the HPV vaccine, the only cancer prevention vaccine currently available.

Approximately 44 percent of sexually active African-American women ages 15 to 21 were not screened annually for Chlamydia, which, when left undiag-



*The National Coalition for Sexual Health has issued a call to action for African-Americans to take advantage of the Affordable Care Act and get checked for STDs.*

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nosed and untreated, is a leading cause of preventable infertility; Also, more than a third of African-Americans have never been tested for HIV, even though it is recommended that all sexually active people be tested at least once, and that many be tested at least annually if they're at increased risk.

"You and your health matter. We know you have a lot on your plate, but we all need to make room for our sexual health. Just like protecting your heart health, managing your blood pressure, and exercising regularly – it's worth your time," said Christian J. Thrasher, the director of the Center of Excellence for Sexual Health at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

"We have a tremendous opportunity here. An unprecedented number of people now have access at no cost to these safe and effective preventive services that have been endorsed by leading medical organizations nationwide," Thrasher said.

"We need to take advantage of these services."

Recommended for all Americans by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Preventive Services

Task Force, preventive services can help you avoid many male and female cancers, plan your pregnancies, and detect and treat common STDs before they cause serious problems.

"Knowledge is power. It's important to take charge of your own sexual health, and get informed about the services that are recommended for you," said Susan Gilbert, the co-director of the National Coalition for Sexual Health.

"Don't assume that you are automatically getting these services when you go to your health care provider. You need to ask your provider to be sure," Gilbert said.

Baltimore residents can visit [www.ncshguide.org](http://www.ncshguide.org) for more information.

In the state of Maryland, minors can access services that include family planning without needing parental consent, though these types of clinics also encourage parental involvement.

Other important websites that provide information on free and low cost services include [www.baltimoreupdate.com](http://www.baltimoreupdate.com), [www.knowwhatuwant.org/home](http://www.knowwhatuwant.org/home), and <https://mmcp.dhmdh.maryland.gov/familyplanning/SitePages/Home.aspx>. Baltimore residents also can visit the Center for Adolescent and Young Adult Health at Johns Hopkins Harriet Lane on Wolfe Street; Healthy Teens & Young Adults on W. North Avenue; Pediatric and Adolescent Clinic at Health Care for the Homeless on Fallsway; the University of Maryland Adolescent and Young Adult Center on Penn Street; BCHD Druid Health District STD Clinic on W. North Avenue; BCHD Eastern Health District STD Clinic on N. Caroline Street; Belair-Edison Family Health Center on Erdman Road; Chase Brexton on North Charles Street; Eastern Family Planning Clinic on N. Caroline Street; Highlandtown Healthy Living Center on Fleet Street; Johns Hopkins Community Physicians East Baltimore Medical Center Pediatrics & Med/Peds on E. Eager Street; and Planned Parenthood of Maryland Baltimore City Health Center on N. Howard Street.

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# Nine Baltimore residents honored for building better communities

By Stacy M. Brown

Nine local residents have been recognized for their commitment and dedication to bettering Baltimore.

Edoh Akwei, Tyrone Barnwell; Changa Bel; Van Brooks; David Harris; Jonathan Moore; Akil Patterson; Dwight Watkins; and Bishop James Winslow all of Baltimore each received a BMe Leader Award, which includes a \$10,000 grant for the winners to increase their community outreach efforts.

"I hear people saying that there are no positive men around, and I always inform them that I can tell you of at least 143 of them," said Shawn Burnett, acting community manager of BMe Baltimore. "These are the men the media won't tell you about, those that give back to their communities."

BMe Community is a national network of approximately 12,000 men—predominately African American—though open to those of all races and genders who uplift the community, defying negative stereotypes.

"I was ecstatic because I was joining a national network of men working hard to build a better community which at times can seem very lonely and hard," said Van Brooks, who serves the city by providing opportunity for elementary and middle school students to participate in positive activities out of school with his Safe Foundation for Education, Inc., organization.

"BMe showed me that there are other men going through the same thing that I am and everyone is more willing to help each other," said Brooks, who before the award had planned a fundraiser for his organization.

Barnwell, the founder and director of 3Cs Youth Initiative, said the award and recognition allowed him to feel accomplished.

"I felt like I was doing something right. Someone was interested in what I was working so hard to make happen," said Barnwell, whose 3Cs is a youth-led organization that's committed to mobilizing young individuals to be involved in the choices that will affect their education and their eventual outcomes as citizens of Baltimore.



*BMe award winners.*

Courtesy Photos/BMe Community

Bell, a health and wellness expert who is founding a nonprofit that promotes yoga and meditation practice in socially stratified communities, said the award and prize money allowed him to open the door to his yoga studio.

"For me, the great affirmation, validation that somebody heard me and understood my perspective on how I wanted to contribute to peace in my community was a very good feeling," Bell said. "I called my wife and we laughed and rolled on the floor. Then, I just sat in my studio and took it all in with a huge grin on my face."

Bell says his goal is to sign up 100 black men and track them as they do yoga for at least a year, at a minimum three times per week.

The BMe Community began as a project of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Since 2012, its 143 BMe leaders in five cities provide educational, economic, human rights and other services to more than 300,000 of their neighbors each year.

Organization officials said the BMe



*Van Brooks,  
BMe Community Award winner*

Community asserts that the most prosperous way forward for America is to value all its people, recognize black men as assets, reject stories that denigrate people, and work together for our common interests in caring and prosperous communities.

"The people who experience BMe Community in action become fans of it because we have an optimistic, fact-based, aspirational message about black men and about America's future," said



*Trabian Shorters,  
BMe CEO and founder*

BMe CEO and founder Trabian Shorters. "America is at another one of those historic moments where we can choose chaos or community," Shorters said. "These men have always been here. We just admit their existence and invite people of all races and genders to reach with us to build assets, build community and give our children a better story of America."



# NFL veteran partners with Boys & Girls Club for community service projects

By Andrea Blackstone

It is not every day that local youth have an opportunity to meet a Super Bowl winner, spend time discussing topics like leadership and education, and even play dodgeball after completing a community service project. Members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (BGCAA) were afforded opportunities of mentorship, hands-on community service and fun, through a partnership with Usama Young and BGCAA. Young is a free agent who is approaching his 8th season in the NFL. He won the Super Bowl XLIV title with the New Orleans Saints in 2009. Young founded the Usama Young Youth Foundation that same year, then later launched a rebranded nonprofit called Believe in U (BIU). According to the website, the organization aims to "empower disadvantaged youth, including those with disabilities or those from non-traditional families and underserved communities."

On June 26, 2015, a day of community building kicked off in Annapolis at Wiley H. Bates Heritage Park as a part of BIU's Annual Charity Weekend. Young challenged six to 12-year-old BGCAA campers who sat on bleachers in Bates's gymnasium to look ahead toward the future.

"Do any of you have goals? Do you know what you want to be?" Young asked. "When I was in school, my teacher asked me the same questions."

Several hands raised in response to Young's inquiry. The athlete and philanthropist listened to replies as his wife, Gia Young, and other BIU volunteers stood nearby. As residents of Charlotte, N.C., the Youngs give back locally and nationally, by providing interactive programming that inspires personal growth. However, Usama's roots are local.

Usama was born in Washington, D.C. and is a graduate of Largo High School in Prince George's County. The veteran NFL player's career highlights impressed many campers, but Usama offered a practical message of valuing education, reminding youth that hard work is required to become successful.

"I want to let you all know, whatever goals ya'll have, whatever aspirations ya'll have, keep on working at it. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't accomplish it, ya'll got that?" Young said.

The professional athlete also acknowledged the importance of having a backup plan. During a Q & A, Usama mentioned a knee injury, but expressed his love for teaching and helping youth through BIU.

"I just wanted to know where we could serve. My wife and myself were thinking about what we wanted to do for my charity weekend this year. This is a part of it. We said every year we've been going to the Capital Area Food Bank in D.C. We've been going to that food bank, filling up their pantry and doing different things



**Super Bowl winner, Usama Young, middle, spoke to almost 100 Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (BGCAA) campers at Bates in Annapolis. Barbara Jean Butler, right, a volunteer at BGCAA through the Anne Arundel County Foster Grandparent Program, sits next to Young after he gave an inspirational talk that was held in the gymnasium.**

Photo: Andrea Blackstone

with them. I said, 'This year, let's step outside of the box,'" Usama later said.

Along with selected BGCAA campers, staff and members of BIU, the athlete's local visit continued with a trip to the Light House Shelter in Annapolis, where they delivered food. Young then headed to help beautify two residences in the Freetown Village community, located in Glen Burnie, Md. Freetown Village Boys & Girls Club members and volunteers ate lunch at the club before delivering supplies to selected homes. Usama and BIU volunteers planted rose bushes, plants and weeded along with youth volunteers. The event marked the first time that the majority of BGCAA members participated in a beautification project.

"This event allows the kids to think about the community, and put the community before themselves," Steven Cornette, CEO of BGCAA said.

Usama said that importance of giving back was instilled in him at a young age. And through lessons he learned, the NFL veteran tries to pass along valuable wisdom to budding leaders.

"Since I was little, I have memories of going out to the [Washington] Monument and the [National] Mall right across the street from the White House, where there were so many homeless people. My parents had me serving meals. We would make sandwiches, make hot soup during the winter months, and give back to



**Usama Young and selected BGCAA campers, staff and members of BIU visited the Light House Shelter in Annapolis, where they delivered food.**

Courtesy Photo/Freetown

them, and we didn't have that much," Usama said. "So for us to be able to give to others, and not having everything ourselves, it was something that was near and dear to me, and something that has always been important to me. Now, I have a platform to serve. I'm going to do it as much as possible."



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Saturday's 1 1/2-mile parade features a stream of floats, eye-catching costumes, and the hip-swaying sounds of soca music. Parade Date & Time: Saturday, July 11, 2015; 12 Noon – 5:00 PM Parade Start: 900 E 33rd Street, Baltimore MD 21218 Parade End: Clifton Park, Baltimore Md. 21213



Beginning at the 900 block of 33rd Street in Baltimore, Maryland, the parade proceeds east on 33rd Street, then turns right on The Alameda and contin-

ues south across Harford Road to enter Clifton Park via St. Lo Drive. The parade is expected to last approximately five (5) hours with the last partic-

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## Maple Lawn Street Festival

The Maple Lawn Street Festival—a free event including food trucks, a beer garden, live music, a sidewalk sale, and a Kids Zone—is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The festivities conclude with a fireworks display that begins at approximately 9:15 pm.



The Street Festival will be held along Maple Lawn Boulevard, the main thoroughfare of Maple Lawn, a 600-acre mixed-use business community in the Fulton section of Howard County, Maryland.

For additional information e-mail [MapleLawnEvents@fullmoonmarketing.net](mailto:MapleLawnEvents@fullmoonmarketing.net)



## Black Music Month Celebration



**Dj Spen, 2015 Artist Achieve Award recipient**

Photo: Phinisse Demps

Event producer and media personality, Kevin Lei is the creator and executive producer of The Platform: A Black Music Month Event. In 2012, Kevin Lei produced his first show in Baltimore for Black Music Month honoring “The Godmother of R&B” Lil Mo’. Each year Lei has continued to bring awareness and attention to Black Music Month by acknowledging the accomplishments of artists and performers alike.

The Platform: A Black Music Month Event is one of the leading events in the city of Baltimore in celebration of Black Music Month. The show brings together performers and honorees from all genres of music to create an unforgettable experience.

On June 30, the celebration of Black Music Month took place at Mood Lounge @347. It was an amazing talent laden group of artists who put on a showcase! Kevin Lei and the Carrollton Group really did put on a classy show! It started kind of late, but it was well worth the wait.

The event was hosted by Crystal L.

Bass and Rock Mitchell with performances by Jessica Hall; Therron Fowler; Lia Songbird; Christen B.; Khare Hawkins; Freedom Imani and David Lyve. These artists will be featured in future Indie Soul columns.

The highlight of the night was the presentation of the 2015 Artist Achieve Awards to Maurette Brown Clark and DJ Spen.

According to Lei, “I really wanted a platform to show appreciation for black music. This is a passion of mine and to be able to do something for these artists is what drives me. This truly is a labor of love.” Lei you did one heck of a job and I can’t wait for the 2016 awards show. Mark your calendar people. You don’t want to miss this. To see photos from the event, please visit our website: [www.baltimoretimes-online.com](http://www.baltimoretimes-online.com) under Indie Soul.

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## Indie Soul Music Review: Saun & Starr Look Closer

Radio is definitely missing out on some great music this summer. Next up for Indie Soul is a review of the debut album from some real soul sistas; Saun & Starr.

I was introduced to these sistas when they sang background for the Dap-Kings. I heard them perform and I was blown away. These women can blow. They are like any true indie artist who had to grind to get where they are today. They worked full-time jobs, sang in bands, performed here and there until their

chance came to perform with the Dap-Kings and the rest is history. Now it’s time for the United States to show these women some love.

Their debut project takes it back with that funk, soul, and love just the way you like it. They have powerful voices and meaningful lyrics. The love song, “If Only” is the track! Saun & Starr lament over missing that one person they now realize that they love. Follow that up with “Another Love Like Mine” they flip the script by telling a cheating man he will regret his actions and that



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he will never find a love like hers. The title track “Look Closer” sets the tone for the CD which is a silky smooth groove that has you bopping your head and smiling. Other favorites include: “Gonna Make Time,” “Your Face Before My Eyes,” and “Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah.”

For more on Saun and Starr and to purchase the CD, please visit: [www.saunandstarr.com](http://www.saunandstarr.com).

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## Indie Soul Book and Interview: 'This Ain't What You Want' by Jabar

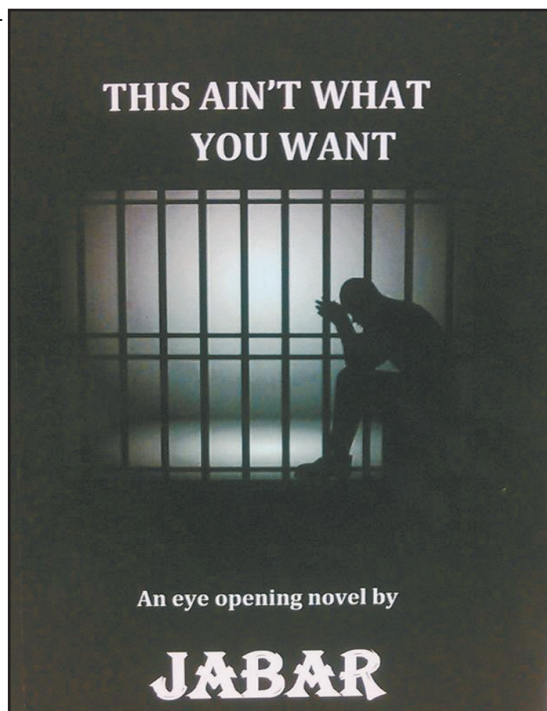
When the Baltimore riots happened, I was immediately contacted by author Jabar who told me his book, "This Ain't What You Want," would be a great read for adults but especially our youth of today.

Jabar said he was inspired to write the book out of a desire give back and help young people make educated decisions. The book is the first of a planned series of fiction novels written specifically for young people and the unique challenges they face.

According to Jabar, "Twenty-five hundred people in the U.S. are serving life without parole for crimes they committed when they were juveniles and for most, the choices that lead where they are could have been avoided."

"Young people need to be able to closely examine the mistakes of others and books like this will allow them to use that they have learned to navigate life's obstacles," he continued. The question becomes, how can such a book be of assistance in the community?

"This Ain't What You Want" can assist our communities because it creates a platform for open and honest dialog between young people and their support system parent's teachers, counselors, mentors, as well as between young people



and their peers. This book and the ones that will follow are consequence oriented and were designed to make kids stop and think with its gritty honesty and no holds barred approach to at-risk behavior."

Without question this book really delves into the real-life choices black males are forced to make every day. It is definitely a must read for young men also for parents who will find out ways to connect with the young adult in your life. It's not just a great read but an eye opener.

## Indie Soul: Shows to Watch



(L-R) Loretta Devine, Lil Rel Howery, Amber West, Jerrod Carmichael and David Alan Grier enjoy some Snuggie time. The Carmichael Show premieres Wednesday, August 5 at 9:30/8:30c on NBC, Photo: Courtesy of NBC

It's summer time and that means your favorite shows are on hiatus but here is your chance to check out some great shows.

CharmTV-TV25, (Local channel, check your television channel or cable guide for channel listing or watch on demand: [www.charmtv.tv](http://www.charmtv.tv)), has produced a very intriguing show called "Sandtown-Path Forward" based on the unrest here in Baltimore. If you are interested in making a difference, want to be a part of a movement toward a better Baltimore, or want to hear from the people in that community, you must watch. What many conversations are lacking is actually hearing what the community feels and what they want for the future. You hear the words from Sandtown residents and business owners, without a host or commentary. It's a great way to let Sandtown speak for itself. We all can learn something and be a part of the healing process. Kudos to TV25.

Mark your calendars for August 5th as NBC debuts two shows that are worth watching but one for sure might be a huge hit for NBC. Indie Soul has been behind the show "Mr. Robinson" since it was announced in 2014. For whatever reason the show was shelved before it even aired but now it gets a new life. The sitcom stars Craig Robinson as a music teacher at a middle school.

Everyone is calling "The Carmichael Show" the new "All in the Family." The show stars Devine, Lil Rel Howery, Amber West, Jerrod Carmichael and David Alan follows the life of standup comedian Jerrod Carmichael as he navigates through life with his therapist in-training girlfriend and his heavily opinionated family. Keep your eye on this one. This is sure to be huge as long as NBC doesn't get a quick trigger finger to cancel.

Indie Soul welcomes your questions and comments. To contact Phinisse Demps, call 443-885-9183 or 410-501-0193 or email: [lfpindiesoul@gmail.com](mailto:lfpindiesoul@gmail.com) Follow him on Twitter: [@lfpindiesoul](https://twitter.com/lfpindiesoul).

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### CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

#### CITY OF BALTIMORE OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PUBLIC NOTICE PROJECT NO. 1240

### CATHODIC PROTECTION SERVICES

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards and Commissions, has been requested by the Department of Public Works, Office of Engineering and Construction, to advertise for services of a Professional Engineering firm with Corrosion Engineering abilities for a Cathodic Protection Project related to Baltimore City's water mains and appurtenances. One (1) firm will be selected to perform work related to Cathodic Protection of the water system.

The Firm selected must demonstrate:

- Experience in the area of corrosion control measures and emphasis on Cathodic Protection of water systems.
- Relevant experience of the corrosion control of water systems, measurement of soil resistivity and soil analysis.
- Manpower availability, resources and responsiveness to complete the project on schedule and on budget.
- Local resources for providing customary services.
- Overall team approach with Minority/Women Business Enterprise requirements.

The scope of the work for the project should include the following:

- Design of Cathodic Protection for new main installations and water main rehabilitation/repair projects in accordance with AWWA/NACE standards. Prepare and review construction cost estimates for corrosion control measures and provide post award services.
- Prepare and/or review plans and specifications of proposed water systems as they apply to corrosion control including review of the presence of existing utilities in the areas having impact/corrosive interference on the proposed construction for water system.
- Evaluate the City's water main system for areas of major concerns in need of corrosion monitoring, design monitoring and protection system and follow up testing and evaluation of status of protection.
- All customary services and specific requests from the City including:
  - (1) Provide technical inspection for corrosion control measure installations.
  - (2) Perform corrosion evaluations of

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water mains.

(3) Metallurgical Testing of the pipe to determine remaining useful life by field testing and/or by obtaining pipe samples.

(4) Evaluation of broken pipe and soil samples to determine the causes of failure with evaluations to take place on city premises.

(5) Review corrosion protection design prepared by others.

(6) Maintain corrosion control as well as broken pipe sample evaluation data in GIS or any other format acceptable to the City.

DPW reserves the right to have a second interview with eligible firms.

The services will be for a two (2) year period with an option to extend for an additional year at a fee not to exceed \$500,000.00

The City of Baltimore encourages consulting firms, having the specified experience, who have not previously worked with the city and have the capacity to deliver the work specified in the scope to submit their proposal. Those consultants who are already working with the City are also eligible to apply. However, during presentation, these consultants (already working with City) must demonstrate and document their capacity and resources to deliver the design in time.

Should you have any questions regarding the scope of the Project, please contact Mr. Opinder Singh at (410) 396-1466 or by e-mail at [opinder.singh@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:opinder.singh@baltimorecity.gov).

Projects must comply with the 2006 edition of "The Specifications for Materials, Highways, Bridges, Utilities and Incidental Structures". City personnel will utilize the City of Baltimore Guidelines for the Performance Evaluation of Design Consultants and Construction Contractors for this contract/project.

Firms intending to submit 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. 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

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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 **August 10, 2015**. Submittals may not be accepted after this deadline.

### Prequalification Requirement

All architectural, engineering, and surveying firms listed in the specific proposal for the Project must be prequalified by the Office of Boards and Commissions for each applicable discipline at time of submittal for this Project. A copy of the prime and sub consultant's current Prequalification Certificate should be included in the bid submittal package. Information regarding the prequalification process can be obtained by calling the Office of Boards and Commissions on 410.396.6883.

### Insurance Requirements

The consultant selected for the award of this project shall provide professional liability, auto liability, and general liability and workers' 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 Article 5, Subtitle 28 of 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 **27%**

The WBE goal is **10%**

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 MBE/WBE (in some instances DBE) participation will be disapproved for further consideration for this project.

### Verifying Certification

Each firm submitting a 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 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 MWBOO at (410) 396-4355 to verify certification, expiration dates

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and services that the MBE or WBE 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 Baltimore City Code when executing a contract is subject to the following penalties: suspension of a contract; withholding of funds; rescission of contract based on material breach; disqualification as a consultant from eligibility to provide services to the City for a period not to exceed 2 years; and payment for damages incurred by the City.

### Local law Hiring

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](http://www.oedworks.com) for detailed requirements of the law.

### Additional Information

A firm submitting as a prime consultant that fails to comply with the requirements of Article 5, Subtitle 28 of Baltimore City Code when executing a contract is subject to the following penalties: suspension of a contract; withholding of funds; rescission of contract based on material breach; disqualification as a consultant from eligibility to provide services to the City for a period not to exceed 2 years; and payment for damages incurred by the City. A resume for each person listed as key personnel and/or specialist, including those from MBE and WBE must be shown on the page provided within the application. 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:

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A principal is any individual owning 5% or more of the outstanding stock of an entity, a partner of a partnership, a 5% or more shareholder of a sub-chapter 'S' Corporation, or an individual owner.

Out-of-State Corporations must identify their corporate resident agent within the application.

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

The applications for this Project (Form 255) cannot be supplemented with any additional information such as graphs, photographs, or organization chart, etc. All such information should be incorporated into the appropriate pages. Applications should not be bound. Applications should imply be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Cover sheets should not be included. Inclusion and/or submittal of additional material may result in the applicant being disqualified from consideration for this project.

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

Michael Augins

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# Baltimore native serves in Navy Reserve during Centennial Year

*By Navy Office of Community Outreach*

Gulfport, Mississippi— A Baltimore native is serving in the U.S. Navy Reserve as it celebrates its 100th year protecting America.

Ensign Jeffrey Burnett is part of a unique group of Americans who serve their country in uniform part-time while also working full-time jobs outside of the military. Created in 1915, the Navy Reserve has played a major role in nearly every conflict the U.S. has been involved with during the past decade.

"I didn't want to give up the military after I finished my time as active duty, so I joined the reserve to give back. I still wanted to do something good for the nation," said Burnett.

Burnett's current assignment is with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 27, based in Gulfport. Sailors attached to NMCB 27 and other similar units, nicknamed "Seabees," specialize in building roads, bridges, airfields and other structures for the U.S. military in areas of conflict around the world.

"I like that my job gives me the opportunity to help and lend a hand. It's great to see the improvement of the troops entrusted to my care," said Burnett.

Burnett and the rest of NMCB 27 are part of the Navy's construction force that has been around for more than 70 years. Seabees have built entire bases and bridges and bulldozed and paved thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips for the U.S. military all over the world, playing a vital role in every major conflict the U.S. has been involved with since World War II.

With nearly 600 personnel assigned to the battalion, jobs are highly varied and every job plays an important role in keeping the battalion ready to deploy around the world to defend America whenever and wherever they are needed.

Burnett plays an essential role in the battalion as a detachment officer-in-charge, responsible for the professional development of the troops in his detachment.



*Ensign Jeffrey Burnett plays an essential role in the battalion as a detachment officer-in-charge. Courtesy Photo/U.S. Navy Office of Community Outreach*

"I am the manager of the people who are a part of my detachment," said Burnett.

As a reservist, Burnett is continually balancing both the expectations of working as a Sailor and as a civilian. Burnett said that he gained unique skills and experience on both sides and that he's become a better-rounded person because of it.

"The reserve has helped me be more efficient in my civilian job," said Burnett.

Burnett's commanding officer, a reservist himself, said he is impressed every time the battalion meets to train throughout the year by the professionalism of his sailors.

"I am extremely proud to be a part of this team, one of the best I've ever had the honor of serving with in my entire career in the United States Navy," said Cmdr. Greg Schell, commanding officer of NMCB 27. "This Battalion is ready, willing, and able to deploy now to defend freedom and our way of life, any-

where around the world."

The Reserve is a major component of the Navy representing about 20 percent of its total forces. Congress authorized the establishment of the Federal Naval Reserve on March 3, 1915. Initially, the only Sailors eligible to enroll were enlisted Navy veterans. On Aug. 29, 1916, with the prospect of America's entry into World War I looming, the Federal Naval Reserve reorganized to allow the enrollment of non-veterans and was designated as the U.S. Naval Reserve Force.

Since September 11, 2001, there have been more than 70,000 Selected Reserve mobilizations, along with an additional 4,500 deployments by full-time support sailors, including more than 8,000 who have done a second combat tour. Since the Reserve's establishment in 1915, five U.S. presidents have served in the Navy Reserve.



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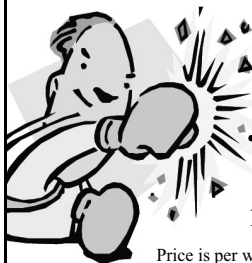
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