


The Annapolis Times

Vol. 24 No. 35 June 24 - 30, 2016

A Baltimore Times/Times of Baltimore Publication

Baltimore Community Foundation Raises \$103.7 million to help city thrive



The Campaign for Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF) and Baltimore, a three-year effort, has raised \$103.7 million, generating more than \$30 million to support immediate needs and almost \$70 million in endowment for long term goals. Twenty-eight donors pledged gifts of \$1 million or more, which will be used to support grants and endowment. Some gifts are already being used for immediate needs in BCF's priority areas— neighborhoods and education. Photo; The recent investment made by the BCF to the Patterson Park Neighborhood Greening Partnership. (See article on page 10)

Pfizer Officials Call for Blacks to Participate in Sickle Cell Disease

By Joan H. Allen (NNPA News Wire Contributor)

June 19, 2016 marks World Sickle Cell Day. In a desire to help create a greater awareness of sickle cell disease (SCD) and increase their efforts to find a cure, Pfizer invited members of the Black Press to meet and discuss with key members of their rare disease medical and management staff the state of (SCD) and their search for a cure.

It is estimated that sickle cell disease (SCD) affects approximately 100,000 Americans and 1 out of 365 Blacks in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 1 in 13 Blacks are born with sickle cell trait (SCT).

Sickle cell disease is one of the most prevalent genetic disorders in the U.S. It is a rare and debilitating chronic disease with lifelong clinical impact and reduced life expectancy; life expectancy is 48 years for females and 42 years for males with sickle cell disease.

There are more than 100,000 people in the U.S. living with sickle cell disease, and many of them experience multiple vaso-occlusive crises each year. These painful crises result in more than 75,000 hospitalizations per year in the U.S., with an average hospital stay of approximately six days.

Niesha Foster, the senior director and corporate affairs lead for Pfizer's inflammation, immunology and rare disease unit, introduced the participants who shared why they've been so devoted to creating greater awareness about (SCD), and the opportunities available to assist those that struggle with this debilitating disease.

Sonja Banks, the CEO of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. (SCDAA) shared how alarmed she was to learn in 2010 that "in a hundred years of discovering the sickle cell disease, only one FDA drug had been approved and it wasn't even for sickle cell. It was just as heart wrenching then, as it is now, to know that our people are still going to hospitals as their medical home. Why don't we have a cure?"

Pfizer's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Freda Lewis-Hall recalled the joy she initially felt interning at Howard University Hospital after graduating from medical school, but when she attempted to ease the pain of a toddler living with sickle cell, that joy was replaced with an overwhelming sense of futility.

"I heard an unbelievable piercing sound from a toddler in a sickle cell crisis," said Lewis-Hall. "I tried to hydrate her and provide some pain relief...It was at that moment that I realized how helpless I was without the tools."

Thirty years later, Lewis Hall said that

physicians still lack the necessary tools to treat the disease.

Although some of the drugs that scientists have discovered have just not been good enough or safe enough, according to Lewis-Hall and Banks, the reason why a cure hasn't been developed is because African Americans haven't participated enough in clinical trials.

All of the participants, including Dr. Kevin Williams, the vice president of global medical affairs in Pfizer's rare disease unit, recognized that African Americans are reluctant and often afraid to participate in clinical trials, because of the lingering distrust of the medical field due to the Tuskegee Syphilis Study and often poor treatment received at medical facilities.

Thomas Watkins, the publisher of the Daily Challenge, said "Blacks will participate in clinical trials as long as they're not the only ones."

Banks said that the African American community needs to get over the stigma associated with clinical trials.

"The syphilis study wouldn't happen again," said Banks. "We are too much of an educated community now ... and who's going to make these drugs come to fruition? If we don't participate we'll never find treatment or a cure."

"A lot of people have no idea about what it means to participate in a clinical trial," says Dr. Lewis Hall ... Some of it is re-educating about the things that have happened in our collective African American past.

"We need to be educated specifically what it really means to be in a clinical trial," said Lewis-Hall. "Our absolute best advocates are people who have been in clinical trials."

Today's clinical trials are also highly regulated by third party experts and require informed consent.

Marie Ojiambo, who is not only a SCD patient and Pfizer intern, but is also an advocate that works with SCDA said that it's easier for her to go to a SCD patient and get them to participate in a clinical trial than it is for a doctor.

There are 37,500 clinical trials currently available, said Dr. Lewis-Hall.

Pfizer is currently in Phase 3 of their clinical trial and needs to enroll 350 participants within the next 2 years. Since they've already obtained some positive results from their Phase 2 trials, they hope to have a drug available in 3-5 years.

Dr. Lewis-Hall explained that it usually takes 15 years to bring a new drug to trial. "So by the time that you get to Phase 3, it would be an unusual event for a company to walk away...and if this drug doesn't make it because of a lack of participation, it would be a crying shame."

For more information about clinical trials log on to www.clinicaltrials.gov or www.gethealthystayhealthy.com and click on the link, "Find a Trial."

Joan H. Allen is the host of INSIDE NEW YORK and an editor at the Daily Challenge. Check out INSIDE NEW YORK via livestream at MNN.org. Follow Joan on Twitter and Facebook for program updates, giveaways and promotional offers.

Pfizer is currently in Phase 3 of their clinical trial for a drug to treat sickle cell disease. The company needs to enroll 350 participants within the next 2 years.

Your advertising resource: local touch, infinite reach



Print and Online Ads
Call Today!
(855) 721-6332 x5

MDDC
Maryland's District of Columbia
PRESS SERVICES

WET BASEMENTS STINK !!

Mold, mildew and water leakage into your basement causes health and foundation damage. What can be done to fix the problem? Allstate American Waterproofing is an honest, hardworking local company. We will give you a **FREE** evaluation and estimate and a fair price. We have repaired thousands of basements in the area; we can provide local references. When your neighbors needed waterproofing, they called Allstate American. Why don't you? Call now to receive a 20% discount with your **FREE ESTIMATE**. MHIC#36672

CALL 1 800 420 7783 NOW!

NOTICE

Any unsolicited manuscripts, editorial cartoons, etc., sent to *The Baltimore Times* become the property of *The Baltimore Times* and its Editorial Department, which reserves the right to accept or reject any or all such unsolicited material.

The Baltimore Times

(USPS 5840) is published every Friday by *The Baltimore Times*, 2513 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. Subscriptions by mail \$60 per year. Standard bulk postage paid at Baltimore, MD 21233. Postmaster send address changes to:

The Baltimore Times
2513 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21218



Join Plenti® *for free* and start earning points today!

Plenti is a great way to get rewards at Macy's and lots of other places! Join for free to earn points at one place and use them at another, all with a single rewards card. See a Sales Associate or visit macys.com/plenti to sign up and get more details.

Plenti points cannot be earned or used on fees and services or on some purchases, such as at certain food establishments and leased departments within Macy's stores. To be eligible to join Plenti, you must be at least 13 years of age and have a residence in the United States or its territories, or Canada. Plenti is only available in the United States and its territories. For complete terms and conditions, including a complete list of exclusions, see Sales Associate or visit macys.com/plentiinfo

NOW-SUN, JUNE 26

SUPER WEEKEND SALE & CLEARANCE

GREAT SAVINGS ON WHAT YOU NEED RIGHT NOW!

50%-75% OFF STOREWIDE

FREE SHIPPING ONLINE & FREE RETURNS

FREE SHIPPING WITH \$99 PURCHASE. U.S. ONLY. EXCLUSIONS APPLY;
SEE MACYS.COM/FREERETURNS

TAKE AN EXTRA 10%-20% OFF WITH YOUR MACY'S CARD OR PASS

**WOW! PASS
EXTRA 20% OFF**

SELECT SALE & CLEARANCE CLOTHING PLUS JEWELRY
EXTRA 15% OFF SELECT SALE & CLEARANCE SHOES, COATS,
SUITS, DRESSES, LINGERIE, SWIM FOR HER, MEN'S SUIT
SEPARATES & SPORT COATS & HOME ITEMS
EXTRA 10% OFF SELECT SALE & CLEARANCE WATCHES
MACYS.COM PROMO CODE: WKND
EXCLUSIONS MAY DIFFER ON MACYS.COM

Excludes ALL: cosmetics/fragrances, Deals of the Day, Doorbusters/web busters, electronics/electronics, Everyday Values (EDV), furniture/mattresses, Last Act, Macy's Backstage, rugs, specials, super buys, All-Clad, Breville, Dyson, Fitbit, Frye, Hanky Panky, Jack Spade, Kate Spade, KitchenAid Pro Line, Le Creuset, Levi's, Marc Jacobs, Michele watches, New Era, Nike on Field, Sam Edelman, Samsung watches, Shun, Stuart Weitzman, The North Face, Theory, Tumi, Vitamix, Wacoal, Wüsthof, athletic clothing, shoes & accessories; Dallas Cowboys merchandise, designer jewelry, gift cards, jewelry trunk shows, previous purchases, select licensed depts., services, special orders, special purchases, tech watches; PLUS, ONLINE ONLY: baby gear, kids' shoes, Allen Edmonds, Birkenstock, Hurley, Johnston & Murphy, Merrell, RVCA, Tommy Bahama. Cannot be combined with any savings pass/coupon, extra discount or credit offer except opening a new Macy's account. Extra savings % applied to reduced prices.

00017805100318890111
VALID 6/22-6/26/2016
★macy's



TEXT "CPN" TO 62297 TO GET COUPONS, SALES ALERTS & MORE!

Max 3 msgs/wk. Msg & data rates may apply. By texting CPN from my mobile number, I agree to receive autodialed marketing SMS/MMS messages from Macy's to this number. Consent is not required to make a purchase.

Text STOP to 62297 to cancel. Text HELP to 62297 for help. Terms & conditions at macys.com/mobilehelp Privacy practices at macys.com/privacy

SALE PRICES IN EFFECT 6/22-6/26/16.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Governor Larry Hogan Launches Customer Service Initiative

Annapolis— Governor Larry Hogan launched the Customer Service Initiative, a continuous program designed to foster improvements in customer service across Maryland state agencies. The initiative, which goes into effect immediately, focuses on three core deliverables: a renewed focus on a strong service culture in state agencies; improved customer service training for state employees; and the establishment of new service performance metrics, which will allow the administration and all Marylanders to track improvements in customer service over time.

“Marylanders expect the best possible customer service from their state government, and that is exactly what they deserve,” said Governor Hogan. “With today’s launch of a statewide Customer Service Initiative, we will ensure continued improvements across all Maryland state agencies by finally giving our state employees the leadership, the training, and the tools they need to be successful.”

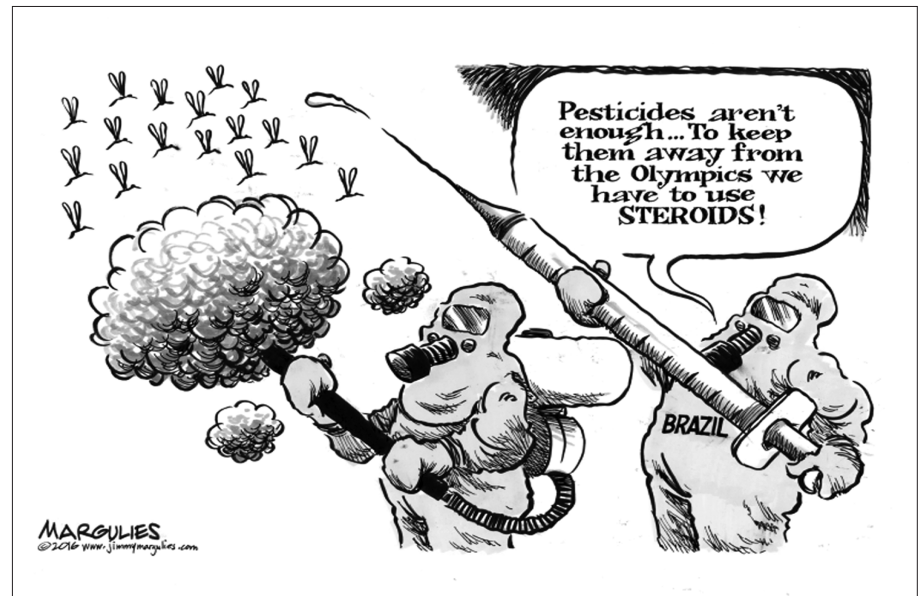
A key provision of the initiative is a requirement for every state agency to develop and maintain a plan to continually improve service delivery, including minimum response times for phone, written, and in-person inquiries and services. These plans are due by October 1 and are required to be resubmitted each fall for review.

Agency plans will include appropriate customer service training programs for all staff and managers. State agencies will also be required to review agency business hours to better align them with customer demand and will begin to incorporate customer service goals into employee performance evaluations.

These plans will be reviewed annually by a panel that consists of the Governor’s Business Ombudsman, Roger Campos; the Director of the Governor’s Office of Performance Improvement, Luis Luna; and the Chairman of the Commerce Cabinet Customer Service Workgroup, Greg Derwart. The panel, which will report to the governor, will make recommendations to agencies and will measure improvements in service delivery using key performance metrics established by the Office of Performance Improvement. These metrics will also be published online for review by the public.

In order to help further encourage a philosophy of outstanding service delivery, all state agencies will implement appropriate recognition and awards programs to highlight exceptional customer service. Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford will also meet with agency award recipients at the State House to offer their own thanks to state employees who have consistently gone the extra mile in their jobs.

The final component in the Governor’s Customer Service Initiative is the launch of the Maryland Customer Service Promise, a series of key principles that will serve as basis of all interactions between state employees and their customers. As part of the initiative, Governor Hogan has directed all state agencies to display the Customer Service Promise prominently in state offices and on agency websites.



Community Affairs

National Aquarium to Build First Dolphin Sanctuary in North America

Baltimore— The National Aquarium announced that it will build a sanctuary for its Atlantic bottlenose dolphins by the end of 2020. The sanctuary would be the first of its kind in North America and will provide the dolphins with a protected, seaside habitat, creating a new option for how dolphins can thrive in human care.

“We now know more about dolphins and their care, and we believe that the National Aquarium is uniquely positioned to use that knowledge to implement positive change,” said John Racanelli, chief executive officer of the National Aquarium. “This is the right time to move forward with the dolphin sanctuary.”

The National Aquarium and its board of directors began exploring new ways to care for the dolphins five years ago. A variety of options were weighed, ranging from rebuilding the existing 25-year-old Marine Mammal Pavilion in a more naturalistic style to moving the dolphins to other accredited facilities. After careful consideration, the decision was made to create a protected, year-round, seaside refuge with Aquarium staff continuing to care for and interact with the dolphins. The work effort defines the sanctuary not just as a place, but also a set of corresponding practices and principles.

“We’ve evaluated this for five years and have decided that this is the right decision for the dolphins, and, thus, for our organization,” said Aquarium board member Colleen Dilenschneider, who also served on a special board committee that assessed this project. “We are excited to introduce this new option along a spectrum of human care for dolphins.”

“This is a special time in history concerning evolving attitudes about treating all forms of life with dignity and respect—other humans very much included,” said Sylvia Earle, marine biologist, explorer and author. “The idea of providing sanctuaries for elephants, chimpanzees, big cats—and now dolphins—is a sign of a maturing ethic of caring unthinkable in past millennia, centuries and even decades.”

The National Aquarium has formed an expert site selection team whose number one priority is to ensure the health and welfare of the dolphins. The location will be chosen based on a list of criteria, including:

- Ability to provide lifetime customized care for each dolphin
- Outdoor location with natural seawater, with more space and depth than current facility
- Tropical or sub-tropical climate
- Natural stimulus for the dolphins, such as fish and aquatic plants

Page Opposite/Commentaries

“Where are the African American and Latina Mark Zuckerbergs and Cheryl Sandbergs?”

By Hill Harper

(NNPA News Wire Guest Columnist)

The question, which came from a participant in a minority business empowerment seminar, quieted the room. The answer is simple: “They’re out there. But they don’t have a data plan.”

That seems glib. But truth comes best in a simple package. The digital divide is real. Millions of brilliant, creative thinkers are still left behind, because they don’t have affordable access to the Internet. So what can we do to change this paradigm? We can go mobile.

Mobile technology has changed our world. Those of us who are already part of the mobile revolution know this innately: to be without our smartphones is to be isolated. It’s standing in a field, watching the train flash by. It’s trying to find a book in the dark when others are holding flashlights.

But we’re not done yet – not until we’ve brought that change across the digital divide. We know what it means to be connected. And we know that to fully bring change, we have to bring that connection to the populations who today



Hill Harper says that creators and innovators need access to the Web to connect with others and to expand their world.

may not have access. Mobile tools don’t work when you can’t get to them.

This issue matters more than ever because being “unconnected” now means

means not having an on-ramp to health-care and educational information that could transform or save a life. It means being stuck in the 20th century at a time

Until we get people online, they may not know the resources on which they’ll build. Creators and innovators need access to the Web to connect with others and to expand their world.

so much more than not having the chance to stream Netflix or send tweets. It means being unable to access the myriad of business and entrepreneurial opportunities that exist across today’s vibrant technological landscape. It

when the 21st century economy is finally kicking into high gear.

Imagine someone who isn’t connected or someone that has a mobile device, but can’t access more online data because they exceeded their monthly allotment.

For them, free data could be the key. Free data is an offering that allows you to use more mobile content without having to worry about exceeding your monthly data allotment. This leaves more data to use on other things like social media, and gives you the option of switching to a lower cost plan, if you have too much data left over, because the content you love is covered by free data program. It’s expanded opportunity at no cost. If you see that you can watch an unlimited amount of video as part of a plan, then that might just be enough to entice you to cross the digital divide. And once online, you’ll inevitably use your mobile device to explore the web, allowing your device to be the transformative tool that it can be.

Until we get people online, they may not know the resources on which they’ll build. Creators and innovators need access to the Web to connect with others and to expand their world. Indeed, our embrace of mobile innovations like streaming media and free data can serve as the light we use to illuminate the world around those who remain in the digital dark. Dr. King’s vision of a “world-wide brotherhood” comes from those connections, those ties that grow a fully empowered and engaged community that refuses to let any more opportunities pass us by.

Our vigilance and advocacy will build the momentum we need to close the digital divide once and for all. Join me in this monumental task and be #Mobile-LikeMe.

Hill Harper is an American Film, Television and Stage Actor, and Author.

The Baltimore Times

Publisher

Joy Bramble

Managing Editor

Joy Bramble

Director of Special Projects

Dena Wane

Dir., Promotions/Entertain. Columnist

Eunice Moseley

Editorial Assistant

Kathy Reeve

Administrative Assistant

Ida C. Neal

Staff Writers

Ursula Battle

Jayne Matthews Hopson

Director of Advertising

Donnie Manuel

Photographers

Lawrence Kimble

Gar Roberts

The Baltimore Times is a publication of The Baltimore Times/Times of Baltimore, Inc. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the written consent of the publisher

Mailing Address

The Baltimore Times

2513 N. Charles Street

Baltimore, MD 21218

Phone: 410-366-3900- Fax 410-243-1627

www.baltimoretimes-online.com

Want to comment on the editorials or any other story?

Please contact: The Baltimore Times

2513 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218

Phone: 410-366-3900 Fax: 410-243-1627

email: btimes@btimes.com

Discover The Unexpected:

NNPA Journalism Scholars Are Breaking The News

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
President, National Newspaper
Publishers Association

Today, people are exposed to 10-minute news segments six times per hour in a 24-hour news cycle in terms of television and radio news. Twitter, Facebook and other social media are now used for instantaneous news, commentary, and the sharing of perspectives by hundreds of millions of people throughout the world.

Yet, Black-owned newspapers in the United States remain in high demand even amidst the growing digital age of communications and multimedia news services. Social media compliments and extends the reach of the Black Press.

Thanks to Chevrolet, the Discover The Unexpected (DTU) NNPA Journalism Fellows Program is giving undergraduate student scholars from the Howard University School of Communications the opportunity to “Break News” in Detroit, Chicago, Washington, DC, and in Atlanta. Tatyana Hopkins, Sidnee King, Briahanna Brown, McKenzie Marshall, Brandi Montgomery, Brelaun Douglas, Victoria Jones, and Rushawn Walters are all now working with NNPA member newspapers in the aforementioned markets.

On the ground and in the streets, these gifted and talented young journalists are helping not only to bridge generations concerning vital news coverage, but also the NNPA Fellows are using multiple media platforms to help reach new readers across the nation and global community. As more young readers are now consuming their news, sports coverage, and cultural aspiration via the Black Press, then the future sustainability of Black-owned newspapers is further assured.

The point here is that the print Black Press in America is content rich and therefore is invaluable in today’s context of national and international content distribution. There is a substantive difference between sensationalism to get media attention and good journalism that renders objective facts or that delineates informed opinions.



Denise Rolark Barnes (left), publisher of The Washington Informer and chair of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, D. Kevin McNeir (center), the editor of The Washington Informer, and Rushawn Walters, a NNPA/DTU journalism fellow discuss upcoming story assignments and events at The Washington Informer office in Southeast, Washington, D.C.

Photo: (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

For more than 189 years the Black Press in America has represented the best in presenting the facts, news, struggles and triumphs of African American life and empowerment. The baton is now being pass to a generation of journalists and publishers who are equally

Fellows have significantly increased the NNPA’s media impressions via social media.

It should be noted here that President Barack Obama on the occasion of the White House observance of the 2016 Juneteenth Celebration commented on

that remains undone. We remember that even in the darkest hours, there is cause to hope for tomorrow’s light. Today, no matter our race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation, we recommit ourselves to working to free modern-day slaves around the world and to honoring in our

Black-owned newspapers in the United States remain in high demand even amidst the growing digital age of communications and multimedia news services.

fearless, courageous, and articulate.

We are proud of the opportunity and the engagement that the DTU is offering to the NNPA family and community of publishers and media owners throughout the nation. Already some of our NNPA Fellows’ news entries have made the front pages of our newspapers. In addition the published stories by the NNPA

the importance of continuing the struggle against all the lingering vestiges of slavery, racism, injustice, and inequality. The Black Press is today the most capable and responsible vehicle to continue to strive toward fulfilling the goal of racial, social and economic equality.

President Obama stated, “Juneteenth is a time to recommit ourselves to the work

own time the efforts of those who fought so hard to steer our country truer to our highest ideals.”

Learn more about Discover The Unexpected (DTU) at <http://www.nnpa.org/dtu/> and use the hashtag #DiscoverTheUnexpected on Twitter @BlackPressUSA and @NNPA_BlackPress

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

CHEVROLET 



Hundreds applied, now meet the 8 Howard University students who were selected to **DISCOVER THE UNEXPECTED**—a first-ever fellowship program by Chevrolet Malibu in partnership with the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Teams will share good news stories from Detroit, Washington D.C., Chicago and Atlanta. Plus, they'll get to navigate their city in an all-new 2016 Malibu. Join them on this exciting journey that is sure to inspire us all.

#discovertheunexpected

DISCOVER MORE OF THEIR STORY AT NNPA.ORG/DTU

Getting your child vaccinated over summer break? Don't forget HPV

Vaccine helps prevent cancer but remains underutilized in Maryland

Baltimore— Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is encouraging parents and providers to use every child's visit to the doctor— such as an annual checkup or physicals for sports, camp or for other school-required immunizations— to discuss vaccination for human papillomavirus (HPV) and to initiate or complete the series of three shots over six months.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI). HPV is so common that nearly all sexually active men and women get it at some point in their lives. There are many different types of HPV. Some types can cause health problems including genital warts and cancers. But there are vaccines that can prevent such health problems. The HPV vaccine is recommended for preteen boys and girls at age 11 or 12 because it produces a more robust immune response during the preteen years, and to provide protection before exposure to the virus.

"The HPV vaccine has been proven ef-



fective at preventing various forms of cancer," said Dr. Howard Haft, Health and Mental Hygiene's Deputy Secretary of Public Health Services, "but we know that access and utilization of the vaccine in Maryland has been insufficient. We want parents and providers alike to think HPV when discussing routine vaccinations. The high coverage rates for other vaccines show us it is certainly possible to see simi-

lar utilization of the HPV vaccine."

While Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis), meningococcal and HPV vaccines are routinely recommended for adolescents, Maryland data show more than 40 percent higher vaccination rates for Tdap (85 percent) and meningococcal (87 percent) disease than for HPV, despite its safety and efficacy in preventing HPV-related cancers. Only about 39 percent of adolescent girls and

25 percent of adolescent boys in Maryland received three doses of HPV vaccine in 2014. These gaps in coverage indicate missed opportunities to vaccinate boys and girls with HPV vaccine at the same time as other routinely recommended adolescent vaccines like Tdap and meningococcal vaccines.

For back-to-school immunization information, visit Health and Mental Hygiene at <http://goo.gl/m8WLeF>.

Auntie's Flea Market

1ST. SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM JULY-OCTOBER 8AM-3:00PM
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

For More Information Call: 443-438-9822

New Elizabeth Baptist Church
4901 Park Height Ave (At Oakley Avenue) LAWN ONLY

Your advertising resource:
local touch, infinite reach



Biggest Value In Advertising
Call Today!
(855) 721-6332 x5



★★★★ THE ★★★★★
PURGE
ELECTION YEAR
KEEP AMERICA GREAT

UNIVERSAL PICTURES PRESENTS A PLATINUM DUNES/BLUMHOUSE/MAN IN A TREE PRODUCTION "THE PURGE: ELECTION YEAR"
FRANK GRILLO ELIZABETH MITCHELL MYKELTI WILLIAMSON EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS LUC ETIENNE JEANETTE VOLTURNO COUPER SAMUELSON
PRODUCED BY JASON BLUM MICHAEL BAY ANDREW FORM BRAD FULLER SEBASTIEN K. LEMERCIER WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JAMES DEMONACO
BLUMHOUSE PRODUCTIONS PLATINUM DUNES BLUMHOUSE MAN IN A TREE
R RESTRICTED
DISTURBING BLOODY FEARFUL AND STRONG LANGUAGE
EPICURE
EQUINOX ON BACKLIT MUSIC
A UNIVERSAL RELEASE
© 2016 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

STARTS FRIDAY, JULY 1 CHECK LOCAL LISTINGS FOR THEATERS AND SHOWTIMES

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) invite you to attend a public workshop where plans will be presented to provide dedicated bus lanes on several major downtown streets. Dedicated bus lanes are part of MTA's BaltimoreLink project to improve the quality and reliability of bus service across the Region. Dedicated lanes will allow buses to move more quickly through downtown as well as help keep them on schedule. At the workshops, BCDOT and MTA will share concepts under consideration and listen to your ideas about how the lanes could work. Workshops will be held in three locations and provide the same information.

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 • 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Charles Center Metro Subway Station

Mezzanine Level

Baltimore, MD 21201

Access to this location via Bus Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 20, 23, 26, 36, 40, 46, 48, 61, 64, 91, 103, 105, 110, 120, 150, 160, and Metro Subway

Wednesday, July 6, 2016 • 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

War Memorial

Assembly Hall

101 N. Gay Street

Baltimore, MD 21202

Access to this location via Bus Nos. 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 19, 20, 23, 26, 31, 35, 36, 40, 46, 48, 91, 105, 115, 119, 150, 160, 310, 420, and Metro Subway

Thursday, July 7, 2016 • 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

University of Maryland, Baltimore

SMC Campus Center

Elm Rooms A & B

621 W. Lombard Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

Access to this location via Bus Nos. 1, 7, 8, 10, 14, 17, 20, 27, 31, 35, 36, 46, 48, 91, and 110

Locations are accessible for people with disabilities. For more information or to request additional accommodations, an interpreter, or this information translated or in an alternate format, please contact the department listed below.

Los sitios tienen acceso para personas con discapacidades. Para mayor información o para requerir acomodaciones adicionales, un intérprete o esta información traducida o en formato alternativo, por favor contacte al departamento enlistado abajo.

К площадкам обеспечен доступ для людей с ограниченными возможностями. За дополнительной информацией или для запроса на получение дополнительных приспособлений, услуг переводчика либо перевода данной информации или ее получения в другом формате, обращайтесь в отдел, указанный ниже.

이들 장소에는 장애인들도 접근할 수 있습니다. 아래에 기재된 부서에 연락하시어 자세한 정보, 장애인용 부가 시설, 통역사, 또는 이 정보의 번역본이나 다른 매체로 제공해 줄 것을 요청하시기 바랍니다.

地点方便残障人士进入。欲了解更多信息或要求其它安排、口译服务、翻译本信息或本信息的其它格式，请与以下列出的部门联系。

MTA Office of Customer and Community Relations
410-767-3999 • 866-743-3682 • TTY 410-539-3497
Maryland Relay Users Dial 7-1-1



Md. Department of Transportation's MTA Debuts New Express BusLink Service

New Routes to improve suburb-to-suburb connectivity, significantly reduce travel time

BALTIMORE, MD (JUNE 20, 2016) – Transportation Secretary Pete K. Rahn praised the Maryland Department of Transportation's Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) for launching Express BusLink today as the first new service offered as part of BaltimoreLink. Governor Larry Hogan announced the \$135 million transit improvement plan in October 2015 to create an integrated transit system that is easy-to-use and better connects people to jobs, entertainment centers and other transit modes. Express BusLink will greatly improve suburb-to-suburb connectivity. Deputy Transportation Secretary James F. Ports, Jr., and MTA Administrator and CEO Paul Comfort joined media on a ride-along today to officially launch Express BusLink service in the Baltimore region.

“Governor Hogan and Transportation Secretary Rahn are committed to building a strong transportation network that links people to jobs and life's opportunities,” said Deputy Transportation Secretary Ports. “Express BusLink is a down payment on the transformative transit plan that will deliver a truly interconnected system when BaltimoreLink is fully in place next summer.”

MTA is introducing three new Express BusLink routes – 102, 106 and 107 – that now provide significantly faster

connections from Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall) MARC Train station to Old Court Metro Subway Station; from Owings Mills to Towson; and from Towson to White Marsh. Today's ride-along with media was on the new Express BusLink from White Marsh Park & Ride in Nottingham to Towson and back to White Marsh.

“Baltimore has desperately needed a comprehensive, regional transit plan that helps alleviate downtown congestion by opening up the transit grid and that connects people to emerging job centers,” said MTA Administrator and CEO Paul Comfort. “That is why updating our regional transit system with Express BusLink service is key. Express BusLink is an important new service that will link people to where they need to go.”

Additionally, the existing Express Bus Route 150 that connects Columbia to downtown Baltimore City has been extended to connect to the growing job center of Harbor East. Also starting today, MTA is providing additional peak-period trips on Local Bus No. 77 line, which also runs between Old Court Metro Subway Station and BWI Marshall.

These direct suburb-to-suburb connections will improve access to regional job centers as well as speed the ride for many commuters. For example, the new Express BusLink will reduce the two-hour ride from White Marsh to Towson to approximately an hour.

Outer Banks, NC - Vacation Rentals



Reserve your family vacation today!

877-642-3224 . www.brindleybeach.com

- Over 600 vacation homes in all price ranges!
- Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head, & Southern Shores to Corolla's 4x4 area
- 2 to 18 bedrooms, most with a private pool/ hot tub
- Linens and towels are provided (call for exception)



Baltimore Community Foundation Raises \$103.7 million to help city thrive

By Stacy M. Brown

The Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF), the local philanthropic organization whose mission is to inspire donors to achieve their charitable goals from generation to generation and to improve the quality of life in the region through grant making, civic leadership and strategic investments, has announced that it has raised nearly \$104 million in three years.

In a news release, foundation officials said they're celebrating the most successful fundraising in the organization's 44-year history.

The Campaign for BCF and Baltimore, a three-year effort, has raised \$103.7 million, generating more than \$30 million to support immediate needs and almost \$70 million in endowment for long term goals.

"BCF set a bold goal to raise \$100 million during this campaign," said Laura Gamble, the co-chair of the Campaign and chair of BCF's board of trustees. "This was a huge undertaking for us, but we knew it would pay untold dividends both in the immediate impact it would have in Baltimore and in ensuring that BCF would be able to continue its great work for years to come."

Wes Moore served as campaign co-chair with Gamble while George Bunting, Eddie Brown and Suzanne Cohen served as the honorary chairs and Ray Bank served as board of trustees' chair for most of the campaign. Their leadership and outreach was instrumental to the success of the campaign, officials said in a news release.

"What we set out to do was to raise one hundred million dollars for Baltimore," Moore said. "It really says something that Baltimore trusted BCF with that gift."

The campaign's 250 major donors represent a diverse cross section of individual Baltimoreans, business owners, private foundations, and many others who care deeply about the future of our city, foundation officials said. Major gifts ranged from \$10,000 to \$16 million.

Twenty-eight donors pledged gifts of \$1 million or more, which will be used



to support grants and endowment. Some gifts are already being used for immediate needs in BCF's priority areas—neighborhoods and education.

Other gifts will help build permanent endowments to strengthen BCF and ensure its ability to respond to Baltimore's evolving needs today and in the future, organization officials said.

"All of this generosity is driven by BCF's vision that Baltimore boasts a growing economy where all have the opportunity to thrive," said Tom Wilcox, BCF president and CEO. "Because of the campaign's success, we now can dare – not just to dream – but to assert that this community foundation can achieve what Baltimore deserves."

Wilcox said donations to the campaign provided funding to open nine new early childhood resource centers, known as Judy Centers, in Baltimore City between 2012 and 2015 to boost school readiness.

"Our goal is to have a 90 percent readiness for children entering kindergarten by 2017," Wilcox told the Baltimore Business Journal. "Our belief in our schools is fundamental to our future."

The BCF has provided services to more than 1,000 children across Baltimore City Public Schools, said Perry Gorgen, the director of early learning for BCPS. "It's something that we really appreciate," he said.

Wilcox said BCF's objectives also include making neighborhoods more safe, clean, green and vibrant, while strengthening community organizations and the

leadership skills of residents.

Although BCF invests in neighborhoods across Baltimore, he said the organization has particularly focused on Reservoir Hill and Greater Highlandtown, which were centers of unrest during the riots last year following the death of Freddie Gray.

Earlier this year, the BCF distributed \$750,000 from a separate post-riot fund,

but Wilcox said the riots certainly played a role in helping the organization reach its \$100 million goal.

"We had raised less than \$70 million at the time of the riots," Wilcox said. "That part, the last \$30-35 million, is definitely harder than the first \$35 million but we were heartened by the support that we saw."



Homeownership is important.

We're here to help first-time homebuyers navigate the mortgage process and make buying a home affordable, even if you have:

- Little money for a downpayment
- Little or "less-than-perfect" credit history
- A recent job change

To get started, call 1-888-253-0993 or visit mtb.com/mortgage.

M&T Bank
Understanding what's important®



Equal Housing Lender. This is not a commitment to make a mortgage loan.

Certain restrictions apply. Subject to credit and property approval. ©2016 M&T Bank. Member FDIC. NMLS# 381076

New Exhibit Focuses on Being Black in White America

By Stacy M. Brown

A new exhibit at the Galerie Myrtis Fine Art Gallery explores the politicization of Black identity in the United States. From legalized slavery to the most recent quips with racial-overtones by presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, a minority of Americans have been desperately and diligently fighting against a white power structure for equality throughout the nation's relatively short history, gallery officials said in a news release.

The exhibit, "To Be Black in White America," began simply, said Aden Weisel, the gallery director and curator for the display. "One of the artists that we represent, Larry Cook, became a semifinalist – and now he's a finalist – for the 11th annual Janet & Walter Sondheim Artscape Prize. We decided that Cook's work should be the starting point for our summer exhibition, which coincides with Artscape," Weisel said.

"Cook focuses on race, politics and history. I chose the other artists that round out the dozen in the show based on how they complemented, explored, focused or broadened those themes," he said.

Noting that social media is full of users asking if the country is back in the 1950s or 1960s, Weisel said the truth is that the country has never left the Civil Rights era completely in the past. Institutional racism and personal vitriol have always been present he said, adding that they crop up when vile words provoke violence or when an act of violence incites protests.

While the subject matter surrounding White power structures is as vast as the Middle Crossing, the artists featured in the exhibit are able to identify and clearly express difficult but highly-specific aspects of the struggle, he said.

"Cook's featured videos at Galerie Myrtis question the progress made for and by African-Americans since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech," Weisel said. "This established a link between history and today that allowed a flexible chronology for the other artists to explore the politics of being Black in the United States."

In the back gallery, artists tend toward



Linda Day Clark, *North Avenue No. 24, 1993, Color digital print*



Jeffrey Kent, *Punks (Colored Boys, 2004, Acrylic and oil on canvas*

history including Susan Goldman's series of prints of Saartjie Baartman the "Hottentot Venus" which induces the viewer to think both about the history of

"human zoos" and the contemporary exploitation of Black female bodies. The woman in Jamea Richmond-Edwards' drawing "Guns, Bubbles and Black

Power" evokes the principles, pride and community care of the Black Panthers, Weisel further noted.

Meanwhile, the front gallery features work with more contemporary themes and images. Stephen Towns painting "I Wish It Were That Easy," is about African-Americans having the right to vote but the difficulties of being able to exercise that right and have one's vote counted.

That exhibit is juxtaposed with Wayson R. Jones' highly textural and abstracted painting "Black President."

Also, Wesley Clark's series of small targets, "Open Season @103," follows his research and documentation of African-Americans killed by police and civilian authorities since the murder of Trayvon Martin.

Many of the targets are brightly colored to evoke the person and their spirit that have been lost. However, this gallery strays from the morbid to focus on family and community.

"This exhibit is extremely important and timely," Weisel said. "The history of the United States has been White history since before this country was formed and formalized. This is generally true of world history, but I'm narrowing the subject."

The show's earliest historical reference is Oletha DeVane's installation titled "Henry Box Brown," named for the man who escaped from slavery in antebellum Virginia by mailing himself to abolitionists in the free state of Pennsylvania. "The issues that these artists focus on are about identity, personal safety, family, community, school, police, prison, government and, unfortunately, violence and death," Weisel said.

"The issues confronted in 'To Be Black in White America' demand answers not hopes and prayers. Some people take to the streets to confront these issues, but artists take to their studios," he said.

"What you see at Galerie Myrtis is the processing of events past, the expression of frustration with the way things are and a search for answers."

The exhibit runs from June 25 to July 30. It will include some extended hours and artists' talks.

For more information, visit www.galeriemyrtis.net.



AfricanAmericanFestival.net



#BmoreAAF
#BmoreAAF40



Common

Join us in Baltimore July 2-3, 2016 for a
FREE Music Festival
Live Performances | Seminars | Family Fun!

Camden Yards Sports & Entertainment Complex

Produced By

grei**30**

BLACK
ENTERPRISE



Mayor Stephanie
Rawlings-Blake



Hosted by Vivica A. Fox and Jonathan Slocumb



Estelle



Joe



Mary Mary



Anthony Brown
& GROUP THERAPY



Angie Stone



Goapele

MAJOR SPONSORS



VisitBaltimore

TV ONE
REPRESENT.

xfinity

LOWE'S
Improving Home Improvement

CareFirst

mc
Music Choice

EMC²

BGE
An Exelon Company

MARYLAND
VisitMaryland.org



Morris Day Headlines Baltimore Concert to Honor Prince

By Stacy M. Brown

Shortly after receiving the devastating news of his mentor Prince's death, Morris Day stood speechless.

"Right now," he said, stunned by the news that his musical brother and industry icon had died at the age of 57 on April 21, 2016. "There are no words that can express the feelings we all have for our dear brother Prince."

Approximately one year ago, Prince arrived in Baltimore to perform a concert for peace in the aftermath of the death of Freddie Gray.

Now, on July 1, 2016, Day and his famed group, The Time, will headline a tribute to their former boss and "Purple Rain" hit maker at Baltimore's Patapsco Arena.

Known for hits like "Jungle Love," "The Bird," and "777-9311," The Time is fronted by the ever flamboyant Day with sidekick Jerome Benton, Jesse Johnson and famed Janet Jackson producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis.

Dubbed "The Purple Rain Tribute Concert," other acts including the R&B band Secret Society also are scheduled to perform.

The show comes weeks after a heavily criticized tribute to Prince at the Billboard Music Awards took place, starring Madonna. Inexplicably, the tribute failed to include Prince protégés like The Time, Sheila E., and Apollonia Kotero.

Day, Benton and the other members of The Time all grew up with Prince in Minneapolis.

They also co-starred in Prince's semi-autobiographical hit 1984 movie, "Purple Rain," and later, they would appear again as co-stars in the 1990 "Purple Rain" sequel, "Graffiti Bridge."

Benton, who toured heavily with Prince in the 1980s, co-starred with the legend on the 1986 feature film, "Under the Cherry Moon," whose music included such hits like "Kiss," "Girls & Boys," and "Sometimes it Snows in April."

As the New York Times reported after his death, Prince was a man bursting with music – a wildly prolific songwriter, a virtuoso on guitars, keyboards

and drums and a master architect of funk, rock, R&B and pop, even as his music defied genres.

In a career that lasted from the late 1970s until his solo "Piano & a Microphone" tour this year, he was acclaimed as a sex symbol, a musical prodigy and an artist who shaped his career his way, often battling with accepted music-business practices.

"When I first started out in the music industry, I was most concerned with freedom. Freedom to produce, freedom to play all the instruments on my records, freedom to say anything I wanted to," he said when he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004.

In a tribute to George Harrison that night, Prince went on to play a guitar solo in "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" that left the room floored.

A seven-time Grammy winner, Prince had Top 10 hits like "Little Red Corvette," "When Doves Cry," "Let's Go Crazy," "Kiss" and "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World"; albums like "Dirty Mind," "1999" and "Sign O' the Times" were full-length statements.

His songs also became hits for others, among them "Nothing Compares 2 U" for Sinéad O'Connor, "Manic Monday" for the Bangles and "I Feel for You" for Chaka Khan.

With the film and album "Purple Rain," he told a fictionalized version of his own story: biracial (although Prince's parents were both African-American), gifted, spectacularly- ambitious. Its music won him an Academy Award, and the album sold more than 13 million copies in the United States alone.

"This concert with The Time is going to be so much fun," said Sandy Hyatt, the director of sales at Patapsco Arena. "I have never had this many phone calls this far out from an event. We are so excited to host The Time here," she said.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m.. For more information, visit <http://menwomenofrespect.com/oureven/ts/morris-day-the-time/>



Morris Day and Jerome Benton of The Time



Morris Day and Prince

CELEBRATING AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH

D.C. Native's Legacy: Promoting the Best of Black Music Entrepreneur Darryll E. Brooks Still Opening Doors for Local Talent

*By D. Kevin McNeir
WI Editor*

Last week, as the Washington Informer began its coverage of African-American Music Appreciation Month, we featured veteran disc jockey Russ Parr who recently returned to the Greater Washington Area, bringing his unique style and long-recognized brand to the DMV as part of the weekly lineup on Radio One DC's popular station, WKYS 93.9 FM. Now we turn our attention to the eternally-young and District-born Darryll E. Brooks – an entrepreneur and longtime promoter of live events whose penchant for recognizing talent and commitment to improving the lives of Black youth and the D.C. community have benefited District residents and others worldwide for over four decades.

Brooks recalls the early years of the 1970s when a surge in civil disturbances in the city then known as “Chocolate City” led him and several others to develop and promote programs that would honor local musicians, provide training for youth interested in the arts and offer family-friendly concerts in his beloved Southeast community where he spent his formative years.

“A group of concerned citizens wanted a program that would honor local musicians like Roberta Flack [who stands as one of the youngest students to ever enroll and graduate from Howard University where she majored in voice, served as an assistant conductor of the university choir and went on to establish a successful musical career],” he said.

“I co-created ‘Compared to What, Inc.,



L/R: Patti Labelle and Darryll Brooks

a nonprofit that worked to broaden opportunities for D.C.'s Black businesses and creative arts entities,” he said. “We had great support including the mayor's office, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Parks Service and were able to secure a program held in Anacostia Park, ‘The Summer Hut,’ that provided arts education programs and events as a means of giving youth an alternative to the significantly less safe activities on the streets,” said Brooks who now splits his time in Clinton, Maryland and New York City.

Brooks would change the name of his company as time went on but not its focus. In fact, they would branch out first as “G Street Express, Inc.,” then as “CD Enterprises,” presenting the first R&B concert ever at the White House, proving that rap was more than just a musical preference for inner city youth but rather a genre rapidly establishing itself as the preference of American youth and taking on the challenge of talent management after signing folks like hip-hop duo Salt-N-Pepa, while also making inroads for D.C.'s go-go performers including Chuck Brown & the Soul Searchers, Little Benny and the Masters and others.

“I have always been proud of our work behind ‘Human Kindness Day,’ which we held each May between 1972 and 1976,” he said. “We honored celebrities who made positive contributions to our youth and attracted hundreds of thousands to the Washington Monument grounds. And we never had police officers maintain safety – the men who came out with their families and friends kept things safe both on the Monument grounds and at events in Anacostia Park. The drug dealers and thugs knew they weren't welcome if they were going to bring trouble with them.”

Brooks and his partners achieved attendance at the Anacostia Park event in 1972 with close to 2000, which leaped to over 400,000 by their fourth year with an estimated 30,000 to 40,000 attendees each night. Honorees included Flack, Dick Gregory, Nina Simone and Stevie Wonder.

“It was amazing. We helped expose young musicians and bands and gave them an audience of supportive Blacks. People even came on their bicycles from across the city. But we struggled with funding even as the event rapidly grew after the focus of many funders and supporting agencies changed to the nation's

bicentennial in 1976.”

“Back then the concerts served as a means of communication. The artists were vested in bringing a kind of soulfulness and spoke to Black life in a positive way. Blacks wanted to see artists like Bobby Womack, Curtis Mayfield, Otis Redding and Marvin Gaye and they were able to live vicariously through their positive lyrics. I still believe that there's an audience for conscious-raising music in America even though the economics behind promoting the kinds of concerts that we featured has long changed,” Brooks said.

Brooks and company continue to promote some of the nation's most popular events including the Summer Spirit Festival 2016, which will be held at Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Maryland, marking the Festival's 11th anniversary (August 6 – 7) with headliners that include Erykah Badu, Janelle Monae, Jill Scott, The Roots, The Chuck Brown Band and Kindred the Family Soul.

And of course, there will be several local groups who will get their chance to showcase their skills, Brooks said.

He noted some of the concerts that he and his partners have promoted that he believes really made a difference in the lives of the Black community, particularly the incarcerated.

“I've had so many highlights in my life. But I look to the free Prince concert we held at Gallaudet University that brought music to the hearing impaired, the show we held at the women's detention center on Riker's Island and another free concert for the men at the Lorton Reformatory here in the District. It was always about reaching out to and supporting local talent too – musicians, artisans, you name it.”

“Music can have a positive effect on people. It makes the daily grind, the daily disappointments and the day-to-day struggles a little more bearable,” he said. “We did it back then because we loved the music and we loved our people. That's why we still do it today,” Brooks added.

Scarborough Foundation to Honor Earth, Wind & Fire

The Scarborough Foundation will honor music legends Earth, Wind & Fire, Melvin Miles and Dr. Hattie Bailey at its inaugural awards celebration, "A Musical Tribute to Skip Scarborough," on Sunday, July 3, 2016 at the Murphy Fine Arts Center located on the campus of Morgan State University.

Skip Scarborough, a Grammy Award winning songwriter, wrote hits such as "Can't Hide Love" by Earth, Wind & Fire, "Lovely Day" by Bill Withers and "Giving You The Best That I've Got" by Anita Baker among others.

Performances by In Gratitude, Tracy Hamlin and Alton McClain Scarborough will be featured at the event.

The event hosted by radio personality and singer Angela Stribling will present scholarships to deserving students, as well as honor Earth, Wind & Fire with the Alexi Lifetime Achievement Award, Melvin Miles with the Lifetime achievement award for Music Education, and Dr. Hattie Bailey with the Alexi Com-


Although Earth, Wind & Fire will not be present at the event, a pre-recorded interview will be shown.

On remembering Skip Scarborough, Philip Bailey said, "We were extremely proud to have been a part of the collection of people that he gave his wonderful songs to."

With regard to the importance of the Scarborough Foundation Verdine White said, "Because of the Scarborough Foundation, this generation will have a chance for the appreciation of music and to develop into great artists like Skip."


The mission of the Scarborough Foundation founded by Skip's widow Alton McClain Scarborough (formerly with the group Destiny) is to provide scholarships and grants to assist in the educational advancement of students within the public school system who display extraordinary natural abilities and acquired proficiency in music, dance, theatre arts, and the recording arts and sciences.

THE SCARBOROUGH FOUNDATION'S




Annual **AWARDS** CELEBRATION

"A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO SKIP SCARBOROUGH"



featuring



07.03.16

Waterfront Partnership's First Annual Field Day 4

Join Waterfront Partnership for the First Annual Field Day at Rash Field on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from noon to 6 p.m. The free event will include an afternoon filled with local food vendors, adult beverages and child-like activities such as: Bubble Ball Soccer (\$5 drop in games), Bocce, Corn Hole, Giant Jenga, Bear Pong, Tie Dye t-shirt station (bring your own t-shirt), and team games like a potato sack race, egg race, water balloon toss, etc.

Rash Field is located at 201 Key Hwy. Baltimore, MD 21230

This event is free to attend and several activities are also free of charge. Food, drink, and Bubble Ball tickets are available on-site for purchase.

For more information visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/>

Positive stories about positive people!

**OPERATION SAFE AND CLEAN,
 HARLEM PARK WEST, A STEP FORWARD,
 &
 WESTERN POLICE DISTRICT**

"WE ARE HAVING A CAMPOUT"



JUNE 25, 2016

Saturday Starting at 12 Noon

In the 1800 block of West Harlem Avenue

Near Fulton Avenue until Sunday to 9:00 a.m.

Participants should bring their own Sleeping bag, a change of clothes. If no sleeping bag then bring one blanket, a sheet and a pillow

For more information

Contact:

Ronald Bailey (443)982-1886

"THE FUTURE IS ACTION TODAY"

Baltimore Times

INVITES YOU AND A GUEST TO A SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING



★★★ THE PURGE ★★★
ELECTION YEAR
 KEEP AMERICA GREAT

IN THEATERS JULY 1ST

For your chance to win a pass (Admits 2) Email price@btimes.com

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Supplies limited. One prize per winner. Each pass admits two. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis and not guaranteed. Employees of all promotional partners and The Baltimore Times are not eligible. All decisions are final.

IN THEATERS JULY 1

CLASSIFIEDS

MISCELLANEOUS

CASH PAID for unexpired, sealed DIABETIC TEST STRIPS! 1 DAY PAYMENT & PREPAID shipping. HIGHEST PRICES! Call 1-888-776-7771 www.Cash4Diabetic-Supplies.com

Make a Connection. Real People, Flirty Chat. Meet singles right now! Call LiveLinks. Try it FREE. Call NOW: Call 1-877-737-9447— 18+

TOP CASH PAID FOR OLD GUITARS! 1920 - 1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg. And Gibson Mandolins/Banjoes. 1-800-401-0440

VIAGRA 52 PILLS + 4 FREE! VIAGRA 100MG/ CIALIS 20mg Free Pills! No hassle, Discreet Shipping. Save Now. \$99.00 Call Today 1- 800-213-6202

HERO MILES - to find out more about how you can help our service members, veterans and their families in their time of need, visit the Fisher House website at www.fisher-house.org

CASH FOR CARS: We Buy Any Condition Vehicle, 2000 and Newer. Nation's Top Car Buyer! Free Towing From Anywhere! Call Now: 1- 800-864-5960.

AUTOS WANTED

CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!! All Make/Models 2000-2015! Any Condition. Running or Not. Competitive Offer! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: 1-888-416-2330.

CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!! All Makes /Models 2002-2016! Any Condition. Running or Not. Competitive Offer! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: 1-888-368-1016

FOR SALE BUILDING MATERIALS

Truck Load of Closeout Calking Tytan, 10oz tubes: 8 colors Neutral Cure Silicone, Gray Polyurethane, Aluminum Gutter & Seam Sealer, Black Windshield Adhesive, \$2.99 ea. Shipping Available & Discounts. 717-445-5222

HEALTH/MEDICAL

FREE VIAGRA PILLS 48 PILLS + 4 FREE! VIAGRA 100MG/ CIALIS 20mg Free Pills! No hassle, Discreet Shipping. Save Now. Call Today 1-888-410-0514

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acorn Stairlifts. The AFFORDABLE solution to your stairs! **Limited time - \$250 Off Your Stairlift Purchase!** Buy Direct & SAVE. Please call 1-800-410-7127 for FREE DVD and brochure.

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-800-895-7416

Got an older car, boat or RV? Do the humane thing. Donate it to the Humane Society. Call 1-800-758-2204

Got Knee Pain? Back Pain? Shoulder Pain? Get a pain-relieving brace -little or NO cost to you. Medicare Patients Call Health Hotline Now! 1- 800-419-3684

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS. Unable to work? Denied benefits? We Can Help! WIN or Pay Nothing! Contact Bill Gordon & Associates at 1-800-208-6915 to start your application today!

Life Alert. 24/7. One press of a button sends help FAST! Medical, Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach a phone! FREE Brochure. CALL 1-800-746-0979

Attention Small Businesses: Simplify Your Payroll & Taxes with Paychex! New customers receive one month of payroll processing free! Receive a Free Quote! Call 800-805-0164

Lung Cancer? And 60 Years Old? If So, You and Your Family May Be Entitled To A Significant Cash Award. Call 800-897-7205 To Learn More. No Risk. No Money Out of Pocket.

CREDIT CARD DEBT Crushing You? Call DEBT ACTION GROUP. For Limited Time, Retain Our Services for FREE. Slash or Eliminate Your Balances! Call for details: 1-800-611-2316

Like us on Facebook
[Facebook.com/TheBaltimoreTimes](https://www.facebook.com/TheBaltimoreTimes)

TRAVEL

CRUISE VACATIONS – 3, 4, 5 or 7 day cruises to the Caribbean. Start planning now to save \$\$ on your fall or winter getaway vacation. Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Carnival, Princess and many more. Great deals for all budgets and departure ports. For more info. call 877-270-7260 or go to NCP-travel.com

ALL INCLUSIVE RESORT packages at Sandals, Dreams, Secrets, Riu, Barcelo, Occidental and many more resorts. Punta Cana, Mexico, Jamaica and many of the Caribbean islands. Book now for 2017 and SAVE! For more info. call 877-270-7260 or go to NCPtravel.com

EDUCATION/CAREER TRAINING

25 DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED! Become a driver for Stevens Transport! **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** New drivers earn \$800+ per week! PAID CDL TRAINING! Stevens covers all costs! **1-888-734-6714 drive4stevens.com**

AIRLINE CAREERS. Get FAA approved maintenance training at campuses coast to coast. Job placement assistance. Financial Aid for qualifying students. Military friendly. Call AIM 888-686-1704

MEDICAL BILLING TRAINEES NEEDED! Begin training at home for a career working with Medical Billing & Insurance! Online training with the right College can get you ready! HS Diploma/GED & Computer/Internet needed. 1-888-734-6711

LOTS & ACREAGE

CATSKILL MTN LAKE PROPERTIES! 5 acres – Lake View - \$39,900 5 acres – Lakefront - \$189,900 90 mins from the GWB! Private lakefront access, 90 acre lake! Terms avail! Call 888-738-6994 NewYorkLandandLakes.com

ADIRONDACK MTN LAKE PROPERTIES! 98 acres - 1,100 ft waterfront - \$199,900 131 acres - 1/2 mile lakefront - \$299,900 3 hours NY City! TWO pristine lakes! Financing Avail! Ask about our lakefront cabins & lodges too! 888-431-7214

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

Advertise to 500,000 Homes with a business card size ad. You choose the area of coverage in free community papers...we do the rest. Call 800-450-7227 or visit macnetonline.com

EVENTS

Holding a Carnival! Fair! Festival! Jubilee! Promote it to over 1 Million readers for only \$200!!! Visit www.midatlanticevents.net for more details or call 800-450-7227.

AUTO DONATIONS

Donate Your Car to Veterans Today! Help and Support our Veterans. Fast - FREE pick up. 100% tax deductible. Call 1-800- 245-0398

HEALTH & FITNESS

VIAGRA 100MG and CIALIS 20mg! 40 Pills + 10 FREE. SPECIAL \$99.00 100% guaranteed. FREE Shipping! 24/7 CALL NOW! 1-888- 223-8818

MEDICAL

VIAGRA & CIALIS! 50 pills for \$95. 100 pills for \$150 FREE shipping. NO prescriptions needed. Money back guaranteed! 1-877-743-5419

FOR SALE

Safe Step Walk-In Tub Alert for Seniors. Bathroom falls can be fatal. Approved by Arthritis Foundation. Therapeutic Jets. Less Than 4 Inch Step-In. Wide Door. Anti-Slip Floors. American Made. Installation Included. Call 1-800-906-3115 for \$750 Off.

ADOPTION

A childless loving couple seeks to adopt. Will be hands-on parents. Financial security. Expenses PAID. Todd & Sharon. ToddAndSharonAdopt@hotmail.com 1-844-377-4077 (FL Bar# 0150789)

CLASSIFIEDS

MOTORCYCLES

WANTED OLD JAPANESE MOTORCYCLES KAWASAKI Z1-900 (1972-75), KZ900, KZ1000 (1976-1982), Z1R, KZ 1000MK2 (1979,80), W1-650, H1-500 (1969-72), H2-750 (1972-1975), S1-250, S2-350, S3-400, KH250, KH400, SUZUKI-GS400, GT380, HON-DACB750K (1969-1976), CBX1000 (1979,80) CASH!! 1-800-772-1142 1-310-721-0726 usa@classicrunners.com

MOTORCYCLES TOP CASH PAID! FOR OLD MOTORCYCLES! 1900-1979. DEAD OR ALIVE! 920-371-0494

HEALTH

****SUMMER SPECIAL**** VIAGRA 60x (100 mg) +20 "Bonus" PILLS for ONLY \$114.00 plus shipping. VISA/ MC payment. 1-888-386- 8074 www.newhealthyman.com Satisfaction Guaranteed!!

EMPLOYMENT

Make \$1,000 Weekly! Paid in Advance! Mailing Brochures at Home. Easy Pleasant work. Begin Immediately. Age Unimportant. www.MyHomeIncomeNow55.com

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Baltimore Times and The Annapolis Times are looking for a few good writers. Email your resume with three samples of your work to: kreevie@btimes.com

Reach over 20 million homes nationwide with one easy buy! Only \$2,395 per week for a 25 word classified! For more information, go to: www.naninetwork.com

To place Legal Notices in The Annapolis Times, contact the Legals Dept. Phone: 410-366-3900 email: legals@btimes.com

LEGAL

ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROJECT NO. C2017-10-P ROOF REPLACEMENT – HUMANITIES BUILDING

Anne Arundel Community College is requesting proposals to remove the existing roof system and install a new 80 mil TPO membrane roof over rigid insulation for the Humanities Building located on the Arnold Campus. Proposals will be accepted until 11 a.m. EST on July 25, 2016.

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents may be obtained from the Purchasing office by contacting Heidi Frist, Senior Purchasing Agent, by e-mail: hmfrist@aacc.edu.

Notice of Nondiscrimination: AACC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action, Title IX, ADA Title 504 compliant institution. For information on AACC's compliance and complaints concerning sexual assault, sexual misconduct, discrimination or harassment, contact the federal compliance officer at 410-777-1239 or Maryland Relay 711.

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland needs volunteers to provide help with a number of core programs and support systems for its home-delivered meal clients that can prevent premature institutionalization and increase quality of life.

Such assistance includes delivery of meals to the homebound, grocery shopping and delivery, and delivery of freezer friendly meals to cancer patients. Support services include help with connecting clients who are isolated with outside services or organizations or providing in-house services such volunteer companions, phone pals, delivery of pet food, and other support to enable clients to stay in their homes.

Training, including weekly orientations for new volunteers, is provided and schedules are flexible. To learn more contact Terry Lehr at 410-431-5257 or Lehr@mowcm.org or visit the website at www.mealsonwheelsmd.org.

BGE Readies for Summer Heat, Severe Storms

Baltimore— With a potentially higher number of severe storms predicted this summer, BGE has been hard at work to ensure safe, reliable, affordable and clean energy and energy services for customers all summer long. The company has invested more than \$8 million in critical distribution projects and new technologies to prepare for heat and storms this summer, including upgraded wires, installation of substation and feeder capacitors, execution of switching only load transfers, and the installation of a new substation and feeder.

“We work hard to provide safe and reliable service to our customers and preparations for severe, damaging weather occur all year long,” said Stephen J. Werner, BGE president and COO. “BGE’s uses of innovative technology like smart meters, enhanced communication tools and changes to scheduling and dispatching practices are critical to improving customer reliability.”

This work is part of the approximately \$500 million invested each year in the company’s systems, part of more than \$6 billion invested in gas and electric system upgrades since 2002. These include ongoing investments in natural gas pipes, utility poles, overhead power lines, underground cable and other equipment. An additional \$4 billion will be invested during the next five years. System upgrades and expansions are expected to lead to fewer outages and faster restoration when outages occur.

BGE completes hundreds of tasks to prepare for the summer season, including system work, testing and drills. BGE employees across the region are ready to respond to severe summer storms or emergencies if needed and as part of the Exelon family of companies, BGE now can draw on resources from sister utilities in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., and Illinois to restore power quicker after major storms.

As BGE prepares, customers should prepare as well. Before severe weather hits, customers should:

*Have a supply of bottled water and easy-to-prepare, non-perishable foods available.

*Charge cell phones and mobile devices.

*Have a flashlight with fresh batteries on each floor of your home.

*Visit bge.com/alerts to choose how to receive information, via text, email or phone, including when power is out in their area, when service is expected to be restored, or when power is restored.

*Text “ADDOUTAGE” to MYBGE (69243), to enroll in our two-way texting program to report outages and check the status of their outage.

If severe storms hit, visit BGE’s enhanced outage map at bge.com/outagemap for information on general locations of outages in BGE’s service territory. Customers also can report or view the status of an electric outage through a mobile device at bge.com.

Higher temperatures can lead to higher energy bills, and BGE provides a variety of programs to help customers save energy and money. For example, BGE’s Smart Energy Savers Program®, the company’s full suite of energy efficiency programs, helps residential, business, government and non-profit customers save energy and money. For more ways to save energy, visit www.bgesmartenergy.com.

In addition, customers can save energy and lower their bills this summer by following a few simple tips:

*Turn it off: Turn off all unnecessary lighting and devices.

*Manage your thermostat: Keep thermostats at a constant, comfortable level when at home. Raise the thermostat setting for days of extreme heat to save even more. Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust your home’s temperature settings when you’re away or sleeping.

*Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed: About 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows. Simply closing blinds and curtains, which act as a layer of insulation, can reduce heat in your home.

*Use ceiling fans to circulate air: For those without air conditioning, use ceiling fans or portable fans with the windows partially open to circulate fresh air into your home. For those with air conditioning, fans can be used to evenly distribute cool air.

*Use appliances wisely: Run appliances that produce heat (like clothes dryers, ovens and dishwashers) at night when it is cooler.

MARKETPLACE

Selling, buying, hiring?
ADVERTISE HERE!

Call: 410-884-4600 or 1-800-884-8797 or visit www.placeanad.baltimoresun.com

Professional Services To Place Your Ad Call 410-884-4600 Today!

CUSTOM CONTRACTOR UNLIMITED

Fully Licensed & Insured

Specializing in:

Brick & Stone Repair
Sidewalks, Porches & Steps
Chimney/Fireplace Repair
Brick Re-pointing
Small Home Improvements



www.custom-contractor.com

MHIC#79665

410.356.6202

AUTO SERVICES

AUTO INSURANCE
STARTING AT \$25/ MONTH!
Call 877-929-9397

DONATE YOUR CAR - 866-616-6266 FAST FREE TOWING - 24hr Response - 2015 Tax Deduction - UNITED BREAST CANCER FDN: Providing Breast Cancer Information & Support Programs

YOU COULD SAVE OVER \$500 OFF YOUR AUTO INSURANCE. It only takes a few minutes. Save 10% by adding property to quote. Call Now! 1-888-498-5313

VEHICLES WANTED

DONATE AUTOS, TRUCKS, RV'S. LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY Your donation helps local families with food, clothing, shelter, counseling, Tax deductible. MVA License #W1044. 410-636-0123 or www.LutheranMissionSociety.org

ADOPTIONS

ADOPTION
Affectionate Financially Secure Family Joyfully Awaits
Miracle 1st Baby,
Excited Grandparents Too!
*1-888-959-7660 *
Expenses Paid

PAINTING SERVICE

THE BEST QUALITY PAINTING

Interior/Exterior Starting at:
Rooms - \$175 • Windows - \$35
Work Done by Owners
Licensed in MD for 30 years

Chris & Mike Levero
Bonded & Insured
Free Estimates
FIVE STAR HOME SERVICE
410-661-4050
410-744-7799

MHIC# 10138
www.fivestarmaryland.com

PERSONAL ADS

AFFORDABLE PSYCHIC READINGS
Career & Finance, Love Readings and More by accurate & trusted psychics! First 3 minutes - FREE! Call anytime!
855-818-6603

ACCOUNTING SERVICES

CALL NOW TO SECURE A SUPER LOW RATE ON YOUR MORTGAGE.
Don't wait for Rates to increase. Act Now! Call 1-888-859-9539

SELL YOUR STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT OR ANNUITY payments for CASH NOW. You don't have to wait for your future payments any longer!
Call 1-800-283-3601

ACCOUNTING SERVICES

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS Unable to work? Denied benefits? We Can Help! WIN or Pay Nothing! Contact Bill Gordon & Associates at 1-800-706-8742 to start your application today!

BUSINESS SERVICES

ARE YOU IN BIG TROUBLE WITH THE IRS?
Stop wage & bank levies, liens & audits, unfiled tax returns, payroll issues, & resolve tax debt FAST. Call 844-245-2287

LOUIS SEBASTIAN CONTRACTOR
ITALIAN MECHANICS
Specializing in Concrete & Masonry Construction Since 1977

Driveways	Brick
Sidewalks	Stone
Patios	Stucco
Steps	Chimneys
Custom Design	Basements

(o) 410.663.1224
(c) 443.562.7589
MHIC #3802
WWW.LSCMD.COM

BUSINESS SERVICES

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS!
Only Intuit Full Service Payroll Discovers Errors BEFORE They Happen! Error Free Payroll & Taxes - GUARANTEED!
Call: 844-271-7135

NEED FUNDING FOR YOUR BUSINESS?
Business Loans - \$5K-\$250K. We work with all types of credit! To apply, call: 855-577-0314

PLACE YOUR AD ON FACEBOOK/TWITTER;
LinkedIn and Google Ads Words through MDCC's Social Media Ad Network; Call today to find out maximize your presence on Social Media; 410-212-0616; or email Wanda Smith @ wsmith@mddccpress.com

BUSINESS SERVICES

REACH 3.1 MILLION READERS five (5) days per week through the MDCC Daily Classified Connection Network. Place your ad in twelve (12) daily newspapers. Call 410-212-0616 TODAY - target readers throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region; email Wanda Smith @ wsmith@mddccpress.com.

XARELTO USERS have you had complications due to internal bleeding (after January 2012)? If so, you MAY be due financial compensation. If you don't have an attorney, CALL injuryfone today! 800-405-8327

Interested in placing your ad on
The Professional Service Page?

Please call 1-800-884-8797

ELDER CARE

A PLACE FOR MOM.
The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is FREE/no obligation. CALL 1-800-717-2905

GENERAL SERVICES

PLACE A BUSINESS CARD AD IN THE REGIONAL SMALL DISPLAY 2X2/2X4 ADVERTISING NETWORK Reach 3.6 Million readers with just one call, one bill and one ad placement in 71 newspapers in Maryland, Delaware and DC TODAY! For just \$1450.00, Get the reach, Get the results and for Just Pennies on the Dollars Now...call 1-855-721-6332 x 6 or email wsmith@mddccpress.com

GENERAL SERVICES

REACH 3.1 MILLION READERS FIVE (5) DAYS PER WEEK THROUGH THE MDCC DAILY CLASSIFIED CONNECTION NETWORK Place your ad in twelve (12) daily newspapers. Call 410-212-0616 TODAY - target readers throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region; email Wanda Smith @ wsmith@mddccpress.com

GUTTERS

BOB'S GUTTER SERVICE!
Expert cleaning. Loose gutters fixed. Guards installed 3 styles! Save \$\$ Free est. Handyman 410-750-1605

COME ON DOWN

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

\$50,000!

Enter second-chance drawings for a chance to win \$50,000 at mdlottery.com/ThePriceIsRight



Please play responsibly. For help, visit mdgamblinghelp.org or call 1-800-GAMBLER. Must be 18 years or older to play.

FREMANTLEMEDIA  The Price Is Right: ©/© FremantleMedia Operations BV. 2016. All Rights Reserved.