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The Baltimore Times 'Women of Passion, Women of Purpose' Awards



The Baltimore Times recognized 'Women of Passion, Women of Purpose' at the Positive People Awards ceremony held Thursday, September 22, 2016. The eight recipients have turned their visions and passions into acts of love and giving. These women have made a difference in many lives in various communities. Photo: First row, (l-r): Reverend Bernette L. Jones; Tiffany Welsh; Chere Goode; and Joy Bramble, Publisher, The Baltimore Times and The Annapolis Times; Second row, (l-r): Veronica Stone-Elder; Vicki L. Jones; Nykidra L. Robinson; and Jasmine Arrington. See recipient Donna L. Jacobs photo on page 12. (See photos on pages 12-13)

Photo: Dennis Roberts

Experts offer tips to protect personal information after Yahoo hack

By Stacy M. Brown

Hackers swiped personal information associated with at least a half billion Yahoo accounts making it the biggest data breach in history to date.

News of the breach was first made public last Thursday, CNET.com reported. The hack revealed names, email addresses, phone numbers, birth dates and, in some cases, security questions and answers, Yahoo said in a news release.

Encrypted passwords, which are jumbled so only a person with the right passcode can read them, were also taken.

The Washington, D.C.-based Wallet Hub, consumer website that provides customized credit-improvement advice, savings alerts and other products, this week offered several tips to help individuals protect their personal information.

“Change your Yahoo password and security questions; change any passwords and security questions similar to what you were using on Yahoo; and enable two-factor authentication where your Yahoo account may have been comprised, but your cell phone wasn’t,” said Jill Gonzalez, a WalletHub analyst. “So, use it as another layer of protection when logging into your email account and financial websites.”

Whether affected or not, individuals should sign up for free credit monitoring, and be wary of Yahoo emails and the company is also warning customers not to click on any links or open any

attachments in emails sent by Yahoo because the messages could come from imposters, Gonzalez added.

Authentic Yahoo emails regarding the data breach will not contain links or attachments and they won’t ask for any personal information.

“Whether it’s someone showing up at your door, calling you on the phone or sending you an email asking for personal information, you shouldn’t respond if you didn’t ask to be contacted,” Gonzalez said.

The hack serves as a reminder of how widespread such action is and highlights the vulnerability of passwords, CNET.com reported.

Cybersecurity specialists recommend using a different password for each account an individual has on the Internet. Other experts are working on alternatives to passwords, such as biometrics like a fingerprint or retina.

“[In the meantime], change account PINS and passwords,” said John Kiernan, senior editor at WalletHub. “Security experts typically recommend changing passwords every few months and using an eight to 10-character mix of upper and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols for maximum security. But, it’s especially important following a case of identity theft.”

Further, it’s important to review mail and credit card statements carefully to make sure that you receive all of your



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expected monthly account communications from lenders, WalletHub officials said, noting that is a good way to confirm that none of your accounts have been hijacked.

“Thoroughly reviewing these documents for transactions or references to account changes that you do not recognize is similarly beneficial,” Kiernan said. “Taking a bit of extra time to scrutinize the mail you receive every day will reduce the likelihood that you’ll discard a letter from a lender, the IRS, the Social Security Administration or any other organization that may be trying to notify you about a past-due balance or change in account preferences that could signal fraud.”

It’s also important to make sure to enroll in electronic account access.

“It’s easiest for a fraudster to pull off this type of scam when you, the real account holder, have not yet registered your

account for online access or established account preferences regarding electronic communications,” Kiernan said. This is especially prevalent when the victim doesn’t even realize online account access is available, as is the case with many elderly people and the Social Security Administration’s “My Social Security” web-management tools.

“Every case of Social Security fraud I’ve investigated in the past year and a half I traced back to the [My Social Security] program as the source—not because it was breached, but because the victim didn’t know about this new account being available and they didn’t take any action so the criminal did,” said Carrie Kreskie, director of the Identity Theft Institute at Hodges University. “The easiest way to minimize your chances of falling victim to this type of scam is to claim your online account and use a strong password to protect it.”

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Guest Editorials/Letters

Manifesting the worst old norms

By Tom H. Hastings

A half-century ago, I was a 17-year-old who had just been hired to do door-to-door canvassing for the Minneapolis Housing Authority to inform people in the poorest neighborhoods that they could nominate community members to serve on the board of the agency.

We held trainings and exercises to develop our team and one of the supervisors, a very nice and somewhat chubby fellow, said he hoped in 10 years that the acceptance of heavy build—fatter—would apply to women as much as it did then to men.

I had certainly never thought about that but it made total sense. Overweight men were not nearly so rejected as were overweight women, and that of course would be a double standard that would evaporate as we created a new world based on equality.

Now, all these years later, we have the bizarre spectacle of Donald Trump as a viable candidate for the highest office in the land routinely expressing all the bad old values we hoped and assumed were headed for righteous extinction or at least extreme marginalization. Is this Trump's fault that he cannot go a day without saying that Miss Universe is "Miss Piggy" because she gained weight after winning her crown, or that another woman's face is unacceptable, or that Rosie O'Donnell is a "slob"?

No, Trump is who he is. I have personally never watched him on television before this campaign and never patronized any of his businesses in any way. He is in a world I have been able to ignore as crass, gauche, boring, patronizing, atavistic, juvenile and shallow.

Now, it's clear that he is deeply hypocritical, racist and misogynist and, now I'm faced with the sad truth that millions of my fellow-Americans support these views. The levels of voter incompetence and horrific mores revealed make me question the goodness of a huge swath of my own country people. Seeing his support is what is painful, not his own puerile adolescent behavior and character. That this spoiled brat born into privilege and clearly raised about as well as Uday Hussein can garner so much support from supposedly freedom-loving Americans is simply depressing. Rich boys who love to intimidate others have run the world far too long. Hillary is problematic but Trump is absolutely unacceptable.

I hope we begin some self-reflection soon in our country. The worst sexist and racist values of the 1950s are on full display and need to be soundly rejected. Trump stands for unfairness and he should be standing alone, not on the shoulders of real people who work for a living, who scuffle to make ends meet, and who know what unfairness feels like.

Leave Trump to his own devices. Let his poor values wither on his patriarchal bully vine.

Tom H. Hastings is Founding Director of PeaceVoice



Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Re: Black man's hair

What has happened to the black man's hair? Have you ever seen Samuel L. Jackson in Capital One's commercial?

The Afro, once the symbol of racial pride and defiance has been shaved off. Most African-American men trying to get into the movies or television have had to shave off their hair, which can be a dehumanizing, humiliating and a psychological method of controlling them.

Also, black actors are required to adorn themselves with women earrings and speak poor English, even though many can speak English very well.

It's no wonder that many of the black youth listening and watching the televi-

sion or going to the movies can't get through the twelfth grade.

Watch and listen and whenever a black man with a shaved head appears on television or in the movies, remember your well-being is not what they have in mind.

Elie Parker
San Leandro, CA

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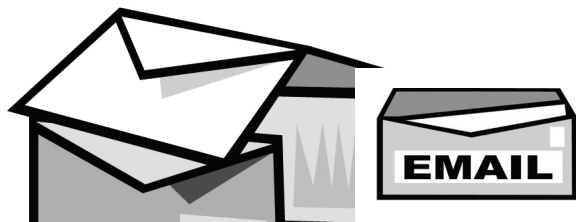
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What the Kaepernick protest tells us about black power and money!

By James Clingman
NNPA Newswire Columnist

Turnabout is fair play. Why can't more of us see that economics is the key to our freedom and the answer to the problems we talk about all the time?

This political year has and continues to bring this fact to light, but the Colin Kaepernick protest illuminates the issue of economics even more. Here is a guy who chose to exercise his right not to stand at the playing/singing of the National Anthem, and as a result folks have called him everything, but a child of God. Folks who have burned the flag have not received the kind of treatment Kaepernick has garnered. Now, as other football players have joined in to do similar acts of protest, the real deal—economics—comes to the forefront.

Sponsors are exercising their rights to revoke their endorsements of these athletes. In other words, they are taking away their money in an effort to punish these players, the same thing they always do when a player says or does something they don't like or agree with.

It has happened to Black and White players alike.

Opinions abound on what the players should do now, and it's amazing that some of us tell them to keep it up no matter how much money they lose, but we are unwilling to do the same thing at our jobs. Yes, they make a whole lot more money than most of us do, but it's all relative.

move their firms out of the state if the law was not changed. Governor Mike Pence took care of that problem right away by changing the law. How about the latest issue in North Carolina with the transgender bathroom thing? The NCAA is sanctioning the state by pulling its tournaments, in all sports, out of North Carolina. The NBA has also refused to hold the All-Star game there.

"It's well known through the league that there may be repercussions if you speak out too strongly on some sensitive issues," said Buck Williams, head of the players association at that time. "I don't know if Hodges lost his job because of it, but it is a burden when you carry the militant label he has."

Ironically and unfairly, during that same period, stars like Dennis Rodman and Charles Barkley, both known for doing outrageous things, were tolerated and even celebrated. Craig Hodges stood on his beliefs as did Denver Nuggets star, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, formerly known as Chris Jackson, who was probably second only to Michael Jordan on the offensive end of the basketball court.

Long before Kaepernick, Abdul-Rauf refused to stand for the National Anthem, and when he did, he prayed. This outstanding NBA player converted to Islam and soon after his conversion his NBA career came to a screeching halt. Both Hodges and Abdul-Rauf were vilified and sanctioned by the NBA for having the courage to stay true to their social, religious, and ethical convictions. Unfortunately, they stood alone for the most part. Their teammates and even the great Elgin Baylor turned their backs on him. I call that cowardly.

If just half of the black players in the NBA and the NFL would do as the University of Missouri players did, refuse to play just two games back to back, they would change those leagues. Money rules. Of course, it takes sacrifice, but isn't it worth it? Hodges and Abdul-Rauf did, and they lost a great deal for their willingness to take a stand. They stood alone; a critical mass of black athletes, standing together can win.

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Knowing that economics runs everything in this country and the world for that matter, black folks in general and black athletes in particular must exercise another basic right: Use money for leverage and punishment, the same way other entities do.

What do I mean by that? Remember the incidents with Michael Vick, Adrian Peterson and Ray Rice? Several NFL sponsors notified the league that they would withdraw their support if the NFL did not address those issues by punishing those athletes in some form or another. The league saw dollar signs flying out of the window and acted accordingly.

Remember the state of Indiana law that gay people said was discriminatory toward them? Corporations threatened to

That's money talking and black folks better take notice and start using our economic clout to get what we want.

Do you remember Craig Hodges, who played for the Chicago Bulls? He filed a federal lawsuit, against the NBA accusing the owners and operators of the NBA as co-conspirators in "blackballing" him from the league because of his "outspoken political nature as an African-American man."

When the Bulls championship team went to the White House after an invitation from President George H.W. Bush, Hodges wore a dashiki and handed the President a letter that asked him to do more to end injustice toward the African-American community. Sound familiar?

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Six Women To Be Honored With Fannie Lou Hamer Award

Annapolis— Six trailblazing women will be honored on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the 21st annual Fannie Lou Hamer Awards Reception for the lasting contributions they have made to Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis.

The legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer (1917-1977), an American voting rights activist, civil rights leader, and philanthropist is being celebrated and remembered this year by honoring Marthena Cowart, Gordenia Henson, Kashonna Holland Peters, Scotti Preston and Sandra Wallace for their outstanding service to the community.

“Mrs. Hamer was a feminist and a civil rights heroine,” said Carl Snowden, chair of the Annapolis-based Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, Inc. “Each year, on the eve of her birthday, Marylanders pause to honor this Mississippian, a sharecropper, who shared a passion for economic and social justice.”

The awards, which bear her name recognize women from various racial backgrounds who, while are not necessarily household names, have excelled in their chosen field while working to improve the civil and human rights in the region.

The honorees were selected by a committee of community residents charged to identify six such outstanding women.

Fannie Lou Hamer was the last of 20 children born to Mississippi sharecropper parents. She was instrumental in organizing Mississippi Freedom Summer for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and later became the Vice-Chair of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, attending the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N.J., in that capacity.

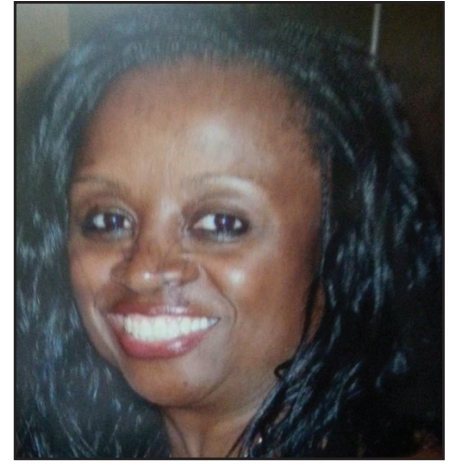
Her plainspoken manner and fervent belief in the Biblical righteousness of her cause gained her a reputation as an electrifying speaker. She ran for Congress in 1964 and 1965, and was seated as a member of Mississippi's official delegation to the Democratic National



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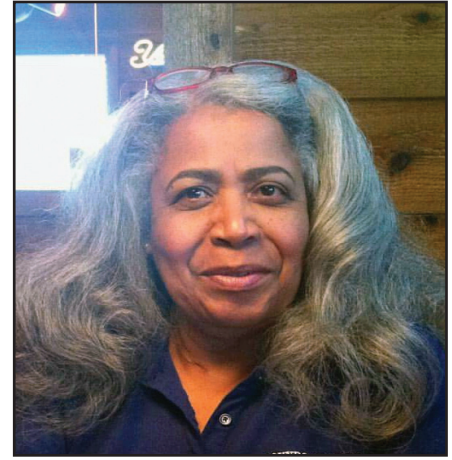
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Convention of 1968, where she was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War.

Hamer also worked on other projects, including grassroots-level Head Start programs, the Freedom Farm Cooperative in Sunflower County, and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Poor People's Campaign.

Hamer died at the age of 57. One of her famous quotes, "I am sick and tired of being sick and tired" is engraved on her tombstone.

This year's honorees join the ranks of more than 100 notable women, including Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD);

Administrative Law Judge Tracey Warren Parker; and former Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer.

“We are living right now in a world that is fighting for change on many levels, from social unrest in our cities, to expansive international crises,” said Senator Mikulski, a 2009 Hamer honoree. “And while the news may seem grim, there is inspiration every day around the world as people come together to bring about peaceful change.”

The awards reception is sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee

of Anne Arundel County and St. John's College and will include musical performances by Antonette Maddox and Randi Roberts. as well as the Annapolis debut of This Little Light of Mine: Fannie Lou Hamer's Legacy, a documentary film on Hamer's life by Robin Hamilton, a freelance journalist and owner of Around Robin, production company.

The proceeds from the event will be used to help pay debts incurred by building the Civil Rights Foot Soldiers Memorial.

Tiffany Mason contributed to this story.

“An activist is one who is actively involved in creating community, whether that is locally in their neighborhood or internationally. It is an admirable quality.” —Jasmine Guy



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Maryland Youth Wins National Award

Baltimore— Anurudh Ganesan, age 16, of Clarksburg, Maryland, has been named a national winner of the 2016 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes.

Each year, the Barron Prize celebrates 25 inspiring, public-spirited young people from across North America who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. The top fifteen winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education.

Anurudh invented the VAXXWAGON, a wheel-powered cooling system that keeps vaccines viable

during the final stages of transport to remote locations. His system can be hitched to a bike or simply pulled by a person or animal for the critical last leg of a vaccine's journey—usually five to ten miles. His “no ice, no electricity” design, accounts for the lack of water and electricity in so many remote locations of the world.

Anurudh's idea was born from his own vaccination experience in India, where his grandparents carried him as an infant 10 miles to a remote village to receive a vaccine only to find that it had overheated and was no longer viable. He was able to receive the vaccine the next day but realizes that so many others aren't as lucky, with 4,000 children dying every day from vaccine-preventable diseases. He decided that solving the problem of last-leg transport could help and spent months formulating his ideas on paper.

Anurudh took his initial design to professors at nearby Johns Hopkins University who not only validated it but offered funding. After nearly two years of refining half-dozen prototypes, he has tested his latest design for 200 hours



Sixteen-year-old Anurudh Ganesan from Clarksburg, Md. shows off his invention, the VAXXWAGON, a wheel-powered cooling system that keeps vaccines viable during the final stages of transport to remote locations.
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and has a patent pending, with plans to scale up and get the device to those in need.

“I'm committed to seeing this project through to the next phase,” says Anurudh. “I will have succeeded when the first person's life is saved because of VAXXWAGON!”

The Barron Prize was founded in 2001 by author T. A. Barron and was named for his mother, Gloria Barron. Each year's 25 Barron Prize young heroes are as diverse as their service projects. They are female and male, urban and rural, and from many races and backgrounds. Half of them have focused on helping their communities and fellow human beings; half have focused on protecting the environment.

“Nothing is more inspiring than stories about heroic people who have truly made a difference to the world,” said Barron. “And we need our heroes today more than ever. Not celebrities, but heroes— people whose character can inspire us all. That is the purpose of the Gloria Barron Prize: to shine the spotlight on these amazing young people so that their stories will inspire others.”

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Coach John Harbaugh won't apologize for quality of opponents in Ravens' three wins!

By Turron Davenport

The Baltimore Ravens are off to a 3-0 record this season. The ball seems to be bouncing their way for a change and the Ravens are winning close games because of it.

In 2015, that was not the case. Their first six games were decided by six points or less, and the Ravens only won one of those games.

This year is a different story but the three Ravens wins are being discredited because of the teams they have defeated. Ravens coach John Harbaugh doesn't buy into that.

"We don't have to evaluate ourselves, we just have to get ready to play games," Harbaugh said at his Monday press conference. "Bill Parcells said 'You are what your record says you are.' It is a pretty good statement. That is what we have to take care of. We have to take care of business, and evaluating ourselves is not something we need to do. We just need to play better and better football."

Harbaugh says the team's focus will always be on winning the next game. They won't get caught up in the strength of schedule or the quality of their opponent. The mindset is they just have to win the next game.

Harbaugh is always focused on being positive. He builds his players up with tough love, and they would run through a brick wall for him. He gave an interesting example of how he always thinks positively.

"My brother and I, one of our philosophies in life— and we live a blessed life— we say that it is just amazing how things work out for us," Harbaugh said. "When we go to the mall, we don't start [looking] in the parking spaces in the back row. We drive right to the front row. There is going to be someone pulling out."

"Yes, the place is packed, it might say no parking available, but someone is going to leave as soon as we come in. It has just always worked out that way for us. So, I think that is a good way to approach life."

When you start having some good things happen for you like our team has,



John Harbaugh looks on from the sidelines as the Baltimore Ravens faced the Oakland Raiders last season.
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maybe you can build on those things, because you just believe that good things are going to happen. Maybe that is a self-fulfilling prophecy as well."

Every game is hard to win in the NFL.

Harbaugh says that he respects every team equally. He pointed out how sometimes no one gives a team a chance to win a game, but they go out there and win in a blowout.

Conversely, he also referred to how sometimes a team is favored heavily and they win by a slight margin. It happens. Every game is a struggle. Harbaugh summed it up perfectly.

"Everybody is really good, and people have really good coaches and really talented players, and these guys fight like crazy out there to win a football game," Harbaugh said. "You only play 16 of them. It's like the equivalent of 10 games in a baseball season; that's how valuable these games are. It is really a dramatic struggle in a football game, so when you win one, it's a real sense of accomplishment, and you feel like you've done something worthwhile."

The Ravens won't apologize for the cumulative record of the teams they have defeated so far. Instead, they will take a positive spin from them and keep playing the teams that are lined up on their schedule. Next up will be the Oakland Raiders.

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BaddDDD Sonia Sanchez is a portrait of the artist, revealing Sanchez's uncompromising life. Deemed "a lion in literature's forest" by poet Maya Angelou, Sanchez for decades has raised her voice in the name of black culture, civil rights, women's liberation, and world peace.

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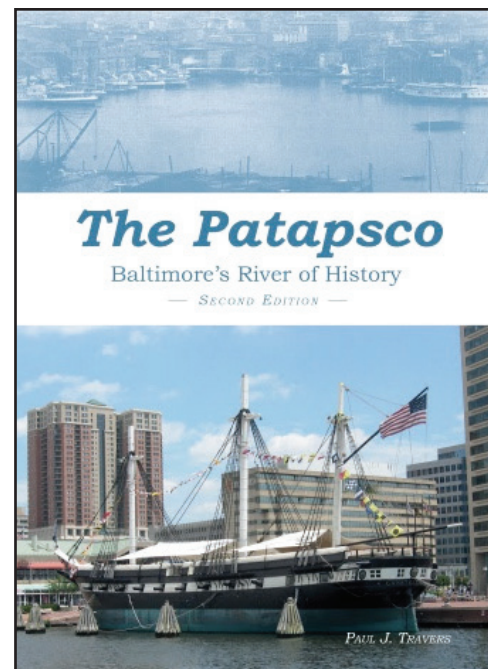
Revised and updated history of 'The Patapsco' released

Atglen, Pa.— The revised and updated second edition of "The Patapsco: Baltimore's River of History" by Paul J. Travers, the main resource detailing this key American river's impact on Maryland and the nation has been released by Schiffer Publishing, Ltd. The book covers early native settlements on its shores, to 20th-century harbor revitalization, through ongoing 21st-century changes with new photos and maps, updates, and six new chapters, including the river's most recent developments.

Long the main resource on this key American river, this book's expanded second edition includes dozens of new photos and maps, updates and six new chapters recording the twenty-first century's most recent developments on the Patapsco River. Along with insightful narration of its impact on its watershed and on Baltimore in particular, the book contains the entire recorded history of the Patapsco River.

It moves from the early Native American camps on its shores, through the late twentieth-century revitalization of its harbor, and to the environmental and economic changes the Patapsco has been a part of during these first decades of the twenty-first century.

The Patapsco's story contains some of the most important and fascinating events of Maryland's past, and this book allows the reader to dip at will into the exciting and unexpected blend of people, places and events that have had such great impact on the state of Mary-



land and the nation.

Author, Paul J. Travers was born near the Patapsco River in Baltimore, and first explored the rough and tough Fells Point waterfront as a truant schoolboy. His work as a park ranger with the Maryland Park Service fostered his interest in the river's history. For the past three decades he has hiked, biked, and boated along the river's shoreline to witness the transformation of the "River of History" into the "River of Hope." He has been involved with various historical and environmental groups to promote its preservation and conservation. He strongly believes in our birthright of clean air and water, and hopes to fish and swim in a fully restored and sustainable Patapsco River in the not too distant future. In addition to being a self-taught "river rat," he holds degrees from the University of Maryland and Pepperdine University.

For more information about the author and his other books, visit: www.paultravers.com.

Healthy School Food Maryland Needs Volunteers

Healthy School Food Maryland is a coalition of organizations and individuals in Maryland working for whole, real, local and safe foods for children in Maryland school cafeterias. Volunteers passionate about nutritious public school foods are needed to help the organization in a variety of ways, including outreach efforts supporting its mission. For more information contact Executive Director Lindsey Parsons at 301-202-4812 or info@healthyschoolfoodmd.org. or visit: www.healthyschoolfoodmd.org.

Baltimore group raising dyslexia awareness



The Dyslexia Tutoring Program in Southeast Baltimore has been training local volunteers to work in a program where specialized tutoring consisting of at least 60 hours— on a one-on-one basis— to improve the skills, self-esteem and behavior of dyslexic youth is provided. To learn more about the program or to find out more about the signs of dyslexia and to volunteer, visit: www.dyslexiatutoringprogram.org.

Courtesy Photo

By Stacy M. Brown

Between 70 and 80 percent of individuals with poor reading skills in America are likely dyslexic and according to education and medical experts, as many as 20 percent of the population has a language-based learning disability.

For more than three decades, a Baltimore organization has been working diligently to teach low-income children and adults with dyslexia or other language-based learning disabilities to read.

The Dyslexia Tutoring Program in Southeast Baltimore has been training local volunteers to work in a program where they offer specialized tutoring consisting of at least 60 hours— on a one-on-one basis— to improve the skills, self-esteem and behavior of dyslexic youth. Since 1982, the program also has helped to raise awareness for the learning disability that many acknowledge that they've never heard of.

"Remember, you didn't hear years ago about autism either and all of sudden one of the big company CEOs came forward and his grandchild had it and now you see so many things about autism," said Marcy Kolodny, CEO of the Dyslexia Tutoring Program. "When it

came to dyslexia, everyone thought people were dumb or something else. But, those who are dyslexic are extremely intelligent and there are a lot of CEOs who are dyslexic and think outside of the box."

Dyslexia can affect anyone regardless of race, social status, or economic status.

"It's all over the world. If you suspect your child has a learning disability, the earlier you can get that child to a reading specialist, to a psychologist, to be screened and tested, the better it is so that the child can have remediation and avoid going through a lot of things," she said.

With October the start of National Dyslexia Awareness Month, Kolodny and others from the program are hoping to attract more volunteers.

"We are tutoring over 200 individuals, children and adults, and all of our tutors are trained," Kolodny said. "We have tutors from all walks of life. Judges, retired teachers and others and many become mentors and we have a lot of wonderful success stories."

Dyslexia affects reading, writing, spelling and sometimes speech. The problems displayed by individuals with dyslexia involve difficulties in acquiring

and using language, reading and writing letters in the wrong order. However, those are just some of the manifestations of dyslexia.

"There are a number of warning signs including having trouble reading fluently; reversing numbers and letters; a lack of awareness of sound in words or rhymes; difficulty in handwriting; spelling; oral or written comprehension or focus and delayed spoken words," Kolodny said.

To help sufferers, the Dyslexia Tutoring Program also has a summer program, which provides students with the opportunity to increase their reading, spelling, and writing skills in a short period of time.

For the summer program, program officials send students to camps at The Jemicy School in Owings Mills, Odyssey School in Stevenson, The Gow School and Kildonan School in upstate New York, all private schools for dyslexic children. At camp, students improve their self-esteem and social skills, and receive four hours of one-on-one and small group instruction in the areas of reading, oral and written language, and math five days a week for five weeks, according to Kolodny.

"We send kids to camp for the first time and they're not bullied or picked on by others," Kolodny said.

On Thursday, October 6, 2016, the local program will host its Wishes, Dreams & Imagination Gala at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel where they'll honor Calvin Butler Jr., the CEO of BG&E, and present their first annual Roger Saunders Memorial Award, named after the psychologist of international renown in the field of dyslexia. Then from October 13 to October 18, officials from the program will attend the Barnes & Noble Book fair at Woodholme Center that will feature a question and answer session and books about dyslexia and famous individuals with the learning disability.

Kolodny says it's important to emphasize the need for volunteers for the Dyslexia Tutoring Program.

"We need volunteers. We get a number of people who'll take our course and all of our tutors go through a background check," she said. "We have three tutoring rooms and we partner with Sinai Hospital."

To learn more about the program, find out more about the signs of dyslexia and to volunteer, visit: www.dyslexiatutoringprogram.org.

Ava Fields: Uplifting the community through dance for 50 years

By Ursula V. Battle

Ava Denise Fields recalled the life-changing day that she went to the Howard Park Recreation Center in Baltimore.

“My sister was being given dance lessons,” recalled Fields. “I just loved to watch. Then one day, while I was at the Howard Park Recreation Center, a lady asked me to help with the dancers. At the time, I didn’t realize I had choreography in me – it just came naturally.”

Since that day in 1967, Fields has never stopped teaching others to dance. Fields is the founder and director of the Ava Fields Dance Company/Ministry, which she started in 1970.

“I have always loved working with children,” said Fields. “I have worked with hundreds of kids over the years. Some have gone on to perform with professional dance companies, have danced on Broadway, and to teach dance.”

Over the years, Fields who is affectionately called “Aunt Ava” by her students has taught dance through the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks, churches, and numerous after-school programs.

“By teaching at so many different places, I drew a lot of kids,” said Fields. “They always wanted additional training, so my dance ministry grew and grew. I teach all types of dance styles, including Tap, Ballet, Modern, Jazz, African, Liturgical, Lyrical, and Hip Hop.”

Fields, 63, is a native of Baltimore, and attended Garrison Jr. High School, Forest Park High School, and Morgan State University. She received her training at the Peabody Institute of Maryland, American Dance Theater of New York, and Alvin Ailey Dance Theater in New York.



(Left) Ava Fields is the Founder and Director of the Ava Fields Dance Company/Ministry (Right) Ava Fields and her dance students at the Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Randallstown.



Fields also served in the military for 17 years and retired as a Sgt. First Class. “I went into the military at the age of 28 to take a break from dancing,” said Fields. “But I could never get away from dancing, because wherever I went, I found a dance class, or a class would find me. I thought I was going to do something else, but the Lord had other plans.”

She added, “Once I retired, I came right back teach to dance here in Baltimore. I brought back the physical training I learned in the military to my students.”

Fields currently teaches at Gwynn Oak United Methodist Church in Gwynn Oak on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Randallstown on Fridays.

“My job is to train my students and move them on to higher places,” said

Fields. “It’s been very fulfilling. I get emotional sometimes when I watch my students perform. My former students still stay in contact, share their stories, and attend each other’s shows. We are a group of beautiful Christians that dance only to the glory of God.”

Dorothy Hunter’s three daughters Andrea, 26, Alyha, 20, and Arriane, 13, either have been taught, or are being taught by Fields.

“Andrea saw a performance and wanted to join, and she loved it,” said Hunter. “She went on to attend the Baltimore School for the Arts for dance through the TWIGS Program. Alyha started with the program when she was only three-years-old, and being in the program broke Arriane out of her shyness.”

Fields gives her students nicknames.

Sarah, 12, whom Fields calls “Sarah Vaughn,” talked about the dance program.

“It’s been great,” said Sarah. “I used to be really shy. Now I’m not afraid to get up and perform.”

Joanna Owens, oversees the Dance Ministry at Mt. Olive United Methodist, and spearheaded bringing the Ava Fields Dance Company/Ministry to the church.

“It has been awesome,” said Owens. “It’s a wonderful experience. Ava has helped the dance group to grow. It’s easy because she is humble. She knows her stuff and she goes right to it. She can teach them a dance in two minutes. I am grateful that God brought us together.”

The fee to attend Fields’ dance class is \$50 per month, and is open to anyone. For more information, call Sandra Hardy at 410-350-9411.

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The Baltimore Times Positive People Awards

“Women of Passion, Women of Purpose”

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Joy Bramble, publisher of The Baltimore Times and The Annapolis Times presented awards to these very deserving women: Yasmine Arrington, founder, ScholarCHIPS; Chere Goode, founder/CEO, Total Harmony Enterprises; Donna L. Jacobs, founder/director, Morton Street Dance Center, Inc. and artistic director of Full Circle Dance Company; Reverend Bernette L. Jones, Senior Minister, One God One Thought Center for Better Living and creator of Conscious Life Design Systems: The LifeShop; Vicki L. Jones, founder, Bahari Sisters Inc., and Bethesda Arts, Inc.; Nykidra L. Robinson, founder/CEO, Black Girls Vote; Veronica Stone-Elder, PNC Bank; and Tiffany Welsh, director, Food Access for the No Boundaries Coalition of Central West Baltimore. Congratulations to these powerhouses!

Guests who came to celebrate another “positive story about positive people” were treated to a lovely evening of light fare and music by On Kee Band. LaTara Harris was the Mistress of Ceremony. The event was sponsored by Times Community Services, Inc. and PNC Bank.



Donna L. Jacobs, awardee and Joy Bramble, publisher, The Baltimore Times/The Annapolis Times



First row, (l-r): Reverend Bernette L. Jones; Tiffany Welsh; Chere Goode; Joy Bramble; Second row, (l-r): Veronica Stone-Elder; Vicki L. Jones; Nykidra L. Robinson; and Jasmine Arrington



L-r: Cari Harris, daughter of LaTara Harris, Mistress of Ceremony





Photos: Dennis Roberts

U.S. Postal Service issues Kwanzaa Forever stamp

Washington, D.C.— With this vibrant new stamp design, the U.S. Postal Service continues its tradition of celebrating Kwanzaa. This annual non-religious holiday, which takes place over seven days from December 26 to January 1, brings family, community and culture together for many African Americans. December 26, 2016, marks the 50th anniversary of this widely celebrated holiday.

The colorful stamp art features a woman holding a bowl that overflows with fruits and vegetables, symbolizing the abundance of African first harvest celebrations that inspired the creation of Kwanzaa.

Created in 1966, Kwanzaa draws on African traditions, deriving its name from the phrase “first fruits” in Swahili, a widely spoken African language. It has its origins in first harvest celebrations that occurred across the African continent in ancient and modern times. Kwanzaa synthesizes and reinvents these tribal traditions as a contemporary celebration of African-American culture.

Each year, millions of African Americans gather with friends and family around a table set with the mkeka— a straw mat symbolizing the history of African Americans. They light seven candles known as the mishumaa saba, each representing one of the founding principles, and share in a feast that celebrates their shared heritage. Kwanzaa is a festive occasion that rejoices in the prospect of health, prosperity, and good luck in the coming year, while recalling the past and its role in future happiness.

Artist Synthia Saint James worked with art director Greg Breeding, who designed the stamp. Growing up in New York and Los Angeles, Saint James always knew she wanted to be an artist. Self-taught, she developed an artistic



style that is uniquely and recognizably her own.

Saint James sold her first painting at age 20, a commissioned piece for a coworker, which helped launch her artistic career. A professional artist for more than 45 years, she has worked with clients such as Barnes and Noble, Maybelline, UNICEF, Essence magazine, and The Coca-Cola Company, among others. Saint James created the original cover art for Terry McMillan’s novel *Waiting to Exhale* and has illustrated and/or authored 17 children’s books. Her work has been exhibited internationally and has appeared in several United States embassies around the world.

With bright, bold colors, Saint James’s striking paintings convey the joy and vibrancy of her subjects. Inspired in part by French Impressionists, she focuses on shapes and overall visual effects, using as many as nine coats of paint to get the colors just right.

Saint James lives and works in Los Angeles. She created the art for the first Kwanzaa stamp issued in 1997. Kwanzaa (2016) is her second project for the Postal Service™.

This is the sixth stamp design issued by the U.S. Postal Service in celebration of Kwanzaa. The first Kwanzaa commemorative stamp was issued in 1997. New designs were also issued in 2004, 2009, 2011 and 2013.

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Chesapeake Life Center's 'HopeFull Holidays' gives permission to grieve

Pasadena, Md.— With all the shopping, baking, writing cards, hosting parties, school and community functions, the holiday season can be a stressful time for anyone. Many will say it is all worth it in order to spend a joyous time with family and friends.

However, imagine being caught in that whirlwind when you have lost someone close to you. The woman whose husband would hide a gift on a pine bough can't bear the thought of decorating a tree this year. The man whose mother made the best latkes struggles to set up a menorah for his children.

"There are expectations of tradition at this time of year, even when we are grieving," said Chesapeake Life Center Grief Counselor Becky Sheckelhoff. "We don't realize how much energy grieving takes."

That is why Chesapeake Life Center offers its annual HopeFull Holidays seminar. Led by hospice grief counselors, adults ages 18 and older are given the opportunity to participate in

small and large group activities that help them find a way to honor the memory of their loved ones while still granting themselves permission to grieve.

One of the activities actually is called "I give myself permission to _____."

Sheckelhoff says during this activity, many participants begin to open up as they hear others around them confess they don't want to participate in holiday traditions, and are comforted to hear it is okay to make concessions such as "I give myself permission to use paper plates instead of the fine china," or "I give myself permission to not join in the celebration this year."

"A gift from your loved one" is another activity that takes place in the seminar.

Participants are asked to take a moment to reflect on one gift their loved one gave them in their lives. Then, they are given a scroll upon which they write down their gift. They roll up the scroll, wrap a ribbon around and take it with them when they leave.

"You are remembering that your loved



Becky Sheckelhoff, LGSW
Grief Counselor
Chesapeake Life Center
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one is still a part of you and that their legacy is a gift that is always with you," Sheckelhoff said.

Sheckelhoff said many people come expecting to find practical ways to get through the holidays. They leave with something greater than that.

"They come away feeling lighter and not so alone, knowing that there are others that feel just like they do," she said. "HopeFull Holidays is a safe place to quietly honor their loved ones away from the noise and traffic of the holidays."

HopeFull Holidays seminars will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Chesapeake Life Center's Prince George's County location at 9500 Arena Drive, Suite 250 in Largo; and from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Chesapeake Life Center's Anne Arundel County location on the John & Cathy Belcher Campus at 90 Ritchie Highway in Pasadena. The fee is \$10 per person, with pre-registration requested.

For more information about the seminars or register, call 1-888-501-7077 or visit: www.chesapeakelifecenter.org.

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Woodlawn High School students prepare for the future with STEM

By Ruth Young Tyler

As STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) based industries continue to thrive, schools around the region are actively implementing curriculums and programs to prepare students for high-growth career fields.

Woodlawn High School seniors, Elijah Dowell and T'Yona Dobbins, members of the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering Program, are gaining greater insight and problem-solving skills to set them on a trajectory for a steady career and high incomes.

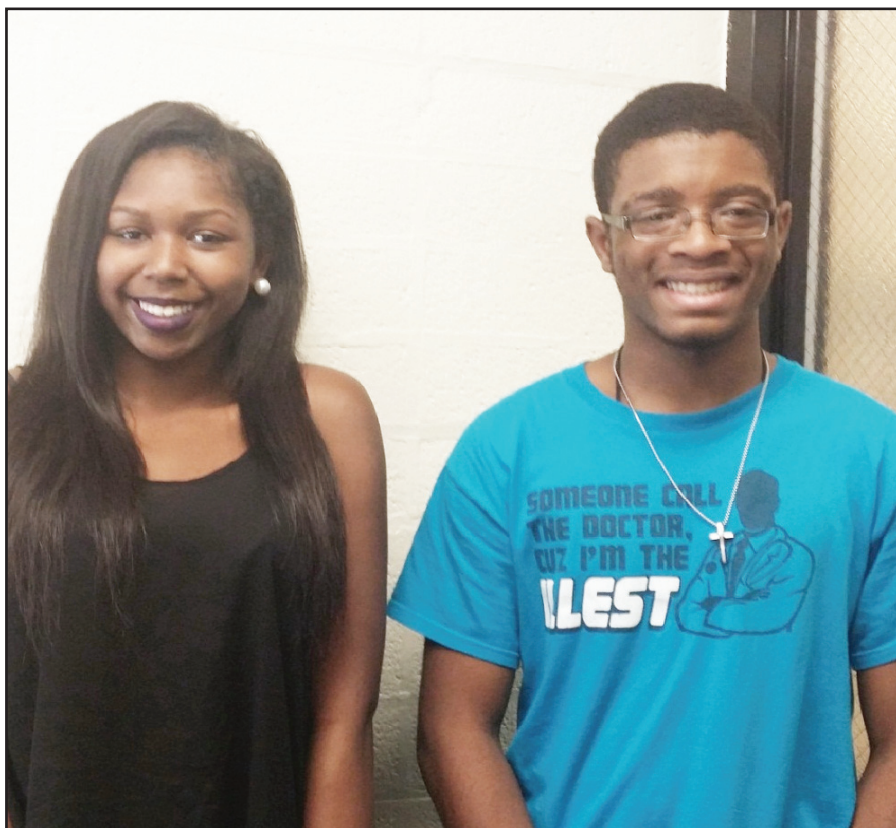
The Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering program at Woodlawn High School introduces students to STEM disciplines, specifically engineering and engineering technology. The program is designed to empower students to step into the role of an engineer and develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

“When taking the civil engineering course, we built houses on the computer. We also surveyed the land to ensure the house could be built and the land could hold a sturdy structure,” said Dobbins. Dobbins aspires to further her education and study civil engineering after graduating high school.

Dobbins and Dowell were impressed with the quantity and quality of hands-on activities and educational field trips that gave them greater exposure to science and engineering.

While participating in the program, students create, simulate, and test scientific and engineering projects. The students also participate in mentorship programs with engineers, researchers, and corporate affiliates.

The first level course, introduction to engineering design, prepares students to dig deep into the engineering design process, applying math, science, and engineering standards to hands-on projects like designing a new toy or improving an existing product. The second level class, principles of engineering, allows



(Left to right) Woodlawn High School seniors T'Yona Dobbins and Elijah Dowell are members of the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering Program, which introduces students to STEM disciplines, specifically engineering and engineering technology.

Courtesy Photo

students to explore a broad range of engineering topics including mechanisms, strength of structure and materials, and automation, and then they apply what they know to take on challenges like designing a self-powered car.

Students in their junior year take two specialty courses, digital electronics and civil engineering and architecture, held exclusively at the high school. Students learn aspects of development and building, and site design. Then they apply what they've learned to design a commercial building.

Through digital electronics the students explore the foundations of computing by engaging in circuit design processes to create combinational logic and sequential logic (memory) as electrical engineers. Similar to what is used in

the music industry. The capstone course, engineering design and development, is where students identify a real-world challenge. The students then research, design, and test a solution, ultimately presenting their unique solutions to a panel of professional engineers.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, civil engineer jobs are projected to grow to by eight percent from 2014 to 2024. The need for repairs to roadways, bridges, building and levees will increase as the infrastructures deteriorate, which explains the importance of STEM education.

Reportedly, an entry-level civil engineering position with a bachelor's degree had a median annual salary of \$82,220 as of May 2015.

In identifying why STEM education is

a national priority, the Council of Foreign Relations asserts that 60 percent of U.S. employers are having difficulties finding qualified workers to fill vacancies at their companies.

In spite of the increasing demand, not all schools consider STEM an educational priority. Arlington Baptist Elementary School, a tuition-based program on Rolling Road in Baltimore County didn't provide a STEM curriculum or afterschool program during the 2014-2015 school year and only provided one robotics elective during the 2015-2016.

Conversely, there are other schools that believe it is essential to a student's educational maturation and to be globally competitive. Mays Woodson Christian Early Learning Center in Windsor Mill implemented components of STEM into its curriculum this school year, starting as young as two years old.

In a report produced by the STEM Education Coalition in Washington, D.C., Executive Director James Brown asserts, “The future of the economy is in STEM.”

Dobbins says she would recommend STEM programs to elementary and middle school students because of the hands-on activities and career preparation.

“If you like designing and building new things, science and electricity, this program is for you,” said Dobbins, who credits the program for increasing her interest in civil engineering and college aspirations.

As the school year progresses, Dobbins and Dowell will continue to learn about the engineering design process along with 89 other student members who are participants in the PLTW Engineering Program.

“We learn skills that are applicable in the work place,” said Dowell. “Even if we don't go into the engineering field, we are still preparing for life after high school.”

“For the future, primarily, we must educate people in science, engineering, technology and math.”
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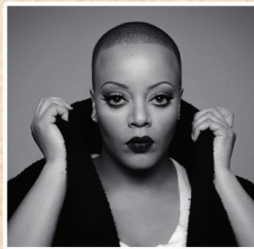
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PROJECT #1259 – Project and Construction Management Assistance on Water Contract 1204-Owner's Construction Management Inspection Services for the Druid Lake Finished Water Tanks

The Baltimore City Office of Boards and Commissions has been requested by the Department of Public Works, Office of Engineering and Construction, to certify the qualifications of engineering firms to provide Project and Construction Management Assistance on Water Contract 1204-Owner's Construction Management Inspection Services for the Druid Lake Finished Water Tanks. One contract will be awarded for a period of 6 years.

The Quality Assurance services to be provided are generally in accordance with the US Army Core of Engineers CQM program and include, but are not limited to assisting the City Office of Engineering and Construction with construction monitoring and inspection, preparation of daily reports, maintenance of project records and documentation, review of contractor's application for payment, attendance at progress meetings, preparation of record drawings, review of contract claims and support documents, estimating, scheduling, quality control, project engineering, constructability reviews, submittal reviews and responses, RFI reviews and responses, and other contract documents.

- Experience in Construction of Finished Water storage tanks with a minimum storage volume of 15 MG.
- Experience in development and implementation of a Construction Project Management program.
- Familiarity with standard construction inspection procedures and requirement for civil, Structural, Mechanical, and Electrical disciplines, and SCADA system installation and implementation.
- Familiarity with applicable codes and standards.
- Experience with change orders and claims analysis.
- Ability to provide field inspection.
- Experience with Critical Path Method construction scheduling.
- Overall team approach with minority/Women Business Enterprises.

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- Experience with Primavera Contract Management version 14 project tracking software
- Experience with Primavera version 6 scheduling software.

Project fees have been estimated at \$6,500,000.00 for a period of 6 years. If further information is required regarding this request, please contact Mr. Gurminder Singh at 410-396-5385.

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 interested in submitting a proposal for this Project, shall address a "Letter of Interest" to the Office of Boards and Commissions, 4 South Frederick Street, 4th Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21202, Maryland 21215 (EMAIL: OBC.Consultants@baltimorecity.gov). Since these letters are utilized to assist small minority and women business enterprises in identifying potential teaming partners, the letter should be submitted within five (5) days of the date of the project's advertisement. The letter should contain a contact person. Failure to submit a "letter of Interest" will not disqualify a firm submitting a proposal for the project.

Each prime consultant applying for this Project will be required to complete and submit an original Federal Form 255, along with **five (5)** copies, to the Office of Boards and Commissions. The Federal Form 255 and the five copies must be submitted on or before 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on **October 28, 2016**. 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. 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

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workers' compensation insurances as required by the City of Baltimore.

MBE/WBE Certification

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.

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 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).

Additional Requirements

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

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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 firms, 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:

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, organization chart, etc. All such information should be incorporated into the appropriate pages. Applications should not be bound. Applications should simply be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Cover sheets should not be included. Inclusion and/or submittal of additional material 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.

Kumasi Vines, Chief
Office of Boards and Commissions

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Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked for **BALTIMORE CITY NO. TR17002 RECONSTRUCTION OF FOOTWAYS CITYWIDE** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M. **November 2, 2016**. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. Bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates in Room 215, City Hall at Noon. The Contract Documents may be examined, without charge, at the Department of Public Works Service Center located on the first floor of the Abel Wolman Municipal Building, 200 N. Holliday Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 as of **September 30, 2016** and copies may be purchased for a non-refundable cost of **\$75.00**. **Conditions and requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package**. All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410) 396-6883 or contact the Committee at 4 South Frederick Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. **If a bid is submitted by a joint venture ("JV"), then in that event, the document that established the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Prequalification Category required for bidding on this project **A02601 Portland Cement Paving**. Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be \$1,000,000.00 to \$1,200,000.00. A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. on October 14, 2016 at 417 E. Fayette Street, Charles L. Benton Building, Room 702. Principal Items of work for this project are 5" Concrete Sidewalk - 45,200 SF; 5" Concrete Sidewalk Damaged by Tree Roots - 40,000 SF; & Emer. Repairs for 5" Conc. Sidewalk by Tree Roots - 5,000 SF. The MBE goal is **27%** and WBE goal is **10%**. APPROVED: Bernice H. Taylor, Clerk, Board of Estimates

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Fire Prevention Week Expo at Mall in Columbia

Columbia— During Fire Prevention Week, October 9 – 15, the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) will join the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) to remind residents "Don't wait – check the date!" encouraging the replacement of ten year old smoke alarms. In conjunction with the Mall in Columbia, HCDFRS will also hold their second Fire Prevention Expo on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from noon to 2 p.m. located in the lower Sears parking lot.

"Working smoke alarms save lives," said County Executive Allan H. Kittleman. "Smoke alarms that are more than ten years old should be replaced. It's also important to make sure they are in working order by checking them at least once a month."

The event will feature an auto extrication demonstration, hands-only CPR training, smoke alarm safety information, activities for kids, pictures with Sparky, apparatus displays, and a dramatic live fire exercise in an enclosed unit. This live burn will raise awareness about home fire safety, the importance of residential fire sprinklers, and illustrate how quickly a fire can spread.

"Being able to partner with the Mall in Columbia once again allows the department to spread safety awareness, espe-

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cially fire prevention measures, in a large setting," said Fire Chief John S. Butler. "We hope to reach a wide audience and encourage everyone in Howard County to check their smoke alarms not only during Fire Prevention Week, but throughout the year."

The NFPA recommends smoke alarms to be placed inside every bedroom, outside of every sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement and outside kitchen areas. According to the NFPA, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half. Almost two-

thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or non-functioning smoke alarms.

"The Mall in Columbia is honored to be a part of Fire Prevention Week," said Barbara Nicklas, Senior General Manager. "We thank Howard County Fire and Rescue Services for their dedication and commitment to keeping the community safe."

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