

Liberty's Lite Holds Book Club Extravaganza



In celebration of "Older Americans Month," the Liberty's Lite Readers Book Club held its annual Book Club Extravaganza on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. The event was held at the Liberty Senior Center located at 3525 Resource Drive in Randallstown. The Book Club Extravaganza featured dozens of authors and drew a capacity crowd. (Left-right): Author Dr. Stephanie Reid and Liberty's Lite Book Club members: Joyce Smith; Dulce Richardson; Anne Reid; Rhonda Murdock; Vincent Anthony; and Patricia Martin. (See article on page 12)

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Baltimore Mom Celebrates National Foster Care Month

By Stacy M. Brown

May is designated as National Foster Care Month, and one Baltimore resident is sharing her experience in helping to raise nearly two dozen foster children with the help and guidance of the Woodbourne Center, which is located on the former estate of the Enoch Pratt and A.S. Abell Families.

The center opened more than 200 years ago with a focus on treating children with psychiatric and behavior problems and later expanded its programming to include foster care treatment.

"I became a foster parent in 2008 when my daughter went away to college and my husband was traveling and I needed someone to cook and care for," said Yvette Hawkins, a Baltimore mother who has helped raise 20 children—mostly females. "I called the Woodbourne Center and I took their classes and it was so rewarding."

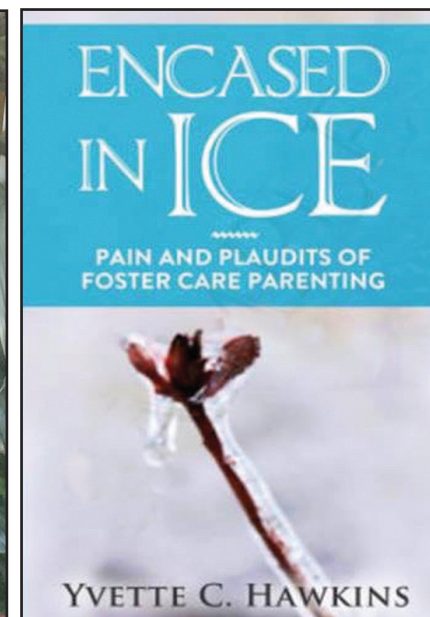
She says the center takes teaching and nurturing foster parents seriously, so much so, that it's like earning a high



Yvette Hawkins (left) has helped to raise 20 children with the help and guidance of the Woodbourne Center. Hawkins is the author of the book "Encased in Ice: Pain and Plaudits of Foster Care Parenting." Courtesy Photos

school or college degree all over again.

"When you take on so many kids and they may be with you for maybe two years and you're constantly caring for



them, even after they've aged-out of the program," Hawkins said. "The thing you have to remember is that they didn't have the resources when you got them, and you are their primary resource when they leave, and they become family, so you continue to help."

Hawkins says it's important to understand the various dynamics involved. She says many of the individuals have experienced trauma, even sexual abuse and their feelings cannot be ignored.

"When I introduce my kids to my family, I say, 'this is my godchild,' and that puts everyone at ease because you can't reveal certain things because of HIPPA laws. It makes it easier and it gives the child the sense that they are family," said Hawkins.

She is the author of the book, "Encased in Ice: Pain and Plaudits of Foster Care Parenting." The book offers a myriad of

foster parenting strategies and skills to effectively execute and nurture broken, abandoned and mistreated young women, Hawkins said, noting that officials at the Woodbourne Center has used it along with other guides when discussing foster care with potential parents.

Hawkins says the book validates foster parents and the importance of a stable support system for foster children.

"Initially, I didn't expect it to be this involved," Hawkins said. "After a year or two, you start telling people that these are your kids. We have grandchildren now so it's just not one turkey for Thanksgiving anymore, it's two."

Hawkins says the biggest challenge she has faced—and probably most other foster parents—is the reunification of the foster child with his or her biological mother.

"Listen, everybody loves their mother regardless of what she may have done," Hawkins said.

"You find yourself trying to put them on one path and then you find the biological mother pulling them toward another path and we can see what that outcome would be, but your hands are tied at that point.

"You just pray that what you have instilled in them in such a short period of time will stick. And, you just have to let them know that you'll be there for them no matter what," she said.

Hawkins says many times foster parents find the child ultimately becoming subjects of the criminal justice system, a hurtful experience.

"You just don't have a lot of time to work with them," she said. "But, Woodbourne is awesome. The way they train you on this and there's really no book on how to raise a child, but Woodbourne is available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week."



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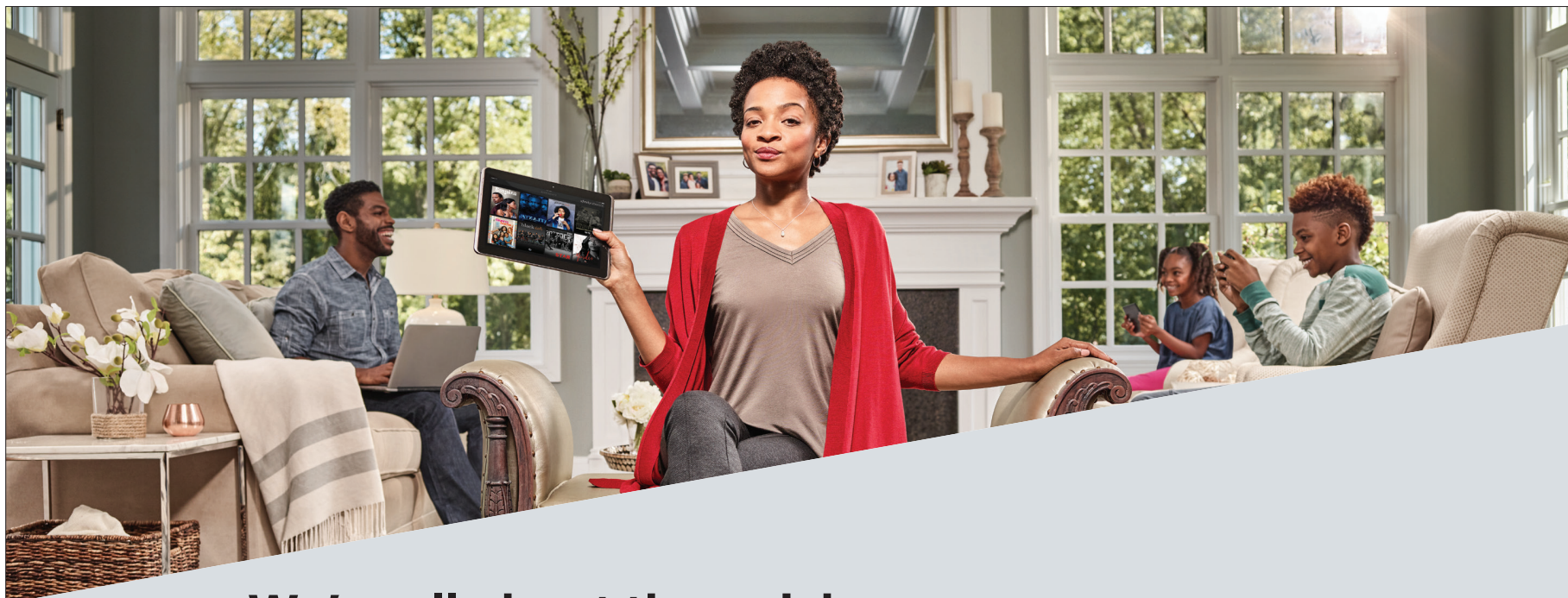
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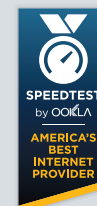
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Guest Editorials/Commentary

Encouraging Entrepreneurship for Military Spouses

By Michelle Christian,
SBA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator

Each May we memorialize the men and women who sacrifice their lives defending our freedom. Often forgotten are the military spouses, who give their all to maintain households and raise children. On May 23, 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed the first proclamation declaring Military Spouse Day.

Now celebrated the Friday before Mother's Day, National Spouse Day is a day to recognize these heroes of the armed services—the husbands and wives of our servicemen and women. Military families make incredible sacrifices, which includes leaving their careers and career development opportunities due to frequent relocations in support of military commitments.

The unemployment rate among military spouses is 23 percent, and considering 85 percent say they want to or need to work, that is unacceptable. When the average household relies on two incomes, it should come as no surprise military families find themselves in similar need.

I am encouraged by employers who are increasingly, looking for ways to attract military spouses through such technology, as allowing them to work remotely. I would like to point out another option supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration—Entrepreneurship: military spouses running their own businesses can be empowering, liberating, and highly adaptable to a mobile lifestyle.

As SBA's Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator, I am committed to helping more people have the tools and skills they need to be entrepreneurs. We, and our partners have online and community-based resources across the country offering access to capital, training, and business opportunities. We even have special outreach specifically geared to military spouses through programs on military installations.

These programs are available through your local SBA District Offices and our resource partners. Visit [SBA.gov](https://www.sba.gov) to learn more about local resources (<https://www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance/districtoffices>), and more opportunities from SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development (<https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/ovbd/resources/1485216>).

As we look ahead, the SBA is working with the Department of Labor and Department of Defense to reduce barriers to business ownership and cross-state credentialing for military spouses. For example, if someone has a real estate license or a hairstylist's license in one state, it should be easier to transition those credentials to another state.

Today, there are more than a million military spouses—700,000 active duty and 400,000 reserve/guard. Each has a broad diversity of talents and experiences the SBA can help build into careers. We must help military spouses succeed and feel empowered, because they sacrifice for all of us. After all, each and every small business contributes to America's economic prosperity, which further strengthens this great nation our military is working to defend.

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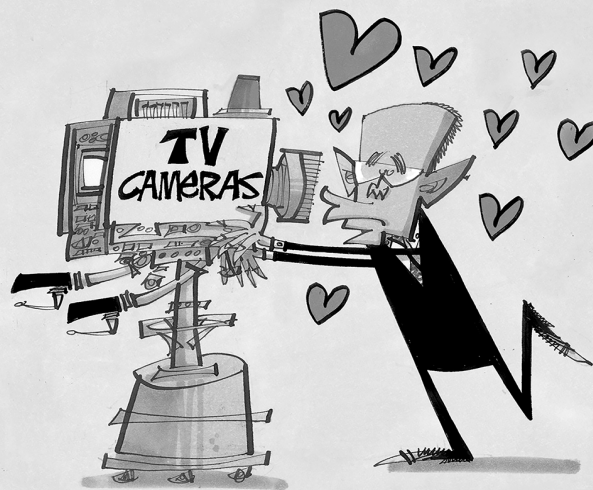
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BGE Residential Customers' Electric Bills to Decrease

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Baltimore— The average BGE residential customer who purchases electricity from BGE will see a bill reduction of \$11 a month starting June 1, 2018 due to the lowest electric commodity prices in a decade and distribution rate reductions spurred by federal tax reform.

"Customers are reaping the benefits of historic commodity prices and BGE's innovative and effective efficiency programs. Customers have greater control over the cost of their electric service through managing their energy use, which lowers their bills and helps us meet our efficiency goals," said Rodney Oddoye, vice president and chief customer officer for BGE. "Our customers are also experiencing the most reliable energy grid in our history. We've invested heavily in equipment upgrades and maintenance to better serve our customers with quality electric power and safe, reliable natural

gas and it's paying off."

The average BGE residential customer's total monthly bill remains lower than 2008 levels. In addition, customers who take advantage of BGE's energy efficiency programs and who manage their energy use with real-time information provided by smart meters also use less electricity, save more on their bills.

Customers are also realizing the benefits of federal tax reductions that have resulted in monthly bills reductions amounting to \$103 million in tax savings annually for all BGE customers.

BGE offers programs that can help customers save energy and money, especially during times of higher temperatures that often lead to higher energy usage. The BGE Smart Energy Savers Program® can help identify new ways to save energy, money and the environment. The program, which supports the EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act, has provided \$779 million in rebates to BGE customers and helped customers save more than 3.3 million megawatt-hours of electricity. EmPOWER Maryland programs are funded by a charge on your electric bill. EmPOWER programs can help you reduce your electricity consumption and save you money.

Blacks can't afford to ignore dental health

By **Julianne Malveaux**,
NNPA Newswire Columnist

While Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide a safety net access to dental care is a big issue, especially for children of color. "Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease among children in the United States, five times as prevalent as asthma, and dental care is one of the nation's greatest unmet children's health needs," according to Pew Charitable Trusts.

Sometimes children's parents simply don't arrange for them to see a dentist. Sometimes, dental services are not available in particular areas, for example, dental needs are sometimes more likely to be addressed in emergency rooms than dental clinics. A 2016 report from the Department of Health and Human Services said that dental provider shortages were at least part of the reason some children, especially low-income black and Hispanic children, lack dental care.

Children pay a big price when their dental needs are not met. In the worst and most extreme cases, as in that of Maryland's Deamonte Driver, children

can die, because they do not have access to basic dental services.

"Childhood dental decay can lead to pain, difficulty eating, speaking and sleeping, and more serious infections, some of which can be life-threatening," said Dr. Diane Earle, the managing dental director for Kool Smiles.

To address some of the need, Kool Smiles is offering free dental care to children in need on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Forty-nine offices in 13 states plus Washington, D.C. will be open to provide dental exams, extractions, fillings, sealants and other emergency services. The free day is open to children who

year. Kool Smiles hopes to serve even more children this year.

Access to safe and affordable health care has been part of my portfolio for some years. In 2015, I had the privilege of spending a week at Meharry Medical College, lecturing on health policy. The challenges that people of color face around health care can be distilled to the 3 A's: Access, Assets and Attitudes. All too often access is limited, because people live in the wrong areas, because providers are unavailable, or because there are other reasons people can't physically get to the care they need. Assets determine almost everything—if

physical health are inextricably intertwined. Dental health, all too frequently, is ignored. Even those with "good" health insurance may have limited dental insurance. And lower-income folks rely on Medicaid and CHIP, but may not have anywhere to go to get the help they need.

Dental practitioners like Dr. Earle, a second-generation Meharry-trained dentist, stand in the gap for those who may not have access to healthcare. In her role as Managing Dental Director for Kool Smiles, Earle says, "Sharing Smiles Day is an opportunity for our dentists and staff to put a smile back on the faces of children who need dental care but whose families cannot afford it."

Kool Smile's effort to see 500 or more children on May 20 doesn't begin to deal with the enormity of the challenge, but it's an effort that will make a big difference for the children who are treated. It's also an opportunity for us to reflect on the importance of dental health that the role that organizations like Kool Smiles can play in closing the dental health gap.

Full disclosure: I've worked with Kool Smiles and their dental service organization, Benevis, on a program called Watch Yo' Mouth, featuring Dr. Earle and healthy living author Debra Peek-Haynes. We plan to offer more of these programs in coming months. Meanwhile, though, I am excited about Sharing Smiles Day and about developing ways more low-income children can have access to dental care, so that there can be a healthy smile for every child in our nation.

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either lack insurance or are underinsured.

To be sure, Kool Smiles can't possibly provide a smile for every child, but they are taking a step in the right direction. This year represents the fourth year that the organization has offered the free service. It's first-come, first-serve, so if you are interested, visit: www.mykoolsmiles.com/sharingsmiles to find a location in your area and to register for a free appointment.

In the past three years more than 1,400 children have received free dental care with more than 500 being treated last

year. Kool Smiles hopes to serve even more children this year. Finally, the attitudes of both providers and patients make a difference in who seeks care and in what kind of care is provided. Recent work on maternal mortality among African American women, regardless of race, suggests that racial attitudes in treatment make a difference.

Mental health and dental health are the two parts of healthcare that are most frequently ignored. It is not enough to simply get an annual checkup. Increasing research shows that mental health and

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Discovering the Best of Black America in 2018

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis

There is an old African proverb that says, “What you seek, you will surely find.” We live in a world where the news cycle continues to decrease because of innovations in communications technology. Yes, we are living in the fast-paced digital age. The high velocity delivery and transmission of news and information, however, may or may not produce authentic or accurate facts or simply the truth.

Yet, for more than 47 million black Americans the reality of life’s multiple challenges and opportunities are not the primary concerns and focus of what is popularly known as “mainstream media.” Thus, the value and mission of the Black Press of America today is more strategically important than ever before, for black Americans and others who embrace the trend-setting cultural, academic, technological and game-changing achievements that are accomplished daily in black America.

This is why the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) is pleased with the continued partnership between the General Motor’s Chevrolet Division and the NNPA to sponsor the 2018 Discover the Unexpected (DTU) Journalism Scholarship and Fellowship Program.

We are identifying and mentoring the next generation of young, gifted, talented and committed journalists and publishers who will rise to take their rightful place as our future community leaders and business owners.

Seeking out the best of black America not only in the field of journalism, but also in the overall context of the long-protracted struggle for freedom, justice, equality and empowerment is of the utmost importance. This summer in Georgia, Virginia, New York and in Washington, D.C., six NNPA journalism scholars selected from Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the nation will have the opportunity to work in black-owned newspapers.

These outstanding NNPA DTU Fellows will also journey together to highlight



President and CEO of the NNPA, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. says that the Black Press welcomes the news and inspirations from the writings, videos and social media postings of the young aspiring journalists, who will be participating in the 2018 Discover the Unexpected (DTU) Journalism Scholarship and Fellowship Program.
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and file news’ reports about real life stories that are occurring in our communities. In the current national media climate where allegations of “fake news” are routinely propagated, we will welcome receipt of the news and inspira-

tions from the writings, videos and social media postings of our young aspiring journalists.

We are also grateful to the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) for assist-

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ing Chevrolet and the NNPA to notify and reach HBCU students attending the 120 HBCUs about the DTU fellowship opportunities. In fact, over 23,000 online responses were received from students who were interested in the DTU program.

Reviewing and evaluating the numerous applications that were submitted, revealed the tremendous academic achievements and commitments of HBCU students who fervently desire to serve the empowerment interests of black communities via their respective journalism skills and talents. This is itself a good news story.

Too often, we only learn or hear about the tragic injustices and systematic racial discriminations that are in fact facets of the realities that are all too prevalent in black America. We need, however, more balance and truth telling in the media when it comes to the struggles and plight as well as the resilience and transformation of black America.

For more than 191 years, since the first publication of Freedom Journal in March 1827, the Black Press of America has continued to be on the frontlines reporting our triumphs, defeats and our successful resistance to oppression, injustice and inequality.

Each generation has a responsibility to help prepare the next generation to take the baton of history and to run to win by breaking and setting new records of achievement and excellence of all fields of endeavor.

Again, we publicly thank General Motors – Chevrolet for enabling the NNPA to award this group of young freedom-fighting scholars to sharpen their pens and commitments to become champions of the freedom and responsibilities of the press.

The black community will benefit. All of America will benefit. The DTU Fellows will seek and they will find. They will also exemplify the good news.

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Conservation organizations, Green Street Academy students plant pollinator garden

Baltimore— The National Wildlife Federation (NWF), National Aquarium, Blue Water Baltimore and Maryland officials planted a 5,000 sq. ft. pollinator garden with students and staff at Green Street Academy on Friday, May 11, 2018. The native plant garden will provide vital habitat for Baltimore's iconic orioles, other local birds, bees and butterflies.

"Together with our many partners, we are working to create a cleaner, greener Baltimore," said Collin O'Mara, president and CEO of NWF. "Establishing wildlife-friendly habitat across Baltimore, like Green Street Academy is doing today, is good for everyone, from families who will breathe cleaner air and enjoy cleaner water to wildlife that will have more places to thrive. These spaces also benefit kids in our current era of electronic overload helping them enjoy greater connections with nature, more time outdoors and safer places to play."

The Green Street Academy pollinator meadow will serve as an outdoor learning laboratory, where students can experience the wonder of monarch butterfly metamorphosis and discover how to help pollinators thrive. These backyard gardens and green spaces also help improve water quality by reducing polluted stormwater runoff going into the Baltimore Harbor and the Chesapeake Bay.

"Among the many invaluable assets of our City and region is the access we enjoy to the Chesapeake Bay and the diverse wildlife that we have an obligation to protect," said Mayor Catherine E. Pugh. "We're so honored, to be designated as a Community Wildlife Habitat, a



Baltimore City becomes largest Community Wildlife Habitat™ in the Chesapeake Bay watershed with the planting of the 5,000 sq. ft. pollinator garden at Green Street Academy on Friday, May 11, 2018. The native plant garden will provide vital habitat for Baltimore's iconic orioles, other local birds, bees and butterflies. Baltimore City received official certification at the event. Courtesy Photo/NWF

result of the tireless work of our partners at the National Wildlife Federation, the National Aquarium and schools such as Green Street Academy, which is committed to enhancing student appreciation for our rich natural resources. With this designation, we accept our responsibility to increase our efforts to protect our natural world, even while we pledge our continued efforts to make Baltimore cleaner, greener and safer for all our residents."

At the event, Baltimore City received official certification as the largest Com-

munity Wildlife Habitat™ in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

"Marylanders know the value of the Chesapeake Bay, and that Baltimore plays a critical role in the overall Chesapeake Bay restoration effort. That's why I am tremendously proud that Baltimore City is now the largest Community Wildlife Habitat in the Chesapeake Bay watershed," said U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, a senior member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. "When we create new green

spaces, we help waterways, provide educational opportunities and build communities. I applaud the National Aquarium, National Wildlife Federation and the diverse array of other partners who have combined their efforts to help make such success possible, both in Baltimore and beyond."

NWF's Community Wildlife Habitat program empowers citizen leaders to take action for wildlife in their communities and provide habitat where people live, work, learn, play, and worship. In Baltimore, NWF has certified more than 500 homes, community spaces, schools and other educational centers. Each certified site uses sustainable gardening practices and provides the four basic elements that all wildlife need to survive: shelter, food, a water source and places to raise young, such as a flower bed or shrub.

Heavily developed, metropolitan areas such as Baltimore are home to two-thirds of all North American species of wildlife and contain valuable habitat in the form of local parks and open spaces that support both year-round and migratory wildlife.

Green Street Academy is located within the Gwynns Falls watershed of the Bay where NWF is working to create a network of wildlife habitat on school grounds. The new garden is one of several large-scale stormwater best management practices NWF is developing with the school. This work complements the existing environmental projects at the school, including installing a solar array and a greenhouse.

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In Celebration of Older Americans Month

Liberty's Lite Holds Book Club Extravaganza

By Ursula V. Battle

In observance of Older American's Month, The Baltimore Times will periodically publish stories on seniors who are not only aging gracefully, but are doing extraordinary things. Every May, the Administration on Aging, part of the Administration for Community Living, leads our nation's observance of Older American's Month. The 2018 theme, "Engage at Every Age", emphasizes that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities.

In celebration of "Older Americans Month," the Liberty's Lite Readers Book Club held its annual Book Club Extravaganza on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. The event was held at the Liberty Senior Center located at 3525 Resource Drive in Randallstown. The Book Club Extravaganza featured dozens of authors and drew a capacity crowd.

Author and playwright Stella Adams was among the featured authors.

"The Book Club Extravaganza is a great place to network and get your book out," said Adams, who penned "Heavy is the Rain."

"You also learn a lot from the people who come. The Liberty's Lite Book Club does a magnificent job introducing new authors. It was very successful last year, and is a success again this year."

She added, "The event also provides an opportunity to meet a lot of people from around the country. It's also enriching to hear what others are writing about and their experiences. We all do it for the love of writing and we all have a story to tell."

Adams' works also includes "Musing of a Poet Wannabe" and "Beneficial Life."

"Another great part of this event is that it also shows that once you get to a certain age, life is not over," said Adams. "You can reinvent yourself."

The Liberty's Lite Readers Book Club is comprised of a group of seniors' age 60 and older. The group meets each month to discuss books they have read as a group. The Book Club Extravaganza included Book Signings, Book Swaps, two discussion panels, and Q&A sessions. The authors' books were also sold during the annual event.

Judy Colbert was also among the authors. Colbert's book is entitled, "100 Things To Do In Baltimore Before You Die."

"This is my first year participating," said Colbert. "The Book Club Extravaganza is wonderful. It allows



Judy Colbert is the author of *100 Things To Do In Baltimore Before You Die*. Photos: Ursula V. Battle



Towanda Prince author of *Wonderful Words of Life* and *Thunder Knocking At My Heart*.



Stella Adams, author of *Heavy is the Rain* was among the featured authors.

me to reach a market that I otherwise might not have reached. I have done a lot of radio, television, and library appearances, but there is always a new market to reach. One lady told me she came just for my book." Colbert's book explores the "must-do" and "must-see" parts of Baltimore City for visitors and residents. She has been writing about Maryland, Baltimore, and the surrounding area for the past three decades.

Her other works include "It Happened in Maryland";



Cheryle T. Ricks, author of *Sister Circle: The Power Of Sisterhood during the Liberty's Lite Readers Book Club Extravaganza*

"Maryland and Delaware Off the Beaten Path"; "Insiders' Guide to Baltimore"; and "Peaceful Places Washington, D.C".

"There is a lot of bad noise about what is happening in Baltimore, but this book is my love letter," she said. "There are a lot of great things going on in this city. I love spreading the word and being a part of it."

Other authors included: Odessa Rose; Margaret Pagan; Dr. Stephanie Reid; Tawanda Prince; James Laws; Mito Bessalel, Cynthia Hudson-Laney; Wilma Brockington; and Joyce Smith.

Historian remembers blacks as ‘Original Horse Whisperers’ on Eve of Preakness Stakes

By Stacy M. Brown

Post time for the 143rd running of the Preakness Stakes is 6:20 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Pimlico, where approximately 120,000 people will be in attendance and millions more watching on television around the globe.

The historic race commonly referred to as “The Run for the Black-Eyed Susans,” has a unique place in American horse racing history and Pimlico, it’s home along Park Heights Avenue in Baltimore got its name from a horse who won the stakes more than a century ago. However, often buried in that history is the significant role of African-Americans, particularly jockeys.

“Horse racing is the first American sport and Maryland has a pretty unique role in being one of the first states with tracks and having a competition,” said historian Stuart Hudgins.

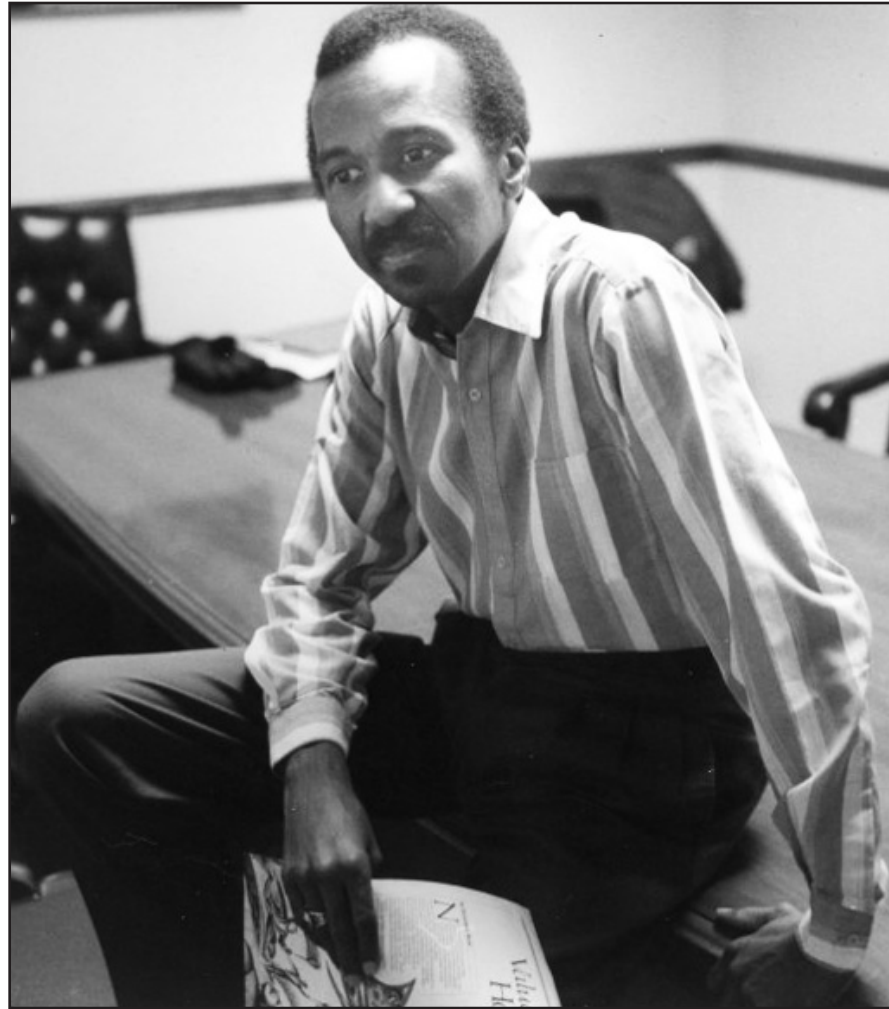
Before the first running of the Preakness in 1873, African-Americans dominated the sport, with black jockeys winning the Kentucky Derby, according to Hudgins. Most of the top jockeys were black, he said.

Hudgins recalled that slaves in the south grew up on farms, working in stables, and plantation owners wouldn’t hesitate to put their slaves on their horses’ backs in informal racing in the south.

When racing became an organized sport in the early 19th century, black boys and men were in the vanguard in the saddle, dominating racing until the turn of the century.

However, the landmark 1896 Supreme Court decision in the Plessy v. Ferguson matter changed everything.

That decision upheld the constitutionality of racial segregation after a black train passenger named Homer Plessy refused to sit in a car for African-Americans. The Supreme Court rejected Plessy’s argument that his constitutional rights were violated – a decision that would later be used to strengthen racist Jim Crow laws and separate public accommodations based on race.



Stuart Hudgins
Courtesy Photo

“When that happened, there was an extreme fall off in the thousands of contests that African-Americans were able to compete for and eventually they were out of horse racing altogether,” Hudgins said. “We were the original trainers, the grooms, the jockeys. We’ve had such a rich tradition and we had black people who cared for those horses, talked to them— African-Americans were the original horse whisperers,” he said.

Isaac Murphy was the first jockey to win the Kentucky Derby three times, and he was the first black jockey to be inducted in the Thoroughbred racing Hall of Fame in 1955. Oliver Lewis, the winning jockey in the first Kentucky Derby, in 1875, was African-American,

one of 13 black jockeys in a 15-horse race that year.

Willie Simms, a 1977 Racing Hall of Fame inductee, won back-to-back Belmont Stakes in 1893 and 1894 and twice won the Kentucky Derby. In 1898, Simms, an African-American reigned at Pimlico, winning the Preakness riding his horse named “Sly Fox.”

Black jockeys won 15 of the first 28 Kentucky Derbies, Hudgins said, referring to a Forbes Magazine article that detailed these accomplishments. But at any racetrack in this country now, you’d have a hard time finding an African-American in the saddle, the article noted.

In the early days of racing in this country, African-American faces were prominent.

On May 10, 1889, George “Spider” Anderson became the first African-American to win the Preakness, which at the time consisted of just two horses at a purse of about \$2,000.

Now, 10 horses compete in the Preakness with more than \$1.5 million at stake. Hudgins says African-Americans are no longer central to the Preakness or horse racing in general. He recalled what the late African-American tennis great, Arthur Ashe, once said.

“It’s the saddest case,” Ashe said in a 1988 interview when he compared blacks in horse racing in the late 19th century to their modern-day domination in the National Basketball Association.

“Over the years, we as African-Americans got rooted out,” Hudgins said. “When I looked at the tradition of racing, you see we had locally in the Baltimore area townspeople who were heroes and who were acknowledged to be excellent at the sport.”



Isaac Murphy was the first jockey to win the Kentucky Derby three times, and he was the first black jockey to be inducted in the Thoroughbred racing Hall of Fame in 1955.

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Local entrepreneur expands her brand

By Stacy M. Brown

Baltimore resident Gia Winfield has taken entrepreneurship by the horns—or, in her case, by the nails—and she is thriving.

The owner of “The Purple Peach Nail Bar,” which she believes is a first of its kind in Baltimore—100 percent black-owned full-service nail salon. Winfield says her journey to become an entrepreneur began at the tender age of 14.

“I took a liking to the nail industry at a young age because beauty always seemed to surround my family,” said Winfield, a native of Queens, New York. “I started doing manicures on my girlfriends and eventually it became my profession,” she said.

From age 14 to 18, Winfield worked at a trendy New York nail salon. When that salon closed, it motivated her to start her own business.

“I had such a big following at the time, so I launched my own salon,” she said.

Admittedly, Winfield was a bit apprehensive, but she maintained a passion for the business and decided to dive in headfirst.

“I didn’t know what I was getting myself into by starting my own business, so there was a lot of trial and error, but I got past that,” Winfield said.

Recently, she says seeing pop star Beyoncé perform at the famed Coachella Music Festival further energized her. The performance last month drew favorable comparisons from critics to the late Michael Jackson.

Winfield says the “Formation” singer’s history making show proved that nothing “can stand in the way of a woman and her hustle to the top.” She further says that Beyoncé’s show also provided more evidence that women who are driven by their craft can reach untold heights.

Quite simply, the show was a signal for her to go full steam ahead with her new innovation. Her new “Purple Peach Energy Drink,” is the next-level energy



Local entrepreneur Gia Winfield (seated wearing crown) is the owner of The Purple Peach Nail Bar in Baltimore. Recently, Winfield expanded her brand to include The Purple Peach Energy Drink, the first high performance drink owned and operated by an African-American woman.

Photo Credit: Abri Photographer

supplement, and is the first high-performance energy drink owned and operated by an African-American woman, according to Winfield.

“I’m always on the go and with me drinking coffee all of the time, I wanted to invest in my own drink,” she said.

For Winfield, it’s all a part of being a self-made entrepreneur, a position that comes with its share of pitfalls, she said.

“My biggest fear was failing because here I was leaping out into a whole different world where all of the responsibility would now be on me,” Winfield said. “There was that fear because everyone was now looking at me. I was the go-to person and I had to wear many different hats.”

Winfield says she eventually came to realize that she couldn’t be everything to everyone. It was a lesson she had to learn and advises others to grasp.

“It eventually made me stronger. and I was able to build a strong foundation,” Winfield said.

“You can’t take everybody with you and everybody isn’t worthy of your surroundings. I learned that lesson. There are certain people you must deal with and certain ones that you must leave alone.

“My circle has become very small now, as an entrepreneur because I had to understand that you can’t trust everybody—everybody isn’t trustworthy. In building a brand, not everyone is

going to applaud you.”

With that, Winfield says her primary advice to young women who aspire to start their own business, is to stay focused and be sure to surround yourself with like-minded individuals.

“The biggest thing is to keep your credit clean so that you are able to get loans for your business if you need it,” she said. “Sit down with a CPA and learn the things you need to do and not to do.”

For more information about The Purple Peach Energy Drink, locations where it is available, or to purchase the drink, visit: www.purplepeachenergydrink.com.



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Baltimore County student to hold seat at Board of Education

By Ruth Young Tyler

High school honor student and education activist Haleemat Adekoya to represent peers

Haleemat Adekoya, a junior at Milford Mill Academy was voted the next student member for the Baltimore County Board of Education. She was selected by a group of her peers from across Baltimore County after attending a half-day forum on April 6, 2018.

Nearly 100 students gathered at Pikesville High School to listen to speeches by the two finalists— Adekoya and her opponent Yara Daraiseh of Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts.

The finalists were asked a range of questions about what they believed to be educational priorities, enhanced forms of communicating with students, and how to effectively manage pressures of the new role. Both candidates were questioned about their position on classroom technology, grading policies, bullying, and creating unity among the student body and administrators and teachers.

The ballots were cast and Adekoya emerged as the winner.

“I believe a child’s education is vital in their foundation,” said Adekoya. “When proper education is not given to a child it shakes them up. For me, it’s important that I have the opportunity to be another active citizen in my community. I have the opportunity to share my thoughts and ideas— and not just what I believe but my peers too.”

Prior to 2016, student members were chosen and recommended by a committee of BCPS educators, staff, and student leaders. The forum and student



*Haleemat Adekoya
Courtesy Photo*

balloting were created to increase student participation, interest, and investment in the education process.

The Randallstown resident serves as president of the Class of 2019 at Milford Mill. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society and the Principal’s Advisory Board. She operates her own non-profit, “Dare2Bee,” a female empowerment organization and she also serves as president of the Baltimore County African Student Association and participates in the church youth choir.

In her application essay, Adekoya noted that she seeks a seat on the board as part of her mission to become an activist for “all things children.” She said, “I believe in being a voice and never an echo.”

“If we’re the youth of tomorrow, we need the adequate education and atmosphere that’s based on what we want and how we believe we can learn to our best potential,” said Adekoya.

Adekoya’s name will be forwarded to Governor Larry Hogan (R.) for official appointment for the one-year position.

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Rambling Rose

Local community activist to be honored with street sign



Rosa Pryor Trusty

Hello everyone, I sure hope the ladies enjoyed their Mother's Day weekend. We are truly blessed to see another Mother's Day, because many of us have lost our mother and wish she were still with us. I believe they are with us in spirit and are looking out for us!

I believe Mother's Day took all the headlines for this past week's events, except for a young lady who has worked in the community helping others for so many years and will now get her due—I am talking about Margie Fleming Brinkley, known to many as "Lady M."

"Lady M" was raised in the Turner Station neighborhood and later the family moved to East Baltimore. After 63 years, she is a third generation East Baltimore resident, still residing in the 2700 block of E. Preston Street. Her passion for public service has earned her numerous awards and honors from schools, churches, community organization, city, state and county officials.

Margie has diligently worked in and around the Berea Community. She is presently a notary public serving on the State Central Committee for the 45th District of Maryland.

On Saturday, May 26, 2018, starting at noon, "Lady M" will be honored with a celebratory street sign in the 2700 block of E. Preston Street, which will be followed by a reception and a birthday celebration at Fort Worthington School at 2710 E. Hoffman Street from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. I am so proud of her. She is a good

person with a good heart. I like the idea that someone decided to give her flowers while she still can smell them. Please join me while we show her much love, this event is open to the public; but to RSVP, call Deborah Robinson at 410-963-1094 or Lydia Johnson at 443-730-3792.

The last thing I want to mention to you is the "Bangin' with the Boomers Luncheon, sponsored by the Baltimore Times/Times Community Services, Inc. It was postponed last week because of all the Mother's Day events.

However, we are strong and ready to go on Thursday, June 14, 2018 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Promenade DanceSport Facility located at 2605 Lord Baltimore Drive in Windsor Mill, Maryland. Your ticket includes: a buffet lunch, live entertainment, DJ playing oldies, line dancing and hand dancing, door prizes, vendors for your shopping pleasure.

Oh! Also you can bring a deck of cards— tables will be set up so you can play your favorite card games, such as pinochle, spades, bid whist, etc. Just give me a call at 410-833-9474 for tickets and pass the word. I want to see all my readers and fans join me for this special event.

Well, my dear friends, I got to go now, but remember if you need me, call me at 410-833-9474 or email me at rosapryor@aol.com. UNTIL THE NEXT TIME, I'M MUSICALLY YOURS.



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Margie Fleming Brinkley (aka "Lady M"), a hard worker in the community will be honored with a "Celebration Street Sign" in the 1700 block of E. Preston Street at noon, which will be followed by a reception and party in Fort Worthington School #85, 2710 E. Hoffman Street from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Maryland author's debut book "At Least Once" a finalist in Best Books Award Competition

Baltimore— Two prominent black women have head-lined recent articles about the lack of available black men and the desire for women over 40 to get married and have babies.

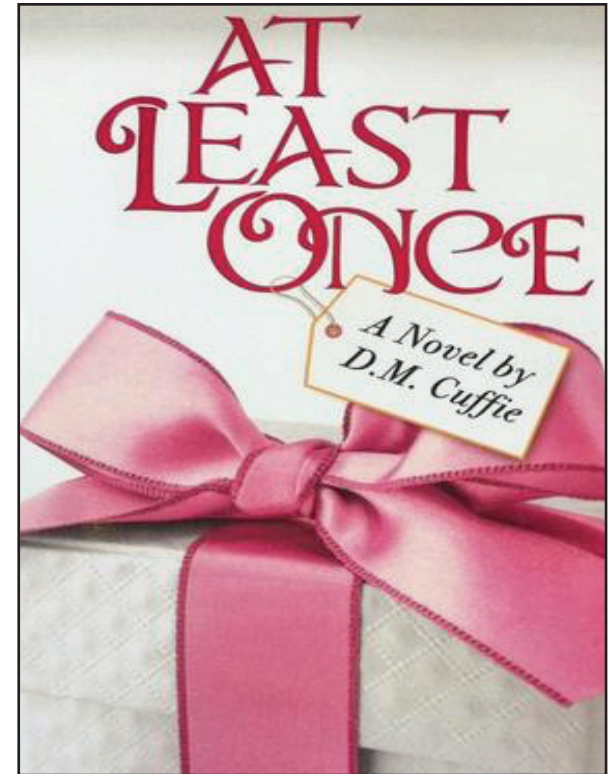
The first was tennis superstar, Serena Williams because of her marriage to a non-black man. The second, actor Tracie Ellis Ross who in her recent speech at the Glamour's 2017 Women of the Year summit, shared that her career successes continually took backstage to questions about when she would get married and have children.

Maryland-based author, D.M. Cuffie tackles both of these topics in her engaging and humorous, debut novel, "At Least Once" where she shares the experiences of eight single black Christian women.

"I was reading one of Jennifer Weiner's novels, and a particular chapter in her book about a support group for women had me laughing hysterically because I could relate so well to the situations," said Cuffie. "I decided to write about some of mine and my single Christian girlfriends adventures, since we encounter many of the regular challenges of being single along with the need for a support group."

In "At Least Once," the main character Breeze Monsoon is a nine-time bridesmaid and a poster child for contentment. She is completely content with her loving family and is perfectly content with being a cheerleader for her circle of friends; content with seeing her students retain algebra and geometry; spiritually content with her relationship with Him (God) and most of His children; and absolutely content that her last date, which ended in a complete disaster was three years ago.

Unconvinced that Breeze is "content" with her non-existent love life, her aunt and best friend take matters into their own hands to get her love life on the right track—at least once— by enrolling her in a class, specializing in "relationship repair" for Christian single women.



Author D. M. Cuffie will read from her book at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the Northwood Branch of Enoch Pratt Library as part of the "Meet the Authors" series. Northwood Branch is located at 4420 Loch Raven Blvd. in North Baltimore. For more information about D.M. Cuffie and her book, "At Least Once," visit: www.dmcuffieauthor.com.
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Through prayer, laughter, field trips and the ability to be completely transparent without judgment, Breeze and seven other women take an eight-month journey encouraging each other, keeping each other accountable to His word, through plenty of necessary girl talk; with the goal of rediscovering themselves, reclaiming their joy, and redefining the petitions of their heart.

"At Least Once," was a finalist in the 2016 'Best Book Award' in the African-American fiction category. It's the first book in author D.M. Cuffie's "While We Wait series." To learn more about D.M. Cuffie and her book, "At Least Once," visit: www.dmcuffieauthor.com

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Oakland Museum of California Hip Hop Exhibit recognizes art form as cultural juggernaut

By Nadine Matthews

Founder of Hip Hop Chess Federation, Adisa Banjoko was hit by what he calls a “euphoric wave” as he stood next to rapper Reza from Wu Tang Clan in 2014.

“Reza’s been a longtime supporter of our organization,” he explained.

“I was,” Banjoko shared, “invited by the World Chess Hall of Fame to help them do an exhibit on hip hop and chess, which is something they had up until that time not even really known about or explored.”

Banjoko’s organization teaches children life skills using the principles of chess, hip hop, and martial arts. On that Saturday morning, as he and Reza stood side by side watching the lines for the hip hop exhibit snake around corners, he was overcome.

“When the feeling passed, I said, ‘this will be much more amazing when we do it in Oakland,’” Banjoko said.

When he got back home, the Oakland native approached his old friend Rene de Guzman, Senior Curator of Art at the Oakland Museum of California about creating a similar exhibit.

De Guzman passed but Banjoko was persistent and approached him again about two years later. De Guzman then fully grasped Banjoko’s vision.

He said, “Adisa’s approach was to look to hip hop as a life strategy and how it connects to all sorts of other ways youth, in particular, can think about their lives strategically. We thought that was great and actually [a] necessary way to look at hip-hop. Most people think of it as commercial rap.”

Hip-hop, from its beginnings in a Bronx recreation center in 1973, has always been about more than beats and samples and MC’s. It has always been about expressing and reflecting the rhythms of life itself. It has always been about the personal, the political and everything in between.

The collaboration between Banjoko and de Guzman came to fruition with the recent unveiling of the sprawling exhibition “RESPECT: Hip-Hop Style & Wisdom,” at the Oakland Museum of California which runs through August



Artwork by Kehinde Wiley which is part of the “RESPECT: Hip-Hop Style & Wisdom” exhibition on display at the Oakland Museum of California until August 12, 2018 in Oakland, California. Courtesy Photo/Oakland Museum of California

12, 2018. They decided to name the exhibition as such because the now 45 year-old art form and cultural juggernaut appears to be finally coming into its own. “Hip hop has arrived. Mainstream institutions are talking about it. There’s a hip hop section in the new African-American Museum in D.C.; Harvard and Cornell have hip hop archives and collections. The Kennedy Center has a hip hop program. The folks who were around when hip hop was created are now leaders and influencers and even policy makers.”

Oakland California is the area where the Black Panther movement, boldly asserting the right of African-Americans to have equal economic, social and political power, was born.

Oakland is also strongly associated with one of the central tenets of hip hop ethos— bootstrapping.

“The Bay Area fostered the idea of independence and entrepreneurship.

There’s this classic story of rapper Too Short who when he was growing up, no major music label signed hip hop artists let alone hip hop artists from Oakland. He made and then sold his music directly to people from the trunk of his car. It proved you didn’t have to rely on major corporate interests to be successful,” explained de Guzman.

The exhibition will have everything. There will be art by Kehinde Wiley, interactive tours, readings, architectural tours, turntable demonstrations, break-dancing, panels, drum circles, food trucks, hip hop calligraphy, chess workshops, hip hop trivia games, a Sound Lab for the public to flex their DJ skills.

Both de Guzman and Bojanko are excited about the installation by DJ Mike Relm.

“It’s essentially a 45 minute music video that covers the national hip hop origin story. Embedded in that is the Bay Area story and it’s going to blow peo-

ple’s minds. It’s a big immersive video installation. Projections are 10’ by 20’ and there are two of those. It’s pretty spectacular,” according to de Guzman,

Hip hop’s tortured yet shining prince Tupac Shakur, who was murdered in 1996, figures prominently in the exhibition. Shakur’s parents were Black Panthers and activism was central to his life and art. In the wake of the Rodney King verdict in 1992, he wrote an essay, which will be on display for the duration of the exhibition.

“He really saw himself as a freedom fighter even to the point of proposing that the founders of America would be considered thugs now. It’s a very interesting essay for that reason. It shows clear passion for what drove artistry,” said de Guzman.

For more information about the exhibit, visit <http://museumca.org/exhibit/respect-hip-hop-style-wisdom>.

Annapolis-born rocket scientist simplifies engineering

By Stacy M. Brown

Rocket science has historically been considered difficult because the slightest mistake could wreck a multi-billion-dollar mission. But one Annapolis-born rocket scientist says, not everything is—well—rocket science.

“I think the thing is that it’s sort of this mystery about rocket science. Almost a fear, really intense,” said Monique Dalton, an electrical engineer, who is working on a new rocket in development by Orbital ATK, the global leader in aerospace and defense technologies.

“But, it’s really not that complicated which is why I love doing STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics] events where we try and get kids interested,” said Dalton, a graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park.

Dalton is part a team designing and building a new rocket called, OmegaA.

As one of Orbital ATK’s largest strategic investments, OmegaA, will provide intermediate to heavy-class launch services for the Department of Defense, civil government and commercial customers.

With headquarters in Dulles, Virginia, the company delivers space, defense and aviation-related systems to customers around the world both as a prime contractor and as a merchant supplier. Its primary products include: launch vehicles and related propulsion systems; satellites and associated components and services; composite aerospace structures; tactical missiles, subsystems and defense electronics; and precision weapons, armament systems and ammunition.

Dalton says the motivation that led to career as a rocket scientist comes from her mother and that drive continues to manifest itself through the work she performs.

“I have a role model in my mother who is a Hispanic computer engineer and she encouraged me from a young age to pursue my dreams,” Dalton said. “I had that model to say, ‘Yes, you can be a woman and succeed in the technical world.’ Through this job, I can inspire young women and create all these new innovative solutions. It’s really important in the workplace to have diversity and a diver-



Monique Dalton is an electrical engineer who is part of a design team working on a new rocket called “OmegaA” currently in development by Orbital ATK, the global leader in aerospace and defense technologies. Through her job, she hopes to inspire young women to create new innovative solutions. Dalton enjoys playing the piano and she says volunteer work is a major part of her life.

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sity of ideas to create such solutions.”

Because of her upbringing in historic Annapolis, Dalton says she always felt the need to be challenged. The naval academy in Annapolis and the overall sophistication of the city’s residents helped to inspire confidence.

“Now, I’m working on the OmegaA rocket and it’s an exciting thing for us,” Dalton said. “One of the great things is that it has launched national security payloads [or, freight] for the Air Force and it also has science and commercial payloads so you’re able to think about what sorts of things it includes and not only the idea of launching something into space but launching something that’s a protection for our nation which also makes it patriotic.”

Volunteer work is also a major part of Dalton’s life, she said.

“I found that I have been able to resonate with people here at Orbital ATK because there are a lot of STEM and



STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics] events including an event in Arizona where we have 24 booths dedicated to science,” she said.

For Dalton, it’s also important that young people understand that rocket

science isn’t as daunting as many believe.

“When you break it down, you really get an understanding of it all,” she said. “If we can’t break it down to explain it to elementary school children, then there must be something that we don’t understand.”

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New & Experts— In many U.S. cities, the writing is on the walls – graffiti vandalism, that is, creating expensive eyesores that are difficult to prevent and damaging to an area’s image.

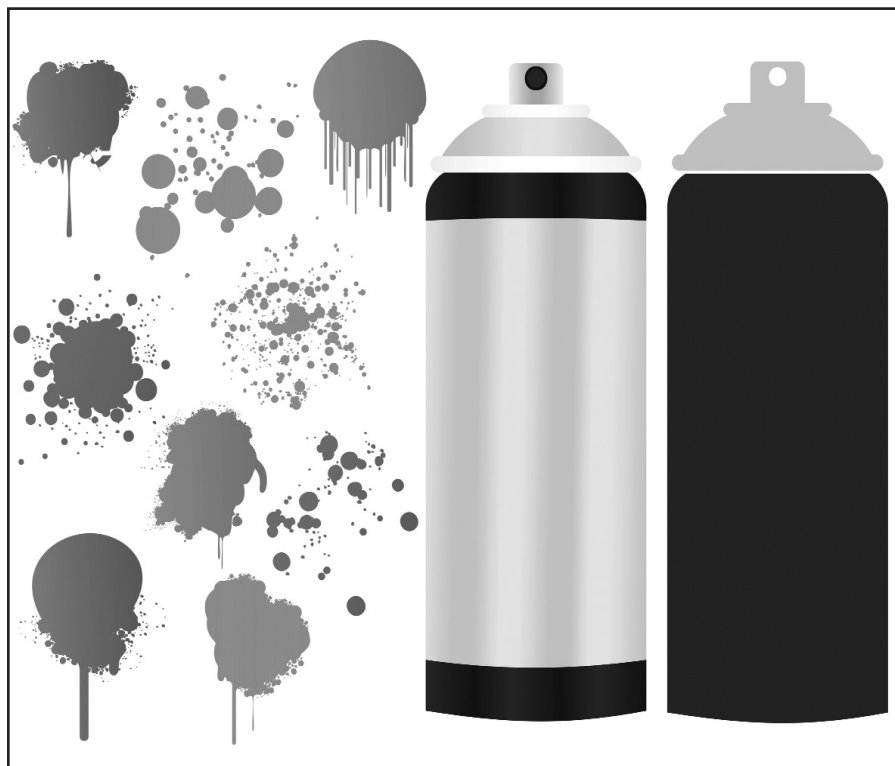
A U.S. Justice Department study found that graffiti discourages people from using mass transit, makes business districts less attractive to shoppers and increases fear of gangs among residents. Law enforcement and community officials talk about how graffiti – usually spray-painted or applied with indelible markers – is costly in terms of removal, lowered property values and lost business.

While removing graffiti from buildings, bridges, overpasses and sidewalks drains millions of taxpayer dollars, graffiti vandalism also creates challenges for those trying to track and convict the vandals.

“Graffiti is one of the most visible signs of general decline in an area, and cities are fed up with it,” says Timothy Kephart, founder of Graffiti Tracker (www.graffititracker.com), a web-based system designed to help identify and prosecute graffiti vandals. “Cities across the nation recognize how graffiti vandals continue to hurt their image and their tax base, so they’re finding different ways to fight back more effectively. “There are lots of reasons we have to do a better job of cleaning this up.”

Kephart says there are at least five ways graffiti vandalism can hurt your community:

- Removal is expensive. Los Angeles



has estimated it spends \$7 million annually on graffiti cleanup. Chicago has spent \$6 million per year and Las Vegas spends \$3 million annually. “Painting over the graffiti is the most common removal process, but spending millions a year to simply do just that is a waste,” Kephart says. “You need to spend time documenting graffiti to have the best chance of catching the criminal.”

- It drives away business. Many people associate graffiti with a general decline

in the area, indicative of crime and gangs. “Merchants lose business because customers feel the area is no longer safe,” Kephart says.

- It erodes The Community. The negative perception of graffiti vandalism can send property values plummeting. “It indicates the community is losing control, and the graffiti, like the crime, can spread like a disease. It results in urban flight,” Kephart says.

- It is toxic for the environment.

Aerosol sprays used for graffiti emit VOCs (volatile organic compounds) that contribute to ozone levels, according to scientificamerican.com. Also, the cleaning substances used to get paint off the walls are harmful.

- It is a gateway to youth crime. Gangs often use graffiti as a form of communication, or for territory “tagging.” Most graffiti is done by youths who are either being initiated into gang activity or see their environment as a starting point for crime. “Often, graffiti is a gateway crime for juvenile offenders,” Kephart says. “If we can identify them at an early age, there’s a stronger possibility they can be re-directed onto a more productive path.”

“Imagine how many cities we could beautify,” Kephart says, “if we could clean up this graffiti, prevent most of it, and have a way to find the criminals and make them pay the city back.”

Timothy Kephart is the founder of Graffiti Tracker, a web-based system designed to help people identify, track and prosecute graffiti vandals. A court-certified graffiti expert, Kephart has testified in homicide trials as it related to using graffiti as a way to prove motive for murder. For more information, visit: www.graffititracker.com

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