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Council Members Mourn Fallen Hero, Corporal Mujahid Ramzziddin

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Council

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—February 22, 2018 was a day of mourning in Prince George's County. The members of the Prince George's County Council offer our heartfelt sympathies to the family of fallen hero Police Corporal Mujahid A. Ramzziddin, who sacrificed his own life today in the courageous defense of a Brandywine neighbor fleeing domestic violence. A dedicated husband, father of four, and son, Corporal Ramzziddin was a decorated 14-year veteran of the Prince George's County Police Department, Medal of Valor recipient, and former U.S. Marine.



PHOTO COURTESY ODMP
PG County Police Corporal Mujahid Ramzziddin

We also offer our deepest condolences to his fellow officers and the entire public safety community mourning the loss of their fallen colleague. We will be forever grateful to Corporal Ramzziddin for his heart for service and ultimate sacrifice.

The impact of domestic violence in our communities is too great. The Council reaffirms our commitment to joining the efforts of our entire community to comprehensively address the scourge of domestic violence in Prince George's County.

Council Member Mel Franklin (D)—District 9

"My sincerest condolences and deepest sympathies to

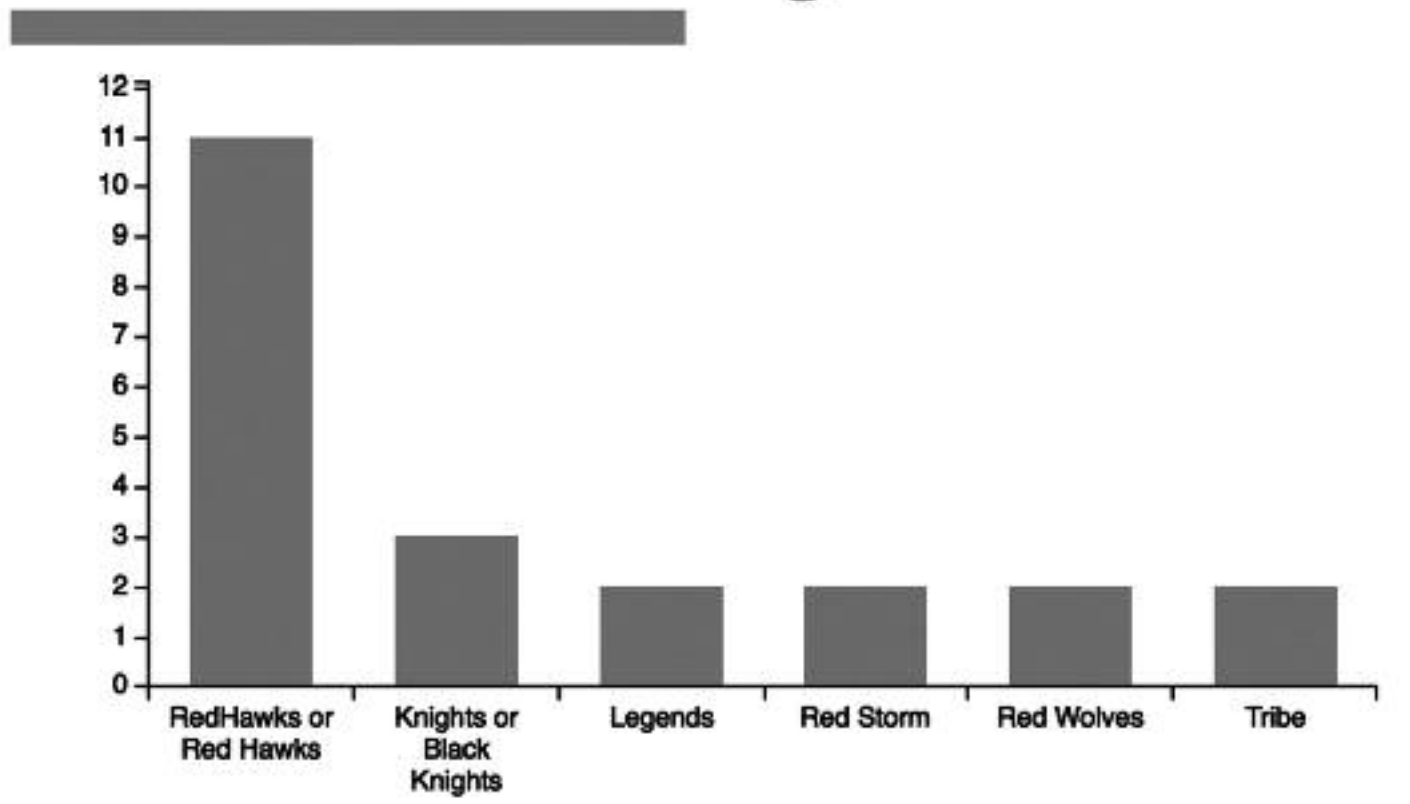
the family of Corporal Mujahid Ramzziddin, who lost his life today while bravely defending the life of a neighbor fleeing domestic violence and protecting the lives of residents in my District. My heart goes out to his family and our law enforcement community. My thoughts and prayers are with our entire County, especially the Chadds Ford community in Brandywine."

Council Member Obie Patterson (D)—District 8

"My prayers go out to the family of Corporal Mujahid Ramzziddin, who tragically lost his life today. He was assigned to the Special Operations Division, Harbor Unit of the Prince George's County

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RedHawks is overwhelming favorite for schools that change mascot



GRAPHIC BY CHRIS ROGERS-SPATUZZI AND JAKE CLUCK; CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Graphic only includes names that are used by at least two schools.

'Redskins' Name Change a Costly Decision for Many Schools

By CHASE PYKE
and DANIEL CHAVKIN
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK, MD—On Fall Friday nights, students at Belding High School in Michigan flock to the school's stadium to cheer on the Black Knights football team.

On the way in, they pass by a granite slab with "Home of the Redskins" and a Native American themed logo engraved in the stone.

Though the school dropped Redskins as their official mascot a year ago, the school district lacks the funds to re-engage the small stone

monument. School officials told Capital News Service that they're waiting on funds from the state and a Native American group to make the change, along with other necessary alterations in the school district.

"We're frustrated," said Michael Ostrander, principal of Belding High School. "We

made a commitment to our community that we were not going to spend any general funds on this change, and we haven't. But we are really hopeful that that group will come through in the way that they said they would."

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Looking for Our Next Prince George's County Teacher of the Year!

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is accepting nominations for our 2018 Teacher of the Year! Now through March 13, you can submit nominations of exemplary teachers through our NEW online process and streamlined

form. All schools are encouraged to submit a nomination; only one nominee may be submitted for each school. Our Teacher of the Year will be announced during a black tie event on May 14 at the Greenbelt Marriott.

Organized by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), the Maryland Teacher of the Year Program recognizes the work being done by the

state's outstanding teachers. Drawing from a pool of nominees representing each county, one individual teacher is selected for the honor of representing Maryland in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Teacher of the Year is the most prestigious award teachers

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Volunteers Needed for Prince George's County Boards and Commissions

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Government

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Prince George's County Government has immediate openings for volunteers interested in serving on the following Prince George's County Boards and Commissions:

- Enterprise Road Corridor Development Review District Commission
- Solid Waste Advisory Commission
- Commission for Animal Control
- Historic Preservation Commission

Individuals who are interested in serving should possess some expertise or interest that will enhance the board or commission's objectives. Interested persons must be current residents of Prince George's County and are required to submit a re-

sume and letter of interest. The letter of interest, which should not exceed 350 words, should highlight the applicant's experiences and reasons for wanting to serve. All information must be sent via email to PGCBC@co.pg.md.us no later than 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

To read more about Prince George's County Boards and Commissions, please visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/456/Boards-Commissions>. To read the Prince George's County Code, please visit the website at https://library.municode.com/md/prince_george's_county/codes/code_of_ordinances

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National Harbor Kicks Off 10th Anniversary, Welcomes Big Apple Circus

By PRESS OFFICER
Bendure Communications

NATIONAL HARBOR, MD—National Harbor, now celebrating its 10th anniversary, announced that Big Apple Circus, world renowned for its one-of-a-kind, intimate and artistic style, where no seat is more than 50 feet from the performers, is coming to National Harbor March 8 to April 1. The 40th anniversary of the circus includes a full lineup of global artists and acts and features the famous seven-person pyramid on the high wire with Nik Wallenda and The Fabulous Wallendas, as well as the daring quadruple somersault attempted on the trapeze by The Flying Tunizianis—the first time in circus history that both legendary feats are performed under the same big top.

These record-setting acts are joined by Dandino & Luciana, a dynamic duo who combine speed, acrobatics and daredevil grace on roller skates; award-winning contortionist Elayne Kramer; master juggler Gamal Garcia; Jan Damm on the Rola Bola; acclaimed Risley acrobats The Anastasini Brothers (who



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Wallendas Seven Person Pyramid

broke the World Record for most flips on Nov. 9, 2017); Ringmaster Ty McFarlan; and circus trainer and presenter Jenny Vidbel, who performs in the ring with 16 horses and ponies as well as six rescue dogs.

"We are delighted to bring such a highly acclaimed circus to National Harbor. In honor of our 10th year, we're welcoming several new premium events,

including Big Apple Circus," said Rachel Ball, director of events at National Harbor. "The performers with Big Apple Circus are extremely talented and it's no surprise that they just received rave reviews throughout the east coast and currently for their show in Atlanta."

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Native Voices Carry Weight as Schools Debate 'Redskins' Name

But not all Native American groups are as strongly opposed to the name as the Potawatomi were in Goshen. Tulare Union High School in California used the mascot until a state law banned public schools from using the name after Jan. 1, 2017.

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How Long Until We Protect Children, Not Guns?!

Congress has turned a blind eye and wallowed in inaction while the deadly plague of gun violence afflicting our nation has worsened. The rate of child and teen gun deaths has increased every year since Sandy Hook and nearly 11,000 more children and teens have died.

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All That and a Bag of Chips!

A leader should be awake, alert, and dissatisfied at all times. As leaders, Dr. George C. Fraser, explained that they should be motivated to change things, show up to receive the information that can make their lives better, and understand that they must transcend being good at just functional and analytical problem solving tasks.

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Movie Review: The Post

Spielberg dives enthusiastically into the minutiae of 1970s journalism, with its rotary phones, teletype machines, and shoe-leather reporting. *Post* staffers played by Bob Odenkirk, David Cross, Pat Healy, Carrie Coon, and others pursue leads and comb through documents with fine cinematic urgency.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

One source of water waste is running it to change from cold to hot. Any thoughts on how to deal with this?

—Joanne Leussing,
via e-mail

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Colonial Tavern Dinner coming up at Darnall's Chance

Be a guest at Darnall's Chance House Museum on March 17 for a mid-18th century tavern dinner in Upper Marlborough. Enjoy colonial food and spirits. Following dinner, listen to or join in with Ship's Company as they sing sea chanteys and tavern songs of the period.

Capacity is limited; reservations and payment required in advance. Call 301-952-8010. Fee: Resident, \$35; Non-Resident, \$45.

Darnall's Chance is at 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro, on a bluff overlooking School House Pond.

People

Morningsiders have an election coming up on the first Monday in May (May 7 this year). They'll be voting to fill the two Council Member seats currently held by Sharon Fowler and Katie Frostbutter Blade. Council Members serve two-year terms, the mayor, a three-year term.

Condolences to Michael Smith of Temple Hills on the death of his father, Dr. J. Clay Smith Jr. who died Feb. 15 in Washington. Back in the 1980s, Dr. Smith was interim chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and in the '90s was dean of Howard University's law school.

I bought Do-si-dos from Leila & Madalyn of Troop 6699 who had a table set up outside CVS in Clinton. It's always good to see the Girl Scouts out selling my favorite cookies. (Oops! I notice on their card: "Please let us know when you are ready for a refill!" I am ready.)

Lent

March 14: "Afrocentricity: an SMT Reformation," Wednesday Evening Lenten Prayer & Discussion at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 4915 St. Barnabas Rd. It begins at 6:30 p.m. with a light supper, followed by prayer and discussion, ending at

8:30. For information, call Kathy Gabrielsen, 301-326-3263.

At St. Philip's Church, Camp Springs: "The Light is on for You," which means a chance to go to Confession on Wednesday evenings in Lent. Also, Stations of the Cross are held Fridays at 7 p.m. Info: 301-423-4244.

John Wilkes Booth Escape Route tour

Advance registration is now underway for the April tours (April 14, 21 & 28), leaving the Surratt House, 9118 Brandywine Rd. in Clinton, at 7 a.m. and returning at 7 p.m. Fee: \$85/person; \$80/Surratt Society members. I've taken this tour three times over the years; it's fascinating. To register, or for more information, call 301-868-1121.

Annual Prom Attire Giveaways

Pure Hostess, LLC is hosting its 2nd Annual Prom Attire Giveaway & Fashion Show on March 10, 2 to 6 p.m. at the Fleet Reserve Association Club, Branch 67, 5006 Suitland Road. There'll be door prizes, speakers, sororities' reps, college reps on site, prom etiquette session, and make-up artists.

For 12th grade students only. Registration required by March 5. Call Angela Puryear, 202-847-8331.

Pure Hostess will also hold a Prom Attire Giveaway for Young Men on April 7. Register by March 31: Angela Puryear, 202-847-8331.

Changing landscape

The narrow cement divider on Suitland Road has been pulverized from the bridge to Al-lentown Road. Don't know what happens next. Every day it's something new.

The new Entertainment & Sports Arena (also called ESA) is scheduled to open this September, adjacent to the Congress Heights Metro. It'll offer 4,200 seats for use as a concert venue. It will be the Wizards' training facility and an arena for the

Mystics and other sports teams. Parking available.

Until age 80, he sang in the choir at Oxon Hill Methodist

Richard T. "Dick" Hall, 85, of Skyline, who served in the Marines and retired from the Army National Guard, died Feb. 13 at The Charleston Senior Community in Waldorf. He met his wife Carolyn in Washington at the USO where she was a volunteer, and they married in 1954. They lived for many years on John Street in Skyline.

When the Waldorf Army Nike Site closed in the early '70s, Dick retired from the Guard and went to work for Vitro, writing technical manuals for the Navy until retiring again in 1992.

For more than 50 years, he was an active member of Oxon Hill United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and helped Carolyn and other "stitchers" create the kneelers displayed at the altar. His love of music led him to the Alexandria Harmonizers where he enjoyed more than 52 years of fellowship.

He's survived by Carolyn, his wife of 63 years, son Mike, daughter Kristi, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three siblings. Services were at Oxon Hill UM Church with burial at Cheltenham.

Mayor Glaubitz's daughter Carol dies in Alabama

Carol Ann Glaubitz Lee, 72, daughter of the late Morningside Mayor Gerald and Jean Glaubitz, died Feb. 14 at her home in Stevenson, AL. She grew up on Maple Road in Morningside, attended Morningside Elementary and other local schools.

She had been a teacher at Stevenson Elementary School and a member of Stevenson Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Her husband of 50 years, Robert Christopher Lee Jr., pre-

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Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

PEARLINA DESIGNS

Pearlina Designs presents an evening of International Fashion Thursday March 28, 2018 at Oxon Hill Manor. The address is 6901 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD. General admission is \$50.00 and VIP \$65.00. No tickets will be sold at the door. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Show Time is 7:00 PM-11:00 PM. Visit www.Pearlinadesigns.com or phone: 240-478-1778.

WESTPHALIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

You're invited to join us for the LAST 7 WORDS on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 at 12:00 Noon. Rev. Dr. Timothy West, Senior Pastor. Ministers speaking are Rev. Tori Butler, Rev. Dr. Angelo V. Chatmon, Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Daniels, Jr., Rev. Kelly L. Grimes, Rev. Jason L. Robinson, Rev. Dr. Kendrick D. Weaver and Rev. Dr. Daryl Williams. For more information on this event please contact the office at (301) 735-9373. The church is located at 9363 D'Arcy Road, Upper Marlboro, MD.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Retired Senior and Volunteers Program (RSVP) helps people aged 55 years and older who have gained a lifetime of experience put their skills and talents to

work in their communities. There are many volunteer opportunities available. For additional information, e-mail Pamela Sharps-Project Director at 301-265-8486, pdsharps@co.pg.md.us or www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/v/1731 Volunteer-Services.

PGCPS TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR

Prince George's County Public Schools will host a recruitment fair to hire dynamic educators from across the nation. They are looking for talented educators who are committed and focused on making a difference. You need to hold (or are eligible) for a teacher certificate issued by the Maryland State of Education.

The Teacher Recruitment Fair will be on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School. The school is located at 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD. You need to visit www.princegeorgescountypublicschools.org and apply by March 5, 2018 on line.

THANK YOU SENATOR C. ANTHONY MUSE

County Executive Candidate Senator C. Anthony Muse vote gave 700,000 Marylanders the ability to earn sick leave they can use to avoid economic ruin if their family member is ill, or if

they are a victim of domestic violence and sexual assault. "It's a modest benefit that shields my district's small businesses, but ensures that hard working Prince Georgians are never forced to choose between tending to a sick child and having enough pay in the envelope to put food on the table". #PaidSickLeave

CHANGE A LIFETIME

Learn more about foster parenting. Share your heart, open your home and give hope by becoming a Forest Parent. A foster family can make a difference in the lives of these children guiding them to a healthy, responsible adulthood with guidance and support. Call today 301-429-2370 or visit www.concern4kids.org.

JOB CORPS

Job Corps helps high school graduates launch their careers. Job Corps can help you earn your GED or Diploma if you haven't graduated from High School. They have experienced staff to help you reach your academic goals. They offer a tutoring program and mentoring programs. Job Corps Staff will work with you to submit resumes and find job openings. Call today (800) 733-JOBS (5627) or visit the website at www.recruiting.job-corps.gov or www.mifuturo.job-corps.gov (espanol).

Neighborhoods

WSSC Commissioners Approve More Than \$130 Million to Repair and Replace Aging Infrastructure

Projects Protect Public Health and Improve Service

LAUREL, MD—On February 21, 2018, WSSC Commissioners approved multiple contracts totaling more than \$130 million to repair and replace aging water and sewer infrastructure throughout Montgomery and Prince George's counties at their monthly meeting.

The projects include:

- Sewer replacement and rehabilitation: \$120 million to repair and replace sewer mains across Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The three-year contract will help enhance a wastewater collection system that protects public health by returning clean water to the environment. Work is expected to begin this spring. This project is funded through a combination of Maryland Department of the Environment Low-Interest State Revolving Loans and through Bay Restoration Funds.

- Water pumping station upgrade: \$12.7 million to build a second water pumping station in northern Montgomery County to enhance reliability to customers. The project is estimated to begin next month and be complete in spring 2020, weather permitting.

- Muirkirk Road water main replacement: \$1.8 million to replace approximately 1.08 miles of water mains in Beltsville. Work is anticipated to begin this spring and is expected to be complete in spring 2019, weather permitting.

"These projects will protect the environment and public health by repairing and replacing aging sewer infrastructure," said WSSC General Manager and CEO Carla A. Reid. "Today's approval also will allow us to improve our extensive water distribution system - through new pipes and pumps - continuing our century of providing customers with safe, clean drinking water."

The complete list of projects reviewed and approved can be found on the Commission page at <https://www.wsscwater.com/contents/events/public-meetings/commission-meetings/2018/agendas/Commission%20Meeting%2c%20February%2021.html>.

Get Ready to Jump!

Launch Trampoline Park is Coming to Capitol Heights, MD

WARWICK, RI—Launch Franchising, LLC is pleased to announce a Launch Trampoline Park will be opening in Capitol Heights, MD. The new park will be locally owned and operated and construction is set to begin this winter.

Launch Trampoline Park was founded in 2012 by Rhode Island entrepreneur Robert Arnold and retired New England Patriot cornerback and three-time Super Bowl Champion Ty Law. Arnold embarked on the vision for Launch in 2011 after he visited his first trampoline park with his wife and kids. Seeing the combination of family, fun and fitness and using his knack for entrepreneurship, Launch came to life.

The parks provide kids of all ages with endless fun of whether it is bouncing on trampolines, playing dodgeball in mid-air or falling into a massive foam pit. Launch Trampoline Park Capitol Heights will be available for birthday parties, fundraisers, fitness classes, toddler time, teen nights, private events and more! The park has a full-redemption arcade, Launch Restaurant and private party rooms. Additionally, Launch Trampoline Park has its own mascot—"Joey," a 7-foot tall green kangaroo mascot—who is in charge of fun at the park, assisting with birthdays and special events.

"The Launch Capitol Heights franchisees are excited to bring family fun to the area and are ecstatic to be a part of the Launch team. We can't wait for the community to enjoy all the fun and action that Launch has to offer," stated Robert Arnold, president and co-owner of Launch Franchising, LLC.

About Launch Franchising

Ty Law and Robert Arnold are co-owners of Launch Franchising, LLC, with two corporate locations in Warwick, RI and Hartford, CT, and franchise locations along the East Coast. The company is expanding its franchise nationwide and utilizing the strength of positive branding, turn-key operational systems and proven marketing programs as attractive benefits to potential franchisees. For additional information, please visit www.launchtrampolinepark.com.

Jerry Miller is the Newest Board Member of the Bowie Business Innovation Center

GREENBELT, MD—February 13, 2018: Principal attorney, Jerry Miller has recently been elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bowie Business Innovation Center (BIC). The non-profit organization aims to accelerate business growth by providing companies with services such as mentoring, counseling, networking and technical assistance.

Miller joins a diverse team of entrepreneurs, accountants and seasoned executives, including the Economic Development Director for the City of Bowie and the dean of Bowie State University's College of Business.

BIC currently serves over 730 entrepreneurs from a variety of industries including healthcare, construction and engineering. Located in Bowie State University, BIC,



Jerry Miller

also works with university students, providing internship opportunities and post-graduate resources.

For nearly 30 years, Jerry Miller has helped clients large and small tackle the legal challenges of owning and operating a business, from choosing the right corporate structure and working out a first lease, to advising seasoned entrepreneurs on a wide variety of complex business issues and, ultimately, helping clients transition their business to a succeeding generation of ownership.

About Joseph Greenwald & Laake, PA

For more than 40 years, people and businesses facing complex and high-stakes legal issues have turned to Joseph Greenwald & Laake for sophisticated counsel with a personal touch. JGL places a premium on being more than just lawyers to its clients. Whether representing an individual, a small business, or a large corporation, the firm takes pride in forging lasting partnerships and investing in its clients' long-term success.

BGE Reminds Customers to Keep Foil Balloons Away From Power Lines

Metallic balloons can lead to power outages if not disposed of properly

BALTIMORE, MD—While celebrating special occasion my be exciting and fun for all involved, don't lose sight of foil-coated balloons that can lead to outages when they come into contact with power lines. Untethered balloons cause thousands of unnecessary electric service interruptions each year for BGE customers. These balloons also have been known to float for days and can end up having a negative impact on the environment.

When foil-coated balloons contact a power line or other electric equipment, their metallic properties can cause a surge of electricity that can cause the equipment to short-circuit. These types of outages can be prevented.

BGE encourages customers to help reduce foil balloon-related power outages and ensure safety by keeping the following tips in mind:

- Keep balloons tethered at all times and attached to weights.
 - Properly dispose of Mylar balloons by puncturing the balloon to release helium that otherwise could cause the balloon to float away.
 - NEVER touch a power line. Do not attempt to retrieve a balloon or toy that is entangled in an overhead power line. For assistance, call BGE at 1-800-685-0123.
 - Always assume power lines are live and keep yourself, your belongings and anything you are carrying at least 10 feet away from power lines.
- BGE customers can learn about more safety tips for the season by visiting bge.com.

COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Laughing Your Way To Better Health

There are many factors that can have negative effects on us, but sometimes it's important to focus on those things that can actually improve the quality of our lives. Yes, exercise, eating right, and getting plenty of sleep all can contribute to better physical and mental health, but another even simpler antidote that is often overlooked is making sure to laugh frequently.

Laughing is a natural part of life. As infants, we started smiling within our first few weeks and were laughing out loud within just months. Unfortunately, as we get older and life gets more serious, the ability to laugh can sometimes be diminished. Fortunately, you can learn to laugh again regardless of age.

How does laughing help? In addition to adding joy to your life, it's also a means to ease anxiety and reduce tension. Laughter has been shown to be an important stress reducer. A good, strong laugh can even help relieve physical tension, leaving muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes.

Experts say laughing releases endorphins, the body's "feel good" chemicals. Laughter also decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells, improving your body's resistance to disease. And one study in Norway found that people with a strong sense of humor tended to outlive those who didn't laugh as much.

So, how to get more laughter in your life? Start with a smile. Smiling, whether to family, friends, co-workers or even to strangers on the street, sends out a positive message and makes you feel better, too. It's difficult to be smiling and in a bad mood at the same time. Plus, others will smile back, and that's also nice.

You can increase your laughter quota by searching out things that make you happy. Maybe it's playing with a small child or a family pet. Maybe it's taking the time to find a funny movie, TV show or a video on YouTube. Try reading a humorous book, or sharing a good joke or funny story with others. Read the comics, watch a comedian on TV, or have a night out at your local comedy club

Yes, life can be serious and we can't always be laughing, but putting a little extra effort into trying to find the funny in your life can leave you feeling happier while providing real benefits to your physical health and mental well-being.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org

Ramzziddin from A1

Police Department, located in District 8. Our first line responders risk their lives daily to protect the citizens of our County. Domestic violence remains a

critical concern in Prince George's County and across our nation. If you are personally affected or know someone who is involved in a domestic violence situation, please call 2-1-1 for assistance."

Teacher from A1

can receive! To be eligible, all nominees must at least be in their sixth year of teaching and plan to remain a PGCPs teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Nominees must be willing and able to spend time away from the classroom serving as advocates for public ed-

ucation and acting as local and state advisors in education policy and program development.

For more details and to access the nomination form, Please visit the website at <http://www1.pgcp.org/teacheroftheyear/>. There is a mandatory orientation day for all nominees on Wednesday, March 21.

Morningside from A2

ceded her in death. Survivors include sons James and Robert Lee III, eight grandchildren, four great-grandsons, and her brother, Larry Glaubitz, his wife Bonnie, and their children. Visitation was at Rudder Funeral Home in Stevenson with burial at Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Winnie Lanehart, March 1; Karen (Elborne) Stern and Harold Titus, March 2; Jennifer Vilky, March 3; Amy Schlor and Matthew Flaherty, March 4; and Roy Derrick, March 6.

Happy anniversary to Tom and Sarah Shipman, their 59th on March 4; and to Larry and Susan Frostbutter on March 5.

Native Voices Carry Weight as Schools Debate 'Redskins' Name

By CHRIS ROGERS-SPATUZZI and JULIA KARRON
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK, MD—George Godfrey has devoted much of his life to studying and writing about the history and culture of Native Americans. So, when he was called upon to testify about the Goshen High School Redskins in 2015, he did not mince words.

"(The mascot name is), in my estimation, a derogatory name, and it invokes a lot of racism, because of the people that were against the natives in the Northeast," Godfrey, who is Potawatomi, said he told the Goshen, Indiana, school board two years ago.

His statement made an impact. Less than a year later, the school changed to the Goshen RedHawks. At Goshen and several high schools that have changed the name in recent years, Native Americans played an important role in the debate, Capital News Service found.

- Numerous Native American groups sent letters to Red Lodge High School in Montana in support of a local movement to change the name from Redskins.

- Port Townsend High School in Washington state worked with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to ensure that the school's mascot was changed, and the tribe helped fund the transition from Redskins to Redhawks.

- Lancaster High School in New York stopped using the name in 2015 after pressure from local Native Americans, including Native American students at several rival schools that boycotted Lancaster athletic events, according to the Buffalo News.

In Goshen, the school board received occasional complaints for years regarding the name, but had to prioritize more pressing issues, Goshen High School Principal Barry Younghans said. Nonetheless, as the school discarded old athletic uniforms, they replaced them with new ones that didn't use the controversial name, in an effort to head off any conflict in the community, Younghans said.

Then, in the summer of 2015, Godfrey, a Potawatomi who has written several books on the tribe and representatives of the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi—a federally recognized tribe near Goshen—pushed the issue to the forefront of the board's priorities at meetings.

"I mentioned to the group that originally, the name 'Redskins' was something attributed to people because of the paint they put on their faces, but later, the name became associated with the idea

of carrying red, bloody scalps and getting paid for them," Godfrey said.

Their testimony led to public debate on the name, Younghans said. In July 2015, the board ultimately voted to change the name the school adopted nearly 90 years prior.

"(Representatives) of the Potawatomi (Tribe) came and spoke to our board, and basically said, 'We're not going to be political about this, but we are going to tell you that it offends our people,'" Younghans said. "That struck a chord with our administrators and our board."

The school administration appointed a committee of students to lead the search for a new name. After a vote from students, staff and alumni in the district, they switched to RedHawks on Jan. 1, 2016.

The scene at a Goshen High School football game today has not changed much in the past two years. Goshen's bright red uniforms still stand out in stark contrast against the green turf field, and students in the crowd still sport their letterman jackets with a large "G" on the chest, photos of games show.

"While a lot of the community wasn't happy with the mascot change, there didn't seem to be a lot of backlash," said Kyrie Potter, a senior at Goshen at the time of the change who now attends Brigham Young University. "The majority of the community was able to come together and help incorporate the new mascot of the RedHawks once it was selected, as a way to show support for the school and community."

Eight months after the name change, in August 2016, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi urged more schools that use the name to stop.

"The term 'Redskins' derives from a practice that encouraged genocide against Native Americans," the tribal council wrote in a resolution. "Studies have demonstrated that the use of an offensive, derogatory, and demeaning term such as 'Redskins' as a component of a mascot, name, or symbol by schools has a detrimental effect, including negative psychological consequences, on the Native American students of such schools."

But not all Native American groups are as strongly opposed to the name as the Potawatomi were in Goshen. Tulare Union High School in California used the mascot until a state law banned public schools from using the name after Jan. 1, 2017. Despite the law, many local Native Americans never took issue with the name.

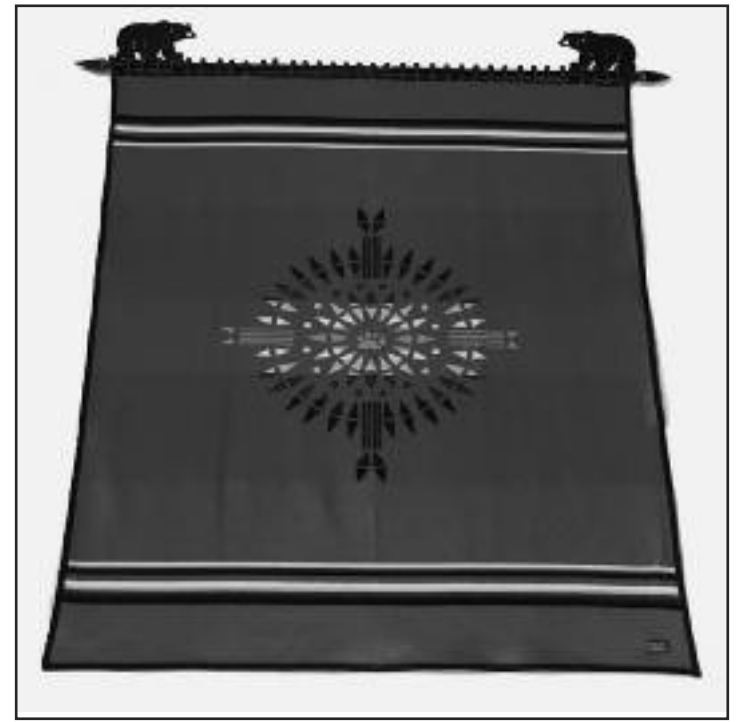


PHOTO COURTESY RED LODGE HIGH SCHOOL
After changing the name of its mascot, Red Lodge High School received this quilt as a gift from the state Office of Public Instruction's Division of Indian Education.

"There was no opposition to the name. Tule River did not have any opposition to that," Tule River Tribal Council Vice Chairman Ryan Garfield said. "We have some members of the tribe that feel they should (change the name) or they shouldn't, along with the National Football League team's name, so there's no official position on it right now ... To each his own, pretty much."

Tulare Union, which had used the name since the 1920s, now goes by Tribe.

Red Mesa High School in Arizona is located on a reservation, and nearly all of its students are Navajo, but they still use the mascot. A line on the school's home page states that Red Mesa is "proud to be home of the Redskins."

"The community was the one that brought the name in (and) they're supportive of the name," said Kim Pearce, the superintendent for Red Mesa Unified School District.

In other communities, such as Red Lodge, Montana, Native Americans played a key role in changing it.

At Red Lodge High School in 2011, pressure to change the mascot started at a local level, with Native Americans writing letters to Principal Rex Ternan and showing up at school board meetings, filling the first two rows consistently.

For Gerald Sherman, a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation, organizing the local Native American tribes to attend the meetings and send letters to the principal about the mascot caused consternation for his son, then a junior.

"What bothered (my son) was when they started the process," said Sherman. "Some of his best friends were on the other side and he was in favor of changing it."

The pressure grew as Sherman reached out to other groups, asking for letters of support. Attendance at school board meetings also increased.

"The principal said he had never seen school meetings so packed," said Indian Education Specialist Mike Jetty of Montana's Office of Public Instruction in the Division of Indian Education.

A possible catalyst for the change was Article X of Montana's state Constitution, Jetty said, which stipulates that "every Montanan, whether Indian or non-Indian, be encouraged to learn about the distinct and unique heritage of American Indians in a culturally responsive manner."

The school board, which included a student representative, voted unanimously to change the name. And the students at the elementary, middle and high school voted for the Rams as the new mascot in 2011.

After the students chose the Rams as their new mascot, a "star quilt" was gifted to the high school by the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

"A lot of times, Native Americans honor an individual or group, you present them with a gift. And so, you know, receiving a star quilt is a big honor ... we recognized that what these students did was historic," Jetty said.

Over the last six years, people have grown accustomed to the new name, Ternan said. That school spirit helped the Rams to an undefeated football season in 2012.

Apple Circus from A1

Outside of the ring, Big Apple Circus continues to honor the essential and iconic characteristics that have set them apart for the past four decades with multiple community outreach programs and a vital no-wild-animals policy. Circus of the Senses offers special enhanced experiences for audiences with autism, visual and auditory challenges. The special performances include ASL interpretation, assistive listening devices with live audio commentary, pre- and post-show touch therapy experiences, and a Braille program book. Sensory-friendly performances for Autistic audience members will feature lowered light and sound levels, a descriptive picture book showing the different areas and acts involved with the circus, and a "calming

center" that can be accessed at any point during the show.

Tickets for Big Apple Circus are on sale at www.BigAppleCircus.com or call 855-258-0718. Ticket prices range from \$27.50-\$109 for VIP Ringside. Group tickets start at \$17.50. Performances run Thursday, March 8 through Sunday, April 1. The location is 238 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Md. 20745 (intersection of Waterfront St. and St. George Blvd.). Parking is available in the National Harbor St. George or Mariner garages. Special Circus of the Senses performance is on Fri., March 9 at 10:30 a.m. and Embracing Autism performance takes place on Sat., March 10 at 11 a.m.

In advance of the circus, 10-time Guinness world record-holding high wire artist Nik Wallenda will perform a warm-up act by

walking completely untethered, between two 75-foot buildings at National Harbor on February 28 between 8 and 9 a.m. (intersection of Waterfront Street and American Way at National Harbor.) The King of the High Wire will be using only a balancing pole as he traverses the 230-foot span on a 5/8-inch cable the diameter of a nickel. Nik is the seventh generation of Great Wallendas who trace their roots back to the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1780. For Nik, whose motto is #NeverGiveUp, every walk is an expression of honor to his great grandfather, the legendary Karl Wallenda who brought the family to America for The Greatest Show on Earth. Nik learned to walk the high wire at 2 years of age while holding the hand of his mother, Delilah, who had also walked the high wire while pregnant with him.

The Big Apple Circus 40th anniversary season is directed by Mark Lonergan, artistic director of three-time Drama Desk Award-nominated physical theater company Parallel Exit, with choreography and associate direction by Antoinette DiPietro and music direction by Rob Slowik. Tony Award-winning Lighting Designer Jeff Croiter (Peter and the Starcatcher, Something Rotten!), Scenic Designers Rob Bissinger (Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark, Legally Blonde—Assoc) and Anita LaScala (Magic Mike Live) of ARDA Studio, Inc, and Drama Desk-nominated Costume Designer Amy Clark (Heathers: The Musical, Chaplin) come together to create a most vibrant environment to fit the momentous occasion of the circus's return.

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COMMENTARY

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Ben Cardin, Sherrod Brown, and Elizabeth Warren Call for an End to Federally-Funded Private Debt Collection Agencies

Allowing Contractors to Collect Taxes on a Commission Basis Incentivizes Aggressive Collection Tactics and Minimizes Due Process.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.), Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) have introduced legislation to repeal authority from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to contract with private collection agencies (PCAs) to collect unpaid taxes. Now in its third iteration, each time the program has been allowed to function, it has been shown to cost the federal government more money than it takes in while targeting some of the most vulnerable taxpayers—potentially violating their rights.

“We cannot continue to waste money using private collection agencies to collect tax debt,” said Senator Cardin, a senior member of the Senate Finance Taxation & IRS Oversight Subcommittee. “Putting a bulls-eye on the back of low-income taxpayers has lost taxpayer dollars every time it has been tried. It needs to stop for good.”

“Taxpayer dollars shouldn’t be spent employing private collection agencies so they can shakedown low-income workers. This is a textbook example of government waste, and we should fix it before more taxpayer dollars are misused,” said Senator Sherrod Brown, ranking member of the Senate Banking Committee.

“The IRS private debt collection program is nothing more than a waste of taxpayer money,” said Senator Warren, a member of the Senate Banking Committee. “Not one penny of Americans’ hard-earned pay should be going towards ineffective private collection agencies. I’m glad to work with Senators Cardin and Brown to finally abolish this harmful program.”

In 2015, a provision requiring the Secretary of Treasury to contract with PCAs was included as an offset to the highway funding extension bill. At the time, many Senators, the Treasury, the National Taxpayer Advocate (NTA), and a coalition of civil and consumer rights groups objected to its inclusion, citing concerns that ranged from cost to taxpayer confusion.

These concerns were not without precedent. Every previous attempt to use PCAs to collect taxes have resulted in revenue loss, despite projections that their use would generate billions in unpaid taxes. The first attempt, a 1996 pilot program that was projected to raise \$27.5 million, resulted in a \$3 million loss to taxpayers. The second attempt, extending from 2006 to 2009, was projected to raise \$2 billion in revenue, but resulted in a loss of \$4.4 million.

Unsurprisingly, the third attempt at the PCA program has resulted in many of the same problems. Preliminary data from the IRS and NTA show that the latest PCA program is losing revenue. In addition, according to information received by NTA, the IRS has paid commissions to PCAs for payments from taxpayers that are actually attributable to IRS action.

In addition to be a fiscally dubious proposition, using PCAs have been shown to jeopardize taxpayer rights. Unlike the IRS, PCAs do not have the same tools available for taxpayers who actu-

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Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



Black Panther is the Superhero—and Heroines—We Deserve

“The film serves as a breath of fresh intellectual air, especially amid today’s sociopolitical climate. It is the power of representation in its best form. It is empowerment on a higher level. It is inspiration to a different degree. It is black excellence exemplified that will leave audiences yearning to inhabit Wakanda forever.”

—Film critic Tonja Renee Stidum

As long as there have been movies, there have been movie heroes.

From Douglas Fairbanks’ swashbuckling heroes like Zorro and Robin Hood in the 1920s, to Luke Skywalker in the 1970s to Harry Potter in the 2000s, the movies have always provided inspiration and role models for young people and a source for fantasy and imagination.

Most of these figures, as one might expect, have been white and male.

That is why the blockbuster superhero film *Black Panther*, which opened this week, is such a significant milestone.

Few films have been more joyously anticipated, with advance ticket sales breaking records. The character, created for Marvel Comics by Stan Lee in 1966, already had generations of fans. Its A-list cast and crew include a number of Academy Award and Golden Globe winners and nominees. Setting aside its cultural impact, *Black Panther* has been hailed as one of the best-acted, best-directed, best-created superhero movies of all time.

But let us not set aside its cultural impact. Representation of women and people of color in film also has been an issue as long as there have been films. Actor and playwright Dylan Marron a few years ago introduced a web series entitled *Every Single Word*, which highlights the shockingly small amount of dialogue spoken by actors of color in mainstream films. The entire *Harry Potter* series—more than 1,200 minutes of film—includes precisely 5 minutes and 40 seconds of what Marron calls “POC talk time.” In 2015 and 2016, we

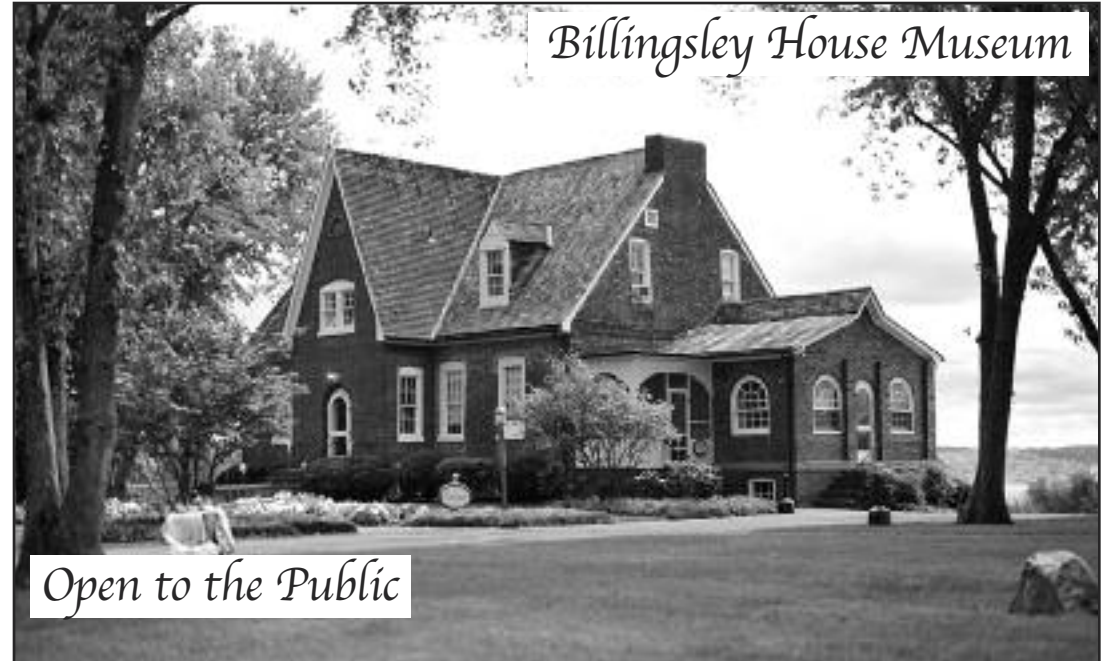
took the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to task for the woeful lack of diversity among Oscar nominees.

Too often, even when women and people of color do have significant roles in film, negative stereotypes are reinforced. The Bechdel Test, named for cartoonist Allison Bechdel who popularized it, determines whether a work of fiction features at least two women characters who speak to each other about something other than a man. Only half of all films pass this test. Screenwriter and novelist Nikesh Shukla proposed the Shukla Test, which determines “two ethnic minorities talk to each other for more than five minutes about something other than race,” and *New York Times* critic Manola Dargis devised a variation, the DuVernay test—named for African American film director Ava DuVernay—asks whether “African Americans and other minorities have fully realized lives rather than serve as scenery in white stories.”

Black Panther doesn’t just pass these tests, it shatters the very precepts on which they rest. The significance of a powerful, intelligent, wealthy and resourceful Black hero cannot be overstated. The women of Wakanda, *Black Panther*’s fictional African kingdom, are the true force behind the throne, and are as complex, varied and layered as white male characters usually are given the freedom to be.

When the first Black actress to win an Academy Award, Hattie McDaniel, faced criticism in the 1940s for accepting roles that reinforced negative stereotypes, she retorted, “Why should I complain about making \$700 a week playing a maid? If I didn’t, I’d be making \$7 a week being one.” Thankfully, the world of Wakanda is light-years from the plantations where McDaniel’s “Mammy” character bowed and scraped to Scarlett O’Hara. I’m thankful that our children have the opportunity to see themselves on screen as kings and queens, warriors, scientists, artists and most importantly, the heroes of their own stories.

Billingsley House Museum



Open to the Public

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BILLINGSLEY HOUSE MUSEUM

Billingsley House Museum is a brick Tidewater Colonial plantation house that sits on 430 acres overlooking the confluence of the Patuxent River and the Western Branch. The house and land were named for Major John Billingsley, the original 1662 land grant owner. Even though Major Billingsley never lived on the property and there have been 27 title adjustments over its long history, the name “Billingsley” remains. The present house was built around 1740 by the prominent Weems family on or very near the site of an older 1695 house built by Colonel James Holiday, first Chief Justice of the Prince George’s County Court. Billingsley has been substantially altered and modernized both in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, however, it is still one of the oldest structures remaining in the County and a unique example of a plantation house. As such, it is of great historical and architectural importance. Billingsley features rooms furnished in period decor ideal for both large and intimate gatherings as well as business meetings.

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



How Long Until We Protect Children, Not Guns?!

“If I don’t make it I love you and I appreciate everything you did for me”

—Text message sent from a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida to her mother

December 2017 marked the fifth anniversary of the indescribably horrible mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School when 20 young children and 6 teachers were brutally murdered by a 20-year-old with a gun he should never have possessed. As our nation was grieving, I wrote that this terrible tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut was no fluke but a result of the senseless, immoral and indefensible neglect of all of us in our nation to protect children instead of guns and to speak out against the pervasive culture of violence and the insane proliferation of guns by the millions that have no business in civilian hands. I truly believed at the time that these shocking and horrific murders would finally force our elected leaders to put child life and safety ahead of politics and the NRA and take the necessary steps to protect children instead of guns.

Wow was I wrong.

Sandy Hook marked a turning point in public opinion about guns and sparked a new wave of public advocacy to prevent gun violence, but it did not fundamentally change the cowardice of most of the men and women we have elected to represent us who put their political self-interest ahead of the safety of our children. Though some states made important strides to prevent deadly weapons from getting into the wrong hands, others have gone backwards. Our Congressional leaders have continued to offer platitudes after horrific mass shootings while doing nothing to act, expand and improve the background check system, limit access to assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, deprive domestic violence perpetrators of their guns, or even take basic steps to prevent children from accessing deadly firearms by requiring safe storage

of guns and ammunition. Congress has turned a blind eye and wallowed in inaction while the deadly plague of gun violence afflicting our nation has worsened. The rate of child and teen gun deaths has increased every year since Sandy Hook and nearly 11,000 more children and teens have died.

On Wednesday it happened again.

This time the victims were teachers and students going about their day at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida – maybe excited about Valentine’s Day because of a secret crush, or planning to go to Ash Wednesday mass that evening. The shooter was a 19-year-old former student at the school with a history of disturbing behavior and an obsession with guns. Like many other mass shooters in United States, he was armed with an AR-15 assault rifle. In a short span of time seventeen people lost their lives and at least fourteen were injured. Once again we saw the scenes many of us first saw outside Columbine

High School in April 1999 that now seem horribly and tragically familiar in America: frightened students fleeing with their hands up, frantic parents desperate to reunite with their children, and traumatized survivors telling television interviewers what happened and the horrors they heard and saw. And it goes on and on and will continue to go on and on until we stand up together and say no more.

An entire generation of children are coming of age understanding that there is no safe space in America after bearing witness to horrifying massacres killing 26 and 9 people in churches in Texas and South Carolina, 58 at a concert in Nevada, 49 at a nightclub in Florida, 9 at a college in Oregon, 14 at a workplace in California, 2 at Marshall County High School in Benton, Kentucky in January, and now 17 more children and adults on an otherwise ordinary day at a high school in Florida. Tens of thousands of other shootings

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty—Paying FICA Doesn't Change Benefits

by Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 73 and self-employed, but each year I must pay self-employment tax – money for Social Security and Medicare – as part of my income taxes. I have been collecting Social Security since I was 62, and always hoped that my benefit might increase due to these continued FICA contributions. I guess not. Must I continue to pay this tax?

Signed: Still Paying Social Security

Dear Still Paying: I can understand how logic might imply that contributions you continue to make to Social Security after you start collecting benefits could increase your benefit amount, but I need to dispel that thought. Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) payroll taxes don't go into an individual account, which determines your benefit, so continuing to pay FICA tax doesn't directly affect the amount of your Social Security payment. This is true whether you are an employee who pays the 6.2% Social Security tax and the 1.45% Medicare tax, or if you are self-employed and pay both the employee and employer portion of FICA. There is no cut-off age and you must continue to pay FICA taxes as long as you are working and earning, but your Social Security benefit amount will not change because you are paying those taxes. Collected FICA taxes are deposited into Social Security's OASDI (old age, survivor and disability) Trust Fund and, for Medicare, the HI (Health Insurance) Trust Fund. Those trust funds are where Social Security and Medicare benefits are paid from, so portions of your FICA contributions go into the appropriate pot to help fund benefit payments for all current and future beneficiaries.

But even though the FICA taxes you pay don't directly affect your Social Security benefit, continuing to work might have an effect on your benefit amount. If your earnings amount for any current year is higher than the inflation-adjusted earnings in any of the 35 years originally used to compute your Social Security benefit amount, Social Security will automatically adjust your benefit to reflect that fact. Social Security looks at your earnings from your income tax returns annually and makes any appropriate benefit adjustment retroactively. But remember, earnings from your early earning years will be adjusted for inflation so, for example, \$26,000 earned in say 1980 would be about \$92,000 after it is adjusted for inflation, and that's the amount you'd have to earn more than today to replace it in the benefit formula.

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Debt from A4

ally want to satisfy their debt. Allowing contractors to collect taxes on a commission basis incentivizes aggressive collection tactics and minimizes due process. The 2006 to 2009 attempt to turn over tax collection to PCAs resulted in contractor fines for violations totaling thousands of dollars. In one instance, these violations led to one of the contracts being terminated.

Many of the taxpayers assigned to PCAs are likely to be

experiencing economic hardship. Twenty-eight percent had annual incomes of less than \$20,000. Forty-four percent had incomes below 250 percent of the federal poverty level. Some of these taxpayers were placed by PCAs into installment agreements that they cannot afford based on IRS collection standards. Despite the IRS agreeing to exclude the debts of SSDI recipients from assignment to PCAs, SSDI recipients are among those taxpayers who have been subject to the program.

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All That and a Bag of Chips!

Prince George's County is a Hotbed of Networking Opportunities

By LORI C. VALENTINE
PGCEDC

LARGO, MD—ON FEBRUARY 15, 2018, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation welcomed more than 250 small business owners for what felt like a living room conversation with networking guru, Dr. George C. Fraser. The CEO of FraserNet and Founder of the Power Networking Conference, Dr. Fraser led a candid conversation about the need for developing an effective network and not attempting to do business as a solo act. EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman told business owners that his mission is to connect the County's business community to dynamic, powerhouse leaders like Dr. Fraser.

"Dr. Fraser is a true gem who knows how to get results," said Coleman. "Every day, I encounter business owners who are pregnant with ideas and thirsty for knowledge about how to take their businesses to the next level. Today, Dr. Fraser truly empowered everyone who heard him. I agree that we can't go it alone if we want to be successful. We have to have networking partners to get us to the next level. At the EDC, we are a proud success partner for all of our small businesses. We're honored to be able to connect our business leaders to powerhouse individuals who can show them the way to hypergrowth. I'm happier than words can describe about what today meant to the Prince George's County business community."

As the Chairman and CEO of FraserNet, Dr. Fraser is a nationally renowned author, publisher and motivational speaker who, for the last 30 years, has led a global networking movement that brings together diverse human resources to increase opportunities for people of African descent. He is considered by many to be a voice for African Americans and one of the foremost authorities on economic development, networking and building effective relationships. At today's Seminar, Dr. Fraser shared nuggets of networking wisdom with the County's small business owners and entrepreneurs, in preparation for his annual Power Networking Conference, which will take place July 2018.

"Prince George's County is all that, and a bag of chips! There is no place in America where you can seize the networking opportunities that are available right here," said Fraser. "Networking is the identification and the building of relationships for the purpose of sharing information, opportunities and resources. All of life is about relationships. There is no success that you can attain, sustain or maintain on your own in a vacuum. The most powerful asset you have in the 21st century will not be your computer; it will be your relationships. All entrepreneurship, all job searches, all upward mobility in the public and private sector work place, all community building, and all nation building are inherently relationship building initiatives."

Dr. Fraser spoke candidly to the audience about their respon-



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Jim Coleman, EDC President and CEO poses with Dr. George C. Fraser, FraserNet, Inc. CEO and Jennifer Jones, Prince George's Commission for Women Chair.

sibilities as African American business leaders to "Earn, Learn and Return." A leader should be awake, alert, and dissatisfied at all times. As leaders, he explained that they should be motivated to change things, show up to receive the information that can make their lives better, and understand that they must transcend being good at just functional and analytical problem solving tasks. They must build relationships that will enable them to build a fabric of context that can provide support, feedback, insight, resources and information.

"Today's conference was very powerful, and something that the African American business community has needed for a long time," said Sherryleen Lynch with Morgan Stanley. "Dr. Fraser made a lot of good

points about businesses working together in the community, and building relationships - that is really key. He validated what I have been doing with my business, which let me know that I am on the right track. I can't wait to go to the big conference in July."

For more information about how to attend the Power Networking Conference July 5th through July 7th 2018, visit www.power-networkingconference.com. To view the live stream of today's seminar, visit <https://www.facebook.com/PGCEDC>.

For more information about small business development at the Economic Development Corporation, contact EDC Small Business Manager Alicia Moran (amoran@co.pg.md.us) or 301-583-4650.

Redskins from A1

At some of the 13 high schools that have dropped the name over the last four years, the moniker and Native American imagery lingers on uniforms, gym floors and in hallways, forcing schools to find the funds to make changes.

- At Port Townsend High School in Washington, a donation from a local Native American tribe helped the school transition to the Redhawks.

- A state law that mandated four California schools drop the name also made it possible for the state to reimburse the schools for any necessary changes.

- At Lamar High School in Houston, Texas, the school district covered the cost of making the switch.

Belding officially dropped the name in December 2016. But it began phasing out the term a decade prior in a conscious effort to separate the school from what some consider a racially insensitive mascot.

When it replaced athletic uniforms, it replaced a Native American logo with the letter "B." And when they renovated parts of the building, they no longer used the name on school structures.

In March 2016, a group of parents voiced concern over a T-shirt with a Native American headdress and a skull worn by students at a school wrestling match. They asked the administration to either embrace the current name or select a new one, kicking off a nine-month community dialogue.

"A group of parents approached the school board and their concern was we either need to use it on uniforms, use it all over the place or move on and have a different mascot," Ostrander said.

After dropping the name, the public chose the Black Knights as its new mascot in March 2017.

In addition to re-engraving two granite fixtures, the school district still needs to replace several athletic and band uniforms, as well as some permanent signage throughout the district. The entire district—which includes two elementary schools, a middle school and a high school—used the mascot in some manner.

According to Belding Area Schools Superintendent Brent Noskey, Belding needs between \$150,000 and \$175,000 to make required changes at the schools. They hope to pay for it using a pool of state funds set aside by the state and a Michigan-based Native American group.

"I have said we are not going to use tax dollars," Noskey said. "To me it's imperative that dollars go towards our students' education and I don't want to see money taken away from the kids to fix a logo thing."

In January 2017, the Michigan state government and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi announced that they had jointly agreed to set aside up to \$500,000 each year to provide "Michigan schools, colleges and universities with the funds needed to improve curricula and resources related

to Native American issues and mascot revisions," according to a press release.

Belding still expects to receive a grant from the fund, called the Michigan Native American Heritage Fund, but the process is taking longer than anticipated. The fund was waiting to fill vacant board member positions before distributing money, Jamie Stuck, Tribal Chairman of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, told Capital News Service in December.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder appointed two board members earlier this month. Noskey said that now that the full board was in place, he was hopeful funding would eventually arrive.

But until Belding receives third-party funding, the removal or alteration of symbols associated with the old name will not happen, Noskey said.

"Whether I'm depending on (the Michigan Native American Heritage Fund) grant or some other grant, it would still take outside dollars to make that happen," Noskey said.

While schools like Belding await compensation for making the name change, others had no issue getting financial assistance.

For Port Townsend high school, the cost of the changing the name from Redskins to Redhawks in mid-2013 totaled \$94,235, which included new uniforms, gym floor graphics and other revisions.

The school paid \$7,694, and the district added \$61,541 to

make the change. The local Jamestown Tribe of S'Klallam, which supported the name change, kicked in the remaining \$25,000.

"We just extended an open hand to anything we could do to encourage (them) to make that decision," W. Ron Allen, travel chairman and CEO of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, said. "We knew that it was going to require a cost."

Port Townsend was happy to accept the contribution.

"That was solely based on their decision and not any kind of negotiated amount from or by the district," Port Townsend Principal Carrie Ehrhardt said. "They said that they wanted to put something towards the mascot change, and we appreciated that."

Although the tribe provided assistance with the funding, Port Townsend was ready to undergo the name change regardless. It took the school a calendar year to complete the transition.

The changes transformed the look of the school, said Athletic Director Lysa Falge. Sanding the basketball court, painting a new logo, redoing the bleachers and replacing the gym scoreboard were the most expensive changes the school needed to make, about \$52,000 in total, Falge said.

"There was also the decision to have anything with the Red-skin name on it be removed from the school, so older artifacts that had been hanging around, all of those were removed," she said.

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Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black wrote that the Founding Fathers enshrined freedom of the press in the First Amendment because "the press was to serve the governed, not the governors." That quotation turns up in *The Post*, which is about the 1971 Pentagon Papers case that Black was responding to, in which the Nixon administration tried to stop newspapers from publishing leaked documents that showed Nixon and previous presidents lying about Vietnam.

But I read the quote again—"the press was to serve the governed, not the governors"—less than two weeks after *The Post* came out, in the memo that the CEO of Macmillan sent to employees explaining why they were ignoring Donald Trump's cease-and-desist letter about Michael Wolff's *Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House*. Trump had tried the same thing as Nixon (albeit more ham-handedly and with even less legal justification), and the answer was the same. In case you were wondering whether a movie about journalists in 1971 could be relevant in 2018.

Steven Spielberg's latest is another old-fashioned tribute to American ideals, told with the director's usual flair for storytelling and a command of the camera that makes commanding a camera look easy. He casts one of his all-American stalwarts, Tom Hanks, as *Washington Post* editor Ben Bradlee, and Meryl Streep (whose only prior Spielberg experience was as the voice of the Blue Fairy in *A.I. Artificial Intelligence*) as Katharine "Kay" Graham, the socialite-turned-publisher who inherited *The Post* after her husband's death and, when the film takes place, is still struggling to get her footing as the company prepares to go public.

In June 1971, *The Post* is still considered a "local" paper—an important one, given that it covers the nation's capital, but local nonetheless, far less powerful than *The New York Times*, whose top editor (Michael Stuhlbarg) shares a friendly professional rivalry with Bradlee and Graham. When *The Times* publishes excerpts from a classified Pentagon study showing that American leaders knew the war in Vietnam was unwinnable as



ROTTENTOMATOES

Steven Spielberg directs Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks in *The Post*, a thrilling drama about the unlikely partnership between *The Washington Post's* Katharine Graham (Streep), the first female publisher of a major American newspaper, and editor Ben Bradlee (Hanks), as they race to catch up with *The New York Times* to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spanned three decades and four U.S. Presidents. The two must overcome their differences as they risk their careers—and their very freedom—to help bring long-buried truths to light. *The Post* marks the first time Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg have collaborated on a project. In addition to directing, Spielberg produces along with Amy Pascal and Kristie Macosko Krieger. The script was written by Liz Hannah and Josh Singer, and the film features an acclaimed ensemble cast including Alison Brie, Carrie Coon, David Cross, Bruce Greenwood, Tracy Letts, Bob Odenkirk, Sarah Paulson, Jesse Plemons, Matthew Rhys, Michael Stuhlbarg, Bradley Whitford and Zach Woods.

early as 1965, *The Post* scrambles to play catch-up and track down the same documents, which run to several thousand pages and may contain other bombshells. Of course, pursuing this story could get *The Post* into the same legal trouble *The Times* is now in. Ben Bradlee's job as editor is not to care about things like that. Kay Graham's job as publisher is to figure out how much she ought to care.

The screenplay, by *Spotlight* writer Josh Singer and newcomer Liz Hannah, gives Ben and Kay several meaty scenes to discuss journalism, the First Amendment, and speaking truth to power, and Spielberg wisely gets out of Streep and Hanks' way. A single early scene at a breakfast meeting conveys Ben and Kay's personalities with great clarity—his newspaperman's blustery irreverence, her socialite's refined manners and tact—as well as their professional camaraderie and mutual respect. Their interactions ring true with every publisher-editor interaction I ever saw or heard about in my own days at a print newspaper, back in the early part of this century.

Spielberg dives enthusiastically into the minutiae of 1970s journalism, with its rotary phones, teletype machines, and shoe-leather reporting. *Post* staffers

played by Bob Odenkirk, David Cross, Pat Healy, Carrie Coon, and others pursue leads and comb through documents with fine cinematic urgency. Business advisers, potential investors, and lawyers played by Tracy Letts, Bradley Whitford, Jesse Plemons, Zach Woods, and others debate the prudence of *The Post's* course of action, which Kay Graham must ultimately sign off on. If you don't know (or don't remember) the historical details, "*The Post*" works as a suspenseful political thriller.

That's the foreground plot. In the background, it's about Graham coming into her own as America's first female newspaper publisher (a distinction the film doesn't mention), and gradually realizing how her life and career have been affected by sexism. Streep is wonderful in the role, making numerous small, pitch-perfect character choices without any big capital-A Acting. Graham is comfortable addressing a group of well-heeled partygoers in a fancy living room (she seems to be hosting a different soiree every night), but put her in a boardroom full of besuited men—men who generally treat her with pity or condescension—and she freezes up. She's Ben Bradlee's boss, but he has so much more hands-on experience than she does. Yet over

the course of the film, in the process of overseeing a momentous week in *The Post's* history, Kay becomes stronger. Brief but crucial scenes with Ben's wife (Sarah Paulson) and Kay's daughter (Alison Brie) help underscore Kay's character arc... which, as it turns out, mirrors *The Washington Post's*. Both are meek but scrappy when we start, fully equipped to brawl with the big boys by the time we finish.

It is possible to watch "*The Post*" and think it has too much on-the-nose speechifying. That was my reading the first time I saw it. But on re-watch, I was won over by the film's earnestness, by the inspiring sight (however Hollywoodized it may be) of multiple intelligent adults standing up for what they sincerely believe is in the best interest of their nation. I was genuinely moved by Kay's personal journey, and by Ben's (his eyes are opened to the depth of Kay's sacrifices), and by the noble pursuit of truth in the service of journalism. These things are corny in the wrong hands, but Steven Spielberg's hands are the right ones. No one alive is better at conveying what makes America uniquely great, or at getting an audience to believe that everything will be OK if we just do what we know is right.

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have taught us all that gun violence does not discriminate. Twice since Sandy Hook we have had to put a new tragedy atop the list of the worst mass shootings in American history and gun death numbers grow in communities that often go unnoticed. When will the indefensible insane tolerance of violence end?! When will children and human life matter more than a gunman's right to kill innocent people?

We have already waited too long for our leaders to protect children rather than guns.

Victims, survivors and families impacted by gun violence too often are forgotten. We must not let that happen again. How evil it was that on the very same day last December a national vigil was held just blocks from the Capitol to remember victims of gun violence, the House of Representatives voted 231 to

198 to pass the *Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act* (H.R.38), a NRA priority that would allow individuals to carry concealed weapons across state lines even if the state to which they are traveling has much stronger gun safety laws. For example, if the *Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act* were to pass the Senate now, a person from Mississippi, Missouri or Wyoming who is not even required to have a permit to carry a concealed weapon, could travel with it to Massachusetts, California or New York, which all require that in order to apply for a concealed carry permit an applicant must first demonstrate good cause or a justifiable need. Forcing all states to recognize the concealed carry requirements of all other states regardless of their own laws and protections poses a significant threat to public safety across the nation. The concealed carry bill must not be taken up in the Senate.

Several other bills have recently been introduced in Congress and offer potential progress. I hope we will take any positive steps we can to move them forward. For example, the *Lori Jackson Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act* (S.2044/H.R.4186) would close loopholes in federal law that currently permit the sale and possession of weapons to dating partners or former dating partners convicted of domestic violence crimes, and prohibits the sale or possession of a firearm by a person subject to a temporary domestic violence restraining order. Research shows women in domestic violence situations are five times more likely to be killed if their abuser owns a gun and their children are also at risk. An analysis by Everytown for Gun Safety found a majority of mass shootings from 2009-2016 were related to domestic or family violence. Only 13 states require law enforcement to remove firearms

at the scene of a domestic violence incident.

A domestic violence conviction should have barred the individual who killed 26 people in a Sutherland Springs, Texas church in November from purchasing a gun. The Air Force failed to report his conviction to the national background check system enabling him to clear a federal background check to purchase the rifle used in this horrific crime. *The bipartisan Fix NICS Act of 2017* (S.2135) would help ensure data get promptly and accurately reported. It requires federal agencies and states to create plans to comply with existing federal laws requiring reporting of mental health and criminal records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and provides financial support to states that comply and

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Preparing for Retirement

Give Thought to the Stress of Retirement—Know What You Are Getting Into and Prepare

WASHINGTON, DC—There's more to consider than your financial wellbeing if you are planning early retirement. You need to give thought to the impact that the change in your daily routine when you retire can have on your physical and mental health, says senior advocate Dan Weber.

"There's the idealized version of retirement. The one that has you on the golf course whenever you feel like it; the one that envisions a life of leisure and more time for yourself, away from the stress and strain of work. And then there is the reality, that retirement can be hazardous to your health unless you are prepared for the lifestyle changes that await you," says Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Few people give thought to the stress of retirement. But it is something everyone needs to do, whether you work in an office, a store or in the field.

Researcher Patrick J. Skerrett suggests, in a Harvard Medical School report, that to properly prepare for retirement you need a social network, which in some cases may require you to make new friends. This is especially important if you are without a spouse and your social network consists mainly of co-workers, customers and clients.

It's critical, too, that you remain physically and emotionally active. "If you're a golfer, go ahead and keep playing. And, if not, you may want to take up the game or get involved with other hobbies and activities. It's important to have a reason to get up in the morning, albeit somewhat later than you needed to when you had a job. In addition, it's a good idea to exercise your brain by taking up creative activities such as art, writing or going to school to expand the scope of your knowledge. It will keep your mind active and provide your gray cells with the intellectual stimulation they need," says Weber.

It's noteworthy that those unprepared for retirement are more prone to physical illness. A Harvard study of 5,422 individuals showed that retirees were 40% more likely to have had a heart attack or stroke than those who keep working.

"Studies have shown that work can be good for your health and happiness and because of that more and more older Americans opt to stay on the job. It provides them with a sense of contentment. And, working makes them feel that they have purpose," says Weber.

A survey conducted by Fidelity Investments and the Stanford Center on Longevity backs up Weber's conclusion. It shows that "when asked why they are working in retirement, 61 percent of respondents indicated that they like what they do, and nearly half (48 percent) added that 'feeling valued' was an important reason to continue working in retirement."

Says Weber, "remaining at work in a permanent or part time position as you get older, even if you don't need the income, has become an acceptable alternative to the tradition of retirement. The point is that the key to growing old gracefully and successfully when you are no longer working is knowing what you will be getting yourself into and preparing yourself for a new lifestyle."

ABOUT AMAC

The Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] [http://www.amac.us] is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. We act and speak on their behalf, protecting their interests and offering a practical insight on how to best solve the problems they face today. Live long and make a difference by joining us today at http://amac.us/join-amac.

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Calendar of Events

March 1 — March 7, 2018

Prince George's County's Best Dance Crew Competition

Date and time: Friday, March 2, 2018, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
 Description: You can watch as teen dance teams compete before a panel of judges for trophies, cash prizes, and the title to be, "Prince George's Best Dance Crew". Tickets are available for the competition through PARKS DIRECT, the Publick Playhouse box office, or at arts.pgpc.com.
 Cost: \$5 per person
 Ages: Recommended for 8 and older
 Location: Publick Playhouse
 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD
 Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Laser Tag

Date and time: Friday, March 2, 2018, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
 Description: Join us as we play a tactical game of laser tag. Get your team together, plan your strategy wisely and come out victorious at the other end!!
 Cost: FREE with M-NCPPC Youth ID
 Ages: 10–17
 Location: Kentland Community Center
 2413 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, MD
 Contact: 301-386-2278; TTY 301-699-2544

Family Fun Walk/Run

Date and time: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:00 AM–10:00 PM
 Description: We're calling all Prince George's County walkers and runners to join us for a fun walk/run at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex. Bring the whole family, lace up your shoes and meet us on the outdoor track! Call us at 301-446-6842 for more information.
 *Scheduled to take place outdoors; weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, classes will be held in the gymnasium.
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: All ages are welcome
 Location: Prince George's County Sports & Learning Complex
 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD
 Contact: 301-583-2400; TTY 301-699-2544

Liberty Girls: An American Girl Book Club

Date and time: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
 Description: Join our new revolutionary book club! Each week we will discuss a different Caroline book from the American Girl series with a Prince George's County librarian, make a period craft, and enjoy refreshments. Last session includes a book discussion and tea party.
 Cost: Resident \$30; Non-resident \$45
 Ages: 7–13
 Location: Darnall's Chance House Museum
 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive,
 Upper Marlboro, MD
 Contact: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

National Nutrition Month: Cacao the Fat Burner

Date and time: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
 Description: March is National Nutrition Month! Go Further with Food with free healthy cooking demonstrations. Learn how to prepare delicious, healthy meals and snacks in these step-by-step cooking demonstrations. Enjoy a sample of the delicious creations.
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: All ages are welcome
 Location: Glenn Dale Community Center
 11901 Glenn Dale Boulevard, Glenn Dale, MD
 Contact: 301-352-8983; TTY 301-699-2544

Photo Preservation Workshop

Date and time: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
 Description: Led by Montpelier's Collections Manager Joseph Sherren, this workshop will introduce you to some of the techniques used by conservators to care for and store photographic images. The workshop will consist of an overview of the photographic process and discussion on identifying types of photographs.
 We will discuss environmental agents that degrade photograph media, basic techniques to slow them down, and basic maintenance of your photographs. You will learn to recognize and understand the needs of photographic materials, the basics of storage, conservation, and preservation to keep your family's photographs in excellent condition for years to come.
 Cost: \$10 per person
 Ages: 18 and older
 Location: Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site
 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD
 Contact: 301-377-7817; TTY 301-699-2544

G.E.A.R. : Fashion Takeover

Date and time: Saturday, March 3, 2018, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
 Description: Unleash your creativity with our fashion class for girls. Do you have the skills to dress the stars? Learn to knit your own clothes and lay the foundation of becoming a future fashion designer giant! Who knows, one day the stars will be wearing your designs. NO BOYS ALLOWED!!!
 Cost: FREE! with M-NCPPC Youth ID
 Ages: 10–17
 Location: Kentland Community Center
 2413 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, MD
 Contact: 301-386-2278; TTY 301-699-2544

Jazz Talk with Allyn Johnson

Date and time: Sunday, March 4, 2018, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM
 Description: Join us for an engaging dialogue about jazz and its relevancy in the world. Performer, composer, arranger, and educator, Allyn Johnson, will discuss a variety of jazz topics. He was specifically chosen by jazz legend Calvin Jones to succeed him as Director of the Jazz Studies program and jazz ensembles at the University of the District of Columbia.
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: All ages are welcome
 Location: Montpelier Arts Center
 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD
 Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ... Waiting for Hot Water

Dear EarthTalk:

One source of water waste is running it to change from cold to hot. Any thoughts on how to deal with this?

—Joanne Leussing,
via e-mail

Running the water to wait for it to get hot is a huge waste of water. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading non-profit green group, upwards of 10 percent of all the hot water drawn for showering in a typical single-family home is wasted waiting for hot water to arrive.

"With Americans taking over 200 million showers a day, that's a lot of water and energy literally down the drain, of no benefit to anyone," reports Ed Osann, NRDC's Senior Policy Analyst and Water Efficiency Project Director. "Using EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] estimates of shower water use, that's about 280 million gallons of hot water wasted each day—water that has been heated by a water heater, but then allowed to cool as it sits in long pipe runs that are not insulated."

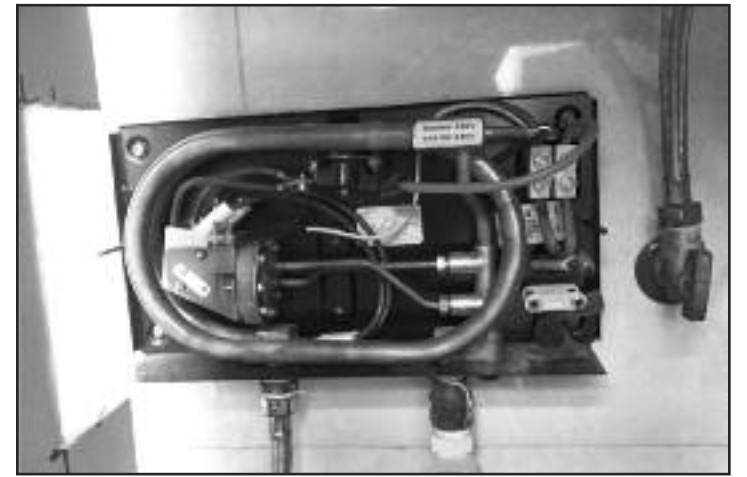
The energy used to heat this wasted hot shower water generates about the same amount of greenhouse gas emissions as 1.6 million cars plying our roadways. "And that's not even counting the additional water that gets wasted while waiting for hot water to ar-

rive at a lavatory faucet or the kitchen sink," adds Osann.

Waiting for hot water isn't just a problem in older homes. "As homes grew bigger during the housing bubble, floor plans expanded, piping was extended and wait times grew even longer," explains Osann. "Additionally, although the flow rates for new faucets and showers have come down over the last 20 years in response to state and federal efficiency standards, designers often neglect to downsize the pipes serving these more efficient fixtures." The result is large amounts of water sitting in pipes cooling between uses.

For its part, NRDC has been working to reduce this unnecessary waste—especially in new construction—by advocating for upgraded building and plumbing codes. In 2015, the group scored a double win by convincing both the International Code Council (ICC) and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) to upgrade their respective efficiency requirements—which most states and the federal government automatically follow—for hot water piping.

But unfortunately, the ICC ignored subsequent calls by NRDC to mandate more compactly designed hot water pipe layouts in new buildings, although Osann thinks it's only a matter of time before such changes are uniformly adopted by the standards bodies and most states.



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Tankless units heat water directly on demand without the use of a storage tank, making the long wait to get into the shower or wash your face a thing of the past.

As for what you can do now to reduce the waste of water while waiting for it to warm up, Osann recommends clustering tasks that require hot water close together to reduce the "cool-down" effect between uses, and capturing some portion of the initial draw in a container and using it to water the plants or fill up Fido's dish. You can also insulate hot water pipes that are exposed in a basement, attic or crawl space to keep the hot water warm while it idles in the pipe awaiting your next shower.

Better yet, replace your hot water heater with a tankless water heater, which heats water directly on demand without the use of a storage tank. When hot water is turned on, cold water travels through a pipe into the

unit, where either a gas or electric burner heats it instantaneously. As a result, tankless water heaters deliver a constant supply of hot water and there is no energy or water waste due to waiting or to water cooling—and then needing re-heating later—in your conventional water heater's storage tank.

CONTACTS: NRDC, www.nrdc.org; ICC, www.icc-safe.org; IAPMO, www.iapmo.org.

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Volunteers Needed from A1

Commission Descriptions and Criteria:

Enterprise Road Corridor Development Review District Commission

Description:

Reviews and comments on all applications for subdivision of land located within the Enterprise Road Corridor boundaries and be made a party of record in all zoning and subdivision matters for which parties of record are identified, which involve property within the District before the Zoning Hearing Examiner, the Planning Board, or the District Council.

Volunteer Candidate Criteria:

- Active in a homeowners association
- Interest in land development
- Real-estate knowledge base
- Banking knowledge base
- Business Professional
- Resident property owner within the Enterprise Road Corridor (preferred); Enterprise Road Corridor boundaries include vicinity of Route 202, Enterprise, Woodmore, Glendale, Lanham-Severn, Hillmeade and Oak Grove Roads.

Solid Waste Advisory Commission

Description:

Provides community input, guidance and advice to the County Executive and

County Council on matters relating to solid waste management within the county. Members of the Commission review and offer recommendations on the ten-year solid waste management plan; investigate and prepare fiscal impact statements and make recommendations on systematic programs and alternative methods, both public and private, for storage, collection, transportation, processing, disposal and resource recovery of solid waste, including sludge.

Volunteer Candidate Criteria:

- Environmentally conscious
- Interest in solid waste issues
- Improving and preserving health and property values through awareness of the environment
- Reside in Southern Prince George's County (preferred)

Commission for Animal Control

Description:

Recommends to the County Executive and to the Director of the Department of the Environment rules and regulations regarding operation of the animal management facility. Conducts public hearings to determine whether violations have occurred and recommends changes in the law regarding the control of animals. Reviews and recommends modifications to the Animal Control Program budget; im-

poses penalties and orders affirmative actions; and conducts public hearings.

Volunteer Candidate Criteria:

- Experience in humane organizations
- Experience in veterinary medicine
- Experience in the kennel and pet industry

Historic Preservation Commission

Description:

Administers the provisions of the county's historic preservation ordinance (Subtitle 29, Prince George's County Code) and the county's preservation tax credit program. The Commission's responsibilities are to preserve, protect, and enhance the properties listed in the County Inventory of Historic Resources.

Volunteer Candidate Criteria:

- Education or professional background in history, architecture, architectural history, archeology, anthropology, agriculture and historic preservation or, the field of commerce, realty, municipal governance, community association, building/preservation restoration, home building and law.
- All volunteer candidates must be willing to attend monthly meetings and special events, share ideas and collaborate with like-minded individuals and engage in meaningful dialogue with elected official, agency directors and others.

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